

# NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with  
Commissioner Watkins

October 2024



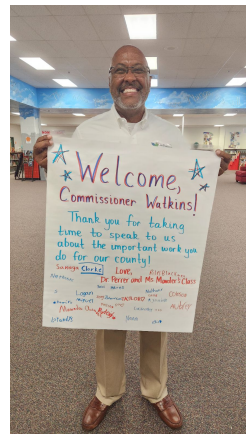
Hello Silvia,

Happy October! Fall is in the air and the leaves are starting to change colors.

I want to thank everyone who came to my Town Halls in September. We had a great conversation in early September about mental health and available resources that Gwinnett is proud to offer. I also enjoyed engaging with residents during two State of the District Town Halls later in the month.

I also had the honor of addressing the remarkable third-grade students at Cooper Elementary School in Loganville about local governance (*photos below*). I enjoyed this experience and appreciated their attentiveness and eagerness to learn.

Keep reading below for some more exciting news and events around Gwinnett.



## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Celebrate Hispanic Latino Heritage Month

In recognition of 2024 Hispanic Latino Heritage Month, an exhibit honoring the Hispanic and Latino community will be open to the public from September 15 to October 15 in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Atrium in Lawrenceville. Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the traditions and contributions of residents whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

Residents are invited to Fiesta on the Plaza, a festive celebration on **Tuesday, October 15 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the**

**Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Plaza** in Lawrenceville. The event will include a live mariachi band, delicious eats from local food trucks, and activities for all ages. Those interested in attending the event are [encouraged to RSVP](#).

### Explore Gwinnett's Transit Plan

Want to learn about Gwinnett's Transit Plan and transit

referendum? Residents can explore our educational hub that features a bilingual series, proposed transit destinations, frequently asked questions about the plan, and a list of proposed transit projects. The educational hub also provides information about the transit referendum, including the question that will appear on the November 5 General Election ballot. To learn more about the plan, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide](http://GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide).



### Explora el Plan de Transporte Público de Gwinnett

¿Quieres aprender sobre el Plan de Transporte Público de Gwinnett y el referendo de tránsito? Los residentes pueden explorar nuestro sitio web educativo que presenta una serie de videos bilingües, destinos propuestos para transporte público, preguntas frecuentes sobre el plan y una lista de proyectos de transporte público propuestos. El sitio web educativo también brinda información sobre el referéndum de tránsito, incluyendo la pregunta que aparecerá en la boleta de las Elecciones Generales del 5 de Noviembre. Para más información sobre el plan, visita [GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide](http://GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide).



### Vote early for the November 5 General Election

Voters are not limited to Election Day to cast their ballot for the November 5 General Election. Registered voters may vote advance in-person any day, including weekends, from October 15 through November 1, 7:00am to 7:00pm, at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office in Lawrenceville and 12 other advance voting locations around the county. To find an advance voting location near you, visit [GwinnettElections.com](http://GwinnettElections.com).

Visit [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](http://MVP.SOS.GA.gov) to check your registration status, download a registration application, view sample ballots, and

locate your polling place.

### Vota por adelantado para las Elecciones Generales del 5 de Noviembre

Los votantes no tienen que limitarse al Día de las Elecciones para emitir su voto para las Elecciones Generales del 5 de Noviembre. Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en persona todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, desde el 15 de Octubre hasta el 1 de Noviembre, de 7:00am a 7:00pm en la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett en Lawrenceville y en otros 12 lugares de votación adelantada en todo el condado. Para encontrar un lugar de votación adelantada cerca de ti, visita [GwinnettElections.com](http://GwinnettElections.com).

Visita [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](http://MVP.SOS.GA.gov) para verificar el estado de su inscripción electoral, descargar una solicitud de inscripción, ver boletas de muestra y localizar su lugar de votación.

