

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello!

Spring is almost here! With our [COVID-19 community level at low](#), we're entering a new season of hope and looking forward to a healthy, vibrant season ahead. Please do continue to be considerate of each other as some of us have young or immunocompromised family at home that we are trying to protect.

Remember, if you'd like to chat with me on any topic, you can reach out to my office at [Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com) to schedule a call or virtual meeting. I want to know if you feel that I have been representing you well or if you think there is something I could be doing to better represent you.

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Chairwoman Hendrickson delivers State of the County address

Chairwoman Hendrickson delivered her State of the County address at 12Stone Church on Thursday, March 3. In her speech, she shared highlights of the County's actions since we both took office in January 2021. She also celebrated three Standard Bearers in the community with awards.

[Watch her speech](#) to learn more about how the County views progress through our kaleidoscope lens.



### Check your voter registration status before the May election

The next election in Gwinnett will be the General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election held Tuesday, May 24. [You must be registered to vote by April 25](#) in order to cast your ballot in this election. You can [check your registration status](#) on the Secretary of State's [My Voter Page](#).

On February 17, Governor Kemp signed into law new district maps for the [Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners](#) and the [Gwinnett County Board of Education](#). Eligible voters should expect to receive a new precinct card with their updated districts around April in advance of the election.

### Gwinnett Youth Commission application deadline coming soon

The [Gwinnett Youth Commission](#) is yearlong program, including an eight-week summer program designed to educate youth about local government, engage youth in civic affairs, and provide an opportunity for youth to affect change in their community. Youth get behind-the-scenes tours of County government departments, interact with leaders, and receive community leadership training designed to foster the

next generation of leaders for Gwinnett County.

The next session begins June 1. The application deadline for the 2022 to 2023 cohort is Friday, April 15 at 5:00pm. Accepted Youth will be notified in early May. [Apply here](#).



### Apply for a homestead exemption by April 1

The best way to reduce your property tax bill is to apply for a homestead exemption. If you own and occupy a home in Gwinnett as your primary residence as of January 1, you likely qualify.

Apply at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply) by April 1, and staff will help determine your eligibility and the best exemption for your situation. You must apply by April 1 for relief this year. If you already have an exemption in place, you do not need to reapply.

## What's New in District 2

### Attend a State of District 2 town hall!

Following Chairwoman Hendrickson's State of the County address, my fellow district commissioners and I will be hosting several [State of the District town halls](#) to share updates about our districts, current and future County initiatives, and how the new district maps signed into law by Governor Kemp in February may impact residents.



My town halls will be:

- **Thursday, March 24** at 6:00pm at the Lilburn City Hall/Library, 4817 Church Street NW, Lilburn (also [streaming on Facebook Live](#))
- **Thursday, March 31** at 6:00pm, fully virtual and interactive via [Webex](#) (password: District2)

I hope to see you there!



### Gwinnett seeking poll workers for May election

Want to be actively involved in the electoral process and give back to your community? Apply to be a poll official in the May general primaries and future elections. Our Voter Registrations and Elections Office is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, especially bilingual Spanish speakers. It's a great opportunity to see how elections work, gain valuable work experience, and earn up to \$390 per day. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](http://GwinnettCountyJobs.com).

### Gwinnett busca trabajadores electorales para la segunda vuelta de Mayo

¿Quieres participar activamente en el proceso electoral y retribuir a tu comunidad? Aplica para ser un trabajador electoral en las primarias generales de Mayo y futuras elecciones. Nuestra Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, especialmente hispanohablantes bilingües. Es una gran oportunidad para ver cómo funcionan las elecciones, obtener una valiosa experiencia laboral y ganar hasta \$390 por día. Se anima a los ciudadanos interesados a aplicar en [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](http://GwinnettCountyJobs.com).

### Learn about transportation alternatives at Promising Patrons

Join Gwinnett County Transit to learn about transportation alternatives like transit, carpooling, and other ways to get to work, school, or around the county. Stop by your local Gwinnett County Public Library branch and learn more during Promising Patrons events from 1:30pm to 3:30pm:

- **Friday, March 25:** Lilburn Branch, located at 4817 Church Street in Lilburn
- **Thursday, March 31:** Norcross Branch, located at 5735 Buford Highway in Norcross





### Plan your dream quinceañera

Come to the Quince Girl EXPO on Sunday, March 20 from noon to 4:00pm at Best Friend Park Gym to get inspired to plan your dream quinceañera. The event is free and will feature demonstrations and exhibitors for décor, bakery, fashion, accessories, makeup, and more.

You'll also enjoy fashion shows sponsored by Miss International Grand Latina and Miss Quince Boutique as well as entertainment by Alma Mexicana Dancers.

Best Friend Park Gym is located at 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross.

### Search for anything, anywhere, anytime!

The Gwinnett County Public Library provides digital resources for the community that extend far beyond printed materials. Whether you're searching for information, entertainment, or assistance and support, the library can help. Access a wide variety of resources, including online materials, career support, education, genealogy services, streaming video, and much more. With a library card and internet access, patrons are not limited by what their local branch has on its shelves. Visit [GwinnettPL.org/Digital-Resources](http://GwinnettPL.org/Digital-Resources) to start your research.



## Special Events and Happenings

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

### Science Odyssey

**Saturday, March 26 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm**

Up and atom! Have an explosion of fun participating in our wacky experiments. Fee: \$10 per child. For ages 9 to 13. [Register here](#). OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

### LAB Fest!

**Saturday, March 26 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**

Free! Time to party at the Lilburn Activity Building. There will be something for all the locals to enjoy: music, bounce house, vendors, cupcake walk, face painting, games, crafts, and more! All ages are welcome. [Learn more](#). Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

### Virtual: Vegetable Gardening

**Thursday, April 14 from noon to 1:00pm**

Free! Fresh vegetables harvested out of your garden are tasty and healthy. Many types of vegetables can be grown in our area, and proper planting and culture will ensure a bountiful harvest. For ages 18 and up. After [registering](#), you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the session.

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