

Community Outreach NEWS

September/October 2021

Greetings!

Gwinnett Community Outreach promotes strategic communications and outreach with diverse constituencies and coordinates cultural events and programs to encourage and empower residents to be more informed and involved with Gwinnett County Government. Community Outreach News is one way we are able to stay vibrantly connected with our diverse community.

October 15 marked the end of Hispanic Latino Heritage Month. Over the past month we have celebrated the vibrancy and diversity our Hispanic and Latino communities bring to Gwinnett including a [cultural display](#) at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center and the [Heritage Night Celebration](#), which took place Tuesday, October 5 in the GJAC Atrium.

There are lots of events and activities continuing through the fall, so read on to learn more.

Engagement Opportunities



Get vaccinated and earn \$100 at Vaccines Aren't Scary event

Gwinnett County is offering **\$100 Visa gift cards** to people ages 12 and up who receive a COVID-19 vaccine at its vaccine incentive event this weekend. The Vaccines Aren't Scary event in partnership with the Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments will take place **Friday, October 22** and **Saturday, October 23** at the vaccine site inside the former Sears at Gwinnett Place Mall.

Gift cards will be offered from 9:00am to 5:00pm each day during the two-day event. The site will offer Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Participants should make an appointment at GCGA.us/VaccineIncentive to secure their slot during the event and guarantee their gift card. Please make an appointment by 9:00am on Thursday for the Friday date and by 9:00am Friday for the Saturday date.

So far, more than 53 percent of Gwinnett residents have been fully vaccinated, but in recent months, demand for vaccines has slowed.

The County is using federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to pay for the vaccine incentive gift cards. Guests are asked to bring their insurance card and identification, if applicable. People without insurance or ID will *not* be turned away. Regardless of insurance status, the vaccine is offered at no cost.

The vaccination site is located at 2100 Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth.

Give your feedback on the future of Gwinnett Place Mall

Gwinnett County purchased the Gwinnett Place Mall site to lead the redevelopment process and transform it into a unique regional destination. The County's vision for the property is one of equitable redevelopment, which ensures that the future of Gwinnett Place Mall will be one where all residents share in its growth and feel welcome and included.



Residents are invited to **share their feedback** on the future of the mall site. Visit ReclaimGwinnettPlaceMall.com to learn about the project, see the latest updates, and share your vision for Gwinnett Place Mall.

You can also **host your own meeting!** The County invites you to bring together a small group of friends and members of your community organization or neighborhood association to take part in in-person or virtual discussions on the future of Gwinnett Place Mall. Visit the [Host Your Own Meeting](#) webpage to access the Meetings-in-a-Box toolkit for everything you need to host your own in-depth discussion.



Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center now accepting applications

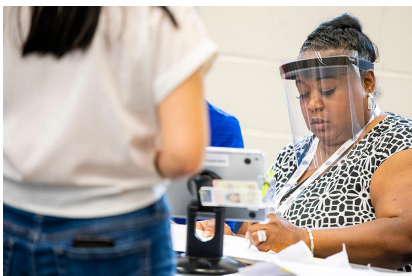
If you're a new business owner in financial need or one who needs a jumpstart, the Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center wants to lend a helping hand. The center is now accepting applications for membership from budding business owners.

Sponsored by the Board of Commissioners, the center is an incubator to help the county's small businesses with coworking and office space, classes, workshops, business coaching, and networking connections. The center will also offer tailored support services to local non-member entrepreneurs. Georgia Gwinnett College will help manage the facility.

There are two membership levels, and under the center's Opportunity Program, business owners who meet certain financial criteria are eligible for a 50 percent discount on dues. Those interested are asked to carefully review the member handbook, tour the facility, and attend an informational webinar about the center before applying. Learn more and apply at GwinnettEntrepreneurCenter.com.

