

## **Quarterly Report January-March 2022**

THIS IS A LISTING OF MAJOR PROBLEMS AND NEEDS WITHIN THE WAGA-TV SERVICE AREA AND A SAMPLING OF THE NEWS PROGRAMS DIRECTED TO THESE ISSUES IN THE PRECEDING THREE MONTHS.

### Description of Typical and Illustrative Programs

**GOOD DAY ATLANTA:** “GDA” is a daily program with local and national news, as well as interviews that address topical issues and the people affected by them.  
(Monday-Friday 4:30-10:00am, and Saturday-Sunday 6:00-8:30am)

**FOX5 NEWS:** In-depth local and national news.  
(Monday-Friday 12:00N-1:00pm; 5:00-6:00pm; and 11:00-11:30pm.  
Sunday, 11:00-11:30pm; and,  
Monday-Sunday, 6:00-7:00pm and 10:00-11:00pm)

**Wednesday’s Child:** The goal of this project is to give difficult-to-adopt children a fighting chance. The Wednesday's Child program is nationally known and nationally successful in placing children in need of homes. FOX5 News is now taking part in that success with a series of stories, benefiting the kids and the community.

**The Georgia Gang:** This show is Atlanta’s longest running public affairs program airing Sundays at 8:30a.m. (repeating at 11:30p.m.) The weekly half-hour program includes a panel discussion of a variety of timely topics and provides a forum for state and local issues.

## **EDUCATION**

- 1/7/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
One day after kids started the spring semester, the Cobb County school district is changing its covid-19 protocols. Cobb County is one of the few counties to make masks optional.
- 1/24/22 10P/11P 2:00  
Parents and students at one Rockdale County high school are outraged after a video appears to show a teacher striking a student.
- 2/10/22 10P/11P 4:10  
A spike in violence in schools across the country and right here in Georgia. Local leaders are stepping up to keep their students and staff safe.
- 3/7/22 4P/5P/6P 4:20  
Supporters have rallied around a local coach, who is facing possible suspension. Tri-Cities coach Kenneth Miller located a gun in a student's book bag in august. But it's what happened during that confrontation that has the school district pursuing disciplinary action.
- 3/11/22 4P/5P/6P 4:00  
The state senate has approved a bill that critics say will make it harder to teach history in Georgia schools. The bill bans a series of topics from the classroom--including the idea that the United States of America is inherently racist.
- 3/22/22 10P/11P 4:10  
Fulton county schools is looking to hire roughly 600 teachers...And they're now offering incentives to fill about 140 of those vacancies immediately. The district is giving out signing bonuses up to \$75,000 for certain positions. This comes amid a national teacher shortage.

## **DRUGS & ALCOHOL**

- 1/12/22 5P 1:40  
According to the CDC - fentanyl kills more adults ages 18 to 45 than anything else in the U.S. and the pandemic has likely been making the problem worse. Now some health officials worry the drug has become more accessible to young people.
- 3/20/22 10P/11P 4:20  
A judge has halted a crackdown on Delta-8 products in Gwinnett County. Law enforcement agencies have raided multiple businesses that produce and sell the product. Some of those businesses however argued in court that what they're doing is completely legal – and the crackdown is \*not\*.
- 3/31/22 10P/11P 4:30  
A very potent drug causing a surge in overdoses across Georgia. State health officials say they are seeing more drugs mixed with fentanyl. Officials say they've seen a huge increase just in the past couple of years.

## **RACIAL TENSION/PREJUDICE/DISCRIMINATION**

- 3/4/22 11P 2:00  
Blood supplies across the nation are the lowest they've been in a decade. When some Atlantans walk into a donation center – they're being turned away because of their sexuality. Now a study aimed at changing federal guidelines for gay men who want to donate blood.

3/24/22 10P/11P 3:00  
Dozens of Cobb County students are demanding school leaders take a stronger stance against racism and hate speech. Those students faced the board of education to share their frustration with the current code of conduct.

### **ECONOMY**

1/5/2022 7am/9am 3:30  
Unusual Credit Card Perks - There are lesser-known cc perks out there that are intriguing: TSA precheck annual cost reimbursement, 0% APR extension, annual membership paid to Door Dash or Grub-Hub, Lyft discount rates.

1/12/22 10P/11P 2:15  
Prices are up across the board. From the grocery store to the gas pump, you're paying more for everyday items and a new report shows those prices rose faster in Georgia than they did nationally. The newest report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows inflation rose 7% in the past year but here in Georgia it rose nearly 10%. That's the highest price increase in the state since 1981.  
A 13-million-dollar pilot program to pull black women out of poverty will roll out right here in Georgia. "IN her hands" is a guaranteed income program that will give recipients cash money to women who are on or just above the poverty line.

2/9/2020 7am/9am 2:30  
Taxpayers who took the partial, early Child Tax Credit are receiving this document. A reminder that your refund might not be as big as you thought. You fundamentally received some of it in 2020.

2/25/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
Russia's invasion of Ukraine has already impacted the global economy. That includes what you pay for gas. For the first time since 2014... Crude oil has surged above one hundred dollars a barrel. A major supplier for Georgia believes the high prices will be with us into the spring.

3/9/22 10P/11P 4:10  
A state house subcommittee approved legislation to suspend the collection of motor fuel taxes. Governor Brian Kemp and state lawmakers want to pause the state gas tax to help Georgians at the pump as prices soar because of the Russian invasion in Ukraine.

### **HEALTH & HEALTHCARE**

1/1/22 10P/11P 4:00  
The Atlanta metro area is already feeling a big post-holiday surge in covid cases. Some of the latest data shows case numbers higher than at any point in the pandemic – due in part to the highly-contagious omicron variant.

1/2/22 10P/11P 4:00  
Thousands of students across the Atlanta metro area will start school in the new year online. That's thanks to the omicron variant causing record infections throughout the region.

1/3/22 4P/5P 4:40  
"Children's Healthcare of Atlanta" says it has 102-patients hospitalized with covid-nineteen. That is the highest number of kids with the virus in their system so far in the pandemic. But Children's says it has three hospitals and enough capacity to see and treat patients. The surge in infections has also impacted schools.

1/3/22 10P/11P 4:30  
Hundreds of thousands of patients can breathe a sigh of relief after a judge issued an injunction allowing them to keep their doctors... For now. The Northside Hospital system and anthem blue-cross/blue-shield insurance have been working on a contract, they both can agree on.

1/3/2022 7am/9am 3:30  
FDA Expands Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine booster for ages 12 to 15.

1/4/2022 9am 3:30  
The number of covid-19 cases is skyrocketing in metro Atlanta. And there is a lot of confusion about who should get tested for the virus, and when to get swabbed. But a new online tool might be able to help you figure out -- when to get tested

1/5/2022 9am 3:30  
The cdc has updated its guidelines for people who are infected with the coronavirus.  
The health agency says it will \*not\* require people to "test out" after their five-day isolation period.

1/11/22 4P/5P 3:00  
Metro-area hospitals are feeling the pressure of the omicron variant. Just over 56-hundred people are hospitalized statewide with covid-19 or a suspected infection. That means about a third of hospital patients in Georgia have the virus.

1/12/22 4P/5P 4:00  
The CDC director says the u-s has now recorded a "staggering" number of new covid-19cases -- more than a million a day. Dr. Rochelle Walensky says 98-percent of those infections are being caused by the highly contagious omicron variant. That's why some health experts are calling on the agency to update its mask guidance -- to help Americans better protect themselves.

1/12/2022 9am 3:30  
Starting Saturday, us insurance companies and health plans will be required to cover \*eight\* free at-home covid-nineteen tests per month. And you may not need to hang on to your receipts to file for reimbursement!

1/13/2022 9am 3:30  
Thousands of vaccinated Georgians are testing positive for covid-19, thanks to the highly infectious omicron variant. But a recent study found there may be an upside to experiencing a breakthrough infection. It may generate what scientists call "super immunity" to the virus.

1/14/2022 9am 3:30  
A growing number of doctors are recommending Americans upgrade from a cloth mask to a high-filtration mask. They say wearing an n-95 or k-n-95 will better protect against the highly transmissible omicron variant. How often you need to replace them, and how you clean them.

1/18/22 4P/5P 6:00  
A Clayton County woman has given birth to a healthy baby girl, after surviving a harrowing four-and-a-half-month battle with a covid-19 infection. "Sheenah" berry was almost halfway through her pregnancy in September, when she went the "piedmont henry emergency department," because she had trouble breathing.

1/20/22 4P/5P 5:00  
As cases of the omicron variant have surged, health experts have begun urging Americans to upgrade from a cotton face mask to something that offers better protection. The federal government plans to distribute four-hundred-million n-95 masks, for free. But, wearing one may take a little getting used to.

1/24/22 4P/5P 5:30  
It's been about a month since the FDA authorized two antiviral pills for covid-19. Since then, just over fifty Georgia pharmacies have received shipments of the pills, including about a dozen here in metro-Atlanta. The pills are designed to be taken at home, during the first few days of a covid-nineteen infection.

1/24/22 4P/5P 5:00  
The first of five-hundred-million free at-home test have begun arriving in the mail. You can order them online through the website "covid tests dot gov" and have them shipped to your home.

1/26/2022 9am 3:45

The CDC is warning against traveling to several popular Caribbean destinations this Spring Break, because of a surge in covid-19 infections. This week costa Rica, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and two other islands were added to the CDC's "level four" travel advisory list. The Bahamas, Barbados, Saint Martin, and saint barts are also on the list. So, what do you do if you're planning a trip to one of these destinations?

1/28/2022 9am 3:30

It's been a year since Georgians started rolling up their sleeves for covid-19 shots. And if you're one of them — you came home with a Band-Aid and a little white vaccine card. But what happens if you \*lose\* your card — and you need a copy of it for work or travel, or to get your booster shot?

1/31/22 4P/5P 6:00

Exercising again after a heart attack can be unsettling. For Karen Green of Jackson County, the stakes felt especially high. Green has survived a half dozen heart attacks that forced her to give up the job she loved -- and running, which was a big part of her life.

2/1/22 4P/5P 5:00

Pfizer has applied to the FDA for emergency authorization of its covid-19 vaccine for children under the age of five. It's a two-dose vaccine that could eventually become a three-dose shot. A decision on the vaccine could come by the end of the month.

2/1/22 4P/5P 4:10

Just a few weeks into the new year, we've told you about several well-known people taking their own lives. Unfortunately, recent research says it continues to be a problem in certain communities including right here in Georgia.

2/1/2022 9am 3:30

Pfizer and biontech could ask the FDA today to authorize their vaccine for children 6 months to four years.

