



NEWS & EVENTS

in District 4 with
Commissioner
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Greetings!

The recent Gwinnett Youth Commission Induction Ceremony was a reminder of the strength and potential of Gwinnett's next generation. We have incredible youth leaders who will act as ambassadors for local government and represent their peers in volunteering. After a summer of immersive training, the Induction Ceremony was certainly a celebration. I asked these Youth Commissioners to use this training to plan for their next chapter.

The decision to do great things starts from within, and I know that this batch of Youth Commissioners will make a tremendous impact on our community while applying their new skills.

There are lots of ways to get involved in our community. I hope to see you at my Town Hall meetings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Wednesday, August 16 at the Collins Hill Library Meeting Room and Thursday, August 17 Sugar Hill City Hall.

You can learn more on Facebook by checking out the [August 16 event page](#) and [August 17 event page](#), or contact my office for more information at 770.822.7004. Please share with your friends and neighbors.



Happening Around Gwinnett



Microtransit coming to Snellville and Lawrenceville

Gwinnett is expanding its Ride Gwinnett service to include microtransit, an on-demand service beginning August 28. Riders will be able to request a shared-ride vehicle — typically a small van or shuttle — to travel to their destination within Snellville and Lawrenceville. This includes the Centerville area to the Shoppes at Webb Gin and Northside Hospital to Sugarloaf Parkway.

The service will provide additional mobility options and allow for better connectivity and accessibility to medical resources, education, and points of interest. It will also provide brand new connections to areas of the county that are not currently served by transit, which opens the service to new customers and increases the transit destination options for residents by 41 percent. To learn more, visit RideGwinnett.com.

Host a project for Gwinnett Great Days of Service

Save the date! Gwinnett's flagship volunteer initiative brings together thousands of individuals, corporations, schools, civic organizations, and communities to bring about meaningful

change and address Gwinnett's most critical needs.

Volunteers across Gwinnett will be rolling up their sleeves for the annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service Friday, October 20 to Sunday, October 22. Want to host a project? [Apply by August 20.](#)



Gwinnett Police Training Center expansion opens

We recently cut the ribbon for the expansion of the Gwinnett Police Training Center. The \$6.2 million expansion adds more than 23,000 square feet of training space, plus instructional and administrative office space to accommodate growth within the department and the population Gwinnett Police serves.

The new facility includes three additional classrooms with AV equipment, stadium seating and an electrical emergency back-up generator; a 5,000-square-foot multipurpose room to allow for physical and defensive

recruit training; expanded locker rooms and a breakroom. The larger training center will offer more space for recruit training and free up room for more classes for veteran officers and civilian staff.

Assessors' Office to conduct onsite property field visits

Gwinnett Board of Assessors appraisal staff conduct routine field visits to maintain accurate appraisal data as part of the County's annual review process. Representatives from Gwinnett County, LMC, or Tyler Technologies verify existing or new construction, measure exteriors, and take photographs. Although no contact or involvement is needed, appraisers will carry identification and announce their presence at the property before beginning a review. If no one is available, information will be left to advise residents of the visit. For questions or concerns, email Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.7200.

What's New in District 4

Join me at a District 4 Town Hall in August

As I mentioned in my greeting, I'll be hosting two town halls in August to share updates with residents about topics like transportation, public safety, economic development, smart growth and development, and more.

Join me at one of the following meetings:

- **Wednesday, August 16** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the meeting room at the Collins Hill branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, located at 455 Camp Perrin Road in Lawrenceville
- **Thursday, August 17** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the chambers at Sugar Hill City Hall, located at 5039 West Broad Street in Sugar Hill



I hope to see you there!



Apply for a small business grant

Gwinnett County is helping small businesses impacted by COVID-19 find relief. The Board of Commissioners received \$181 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and allocated \$6 million of the funds to help small business owners.

