

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

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Greetings!

Since my last newsletter, all Georgians 16 and older became eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine. With demand still outpacing supply, appointments can be hard to find, but I encourage you to get vaccinated when you can to help us stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

In the meantime, keep washing those hands, keeping your distance from others, and avoiding crowds to help us keep each other safe while the vaccine rollout continues.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Gwinnett Moms want you to stay safe from COVID-19

All Georgians 16 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine! COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at protecting you from getting sick.

Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic. The CDC says that [fully vaccinated people](#) can visit other vaccinated people indoors without masks, so you'll be able to safely hug Mom soon! After you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, continue precautions in public places, including wearing a mask, staying 6 feet from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. For more, visit [ListenToGwinnettMoms.com](https://www.listen toegwinnettmoms.com).



Gwinnett launches early learning and literacy program

Gwinnett County has partnered with Gwinnett County Public Schools and the Building Babies' Brains initiative to launch an early learning and literacy program called Building Brains (B²) Anywhere. B² Anywhere provides mobile early learning programs across Gwinnett, including parks, childcare facilities, community centers, apartment complexes, places of worship, and more. Programs include a focus on literacy, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math), and nature play. They

also provide helpful suggestions to prepare children to thrive in kindergarten.

B² Anywhere events are free to attend, but pre-registration is required. COVID-19 protocols are in place to protect participants and staff. For more information, visit [B2Anywhere.com](https://www.b2anywhere.com).

Expect your annual notice of assessment from Tax Assessor's Office

Most Residential and Commercial Annual Notices of Assessment for 2021 will be mailed on April 23. An Annual Notice of Assessment is not a tax bill. The notice informs you of the value assessed on your residential or commercial real estate as of January 1, 2021. Property owners may appeal the assessed value within 45 days of the date of the notice by submitting a completed PT311A state appeal form to the Tax Assessor's Office or visiting [Gwinnett-Assessor.com](https://www.gwinnett-assessor.com).

Gwinnett County announces expansion of Emergency

Rental Assistance Program

The Board of Commissioners announced that the County will use more than \$28.1 million in stimulus funds from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program to launch an expansion of its Project RESET eviction prevention program. The extension will allow applicants to seek financial support for past-due utility payment assistance as well as past-due rent. It also offers up to 15 months of total assistance, which may include rental and/or utility arrears (up to 12 months) and future rental and/or utility assistance if needed. Applications for this program will open in late April. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility providers for past-due balances.



Visit GCGA.us/RentalAssistance to learn more about the program, who qualifies for assistance, required documents for the application submission, and more. Households in immediate need are encouraged to seek resources currently available in the community at GCGA.us/COVID19Resources.

What's New in District 1

Board approves bonds for purchase of Gwinnett Place Mall property

The Board of Commissioners gave final approval for the issuance of \$23.5 million in bonds to buy 39 acres of Gwinnett Place Mall as part of a major initiative to redevelop one of the key economic engines of the county. The County's AAA/Aaa bond rating, reaffirmed in February by the three major rating firms, assures investors the 20-year revenue bonds are sound, and enables the county to issue debt at a favorable interest rate.



The purchase is part of an effort by the County government, the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District and local property owners to create new opportunities to serve as a catalyst for redevelopment in the area. I'm excited by the unlimited potential of this area. We're starting with a blank slate. We can remake this area that is so central to our county into just about whatever we want, and we will involve residents and businesses in the process.

Board accepts 88-acre donation of land in unincorporated Duluth

The Board of Commissioners accepted the donation of 88 acres of a former golf course east of Pleasant Hill Road in unincorporated Duluth for use as passive greenspace. Benjamin A. Wood and Anthony L. Wood donated land located at the former Northwoods Golf Club site near Club Drive. Because the property is landlocked, the owners also offered a 30-foot-wide easement to Club Drive to the south.

The parcel, tucked between two neighborhoods, combines rolling hills, wetland areas and small patches of woods. The land also provides wildlife buffers and greenway trail possibilities that could connect with Gwinnett Place Mall, allowing alternative modes of transportation for nearby residents. Going east from the site, users would be also able to walk along the eventual Sweetwater Creek Greenway.

The Department of Water Resources plans to upgrade existing sewer lines on the donated property to accommodate growth in the area, including Gwinnett Place Mall and the Infinite Energy Center.



Duluth, Gwinnett break ground on Rogers Bridge replacement project

On March 29, we broke ground on the replacement of Rogers Bridge. The new bridge, located near Rogers Bridge Road, will provide bicycle and pedestrian access to the parks and trails in Duluth and Johns Creek.

Gwinnett County, Fulton County, and the cities of Duluth and Johns Creek each agreed to contribute an estimated \$350,000 to meet matching requirements from the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Atlanta Regional Commission. Gwinnett's portion of the funding comes from the 2014 SPLOST program.

Apply to serve on the Hospital Authority

If you're interested in getting more involved with our local government, you can apply to serve on [board or authority](#) representing District 1. Boards and authorities advise commissioners and departments about specific areas, like animal welfare, stormwater, and zoning.

I'm still seeking candidates to serve on the [Hospital Authority](#), which is made up of nine members who serve three-year terms. The Hospital Authority provides adequate and necessary facilities for medical care and hospitalization within Gwinnett County. To apply, fill out the [District 1 Application](#) and make sure to select Hospital Authority in the first dropdown.

Special Events and Happenings

Most events and activities are suspended due to the County's COVID-19 response.

Visit [GwinnettCounty.com](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about future events.

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