

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

November 2021



Greetings!

The weather is cooling down, and the holidays will be here before we know it. With [vaccines widely available](#), we have the opportunity to safely celebrate with our loved ones. Take this time to appreciate all that we have and all there is to look forward to as we continue down the path to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read more about exciting upcoming events and initiatives below.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Get rid of hard-to-recycle items at America Recycles Day event

Come and recycle your electronics, paint, clothing, sneakers, tires, and paper on Saturday, November 6 from 9:00am to noon at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville. Items should be placed in disposable containers in the trunk or back seat of your vehicle to be removed by volunteers. Paper shredding is limited to five copier boxes. Oil and latex paint will be limited to 10 gallons total per vehicle. Recycling electronics is free except for TVs, monitors, and printers. There is a \$35 cash fee per projection or console TV, a \$15 cash fee per flat screen TV or computer monitor, and a \$5 cash fee per printer.



This event is sponsored by Solid Waste Management and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful. For more information, visit GCSolidWaste.com or call 770.822.7141.



Commemorate Veterans Day with Gwinnett

Join us at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial on Thursday, November 11 at 11:00am to honor our nation's veterans. This year's ceremony will be held in-person and streamed live on [Facebook @GwinnettGov](#). Our keynote speaker will be Army Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson (retired), a professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Georgia Tech.

Commissioners approve 4 percent market adjustment for employees

The Board of Commissioners voted to approve a 4 percent market adjustment for eligible County employees. The move will also raise the salaries of first responders in Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Sheriff's Office, Corrections, and E911 by an additional 4 percent, bringing the total pay increase for these frontline employees to 8 percent. This decision supports the County's goal to retain and recruit an effective workforce and underscores hiring challenges caused by an increasingly competitive job market, especially in public safety. Learn more about the decision [here](#).





EnergyBag® program

Gwinnett is participating in the Hefty® EnergyBag® program to give residents a chance to dispose of hard-to-recycle plastics in a sustainable way. This new program provides a way to recycle plastics #4 through #7, which includes items like plastic packaging and wraps, plastic dinnerware, foam products, and plastic bags. With the new program, Gwinnett residents are invited to collect these items in Hefty® EnergyBag® orange bags.

Gwinnett residents can drop off their full Hefty® EnergyBag® orange bags at WestRock, located at 384 Maltbie Street in Lawrenceville. Drop-off hours are Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 2:00pm. Only Hefty® EnergyBag® orange bags will be accepted at this site. Learn more about the program [here](#).

County seeking volunteer CPA for Audit Committee

The County is looking for a volunteer to serve on our Audit Committee. This person **must be a practicing internal auditor or CPA**. The Audit Committee oversees the County's external and internal audit functions. The committee also promotes adherence to policies at all levels and encourages continuous improvement in the control environment.

If you're interested, please reach out to me at Kirkland.Carden@GwinnettCounty.com. Know someone who might be the right fit? Please share this newsletter with them.

What's New in District 1

Learn about redistricting at upcoming open house

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau conducts its count of every resident in the United States, and that data is used to redraw district lines. Every member of the House of Representatives, most of our state legislators, and many of our local legislators in towns and counties are elected from districts.

On **Wednesday, November 17**, I'll be holding an open house about redistricting at **6:30pm** at the Duluth Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library. Come learn about the process of redistricting for Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners districts and provide input about how those districts are drawn. The library branch is located at 3180 Main Street in Duluth.



Host or join a community meeting about Gwinnett Place Mall

We provide the tools and you lead the conversation! We know that you have questions and ideas about the future of Gwinnett Place Mall. Gwinnett County invites you to bring together a small group of neighbors, friends, or family and discuss its future!

Host your own meeting with our Meetings-in-a-Box toolkit that contains everything you need to lead an in-depth discussion.

This toolkit is designed for use by any type of group — community organizations, neighborhood associations, business leaders, or friends — that wants to gather in-person or virtually. Visit the [Host Your Own Meeting](#) tab on ReclaimGwinnettPlaceMall.com to learn more. Have questions? Email Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com.

I'm hosting my own Meeting-in-a-Box about the mall this Saturday, November 6 from 9:00am to 10:00am at Café Mozart Bakery, located at 2131 Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth. I hope you'll join me to discuss the future of the Gwinnett Place Mall site and get inspired to host a meeting of your own!

Gwinnett launches pilot program to recycle glass

Gwinnett County has teamed up with Waste Pro USA, Inc., to pilot a drop-off glass recycling program at OneStop Norcross. The pilot program will provide residents a safe and sustainable opportunity to recycle glass.

Instead of glass being tossed in trash bins, manufacturers can reuse it to make items like kitchen tiles and insulation. Residents can bring their clean, empty glass containers to OneStop Norcross, located at 5030 Georgia Belle Court. The clearly marked drop-off container is located in the center's parking lot and is accessible 24/7.





Attend a poll official hiring event

Citizens who are interested in the electoral process and want to give back to the community are invited to attend one of Gwinnett County's upcoming poll official hiring events. The Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, but especially needs bilingual poll officials. Poll officials will gain valuable work experience and training in preparation for the 2022 elections. Currently, positions pay up to a \$350 stipend. Upcoming events include:

November 9 and 12

9:00am – 1:00pm

Best Friend Park, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross

November 29 and 30

9:00am – 1:00pm

George Pierce Park, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee

December 11

9:00am – 1:00pm

Bogan Park, 2723 North Bogan Road, Buford

Special Events and Happenings

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

B² Anywhere: Duck, Duck, Code

Wednesday, November 10 from 10:30am to 11:30am

Join B² Anywhere at this free, literature-based program featuring the book, One Duck Stuck by Phyllis Root. This literacy-focused program features interactive story retelling, a craft, and a hands-on coding activity. Spaces are limited; [registration](#) is required. For ages 3 to 5. Shorty Howell Park, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

Rooted in History

Saturday, November 20 from 9:00am to noon

Venture through our trails to learn about plants native to Gwinnett County and the historical uses they had for the Creek and Cherokee people living here. Be prepared to get hands-on as we remove invasive species in order to restore these native habitats for plants and wildlife. For ages 12 and up. McDaniel Farm Park, 3251 McDaniel Road, Duluth.

Stories & STEM

Saturday, November 27 from 10:00am to 11:00am

Spark your child's creativity with literature-based science, technology, engineering, and math lessons. For ages 5 to 10. Fee: \$2 per child. [Registration](#) is required. Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford.

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