

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with  
Commissioner Brooks



Spring 2019

## Greetings!



I am excited to share with you District 1's first newsletter of 2019! Be sure to watch for future editions each quarter. In this newsletter, I'll provide an update on our 2040 Unified Plan and a reminder about the property tax assessment notices that were mailed last month. I'll also update you on the exciting Revel project and provide some pool safety tips from our Fire and Emergency Services Department to remind you to be safe while enjoying the pools this spring.

I'm also pleased to report that Gwinnett County Government is on social media! You can follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) @Gwinnettgov. Please be sure to like and share our pages.

Plus, there are a lot of great events happening in District 1 this spring, so be sure to mark them on your calendars. Additionally, we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month together with communities in Gwinnett.

Enjoy the rest of this wonderful season!

## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Commissioners approve 2040 Unified Plan

The Board of Commissioners continues to focus on our mission of providing high-quality services to Gwinnett County's citizens and businesses. The County's 2040 Unified Plan was approved a few weeks ago after receiving a favorable review from the state Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission. You can find a copy of that plan on our website, [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com).

### Tax assessment notices mailed

You should have received your property tax assessments by now as they were mailed earlier this month. These assessments show your updated property value for this year as well as an estimate of your property taxes. Remember that you have the right to appeal the property value within 45 days from the date stated on your 2019 Annual Notice of Assessment. The Tax Assessor's Office is ready to assist property owners with any questions, so be sure to [visit their website](#) for more details.

### Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month in Gwinnett

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, which pays tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched our history and are vital to our country (and county's) future. In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, please visit our exhibit on display **May 15 to June 15** in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center atrium, which features artifacts from various countries in Asia. In addition, the Suwanee Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library will host author FB Smit on **May 18 at 1:00pm** as she discusses her picture books that are based on traditional Korean folktales and highlight bilingual narration, dialogue, and culturally diverse characters.

### Honor Gwinnett military heroes this Memorial Day

Gwinnett County officials will honor fallen hero Officer Antwan Toney during the annual Memorial Day ceremony, **Monday, May 27 at 1:00pm** at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Join us at this year's ceremony to remember Officer Toney and other fallen heroes who have sacrificed their lives to protect our nation and our communities.



## Update on Infinite Energy Center and Revel development

If you've been around the Infinite Energy Center lately, you have seen lots of construction happening in and around the center. The parking lot at the front of the center is being revamped into a multi-level parking garage. Inside the center, a 50,000 square foot expansion will take place, almost doubling the existing space, along with a new

entrance wing, roof, and renovated grand ballroom.

North American Properties, the developer for the Revel mixed-use project around the Infinite Energy Center, has secured a financial partner. In addition, North American Properties has started discussions with tenants for the new project, which will be revealed later this summer.

In other development news, congratulations to the city of Sugar Hill for its recent grand opening of the E Center downtown. [Visit their website](#) to find out more about the grand opening celebration that was held last month.

## Renovated Norcross Senior Center opens with ribbon cutting

The newly renovated Norcross Senior Center, located in District 1, opened May 8 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The \$444,400 renovation, funded by SPLOST, created this state-of-the-art facility with features to meet the needs of our aging adults. The new flow and natural light from the open concept make time spent at the Norcross Senior Center more enjoyable for participants. The building features an enlarged dining room to seat 30 more seniors than could be previously accommodated, a multipurpose classroom, a updated computer lab, a personal care room, a salon, raised garden beds in the patio area, and support space. The design also anticipates older individuals with mobility, visual, and hearing challenges.



## Check out photos from the 2019 Multicultural Festival

Gwinnett County Police hosted another successful Multicultural Festival, Saturday, April 27 at Shorty Howell Park. Guests enjoyed cultural performances, met representatives from our county government departments, and dunked a police officer into a tank full of water!

[Check out the photos](#) from this year's event.

