

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 4 with
Commissioner Fosque



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May 2020



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

May is one of those months that is always filled with so many wonderful moments to celebrate. We are rejoicing in different, innovative ways as we enjoy ourselves reveling with friends and family members on Mother's Day, birthdays, anniversaries, and this year, even attending weddings, high school and college graduations, virtually.

It's also a solemn time to commemorate and honor the courageous men and women who died while serving in our U.S. military. There will be many flags waving gallantly in the wind and placed in downtowns, yards, storefronts, and malls, virtual Memorial Day broadcasts, and drive by parades held throughout the country, reminding us that we should never forget the sacrifices soldiers made in order for us to have the liberties we experience today.

In all of our time celebrating and commemorating, let us continue to follow the CDC's social distancing instructions. It's our responsibility to follow the recommended guidelines, to wear face masks properly in public, and to do our part to lessen and ultimately diminish the transmission of COVID-19. Continue to have fun indoors, outdoors, or even at the pools and parks by being safe, levelheaded, and healthy.

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

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

Happening Around Gwinnett

County observes Memorial Day with virtual ceremony

As I mentioned, Memorial Day will be commemorated differently than previous years. Chairman Nash and I delivered video remarks for our virtual ceremony, which premieres on Memorial Day at 1:00pm on TVgwinnettlive.com and on the County's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages @GwinnettGov. If you can't watch it on Memorial Day, be sure to watch it on-demand at TVgwinnett.com.



Advance voting continues through June 5

Voting is underway for the June 9 Presidential Preference Primary, General Primary, and Nonpartisan Election. Voters are not limited to Election Day to cast their ballot; advance in person voting is available every day, including weekends, from May 18 to June 5 at the **Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building** in Lawrenceville. The office is open for advance voting Monday through Saturday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday from noon to 7:00pm.

Voters can also cast their ballots those days at the **Gwinnett County Fairgrounds**, located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville (using the Davis Road entrance), Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 7:00pm and Sunday from noon to 7:00pm.

Learn about your options for satellite voting, which begins Saturday, May 30 at four additional locations, and voting by mail [here](#).

Official drop boxes available for absentee/advance by mail ballots

Eight official ballot drop boxes are now in place across Gwinnett County to provide eligible voters with a new way to return absentee/advance by mail ballots for the June 9 Presidential Preference Primary, General Primary and Nonpartisan Election.



No postage is necessary on ballots placed in the drop boxes. The secure drop boxes are monitored by video and available 24/7 at these locations:

- Bogan Park Community Recreation Center, 2723 North Bogan Road, Buford
- Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Old Auburn Avenue, Dacula
- George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee
- Lenora Park Gym, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville
- Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross
- Mountain Park Aquatic Center, 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain
- Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth
- Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building, 455 Grayson Highway, Suite 200 Lawrenceville

Voting by mail is an option for all voters and not just those who will be out of town. Voters may request an absentee/advance by mail ballot for the June 9 Presidential Preference Primary, General Primary and Nonpartisan election now through Friday, June 5. Voters can [complete the application form online](#) at GwinnettElections.com or call the Voter Registrations and Elections Office at 678.226.7210 to request an application.



Nonprofits invited to apply for COVID-19 grant funding

Gwinnett County is accepting applications from nonprofit and faith-based partners for round one of the federal CARES Act grant funding to serve Gwinnett residents most in need because of COVID-19.

All applications must be submitted electronically to the Community Development Program by **June 4** for consideration. Applicants will need to fill out the COVID-19 Statement of Need application at www.GwinnettCounty.com. The application can be found under [COVID-19 Resources for Nonprofits](#) on the Department of Financial Services' Grants webpage.

For more information, [watch a video about the grant funding opportunity](#), call the Community Development Program at 678.518.6008, or email gchcd@gwinnettcountry.com.

What's New in District 4

Support local farmers with Georgia Grown To Go event at Coolray Field May 27

Residents will have the chance to support Georgia farmers by purchasing fresh produce and other food items at a Georgia Grown To Go drive-thru farmer's market May 27 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Coolray Field. The event is rain or shine and while supplies last.



Residents can pre-order boxes for a reduced rate [online](#) until noon Tuesday, May 26. Orders will be available for contactless pickup at the event site, where boxes will be placed directly into the customer's trunk.

A limited supply of items will be available for same day purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.

The event provides an opportunity for Gwinnett Strippers staff, who have been faced with the suspension of events and activities at Coolray Field in response to COVID-19, to return to work at their home site.

Coolray Field is located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville. Visit GeorgiaGrownToGo.com to learn more and place an order.

Volunteers needed for summer meal sites

Summer meal site volunteers are needed, so please visit [Volunteer Gwinnett](#) to sign up! Gwinnett County, Gwinnett County Public Schools, and Gwinnett Public Library are teaming up to help ease hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to feed Gwinnett's children during the summer.



This program offers free grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches for children 18 years old and younger. Parents can pick up nutritious meals for their children at [18 park locations](#) to take home or children can pick up their own meals. Participating [library branches](#) are the Lawrenceville Branch and Snellville Branch of the Gwinnett Public Library starting May 27. Registration is not required. Meals can be picked up Monday through Friday between 11:00am and 1:00pm while supplies last. For more

information, visit GwinnettSummerMeals.com or call 770.822.8840.

Census timeline extended in response to COVID-19

More than 60 percent of Gwinnett's residents have already completed the 2020 Census, but we need your help to ensure everyone is counted. In response to COVID-19, the Census Bureau has modified the timeline for the 2020 Census. You now have until October 31 to complete your questionnaire, but if you wait that long, doorknockers may come to your house starting mid-August to collect your answers. The census helps shape representation in government and influences federal and state governments' decisions about how to distribute funding and resources. It also informs plans for roads, hospitals, and new businesses. Complete your questionnaire online at My2020Census.gov, by mail, or by phone today.



Be safe while visiting County parks

While certain areas within our parks are still closed due to COVID-19 prevention measures, residents can enjoy many great park amenities while practicing social distancing. Trails, dog parks, skate areas, tennis and pickleball courts, fishing areas, disc golf courses, outdoor walking tracks, horseshoe pits, bocce ball courts, and open meadows are all available, as long as CDC guidelines are followed by visitors. Extra guidelines, which can be found on GwinnettParks.com, are in place for

those who wish to use dog parks and tennis courts. Parks are open from sunrise to sunset, but water fountains are closed, so remember to bring your own water if you visit.

Special Events and Happenings

Events and activities are suspended in compliance with the Governor's Public Health State of Emergency.

Visit GwinnettCounty.com or follow the County's social media channels to learn about future events.

Did You Know?

You can view wait times for in-person voting on the County's website www.GwinnettCounty.com. Also, consider voting at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. The Gwinnett Fairgrounds location offers expanded hours, Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 7:00pm and Sunday from noon to 7:00pm.

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