

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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May 2024



Hello!

Can you believe it's already May?

Along with Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day, this month is also nationally recognized for Mental Health Awareness Month, Womens' Health Awareness Month, and ALS Awareness Month.

May is also Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

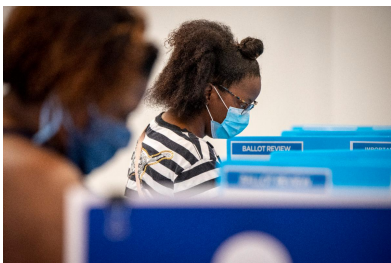
As the grandson of Chinese immigrants who moved to Georgia to help engineer the MARTA railway system, recognizing and honoring the many contributions and accomplishments of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans is an extremely important practice that I take to heart.

In honor of this AAPI month, the County has opened an exhibit that will be open to the public for the entire month of May in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Atrium. Mark your calendars for the AAPI Heritage Night Celebration! More details below.



Advanced voting is under way for the May 21 General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election! Registered voters can vote early until May 17. To check the status of your voter registration and to find your polling location, visit the Secretary of State's [My Voter Page](#). You can find more information in the story below.

What's New in District 2



Vote in advance through May 17

The General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election Day is on **Tuesday, May 21**. Registered voters can vote advance in person every day, including weekends, through May 17 from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the [Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office in Lawrenceville and nine advance voting locations](#) around the county.

To check the status of your voter registration, see a sample ballot, and find your polling location, visit the Secretary of State's [My](#)

[Voter Page](#).

Vota por adelantado hasta el 17 de Mayo

El día de las Elecciones Primarias Generales y Generales No Partidistas es el **Martes 21 de Mayo**. Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en persona todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, hasta el 17 de Mayo de 7:00am a 7:00pm en la [Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett en Lawrenceville y nueve lugares de votación adelantada](#) en todo el condado.

Para verificar el estado de tu inscripción de votante, ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar tu lugar de

Tune in to Conversations with Ku

Check out Conversations with Ku, my monthly podcast, where I dive into County initiatives, Board decisions, upcoming events, and a variety of other topics. You can find the podcast on [GwinnettCounty.com](#) and on your favorite streaming platform.

On the latest episode of Conversations with Ku, listen to Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson's 2024 State of the County address in its entirety for key takeaways and direction for the County's future.

I would love to hear from you or answer questions about District 2 or Gwinnett County Government. Feel free to email me at Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com and your question may be read on the podcast. Also, if there is someone you'd like me to interview, or a topic you'd like me to cover, please let me know.



CONVERSATIONS
WITH KU



Learn about Gwinnett's proposed airport ride

Watch the latest video with Ryan the Transit Guy to learn more about the proposed airport ride to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport! The proposed airport ride in Gwinnett's new Transit Plan would operate up to seven days a week with shuttles coming every hour. In the Atlanta region, more than 10,000 Gwinnett residents travel to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport every day for work or travel.

This service would allow residents in Gwinnett — either those who work at the airport or are traveling for work or leisure — to have a convenient, affordable, and timely connection to the world's busiest airport. Learn more at [GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide](#).

Attend a grant writing workshop in Norcross

Learn how to write your first grant proposal for your nonprofit or small business! A nonprofit organization, DFOWW Incorporated, is hosting a workshop on **Saturday, June 8** from 10:30am to 3:30pm, at the Norcross Cultural Arts and Community Center, 10 College St NW, Norcross.

The cost is \$75 for adults 18 and up, and \$35 for participants 17 and under. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Interested participants are encouraged to [register online](#). Attendees will receive a 30-minute catered lunch. Vegetarian meal options will be available.

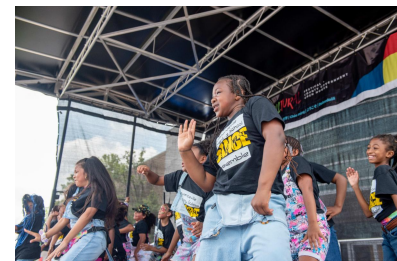
For more information, visit [DFOWW's website](#) or call 678.977.9703.