## Tag and title services interrupted May 21 to 29

Tag and title services will be interrupted while a new state motor vehicle system is installed. From May 21 to 29, tag renewals will be unavailable online and at kiosks; from May 23 to 27, tag and title services will be unavailable at tag offices and by mail. If your birthday falls within those dates, please renew by May 20. You can also renew online at

[www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Renew](http://www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Renew).



## Observe these water safety tips this summer

Outdoor pools in Gwinnett County parks will open beginning **Saturday, May 25**. In addition, many of you will venture out to Lake Lanier or the Chattahoochee River this summer. While lifeguards are on-duty at County pools, the Chattahoochee River, Lake Lanier, and many facilities such as backyard, apartment complex, and subdivision pools have no lifeguard on-duty and require extra diligence to ensure safety.

In order to stay safe and enjoy the summer, Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services suggests following some simple water safety rules:

- Supervise children in and around water.
- Check the water release schedule from Buford Dam before entering the Chattahoochee River. When water is released from the dam, the river can rise 10 feet in minutes! Call 770.945.1466 or listen to 1610AM for release schedules. When the release is scheduled, quickly head for the shore.

- Swim only in designated areas and obey boating and pool rules.

Check out more tips on the [Gwinnett Safety 411 page](#). Also, Parks and Recreation is looking for lifeguards to keep swimmers safe this summer. If you're interested in becoming a lifeguard, visit the [County's Employment webpage](#) to apply.

## Special Events and Happenings

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these great events and more at [www.gwinnettcouyevents.com](http://www.gwinnettcouyevents.com).

### Community Health Fair

May 11, 10:00am to 1:00pm. In celebration of Older Americans Month, Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Gwinnett Daily Post and Live Healthy Gwinnett, will host a community health fair. The free event features exhibitors, fitness demonstrations, health screenings, wellness presentations, giveaways, and more. George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center Gymnasium, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee.

### Author Lee Child and Naked Blue Band explore Jack Reacher in song

May 11 at 8:00pm. After a decades-long friendship born of unlikely coincidence and mutual fandom, bestselling author Lee Child and Jen & Scott Smith (Naked Blue) explored their favorite character, Jack Reacher, in a new medium. The result is a full-length album, *Just the Clothes on My Back*. Join them for a book talk and musical performance followed by a book signing. Gwinnett County Public Library cardholders can enter to win tickets at <https://nakedblue.com/may-ticket-giveaway>. To purchase tickets, call 678.892.6373 or visit [eddieowenpresents.com](http://eddieowenpresents.com). Red Clay Music Foundry, 3116 Main Street, Duluth.

### Market on the Green Arts and Crafts Show

May 18, at 11:00am. Market on the Green Arts and Crafts Show is a one-stop shopping extravaganza, featuring local vendors selling handmade crafts, jewelry, clothing, and much more. The free, rain-or-shine event will also feature food trucks. Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford.

### Gwinnett Public Library Summer Reading Program

The Gwinnett County Public Library Summer Reading Program starts May 23, 2019. The program helps kids practice their reading skills while having fun! Prizes, events, and lots of great books are available all summer long. Readers of all ages are welcome to participate. Register for the program on [Beanstack](#) to keep track of reading activities, earn digital badges, collect great prizes, and more.

### Summer camps in Gwinnett

Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation and Health and Human Services offers summer camps for kids, and they are filling up fast, so [sign up today!](#)

## Did You Know?

There are six **Community Improvement Districts** in Gwinnett County, with four that are entirely ([Gwinnett Place CID](#) and [Sugarloaf CID](#)) and partially ([Gateway 85 CID](#) and [Lilburn CID](#)) in District 1. Community Improvement Districts are an association of property owners in a defined area that voluntarily tax themselves in order to fund improvements within the district's boundaries. CIDs seek to improve business development opportunities and enhance property values by developing and promoting coordinated transportation and community character improvements to benefit property owners, business owners, and residents in their specific district.

## District 1 City Excitement

We have amazing cities here in District 1 and they have lots of great events throughout the spring and summer. For more information, visit their websites:

- [Duluth](#)
- [Sugar Hill](#)
- [Suwanee](#)

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