

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 4 with
Commissioner Fosque



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May 2019



Greetings V.I.C.s (Very Important Citizens):

As we move into our second quarter of 2019, listed below are a few of my first quarter highlights/accomplishments as **your** District 4 Gwinnett County Commissioner:

- Made appointments to several Board and Authorities, including: the Gwinnett County Public Library Board of Trustees (**Wandy Taylor**), Gwinnett Historical Restoration & Preservation Board (**Marlene Taylor-Crawford**), Merit Board (**Reginald Findley Sr.**), Community Outreach Board (**Farooq Mughal**), Planning Commission (**Gabe Okoye**), Development Advisory Committee (**Austin Thompson**), Gwinnett Transit Advisory Board (**Angela S. Wilson**), Water & Sewerage Authority (**Diometra Aldridge**), and Airport Authority (**William Dodd**)
- Made reappointments several Board and Authorities, including: Planning Commission (**Clint Dixon**), Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council (**Gail LaBerge**), and Zoning Board of Appeals (**Matt Peevy**)
- Approved purchase and sale agreements to acquire right of way for Phase II extension of Sugarloaf Parkway
- Appointed to the Gwinnett Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Approved contracts to replace aquatic play structures and the roof on various buildings at Rhodes Jordan Park
- Approved a contract to award the Gold Creek Way sanitary sewer rehabilitation project
- Incorporated an additional phase of the Sommerset Hills subdivision into the County's streetlight program
- Approved a contract for the Simonton Road at Park Place Drive intersection improvement project

In addition, last month I had the opportunity to join two of my fellow commissioners, other community leaders, and members of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce in our nation's capital to meet with the members of the Gwinnett congressional delegation and other D.C. decision makers to share our views on federal legislation that affects us here in Gwinnett.

As you can see, I've been very busy working on issues that impact our local communities in our ever evolving Gwinnett County! I hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter each month and you're sharing this information with your friends and neighbors.



Happening Around Gwinnett



Follow Gwinnett on Facebook, Twitter

Gwinnett County Government recently expanded its [social media presence](#), adding several Facebook and Twitter accounts to better inform the public about events, news, tips, and other important things to know. In this latest

launch, Gwinnett County Government established pages on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) (@GwinnettGov), Police has added a [Facebook](#) page (@GwinnettPD), and Fire and Emergency Services has created new [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts (@GwinnettFire). Like and follow our pages to stay vibrantly

connected with your local government.

Honor Gwinnett's fallen at the 2019 Memorial Day Ceremony

Remember our fallen military and public safety heroes at the 2019 Memorial Ceremony **Monday, May 27 at 1:00pm** at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial. At this year's ceremony, we will remember the life of Gwinnett County Police Officer Antwan D. Toney, who was killed in the line of duty October 20, 2018. The [Fallen Heroes Memorial](#) is located outside of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.



Tag and title services interrupted May 21 to 29

Tag and title services will be interrupted while a new state motor vehicle system is installed. From **May 21 to 29**, tag renewals will be unavailable online and at kiosks; from May 23 to 27, tag and title services will be unavailable at tag offices and by mail. If your birthday falls within those dates, please renew by May 20. You can also renew online at www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/renew.

Census Bureau seeking qualified staff for 2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking qualified office staff for local 2020 Census operations. These temporary positions offer flexible hours, so you can make some extra money even if you have other commitments. Census data is used to determine our representation in Congress, as well as how funds are spent for roads, schools, hospitals, and more. Help ensure that everyone in our community is counted in the next census. Apply online [here](#).

What's New in District 4

Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! Asian Pacific American residents now represent more than 11 percent of the County's population, and make great contributions to our economy, culture, and quality of life. The 2019 Asian American Pacific Islander cultural display will be on exhibit in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Atrium May 15 to June 15 featuring artifacts from various countries throughout Asia.