2/3/2022 9am 3:30

The highly contagious omicron variant is still dominant here in the U.S. but a new sub-variant of the virus - nicknamed "stealth omicron" -- now makes up about one-and-a-half percent of u-s cases, according to c-d-c projections. It's known officially as "b-a-two." and, it may have a slight edge over the much more widespread "b-a-one" variant.

2/4/22 4P/5P 4:30

Americans on Medicare plans will soon be able to pick up 8-free covid-19 at-home tests each month. This comes after a heated controversy. That's because at first, Medicare enrollees were \*not\* eligible for reimbursement for the cost of the rapid tests.

2/4/2022 9am 3:30

When the white house announced Americans with private health insurance would be reimbursed for at-home covid-19 tests, many folks on Medicare plans got a shock: They learned they were not eligible for reimbursement. But, last night, federal health officials reversed course, announcing Medicare enrollee's \*will\* get free tests.

2/7/2022 9am 3:30

Last week, Pfizer initiated a request for the FDA to authorize their child-sized coronavirus vaccine for emergency use in the United States among children ages 6 months to up to 5 years.

2/8/2022 9am 3:30

More than half of pregnant women are \*not\* vaccinated against the coronavirus. But two new studies show just how important the covid-19 vaccine may be for both expectant mothers \*and\* their babies.

2/8/22 5P/6P 5:30  
The pandemic has been challenging for Atlanta's two "Ronald McDonald houses." last year, they hosted more than "23-hundred" families of hospitalized children. But, to keep everyone safe, they have had to team up with local hotels. It's a move that has left the charity with some pretty big bills.

2/14/22 4P/5P 5:00  
Parents of younger children are still absorbing the news that it could be months before the f-d-a decides whether to authorize a covid-19 vaccine for kids under five. This comes after researchers found Pfizer two-dose vaccine wasn't effective enough in younger children.

2/24/22 4P/5P 5:00  
Nearly half of all adults in the u-s have high blood pressure. And, of those, only 24-percent have their hypertension under control. That was a challenge for one busy Roswell woman, whose blood pressure became dangerously high during the pandemic.

2/26/22 10P/11P 4:20  
Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens eases covid mask restrictions in the city. This comes after the CDC loosens their guidance on mask restrictions.

3/1/22 4P/5P 8:00  
Three co-workers who live hundreds of miles apart consider each other family now. One is here in Georgia, the others in Florida and Oklahoma. Before the pandemic, they knew each other professionally, but not personally that changed last summer.

3/2/22 4P/5P 4:10  
The Biden administration has released a new plan designed to usher the country into a new "normal." The plan balances protecting Americans from new variants with keeping schools and businesses from shutting down.

3/2/2022 All hours 2:20  
Between hot flashes, mood swings and night sweats, menopause can be rough on a woman. But a new Turkish study shows music may help take the edge off menopause symptoms. The fox medical team's Beth Galvin joins us live to talk about this.

3/4/22 4P/5P 5:00  
A simple breathing technique helped a west Georgia school administrator get through radiation for breast cancer. And learning how to take a deep breath and hold it did more than calm christa smith down. It may have protected her heart from radiation-related damage.

3/7/22 4P/5P 6:10  
It took incredible teamwork to help an Augusta mom safely deliver her second child. Lindsey Turman was about halfway through her pregnancy last fall, when doctors realized her aortic valve-- which had been replaced in 2017 -- was now severely narrowed and failing.

3/9/22 4P/5P 7:05  
Kira Johnson's husband says the 39-year-old -- who went to southwest DeKalb high school -- had a "textbook" pregnancy. She was healthy, and a marathon runner. So, Johnson's family never imagined she would lose her life after a scheduled c-section. Becoming one of hundreds of women in the u-s who died during pregnancy, childbirth, or soon after becoming mothers.

3/9/2022 7am & 9am 2:30  
Epi Pen Settlement: The allergy device makers settle class-action suit for \$264m. People complained they delayed the generic version while raising the prices 17 times.

- 3/12/22 4P/5P 4:10  
Two years ago, the "world health organization" declared covid-19 a "pandemic." since then 79-million Americans have tested positive for covid-19.
- 3/16/22 4P/5P 4:30  
Sometimes the best part of a hard workout is when it's over, and you know you've done your best. Charlotte Anderson leaves everything she has on the gym floor. Working out has become a real lifeline for her.
- 3/18/22 4P/5P 4:30  
Two vaccine companies have asked the FDA to authorize a \*second\* booster shot of the covid-19 vaccine. Right now, only Americans with weakened immune systems are authorized to get a "fourth" dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. But do we really need one more shot?
- 3/21/22 4P/5P 6:00  
Each summer, families from all over the south come to zoo Atlanta. And that's where Michael and Jenny Woodham came to celebrate their wedding anniversary. They brought their newborn son "Raylan" with them. And, at first, everything seemed normal, until suddenly it wasn't.
- 3/22/22 4P/5P 5:20  
If you're already getting clobbered by the pollen count -- you're not alone. A new study finds climate change may lead to a longer spring allergy season.
- 3/22/2022 9am 3:00  
ALLERGY SEASON Two new studies project we will have earlier, longer spring allergy seasons. We'll talk with an allergist about what to expect this year, how to get ready, and this trend of earlier, more severe allergy seasons
- 3/24/22 4P/5P 5:00  
U.S. Health officials still don't know how hard we'll be hit by the highly contagious B-A-2 sub-variant. But one of the first places a new outbreak could show up is in our wastewater.
- 3/25-27/22 12p/10p 5:50  
A growing list of patients claim their Gainesville surgeon not only didn't cure them, he made them worse. Three of the cases have resulted in big money outcomes from lawsuits filed, but the complaints haven't stopped and neither has Dr. Andrew Green. Dr. Green denies any role in the suffering of any of his patients, including some who died days after their surgery.
- 3/30/22 4P/5P 8:00  
It began as a life-changing gift from a Georgia father to his son. When Elmer White learned his son Steve's kidneys were quickly failing, he stepped up to donate one of his kidneys. That was 19-72. Fifty years ago, and that kidney is still hanging on!
- 3/31/22 4P/5P 5:00  
Each year about a quarter-of-a-million Americans suffer an ACL injury. That rate has doubled in the last 20-years. One of the groups at highest risk of being sidelined by a knee injury is young female athletes.

### **HOMELESSNESS/HUNGER**

- 2/4/22 10P/11P 4:00  
Controversy over a homeless shelter in Pickens County. The city of Jasper is demanding the shelter shut down. Officials claim it's not up to code. Those who run it say the city's just trying to run them out.

## **WEATHER/DISASTERS**

- 1/1/22 10P/11P 3:00  
A woman describes the terrifying moment the car she and her brother were in went airborne in the middle of a storm. A newton county woman says she is counting her blessing tonight after a tornado flipped her car into the air. That confirmed e-f-one tornado blazed a destructive path through parts of Covington.
- 1/3/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
A line of storms slammed parts of north Georgia and metro Atlanta overnight... and strong winds knocked down trees and power lines. One of those trees fell on a home along Glenwood Road near Decatur -- killing a little boy.
- 1/3/2022 All Shows 3:00  
Storms and gusty winds cause downed trees and power lines. Some areas saw a wintry mix, and even snow.
- 1/7/2022 All Shows 3:00  
Winter weather tracker. North Georgia is experiencing below freezing temperatures.
- 1/7/2022 All Shows 2:00  
Several warming centers across the metro are open for people to escape the below-freezing temperatures but several organizations are pushing for improvements at those facilities. The advocacy groups will hold a news conference at 9 this morning -- to urge DeKalb County leaders to develop a consistent and comprehensive plan.
- 1/14/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
It's a race against the clock for road crews across north Georgia. Right now -- they are getting ready for the winter weather heading our way. Highways, bridges, and overpasses will get pre-treated first, ahead of the snow and ice that could make driving dangerous.
- 1/16/22 10P/11P 12:00  
The winter mess is gone -- but crews are still out on roadways across the Atlanta metro region tonight. Although the snow has tapered off in areas north of the city --black ice is becoming a concern ahead of tomorrow morning's commute.
- 3/1/22 5P/6P 4:40  
We were with U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock as he returned to Newnan to learn how the community is recovering from that devastating EF-4 tornado almost a year ago. Warnock says he is frustrated by what he learned today about the slow response from government and especially insurance companies.

## **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ORGANIZATION**

- 1/3/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
It's a new era in the city of Atlanta as mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms leaves office -- and Andre Dickens becomes the new leader of our city. Dickens took the oath of office in very cold, outdoor ceremony at his alma mater, Georgia Tech.
- 1/3/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
The mayor elect of south Fulton has taken a bold and unprecedented step to address dilapidated housing. Instead of demolishing a troubled complex, mayor elect Khalid Kamau moved in.
- 1/3/2022 All Shows 2:35  
Andre Dickens to be sworn in as Atlanta's 61st Mayor. Dickens became Mayor during a ceremony at his alma Mater Georgia institute of Technology, at Bobby Dodd's stadium.

- 1/4/22 5P/6P 4:00  
Newly sworn in Atlanta city councilwoman, Mary Norwood, hasn't wasted any time. She's introducing new legislation to create a Buckhead public safety task force. This comes while efforts are underway for Buckhead to break free from Atlanta.
- 1/4/22 10P/11P 3:45  
As covid cases climb jury trials in one county are shutting down. Cobb County will be putting a halt to jury trials, at least temporarily.
- 1/5/22 5P/6P 4:00  
Frustration this evening for many Gwinnett County residents about the delay in their trash pick-up. Waste disposal company republic services blames this on a worker shortage due to covid.
- 1/5/22 11P 1:45  
Fulton leaders are giving the thumbs up to a plan to extend public transportation to suburban Atlanta. The county's board of commissioners unanimously approved a deal led by MARTA that will create bus rapid transit routes to the northern part of I-285.
- 1/05-06/22 12p/5p/6p/10p 6:06/11:04  
After spending nearly a year proclaiming his innocence, former Stonecrest Mayor Jason Lary admitted in Federal Court that he masterminded a scheme to steal COVID relief funds. 59-year-old Jason Lary pled guilty to wire fraud, conspiracy, and theft of federal money, all tied to COVID relief that was supposed to help Stonecrest businesses and churches survive the pandemic. He also stepped down as mayor of the Stonecrest. The city, formed only five years ago is now DeKalb County's largest.
- 1/7/22 11P 2:25  
Drama within the Gwinnett County courthouse. A court official could be charged with contempt after recently suspending in-person services due to covid-19. A county judge filed the petition against the solicitor-general and his staff saying they quote 'obstructed the administration of justice'.
- 1/10/22 4P/5P 4:00  
Some local police chiefs say DeKalb public school officials are hampering their efforts to crack down on speeders in school zones. Law enforcement officials claim the district won't sign off on a plan to install speed enforcement cameras.
- 1/11/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
President Biden and Vice President Harris make a trip to Atlanta to put pressure on lawmakers in Washington urging them to act on federal voting rights legislation.
- 1/11/22 5P/6P 4:40  
An Atlanta councilwoman says a proposal to establish a public safety task force for Buckhead leaves out other residents who -quote "need protection as well". New member Keisha Waites debated whether the initiative should be expanded to include the entire city.
- 1/12/22 5P/6P 4:00  
Trash is piling up for hundreds of residents in some neighborhoods in Atlanta and there are not enough crews to staff all the routes. The sanitation department says an outbreak of covid cases is the reason why pickups are falling behind.
- 1/18/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
Andre Dickens unfiltered. That is how the Atlanta mayor approached his conversation with hundreds of police officers across the city -- to give them the opportunity to air concerns. And what was high on the list? The filthy cars they drive.

