

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

July 2022



Greetings!

Summer is in full swing, and we all benefit from this time to spend with family, explore our community, and travel. Whether you're enjoying a staycation by the pool or traveling abroad, be safe and enjoy the summertime.

Read more below for some opportunities to stay connected with our vibrant community throughout the summer.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Board holds public hearings on proposed General Fund Millage Rate

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners is considering keeping the general fund millage rate the same as last year, at 6.95 mills, and will hold three public hearings for residents to comment. The three public hearings will be held in the auditorium of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. The dates and times are as follows:

- **Monday, July 11 at 9:00am and 2:00pm**
- **Monday, July 18 at 6:30pm**



In addition to the public hearings, commissioners are accepting online comments about the proposed 2022 millage rates. Residents can submit their comments using the [online comment form](#) by **9:00pm on July 18** and learn more about their [property taxes](#). The millage rates will be adopted during the Board of Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 19 at 2:00pm.



Gwinnett and United Way prepare to allocate \$4.25 million in grant funds to local nonprofits

Local nonprofits that serve critical needs in the community will soon receive a boost as Gwinnett County and United Way of Greater Atlanta prepare to allocate \$4.25 million in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds to nonprofit service providers. These funds — provided to Gwinnett County by the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act — will be used to address needs identified or worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact. United Way of Greater Atlanta is offering digital

listening surveys now through July 29, where [nonprofits](#), [residents](#), and [community organizations](#) are invited to share their needs and challenges as Gwinnett County recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. The feedback from these listening surveys will be used to prioritize needs and prepare for the distribution of funding. Local nonprofits can apply for funding from August 1 to 26 through the [United Way's Grant Portal](#).

Board approves expansion of police mental health teams

Gwinnett County is enhancing its services for residents who may be experiencing a mental health crisis. The Board of Commissioners approved an expansion of the

mental health partnership between the Gwinnett Police Department and View Point Health. The expansion means the addition of two licensed clinicians, bringing the number of providers in the behavioral health unit to three. A total of six clinicians will be in place by the end of 2022.

More than 160 mental health crisis calls were answered during the pilot program that began in 2021. In March of this year, the unit played a key role in both the release of passengers who were being held hostage on a Greyhound bus and getting the suspect off the bus safely.



What's New in District 1

Join me for a town hall

Next week, I'll be hosting two town halls to hear your questions, concerns, and ideas. I'll share information about Annual Notices of Assessment, which are mailed to property owners each April. We'll also discuss how the proposed millage rate affects your property taxes. The meetings will be held:

- **Wednesday, July 13** at 7:00pm at Shorty Howell Park in Duluth
- **Friday, July 15** at 7:00pm at Pinckneyville Park in Peachtree Corners



The town halls will also stream on Facebook Live. Follow the [County's Facebook page](#) to tune in.



Commissioners approve Ivy Creek Greenway extension

Visitors will soon enjoy updated playground facilities at Collins Hill Park. The renovations will include changes to the large and small playgrounds in the baseball and softball plaza as well as the small play area in the pavilion. The 95-acre park — located at 2225 Collins Hill Road in Lawrenceville — features seven ball fields, lighted basketball courts, a fishing lake, pavilion, a 1.5-mile unpaved trail, and an aquatic center across the street. The \$644,380.54 project

is funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program, known as SPLOST.

Pine Needle Drive bridge to undergo rehab

The Pine Needle Drive bridge over Rogers Creek in Duluth will be rehabilitated at a cost of \$120,000 to be shared equally by the County and the city of Duluth using funds from the 2017 SPLOST program.

The bridge rehabilitation will improve safety for residents and motorists traveling through the area.



Gwinnett summer meals program is in full swing

Gwinnett County's Summer Meals Program is back with free grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches now through August 2. The nutritious meals are for families with children 18 and under or those 19 and older with a physical or mental impairment. Meals can be picked up curbside at 21 sites from 11:00am to 1:00pm Monday through Friday — including County holidays — while supplies last. For more information about Gwinnett Summer Meals, please visit [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](#).

Gwinnett celebrates Parks and Recreation Month

Happy Park and Recreation Month! All month long we're celebrating our award-winning parks and recreational facilities and the professionals who help make them great. Gwinnett is hosting a [variety of events throughout the county](#) to encourage people to reflect on the value park and recreation professionals bring to our vibrant communities. We hope you'll celebrate with us!



Special Events and Happenings

Visit GwinnettCountyEvents.com or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

Kids Night: Pizza and Puzzles

Friday, July 22 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

From scavenger hunts to brain teasers! Bring your friends for pizza and games. Bring a favorite game to share or play with ours. For ages 7 to 12. [Register today](#). OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

Rhythm in the Park

Sunday, July 24 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Free! Experience the joys of the community around you through music, dance, and food! All ages are welcome. Shorty Howell Park Pavilion, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

Back to School Slam

Saturday, July 30 from noon to 2:00pm

Kick off the school year with a fun event for a family! There'll be fun games, music, door prizes, and so much more. [Register](#) by July 25. Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

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