

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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November 2024



Hello Silvia,

Happy November!

This month brought us Election Day, Veterans Day, and Native American Heritage Month. Plus, we still have the start of holidays to look forward to in November.

I'm proud to state that I received my ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy Certification in Leadership Development at an October Board of Commissioners Meeting. Lifelong Learning Academy classes are instructed by faculty from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia.

I also earned an additional 60 hours of educational credit toward certification in several of the other seven specialty track disciplines.

I'm very grateful to ACCG Director of Leadership Development Jeff Christie for his encouragement and kind words at the meeting!

I'm looking forward to taking the lessons that I've learned in my classes and applying them to my role as County Commissioner.



What's New in District 2

Help shape the future of the Park Place district

Share your vision for a thriving Park Place district! Join us on **Monday, November 18** for the Visioning Workshop at the **Mountain Park Activity Building from 6:00pm to 7:30pm** to learn about the Park Place Master Plan project recommendations and share your ideas on how the community could improve.

For more information, visit GwinnettCounty.com/ParkPlacePlan.



Free flu & COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Centerville Library Branch

Get ready for the winter months by getting a free COVID-19 or flu vaccine on **Tuesday, November 19** from **noon to 4:00pm** at the **Centerville Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library**, located at 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville. While vaccines are free by showing an ID card and insurance card, there is a limited supply of free vaccines available for children under 19 with no insurance.

Tri Care, Oscar, Kaiser, and Ambetter PLUS insurances are NOT accepted. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult to receive any vaccines. You can register for the event on the [Gwinnett County Public Library website](https://GwinnettCountyPublicLibrary.com).

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](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com) and on your favorite streaming platform.

In the latest episode, I spoke with Elections Supervisor Zach Manifold about statewide updates that occurred before the November 5 General Election. Be sure to check out my previous episode, in which 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.



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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, the Gwinnett County Human Services Advisory Board, or the Family and Children Services Board.

The Stormwater Authority 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 ensures coordination and collaboration among participating entities in the Countywide 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.

The Family and Children Services Board protects the well-being of this state's children while preserving family integrity. The board consists of seven members, with members serving five-year terms.

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

Happening Around Gwinnett

Gwinnett honors Native American Heritage Month

In recognition of 2024 Native American Heritage Month, an exhibit honoring Indigenous communities will be open to the public throughout November in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Atrium.

Each year, Americans observe Native American Heritage Month by celebrating Native American history, cultures, and contributions to society. The Native American Heritage Month exhibit is open during regular business hours and located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.



Share your input for the Gwinnett Disparity Study

Gwinnett County Government is seeking your feedback as we embark on the County's first disparity study. In partnership with Griffin & Strong P.C., the study will evaluate potential disparities or barriers in government contracting and purchasing for small and/or underrepresented businesses.

Attend the upcoming virtual informational meeting to learn about the study and how to participate. Then, we encourage you to share your experiences, feedback, and ideas as part of the public hearing

immediately following the information session.

Join us for the virtual meeting:

- [Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00pm](#)

Advanced registration is encouraged but not required. The meeting will be recorded for analysis and posted on the study's website. For more information, email GwinnettCountyStudy@GSPCLaw.com or visit [GwinnettCountyDisparityStudy.com](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/disparity-study).

Practice food safety this holiday season

Whether you're cooking festive feasts indoors or grilling outdoors, it's essential to keep food safety in mind to avoid food poisoning and

foodborne illnesses. Follow these tips to ensure your gatherings are memorable for all the right reasons:

- Don't buy cans with dents, bulges, or rust.
- Set refrigeration between 35°F and 40°F; freezers should be at or below 0°F.
- Don't roast meat or poultry at temperatures below 325°F. Cooking foods at low temperatures for long periods of time may encourage bacterial growth.



For more information on how to avoid foodborne illnesses visit GwinnettSafety411.com.

To learn more and to sign up for fire education programs, trainings, and more, visit GwinnettFireEducation.com.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Paint Party

Monday, November 18 from 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Bring family, friends or come alone and join in an unforgettable experience! This fun, energetic and yet highly-skilled art instruction will leave you feeling like a pro after you're done with your masterpiece. Bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages or have one on us! All supplies provided. Ages 12 and up. [Register online](#). The fee for Gwinnett residents is \$15 and the fee for non-Gwinnett residents is \$30. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

Toastmasters of Centerville

Thursday, November 21 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Build a better you! Maximize your potential by practicing speaking, improving your communication, developing your leadership skills, building your self-confidence and self-awareness, and more. Ages 18 and up. [Register online](#). Free for first-time visitors, while membership fees apply for members. OneStop Centerville, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

Fall Arts and Crafts

Friday, November 22 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Do you enjoy making crafts? Come down and make some fall crafts with us! All the materials will be provided to create your crafts. Ages 8 to 10. [Register online](#). The fee for Gwinnett residents is \$5 and the fee for non-Gwinnett residents is \$17. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

Ornament Cross-Stitch & Sip

Wednesday, December 11 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Make your own holiday ornament in this introductory cross-stitching class with materials and light refreshments provided. Ages 50 and up. [Register online](#). The fee for Gwinnett residents is \$5 and the fee for non-Gwinnett residents is \$7. OneStop Centerville, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

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