1/18/22 5P/6P 3:10  
Work is officially underway at the state capitol to decide how to spend a record budget surplus in Georgia. State lawmakers held their first day of budget hearings today. Governor Brian Kemp hopes to return some of that money to Georgians.

1/24/22 4P/5P/6P 7:00  
Violence at city parks, like last year's stabbing and shooting at Piedmont Park, is a top concern among Atlanta city leaders. One councilman has now demanded action on a park security plan.

1/25/2022 All Hours 2:30  
New bill proposes safety training requirements, storage regulations for all Georgia firearm owners

1/28/22 10P/11P 4:20  
There's a new national plan to help cut down on car crashes and fatalities. We've all been driving down the road and have seen the flashing lights surrounding a smashed car. Many of us have even been in accidents.

2/1/22 4P/5P/6P 5:30  
Fire fighters have stepped in to help Grady ambulance as their response times continue to go up. Grady paramedics have seen response times go up to 20 minutes and in some cases over an hour.

2/1/22 5P/6P 4:00  
A state senator from Roswell turns his family's health journey into a new calling. Today the state senate approved a bill by state senator John Albers to help living organ donors and their recipients. The legislation comes after Albers donated a kidney to his son last summer.

2/2/22 5P/6P 2:50  
A bill to change Gwinnett County school board elections cleared a major hurdle. The legislation would make those elections non-partisan and the state senate approved it along party lines.

2/2/22 4P/5P/6P 6:15  
Cities around the nation have offered bonuses to young people who want to make law enforcement a career. Mayor Andre Dickens has now offered a different incentive in Atlanta. Atlanta and business organizations developed a project specifically for police recruits to live while they learn.

2/3/22 5P/6P 4:10  
Fulton county's top elected officials says delays in ambulance service are not only in Atlanta but throughout the county. There's been a series of reports about patients waiting one hour, and sometimes longer, for an ambulance. Chairman Robb Pitts says those complaints are linked to what he calls a health service backlog.

2/3/22 5P/6P 3:10  
Gwinnett democrats vow to keep up the fight against a republican redistricting proposal they say unfairly gerrymanders the county. Members of the state house approved the map, which redivides county commission districts.

2/3/22 10P/11P 4:00  
Atlanta City leaders say it's time to make some changes after recent violence outside of nightclubs and bars. Police have investigated at least five shootings outside of nightlife businesses.

2/4/22 5P/6P 4:00  
Shooting at a police officer could soon lead to stiffer penalties in Georgia. A state lawmaker has filed a bill that would charge anyone who opens fire on law enforcement with attempted murder... instead of just aggravated assault.

- 2/8/22 5P/6P 3:30  
A bill sponsored by one of Georgia's U.S. Senators could change the way sexual assault and harassment allegations are handled at work. Advocates for victims say many of them continue to be silenced due to a legal agreement known as forced arbitration.
- 2/10/22 5P/6P 4:50  
The Fulton County commission chairman says he has received dozens of death threats following the 2020 election and rhetoric that Georgia was stolen from President Donald Trump. Robb Pitts says the threats come in emails, voicemail, and texts.
- 2/10/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
Voters could soon decide whether to incorporate the city of East Cobb. The state senate approved a bill today to put the issue on the ballot in May. Some say they are concerned about the pace of all of this.
- 2/14/22 4P/5P/6P 6:45  
An Atlanta police supervisor says a dedicated and sustained division of officers can cut crime. And the commander says he has done just that in one of the highest crime beats in the Buckhead area of Atlanta. Those comments came as leaders convened for the initial meeting of the public safety task force.
- 2/16/22 5P/6P 3:20  
Organizers of the Buckhead cityhood effort want the governor to step in so residents can vote on the issue. Their effort suffered a major blow when top Georgia lawmakers announced the bill designed to create the city will not move forward this legislative session.
- 2/16/22 10P/11P 4:00  
Several new bills in the state house could impact your child's education. Local lawmakers say that are focused on making Georgia's education system more transparent through several new bills.
- 2/16/22 10P/11P 4:20  
Alarming statistics from the Atlanta police department about crime in our city. Murders and rapes are up in the city of Atlanta this year, that's according to data from the department. Several law enforcement leaders from across metro Atlanta met with APD to talk about potential solutions.
- 2/22-23, 3/9-10 & 15-16/22 10p/6p 5:57/7:28/13:56  
The FOX 5 I-Team continued its reporting on the state's Medical Marijuana program and the fallout from the awarding of six licenses. During the State Legislative session two significant bills were introduced that would drastically change the playing field. One would add more than a dozen licenses by allowing companies that filed a protest to be awarded a license. Another bill would throw out the current licenses and essentially start over. The I-Team also continued to dig into the background of the companies currently holding a license. We examined the political contributions of Paul Judge, CEO of TheraTrue including a \$50,000 contribution made to Governor Brian Kemp's Leadership Committee.
- 3/1/22 10P/11P 4:30  
Candidate for Governor David Perdue taking direct aim at incumbent Governor Brian Kemp at an event in Rutledge. He strongly criticized Kemp's handling of the Rivian plant that the governor says will bring jobs to Georgia. Rally attendees say the Rivian plant will solidify who gets their vote.
- 3/7/22 5P/6P 2:40  
He's a UGA football legend turned political candidate and today, Herschel Walker qualified to run for U.S. Senate and represent the state of Georgia. Fox Five's Claire Simms sat down for an exclusive interview with the republican candidate.

3/9/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
A bill to update Georgia's hands-free driving law is now dead. The state senate voted down the legislation. It would have made it legal for people to touch their phones while at a complete stop. The bill included some specific limitations.

3/9/22 10P/11P 2:10  
Every city plans for development and growth. Fox 5 learned a soured re-development deal in Brookhaven will cost the mayor and city manager millions of dollars. The goal was to create hundreds of new townhomes near Buford highway. But a jury found the city got in the way of those plans.

3/22/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
The state of Georgia has a fund to help the families of public safety officers hurt or killed in the line of duty, but that money does not go to officers' loved ones if they die by suicide. Now, a bi-partisan group of state lawmakers hopes to change that. The bill's primary sponsor says they should be treated just like officers involved in car accidents or shootings.

3/23/2022 7am/9am 3:30  
What happens if you don't file your taxes? Seems obvious, but to some viewers it is not. I've had viewers who believed if they missed the deadline (April 18), they didn't have to do it.

3/24/22 10P/11P 4:00  
Georgia lawmakers are considering changes to teen driving restrictions. Instead of only allowing family members to ride with new drivers-- lawmakers want to open the door to friends. That friend \*must be an adult.

3/26/22 6P/10P/11P 5:20  
Former president Donald Trump held a rally in Commerce, Georgia where he focused most of his attention on Governor Brian Kemp. Trump still maintains he won the 20-20 presidential election.

3/28/22 5P/6P 2:50  
A Gwinnett County elected official made a very public apology to avoid jail time. Solicitor general Brian Whiteside was hit with criminal contempt complaint for shutting down the state court – over what he called covid concerns. He has now admitted that he did not have the authority to do that.

3/28/22 4P/5P/6P 4:40  
With just a week left in the legislative session, lawmakers must find a compromise to help jump-start distribution of low THC oil in Georgia. The state senate approved a house bill on the issue--but not before removing the house's proposal completely and inserting their own.

3/28/22 5P/6P 5:00  
The former chief of staff for a Fulton County commissioner is claiming sexual harassment and wrongful termination. According to a new lawsuit... Calvin Brock accuses Fulton county's vice chairwoman Natalie Hall of planting tracking devices in two of his cars to monitor his every move.

3/28/22 10P/11P 4:00  
A bill aimed at providing more support to those with mental health issues is drawing criticism. The mental health parity bill passed the state house earlier this month, but opponents say the state should not get involved in health care. Those for and against the bill showed up to a house senate committee meeting this afternoon.

## **CRIME AND VIOLENCE**

1/2/22 10P/11P 2:50  
One Atlanta woman says a bullet barely missed her on New Year's Eve from what she believes was celebratory gunfire.

1/3/22 4P/5P/6P 4:50  
A couple from Decatur says they're lucky to be alive after an attack at a gas station on New Year's Eve. The man says he was pistol-whipped by a group of guys. The attackers are still on the loose. The couple says it all started after one of the men started getting way too close to them.

1/3/22 10P/11P 3:45  
Heart breaking new details about the death of a baby boy on Christmas Day. Gwinnett County police have arrested the child's mother for murder.

1/4/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
Atlanta police announce a big break in a decades old murder investigation. Detectives say they now know who raped and killed 14-year-old girl 25 years ago and sexually assaulted a second teen nine years later. They've publicly identified the suspect, who died last year.

1/4/22 5P/6P 2:00  
A family is heartbroken tonight after a father was killed just hours into the new year. 30-year-old Jermain Wilkins leaves behind an 11-year-old son. Police says a suspected drunk driver hit Wilkins' car on a Cobb County road on New Year's Day.

1/4/22 10P/11P 3:50  
A rideshare driver is recovering after he says a passenger shot and robbed him. He spoke exclusively to Fox Five about how he survived a phony ride that sent him to the hospital with a gunshot wound.

1/5/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
It may have been only one time, but an emotional outburst by a one-time aide to Andre Dickens was enough to get that former city worker hauled off a plane and taken to jail. We told you Tuesday about the incident that occurred last month involving a man named Ali Carter. His arrest is caught on bodycam.

1/5/22 10P/11P 3:50  
Dozens arrested and tens of thousands of dollars of cash seized after a holiday crackdown on crime. City of South Fulton police called it "Operation Santa's helpers". They were tracking down criminals at a time when crime typically spikes.