Happening Around Gwinnett

Multicultural Festival returns May 18

Enjoy a fun-filled day with performances from multiple cultures across the globe, carnival rides, bounce houses, multiple food trucks, and more at the 10th annual Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House! Join us on **Saturday, May 18** from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Gwinnett Place Mall for this family-friendly event. For more information, email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.442.6520.



County honors fallen military, public service heroes during Memorial Day ceremony

Join us to honor Gwinnett's fallen military and public service heroes during the annual Memorial Day ceremony at 1:00pm on **Monday, May 27** at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville.

Georgia Department of Veterans Service Commissioner Patricia Ross, a retired United States Air Force Colonel, will serve as the keynote speaker. Commissioner Ross has led a distinguished career in public service and retired from the United States Air Force after 25 years of service. The

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners will also deliver remarks and Gwinnett Fire Chief Fred Cephas will emcee the ceremony.

The Memorial Day ceremony will also stream live on the County's Facebook page @GwinnettGov and be televised on TV Gwinnett, the County's local government access cable channel. TV Gwinnett programming is also available streaming and on demand at TVGwinnett.com.

The Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial is located on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. For additional information about the memorial, visit GwinnettFallenHeroes.com.

Attend the Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services' Hiring Event

Join us at our upcoming Gwinnett County Firefighter/Paramedic Trainee Hiring Event on **Tuesday, May 28**, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at 3608 Braselton Highway in Dacula.

Participants will have an opportunity to complete an orientation, more detailed application, background check, physical testing, and an oral interview. Please note that sneakers and long pants are required for the physical testing. The process is expected to last two to three hours. We highly recommend submitting an application before attending the event.



To complete an application or to view more details about the positions, visit GwinnettFireJobs.com.



AAPI arts and culture on display at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center

In recognition of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, an exhibit honoring the AAPI community will be open to the public for the entire month of May in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Atrium during regular business hours. This year's exhibit highlights the rich variety of cultures and customs represented by the AAPI community, from popular cuisine and holidays to various religions and languages.

Gwinnett residents are also invited to celebrate AAPI month at the 2024 AAPI Heritage Night Celebration! The event will take place at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium on **Wednesday, May 29** from 6:00pm to 8:30pm, and will include performances, food, and more!

RSVPs are strongly encouraged for seating and food priority. Reserve your spot at GwinnettCounty.com/AAPICelebration.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Free Food Distribution

Tuesday, May 28 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Get free fresh and shelf-stable foods while supplies last! No identification required. This a drive-through, contactless distribution. Best Friend Park, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross.

Coffee with a Cop

Friday, May 31 from 9:00am to 11:00am

Enjoy a cup of coffee with Gwinnett police officers! Come ask questions, share concerns, provide feedback, and get to know the officers who serve your community. No registration required. Beans & Butter Coffeehouse, 851 Oak Road, Lawrenceville.

Upcycled Gardening

Saturday, June 8 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Let your gardening skills bloom! Bring your own decorative pot and plant a pizza garden with herbs and vegetables. Take home the perfect recipe to make the most of your garden as it grows. Take photos and make memories with your loved ones. [Register online](#). Fee per garden pot. Ages 13 and up. \$12.00 fee for non-Gwinnett residents. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross, GA

Celebrate Lilburn Pride

Sunday, June 9 from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Come out to the 4th annual community potluck at Pride in the Park! All ages. No registration required. J.B. Williams Park, 4935 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW, Lilburn, GA 30047

Juneteenth Block Party

Saturday, June 15 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm | Free

Join us for a pre-Juneteenth Summer Block Party! Come out and enjoy music, food, and fun activities for kids. Plus, learn all about the fantastic classes and programs the Lilburn Activity Building has to offer!

[Register online](#). All Ages. Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Rd NW, Lilburn.

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