

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello Silvia,

Happy September!

September is National Suicide Awareness Month. Please remember that you can call, text, or chat 988, 24/7 whenever you're having a mental health crisis or need someone to talk to. This month also marks the start of the fall season, and there are plenty of events, programs and forums to get involved in this month.

There is an opportunity to join the Gwinnett County Stormwater Authority, take part in a disparity study, or to take a stand against domestic violence. By participating in any of these initiatives, your involvement can have a direct impact on the well-being and future of your community!

I want to thank all of the community members, residents, County staff and officials who came out to my State of the District address! I shared updates on District 2 and Countywide projects, including new community services projects, housing initiatives, the upcoming transit referendum, and efforts to enhance innovation and engagement across the County.



Important Reminder

National Voter Registration Day



Gwinnett

Since today is National Voter Registration Day, I want to remind everyone to check their registration status, review sample ballots, and find their polling locations by visiting the [Secretary of State's My Voter Page](#).

One important item on the **November 5 General Election** ballot is the [Transit Referendum](#). On a recent trip, I met many people who weren't aware of it! This referendum lets voters decide whether to fund transit projects through a dedicated Transit Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, known as a Transit SPLOST. If approved by voters, it would implement a one percent sales tax for 30 years to fund up to 75 transit projects in Gwinnett.

To learn more about the proposed projects that would be funded by the Transit SPLOST, visit the [Transit Referendum educational page](#).

Remember, feel free to reach out to me at Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com to schedule a call or virtual meeting if you'd like to chat. I value your feedback on how I've been representing you or if there's anything more I could do.

What's New in District 2

Chairwoman Hendrickson to hold Stand Down event for veterans

Gwinnett County Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson is hosting the second annual Stand Down event to provide resources and services to veterans on **Saturday, October 26 from 10:00am to 12:00pm** at



OneStop Norcross.

Join Chairwoman Hendrickson alongside local, state, and federal partners to express gratitude to all veterans, active service members, and their loved ones. The event will include a special car showcase, plus crucial supplies and services to all veterans and their families — no matter their status — including food, health screenings, haircuts, flu and COVID-19 vaccines, and more. Register by visiting GwinnettCounty.com/VeteransStandDown or calling 770.822.8850.

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.



CONVERSATIONS
WITH KU



In the latest episode, I had a great discussion with our Solicitor General Lisamarie Bristol. We discussed what her office handles and how they serve and educate our community through various programs and events. Be sure to check out my previous episodes where I highlighted helpful information from my State of District 2 town hall and discussed the latest updates in District 2 with my co-host, Hunter Coleman.

If you weren't able to attend my State of District 2 town hall, you can check out this [video](#).

I'd 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.



Gwinnett businesses can apply for Incumbent Worker Training program

The Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board is [seeking applications](#) from Gwinnett County businesses to participate in the Incumbent Worker Training program. The federally funded program is available to businesses with five or more employees operating for at least one year in the seven-county area, including Gwinnett.

The program provides a maximum of \$25,000 per employer and \$7,000 per participant yearly to provide tailored training solutions. Employers are required to contribute 50 percent of the total training costs. Awards will be granted on a competitive basis. [Learn more about the Incumbent Worker Training program](#) and how to apply.

Apply to serve on the Gwinnett County Stormwater Authority

We invite you to get involved in your community! Serve as the District 2 appointee on the Gwinnett County Stormwater Authority.

The Stormwater Authority was established in 2007 by local legislation and consists of seven members who either have scientific training or have demonstrated experience with stormwater issues. Members serve four year terms.



For more information about the authority, please visit the [Gwinnett County website](#). If you're interested, please [submit an application](#) by **Friday, December 6**.

Happening Around Gwinnett



Share your input for the Gwinnett Disparity Study

Gwinnett County Government is seeking your feedback for the County's first disparity study. The County has partnered with Griffin & Strong, P.C., to evaluate potential disparities or barriers in government contracting and purchasing for small and/or underrepresented businesses. Comments from participants will be recorded and potentially used in the study.

The in-person informational meeting takes place on **Wednesday, September 18 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the George Pierce Park Community Room**, located at 55 Buford Highway in Suwanee. Please

[register on Eventbrite](#) before attending.

The virtual informational meeting takes place on **Thursday, September 19 at 2:00pm**. Please [register on Zoom](#) before attending.

Take control of your acting career

Being between acting jobs doesn't have to be discouraging. Join the Gwinnett County Public Library for an online program with Dr. Nsenga Burton and author of *The Always Working Actor*, John Byrne.

In this workshop, you'll learn the secrets of staying motivated, prepared, and positive during the inevitable lulls in paid work. The virtual event takes place on **Thursday, September 19 at noon**. [Register at GwinnettPL.org](#) to reserve your spot.



Support the Dash 4 Domestic Violence Awareness 5K

Lace up your walking shoes and join the Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office in the fight against domestic violence.

The second annual Dash 4 Domestic Violence Awareness 5K takes place on **Saturday, October 5 at 8:00am at Alexander Park**, located at 955 Scenic Highway in Lawrenceville. Registration is \$35.00 per participant.

Participants can support the cause by walking, jogging, running, or sponsoring the event. Proceeds from the 5K will go to three domestic violence organizations that provide essential resources to survivors and education to the public: Mosaic Georgia, Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Ahimsa House.

To register, visit GwinnettCounty.com/Dash4DomesticViolence. For more information, please contact the Solicitor's Office at SolicitorDVA5K@GwinnettCounty.com.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Resale Market

Saturday, September 21 from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Do some fall cleaning and sell your wares or hunt for bargains at this indoor sale. Vendors wanted! Ages 18 and up. [Register online](#). Fee: \$25.00 for Gwinnett residents and \$45.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

Fall Arts and Crafts

Tuesday September 24 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Join us for a fun evening of fall-themed crafts! All materials will be provided. Ages 8-10. [Register online](#). Fee: \$5.00 for Gwinnett residents and \$17.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

Saturday Funtime

Saturday, September 28 from 10:30am to 12:30pm

A win-win for parents and kids! Drop the kids off for games, art, and STEM activities in a safe, encouraging environment while you run errands. Available for September 14 and 28. Ages 5-10. [Register online](#). Fee: \$46.00 for Gwinnett residents and \$66.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. OneStop Centerville, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

Homebuyer Education

Saturday October 5 from 8:30am to 5:00pm | Free

Ready to own your home? Learn about the homebuying process, including preparing your credit, determining an affordable price, paying closing costs and receiving down payment assistance, choosing the right loan, becoming a successful homeowner, and more. Lunch included. Ages 18 and up. [Register online](#). OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

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