1/6/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
Disgraced Paulding County district attorney -- Dick Donovan-- has been forced to resign and surrender his law license after copping a guilty plea. Dick Donovan plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of unprofessional conduct. He also faced \*felony charges including bribery and violation of oath of office.

1/6/22 5P/6P 5:00  
One traveler is in jail after police say he attacked two airport employees. Airlines say winter weather and sick callouts are to blame for the ongoing delay and cancellations of thousands of flights. While the circumstances aren't ideal, tempers have flared.

1/6/22 5P/6P 3:10  
A New Year's Eve high speed chase in Coweta County ends with deputies performing a pit maneuver on a Mercedes Benz driver accused of traveling 145 miles an hour down I-85.

- 1/6/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
Villa Rica police are on the hunt for burglars who stole \$100-thousand dollars in race cars and equipment from a storage lot. The custom cars belong to a 10-year-boy who dreams of becoming a professional race car driver. The thieves were caught on surveillance video.
- 1/8/22 6P/10P/11P 4:30  
The family of a man shot and killed in Downtown Atlanta rallied earlier today in his memory – near the spot where he lost his life. 29-year-old Deandre Houston’s loved ones released balloons and renewed calls to capture his killer.
- 1/9/22 10P/11P 4:40  
Its been a long time coming for the partridge family. Six years ago, a man slammed into a car-- killing a grandmother and two kids as he tried to get away from college park police. The suspect had been on the run since that fatal day until recently when the family says they got the news they'd been hoping for.
- 1/9/22 10P/11P 3:00  
In Little Five Points, the search is on for a guy who attacked a restaurant worker with a box cutter. The reason for the attack -- may leave you shocked.
- 1/10/22 5P/6P 4:40  
Police say they are close to solving the murder of a woman stabbed to death at piedmont park. Katherine Janess and her dog died last July. Law enforcement sources tell fox 5 investigators it is unlikely the crime was random.
- 1/10/22 10P/11P 2:50  
A 10-year-old is recovering tonight after being grazed by a bullet. Dekalb county investigators say he was inside a home over the weekend when someone began shooting from outside. Officers are still looking for that gunman.
- 1/12/22 4P/5P/6P 3:15  
A bold thief targets opponents of the Buckhead city movement. The man made his move in broad daylight, on a busy roadway.
- 1/12/22 10P/11P 4:30  
A close call for a driver who was shot in the neck with a pellet gun. It happened in Gwinnett County... And investigators tell us he wasn't the shooter's only victim that day.
- 1/14/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
A Dekalb county teen is charged in connection with the abduction of one-year-old Blaise Barnett in November. Police say a fingerprint discovered in a stolen vehicle tied the suspect to the crime.
- 1/14/22 5P/6P 3:10  
A high speed chase down I-85 ends in a puff of smoke and a blown engine. Deputies and a K-9 were able to catch two men in the stolen pickup after they bailed out of the disabled vehicle. Deputies made a surprising discovery when they searched one of the men.
- 1/14/22 10P/11P 4:30  
A concerning trend right now for metro Atlanta production companies. Over the past few month’s burglars have been targeting studios... In search of expensive equipment. Just this past Sunday-- thieves hit a southwest Atlanta company swiping 200-thousand-dollars’ worth of gear.
- 1/17/22 10P/11P 3:10  
A mother is grieving the death of her 15-year-old who was shot and killed on Saturday in southwest Atlanta. She said she got the heart-breaking call shortly after dropping him off to hang out with a friend.

1/18/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
The search is on for a fourth suspect in the murder of a teenager at a house party. Police have arrested multiple people in connection with the murder of a 15-year-old boy in Douglasville. The 15-year-old was shot and killed on new years eve at a house party on Deering Court.

1/18/22 10P/11P 4:00  
A daycare teacher is in jail tonight...Facing numerous charges including child molestation. Police in Jackson County arrested the 18-year-old last week for alleged crimes against two students.

1/18/22 10P/11P 3:00  
A DeKalb County mother is furious because two men held her daughter at gunpoint on a DeKalb County high school campus.

1/18/22 10P/11P 4:50  
A Decatur home burglary attempt caught on camera, but this isn't the first time for many residents. Greystone neighbors are now saying they don't feel safe in their own homes.

1/18/2022 9am 2:30  
After more than 18 hours, a *standoff* with a *barricaded* gunman at a *Norcross apartment complex* has ended with the *suspect's* arrest.

1/19/2022 9am 2:30  
Georgia's supreme court considers arguments in another high-profile murder case. Atlanta attorney Tex Mciver claims he didn't get a fair trial -- and wants the court to toss his life sentence -- for the deadly 2016 shooting of his wife.

1/19/2022 All Hours 2:45  
A swat standoff in Marietta ended with two arrests. Police received a call about a home break-in on birney street overnight. Officers say the swat team was called when one suspect failed to follow officers' commands. Two suspects were arrested at the scene. Both face burglary and obstruction charges. Police say the homeowner was not home when the suspects allegedly broke into the home.

1/19/2022 7am/9am 3:00  
Cryptocurrency Scam It involved a crypto ATM, impersonator, and a QR code. It's a traditional scam where you're asked to send money for whatever reason. Long story short you dump money via QR code into the scammers crypto account.

1/20/2022 All hours 3:00  
Family of teen killed by Cobb County Police officer is filing lawsuit against the county

1/20/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
A wife calls for help after seeing her husband shot multiple times on an Atlanta highway. With a young child present. The wife frantically gathers her husband and rushes him to the hospital.

1/21/2022 7am/9am 3:00  
Woman has called to say Dollar General scans the back of IDs when buying purchase, like cigarettes, that require ID. It's only necessary to check the date.

1/22/22 10P/11P 2:30  
Police need your help finding whoever's responsible for killing a man in southeast Atlanta. Investigators say his body was found in the middle of the street just steps away from a high school.

1/24/22 10P/11P 3:00  
A gut-wrenching story in northwest Atlanta where a six-month-old baby was shot and killed. Atlanta police are searching for the shooter. It happened in front of a Foodmart on Anderson Avenue.

1/24/2022 All hours 3:00  
GBI Investigates officer involved shooting in Newnan where suspect was killed by the officer after SWAT standoff.

1/25/2022 All hours 3:00  
*6-month-old* child was *shot* and *killed* in northwest *Atlanta* Monday afternoon and a murder investigation is now underway.

1/26/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
The mother of a student who was stabbed at Banneker high school is urging teens to stop the violence. Her son is one of two students wounded in the knife attack.

1/26/22 5P/6P 3:30  
A Columbus mother faces drug charges after deputies says she led them on a high-speed chase down I-85. Deputies say the woman and her boyfriend had her children throw bags of marijuana out of the car during the chase.

1/26/22 10P/11P 4:30  
An Atlanta couple says scammers stole their credit and banking information after they used an outside mail drop box at the local post office.

1/26/22 10P/11P 4:00  
Clayton county police are working to identify this hit and run victim. We showed you this drawing depicting what he might have looked like today before he was hit and killed in Riverdale three years ago. Forensic artists show us how they create images projecting what someone could look like in the future with the hopes of giving families answers.

1/27/2022 All hours 3:00  
A triple shooting left a 17-year-old dead. The violence marked the fourth shooting in just three months.

1/28/22 4P/5P/6P 4:40  
A drive-by shooting turns into a murder investigation after a woman dies from multiple gunshot wounds. Now the search for the shooter has intensified.

1/30/22 10P/11P 2:40  
A Cobb County teacher--booted from the classroom and locked up – after a ten-year-old boy made an alarming discovery. Police say the ten-year-old found hidden cameras in the boy's bathroom at Blackwell elementary school.

1/31/2022 All hours 2:30  
McMichaels plea deal and hearing will happen this morning. Father and son duo looking to get shorter time after being convicted in the Ahmaud Arbery Case.

1/31/2022 All hours 2:30  
Elementary school teacher faces felony charges after a hidden camera was found in the boys' bathroom.

2/1/2022 All hours 2:30  
HBCU bomb threats Spelman college the latest to be targeted. Spelman College in Atlanta is the seventh HBCU across the country that has been targeted by a bomb threat since Monday. The FBI is investigating the threats.

2/1/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
A violent encounter between drivers lands a woman in the hospital with a gunshot wound. Atlanta police tell us someone shot-up a car on university avenue this morning with a family of four inside. The mother was hit but her husband and children narrowly escaped injury. This all happened just yards away from Mercedes-Benz stadium.

2/1/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
Security has been beefed up on and around the Spelman college campus following a bomb threat this morning. Spelman is among several Historically Black Colleges and Universities to receive bomb threats in recent weeks.

2/2/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
School officials in Rockdale County praise quick and alert staff members after a 17-year-old brought a gun inside a high school. The student now faces charges while law enforcement urges parents to talk with their kids.

2/2/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
A security guard is gunned down at an Atlanta bar after telling a customer he couldn't bring his gun into the establishment. The shooting happened at the encore hookah bar and bistro on Luckie street.

2/2/22 5P/6P 3:20  
A Gwinnett County judge has denied bond for the two women charged in the brutal murder of eight-year-old Amari Hall. Celeste Owens and Brittany Hall who is the girl's mother reported the little girl missing in November. Prosecutors say days later, police interviews with Amari's younger brothers and video from the couple's own motel revealed the truth.

2/2/22 10P/11P 4:10  
It's been almost two months since an 18-year-old was gunned down at a gas station in pike county and no one has been charged in connection to his death family members who say they want justice.

2/3/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
Haralson county deputies are investigating after finding three people dead inside a home. The house is located on Moeser road near Talapoosa.

2/3/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
A family wants justice for their loved one who was murdered at the premier apartments in Southwest Atlanta. The contractor was working at the complex when the deadly shooting happened.

2/3/22 4P/5P/6P 3:30  
The search is over for a little boy at the center of an amber alert. Authorities located 4-year-old Brayden Dobbs safe and sound this afternoon. Investigators say Brayden was kidnapped by his mother after his father was shot in Haralson County.

2/6/22 10P/11P 2:40  
Video leading up to a heart stopping moment for one Forsyth couple. They say a masked gunman tied them up and robbed them. The woman shared the terrifying story and video she hopes someone will recognize the man in the video.

2/7/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
Shots ring out as officers try to make an arrest. Now one police officer is seriously injured, and a suspect is in custody. It all happened this afternoon on old Hapeville Road near an apartment complex that is not far off of I-75.

2/8/22 5P/6P 3:20  
A Newnan woman is under arrest for a live social media post in which she allegedly threatened to kill a judge and a police officer.

2/10/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
He committed a lewd act in the middle of a busy store. Now henry county police are trying to catch that man, before he strikes again. It happened at a Walmart on Hudson bridge road in Stockbridge.