If your business has experienced income loss or increased costs while continuing business during the pandemic, you might be eligible for this relief. Funds will be awarded based on the number of employees, gross revenue, total applicant

COVID impact, and more. Applications will be available online **Tuesday, September 5**. To apply and learn more, visit GwinnettCounty.com/SmallBusinessGrant.

Help us plan for the future of Gwinnett

If you missed the 2045 Unified Plan summer events, there are still opportunities to share your ideas for improving our communities in Gwinnett! Give your opinion on [Housing and Small-Scale Economic Development](#), [Sustainable Infrastructure and Transportation](#), and [Redevelopment and Community Resources](#) in Gwinnett.



You can also share your preferences on your idea [Daily Community](#), which includes housing types, mobility and transit, and economic development where you live. Stay tuned for more details about engagement opportunities this fall starting in September! To learn more about the 2045 Unified Plan, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan](#).

Represent District 4 on the Transit Advisory Board

Each district commissioner appoints one member to the [Gwinnett County Transit Advisory Board](#) to advise the Board of Commissioners about enhancing public transportation for our county. I'm seeking applicants to represent District 4 on the Transit Advisory Board. If you're interested in serving, please fill out an application at [GwinnettCounty.com/ApplyToServe](#).

Special Events and Happenings

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

Supplier Networking Event

Wednesday, August 16 from 8:30am to 11:00am

Interested in doing business with Gwinnett County Government? Meet buyers and contracting officers from Gwinnett and other metro Atlanta agencies to learn about needs and procurement procedures. [Register online](#). Gas South Convention Center, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth.

Clear the Shelter

Saturday, August 19 from noon to 4:00pm

Free! Help our shelter pets find their forever homes while enjoying activities, crafts, music, and local vendors. All adoption fees are waived during this annual event. All ages are welcome. No registration necessary. Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center, 884 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville.

Piedmont Pathway Study Meeting

Wednesday, August 23 from 6:00pm to 8:00

As part of the Gwinnett Countywide Trails Master Plan, the Piedmont Pathway will provide increased access to recreation and green space, and connectivity to neighboring counties. Attend an input meeting to learn more about the study and share your opinions about developing this 28-mile cross-county trail! Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Auburn Avenue, Dacula.

Public Safety Fall Festival

Saturday, September 16 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Join Gwinnett Police and Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services for the annual Public Safety Fall Festival. This family-friendly event features giveaways, food trucks, and demonstrations. Enjoy touch-a-truck experiences with SWAT vehicles, fire trucks, and more. For more information, contact MPO Tebin Clack at Tebin.Clack@GwinnettCounty.com. Coolray Field, 2500 Buford Drive, Lawrenceville.

Did You Know?

Get to know Gwinnett Planning and Development

Gwinnett's Department of Planning and Development serves to promote and enhance the well-being of residents and businesses in Gwinnett County by planning for growth and maintaining adopted standards for development. The department consists of the Planning, Development, Building, Code Enforcement, and Administration Divisions, as well as groups charged with promoting Housing and Urban Development and Economic Development.



The department is responsible for community planning, authorizing permits for site development and building construction projects, issuing business licenses, enforcing county codes, and ordinances.

If you've heard about our work to create our 2045 Unified Plan,

you already know about a Planning & Development project!
[Learn more about that plan](#), including how to share your feedback.



More from our Partners

City of Auburn Back to School Event

Saturday, August 26

Visit the [city of Auburn's website](#) for more information.

City of Braselton Art-tiques Vintage Market

Friday, August 25 to Sunday, August 27

Visit [Explore Braselton](#) for information.

City of Buford Smart Leak Water Detector Rebate Program

Learn more about the program from the [city of Buford](#).

City of Lawrenceville Free Summer Concert Series

Visit the [city of Lawrenceville's events calendar](#) for more information.

City of Suwanee African American Culture & Arts Festival

Saturday, August 26

Visit the [city of Suwanee's Events page](#) for more information.

Music at Sugar Hill

See the [city of Sugar Hill's Upcoming Events](#) for more information.



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