GWINNETT COUNTY
DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER BEN KU

MOUNTAIN PARK TOWN HALL QUESTIONS

1. **Can you explain how to petition for speed bumps in your neighborhood?**

   To request speed humps on a residential street, contact Gwinnett Department of Transportation for a speed study at SpeedHumps@GwinnettCounty.com or 770.822.7400. If your street qualifies, you'll circulate a petition among property owners, and the request then goes to the Board of Commissioners. Property owners on the street share an annual maintenance fee. You can also visit the Citizen Self Service Request Center to get started.

   Learn more at GwinnettCounty.com.

2. **What is the status of the shade pavilion in honor of Brian Shepherd at the Mountain Park Park tennis center?**

   The shade structure has been delivered, and the contractor has begun preparation work, including utility locating and footing excavation. Shade structure installation is expected to be completed the second week of October.

3. **Explain what services are available at the Centerville Senior Center.**

   The Centerville Senior Center helps adults 60 years and older to stay active and connected. Services can include:

   - Free breakfast and lunch
   - Rides to/from the center
   - Fitness, health, and education classes
   - Arts and crafts, games, and day trips
   - Basic haircuts and one-on-one counseling

   Membership is free, though some activities have small fees. You can apply online to become a center participant and find more information at GwinnettCounty.com. Contact 678.277.0230 or CentervilleSeniorServices@GwinnettCounty.com with questions.

4. **When will we get sidewalks on Five Forks Trickum connecting neighborhoods to parks, libraries, and grocery stores?**

   There are currently no SPLOST-funded projects to install sidewalks at this location, but they will be considered for inclusion in future SPLOST programs.

5. **What is being built across from the Chili's on 78?**

   A new Kia dealership is being constructed at 4100 Stone Mountain Highway. Residents can also look up building and development permits anytime on the Gwinnett ZIP Portal if they have an address or parcel ID. If you're unsure, you can also reach out to Planning and Development at P&D-PlanningZoning@GwinnettCounty.com or 678.518.6000.

6. **What is the status of the tree ordinance update that engaged the community last year?**

   A consulting firm assessed Gwinnett's tree canopy and reviewed the tree ordinance. We were excited to learn that from 2005 to 2023, Gwinnett's tree canopy grew nearly 3%. We are now taking lessons learned from the consultant assessment to develop an amendment to our tree ordinance. We anticipate being able to make updates to the tree ordinance and other parts of our development code to the Board of Commissioners next year.

7. **When will we get sidewalks on Lilburn-Stone Mountain Road between Wydella and Arcado Road?**

   There are currently no SPLOST-funded projects to install sidewalks at this location, but they will be considered for inclusion in future SPLOST programs.

8. **What is the status on sidewalks along Old Tucker Road?**

   There are currently no SPLOST-funded projects to install sidewalks at this location, but they will be considered for inclusion in future SPLOST programs.

9. **Regarding Lenora Park – part of the 'large dog' side of the dog park was fenced off. Will this be readjusted when the construction is over?**

   The dog park is currently in the design process for some renovations. The fenced limits may be adjusted pending the results of this analysis but may not return to the original limits due to the addition of the community recreation center.

10. **Are stormwater fees collected on our property tax bills appropriated to the same area they are collected from?**

    If you live in unincorporated Gwinnett, funds collected are spread across all of unincorporated Gwinnett depending on the need. If you live within a city's limits, funds collected are directly applied to projects in that city.

11. **Are there plans to expand education services for 3- and 4-year-olds in more areas of the county?**

    The recently opened Joyful Learning Academy inside the Gwinnett Community Resource Center at Bethany Church Road provides preschool classes for 3-year-olds and pre-K classes for 4-year-olds in the Shiloh Cluster. The Community Resource Center will also offer services for this age group.

    Building Brains Anywhere also continues to offer an array of early learning programs and events across Gwinnett.

12. **How often does Gwinnett mow the Killian Hill Road grass near the sidewalks?**

    The grass is contracted to be mowed on a three-week cycle.