

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello Silvia,

Happy October!

October is a great month for fall activities! In this newsletter, you'll find some of the season's best events for the whole family, like the Gwinnett County Block Party, the Hispanic Heritage Festival, and the Fall Glow Festival.

Last week, I hosted a District 2 Town Hall that focused on the upcoming transit referendum on the November 5 General Election ballot.

If you were unable to come to the meeting in person, you can [watch a recap video online](#).

I want to thank Lewis Cooksey, China Thomas, and Natasha Tyler of our Transportation Department for providing more details about the referendum and for answering other transit-related questions.

Also, I want to thank all of the community members, residents, County staff, and officials who attended!

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



Attend the "What's on Your Ballot?" workshop

Join us for a ballot walkthrough ahead of the upcoming Presidential Election. Whether you're a new or seasoned voter, you'll learn about what will be on your election ballot and get hands-on experience with a voting machine with guidance from the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Outreach team.

The workshop takes place on **Wednesday, October 16 at 5:30pm at the Gwinnett Public Library Lilburn Branch**, located at 4817 Church Street in Lilburn. You can register for the event on the [Gwinnett County Public](#)

[Library website](#).

The event is presented in partnership with Poder Latinx, Galeo, Vote Riders, The Georgia Muslim Voter Project, and the Georgia Youth Justice Coalition.

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.

In the latest episode, I had a great discussion about the upcoming transit referendum on the November ballot with Gwinnett County Transportation Director Lewis Cooksey, Capital Transit Director China Thomas, and Deputy Director Natasha Tyler. Be sure to check out my previous episode where I

discussed the latest updates in District 2 with my co-host, Hunter Coleman.

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.



CONVERSATIONS WITH KU



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.

Apply to serve on a Gwinnett County board

Looking for a way to get more involved in your community? Serve as the District 2 appointee on the Gwinnett County Stormwater Authority or the Gwinnett County Human Services Advisory Board.

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.



The Gwinnett County Human Services Advisory Board was established in 2023 by County Resolution to ensure increased coordination and collaboration among participating entities in the County-wide human services ecosystem. The board is composed of 21 members, who are either Gwinnett County residents or work in a human services field in Gwinnett County, and the Community Services Department Director. Members serve two year terms.

For more information about Gwinnett County boards, authorities, and committees, please visit the [Gwinnett County website](https://GwinnettCounty.com). If you're interested, please [submit an application](#) by **Friday, December 6.**

Happening Around Gwinnett



Advanced voting for the General Election is underway

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. Registered voters can vote in advance every day, including weekends, from now until November 1, between 7:00am and 7:00pm, at various [advance voting locations across the county](#).

If you prefer to vote by mail, you can request an absentee ballot until Friday, October 25. Complete the absentee ballot application online or call the Voter Registrations and Elections Office at 678.226.7210 for assistance. For more information, visit the [county's website](#).

To check your voter registration status, view a sample ballot, or find your polling location, visit the [Secretary of State's My Voter Page](#).

La votación adelantada para las elecciones generales está en marcha

El Día de las Elecciones es el Martes 5 de Noviembre. Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, desde ahora hasta el 1 de Noviembre, desde las 7:00am hasta las 7:00pm, en [varios lugares de votación adelantada en todo el condado](#)

Si prefieres votar por correo, puedes solicitar una boleta de voto en ausente hasta el Viernes 25 de Octubre. Completa la solicitud de boleta de voto ausente en línea o llama a la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones al 678.226.7210 para obtener asistencia. Para más información, visita el [sitio web del condado](#). Para verificar el estado de tu inscripción electoral, ver una boleta de muestra o encontrar tu lugar de votación, visita la [Página del Votante del Secretario de Estado](#)

Join us at the Gwinnett County Block Party

Join us in celebrating the future of Gwinnett on **Saturday, October 19 at Alexander Park in Lawrenceville!** Attend the event to learn how Gwinnett Planning and Development is working to create a more livable community.

From 11:00am to 3:00pm, attendees can explore long-range and current planning booths, show off their art skills with a placemaking project, learn more about County services, enjoy food, fall-themed kids' activities, and so much more.

This free event is all about bringing residents, businesses, and community leaders together to build a stronger sense of community. It's a great opportunity for families to get involved in local planning initiatives while having fun with neighbors. [Register today](#) and bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a day of fun, discovery, and community spirit!

For more information, email Hope.Pollard@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.518.6231.



Gwinnett to hold Third Annual National Adoption Day Celebration

Come celebrate the children, teens, and adults in Gwinnett who have found their forever families at the third annual National Adoption Day Celebration on **Friday, November 15!**

Clerk of Superior Court Tiana P. Garner will host the event from **10:00am to 12:00pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center auditorium in Lawrenceville.** Families and County officials will share touching stories of love, hope, and new beginnings while raising awareness about adoption.

Each year, the Court processes an average of 150 new adoption filings. Last year, six adoption cases were finalized on National Adoption Day. Space is limited and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. [Preregister](#) now to secure your spot.

Make an impact in your community

Share your voice with us! Residents are invited to join the discussion about short-term rentals in a public forum **on Thursday, November 7 in Conference Room 106 at One Justice Square.** From 7:00pm to 8:30pm, residents can share their feedback on draft policy recommendations to help shape our community's future. For questions, email STRTF@GwinnettCounty.com. One Justice Square is located at 446 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.



Special Events and Happenings

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

Hispanic Heritage Festival

Saturday, October 19 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm | Free

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of food, crafts, kids' activities, and live music. All Ages. [Register online.](#) Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Rd NW, Lilburn.

Fall Glow Festival

Saturday, October 26 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Dress up in your favorite costume and bring a bag for a fun night of trunk-or-treating, hayrides, and fun glow games! Parents/guardians must accompany children, but can join for free. All Ages. [Register online.](#) The fee for Gwinnett residents is \$5.00. Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross.

Fall Family Garden Festival

Saturday, October 26 from 10:00am to 1:00pm | Free

Discover how Gwinnett County grows fresh food for the community while enjoying the fun fall festivities with Harvest Gwinnett! All Ages. [Register online.](#) Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

Gingerbread House Party

Wednesday, November 13 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Get ready to decorate! Bring on the gumdrops and peppermints as you create a gingerbread house to take home or to drop off for the Gingerbread House Contest at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse. Light refreshments and all materials provided. Ages 2 to 4. [Register online](#). The fee for Gwinnett residents is \$12.00 and the fee for non-Gwinnett residents is \$15.00. Mountain Park Activity Building, 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain.

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