2/14/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
An Atlanta Police Officer is behind bars tonight on rape charges. The shocking announcement was made by the Cherokee county sheriff's office this afternoon.

2/14/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
Forsyth county sheriff's officials want the public to be on guard, after several residents are targeted by scammers. They prey on the elderly, and bilk them out of large amounts of cash.

2/14/22 10P/11P 4:00  
Chaos erupts inside a sandy springs bar when a man opens fire into the crowd. Police are working to track down the shooter.

2/14/22 10P/11P 4:00  
A case of road rage got out of hand in Kennesaw. Investigators say one of the drivers pulled out a gun. One of the drivers was working for Uber and had just dropped off a passenger.

2/16/22 4P/5P/6P 1:30  
Cobb county police are searching for the driver who shot a tractor-trailer driver while traveling north on I-75. Medics rushed the victim to the hospital with serious injuries.

2/16/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
The search is on for a gunman captured on camera firing several rounds into a home near Conyers. The shots were fired early in the morning of February 9th. Deputies say the homeowner was inside, but not injured.

2/16/22 10P/11P 4:00  
A masked man with a gun struck gold. But not in the legal way. He robbed a gold mine in Dahlonega. There's now a 10-thousand-dollar reward leading to his arrest.

2/16-17/22 10p/6p 13:14  
The drive-by homicide of a six-month-old baby in Southwest Atlanta shocked the community and galvanized efforts to find the killer. The man arrested turned out to be a 22-year –old man named Dequasia Little. His murder arrest ended a four-and-a-half-year crime spree, spanning four counties, involving six arrests, seven victims, two convictions and now a murder charge. A pattern that has veteran prosecutors shaking their heads. Little repeatedly was sentenced to probation only to violate the terms and be released back onto the streets. In fact, he was on probation at the time of this latest charge.

2/16/2022 All hours 2:30  
There are multiple ways to drain accounts associated with Venmo, CashApp and others. This victim talks about someone who asked to use her phone because his was dead. When she handed it over, he tried to drain her account

2/17/22 10P/11P 3:30  
\$13,000 worth of food stolen from a popular steakhouse - and it was all caught on camera. The restaurant's owner tells us the burglar broke in early this morning. But this wasn't his first time.

2/19/22 10P/11P 3:00  
Firefighters in Bankhead had to go chasing after their engine after one call took an unexpected turn. Fire officials tell fox five a homeless man jumped in and tried to take off with the firetruck.

2/22/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
A senseless act of violence leaves a family devastated. A wife without her husband and a little boy with no father. Henry Ashely was shot and killed at a car dealership in DeKalb County. Now the search is on for the five people police say are responsible.

2/22/22 10P/11P 4:00  
It's the latest in a string of crimes, several small businesses in southwest Atlanta are targeted by thieves. A thief broke into several neighborhood stores along ralph David Abernathy boulevard. The business owners think they were singled out.

2/24/22 4P/5P/6P 3:00  
Gwinnett county police say officers found a woman dead and a child wounded from a gunshot on bay crest court in Loganville.

- 2/24/22 10P/11P 4:00  
A young woman was found murdered in east point nearly two weeks ago and police still don't know who she is. The teenager was killed, and her body dumped behind a vacant house on Ben Hill Road.
- 2/24/22 10P/11P 4:00  
Investigators are looking deeper into the past of a man who was arrested for impersonating an officer. Police say Justin Greene showed up as real officers were making an arrest and claimed to be a public safety officer there to help.
- 2/24/22 10P/11P 3:20  
A man is recovering tonight after being in a hit and run-in sandy spring. Atlanta landscaping employees say thieves stole equipment and then ran over an employee during the get-a-way.
- 2/28/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
A verbal altercation takes a deadly turn. College Park police want to find for the gunman who shot and killed a man at the super 8 motel on old national highway.
- 2/28/22 4P/5P/6P 5:10  
Police say violent carjackers struck while a woman had stopped at a red light. When the woman did not want to give up her car, those two carjackers started shooting at her.
- 2/28/2022 All hours 2:20  
College Park police said some sort of argument led to a man's shooting death at a motel on Old National Highway. Police confirmed one person died near a Super 8 motel a few miles southwest of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.
- 3/01/22 5P/6P 4:00  
A wild chain of events ends with five people behind bars. A police dash camera captured a pursuit. The teenage suspects led police on a chase into Dekalb County.
- 3/1/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
A security expert has shared a chilling story about a dangerous teen. They heard about the teen standing face to face with a police officer questioning the officer's authority. This comes as the city deals with the growing problem of kids riding scooters across the city and committing serious crimes including robbing residents at gunpoint.
- 3/1/22 4P/5P/6P 7:10  
Two law enforcement officers charged in the shooting death of Jamarion Robinson plead not guilty. The 26-year-old was shot dozens of times during a federal raid in east point in 2016. U.S. Marshal Eric Heinze and Clayton County police officer Kristopher Hutchins face multiple charges -- including felony murder.
- 3/1/22 10P/11P 3:15  
A busy shopping plaza turns into a murder scene. Henry county police found a man shot along East Richmond Road in Ellenwood.
- 3/1/22 10P/11P 4:20  
If the price of gas isn't bad enough, now someone has been going around stealing gas from others. The theft is costing car owners a lot more than it would to fill up.
- 3/2/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
A massive manhunt is underway for the person who shot a police officer. That search forced three Clayton County schools into lockdown.
- 3/2/2022 All Hours 2:20  
Woman killed in southeast Atlanta drive-by shooting. Police say a woman is dead and a man is recovering in the hospital after a drive-by shooting at a southeast Atlanta gas station.

- 3/03, 10-11, 14, 16-18, 21-23/22 12p/6p/10p 2:00/5:04/6:46/7:30/8:22/9:23  
The long-awaited trial of Pastor Mitzi Bickers, a longtime player in Atlanta politics took place in March. Bickers faced charges of bribery, bribery conspiracy and money laundering relating to allegations she helped steer \$20 million in contracts to two construction vendors who previously pled guilty in Federal court. A jury found Bickers guilty on 9 of the 12 charges including bribery conspiracy. She joins a long list of Atlanta city employees and vendors convicted in the US Attorney General's Atlanta Bribery investigation.
- 3/4/22 4P/5P/6P 4:30  
DeKalb county police announced a teen has been arrested and charged in the deadly shooting. Police say the man killed was simply leaving the gas station with a woman and child in the car when he was hit by the stray bullet.
- 3/4/22 5P/6P 4:00  
A search is underway for a white SUV that struck and killed a 77-year-old man. Gwinnett county investigators say the victim was outside checking his mail when he was killed.
- 3/4/22 5P/6P 2:40  
We're learning more about the 63-year-old grandmother who was killed in a drive-by shooting. Lashunda Edge was walking to a convenience store in southeast Atlanta when several men-- targeting another group of men--opened fire.
- 3/4/22 5P/6P 4:00  
A major stolen gun and drug trafficking ring busted in the metro Atlanta area. A two month long undercover operation came to fruition when Paulding County authorities arrested 12 people connected to the case. Investigators say this case is one of their top five major busts for the department.
- 3/6/22 10P/1P 3:00  
Tragedy near the Atlanta fair. A sixteen-year-old shot and killed – two other teens hurt. Police have not announced any arrests – but tonight – one community activist says enough is enough.
- 3/7/22 10P/11P 3:20  
Winder police and the GBI are trying to figure out how a young couple ended up dead inside their home. Police made the tragic discovery Saturday after no one had seen the couple alive in days.
- 3/7/22 10P/11P 4:00  
A gunman is on the run tonight after police say he shot a man, then ran over him with his car. It happened outside a home in the Stony Brook neighborhood in Mableton. Some neighbors say they've seen a lot of traffic in and out of that house lately.
- 3/9/22 4P/5P/6P 4:50  
A metro area law enforcement agency is going high-tech to fight crime. The Henry County police department unveiled its new real time crime center this week. It's the latest weapon in the department's war on crime.
- 3/11/22 5P/6P 6:00  
Nearly two dozen carjackings that occurred in Atlanta last year were committed by children as young as 13. That's the information that Atlanta police department just shared with the Atlanta city council. Where are the potential solutions to stop this? A counselor who tries to help kids says punishment may be the only answer for some of the teens.
- 3/16/22 4P/5P/6P 6:30  
This former UGA football player is charged with murdering a gas station clerk in Oconee County. It comes just days before the first anniversary of the brutal murder. The suspect former UGA wide receiver Ahkil Crumpton is charged with killing Elijah Wood.

3/16/22	4P/5P/6P	6:00	Atlanta police announce the arrest of a second suspect in the Atlanta beltline murder. Officers found the body of Tom Arnold near Elizabeth Street in Inman Park last month.
3/16/22	5P/6P	2:40	A murder mystery in Polk County tonight where police found a body in a toolbox.
3/16/2022	5am/7am/9am	2:10	This has been taking off in 2022. Target gets a text they believe is from the bank. There are spoofed numbers, false claims, and poof, your account is drained.
3/18/2022	5am/7am/9am	2:10	Hertz Lawsuits - Hertz customers are being arrested for theft of vehicles when in fact these cars were returned. A local man spent months in jail over a stolen vehicle he never took. It's quite a story.
3/18/22	4P/5P/6P	6:00	A young mother is shot and killed after getting into an argument over a bowling ball. there is new information, fox5 news has confirmed that Lakevia Jackson has a son with well-known rapper young thug.
3/18/22	4P/5P/6P	6:00	A McDonough man will go to prison for 30 years for rape in a cold case recently solved by deputies in Fayette County. Authorities arrested 46-year-old Joe Arnold in 2020 for the 1998 rape.
3/18/22	10P/11P	3:10	Cops are cracking down on street racers in one part of the Atlanta metro. Dozens of police officers in Gwinnett have hit the streets in hopes of catching racers in the act.
3/18/22	10P/11P	2:10	An Athens mother is desperate to find the driver who hit and killed her son. 25-year-old Sanchez elder died two and a half years ago, and police still don't know who was behind the wheel.
3/22/22	4P/5P/6P	4:30	An hours long swat standoff with an armed man on Greyhound bus causes major traffic headaches for hundreds of drivers. It started on I-85 in Gwinnett County an ended with no injuries and a suspect in custody.
3/22/22	10P/11P	4:00	A Paulding County man is in jail after investigators say he went on a wild ride in the middle of the night. Paulding county sheriff's deputies say he stole a school bus.
3/23/22	4P/5P/6P	3:25	GBI agents investigate an early morning deadly encounter between a police officer and a man allegedly seen firing shots in his Jonesboro community.
3/23/22	10P/11P	2:30	A gunfight in a parking lot lands an innocent teenager in the hospital. Police say that 16-year-old girl was inside her apartment when she was hit by a stray bullet-- fired from outside.
3/24/22	5P/6P	2:00	Sandy Springs police are looking for two people who broke into a car and went on a shopping spree with the victim's credit card. Investigators say the two made off with a number of laptops, before the victim was alerted about thefts.

