

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

September 2021



Greetings!

Fall is coming, Gwinnett! As the weather cools down, I look forward to outdoor gatherings and time spent with family and friends. Remember to get vaccinated and wear a mask in public as we work to reduce cases of COVID-19 in our community.

I also hope to see you at one of my town halls this month! Learn more about the events under What's New in District 1 below.

Happening Around Gwinnett



County kicks off 2022 budget preparation with budget plan presentations

Representatives from departments and agencies are presented their business plans and proposed budgets to Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson and members of the budget review team, which includes several Gwinnett residents and County staff. This year, Chairwoman Hendrickson invited five residents to help review needs and allocate resources for the 2022 budget.

Watch the presentations [here on the County's website](#).

County Administrator appoints new Police chief

County Administrator Glenn Stephens announced the appointment of Deputy Chief J.D. McClure to succeed Police Chief Brett West, who retired after 30 years of service to the county. McClure assumed his new role on Saturday, August 21.

McClure began his career as a police officer with Gwinnett County in 1996. Promoted to Lieutenant in September 2009, McClure previously served as Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division, Watch Commander in the Criminal Investigations Section and as the Commander of the Office of Professional Standards. Appointed to Major in September 2016, he served as the Central Precinct Commander and as the department's Chief of Staff.

Deputy Chief McClure was a dedicated member of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team for more than a decade, retiring as the Tactical Team Leader.



Prior to his appointment, Deputy Chief McClure served over the department's Operations Bureau. McClure is also a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps.



Join Fire and Emergency Services to remember 9/11

This year marks 20 years since the September 11 attacks took the lives of almost 3,000 people in New York, Arlington, and western Pennsylvania. On Saturday, September 11, Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services will host the annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Fallen Heroes Memorial.

Join us on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville at 8:30am to hear public safety leaders from

What's New in District 1

Attend a District 1 town hall meeting

Make plans to attend one of my town hall meetings this month! Come out to any or all of the town halls to meet me and talk through issues close to our community. Some special guests will join me along the way:

September 9 at 6:00pm

George Pierce Park Community Room, Suwanee
Co-hosted with Heather Hall, Suwanee City Council

September 15 at 6:00pm

Duluth City Hall Community Room, Duluth
Co-hosted with Marline Thomas, Duluth City Council

September 22 at 6:00pm

Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta, Independence Ballroom, Duluth
Co-hosted with State Senator Michelle Au



If you can't make it in-person, you can watch the town halls live on the County's Facebook page [@GwinnettGov](#). Watch the video from my first town hall, held September 2, [here](#). Remember, if you want to ask questions during the meetings, please attend in person.



Share your feedback on the future of Gwinnett Place Mall, then catch an Oscar-winning film

Gwinnett County purchased the Gwinnett Place Mall site to lead the redevelopment process and transform it into a unique regional destination. The County's vision for the property is one of equitable redevelopment, which ensures that the future of Gwinnett Place Mall will be one where all residents share in its growth and feel welcome and included.

Come to the mall Friday, September 10 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm to learn more about the project and share your feedback. Then, stay for a screening of Academy Award winning film "Minari" and free movie theater-style snacks as part of the County's Welcoming Week celebration. Register [here](#).

Apply for a seat on the Animal Control Hearing Board

I'm looking for an applicant to represent District 1 on the Animal Control Hearing Board. The board receives dangerous dog and vicious dog hearing requests from dog owners. They hear testimony and receive evidence at hearings as reasonably necessary to make a determination either to sustain, modify, or overrule the animal control officer's classification of the dog as dangerous or vicious.

If you're interested in this position, learn more about the role [here](#), and then apply using the form [here](#).

Special Events and Happenings

Events and activities are ramping back up around Gwinnett. See a few exciting opportunities below!

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](#) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about upcoming events.

Project RESET 2.0 Assistance at the Library

Monday, September 13 and Monday, September 27 from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Project RESET 2.0 is the County's emergency rental and utility assistance program. The program provides relief for eligible renter households facing housing insecurity or past-due bills as a direct result of the impacts of COVID-19. Payments are made directly to landlords and utility providers for past-due balances as well as current and future payments. Assistance in English and Spanish will be provided at the library, and applications will be accepted in-person during these events. Duluth Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 3180 Main Street, Duluth.

Movie Trivia Night

Friday, September 17 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Be the ultimate movie master and show off your knowledge of actors, directors, music themes, and more. Teams are welcome, but not required. This event is for ages 18 and up. Admission is \$1 per person. Register [here](#). OneStop Norcross, Room E, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

Teen Gaming Tournament

Saturday, September 25 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Teens ages 12 to 17 are invited to test their skills with Madden 20, 2K20, and more. Win bragging rights and door prizes! Register [here](#). Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.



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