

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

October 2023



Greetings!

Fall is here! With it comes festivals, community events, and tons of opportunities to get out into our dynamic community.

I hope to see you at my upcoming town hall with Commissioner Holtkamp. Keep reading for more details.

Happening Around Gwinnett



Celebrate Hispanic Latino Heritage Month

Come and be part of our vibrant community as we celebrate Hispanic Latino Heritage Month on **Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30pm** at the [Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center](#) Plaza in Lawrenceville.

It's going to be an evening filled of riveting performances, great food, and fellowship with Gwinnett's vibrantly connected community! Refreshments will be served at 6:30pm, and the program will start at 7:00pm. [Register to attend.](#)

Watch how the County is combatting Fentanyl

In the third episode of Upfront Gwinnett: Fighting Fentanyl, hear how the horrifying and frightening results of fentanyl are growing more intense. Local experts say enough is enough – and they are here to offer solutions and hope for those who don't want to become a statistic.

Watch the [latest episode](#) to learn more.



Learn how we keep our county clean

Discover our collaborative efforts to ensure a safe, livable, and healthy community! Gwinnett Code Enforcement, Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, and Gwinnett Transportation are joining forces to host their Gwinnett Clean Community Forum on Thursday, October 5 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center. To learn more, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/CleanCommunity](#).

The Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center is located at 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford.

Save the date for my joint town hall with Commissioner Holtkamp

As I mentioned in my greeting, I'll be hosting a joint town hall with District 4 Commissioner Holtkamp in Suwanee. Join us on Thursday, October 5 at 6:00pm at Suwanee City Hall to hear about updates in the Suwanee area. You'll also get to share your thoughts, concerns, and questions with the commissioners.

I hope to see you there! If you can't attend in person, [stream the town hall on Facebook live](#).



Board approves Transit Development Plan

The Board of Commissioners recently approved the [Transit Development Plan](#) in anticipation of the county's population and economic growth. Spearheaded by Gwinnett Transportation, the plan was developed over an 18-month period from 2022 to 2023 using the community's feedback as the catalyst for its recommendations.

The TDP evaluates changing transportation demands, considers significant population growth, and aligns transit services and infrastructure investments with the County's identified priorities and needs. View a full list of the [Transit Development Plan recommendations](#).

Volunteer for Great Days of Service

Volunteers across Gwinnett will be rolling up their sleeves for the annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service taking place **October 20 to October 22**

This initiative brings together thousands of individuals, corporations, schools, civic organizations, and communities to lend a hand with critical needs around the county. Register to volunteer at [VolunteerGwinnett.net](#).



Special Events and Happenings

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

Free Food Distribution

Tuesday, October 10 from 3:00pm until supplies last

Pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods with no identification required during this drive-thru, contactless food distribution. Best Friend Park, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross.

Spooktacular Skate Party

Friday, October 20 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Bring your skates and have spooky fun with us and the Peachtree Booster Club! There'll be loads of fun including a DJ, crafts, games, costume contests, and more! Puck and sticks are not allowed. Concessions will be available for purchase. Parents/guardians are welcome; price is for children ages 5 to 17. Fee: \$5 per child. [Register online](#). Don't forget to bring a bag for candy! Pinckneyville Park Hockey Rink, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

Terror-ific Play Day

Friday, October 27 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Free! Join Be Active Gwinnett for a spooktacular evening filled with treats, crafts, and costume contest! For ages 3 and up. [Register online](#). Shorty Howell Park, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

Howl-o-Ween

Sunday, October 29 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Free! Get in the Halloween spirit on this festive night celebrating wolves and coyotes and exploring their impact in the Southeast. Make keepsake wolf prints on rocks, practice wolf calls on a short hike, and enjoy story time and s'mores around a campfire. All ages are welcome. [Register online](#). McDaniel Farm Park, 3020 McDaniel Road, Duluth.



Kirkland D. Carden, District 1 Commissioner
Gwinnett County

Kirkland.Carden@GwinnettCounty.com