

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with  
Commissioner Carden

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Greetings!

Summer is approaching, and with the COVID-19 vaccine rolling out across our community, there is hope in the air. With case rates low in our community, there's reason for optimism, but please remember that this pandemic isn't over yet. There's still work to be done to contain the spread of the virus and prevent anyone else from getting sick. I continue to urge all of our residents 16 and older to sign up for an appointment to receive the vaccine. Getting vaccinated is the fastest way to return to some sense of normalcy. Keep reading to learn more!

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce my new executive assistant, Steen Kirby.

Steen is a longtime resident of Gwinnett County, whose community involvement included helping me during my 2017 and 2020 campaigns for Duluth City Council and Gwinnett County Commission, as well as a number of other current and former elected officials in Gwinnett County. Steen is a graduate of Georgia State University and looks forward to helping make Gwinnett an even better place to live, work, and play in his new role. Please help me welcome him aboard!



## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Board approves new vision, mission, and values

The Board of Commissioners has approved vision, mission, and values statements for the County that showcase our pride in our work and celebrate our vibrant, diverse community.

The vision statement says, "Gwinnett is the preferred community where everyone thrives!" The mission statement reads, "Gwinnett proudly supports our vibrantly connected community by delivering superior services."

The core values statement includes: "Integrity: We believe in being honest, building trust, and having strong moral principles. Accountability: We believe in stewardship, transparency, and sustainability. Equity: We believe in fairness and respect for all. Inclusivity: We believe in engaging, embracing, and unifying our communities. Innovation: We believe in continual adaptation of technology, process, and experience."

With these statements, we have laid the groundwork for Gwinnett County for many years to come. We laid a template for what we want Gwinnett County to be. When we strive to reach that mission and vision statement, we can be a model county that shows good governance.

### Applications now open for Project RESET 2.0 rental and utility assistance program

Applications are now open for Project RESET 2.0, which will use more than \$28.1 million in stimulus funds from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program to support struggling renters in our community. The program 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. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility providers for past-due balances. Visit [GCGA.us/RentalAssistance](https://www.gcgga.us/RentalAssistance) to learn more about the program, who qualifies for assistance, required documents for the application submission, and more.



### County celebrates Memorial Day with virtual ceremony

With large and medium sized gatherings still risky during the COVID-19 pandemic, Gwinnett County will once again host a virtual version of our annual Memorial Day ceremony to honor those who have lost their lives in service to our country. Tune in **Monday, May 31 at 1:00pm** on TV Gwinnett, the County's government access cable channel, [TVGwinnettLive.com](https://www.tvgwinnettlive.com), or [Facebook @GwinnettGov](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettGov) to watch the premiere of the ceremony.

### Sign up for summer camp with Gwinnett!

Community Services is offering more than 190 summer camps at 17 locations for kids ages 5 to 13. Camp themes include animals, nature, sports, S.T.E.A.M., terrain, and more. Many of the camps include breakfast and lunch and are Childcare and Parent Services approved. Camps will also follow COVID-19 protocols, which include daily temperature screenings, wearing face masks, and practicing social distancing.

You can register for camps at [GwinnettCommunityServices.com](https://www.gwinnettcommunityservices.com). If you have any questions, please email [CommunityServices@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:CommunityServices@GwinnettCounty.com) or call 770.822.8840.



## What's New in District 1



### Look to Gwinnett Moms for answers to your COVID-19 vaccine questions

We've always looked to our moms for advice when it really matters. And more than year into COVID-19, it really matters! We know there's a huge amount of information about the new COVID-19 vaccines, much of it confusing and constantly evolving. So that's why Gwinnett County has turned to an expert source we all trust: our moms.

When it comes to COVID-19 vaccines, deciding to say "yes" looks different for all of us. Whether you're still a little unsure or you're ready to roll up your sleeve today, Gwinnett County Government – with the help of our Gwinnett Moms – is here to help. [Get the details](#) you need about

the COVID-19 vaccines, and then [schedule your appointment](#).

### Celebrate our Asian American community this May

May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which gives us the perfect opportunity to celebrate our vibrant, diverse AAPI community. Gwinnett is home to Georgia's largest Asian American population, and our AAPI community makes countless contributions to our culture, social, and economic well-being. Follow [@GwinnettGov](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettGov) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) to see how the County is celebrating.



### County accepting applications for federal CDBG, HOME, ESG grants

Gwinnett County is accepting applications for federal Housing and Urban Development Block grants from nonprofits and local governments through Thursday, May 27. The County received approximately \$4.4 million in Community Development Block Grants, about \$1.7 million in HOME Investment Partnership Grants, and \$376,000 in Emergency Solutions Grants. Grant funds are available for local nonprofits and governments that support affordable housing and the needs of Gwinnett's homeless and low-income communities. Learn more about the grants and how to apply [here](#).

**Apply to be a lifeguard this summer**



Gwinnett Parks and Recreation is seeking part-time and seasonal lifeguards and is waiving training fees for applicants ages 15 and older. Lifeguard training includes online and in-person components as well as a swim test and written exam. Trainees who pass all the requirements will receive an American Red Cross certification valid for two years.

The part-time/seasonal lifeguard position for ages 16 and older starts at \$9.27 per hour and includes benefits such as flexible hours and growth opportunities. Visit [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com) to

apply.

### 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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