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in District 3 with Commissioner Watkins

**June 2024** 



#### Greetings!

Summer has arrived! I want to thank everyone who joined us as we honored our fallen heroes at our Memorial Day ceremony. It was another solemn day as we remembered all those who made the ultimate sacrifice and inducted World War II solider E Daniel Hinton Moore and Georgia State Trooper Jimmy Cenescar into the Fallen Heroes Memorial. We owe all our military and public service officers our gratitude for their sacrifices. If you missed the ceremony, you can watch it online.

Keep reading to find out more exciting events happening around Gwinnett and District 3.

#### **Happening Around Gwinnett**



### Gwinnett Commissioners approve transit referendum

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners took a significant step toward improving mobility for residents. The board approved a transit referendum to be placed on the November 5 General Election ballot. If approved by voters, the transit referendum would impose a one percent sales tax for 30 years to fund up to 75 transit projects in Gwinnett.

A Transit SPLOST aims to distribute financial responsibility more equitably among all residents, businesses, and visitors, alleviating the burden on Gwinnett's property owners. Currently, Gwinnett's transit system is funded by property owners through the County general fund, the federal government, discretionary grants, and Ride Gwinnett fares.

The transit plan includes an airport ride to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, enhanced and expanded county coverage by local bus, additional transit transfer facilities, and the expansion of microtransit providing 100 percent countywide coverage. The new transit referendum does not include heavy rail or MARTA.

The dedicated Transit SPLOST would be paid by all consumers who purchase goods in Gwinnett County. To learn more, visit <a href="mailto:GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide">GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide</a>.

#### Board approves non-discrimination ordinance

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners passed a non-discrimination ordinance, which provides protection to members of the LGBTQ community and other groups in the county.

The non-discrimination ordinance establishes a process for review of discrimination complaints against businesses operating in unincorporated Gwinnett and owners, managers, and employees. The ordinance intends to address discriminatory acts that are not addressed or preempted by state or federal law.





# Advance voting for General Primary Runoff Election begins June 8

Registered voters may vote advance in-person every day, including one weekend. **Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9** <u>four locations</u> will be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm. And **Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 14** <u>10 locations</u> will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

Find an <u>advance voting location</u> near you, and check <u>wait times</u> before heading to an advance voting location. If you did not vote in the May 21 primary election, you may still vote in this runoff election if you

are registered. Learn more about the runoff on GwinnettCounty.com.

## La votación adelantada para el Desempate de las Elecciones Primarias Generales comienza el 8 de Junio

La votación adelantada para el Desempate de las Elecciones Primarias Generales y Generales No Partidistas comienza el Sábado 8 de Junio y se extiende hasta el Viernes 14 de Junio.

Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en persona todos los días, incluido un fin de semana. El Sábado 8 y Domingo 9 de Junio, <u>cuatro ubicaciones</u> estarán abiertas de 9:00am a 5:00pm. Y del Lunes 10 de Junio al Viernes 14 de Junio, 10 ubicaciones estarán abiertas de 7:00am a 7:00pm.

Encuentra <u>un lugar de votación adelantada</u> cerca de ti y verifica los<u>tiempos de espera</u> antes de dirigirse a un lugar de votación adelantada. Si no votó en las Elecciones Primarias del 21 de Mayo, aún puede votar en este desempate si está inscrito. Para más información sobre la segunda vuelta en GwinnettCounty.com.



#### Celebrate Pride in the Park on June 29

Join us as we celebrate Pride in the Park on Saturday, June 29 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at Bethesda Park in Lawrenceville. Bring the entire family for food, music, a wellness walk with a twist, recognizing trailblazers in the LGBTQ+ community. Residents can also join View Point Health, Live Healthy Gwinnett, and other vendors for onsite health screenings and wellness resources.

#### What's New in District 3



#### Gran a summer meal on-the-go

Gwinnett's Summer Meals program is back, providing free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger, as well as adults 19 and older with physical or mental disabilities. Nutritious meals are available now through Friday, August 2 and can be picked upMonday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm, including County holidays, while supplies last.

For a complete list of meal locations, bus routes, and more, visit <a href="GwinnettSummerMeals.com">GwinnettSummerMeals.com</a>. If you're interested in volunteering for the Summer Meals program, visit

VolunteerGwinnett.net.

#### Recycle your glass in District 3

Gwinnett County offers 13 glass recycling locations to provide residents with the opportunity to drop off glass for safe and sustainable recycling. Residents can bring clean, empty glass containers to any of the locations throughout the County, including District 3 locations of Lenora Park in Snellville, Harbins Park (baseball entrance) in Dacula, and Rabbit Hill Park (football entrance) in Dacula. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:GwinnettCounty.com/GlassRecycling">GwinnettCounty.com/GlassRecycling</a>.





#### **Awareness Program**

In memory of the late Scott Riner, a beloved Gwinnett County Corrections Officer who lost his life in the line of duty, Gwinnett Corrections will implement the Scott Riner's Prison Awareness Program, an initiative that allows teens to witness life in prison firsthand. **The program will be held monthly**, with future program dates to be determined. Learn more by visiting

GwinnettCounty.com/PrisonAwarenessProgram.

#### **Special Events and Happenings**

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

#### Dinner and a Swim

#### Friday, June 7 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Grab a slice of pizza and get dunked by our big bucket or ease around the lazy river. Open to all ages. Resident Fee: \$8. Non-resident Fee: \$24. Register here. Rhodes Jordan Park Pool, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

#### Kickin' It with Dad

#### Saturday, June 15 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Kick it and celebrate Father's Day during a sneaker ball. Dress code is semi-formal attire with your favorite kicks! Fathers, uncles, grands, and all family members are welcome. Event features a DJ, door prizes, refreshments, and more! Open to all ages. Resident Fee: \$26. Non-resident Fee: \$46. Register here. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

#### **Hike and Create**

#### Saturday, June 29 from 10:00am to noon

Free! Come take a hike and gather nature materials such as rocks, leaves, flowers, pinecones, feathers, and more to create your own piece of art. All craft materials will be provided. Open to all ages. Register here. Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Old Auburn Avenue, Dacula.

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