Attend a public meeting for the Harvest Gwinnett program

Organizers of Harvest Gwinnett, an initiative of Live Healthy Gwinnett, are hosting public meetings in May at the Lawrenceville Senior Center to discuss and share ideas about the new community garden, which will be located at Rhodes Jordan Park. The Harvest Gwinnett Community Garden program will address the need for fresh, healthy options to supplement the dietary needs of seniors and families in our community. The public meetings will

be held at the Lawrenceville Senior Center, located at 225 Benson Street, Lawrenceville. The first was held on May 14, but you can still attend the May 18 meeting from 10:00am to 11:00am. [Learn more](#).

New GJAC parking deck open, more improvements to come

Phase I of the new Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center parking deck is complete and construction continues on the SPLOST-funded courthouse expansion. Visitors may park in the main public lot in front of the building on Langley Drive, the new parking deck behind the building at the corner of Constitution Boulevard and Nash Street, or in the overflow lot on Nash Street when visiting GJAC. [Visit our webpage](#) to learn more about the project and watch a time-lapse video of the demolition of the old parking deck.



Learn about your water at the Water Production Open House and Festival

The Department of Water Resources is hosting this year's Water Production Open House and



Festival on **Saturday, May 18 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at Shoal Creek Filter Plant. This free, family focused event – formerly known as the Shoal Creek Open House – will have something for everyone, including crafts, games, giveaways, touch-a-truck, festival activities, and fairground food. You will also have the opportunity to tour the Shoal Creek Filter Plant. The plant is located at 1755 Buford Dam Road in Buford. For more information about this event, visit the Department of Water Resources Events page at www.gwinnettH2O.com.

Avoid false alarms

Alarm systems are great tools to prevent homes and business from being burglarized. However, when a false alarm occurs, they prevent emergency personnel from responding to real emergencies. In addition, repeated false alarms can result in fines. The majority of alarm calls received by the Gwinnett County Police Department are false alarms. In fact, of the more than 30,000 alarm calls received, less than one percent are true alarms. False alarms can be prevented, and here are some steps to take to help avoid them:

- Secure all doors and windows before arming your system.
- Know your alarm system and share those details with family members and neighbors. Consider walking them through the system's operations before they have to set the alarm for you.
- Keep your alarm system maintained by changing the batteries, keeping sensors dust-free, and making sure rooms with motion sensors are free of anything that could activate the system by accident.
- Alarm systems don't take the place of secure windows, strong doors and lock hardware, appropriate lighting, and properly placed and manicured landscaping, so be sure to keep these areas of your home maintained and in good working order.

In addition, the Police Department has put together this [helpful video](#) to explain false alarms and how to prevent them.

Special Events and Happenings

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these great events and more at www.gwinnettcouyevents.com.

Become an Eggs-pert

Tuesday, May 28, 10:00am to 11:00am. Baked, boiled, poached, or scrambled – you can have eggs so many ways and you should! Discover the benefits of consuming eggs and what to look for when buying them. Free. Ages 50 and up welcome. Register online at www.gwinnetthumanservices.com. OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

Your Family Timeline

Thursday, May 30 and Saturday, June 1, 1:30pm. In this two-part genealogy class, learn more about your family history and the times in which your ancestors lived. In the first class on May 30, set up your family timeline. In the second class on June 1, overlay that timeline with contemporary historical events to better understand your ancestors' lives. Free. Learn more at www.gwinnettpl.org. Collins Hill branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 455 Camp Perrin Road, Lawrenceville.

Kids Get Out: Culinary Kids Edition

Friday, June 14, 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Learn how to dish up fun and healthy foods, and craft a cookbook from your culinary creations. Dinner is included. \$8/person; pre-register by June 11 online with code RJP31402 or call 678.277.0890. Rhodes Jordan Park Community Recreation Center, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Did You Know?

Dogs that have tested heartworm positive can, in most cases, lead a perfectly long and normal life with proper treatment. On Saturday, **May 25 from 11:00am to 4:00pm**, adoptions are free for heartworm positive dogs at the Gwinnett Animal

Shelter's Be an Adoption Hero event. Gwinnett Animal Welfare provides that treatment and shares in the joy of positive results with adopters. Learn more and see available pets at www.gwinnettanimalwelfare.com.



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