

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 4 with
Commissioner Fosque



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September 2022



Greetings:

Autumn is here! It's a great time to welcome the warm, colorful hues and lower temperatures of the fall season. However, October is also Bullying Prevention Month. Bullying is any behavior that intends to cause harm. Bullying can happen in grades K-12, on college campuses, anywhere, and to anyone. It can be in-person or online, covert or out in the open. In any format, bullying is just wrong.

Instead, be kind to one another. Recognize the signs of bullying, and if you notice it, report it. There are behavior changes that adults, faculty, parents, and other youth can help implement to prevent bullying everywhere.

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

- Approved a scoping study of the Piedmont Pathway Trail funded by the Atlanta Regional Commission and the 2017 SPLOST program
- Approved the replacement of the Bogan Park Aquatic Center play structure and replastering project, also funded by the 2017 SPLOST program
- Renewed a contract to purchase season mixed produce boxes for distribution to our community funded by American Rescue Plan Act funds and the Atlanta Regional Commission
- Reappointed Peg Murray to serve on the Gwinnett Animal Control Hearing Board
- Accepted grant funds from the Atlanta Regional Commission to reimburse the County for eligible expenses incurred for senior services programs
- Approved the Sheriff to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Way of Greater Atlanta to provide homeless individuals released from the Gwinnett County jail with shelter, substance abuse treatment, job skills training, crime prevention education, and case management assistance as an overall collaborative effort to reduce recidivism
- Approved a SPLOST-funded \$7.5 million contract for the resurfacing of major County roads
- Appointed Samuel Richmond and Dave Williams to the SPLOST Gwinnett County Transportation Citizens Project Selection Committee

Leadership Tidbit: *"You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge their successes, and encourage them in their pursuits. When we all help one another, everybody wins."* – Jim Stovall.

I believe when we foster astuteness, collaboration, and compassionate empathy with strong business acumen, it will cultivate creative ideas, healthy people, and thriving communities.

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

Celebrate Hispanic Latino Heritage Month with us!

Join us for our annual Hispanic Latino Heritage Month celebration **Tuesday, October 4 at 6:15pm** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville! This year's theme, *"Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger County,"* will be celebrated with food, performances, and remarks from the Board

of Commissioners and historian Dr. Iliana Yamileth Rodriguez. The event is free, but [you can RSVP](#) to let us know you're coming by Monday, September 26. Residents are also invited to visit the Hispanic Latino Heritage Month observance display at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center through October 15.



Share your input on the future of transit in Gwinnett

Gwinnett County is reimagining the future of public transit with its Transit Development Plan and is seeking input through a short online survey. Take the survey, which is available in multiple languages, at GwinnettCounty.com/TDPSurvey.

For more information about the TDP or to access frequently asked questions, visit GwinnettCounty.com/TDP.

Property tax bills due November 1

In August, the Board of Commissioners adopted the same general fund millage rate as last year, 6.95 mills. Prior to the vote, the Board held three public hearings and accepted comments through the County's website. Most homeowners in Gwinnett benefit from the [Value Offset Exemption](#), which means they will not see an increase in the county government portion of their tax bill. Property taxes are based on millage rates set by county government, the schools, and cities. One mill equals a dollar tax per thousand dollars of assessed property value.



You can take a closer look at details on the [2022 millage rates and additional information about how property taxes are calculated](#). The Tax Commissioner's Office mailed property tax bills in September, and payments will be due November 1. Property owners or mortgage lenders can make payments by mail, online, in person, or by using one of the drop boxes located at tax and tag offices across the county.



Gwinnett Coalition launches resource to improve health equity

The Gwinnett Coalition recently launched GwinnettHealthFinder.org, a web-based tool designed in partnership with GNR Public Health, to help improve health equity and access to quality health care for Gwinnett's uninsured and underinsured population.

Gwinnett Health Finder allows users to quickly locate health care providers by city, zip code, or service category, including adult, pediatric, mental health, dental, and specialty care.

What's New in District 4

Attend a poll official hiring event

Attend one of Gwinnett County's upcoming poll official hiring events. Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, but especially needs bilingual poll officials.

If you're interested in participating in the November election, gaining valuable work experience, and earning up to \$390 per day, apply at GwinnettCountyJobs.com. Applicants can also apply in person at a [Gwinnett County Public Library branch](#).



Asista a un evento de contratación de trabajadores electorales

Asista a uno de los eventos de contratación de trabajadores electorales del Condado de Gwinnett. La División de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, especialmente personas bilingües.

Si estás interesado en participar en las elecciones de Noviembre, obtener una valiosa experiencia laboral, y ganar hasta \$390 por día, puede aplicar en GwinnettCountyJobs.com. Los solicitantes pueden presentar su solicitud en persona en una de las [instalaciones de la Biblioteca Pública del Condado de Gwinnett](#).



Gwinnett Police celebrate National Faith and Blue Weekend

Gwinnett Police and local faith-based organizations will participate in the National Faith and Blue Weekend, a nationwide effort created to break down biases through outreach among law enforcement and the communities they serve. [Seven faith-based events](#) will take place Friday, October 7 through Monday, October 10, including block parties, food drives, a blood drive, and more. We hope to see you at one of these events!

Stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines and boosters

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently approved new COVID-19 booster shots that target the Omicron subvariant BA.5, which is the current dominant version of the virus.

People ages 12 and older are recommended to receive one of these updated, bivalent boosters, including those who were up to date on their vaccines and boosters prior to the authorization of the updated booster. [Learn more from the CDC](#) and [find a vaccine location near you](#).



Gear up for a busy fall with the latest Better Together podcast

New season, new events! I sat down with Gwinnett Community Outreach managers Nury Castro and Nathan DeVoe to discuss upcoming outreach events and engagement opportunities that you can participate in this fall. Also, Fabi Canales from Community Outreach shares more details on Welcoming Week and Hispanic Latino Heritage Month.

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

Special Events and Happenings

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

Museum Day

Saturday, September 24 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Come visit the Gwinnett History Museum for National Museum Day. We will be giving tours of the museum, the Isaac Adair House, and the Lawrenceville Female Seminary. No registration necessary. Start at the Lawrenceville Female Seminary, 455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville.

Tiny Trailblazers: Carnival

Thursday, October 13 from 10:00am to 11:00am

Step right up! Enjoy carnival crafts, activities, and tasty treats. For ages 5 and under. Trailblazers must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Fee: \$5. [Register online](#). Bogan Park Community Recreation Center, 2723 North Bogan Road, Buford.

Well-o-ween

Thursday, October 20 from 10:00am to noon

Wear your favorite costume for a day of wellness and exciting activities for the health screenings, informative resources, and family-friendly fun for all ages. OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

Did You Know?

Gwinnett County gets its water from Lake Lanier. The Board of Commissioners [recently voted on a Water Storage Agreement](#) with the State of Georgia to allow the County to use storage volume in Lake Lanier for water supply for at least 30 years.

Early last year, Georgia entered into a Master Storage Agreement with the United States Department of the Army to secure water supply for multiple jurisdictions, Gwinnett County

included. While Gwinnett and others have used water in the lake for many years, this contract for the first time grants long-term rights to storage volume in Lake Lanier to meet Gwinnett County's water supply needs. This is an important step to securing the County's water supply for decades to come.



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