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Greetings!

Hope your October includes some fall fun with the family, and maybe some great pumpkin recipes too!

I'm happy to share that my fall has been solidified as a season for service. In honor of National 4-H week, [I made some remarks about my time as a 4-H member in my youth in a video.](#)

This year's 4-H theme is "Beyond Ready", and I am proud to recognize the incredible contributions 4-H has made in empowering youth, fostering community engagement, and shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

My own 4-H experiences have shaped me into the business owner and active community leader I am today.

Earlier this month, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged National 4-H week with a proclamation. I want to send a huge shoutout to UGA Extension Gwinnett for their incredible work with our youth, and their contributions to our community.

To learn more about how to get involved in 4-H, visit GwinnettExtension.com.



A key focus of mine is staying connected with residents.

Over the last few months, I've hosted several pop-up community meetings to be sure voters are informed on the upcoming transit referendum. It's been great meeting many of you and discussing the proposed tax, as well as answering your questions.

If you are interested in learning more about the transit referendum, send us an email for a list of several times and locations at Matthew.Holtkamp@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.7004.

Happening Around Gwinnett

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





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](#)

Save the date for America Recycles Day

Join Gwinnett Solid Waste Management and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful on **Saturday, November 2** for the annual America Recycles Day event at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. From 9:00am to noon, residents will drop off hard-to-recycle items, such as electronics, clothing and sneakers, latex and oil-based paints, and tires.

Volunteers are needed to direct traffic, unload vehicles, break down cardboard, and more. This opportunity is perfect for families and volunteer groups of up to 20 and for ages 14 and older. Sign up today at [VolunteerGwinnett.net](#).



What's New in District 4



Get assistance through OneStop 4 Help

If you are facing challenges related to hunger, health, housing, or other issues, assistance is available. Contact OneStop 4 Help and reach our community navigators, who are ready to help you. To speak to a community navigator, call 770.822.8850 or fill out a request form at [GwinnettOneStop.com](#).

OneStop 4 Help centers are located throughout the county for your convenience. [OneStop Buford](#) is located at 2755 Sawnee Avenue in

Buford, houses organizations such as Buford Health Center, Dental Care, WIC, and Viewpoint Health.

Drop off your unused prescriptions during National Drug Take Back

Safely dispose of old and unused prescription medications during the National Drug Take Back Initiative, hosted by the Gwinnett County Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. This initiative aims to prevent drug abuse and overdose in our community.

On **Saturday, October 26**, from **10:00am to 2:00pm**, you can drop off prescription items at Police Headquarters and all police precincts, including the District 4 precinct at **2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard, Buford**.



Accepted items include tablets, capsules, and patches. Please note that liquids, syringes, and sharp objects will not be accepted. No questions will be asked about your medical history or medication possession. For more information, call 678.442.6520 or email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com.



Apply to be a poll official

Get involved in the electoral process and give back to your community! The Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office is seeking citizens of all backgrounds, especially bilingual Spanish speakers, to become poll officials for upcoming elections. It's a great opportunity to see how elections work, gain valuable work experience, and earn up to \$440 per election. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply at GwinnettCountyJobs.com.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Game On!

Friday, October 18 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Don't be bored, get your board game on! Bring your friends or make new ones while enjoying friendly competition with your favorite board games. Ages 14 and up. [Register online](#). The fee is \$2.00 for Gwinnett residents and \$4.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue in Buford.

Tiny Trailblazers: Pumpkin Palooza

Tuesday, October 22 from 10:30am to 11:30am

Join us for a delightful morning learning about pumpkins and how they grow! Enjoy a harvest-themed craft and snack. Trailblazers must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Ages 2-5. [Register online](#). The fee is \$6.00 for Gwinnett residents and \$8.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. Bogan Park Community Recreation Center, 2723 N Bogan Rd NE, Buford.

Full STEAM Ahead

Thursday, November 7 from 11:00am to 11:45am | Free

Immerse yourself in all things STEAM! Explore activities and science experiments for young learners. Ages 1 year and 6 months to 5. [Register online](#). Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Dr, Buford.

Kids Night: Cool Escape

Friday, November 8 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Hey parents! Treat yourself to a night off while your kiddos enjoy a fun-filled evening of games, crafts, and new friends. Ages 7-12. [Register online](#). The fee is \$12.00 for Gwinnett residents and \$24.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue in Buford.



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