3/24/22 10P/11P 4:00  
A family's plea to the public... for any information tied to the death of a 23-year-old man in northwest Atlanta. D're Johnson was shot and killed at an apartment complex on commerce drive at the end of January. The family says it's agonizing not only to grieve his loss but to know that the person responsible is still out there.

3/27/22 10P/11P 5:00  
South Fulton police are working to learn what lead up to death of Teante Jones. Officials say the man they believe to be the suspect barricaded himself inside a home and turned the gun on himself.

3/28/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
An arrest in a triple homicide at a home on Chesapeake way in Rockmart. But another suspect remains on the run.

3/28/22 7a/9a/4p 16:09  
The FOX 5 I-Team reported the story of two metro Atlanta men falsely arrested for stealing their rental cars. Both rented cars from Hertz and both were jailed on theft charges that later were dismissed. The men have joined a growing list of individuals from around the country who claim they too were arrested on bogus vehicle theft charges initiated by Hertz. All of this is playing out in Federal Bankruptcy Court in Delaware. Hertz admits it files more than 3000 theft charges a year and asserts that rarely are their errors.

3/28/2022 All hours 2:20  
Police are on the hunt for a person who opened fire on a house and 3 cars in Southeast Atlanta

3/29/20200 All hours 2:15  
Four-Year old girl shot and killed at DeKalb County home

3/30/22 4P/5P/6P 6:00  
U.S. Postal employee robbed at gunpoint in broad daylight. It happened at Glen Park apartments off South Cobb drive.

3/30/22 5P/6P 4:00  
Two suspects wanted in connection with a rash of car break-ins are in jail. Cherokee county sheriff's officials say the pair are charged with nearly a dozen car break-ins, and it's believed they may have committed even more. The break-ins happened in the Lakepointe subdivision in Acworth.

3/30/22 10P/11P 3:10  
A shooting outside an Atlanta public school sparks a GBI investigation. Police say the problem started around dismissal when a parent showed up to the high school, waiving a weapon.

### **FAMILY/YOUTH/STUDENT**

1/14/22 10P/11P 4:20  
If you're under 21 you won't be able to spend late nights at Atlantic Station. A new curfew is now in effect. Atlantic station is hoping it will cut down on crime.

1/27/2022 9am 3:00  
Dr. Leslie Walsh talks setting goals with your children this new year. When helping your child set their goals for the year, it's important to make sure they are age appropriate and achievable. Whether their goal is putting their toys away, being more physically active, getting more sleep or trying new foods, it's important to not put too much pressure on each goal. While a parent should encourage their child to achieve their goals, they should also let them know that failure is ok and a part of life.

2/7/2022 5am/7am/9am 3:00  
Strides for Survivors is a 2.7 mile walk around Chastain Park - with starting and finishing points at The Galloway School - launched in 2017 by three sisters: Samantha, Lauren, and Emilie Scalise as a way to recognize their mother

Stephanie, a breast cancer survivor, and give back to the Sandy Springs-based nonprofit Turning Point Breast Cancer Rehabilitation

2/10/22

6P

1:30

A newborn baby girl and her mother are doing well after the baby was delivered in the "backseat" of her grandmother's car. The grandmother tried to get to Grady memorial hospital but pulled over at a public health department when the contractions started to get stronger. A nurse who was in the right place at the right time to make that special delivery.

2/17/22

10P/11P

4:00

An order tonight from the Atlanta Police Department - If you own a gun - Lock it up and be responsible. This, of course, is after that young child accidentally shot himself last night.

2/21/2022

5am/7am/9am

2:30

Big brother Big sisters of Metro Atlanta is trying to serve more kids across the area. Right now, they are seeing a big increase in need for their services from families and the city. But they need more help from the community to make it happen

2/22/22

5P/6P

4:10

The dreams of dozens of aspiring college football players – deflated. Those players came from all over the country for a prep program connected to Atlanta technical college. They eventually found out they weren't actually in a legitimate college program.

2/24/2022

10am

3:30

Dr. Lulu gives parents tips for helping their children take care of their teeth for Children's dental health month.

3/7/2022

7am & 9am

2:30

Sixty percent of parents with kid's regret letting them borrow the credit or debit card to make online purchases. Almost half report the kids used it without permission. What this means.

3/8/2022

7am/9am

2:10

A new program in Athens is helping set troubled teens and young adults on a better path. It's called "Juvenile Advocate incorporated," And is opening their doors this week. Their goal is to serve Athen's youth and create more opportunity.

3/14/2022

5am/7am/9am

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Teacher Junior Bernadin from the Ron Clark Academy was chosen for a presidential award for excellence in math, science, and technology, teaching, and mentoring.

3/22/2022

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Atlanta Unbound Academy: It's a new school located in historic college park. But what makes it unique is the curriculum it follows.

3/23/2022

10am

4:00

National Drugs & Alcohol Facts Week: Impact on Teen Mental, OverallHealth. Sierra Hillsman, a local Licensed Professional Counselor, to give tips for parents on how they can talk to their children about drugs and alcohol, discuss substance use disorders and mental health, trauma and substance abuse and the impact of drugs and alcohol on our emotions. Sierra has several years of experience as a substance abuse counselor.

3/24/2022

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Travel expert Lesli Peterson gives tips on How to do Atlanta for FREE Need to pinch a penny? Looking for free things to do in Atlanta, around the metro and in the mountains? We love how much there is to do affordably in our area. We've included things most locals know about like Piedmont Park, and Atlantic Station, but did you know you can visit the Children's Museum for free? Plus, we have lots of things you've probably never heard of, like the Castleberry Hill Art Stroll or the Georgia Guidestones.

3/25/2022 9am 3:30  
National Poison Prevention week is next week, and I wanted to share these graphics from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong4Life on common household items that can harm your child and how to store them properly. Cleaning supplies such as bleach and cleaning spray, or even laundry detergent pods and nail polish remover can be extremely harmful to your child if ingested. These items and medications should be stored up, away and out of sight of children. Most containers are child-resistant, not childproof, so if they are not stored properly, your child can possibly open them. You should also be mindful of small toys or items that contain button batteries. More than 2,500 button batteries are ingested each year in the U.S. and can be extremely dangerous if swallowed. Parents should also talk to other caregivers, like grandparents, to ensure they take the same precautions of storing supplies and medicine to keep your child safe. It's also important to teach teens about proper dosage for over-the-counter medications.

3/26/22 10P/11P 4:20  
Men from all over metro Atlanta came together to canvass along Campbellton road. The group went door to door handing out resources in hopes it will cut down violence in the city- especially incidents involving teens.

3/29/2022 7am/8am/9am/10am 3:30  
This morning, the Good Day Atlanta team got a very special look at the culinary arts program at Booker T. Washington High School, which opened in 1924 as the first public high school Black students in the state. Chef Larry Alford heads up the program at the school, helping students gain the hands-on experience they'll need to be successful in the food service and restaurant industry; Chef Alford previously led the culinary arts program at Atlanta's Alonzo A. Crum Open Campus High School, and was named a finalist for Atlanta Public School's 2017-2018 Districtwide Teacher of the Year thanks to his efforts.

3/31/2022 9am 2:30  
Georgia Film Academy is partnering with Clark Atlanta University to offer Introduction to On-Set Film Production to university students. Working to get executive director of Georgia Film Academy, Jeffrey Stepakoff and someone from Clark Atlanta.

### **Wednesday's Child**

1/12/20 6pm 2:29  
Brianna & Jovani  
Future electrical engineer Jovani and future therapist Brianna are close hispanic siblings who enjoy listening to hip hop music, playing 'Uno', and spending time together. Brianna says that Jovani always makes her laugh. Jovani, also known as Gio, born in 2006, enjoys nature, boxing, wrestling, playing soccer, and playing and watching football.

1/26 /20 6pm 2:22  
MAKAYLA  
Future veterinarian Makayla, born in 2006, is an energetic, loving, and caring African American girl who enjoys playing basketball, volleyball, and 'Monopoly', shopping, talking on the phone, and going to the mall. She also enjoys listening to hip hop and R&B music, sleeping, and watching 'Catfish: The TV Show', 'The Hate U Give', and football games.

2/2/22 6pm 2:01  
ANDREW  
Andrew, born in 2007, is a reserved, helpful, and kind African American/Caucasian teen who looks forward to creating logos, cologne, and clothing. Until then, he enjoys spending his time bowling, listening to hip hop and R&B music, and playing video games, cards, checkers, 'Monopoly', baseball, and basketball. Nikolas also enjoys being on social media, going to Starbucks, going out to eat and other activities, and watching Tyler Perry movies, 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air', and football and basketball games

2/23 6pm 1:44  
JHAEL

Jhael, born in 2011, is a fun, loving, and sometimes quiet African American boy who enjoys riding his bike and scooter, playing soccer, playing with action figures, and watching cartoons and YouTube videos. Hopeful that as he enters her teen years, she'll finally feel the love of an adoptive family.

3/9/22 6pm 2:16  
ATAVION

Atavion, also known as Tay, born in 2008, is a funny, creative, and confident African American boy who loves dogs, gardening, spending time with family, and having one-on-one time with his caregiver. He also enjoys playing video games, listening to rap music, watching comedies and action movies, and playing and watching basketball and football.

3/23 6pm 1:49  
ANDREW

Andrew, born in 2006, is a sweet, animated, and positive thinking Caucasian teen with a great personality who is excited to talk about things about which he is passionate. He enjoys listening to music, riding his bike, taking walks, cooking, baking cakes, and playing sports. He wants the love and stability of a family.

### **Georgia Gang**

1/2/22 8:30AM

In the fight against Covid here in Georgia, Governor Brian Kemp is authorizing the deployment of about 200 National Guard troops to testing sites and hospitals. And the state plans to reestablish a state testing site near the airport and is expanding staff at district test sites. The governor says he has no plans to, in his words, "divide the vaccinated from the unvaccinated or the masked from the unmasked". Last week, the city of Atlanta canceled the Peach Drop citing the rise in Covid cases and recently reinstated its mask mandate. We're also seeing several metro area businesses impacted, restaurants forced to close their doors because their workers are sick. Georgia still lags behind the national average when it comes to the vaccine. People who are following the Covid protocols, masking up and getting vaccinated, are growing weary as we face yet another variant. Area school districts revisit the way they're responding to the latest surge. Fulton County health officials recommend that Fulton and its 15 cities reinstate indoor mask mandates and consider canceling, discouraging, or banning large gatherings until the surge passes. Atlanta and East Point already brought back their mask mandates.

