

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 4 with
Commissioner Fosque



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April 2021



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

April includes fun commemorative occasions like National Stress Reliever Day, Earth Day, and National Volunteer Week that remind us to appreciate relaxation, our natural environment, and the people who get involved in our community. It's also National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and in Gwinnett, we believe that it's everyone's responsibility to prevent and report child abuse and neglect while proactively strengthening families in our community. I encourage you to read more about this important cause from the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#).

April will also be a month to remember for those of us who receive the COVID-19 vaccine. So far, more than 315,000 vaccines have been administered in Gwinnett, and 14 percent of Gwinnett residents are fully vaccinated. People have experienced all kinds of feelings after getting their shot — excitement, joy, maybe a little bit of worry, and plenty of relief. After I received my first and second vaccine doses at the Gwinnett mass vaccination site, I felt a sense of calm mixed with jubilation, and I'm happy to report that I did not experience any side effects. I understand that there is hesitancy around the vaccine, and I believe that obtaining a COVID-19 vaccine is both a personal and corporate responsibility and decision. I am so looking forward to perhaps, just perhaps, ridding my masks by Thanksgiving if herd immunity is achieved by then.

Meanwhile, our Board of Commissioners as a whole recently took action on many important initiatives:

- Appointed Erin Martin to the Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council
- Awarded a contract for security upgrades at the Courts Annex building in Lawrenceville
- Awarded a contract for software to support Project RESET 2.0, funded by the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (learn more about the program below)

Leadership Tidbit: Marian Wright Edelman, civil rights activist for children's rights, author, lawyer and founder of the Children's Defense Fund, stated, "*We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee,*" and "*Learn to be quiet enough to hear the genuine within yourself so that you can hear it in others.*" In our life's journey, every step — small or large — matters, especially as we help others through their journey along the way.

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

Gwinnett Moms are back with vaccine information

We've always looked to our moms for advice when it really matters. And more than year into COVID-19, it really matters! We know there's a huge amount of information about the new COVID-19 vaccines, much of it confusing and constantly evolving. So that's why Gwinnett County has turned to an expert source we all trust: our moms.



**COVID-19
vaccine guidance
brought to you
by the experts**
#ListenToGwinnettMoms

When it comes to COVID-19 vaccines, deciding to say “yes” looks different for all of us. Whether you’re still a little unsure or you’re ready to roll up your sleeve today, Gwinnett County Government – with the help of our Gwinnett Moms – is here to help. [Get the details](#) you need about the COVID-19 vaccines, and then [schedule your appointment](#).

Apply to be a lifeguard this summer

Gwinnett Parks and Recreation is seeking part-time and seasonal lifeguards and is waiving training fees for applicants ages 15 and older. Lifeguard training includes online and in-person components as well as a swim test and written exam. Trainees who pass all the requirements will receive an American Red Cross certification valid for two years.



The part-time/seasonal lifeguard position for ages 16 and older starts at \$9.27 per hour and includes benefits such as flexible hours and growth opportunities. Visit GwinnettCountyJobs.com to apply.



Gwinnett completes purchase of 39-acre parcel at Gwinnett Place Mall

Earlier this month, we completed the purchase of 39 acres at Gwinnett Place Mall. Easily accessible from I-85 and centrally located within Gwinnett County, the property has been a key focus for leadership within the County and will help amplify future expansion and planning efforts. Properties not included in this sale will remain with respective current owners, whose current tenants – Macy’s, Mega Mart and Beauty Master – will not be impacted by this purchase. The Urban Redevelopment Agency of Gwinnett County is working

closely with these groups to ensure all are aligned on goals as planning and revitalization begin.