Gwinnett Great Days of Service: October 22 – 24

For the past 21 years, Gwinnett Great Days of Service has mobilized thousands of individuals, corporations, churches, schools, civic organizations, and government entities in meaningful volunteer service to address some of the county's most critical needs. Created by the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services – a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the health and human service needs of everyone in Gwinnett County, Great Days of Service is a cooperative and community-focused initiative. In light of the fact that so many local families have been hard-hit by COVID-19 – leaving them struggling to meet basic needs, the Coalition is mobilizing its partners to collect much-needed items like food, cleaning supplies, and personal care items. To adopt an organization or volunteer for a donation drive, visit gwinnettgreatdaysofservice.org. In addition, you can sign up for a service activity at volunteergwinnett.net.



County hosts poll official hiring events

Citizens who are interested in the electoral process and want to give back to the community are invited to attend one of Gwinnett County's upcoming poll official hiring events. The Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, but especially needs bilingual poll officials.

Poll officials will gain valuable work experience and training in preparation for the 2022 elections. Currently, positions pay up to a \$350 stipend.

The hiring events are set for:

October 27 and 29

9:00am – 1:00pm

Lenora Park

4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville

November 9 and 12

9:00am – 1:00pm

Best Friend Park

6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross

November 29 and 30

9:00am – 1:00pm

George Pierce Park

55 Buford Highway, Suwanee

December 11

9:00am – 1:00pm

Bogan Park

Among the requirements, applicants must be at least 16 years old, a U.S. citizen, and be able to read, write, and speak English. They also must be a resident of Gwinnett County or neighboring County (Barrow, Walton, DeKalb, Fulton, Rockdale, Hall, or Forsyth) or a Gwinnett County government employee, and they must have access to a computer for required online training.

Interested citizens are encouraged to apply online prior to the event at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com).

Please bring documents to verify your identity and legal authorization to work in the U.S. no sooner than 90 days prior to working. To view the list of accepted documents, visit [USCIS.gov/i-9-central](https://uscis.gov/i-9-central).

Also, there are no scheduled federal, state, and county elections in 2021. However, 13 municipalities in Gwinnett County are conducting elections on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Please [click here](#) for a list of municipalities conducting elections and for contact information

News Worth Sharing

Hear Community Outreach Director Shaunika Taste on Better Together with Commissioner Fosque

Community Outreach Director Shaunika Taste was a guest on District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque's podcast Better Together. They discussed how Community Outreach plans events, engages our community, and works every day to celebrate Gwinnett's vibrant diversity.

Listen to Better Together with Commissioner Fosque [here](#).



Commissioner Jasper Watkins hosts town hall meetings in District 3

Gwinnett County's District 3 Commissioner Jasper Watkins is hosting a series of town halls in October and November.

The town halls are taking place:

- **Monday, October 25 at 6:00pm**, Grayson Senior Center, 485 Grayson Parkway, co-hosted with Grayson City Councilman Gene Ussey
- **Monday, November 1 at 6:00pm**, Centerville Senior Center, 3075 Bethany Church Road, Snellville
- **Thursday, November 4 at 6:00pm**, Lenora Park Gym, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville

The meetings will also be streamed on [Facebook Live @GwinnettGov](#), but comments will only be accepted in person. Participants are encouraged to wear masks.

Gwinnett launches pilot program to recycle glass

Gwinnett County has teamed up with Waste Pro USA, Inc., to pilot a drop-off glass recycling program at OneStop Norcross beginning Saturday, October 16. The pilot program will provide residents a safe and sustainable opportunity to recycle glass.

Residents can bring their clean, empty glass containers to OneStop Norcross, located at 5030 Georgia Belle Court. The clearly marked drop-off container is located in the center's parking lot and is accessible 24/7.



Dropped off glass will be hauled to Strategic Materials, Inc., a large glass recycler in the Atlanta area.



Gwinnett expands nondiscrimination policy

Gwinnett County's Board of Commissioners expanded the county's nondiscrimination policy to protect a person's ancestry, family status, immigration status, and homeless status. The amendment also draws inspiration from the Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act. The CROWN Act ensures that race-based hairstyles, textures, and protective styles such as braids, locs, twists, and knots are protected in the workplace. These changes will take place on November 1.



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