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Greetings!

Happy June! I hope you're enjoying the warmer weather with your family, whether it's biking, hiking, skating, or playing at one of our many beautiful parks and trails. Last week, my fellow commissioners and I broke ground on the County's 53rd park! You can find more details about it below.

Also, don't forget to cast your vote for the General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election Runoff on **June 18!** Remember, even if you did not vote in the May 21 primary election, you may still vote in this runoff election if you are registered.

Lastly, Gwinnett Police is hosting their Operation Children Thrive back-to-school supply drive from **June 10 to June 28**. This year, they especially need backpacks, but they will gladly take other school supply donations, too. You can find the full list of items and where you can drop donations off further down in the newsletter.

Happening Around Gwinnett



Gwinnett Commissioners approve transit referendum

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners 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 GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide.

Commissioners break ground at Gwinnett's newest park

County officials broke ground on Thursday to make room for the new Discovery Park, the 53rd addition to Gwinnett Parks and Recreation's system. Located at the intersection of Old Norcross and Lawrenceville-Suwanee roads, this future park will offer accessibility and recreational features.

Park-goers can look forward to amenities such as a lighted multiuse trail, ball fields, an interactive fountain, and an inclusive playground for children of all ages and abilities. The \$28 million project is funded by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, known as SPLOST. Discovery Park is set to open to the public in 2026.



Get free plumbing services through the Water Resources Assistance Program

Receive assistance with leaks, septic system repairs, and other plumbing issues through the Water Resources Assistance Program, or WRAP. The program is a partnership between Gwinnett Water Resources and local organizations.

WRAP provides eligible homeowners with plumbing services, septic system repair, and water-saving fixtures at no cost. In order to qualify, applicants must live in Gwinnett County, own

and live in the home where the work will occur, and earn an annual household income that is 60% of the Area Median Income or less. To apply for WRAP and to learn more, visit GwinnettCounty.com/WRAP.

What's New in District 4

Vote in the General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election Runoff on June 18

The General Primary and Nonpartisan General Runoff Election Day is on **Tuesday, June 18**.

If you did not vote in the May 21 primary election, you may still vote in this runoff election if you are registered. Voters who voted by mail must return their completed absentee by mail ballot by **Tuesday, June 18 at 7:00pm**. To check the status of your voter registration, see a sample ballot, and find your polling location, visit the [Secretary of State's My Voter Page](#).



Vota en el Desempate de las Elecciones Primarias Generales y Generales No Partidistas el 18 de Junio

El Día de las Elecciones Desempate de las Elecciones Primarias Generales y Generales No Partidistas es el **Martes 18 de Junio**.

Si no votó en las elecciones primarias del 21 de Mayo, aún puede votar en este desempate si está inscrito. Los votantes que votaron por correo deben devolver su boleta de voto ausente por correo completa hasta el **Martes 18 de Junio a las 7:00pm**. Para verificar el estado de tu inscripción de votante, ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar tu lugar de votación, visita [Mi página de votante de la Secretaría de Estado](#).



Gwinnett Police asking for donations for annual back-to-school supply drive

The Gwinnett Police Department is collecting school supplies for students during the Operation Children Thrive back-to-school supply drive from **June 10 to June 28**. You can help our officers ensure that all students have the supplies they need to succeed in the upcoming 2024 – 2025 school year.

This year, there's a significant need for backpacks. Other items needed include colored pencils and markers, safety scissors,

tissue paper [and more](#).

District 4 residents can drop off supplies at the North Precinct at **2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard in Buford**. Residents can also drop items off at Police Headquarters or [any of the six Gwinnett Police precincts around the county](#).

Apply for Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy

The County is accepting applications for the next Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy. This 12-week program gives engaged residents, students, and business owners a behind-the-scenes look at how Gwinnett County Government provides services to

one million residents.

Applicants must be 18 years or older, be a resident or business owner in Gwinnett, or attend a Gwinnett college or university. Interested candidates must meet the [full list of requirements](#) to participate. [Apply online](#) to join. Applications must be received no later than **Monday, July 15** to be considered.

Contact Community Outreach at Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com for more information.



Special Events and Happenings

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

Kids Night: Bring on the Summer!

Friday, June 21 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Let your kids have a blast making friends, playing games, creating crafts, and so much more! A light dinner will be served. [Register online](#). Ages 7-12. \$12.00 for Gwinnett residents and \$19.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. George Pierce Park, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee.

Littlest Learners | Free!

Wednesday, June 26 from 9:30am to 10:15am

Did you know that learning begins at birth? Explore alongside baby as they have fun and learn important development skills. [Register online](#). Ages 1 year and 6 months and under. Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Dr, Buford.

Patriotic Bingo

Friday, July 5 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Have a fun time playing bingo and winning prizes! [Register online](#). Ages 50 and up. \$5 for Gwinnett residents and \$10 for non-Gwinnett residents. OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

Tie-Dye Extravaganza

Saturday, July 13 from 10:00am to noon

Color your world with a DIY tie-dye creation plus DJ, bounce house, games, and cool cravings. Bring your own cotton item to dye. [Register online](#). All Ages Fee: \$4.00 for Gwinnett residents and \$24.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. George Pierce Park, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee.



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