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March 2024



Greetings!

March is finally here! As we honor Women's History Month and prepare for Easter, we can also engage in the many civic opportunities Gwinnett County has to offer. There will be multiple town halls where you can ask questions about updates in your district and learn more about the upcoming intent to call for a transit referendum.

The County is hosting several poll official hiring events, and there is a chance for young people to join the Gwinnett Youth Commission. Additionally, there are plenty of Easter-themed events for families to enjoy!

I also want to thank everyone who reached out and participated in the Transit Experience Day last month!

Our group of nine participants started the tour in Buford on a Ride Gwinnett bus at around 8:40am. We then transferred to a commuter bus and took a MARTA train to Ponce City Market before enjoying a walk on the Atlanta Beltline. We returned to Buford by 4:45pm, making the full tour 8 hours long.

We learned a lot about both the successes and challenges of public transportation. I look forward to continuing the conversations at all three of my upcoming town halls.



Happening Around Gwinnett



Join us for our March town halls

I'll be hosting my own town hall and participating in joint townhalls with District 1 Commissioner Kirkland Carden and District 3 Commissioner Jasper Watkins III this month.

We'll discuss key takeaways from Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson's State of the County, provide updates on projects and initiatives in our respective districts, and discuss the Board of Commissioners' intent to call for a transit referendum.

Please see the full list of times, dates and locations for the town

halls below:

Monday, March 18 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm:

- Joint town hall: District 4 Commissioner Matthew Holtkamp and District 3 Commissioner Jasper Watkins III at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville
- Join in person or on [Facebook](#)

Thursday, March 21 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm:

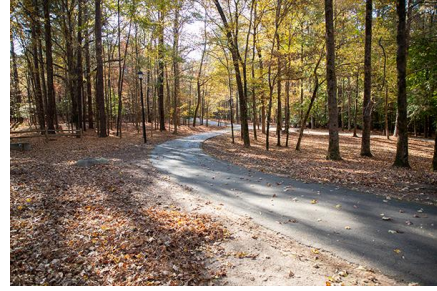
- Joint town hall: District 1 Commissioner Kirkland Carden and District 4 Commissioner Matthew Holtkamp at Suwanee City Hall
- Join in person or on [Facebook](#)

Wednesday, March 27 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm:

- Town hall: District 4 Commissioner Matthew Holtkamp at Seckinger High School in Buford
- Join in person or on [Facebook](#)

County to break ground at Singleton Park on March 28

Commissioners gave the green light to build Singleton Park and Greenway in unincorporated Norcross. The new 1.58-acre park will meet the community's diverse needs and preferences with recreational and accessibility features, including open leisure spaces, a playground, a multimodal trail, shade structures, and a Ride Gwinnett stop. The \$6.3 million project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, a Governor's Office grant, 2017 SPLOST programs, and a CARES Act Community Development Block Grant. Visit [GwinnettSPLOST.com](#) to learn more about SPLOST.



Apply for the Gwinnett Youth Commission

Gwinnett is now accepting applications for the 2024 – 2025 Gwinnett Youth Commission term! This yearlong program offers high school students the opportunity to learn how they can make a difference in their community, gain insight into local government operations, and meet County officials. Limited to 30 youth leaders each cycle, applications must be submitted by April 5 for consideration. Applicants interested in GYC can learn more and [apply online](#). For questions, please email Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com.

What's New in District 4

Gwinnett County looking for poll officials

The Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds — including bilingual poll officials — who want to gain valuable work experience and earn up to \$440 per election.

Citizens who want to be involved in the electoral process are invited to attend Gwinnett County's upcoming poll official hiring event on Monday, March 18 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the George Pierce Park Gym, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee.



During the event, attendees must complete an I-9 form and bring the required original identification documents for verification. For more upcoming hiring events, visit [GwinnettCounty.com](#). If you are unable to attend a poll official hiring event, apply at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](#).

El condado de Gwinnett busca trabajadores electorales

La División de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, incluidos trabajadores electorales bilingües, que quieran adquirir una valiosa experiencia laboral y ganar hasta \$440 por elección.

Los ciudadanos que quieran participar en el proceso electoral están invitados a asistir al próximo evento de contratación de trabajadores electorales del condado de Gwinnett el Lunes 18 de Marzo de 4:00pm a 7:00pm en el George Pierce Park Gym, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee.

Durante el evento, los asistentes deberán completar un formulario I-9 y traer los documentos de identificación originales requeridos para su verificación. Para más eventos de contratación próximos, visita [GwinnettCounty.com](#). Si no puede asistir a un evento de contratación de trabajadores electorales, aplica en [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](#).



Apply for a homestead exemption by April 1

Reduce your property tax bill by applying for a homestead exemption! Owners who occupied their home as their primary residence as of January 1 may qualify for an exemption this year. If you already have an exemption in place, you do not need to reapply. For more information and to apply, visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply](#).

Drop off your expired medication

Gwinnett Police is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration for National Drug Take Back, an initiative that allows residents to properly dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. Residents can drop off tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at police headquarters and any of our six precincts. To learn more, please email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com.



Special Events and Happenings

Visit GwinnettCountyEvents.com or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

Sensory Underwater Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23 from 9:00am to 11:00am

Experience a quiet, fun-filled egg hunt at the Bethesda Park Aquatic Center. Pool water features will be turned off, and lights will be dimmed for swimmers with sensory sensitivities. Enjoy prizes, games, crafts, and light snacks. Bring your own water-friendly basket for hunting! Children ages 6 years and under must be accompanied in the water by an adult. [Register online](#) by Wednesday, March 20. All Ages. Fee includes one free adult admission: \$12 for Gwinnett residents and \$23 for non-residents. Bethesda Park Aquatic Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

Egg Hunt Extravaganza

Saturday, March 30 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Hope over at Bogan Park for an egg hunt, crafts, snacks, and a bounce house! [Register online](#). Open to all ages. Fee: \$15 Gwinnett resident and \$29 non-Gwinnett resident. Bogan Park, 2723 North Bogan Road, Buford.

Spring Break Recharge

Friday, April 5 from 8:00am to 1:00pm

Spring into a day full of fun with games, music, crafts, laughter, activities, and more! Early drop-off available at 7:30am. Bring a sack lunch and drink. [Register online](#). Ages 7-12. Fee: \$16.00 Gwinnett Resident and \$36.00 Non-Gwinnett Resident. OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.



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