

NEWS& in District 1 with Commissioner Carden

June 2023



Greetings!

School's out! It's time for swimming, barbeques, and time spent together with the family.

Keep reading below and mark you calendar for some of the great events we have coming up this June.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Join the conversation about transit and transportation at an upcoming event

We have some exciting recommendations for transit and transportation in our county and need you to take a look. Come talk with us, learn more about our plans, and let us know what you think while enjoying free treats from local vendors. Visit GwinnettTransportation.com to find a convenient date and location near you.

Recommendations include future improvements to Gwinnett's transit system and transportation enhancements like more bicycle and pedestrian facilities.





2045 Unified Plan speaker series underway

Join us for the speaker series kick-off for the 2045 Unified Plan on **Thursday**, **June 1**. Discover how housing and investment shape communities in our first discussion from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Central Gwinnett High School in Lawrenceville. Hear from Nathan Wildfire with the Missing Middle Housing Fund and Khaliff Davis with Reinvestment Fund on accessible and affordable housing solutions and small-scale economic development strategies.

This free event is open to the public.

Visit GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan to learn more.

Celebrate Juneteenth!

Join in on the festivities to celebrate Juneteenth on **Saturday**, **June 17** in Norcross or Lawrenceville!

We'll be partnering with the United Ebony Society of Gwinnett to host a Juneteenth Celebration at Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville from noon to 6:00pm. That same day, the city of Norcross is hosting a Juneteenth Celebration at Thrasher Park from 2:00pm to 8:00pm.

Remember, County offices, with the exception of those



required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, June 19 for the Juneteenth holiday.



Don't risk losing your Medicaid

Update your profile today to avoid losing coverage. The state of Georgia has started verifying eligibility for all Medicaid members, including PeachCare for Kids. Your contact information is crucial to ensure your coverage remains active. If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers or emails, or simply want to double check, please visit Gateway.GA.gov to verify your details and stay informed about your family's Medicaid status. Learn more at StayCovered.GA.gov.

Sustainability Commission seeking advisory committee members

Join an advisory committee to help guide Gwinnett on sustainability! The Gwinnett Sustainability Commission is gathering Gwinnett County residents and stakeholders to advance sustainability progress in the county. Consider joining an advisory committee on one of the following topics:

- Public education and outreach: contact <u>Marshall.Shepherd@GwinnettCounty.com</u> and Krupesh.Patel@GwinnettCounty.com
- Clean energy and electric transportation: contact <u>Robert.Blatecky@GwinnettCounty.com</u>
- Bikeability: contact Daniel.Hilton@GwinnettCounty.com



What's New in District 1

Join me for a town hall in July

I'll be hosting two upcoming town hall events in July. Join me:

- Thursday, July 13, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Peachtree Corners City Hall
- Thursday, July 20, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Shorty Howell Park Community Recreation Center

Join me to learn more about the millage rate, transit and transportation, and public safety. I hope to see you there!



Gwinnett Police collecting school supplies now through July 28

The school year may have just ended, but Gwinnett Police are looking ahead to make sure students are ready for the 2023-2024 school year.

Residents are encouraged to drop off donations Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm from Thursday, June 1 through Friday, July 28. Donation boxes are located at the Gwinnett County Police Headquarters, Gwinnett County Police

Training Center, and all Gwinnett County police precinct lobbies. Find a precinct near you.

Recycle glass at a drop-off location

Did you know that glass is 100 percent recyclable without loss of quality? The County has three locations for residents to drop off glass for safe and sustainable recycling. Residents can bring clean, empty glass containers to the following locations:

- OneStop Norcross Open 24 hours daily
- <u>Pinckneyville Park</u> Open from sunrise until 11:00pm unless posted otherwise
- E.E. Robinson Park Open from sunrise until 11:00pm unless posted otherwise



Visit GwinnettCounty.com/GlassRecycling for more information.



grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger and those 19 and older with physical or mental disabilities. Meals are available now through Tuesday, August 1 and can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm – including County holidays – while supplies last.

Visit <u>GwinnettSummerMeals.com</u> to learn more and find a complete list of meal locations. If you're interested in volunteering for the Summer Meals program, visit <u>VolunteerGwinnett.net</u>.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Summer Garden Fest

Saturday, June 3 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Free! Tour the West Gwinnett Community Garden with planting tips and fun activities! This event will feature a pollinator presentation and demonstration for building a muscadine trellis. All ages welcome. Register online. West Gwinnett Park Community Garden, 4488 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross.

Family Health and Fitness Day

Saturday, June 10 from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Free! Bring your family to enjoy free games and activities. Learn about your health, receive free screenings and more! For ages 3 and up. Register online. Jones Bridge Park, 4901 East Jones Bridge Road, Peachtree Corners.

Swim 1922: Swim Safe

Saturday, June 10 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Free! Have a splash at this safety boost event, co-hosted by Mu Epsilon Sigma, to reach underserved communities and populations at risk for drowning. For ages 4 and up. Register online. Best Friend Park, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard. Norcross.

Awaken Within Artist Reception

Thursday, June 15 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Free! Meet artist Sandra Soldo Ackovic, who awakens nature through symbolizing ones soul by typing in human connection with nature in healing and accepting. The Awaken Within show will be on display from June 12 to September 8. Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

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