

## Lawrenceville Partners with Gwinnett for PRELUDE on July 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Swingin' Medallions to Headline this Year's Independence Day  
and Gwinnett Bicentennial Celebration*

**LAWRENCEVILLE (METRO ATLANTA) GA – June 21, 2018** - The [City of Lawrenceville](http://www.cityoflawrenceville.org) together with Presenting Partner, [Gwinnett County](http://www.gwinnettnet.com), will host a special Prelude to the 4<sup>th</sup> honoring America's Day of Independence as well as [Gwinnett's Bicentennial Celebration](http://www.gwinnettnet.com) on Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 5 p.m. on the Lawrenceville Lawn. The patriotic celebration will include fun for the whole family and will feature live music from up-and-coming Nashville country music star Maggie Baugh opening for The Swingin' Medallions. The event will also include food trucks, beer and wine from McCray's Tavern, music from DJ Suspense and an expanded fireworks show.

"As the county seat with a historic backdrop, we look forward to celebrating our nation's independence along with Gwinnett's Bicentennial Anniversary," commented City of Lawrenceville Mayor Judy Jordan Johnson. "On a day that marks the strong foundation on which our great country was built, we are also pleased to recognize Gwinnett's history of success as we look to the future with many great things to come for our city, county, state and nation."

"Early Gwinnett leaders selected the City of Lawrenceville as the county seat, and Lawrenceville has played a special role in our community's history ever since," said Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairman Charlotte Nash. "Gwinnett County is a proud sponsor of the City of Lawrenceville's Prelude to the 4th this year in honor of our shared celebration of the County's Bicentennial. Exciting things are happening all across Gwinnett – especially here in the county seat – and we're glad to be a part of it all."

The patriotic celebration will begin with a "Flag-Raising Ceremony" presented by the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 5255, the Lawrenceville Women's Club and a combined City and County Honor Guard. Live music will follow and the night will culminate with the illumination of the sky for an expanded fireworks extravaganza!

Thank you to Lawrenceville's additional event sponsors Consolidated Supply & Pipe Company, McCray's Tavern on the Square and Kona Ice, Blue Rooster Bake Shop & Eatery on the Square, Mike Thomas – State Farm Insurance Agent, Peachstate Credit Union, and Brand Properties. Without their support, events such as Prelude to the 4<sup>th</sup> would not be possible!

Please note that Luckie and Chestnut Streets will be closed during Prelude to the 4th. For a complete listing of this year's events, visit [www.lawrencevillega.org](http://www.lawrencevillega.org) or the city's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityoflawrenceville](https://www.facebook.com/cityoflawrenceville).

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*More about the Live Music Artists:*

Multi-instrumentalist, and singer/songwriter, [Maggie Baugh](#) is a young, highly energetic, Nashville based country music sensation. At 18 years old, Maggie Baugh has already taken country music by storm. Her latest single, "Catch Me" can be heard on Radio Disney and the "Catch Me" official music video can be seen on CMT.com.

[The Swingin' Medallions](#) have been based out of the Greenwood South Carolina area, since the early 1960's. The music most often associated with the band is beach music, frat rock, R&B, or shaggin' music. After a few years of touring colleges from the Carolinas to the Louisiana Bayou, John McElrath took the group to Arthur Smith's Studio in Charlotte North Carolina, to record "Double Shot (of My Baby's Love)". The song became a million seller in 1966, and has been a party classic for college students for decades. "She Drives Me Out Of My Mind" and "Hey, Hey, Baby" were top 40 hits in 1966 and 1967, but "Double Shot" remains the signature song of the Swingin' Medallions. The members of the Swingin' Medallions have changed over the past 30 years, but the music remains the same. The present Medallions stage show has coined them the name, "The Party Band of the South."