

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

May 2024



Greetings!

Summer is right around the corner with temperatures heating up and school wrapping up.

I would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. As a veteran, I also want to express my gratitude to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms as we prepare to observe Memorial Day this month.

There's so much happening in District 3 and here's a snapshot of two events I joined.

I'm also excited to share that changes are coming to Lenora Park! Earlier this week, we broke ground on the future community recreation center and gym renovation, funded by the 2017 SPLOST program.

This addition will serve as a community hub for recreation and leisure activities, featuring a new community room with a catering kitchen; a dance studio, art room, and classroom; and an upper balcony with a two-way walking track. For our parkgoers, there'll also be new locker rooms, restrooms, offices and a reception area, a drop-off and entry vestibule, and parking. The renovation and expansion are slated for completion in 2026.



Please keep reading below to learn about upcoming events happening in Gwinnett this month.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Tax Assessors' Office issues Annual Notice of Assessment

The appeal deadline for most Residential and Commercial Annual Notices of Assessment is **Monday, May 20**. All appeals must be received electronically or postmarked within 45 days of the Annual Notice of Assessment date. It is suggested that the document be sent by a trackable method to confirm delivery. You can visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2024NoticeofAssessment](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/2024NoticeofAssessment) to find information about how to file your property appeal.

If you have any issues or concerns, please contact the Tax Assessors' Office at 770.822.7200 or email Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com.





Vote in the General Primary Election

The General Primary Election Day is on **Tuesday, May 21**. Voters can cast their ballots in advance from **April 29 to May 17** at the Voter Registrations and Elections office and other voting locations. The [10 advance polling locations](#) will be open every day, including weekends, from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Voters may request an absentee by mail ballot for the May 21 General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election now through May 10. For more information, visit GwinnettElections.com.

Vota en las Elecciones Primarias Generales

El día de las Elecciones Primarias Generales es el Martes 21 de Mayo. Los votantes pueden emitir su voto por adelantado en persona del **29 de Abril al 17 de Mayo** en la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones y en otros lugares de votación. Los [10 lugares de votación adelantada](#) estarán abiertos todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, de 7:00am a 7:00pm. Los votantes pueden solicitar una boleta de voto en ausente por correo para las Elecciones Generales Primarias y No Partidistas del 21 de Mayo desde ahora hasta el 10 de Mayo. Para más información, visite GwinnettElections.com.

Celebrate Gwinnett's diversity at the Multicultural Festival

Join us on **Saturday, May 18 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at **Gwinnett Place Mall in Duluth** for the 10th annual [Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House](#). The festival highlights our inclusive community, showcasing live music, dance, and other performing arts that celebrate the county's rich cultural heritage. The open house is an excellent opportunity for residents to meet local government employees and discover what each County department does to serve the community.



The event is free and has activities for all ages. For more information, please contact the Gwinnett Police Community Affairs Section at PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.513.5119.



Join us as we honor our fallen heroes

On **Monday, May 27**, we will gather to honor the fallen military and public service heroes who gave their lives to protect and serve our country and community. Join us at **1:00pm** at the Fallen Heroes Memorial at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville to hear remarks from my fellow commissioners and me as we pay our respects. The ceremony will also be broadcast on the [Gwinnett County Facebook page](#).

Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services Hiring Event

Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services will host a Firefighter/Paramedic Trainee Hiring Event on **Tuesday, May 28 from 9:00am to 3:00pm** at the **Gwinnett Fire Academy** located 3608 Braselton Highway in Dacula.

Participants will have the opportunity to complete an orientation, fill out a more detailed application, complete a background check, and take part in physical testing and an oral interview. Sneakers and long pants are required for physical testing and it is recommended to submit an application before attending the event. To complete an application or view more details about the positions, visit GwinnettFireJobs.com.



Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Gwinnett will celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month on **Wednesday, May 29 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. The celebration provides an opportunity for residents and visitors to explore the history and customs of the various AAPI cultures in Gwinnett County.



During May, we are commemorating the achievements, contributions, and history of Gwinnett's Asian and Pacific Islander residents, and how the use of cuisine, art, language, and more compose an awe-inspiring story about the Asian experience in Gwinnett and the United States. Please RSVP for the event at GwinnettCounty.com.

What's New in District 3



Thank you Evermore Senior Village

Commissioner Watkins was invited to speak at a town hall for Evermore Senior Village residents in Snellville to address several of their concerns. The event was hosted by Wider Circle Senior Support Group Ambassador Ms. Lillian Bittaye.

Commissioner Watkins and the Evermore residents discussed numerous County activities and resources available to all Gwinnett seniors.

Free food distribution at Rhodes Jordan Park

Residents can pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods on **Tuesday, May 14** at Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville from 3:00pm until supplies last. The distribution site is a contactless drive-thru and no identification is required. For more information, visit GwinnettCommunityServices.com. To volunteer to assist with distribution, [click here](#).



Rowen Update

The Rowen project continues to move along. Recently, Rowen established Living Labs for its academic partners and will [accept applications](#) for a qualified landscaping firm to provide landscaping maintenance for the site through **Wednesday, May 15**.

See the latest on Rowen by visiting RowenLife.com.

Summer camp slots available

There is still time to sign your kids up for [summer camp](#). Full-day Adventure Camp is offered at Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville from **June 3 to July 26**, with split sessions for ages five to six and seven to 13. Full-day Kidspllosion Camp is offered at Lenora Park Gym from **May 27 to July 26** for ages seven to 13. The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center will host Animal Ambassador Camp from 12:30pm to 4:30pm with ages seven to nine offered **June 3 to June 7** and ages 10 to 13 offered **June 10 to June 13**.



Get a free recycling cart

Residents in unincorporated Gwinnett can **request a recycling cart for free**. Gwinnett Solid Waste offers this resource to those currently receiving trash services. Visit GCSolidWaste.com to order your free 65-gallon recycling cart.



Special Events and Happenings

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

A Night in Nature – Family Camp Out

Friday, May 10 from 6:00pm to Saturday, May 11 at 9:00am

Life is better when you're camping. Join us for a family campout with dinner, a nature hike, smores, and breakfast treats. Open to all ages. [Register here](#). Resident Fee: \$15. Non-Resident Fee: \$29. Lenora Park Pavilion, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville.

Train Day

Saturday, May 18 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Free! Explore the rails and trails at Vines Park! The Vines Garden Railroad will celebrate its seasonal opening of the only public G-scale garden railroad in Georgia. Interact and learn from the volunteers who run the train and railroad system and get a take-home craft while enjoying the trails and gardens at this unique park. Open to all ages. [Register here](#). Vines Park, 3500 Oak Grove Road, Loganville.

Kids to Parks Day

Saturday, May 18 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Free! Celebrate Kids to Parks Day with games, crafts, and outdoor activities. Kids will connect with nature while engaging in memorable outdoor experiences. Open to all ages. [Register here](#). Rhodes Jordan Park Stanley R. Gunter Pavilion #3, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Partner Events

Check out events from our city partners.

Loganville Carnival

Thursday, May 9 to Sunday, May 12

Free entry! Loganville residents can enjoy dizzying rides and fried desserts when the carnival comes to town at the field next to city hall. 4303 Lawrenceville Road, Loganville. [Visit the city's website](#) for more information.

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