



February 2019

Dear Homeowner,



Welcome! What a joy it was to begin serving our fantastic Gwinnett County **V.I.C.s (Very Important Citizens)** on January 1, 2019. I am off to a thrilling start by immediately reaching out to build and develop new relationships with our employees, staff, business vendors, and elected officials throughout Georgia and Gwinnett County, and, of course, answering as many of your questions as possible.

So far, I've attended meetings with Gwinnett Literacy and Poverty and HomeFirst Gwinnett, along with Buford and Lawrenceville city council meetings and the Discovery Park Community Input meeting.



I was honored to bring County greetings at the NFL SuperKids - SuperSharing event at Infinite Energy Center in celebration of Super Bowl LIII.

I also attended and spoke at the Ebony Society's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, joined in the evening Homeless "Point in Time Count," and participated in many other civic activities.

These first two months have been busy, but as you can see from the photos, I'm enjoying every minute of it!

I hope that you find this newsletter informative, helpful, and even a little lighthearted, and please share it with your friends and neighbors.

Always remember, ***We Are Much Better....Working Together!***

Commissioner Marlene Fosque
District 4, covering Lawrenceville, Buford, Rest Haven, and parts of Sugar Hill, Braselton

Forward to a Friend



Happening Around Gwinnett

Celebrate Black History Month in Gwinnett
Gwinnett County will celebrate Black History Month throughout February with a display at OneStop Centerville and several programs at various County facilities. Residents can read more about the celebration and [watch a video about the African-American journey in](#)



Gwinnett County Bicentennial: The African American Journey

[Gwinnett.](#)

Purchase plants at the UGA Extension Plant Sale

The Gwinnett Extension is taking orders for a variety of plants through March 6. Pickup will be March 14 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Visit www.gwinnetttextension.com or call 678.377.4010 to request an order form.

Apply for the next Gwinnett 101 session

Applications for the next session are available online and must be received by **March 1**. [More about Gwinnett 101.](#)

What's New in District 4



Get ready for the transit referendum in March

District 4, it's almost time to make your voices heard about the future of transit in Gwinnett County.

Visit the [County website](#) for details about the transit referendum, transit plan, special election schedule, and voting locations.

In addition, you can attend an open house session near you to learn more about the transit plan:

- February 12 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Sugar Hill City Hall, 5039 W. Broad Street, Sugar Hill
- February 26 from 9:00am to noon, Georgia Gwinnett College Student Center, 1000 University Center Lane, Lawrenceville
- March 11 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology, 970 McElvaney Lane, Lawrenceville

[View the complete schedule.](#)

Summary of District 4 crime statistics in 2018

Theft, which is the taking of property that does not involve person-to-person interaction, is the most widely reported crime in District 4 with 3,159 incidents in 2018. This is a 7.6 percent increase since 2017. However, robbery (the taking of property that does involve person-to-person interaction with force, intimidation, and/or coercion) and residential burglary (the entering of a residence with the intention to commit a theft or any felonious crime) have both decreased in the past year. Reports of robberies fell from 155 to 136, a drop of 12.3 percent. Incidents of residential burglary dropped more than 15 percent from 542 to 460.

Take advantage of free crime prevention classes offered by GCPD

The Gwinnett County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit offers many free crime prevention classes to better educate residents on safety and crime issues. These specialized officers routinely talk to homeowners, parents, employees, associations, and children. Officers can come to your next function, whether at home or at work in unincorporated Gwinnett County. If you are interested in hosting a class related to theft or another crime prevention topic, please contact Crime Prevention Coordinator Cpl. Eric Rooks at William.Rooks@gwinnettcounty.com or 770.513.5119.

Be aware of lane closures for improvements on Buford Drive

Recent intermittent lane closures are happening on State Route 20/Buford Drive from Buford Highway to South Lee Street for a SPLOST-funded road widening project. Closures are expected through February between 9:00am and 4:00pm.



Special Events and Happenings

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



Celebrate Valentine's Day with help from Gwinnett

Free **Valentine's Day weddings** will take place February 14 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Historic Isaac Adair House in downtown Lawrenceville, 15 South Clayton Street. Couples getting married must obtain a valid marriage license prior to the ceremony; no license needed for vow renewals. Call 770.822.8081 to make reservations.

OneStop Buford is hosting **Soulmate Soiree** from 6:30pm to 9:30pm February 15. Enjoy a romantic night of Italian food and dancing with your valentine. Admission is \$15 per person. Free childcare for kids ages 6 to 12 will be provided to the first five registered couples (two children maximum per couple). [Register online.](#)

If you already have plans but need a babysitter, consider taking the kids to **Date Night Drop Off: Glow in the Dark Science** at the Lawrenceville Female Seminary from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The evening is \$5 per child. [Pre-register online by February 12 with code LFS18120](#) or call 770.822.5178.

Did You Know?

Many residents are eligible to receive a 5 percent stormwater utility fee credit for attending one of DWR's Detention Pond Maintenance workshops. The next workshop will be held Thursday, February 7 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. Learn more and register [here](#).

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