

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 4 with  
Commissioner Fosque



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June 2022



Greetings:

On Juneteenth, we celebrate the ending of slavery in the Confederacy 2.5 years after the Emancipation Proclamation was effective January 1, 1863. However, the holiday is also about supporting education, economics, courage, freedom, transformation, and the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> amendments of the United States Constitution and so much more that impacts people across our nation. Read about how Gwinnett is celebrating Juneteenth below.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish a very happy Father's Day to all fathers!

There are so many good reasons to gather and celebrate, which makes it all the more important that we gather safely. Gwinnett's [COVID-19 Community Level](#) is currently at medium. If you are [at high risk for severe illness](#), talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions. Everyone should also stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines. The CDC recently strengthened recommendations for boosters, so go get those boosters when you're eligible. Of course, you should also get tested if you have symptoms. Stay safe and healthy!

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

- Approved a reorganization of the Juvenile Court of Gwinnett County and established the [Department of Child Advocacy and Juvenile Services](#)
- Approved the acceptance of several grants from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to support the Drug Court Treatment Program, DUI Court Treatment Program, Mental Health Court Treatment Program, Veterans Court Treatment Program, and Veterans Intervention Treatment Program
- Authorized an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for electric service to the lighting on I-85 at I-985 and Buford Drive at I-85
- Awarded a \$3.4 million, SPLOST-funded contract for the construction of the Ivy Creek multi-use trail and improvements

**Leadership Tidbit:** *"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together"* - Desmond Tutu. Diversity is our strength, but inclusivity is our power. Recognizing and respecting the rich values, life experiences, and resiliency each person residing in Gwinnett brings will only increase the quality of life for us all. Isn't that what truly matters in our humanity?

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

### Cast your ballot in the June 21 runoff election

The [results of the May 24 General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election](#) are available.

A runoff election will be held **Tuesday, June 21**. If you did not vote in the May 24 primary election, you may still vote in this runoff election if you are registered. If you selected a specific

party ballot for the May 24 primary election, then you will receive the same party ballot for the June 21 runoff. Learn about [ways you can cast your ballot in the runoff election](#).



## Emite tu voto en la segunda vuelta de las elecciones del 21 de Junio

Los [resultados oficiales de las Elecciones Primarias Generales y Generales No Partidistas del 24 de Mayo](#) están disponibles.

El Martes 21 de Junio se llevará a cabo las elecciones de segunda vuelta. Si no votó en las elecciones primarias del 24 de Mayo, todavía puede votar en estas elecciones de segunda vuelta si está inscrito. Si seleccionó una boleta de un partido específico para las elecciones primarias del 24 de Mayo, recibirá la boleta del mismo partido para la segunda vuelta del 21 de Junio.



## County offers home repair assistance through WRAP program

Gwinnett County has partnered with Gwinnett/Walton Habitat for Humanity to provide plumbing and septic repair assistance to Gwinnett residents through the Water Resources Assistance Program. The County received \$4 million in federal funding for home plumbing repairs and septic system conversions and repairs. Qualified residents can apply for home plumbing repairs associated with damage caused by leaks, retrofitting of toilets, faucets, and showerheads, and repair or replacement of

failing septic systems. To qualify, household income cannot exceed 60 percent of Area Median Income annually, based on family size. You must also own and reside in the home where services are needed. Learn more and find out if you qualify at [GwinnettCounty.com/WRAP](http://GwinnettCounty.com/WRAP).

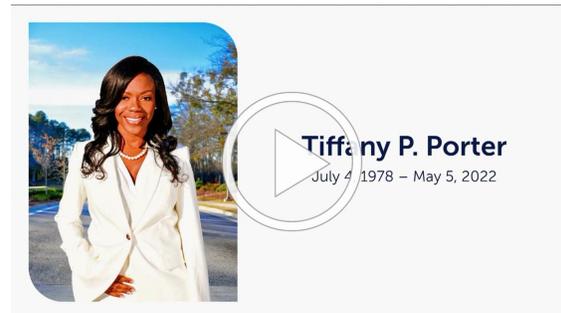


## Share your thoughts on sustainability in Gwinnett

As Gwinnett County leads the charge in building a more sustainable Gwinnett, we want to hear from you. Share your concerns and priorities for environmental sustainability in our community by taking [this quick survey](#). It takes about 10 minutes to complete. Your feedback is anonymous and will be used to shape the County's environmental sustainability planning efforts. Please share your thoughts with us!

