

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

April 2022



Greetings!

On Monday, April 4, I hosted my State of District 1 address in partnership with the Gwinnett Place and Sugarloaf Community Improvement Districts. Thanks to everyone who came out to hear updates about the County and what's new in District 1! If you weren't able to join me, you can [watch the recording of my address](#) on the County's Facebook page.

Keep reading to learn more about what's happening around Gwinnett and in our district.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Dispose of electronics, paint, and more at our Earth Day event

Recycle your electronics, paint, tires, and paper on Saturday, April 23 from 9:00am to noon at Coolray Field, located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville. This annual Earth Day event is brought to you by [Gwinnett Solid Waste Management](#) and [Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful](#).

Attendees must remain in their vehicles at all times. Items to be recycled should be placed in the trunk or back of vehicle where they will be removed by vendors. Materials should be placed in disposable containers or boxes as containers will not be returned. For full details, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](#).



Tax Assessor's Office issues Real Estate Property Annual Notices of Assessment

Most Residential and Commercial Annual Notices of Assessment for 2022 will be mailed in April. An Annual Notice of Assessment is not a tax bill. The notice informs you of the value assessed on your residential or commercial real estate as of January 1, 2022. Property owners may appeal the assessed value within 45 days of the date of the notice by submitting a completed PT-311A state appeal form to the Tax Assessor's Office or visiting [Gwinnett-Assessor.com](#).

Gwinnett Youth Commission application deadline coming soon

The [Gwinnett Youth Commission](#) is yearlong program, including an eight-week summer program designed to educate youth about local government, engage youth in civic affairs, and provide an opportunity for youth to affect change in their community. Youth get behind-the-scenes tours of County government departments, interact with leaders, and receive community leadership training designed to foster the next generation of leaders for Gwinnett County.



The next session begins June 1. The application deadline for the 2022-2023 cohort is **Friday, April 15** at 5:00pm. Accepted Youth will be notified in early May. Apply [here](#).



Safely dispose of unwanted medications

Gwinnett Police is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration for the National Take Back Initiative on Saturday, April 30 to provide a safe and convenient way to drop off unused and expired medications at various collection sites. Tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs can be dropped off at police headquarters and its six precincts from 10:00am to 2:00pm for proper disposal. Liquids, syringes, sharps, and other drugs will not be accepted. [Find a collection site](#) near you.

What's New in District 1



Share your thoughts at the Reclaim Gwinnett Place Mall Block Party

We've been listening to what residents want for Gwinnett Place Mall, and now we need your voices one more time.

Join us for the Reclaim Gwinnett Place Mall Block party **tomorrow, April 9** from noon to 4:00pm. Residents will have the chance to learn about progress on the strategies for the mall site and provide final feedback. Plus we will celebrate our progress of this project with food, music, and activities provided by our partners. Make sure to [register](#).

Re-envisioning the Gwinnett Place Mall site

The excitement at the mall continues! Building off our equitable redevelopment strategies, Gwinnett Place CID's Gwinnett Place Mall Site Revitalization Strategy planning team is hard at work. In April, the team will create two mall site redevelopment concepts for the community to consider. Please weigh in and share your feedback on the future of this important site. What do you want Gwinnett Place to Be — a multicultural destination? A walkable town center? Something else entirely? Let us know!



The planning team has two in-person opportunities to hear your feedback:

- **Wednesday, April 20** from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 3530 Breckenridge Boulevard, Duluth
- **Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23** at the Atlanta International Neighborhood Night Market, 330 Town Center Avenue, Suwanee

If you're unable participate in these events, check out [the website](#) starting April 23 to see the two preliminary concepts online and provide your thoughts. And save the date! Based off feedback from the community, the draft final concept for a re-envisioned Gwinnett Place Mall site will be unveiled at our upcoming Multicultural Festival.



Join Commissioner Carden on Connect Duluth

Commissioner Carden will join Duluth Mayor Nancy Harris and Councilmember Jamin Harkness on the city's virtual meeting, [Connect Duluth](#). Tune in **Thursday, April 21 at 6:30pm** from the comfort of your home.

Commissioner Carden will provide updates on County activities that impact residents in city of Duluth and answer your questions along side the Mayor and councilmember.

Save the date for the 2022 Multicultural Festival

One of the County's signature events, the Multicultural Festival, is making a return this year after a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Join us **Saturday, May 14** from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Gwinnett Place Mall on Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth. We could not be more excited to return with a celebration of the vibrant cultures and communities that make up Gwinnett. Visit Police and Fire exhibits, watch cultural performances from around the globe, meet officers, and enjoy kids' activities like games and bounce houses. For more information, call 678.442.6571. The event is open and free to everyone.





Gwinnett seeking poll workers for May election

Want to be actively involved in the electoral process and give back to your community? Apply to be a poll official in the May general primaries and future elections. Our Voter Registrations and Elections Office is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, especially bilingual Spanish speakers. It's a great opportunity to see how elections work, gain valuable work experience, and earn up to \$390 per day. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply at GwinnettCountyJobs.com.

Gwinnett busca trabajadores electorales para la

segunda vuelta de Mayo

¿Quieres participar activamente en el proceso electoral y retribuir a tu comunidad? Aplica para ser un trabajador electoral en las primarias generales de Mayo y futuras elecciones. Nuestra Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, especialmente hispanohablantes bilingües. Es una gran oportunidad para ver cómo funcionan las elecciones, obtener una valiosa experiencia laboral y ganar hasta \$390 por día. Se anima a los ciudadanos interesados a aplicar en GwinnettCountyJobs.com.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Animal Crackers @ the Farm

Monday, April 18 from 10:00am to 11:30am

Free! It's National Animal Cracker Day and we're celebrating with stories, crafts, games, and of course, animal crackers! Join us for a hayride at 10:30am as we explore the trails and learn about some of the animals that called McDaniel Farm home over the years. This event has been designed for children ages 18 months to 5 years old. Please [register by April 16](#). McDaniel Farm Park, 3251 McDaniel Road, Duluth.

Wills and Georgia Probate

Tuesday, April 19 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Don't leave your family unprotected- your will provides a legal declaration of your wishes after your death, including naming executors and guardians for your children. Understand the fundamentals of wills, common terms, and the Georgia probate process. Fee: \$8. For ages 18 and up. Light dinner provided. [Registration required](#). OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

Wild Earth Odyssey

Saturday, April 23 from noon to 5:00pm

Free! Celebrate the earth with crafts, games, and other activities that reconnect you with nature while getting up close to a wide range of live animals. All ages welcome. [Register](#). Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford.

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