

# Volunteer Gwinnett NEWS



April, 2022

## Greetings!

Welcome to Volunteer Gwinnett News, a quarterly newsletter to help you stay informed about opportunities to volunteer, how to become a volunteer, and the work volunteers are doing in our community. Volunteers are an essential part of Gwinnett County Government; their selfless contributions ensure projects get done, improve the community's quality of life, build partnership bonds, save tax dollars, and keep us all vibrantly connected.

## Gwinnett County celebrates National Volunteer Week



Each year, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners recognizes our dedicated community volunteers in celebration of National Volunteer Week. While the national holiday is April 17 through 23, Gwinnett kicked off the celebration early, on March 22, with the annual Volunteer Appreciation Proclamation at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. Over 150 attendees represented the various Gwinnett departments, subsidies, and programs which serve our community. Selfless volunteers helped contribute over 700,000 hours of service in 2021, with 2022 marking the ten-year anniversary of the Volunteer Gwinnett program.

Save the date! We'll continue to celebrate our volunteers at the Volunteer Gwinnett Appreciation Party at the Isaac Adair House and Preservation Lawn on Sunday, November 20. Visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.volunteergwinnett.net) for upcoming details.

## Gwinnett Employees in Action



### Mobile Food Distributions

Did you know just this year alone through Gwinnett employees' efforts, over **119,111 pounds** of food have been distributed to **4,200 households**? Thanks to these efforts **17,650 Gwinnett residents** were positively impacted. Make a difference for more residents and join us in the next [Mobile Food Distributions](https://www.volunteergwinnett.net).

Visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.volunteergwinnett.net) to learn more or register for the upcoming service dates.

### JA Discovery Center

Gwinnett County Government employees are dedicated to giving

back to our community. Field trips are back at the [JA Discovery Center](#) and our employees are eager to share real-life experiences while coaching and helping students during their learning experience.

So far this year, 21 employees have dedicated 168 hours to Junior Achievement, impacting 466 students from Radloff, Lilburn, Grace Snell, and McConnel Middle Schools. Learn more about how to [get involved](#) with JA of Georgia and the JA Discovery Center for the remaining 2021-2022 school year.



## Clean Roads, Clean Streams



For decades, the Adopt-a-Road program has enlisted thousands of volunteers who are passionate about maintaining a clean community. These volunteers become leaders by conducting trash clean-ups throughout the year along an adopted stretch of road. This program collects trash off the roadways before it is washed into a storm drain and nearby waterways. The efforts of our volunteers benefit our community by enhancing our commute and protecting water quality. For more information about adopting a road, visit [GwinnettCB.org](http://GwinnettCB.org).

## Around the Community

### MLK Day of Service

MLK Day of Service in January brought three separate opportunities for the Gwinnett Parks and Recreation team to give back! Service events hosted at Freeman's Mill Park, McDaniel Farm Park, and Rhodes Jordan Park brought out over 70 volunteers throughout the chilly weekend. Volunteers served through beautification projects and trash removal, with over 200 pounds of debris removed from the three sites.

Join the Gwinnett Parks and Recreation team on Friday, May 6 for their Green Up Clean Up at E.E. Robinson Park in Sugar Hill. Visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net) learn more or call 678.277.0900.



### Random Acts of Kindness Day

In February, Shorty Howell Park Activity Building in Duluth celebrated their annual Random Acts of Kindness Day with volunteers and the Gwinnett Parks Volunteer Resources team!

Forty volunteers were in attendance and assisted with park beautifications projects and assembling 100 adult care packages and 50 care packages for children.

## We Need Your Help!

### Help voters with language assistance

Language Collaboration Groups are now forming in the Gwinnett Elections Division. The Gwinnett Elections team is seeking to address the most common language barriers – Cantonese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese – by collaborating in translation, education, and outreach with speakers of these languages in our community.

Volunteers wishing to assist with this project can expect to collaboratively translate elections-themed documents from English into a target language, find and attend outreach events, and assist in recruiting multilingual poll officials. Learn more about this vital opportunity by sending an email to [ElectionsOutreach@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:ElectionsOutreach@GwinnettCounty.com) or by calling 678.226.7210.

### 2022 Summer Meals Program

Did you know Gwinnett County uses volunteers to assist at every Summer Meals Program site? In 2021, over 2,442 Gwinnett volunteers assisted in serving [189,097 summer meals](#) at 26 sites from May through June. With summer fast approaching, volunteers are needed to assist with this program beginning May 31 through August 2.



Learn more about the Summer Meals Program locations and get connected to resources for the community by visiting [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](http://GwinnettSummerMeals.com).

Interested in learning more on how you can help this summer? Contact us at [VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com) or call 770.822.8840.

### **Don't miss the Earth Day Recycling event!**

Join us for the annual Earth Day Recycling event on Saturday, April 23 at Coolray Field. Each year, Gwinnett County Solid Waste Management and Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful join a global community to celebrate Earth Day. Residents can drop off items that are typically more difficult to recycle such as electronics, latex and oil-based paints, and tires.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed to direct traffic, unload vehicles, break down boxes, and more. Participant registration is encouraged, please call the Solid Waste Call Center at

770.822.7141 or visit [GwinnettCB.org](http://GwinnettCB.org) to learn more. Coolray Field is located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville.



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