

# NEWS& in District 1 with Commissioner Carden

May 2024



#### Greetings!

As we approach one of my favorite times of the year, I'm excited to share that Gwinnett has a diverse range of activities lined up for you and your family. There's something for everyone to enjoy right here in our community.

I would also like to wish all moms a Happy Mother's Day and express my gratitude to Gwinnett's fallen military and public service heroes as we pay our respects this Memorial Day.

Please keep reading to learn about our numerous events and initiatives in

Gwinnett this month.

### **Happening Around Gwinnett**



## Tax Assessors' Office issues Annual Notice of Assessment

The appeal deadline for most Residential and Commercial Annual Notices of Assessment is **Monday**, **May 20**. All appeals must be received electronically or postmarked within 45 days of the Annual Notice of Assessment date. It is suggested that the document be sent by a trackable method to confirm delivery. Please visit <u>GwinnettCounty.com/2024NoticeofAssessment</u> to find information about how to file your property appeal.

If you have any issues or concerns, please contact

770.822.7200 or email <u>Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com</u>.

### **Vote in the General Primary Election**

The General Primary Election Day is on **Tuesday, May 21**. Voters can cast their ballots in advance from **April 29 to May 17** at the Voter Registrations and Elections Office and other voting locations. The <u>10 advance polling locations</u> will be open every day, including weekends, from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Voters may request an absentee by mail ballot for the May 21 General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election now through May 10. For more information, visit <u>GwinnettElections.com</u>.



### Vota en las Elecciones Primarias Generales

El día de las Elecciones Primarias Generales es el Martes 21 de Mayo. Los votantes pueden emitir su voto por adelantado en persona del 29 de Abril al 17 de Mayo en la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones y en otros lugares de votación. Los 10 lugares de votación adelantada estarán abiertos todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, de 7:00am a 7:00pm. Los votantes pueden solicitar una boleta de voto en ausente por correo para las Elecciones Generales Primarias y No Partidistas del 21 de Mayo desde ahora hasta el 10 de Mayo. Para más información, visite GwinnettElections.com.

### Join us as we honor our fallen heroes

Join us as we pay tribute to our fallen military and public service heroes at Gwinnett's annual Memorial Day Ceremony on **Monday**, **May 27 at 1:00pm**. The event will take place on the grounds of the Fallen Heroes



located at 3608 Braselton Highway in Dacula.

Memorial at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. The ceremony will also be broadcast on the <u>Gwinnett County Facebook page</u>.

### Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services is hiring Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services will host a Firefighter/Paramedic Training Hiring Event on Tuesday, May 28 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Gwinnett Fire Academy.

Participants will have an opportunity to complete an orientation, a more detailed application, a background check, physical testing, and an oral interview. Sneakers and long pants are required for the physical testing and submitting an application is recommended before attending the event. To

complete an application or to view more details about the positions, visit GwinnettFireJobs.com.



## Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Happy AAPI Heritage Month! Gwinnett will celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month on **Wednesday**, **May 29 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. The celebration provides an opportunity for residents and visitors to explore the history and customs of various AAPI cultures in Gwinnett County.

During May, we are commemorating the achievements, contributions, and history of Gwinnett's Asian and Pacific Islander residents, and how the use of cuisine, art, language, and more compose an awe-inspiring story about the Asian experience in Gwinnett and the United States. If you would like to RSVP for the event, you can visit <a href="GwinnettCounty.com">GwinnettCounty.com</a>.

### What's New in District 1

### Gwinnett breaks ground on new Beaver Ruin Wetland Park

Gwinnett officials broke ground on the newBeaver Ruin Wetland Park located at 4580 Satellite Boulevard in Duluth. This marks a significant step toward promoting sustainability through a collaborative effort between Gwinnett Water Resources and Gwinnett Parks and Recreation.

Water Resources began restoring the wetlands during Phase 1 to preserve our local ecosystems, while Community Services will add amenities to the park, such



as a 12-foot-wide concrete loop trial, a state-of-the-art wildlife observation tower, an open lawn, a playground, and much more. Phase 1 is anticipated to be completed in June 2024, and Phase 2 anticipates completion in 2025. The project is funded by Gwinnett's 2017 SPLOST program, the County's Recreation Fund, and the Watershed Improvement Program.



### Celebrate Gwinnett's Diversity at the Multicultural Festival

Celebrate Gwinnett's vibrant diversity at the 10th annual Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and Gwinnett County Open House on Saturday, May 18 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Gwinnett Place Mall in Duluth. The festival highlights our inclusive community, showcasing live music, dance, and other performing arts, celebrating the county's rich heritage. The open house is an excellent opportunity for residents to meet local government employees and discover what each County department does to serve the

community.

The event is free and has activities for all ages. For more information, contact the Gwinnett Police Community Affairs Section at PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.513.5119.

### **Microtransit pilot coming to Norcross**

Gwinnett County, the Gateway85 Community Improvement District, and the city of Norcross will combine resources to improve mobility in a zone around **Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Interstate 85** later this year. About 36,000 residents in Norcross will have access to the new Southwest Gwinnett Microtransit Pilot.

The pilot will operate 14 hours a day, Monday through Saturday, excluding holidays, for one year. The estimated \$1.3 million cost of the program will be funded 44 percent each by Gwinnett County and the Gateway85 Community



Improvement District, with the city of Norcross contributing the remainder. The agreement between the three entities will be in effect from **August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025**.



### Free food distribution at Best Friend Park

Residents can pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods on **Tuesday, May 28** at Best Friend Park in Norcross from 3:00pm until supplies last. The distribution site is a contactless drivethru and no identification is required. For more information, visit **GwinnettCommunityServices.com**.

To volunteer to assist with distribution, click here.

### **Special Events and Happenings**

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

### **Clay Creations**

### Friday, May 10 from 10:00am to noon

Enjoy a morning of relaxation and creation by learning the basics of clay hand-building and creating your own work of art. Light refreshments will be served. Open to ages 50 and up. Resident Fee: \$12. Non-resident Fee: \$32. Register here. Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake.

### Gardening 101 and Volunteer Work Day

### Saturday, May 11 from 10:00am to noon

Free! Join Harvest Gwinnett for a Gardening 101 volunteer workday. Activities offered will vary but may include planting, watering, fertilizing, composting, weeding, and much more. Harvest Gwinnett staff will be on-site to provide insight and best practices. Join other gardeners of all skill levels and give back to the community. Register here. Peachtree Ridge Park Community Garden, 3170 Suwanee Creek Road, Suwanee.

#### A Garden Bug's Life

#### Thursday, May 16 from 9:30am to 10:15am and 10:30am to 11:15am

Free! Challenge your mind with story time and STEAM activities while enjoying a garden in full bloom! Open to ages three to five years old. Register here. Peachtree Ridge Park, 3170 Suwanee Creek Road, Suwanee.

Kirkland D. Carden, District 1 Commissioner Gwinnett County