## Remembering Tax Commissioner Tiffany Porter

Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner Tiffany Porter passed away last month after a battle with breast cancer. She was a friend, colleague, community leader, my Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority sister, trail blazer and innovator. She soared in achieving her life's milestones. My deepest prayers and heartfelt condolences go to Tiffany's children, family, friends, and dedicated County employees.



Denise Mitchell, who previously served as Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner, will complete Tiffany's term through 2024.

## What's New in District 4

### Gwinnett celebrates Juneteenth

Juneteenth is the oldest celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This year marks the first time that Gwinnett County will officially recognize Juneteenth as a County holiday, which means that County government offices, with the exception of those required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, June 20.

The United Ebony Society of Gwinnett and Gwinnett County Government will celebrate Juneteenth with a day of fun for the entire family, Saturday, June 18 at Rhodes Jordan Park from 11:00am to 9:00pm. This year's Juneteenth festival includes historical presentations, performances, music, games, and food trucks. Rhodes Jordan Park is located at 100 East Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.





## Join us for our Pride Party!

Gwinnett thrives with Pride! Celebrate Pride Month with us Tuesday, June 28 from 11:00am to 1:30pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Plaza.

RSVP for the 2022 Pride Party by Friday, June 24 at [GCGA.us/PrideParty](https://GCGA.us/PrideParty).

## Adoption fees waived on all pets in June

The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center is helping families find a new best friend this June with free pet adoptions. There are so many loving pets looking for their forever homes. See our [available pets](#), and then complete the [Adoption/Foster Application](#).

All adoptions include microchip, spay/neuter, and vaccinations. The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center is located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.



## Catch up on the Better Together podcast

Curious about current events in Gwinnett? Looking to learn more about the people who live, work, and serve here? Tune in to my podcast, Better Together with Commissioner Fosque, to hear conversations about the county we all love.

Listen to the latest episode [here](#) or on your favorite podcast streaming platform.

## Special Events and Happenings

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](https://GwinnettCountyEvents.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

### Universal Scribbles Workshop

**Tuesday, June 21 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm**

Calling all teen writers and artists, join us in creating a literary magazine that will feature your stories, poems, and artwork. This workshop will give teens a chance to share drafts of their works for feedback, ask questions about the program, and brainstorm ideas with fellow teens. Teens in grades 6 to 12, including rising sixth graders. [Registration](#) required. Buford-Sugar Hill Branch Library, 2100 Buford Highway Northeast, Buford.

### Stop N' Play

**Friday, June 24 from 10:00am to 11:00am**

Take a break from your routine and have fun getting out some wiggles with your little one. Explore activities, arts and crafts, games, and more as you socialize with others. Ages 5 and under. Fee: \$4.00 per child. [Registration](#). OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

### Summer Boost Fun

**Friday, July 8 from 9:30am to 12:30pm**

Come join us for some free summer fun! We have family fun, games and science activities. Kids ages 4 to 10 are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. [Registration](#). Sweet Water Park, 800 Bethesda School Road, Lawrenceville.

### Garden Bus Tour

**Saturday, July 9 from 9:00am to 2:00pm**

Come explore the beautiful gardens located throughout Gwinnett County with us! Bring your favorite snacks and picnic lunches to enjoy along the way! Spaces are limited. [Pre-register](#) by July 5. All ages. Fee: \$11.00 for residents, \$21.00 for non-residents. Lawrenceville Female Seminary, 455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville.

## Did You Know?

Gwinnett County gets its drinking water from Lake Lanier. From there, it's treated at two water production plants, Shoal Creek Filter Plant and Lanier Filter Plant. These two plants use advanced technology to provide more than 70 million gallons of drinking water to Gwinnett's nearly one million residents. The water is continuously tested for quality and taste. Through a blind taste test and vote, the Georgia Association of Water Professionals named Gwinnett County's drinking water the **Best Tasting Water in Georgia**. We're proud to deliver superior services to you each and every day.



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