Georgia politics once again capturing the national spotlight with this year's governor's race and the race for the senate seat currently held by Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock. Governor Brian Kemp and former senator David Perdue, both political heavyweights, the gloves will come off, a no-holds-barred fight. With two strong Republican gubernatorial candidates in the race, emotions are still high coming off the 2020 election. The infighting could lead to low Republican turnout in the general election.

Atlanta mayor-elect Andre Dickens will be sworn in at his alma mater Georgia Tech, at a ceremony at Bobby Dodd Stadium on Monday with several new city council members. Crime and the Buckhead cityhood issue are among pressing issues facing the new administration. The mayoral candidates campaigned heavily on the issue of crime; it was the top issue for voters. Residents will want to see immediate action. The Buckhead City Committee, the group heading the de-annexation effort, has made it clear they're moving forward with cityhood efforts, despite a change in city leadership. Opponents of the cityhood movement say a split would be devastating for the city of Atlanta, the city of Buckhead and the Buckhead school district.

1/9/22

8:30AM

Mayor Andre Dickens was sworn into office on the campus of his alma mater, Georgia Tech. He says his education will be put to use, solving some of Atlanta's most pressing problems. The Dickens administration will reshape city hall as he works with several new city council members. The job of Atlanta's newest mayor will not be easy as some in Buckhead are looking to break away. Mayor Dickens, "I said we don't need two cities, one city with one bright future. We have survived hard times before." Mayor Dickens also says one thing Atlantans want most – action! He promised to hit the ground running.

This week, Governor Brian Kemp held a news conference to talk about a priority for him in the upcoming legislative session. The governor is looking into the loosening of gun restrictions, putting his support behind constitutional carry. The governor is locked in a tough primary fight and former Senator Perdue wasted no time saying it was about time Governor Kemp pushed for this issue. Expect a lot of this back and forth between these two and then throw Vernon Jones into the mix. If Republicans push for constitutional carry, there could also be a push for the safe storage of guns and holding folks accountable when kids gain access to firearms and tragedy. There is a Child Endangerment Law on the books, but it's not used in these cases.

1/16/22

8:30AM

President Biden and Vice President Harris were in Atlanta this week, to call on lawmakers to change the senate rules and pass a federal voting rights law. Republicans punch back, calling the president a hypocrite. President Biden, "The right to vote and have that vote counted is democracy's threshold liberty." In a fiery speech, President Biden came to Atlanta to push his case to pass federal voting rights legislation.

President Biden said, "We have no right but to change the senate rules, getting rid of the filibuster for this." His remarks angered Republicans when he said elected officials have a choice, be on the side of Dr. King or George Wallace, on the side of John Lewis or Bull Connor? On the side of Abraham Lincoln or Jefferson Davis? Governor Brian Kemp said, "Georgia is ground zero on the Biden/Harris assault on election integrity as well as attempts to federalize how hard-working Georgians run their businesses, to how we run elections." House Speaker Ralston also weighed in at the Eggs and Issues Breakfast; he said he couldn't let someone lie about our state or its values. Senator Warnock also addressed the crowd saying restricting access to the ballot is not good for Georgia and it is certainly not good for Georgia business.

Governor Brian Kemp pushes for pay raises for all state employees, tax cuts for Georgians and fully funding education. The governor outlined his \$30 billion budget priorities this week – raises, tax cuts, education funds, healthcare, and public safety. This couldn't come at a better time for the governor as he's in a fight for his political life against former Senator Perdue in the Republican primary, and if he wins that, on to face Stacey Abrams. The governor also weighed in on cultural issues within the schools, vowing to keep critical race theory out of schools, ensuring fairness in school sports and establishing a parental bill of rights in education.

1/23/22

8:30AM

Governor Brian Kemp pitched his budget this week in a joint hearing of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and one of the biggest priorities is to tackle turnover. Governor Kemp, "I recognize that state employees have not had a cost-of-living adjustment to their salaries since before the Great Recession." The governor's budget plan includes a \$5,000 raise for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees. The governor cited increased employee turnover, staffing challenges and increased training costs, something state agency leaders echoed in their remarks to state lawmakers. Kemp stated, "We have a pretty tremendous turnover in head count. Just being able to keep employees employed in the department. It's going to boost the morale of our employees. It's going to help us to retain the employees that we have. Today we have 14% attrition rate." The most shocking numbers came from the Department of Juvenile Justice, which reported a 90% turnover rate this fiscal year in juvenile correctional officers, down from 97% the year before. In addition to raises, the governor also plans to make the state's 401k program more competitive. Kemp added, "I'll also be introducing legislation that we look forward to working with you all on that would increase from 3% to 9%." Those contribution amounts would be based on an employee's length of service.

Despite now viral speeches from Georgia Senators Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, the senate blocked the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act from moving forward. Democrats also failed to pass a change to filibuster rules. And the Georgia Supreme Court heard arguments this week dealing with the constitutionality of a law that prohibits people from disrupting the state legislature; this stems from the arrest of then state senator and now Congresswoman Nikema Williams in 2018.

1/30/22

8:30AM

A Quinnipiac Poll out this week shows Governor Brian Kemp in the lead over former Senator David Perdue. Looking at the numbers in the Republican primary for governor, it's Kemp at 43, Perdue at 36 and Vernon Jones with ten percent among likely Republican primary voters. Former President Donald Trump has endorsed David Perdue, and this could matter to Republican voters. Whether it's Governor Brian Kemp or David Perdue against Stacey Abrams, it's an even match up. Governor Kemp has a slight edge among registered voters and they Abrams and Perdue are tied at 48 apiece.

In the U.S. Senate race, not many surprises in the Republican primary with Herschel Walker way out in front with 81 percent support among likely Republican voters. Looking at the potential matchup between Walker and incumbent Senator Raphael Warnock who has amassed quite a war chest. It's a close one as we've seen Herschel Walker take a more unconventional strategy on the campaign trail. What could be interesting about this race is just how high-profile Warnock and Walker are, and both are very different kinds of candidates.

Gun violence escalated once again this week in Atlanta with several shootings – at a nightclub, outside a restaurant in Midtown and then the killing of 6-month-old Grayson Matthew Fleming-Gray, who was hit by a stray bullet as he rode with his family. The interviews with his mom are just heartbreaking. Police were able to capture the alleged killer within 24 hours. But there's a lot more to this story. This is a suspect who was released from the Houston County jail, he was also on probation on aggravated assault charges. A petition was filed in October asking the court to revoke his probation, but that didn't happen. You can have a fully staffed police department making all the arrests in the world, but the court system needs a clean-up for it to matter.

Atlanta City Councilman Michael Bond is asking about the lack of patrolling in Atlanta city parks after several violent incidents, even murders. Bond spearheaded legislation to upgrade security at the parks back in September and says nothing has been done. One piece of promising news this week that Chief Bryant says could be a game changer – a massive update to the city's 10-year-old camera system. It could give APD access to 30,000 real-time cameras across the city which can't come soon enough.

2/6/22

8:30AM

Republicans under the Gold Dome are proposing massive changes for Gwinnett County voters. They introduced new county commission lines that already passed the state house. State Representative Sam Park, "I can assure you that while we lost the fight in the house, this fight is not over." The chairman of the Gwinnett delegation says they'll continue to push for changes to the redistricting map approved by the state house in a party line vote. The map redraws the county's four commission districts; the current map has been in place the last ten years. But Republicans released a map earlier this week which reshuffles the districts and creates a new northern district which leans conservative. The League of Women Voters also weighed in, saying the map drawn by Republicans ignored the will of the public who participated in several public hearings. Redistricting is political and ugly and only one party is usually happy. It appears Republicans were okay with the maps when they were in control but now that Democrats are in charge, it's time to change the districts. Gwinnett County is the state's second most populous county; this is a big deal.

A new Atlanta Journal Constitution poll shows African American voters in Georgia are not as confident in President Biden compared to a few months ago. The poll shows that 60 percent of Black voters in Georgia approve of the job President Joe Biden is doing which is a 20-point drop from a similar poll in May. Stacey Abrams has tremendous support in the African American community, as does Senator Raphael Warnock.

2/13/22

8:30AM

Governor Brian Kemp weighs in whether students should be forced to wear masks to schools. He says it should be up to parents rather than school administrators. Governor Kemp, "It is my belief that parents have tools they need to

best take care of their children. That's why I think we need to let parents decide whether their children need to be masked or not." Governor Kemp says he wants to push for legislation that would take the power to determine school mask protocols away from public school leaders. He says there are a small number of districts that are ignoring the science and that enough is enough. Governor Kemp says he's all for local control, but he's been patient on this mask issue. He plans to work with his floor leaders to introduce the legislation soon.

U.S. District Judge Steve Jones could possibly delay Georgia's primaries if he finds the state's new political maps weaken the representation of African American voters. Even though this issue could potentially drag out, Judge Jones says he could change the whole calendar after he hears all the evidence.

2/20/22 8:30AM

New polling out this week shows Governor Brian Kemp with momentum on the Republican side with a ten-point lead over former Senator David Perdue. Governor Kemp, "That's great news but today's a different day. But my goal is to win every single day; the voters will be the ultimate poll." It was a good week for Governor Brian Kemp. He won the endorsement of the Police Benevolent Association, but also came out ten points ahead of former Senator David Perdue in a newly released poll from the Trafalgar Group of likely GOP primary voters. Perdue, though, is spreading the message that he is the only Republican in the race endorsed by former President Donald Trump. The latest campaign finance reports show Kemp ahead in fundraising with 12.7 million dollars on hand compared to Perdue's less than a million. But Democrat Stacey Abrams has come out on top when it comes to fundraising, taking in more than nine million dollars in a two-month timeframe. Kemp said, "Make no mistake, my goal is to beat Stacey Abrams. I'm the only person in Georgia that has done that. I plan on doing that again." It's still early, with about three months to go until the primary.

Supporters of a new City of Buckhead were dealt a major blow after House Speaker David Ralston agreed with Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan to put a pause on the issue this legislative session. These Republican leaders want to give Mayor Andre Dickens time to get a handle on crime. The leader of the group, Bill White, did not appear to help the cause. As the face of the fight, he was controversial with several of his tweets. This issue had a lot of momentum when we were hearing so much about crime, but we never could get a clear answer on what would happen to schools within Buckhead, and that gave some parents a cause for concern.

