

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

July 2023



Greetings!

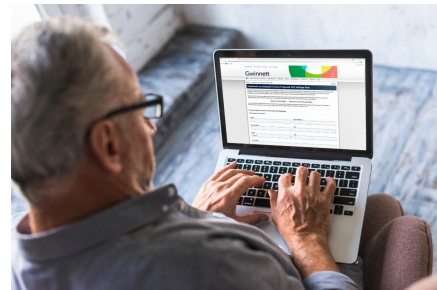
Summer is in full swing, and we've got plenty of events and activities to keep you busy all month long. Check out some great opportunities to stay engaged, shape the future of our county, and get involved with your community below.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Learn about the proposed 2023 millage rate

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners is considering keeping the general fund millage rate the same as last year, at 6.95 mills.

Generally, property owners who benefit from the [Value Offset Exemption](#) will not see an increase in the county government portion of their property taxes. Additionally, for this year, the governor and the Georgia General Assembly approved a [Homestead Tax Relief Grant](#) which will further reduce property taxes by providing a credit (savings) on the tax bill to those with a homestead exemption.



Submit your comments using the [online comment form](#) and learn more about your [property taxes](#). You can also attend our third public hearing on **Tuesday, July 18 at 11:00am** in the auditorium of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. County staff will be available for questions one hour before the public hearing.



Lawrenceville Housing Authority hosting bilingual housing expo

Our friends at the Lawrenceville Housing Authority are hosting a bilingual housing expo at Central Gwinnett High School on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Whether you're interested in rehabilitating your current home, buying your first home, or getting your finances in order, this expo will connect you to local resources and organizations that can help guide you. You can also stop by to meet some of our County teams, including staff from OneStop 4 Help, Planning and Development, and Housing and Community Development.

Celebrate National Park and Recreation Month!

July is National Park and Recreation Month. This year's theme, Where Community Grows, celebrates the vital role park and recreation professionals play in providing essential services, promoting healthy lifestyles, and nurturing communities.

There are plenty of activities and events for everyone to enjoy and explore, like a STEM-centric Family Night Out, Vibrantly Connected Kids Art Contest, and an exhibit on Gwinnett Parks and Recreation's history. For more information, visit [GwinnettParks.com](https://www.gwinnettparks.com).



Commissioners approve allocation of 2023 SPLOST projects

The Board of Commissioners [approved the allocation](#) of more than \$759.8 million in anticipated 2023 SPLOST program revenue toward transportation and parks projects.

The transportation project list was developed by a 15-member Citizens Project Selection Committee over the course of 10 meetings held since last fall. The projects cover enhancements to transportation that include upgrades to major roads and intersections, bridges,

pedestrian safety, resurfacing, unpaved roads, speed control in residential areas, and school safety. About 73 percent of the County's budgeted share of 2023 SPLOST funds is dedicated to transportation.

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!



Take a survey to shape the future of transit in Gwinnett

Since 2022, we've been working on the [Transit Development Plan](#) and [Comprehensive Transportation Plan](#). Now, we're excited to share our proposed recommendations for future improvements in transit and transportation in Gwinnett. If you couldn't make it to our community conversations in early June, you can still learn about the plans and share your thoughts by taking a quick, five-minute [survey](#). We want to hear from you, so join the conversation and help shape the future of transit!

Join us for our 2045 Unified Plan Speaker Series

As part of our public engagement for the 2045 Unified Plan, Planning and Development is hosting a speaker series where you can learn more about topics like community planning, housing, walkability, and redevelopment.

The third speaker series session will take place in District 1 on **Wednesday, July 12** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Red Clay Music Foundry, located at 3116 Main Street in Duluth. The session topic is Connecting Communities Through Redevelopment, featuring Joe Minicozzi and Tony Jordan.



To learn about the 2045 Unified Plan and see more upcoming events, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/2045UnifiedPlan).

Gwinnett Police collecting school supplies now through July 28

Gwinnett Police making 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.](#)

Special Events and Happenings

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

Video Production

Wednesday, July 12 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Free! Lights, Camera & Action with TwinSportsTV. Learn the behind the scenes of TV and video production and how to operate cameras, shoot, and edit videos. For ages 10 to 18. [Register online.](#) Best Friend Park Gym, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross.

Everyday Heroes

Tuesday, July 25 from 9:30am to 11:00am

Free! Calling all superheroes! Help us save the playground! Children will complete a superhero training course in order to train their brains and their bodies in this interactive program. This program is for children ages 2 to 8 and their caregivers. [Register online.](#) McDaniel Farm Park, Duluth entrance, 3020 McDaniel Road, Duluth.

Sweet Tea and Terrariums

Saturday, July 29 from 10:30am to 12:30pm

Celebrate the growing community during National Parks and Recreation month! We will be serving sweet tea and building terrariums to take home. For ages 10 and up. Fee: \$12. [Register online.](#) Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

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