### Adopt a stream in Gwinnett

In partnership with Gwinnett Water Resources, residents are invited to the Adopt-a-Stream program to help protect and preserve our local watersheds. Georgia Adopt-a-Stream empowers residents to collect baseline water quality data, allowing them to monitor the conditions of our local streams and increase awareness of pollution and water quality issues. Sadly, many streams in Gwinnett currently fall short of established state water quality standards.



As part of the water quality program, residents will serve as official keepers of a portion of a creek or stream by periodically monitoring its condition with supplies, training, and certifications in chemical, bacterial, and macroinvertebrate testing provided by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and Gwinnett Water Resources. Join us on **Tuesday, October 8 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at Tribble Mill Park** in Lawrenceville for the [Bacterial Workshop](#) and on **Thursday, November 7 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Jones Bridge Park** in Peachtree Corners for the [Chemical Workshop](#). Attendees can test for the Georgia Adopt-a-Stream certification. To learn more, call 770.822.5187, email [GwinnettCB@GwinnettCB.org](mailto:GwinnettCB@GwinnettCB.org), or visit [GwinnettCB.org](http://GwinnettCB.org).

## What's New in District 3

### Receive aid through Gwinnett Veteran and Family Services

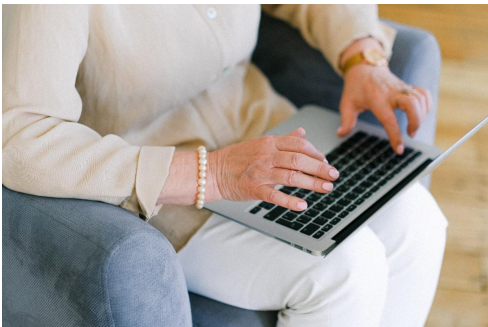
Are you a veteran or family of a veteran seeking assistance? Meet with a Veteran and Family Services navigator to help you complete Veterans Administration forms, file Veterans Administration benefits and claims, and connect you to valuable resources in Gwinnett and across the region. To learn more, visit [GwinnettOneStop.com](http://GwinnettOneStop.com).



### Volunteer for Great Days of Service

Volunteers across Gwinnett will roll up their sleeves for the annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service volunteer weekend from **October 18 through October 20**. This initiative brings together thousands of individuals, corporations, schools, civic organizations, and communities to lend a hand with critical needs around the county.

With various projects for all ages and abilities, volunteer opportunities are available for individual and group signups. To register email [VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com) or visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net) to help make a difference.



### Property Tax bills due on October 15

The 2024 Gwinnett County property tax bills, mailed in August, are **due on October 15**. If you have an escrow account, your property tax information is made available to your mortgage company. **It is your responsibility to ensure taxes are paid**

For more information or to pay online, visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Pay](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Pay).

## Special Events and Happenings

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](http://GwinnettCountyEvents.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

### Murder Mystery Dinner

**Saturday, October 12 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm**

Test your sleuthing skills while feasting on a fantastic dinner in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Live entertainment, catered dinner, and one drink ticket included. Drinks also available for purchase. Open to ages 21 and up. Resident fee: \$51. Non-resident fee: \$71. [Register here](#). Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

### Cosplay Fun Run

**Saturday, October 26 from 9:00am to noon**

Dress up in your favorite costume and participate in a family one-mile fun run. Open to all ages. Resident fee: \$10. Non-resident fee: \$20. [Register here](#). Rhodes Jordan Park, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

### Sips and Spirits

**Saturday, October 26 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm**

Join us in two different locations across Gwinnett to learn about life in the 1800s. There will be historical displays, adult beverages, light refreshments, music, dancing, and games. Open to ages 21 and up. Resident fee: \$26. Non-resident fee: \$39. [Register here](#). Lawrenceville Female Seminary Outdoor Program Area, 455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville; Isaac Adair House, 15 South Clayton Street, Lawrenceville.

## County News

### Visit our website and social media for latest news

To stay up-to-date on the County government, visit our website, [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X \(Formerly Twitter\)](#), and [Instagram @GwinnettGov](#).

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