Clerk of Court offers free paper copies of ID cards

The Gwinnett County Clerk of Court will offer free paper copies of identification cards for residents who need a copy to cast their absentee ballot in future elections. The new service offered by the Gwinnett County Clerk of Court will take effect immediately. Gwinnett residents may bring their identification to any Clerk of Court location during normal business hours, 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday, to receive a free paper copy of their identification. The office locations are:

- The Clerk of Superior and the State and Magistrate Court, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville
- The Gwinnett County Detention Center and the Magistrate Clerk’s Office, located at 2900 University Parkway, Court Annex, second floor, in Lawrenceville
- The Gwinnett County Juvenile Court Clerk’s Office, located at 115 Stone Mountain Street in Lawrenceville

What’s New in District 4



Sign up for summer camp with Gwinnett!

Community Services is offering more than 190 summer camps at 17 locations for kids ages 5 to 13. Camp themes include animals, nature, sports, S.T.E.A.M., terrain, and more. Many of the camps include breakfast and lunch and are Childcare and Parent Services approved. Camps will also follow COVID-19 protocols, which include daily temperature screenings, wearing face masks, and practicing social distancing.

You can register for camps at GwinnettCommunityServices.com. If you have any questions, please email CommunityServices@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.8840.

New roundabout coming near Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to build a roundabout at the intersection of Langley Drive and Constitution Boulevard near the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in downtown Lawrenceville. This project will convert the existing intersection to a roundabout to improve traffic flow and safety as drivers travel through this intersection. The project includes the installation of lighting, drainage structures and curb and gutter. This \$1.2 million project is funded by the 2014 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.



Applications for Project RESET 2.0 coming soon

Gwinnett County has received more than \$28.1 million in stimulus funds through the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program. These funds will be used to extend Project RESET to provide direct rental and utility assistance to income-eligible individuals and households financially impacted by COVID-19. Gwinnett County, in partnership with United Way of Greater Atlanta and HomeFirst Gwinnett, will build on the success of the Project RESET program by enhancing its offerings to include financial support for past-due utility payment assistance as well as past-due rent. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility providers for past-due balances. Learn more about eligibility [here](#).

Applications for this program will open late this month. Households in immediate need are encouraged to find currently available community resources at GCGA.us/COVID19Resources.

Keep your dumpster area clean!

A well-maintained apartment community results in happy, long-term residents. To keep communities safe and clean, apartment managers are encouraged to consider the following:

- Inspect your premises daily and immediately remove litter, trash, and debris
- Regularly check dumpster areas to ensure all items are inside the dumpster for pickup. Keep the enclosure clean and the fence and gate in good repair to avoid illegal dumping and rodents
- Schedule weekly bulk item pickups with your hauler
- Monitor trash compactors to ensure they are operational and not overflowing



If you live in an apartment community, transport trash to the dumpster on the hood of your vehicle rather than in your trunk so you don't forget about it. You should also make sure your balcony and patio are clear of any unsightly or potentially dangerous items such as gas cans, tires, appliances, or trash.



Learn about Juvenile Court in the latest episode of Better Together

Interested in the Juvenile Court system? Listen to my conversation with Juvenile Court Judge Nhan-Ai Simms about initiatives designed to lower juvenile detention and recidivism rates, plus more. Also, Melanie Chung from Gwinnett Solid Waste Management shares news about Gwinnett's Earth Day event and tips on recycling right this spring!

See the full list of episodes on the [County's website](#), or listen on Spotify or your favorite podcast app.

Special Events and Happenings

Most events and activities are suspended due to the County's COVID-19 response.

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

Did You Know?

If you have old cans of paint with just a little bit of wet paint left taking up room in your home, you can dry the paint by adding kitty litter and then dispose of the cans in your trash container.

If you have cans that are more than a quarter full with wet paint, you can bring them to the County's **America Recycles Day** event, along

with your your electronics, tires, and paper, on **Saturday, April 24** from 9:00am to noon at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville.

For more information about the America Recycles Day event, including COVID-19 safety procedures, limits on the amount of items you can bring, and the cost for recycling specific types of electronics, please visit [GwinnettCB.org/Events](https://www.gwinnettcba.org/Events) or call the Solid Waste Call Center at 770.822.7141.



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