

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with  
Commissioner Carden

September 2023



Greetings!

Despite the hot temperatures we're still experiencing, it'll be fall before we know it. I hope you spend time with friends, family, and loved ones this holiday weekend soaking up the last of summer.

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Apply for a small business grant starting September 5

Gwinnett County is helping small businesses impacted by COVID-19 find relief. The Board of Commissioners received \$181 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and allocated \$6 million of the funds to help small business owners.

If your business has experienced income loss or increased costs while continuing business during the pandemic, you might be eligible for this relief. Funds will be awarded based on the number of employees, gross revenue, total applicant COVID-19 impact, and more. Applications will be available online **Tuesday, September 5**. To apply and learn more, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/SmallBusinessGrant](https://GwinnettCounty.com/SmallBusinessGrant).



### Public Safety Fall Festival returns to Coolray Field

Get to know our first responders at the Public Safety Fall Festival. Join Gwinnett police officers and firefighter-paramedics at this year's Public Safety Fall Festival on Saturday, September 16 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Coolray Field. This family-friendly event features giveaways, food trucks, touch-a-truck experiences with SWAT vehicles, fire trucks, and more.

For more information about the 2023 Public Safety Fall Festival, contact MPO Tebin Clack at [Tebin.Clack@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Tebin.Clack@GwinnettCounty.com). Coolray Field is located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville.

### Share your input on risks for natural disasters in your area

Are you concerned about the risks of natural disasters in your area? The Gwinnett Office of Emergency Management invites you to take the [Hazard Mitigation Survey](#) to share your hazard and disaster concerns. Your feedback will be used to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identifies natural hazards, risks, and mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate future losses resulting from those hazards.

For more information about the Office of Emergency Management's mitigation efforts, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/HazardMitigation](https://GwinnettCounty.com/HazardMitigation) or contact us at [EMA@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:EMA@GwinnettCounty.com).





### Unwind with Yoga in the Park

Focus on breath and alignment with Live Healthy Gwinnett at the Yoga in the Park series. Join certified yoga instructors in September for National Yoga Month at one of the parks throughout the county. These free sessions are for people of all skill levels. Just bring a mat, towel, and water bottle.

Learn more at [LiveHealthyGwinnett.com](https://LiveHealthyGwinnett.com).

## What's New in District 1

### Take a survey to help shape our 2045 Unified Plan

If you missed the 2045 Unified Plan summer events, there are still opportunities to share your ideas for improving our communities in Gwinnett! Give your opinion on [Housing and Small-Scale Economic Development](#), [Sustainable Infrastructure and Transportation](#), and [Redevelopment and Community Resources](#) in Gwinnett.

You can also share your preferences on your ideal [Daily Community](#), which includes housing types, mobility and transit, and economic development where you live. Stay tuned for more details about engagement opportunities this fall starting in September. To learn more about the 2045 Unified Plan, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan](https://GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan).



### Officials celebrate widening of Spalding Drive

Officials from Gwinnett County and the cities of Peachtree Corners and Sandy Springs on Wednesday celebrated the [completion of the Spalding Drive widening project](#) from Winters Chapel Road to State Route 140. The project widened the segment of Spalding Drive from a two-lane to a four-lane road with a center turn lane, added nearly 3,000 feet of a new 10-foot-wide multiuse path and replaced the existing bridge over Crooked Creek.

The project was achieved through a regional partnership between Gwinnett County, the State Road and Tollway Authority, the city of Peachtree Corners and the city of Sandy Springs. Construction on the project began in spring 2020 and was funded in part by Gwinnett County's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

### Ride Gwinnett launches new local bus routes

Ride Gwinnett's recent expansion includes two new local bus routes — Route 25 and Route 70. Route 25 services parts of Duluth, Lilburn, and Stone Mountain. The route begins at the Gwinnett Transit Center at Gwinnett Place Mall. It travels down Pleasant Hill Road passing Plaza Las Americas and takes Lawrenceville Highway towards Lilburn City Hall. After passing City Hall, Route 25 travels through Mountain Park towards Stone Mountain, where it ends near the Amazon Prime Distribution Warehouse.



Ride Gwinnett Route 70 is the first to provide service to the Snellville area. It also services parts of Stone Mountain. Beginning in downtown Snellville, Route 70 travels down Highway 78 towards Stone Mountain. It connects with route 25 at the Amazon Distribution Warehouse, before traveling through Dekalb county and ending at the Indian Creek MARTA Station. Maps of routes 25 and 70 can be found at [RideGwinnett.com](https://RideGwinnett.com).

## Special Events and Happenings

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

### **Clay Creations**

**Friday, September 15 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

Enjoy an evening of relaxation and creation as you learn the basics of clay handbuilding and create your own work of art. Light refreshments served. For ages 16 and up. Fee: \$12 per person. [Register online.](#) Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center Pottery Studio, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake.

### **Free Food Distribution**

**Tuesday, September 26 from 3:00pm until supplies last**

Pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods with no identification required during this drive-thru, contactless food distribution. Shorty Howell Park, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

### **Battleship Game Night**

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

Bring the family for a night of competitive fun! The pool is your gameboard, and all floats and projectiles will be provided. For ages 6 and up. Fee: \$4 per person. [Register online.](#) West Gwinnett Park Aquatic Center, 4488 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross.



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