2/27/22 8:30AM

Former U.S. Senator David Perdue says he's in the race to unite Georgia Republicans, a job he says Governor Kemp hasn't been able to do. Perdue said, "I don't think he can pull us together; if he were able to, he would have done it already." Former President Donald Trump has endorsed Perdue after publicly blaming Kemp for Trump losing the state of Georgia in the 2020 election. Perdue continues to frame himself as an outsider, a strategy that helped him win a U.S. Senate seat in 2014. Perdue said he decided to jump into the race for governor to help heal a divided Republican party.

Governor Brian Kemp's campaign took aim at Perdue for his new TV ads. One of them included a shot of Perdue shaking hands with a former law enforcement officer who was arrested on child porn charges. The footage was from a 2019 school visit Perdue made alongside First Lady Marty Kemp. Perdue says "it was a simple mistake. We took it down; I'm really surprised the Governor wanted to make that a political statement." Perdue says he is the candidate who can beat Stacey Abrams in November because he got 2.4 million votes during his senate race in 2020, compared to Kemp's 1.9 million in the 2018 Governor's race. Approximately a million more Georgians cast ballots in 2020.

It took a jury less than four hours to return guilty verdicts in a federal hate crimes trial against the three men responsible for the death of Ahmaud Arbery. The outcome wasn't surprising. The three defendants now face possible life sentences for these crimes.

3/6/22 8:30AM

In a surprise move to some, former Senator David Perdue came out swinging against Governor Brian Kemp by siding with opponents of the five-billion-dollar Rivian Plant, expected to be built in Rutledge, Georgia, which is

about an hour east of Atlanta. Perdue, "He sold it out to someone who doesn't have our best interests at heart. He sold it out to George Soros, hundreds of millions of dollars of our tax dollars for this insane Rivian deal." Perdue made a stop in Rutledge where he received a warm welcome from opponents of the proposed plant. It's expected to bring at least 7500 jobs to the area, but opponents say this was a deal done in secret with no community input. Perdue said if he becomes governor, he will kill the deal. The governor's campaign spokesman said the governor is just playing politics, and "obviously, Perdue is listening to his handlers who have told him that in order to make some political points, he needs to attack 7500 jobs coming to a local community." We have yet to hear what the incentive package was to attract Rivian, but since this is the largest economic development project in Georgia, we expect the incentives to be large as well. Many were surprised and puzzled by Perdue's take on this huge announcement. Georgia is the number one state to do business, something that every Republican governor has touted. Perdue's a former CEO, and some are wondering if this is a smart political strategy for Perdue. A leader of the group opposing this plant said the group has reached out to the elected leaders who represent this area and have heard nothing. This could be the reason why Perdue is stepping in, telling them I hear you.

In the poll for the race for governor, Brian Kemp is ahead by nine points over David Perdue, but 15 percent of Republican voters say they're undecided. If Governor Kemp isn't up past fifty percent at this point, this could spell trouble for him as former President Trump gears up to campaign for Perdue. In the poll for the U.S. senate race, Herschel Walker is still way out in front with more than 63 percent of the Republican vote as the other candidates aren't even in the double-digit range, which leads to speculation as to why Walker bailed on this weekend's event with Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Green.

3/13/22

8:30AM

Candidates had to put their money where their mouth is this week and officially qualify to be on the ballot in 2022, and now the real work begins, especially for those running for the state's top job. Surrounded by supporters, Governor Brian Kemp pitched Georgia voters on why he is the best candidate to lead the state for the next four years. The Republican incumbent outlined his accomplishments, but also acknowledged the road to re-election will not be easy. Kemp says, "The media, Hollywood and elites will be against us again, but you know what? They've come for us before." Former Senator David Perdue complicated Kemp's path to victory by running against him in the Republican primary. Perdue explained his reasons for getting in the race shortly after qualifying Wednesday. Perdue, "I just don't see how Brian's going to pull together all of the Republican Party to stand up against Stacey. They're too upset about too many things right now; I'm the guy who can pull us together." Both men have their sights set on a showdown with Democrat Stacey Abrams, who lost to Brian Kemp by about 55 thousand votes in 2018. Her message during qualifying centered on her love for the state. Abrams, "We need a leader who sees the future for Georgia, a place where differences make us stronger." Abrams said her campaign will focus on many of the same issues she ran on in 2018, including expanding Medicaid, fully funding education, and economic prosperity, which will hopefully get people to the polls.

Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock also qualified for re-election, but the fireworks in that race came on the Republican side this week as a debate popped up about debates. State Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black, who is now running for U.S. senate called out fellow Republican Herschel Walker, who is currently the frontrunner in the race, saying it's time for him to talk about his stances on immigration, inflation, and other top issues. Black, "Those kinds of things are really important in a race like this, and I promise you we're gonna be talking about them. It's time for him to come out of the basement so we can have an honest discussion with Georgians." But Walker would not commit to debating his primary opponents. Walker, "I'm not going to play games. I'm not here to do that; Herschel is here to debate Raphael Warnock 'cause I'm going to win this primary and I'm going to the general to beat him as well." Walker is polling far ahead of all the others in the race, still declining to debate his fellow Republicans.

Gas prices continue to soar as the Russian invasion of Ukraine sends ripple effects across the globe. This week Governor Brian Kemp said he would work with the General Assembly to pass a bill temporarily suspending the collection of state motor fuel taxes. Lawmakers estimate it will cost the state about 160 million dollars per month. The suspension would go into effect upon the governor's signature and last through May 31st.

This week, the House of Representatives approved a plan by Speaker Ralston and Chairman Shaw Blackmon to decrease the state's maximum tax rate of 5.75 percent and go to a flat rate of 5.25 percent for all taxpayers. Opponents say it only benefits the wealthiest Georgians and could jeopardize funding for public education. But Ralston says it will help families keep more of their hard-earned money.

3/20/22

8:30AM

Democrat Stacey Abrams made campaign stops across Georgia this week, calling incumbent Brian Kemp inept and lazy. But the Republican fired back, giving us a taste of what's to come in the months ahead. Abrams, "I'm Stacey Abrams and I intend to be the next governor of the great state of Georgia." During an appearance at Guardian Works on her One Georgia tour, Abrams renewed her promise to expand Medicaid. Abrams, "What changed is that Covid hit this state, but what didn't change was that we have a broken healthcare system and an incompetent governor refusing to fix it." Governor Brian Kemp, "If she was your governor, we'd be one Covid variant away from lockdowns, your economy, your schools, your churches, and we cannot let them happen." Kemp made a campaign stop in Pike County as his main Republican rival, David Perdue, worked the crowd at a Troup County GOP meeting and got a fundraising boost from former President Donald Trump at Mar-A-Lago. But Kemp maintains only he can defeat Stacey Abrams. Kemp, "There's only one person in the governor's race that can beat Stacey Abrams and that's the person who has already beat her and that's me. I started organizations to help with vaccine hesitancy, organizations to make sure we're protecting the vote. I did the work and now I want the job." Stacey Abrams didn't mention David Perdue but went after the governor. David Perdue could gain momentum when former President Donald Trump comes to Georgia.

The U.S. senate race is also getting nasty. On the Republican side, Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black went after Herschel Walker in an attack ad that focused on Walker's allegations of domestic violence. Latham Saddler and Kelvin King are saying this is not an autograph campaign and that Walker needs to be more visible on the campaign trail if he wants the trust of Georgia voters.

Crossover Day was under the Gold Dome this week. More changes to Georgia's voting law even though Republicans said earlier this year, they weren't interested. There were two interesting measures for legislators – pay raises and four-year terms for state senators. Although Georgia passed a law that would mean some growers would get licenses for medical marijuana – the whole process is a mess. The House and Senate are trying to fix it with two very different bills.

3/27/22

8:30AM

Former President Donald Trump visits Commerce, Georgia, and a slew of candidates are alongside him. We don't know exactly what the former president will say. Hopefully the former President will provide the boost that David Perdue needs. He's been lagging in the polls and in fundraising. We'll learn about the value of Trump's endorsement. David Perdue says he'll debate Brian Kemp anywhere, anytime. That's a change in strategy compared to when he and Ossoff were facing off.

Former Atlanta Police Chief Erika Shields not only has a billboard up trying to recruit officers to Louisville, Kentucky, but she sent recruiters down to try and fill job vacancies at her police department in Kentucky. It's proved to be an interesting tactic. Shields is well respected among the rank and file, and she's able to offer good pay.

There's mounting opposition to the mental health overhaul at the State Capitol. Several opponents, many of them conservative, say this is government overreach. This kind of came from left field and suddenly. This has bi-partisan support. It passed the House, but the opposition could make a difference in the Senate. Also, this week, Governor Kemp signed a bill to give state income tax refunds, anywhere from \$250 to \$500 for those who filed taxes the last two years. Former Senator David Perdue says if he becomes governor, he'll go even further by pushing to do away with the state income tax altogether.

## **SPECIALS**

### **THE NEXT ATLANTA (episode #12)**

01/12/22

7:00-7:30pm

Metro Atlanta absorbs about 100k people a year. Many have real money to buy houses, but Atlanta's running out of cheap land to build on. Neighborhoods then change from poor and working class to middle income and rich which is gentrification, and people are pushed out without money. What that means, and why it might be hard and what's at stake – we're going to talk about it on THE NEXT ATLANTA.

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

02/26/22

7:00-7:30pm

To mark Black History Month, the FOX 5 News team shares stories that celebrate the history, heritage, and culture of African American communities across Georgia. Our storytelling will take viewers through the history and accomplishments of African American mayors who have led the city of Atlanta for decades, inside the unique and complex culture of African American barbershops and beauty salons, on a visit to Macon's Harriet Tubman Museum and on a journey to learn about the Gullah Geechee people of Sapelo Island on the Georgia coast.

### **ROAD TO NOVEMBER**

03/3, 10, 17, 24 & 31/22

7:00-7:30pm

FOX 5 will highlight the politics of the week, including the candidates running for office. The show will air each Thursday until the primary election.

### **DEIDRA DUKES REPORTS**

03/14/22 (repeats 03/19/22) 7:00-7:30pm (7:30-8:00pm)

FOX 5's Deidra Dukes will talk with Atlanta's newly elected mayor, Andre Dickens, about his plans for the city's future.

**Community Affairs  
Issue-Oriented Community Projects  
January – March**

**JANUARY**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service**

FOX 5 produced a live 2 ½ hour broadcast as well as live streaming video on fox5atlanta.com of the annual commemorative service held at Horizon Sanctuary at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The Commemorative Service celebrated the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Dr. King's death. Attendees included leaders from the local and civic communities, dignitaries from around the world, and ecumenical representatives from throughout Georgia.