

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

June 2024



Greetings!

Summer has arrived, and with it comes time for the pool, barbeques, and special celebrations with loved ones and your community.

Keep reading below to learn about some important reminders and exciting events we have in Gwinnett this month.

Happening Around Gwinnett



Gwinnett Commissioners approve transit referendum

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners took a significant step toward improving mobility for residents. The board approved a transit referendum to be placed on the November 5 General Election ballot. If approved by voters, the transit referendum would impose a one percent sales tax for 30 years to fund up to 75 transit projects in Gwinnett.

A Transit SPLOST aims to distribute financial responsibility more equitably among all residents, businesses, and visitors, alleviating the burden on Gwinnett's property owners. Currently, Gwinnett's transit system is funded by property owners through the County general fund, the federal government, discretionary grants, and Ride Gwinnett fares.

The transit plan includes an airport ride to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, enhanced and expanded county coverage by local bus, additional transit transfer facilities, and the expansion of microtransit providing 100 percent countywide coverage. The new transit referendum does not include heavy rail or MARTA.

The dedicated Transit SPLOST would be paid by all consumers who purchase goods in Gwinnett County. To learn more, visit GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide.

Advance voting for General Primary Runoff Election begins June 8

Advance voting for the General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election Runoff begins **Saturday, June 8**, and runs through **Friday, June 14**.

Registered voters may vote advance in-person every day, including one weekend. **Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9** [four locations](#) will be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm. And **Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 14** [10 locations](#) will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm.



Find an [advance voting location](#) near you, and check [wait times](#) before heading to an advance voting location. If you did not vote in the May 21 primary election, you may still vote in this runoff election if you are registered. Learn [more about the runoff](#) on GwinnettCounty.com.

La votación adelantada para el Desempate de las Elecciones Primarias Generales comienza el 8 de Junio

La votación adelantada para el Desempate de las Elecciones Primarias Generales y Generales No Partidistas comienza el Sábado 8 de Junio y se extiende hasta el Viernes 14 de Junio.

Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en persona todos los días, incluido un fin de semana. El Sábado 8 y Domingo 9 de Junio, [cuatro ubicaciones](#) estarán abiertas de 9:00am a 5:00pm. Y del Lunes 10 de Junio al Viernes 14 de Junio, [10 ubicaciones](#) estarán abiertas de 7:00am a 7:00pm.

Encuentra [un lugar de votación adelantada](#) cerca de ti y verifica los [tiempos de espera](#) antes de dirigirse a un lugar de votación adelantada. Si no votó en las Elecciones Primarias del 21 de Mayo, aún puede votar en este desempate si está inscrito. Para más información sobre la segunda vuelta en [GwinnettCounty.com](#).

Celebrate Pride in the Park on June 29

Join us as we celebrate Pride in the Park on **Saturday, June 29 from 8:00am to 1:00pm** at Bethesda Park in Lawrenceville.

Bring the entire family for food, music, a wellness walk with a twist, recognizing trailblazers in the LGBTQ+ community. Residents can also join View Point Health, Live Healthy Gwinnett, and other vendors for on-site health screenings and wellness resources.



What's New in District 1



Apply to serve: Board of Tax Assessors

I'm seeking qualified candidates to serve as my appointee on the [Gwinnett Board of Tax Assessors](#). This Board discovers, lists, values, and maintains Countywide uniformity of property within the confines of Gwinnett County, ensuring that State laws and regulations are adhered to. They also oversee the appeal process as provided by State law and compile the annual tax digest for submission to the State Department of Revenue, plus more.

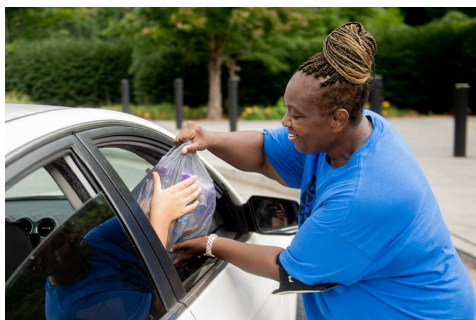
Learn more and apply at

[GwinnettCounty.com/ApplyToServe](#). Or contact me directly at Kirkland.Carden@GwinnettCounty.com.

Recycle your glass in District 1

Gwinnett County offer 13 glass recycling locations to provide residents with the opportunity to drop off glass for safe and sustainable recycling. Residents can bring clean, empty glass containers to any of the locations throughout the County, including **Peachtree Ridge Park in Suwanee** and **Pinckneyville Park in Peachtree Corners** in District 1. For more information, visit

[GwinnettCounty.com/GlassRecycling](#).



Grab a summer meal on-the-go

Gwinnett's Summer Meals program is back, providing free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to **children 18 and younger, as well as those 19 and older with physical or mental disabilities**. Nutritious meals are available **now through Friday, August 2 and can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm**, including County holidays, while supplies last.

For a complete list of meal locations, bus routes, and more, visit [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](#). If you're interested in volunteering for the Summer Meals program, visit

[VolunteerGwinnett.net](#).

Gwinnett Corrections to hold Prison Awareness Program

In memory of the late Scott Riner, a beloved Gwinnett County Corrections Officer who lost his life in the line of duty, Gwinnett Corrections will implement the Scott Riner's Prison Awareness Program. This initiative allows teens to witness life in prison firsthand. **The program will be held monthly, with future dates to be determined.** You can learn more by visiting GwinnettCounty.com/PrisonAwarenessProgram.



Special Events and Happenings

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

Clay Creations

Friday, June 14 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Enjoy a creatively fun evening and learn the basics of clay hand building and creating your own work of art. Light refreshments will be served. Open to ages seven and up. Resident Fee: \$12. Non-resident Fee: \$32. [Register here](#). Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake.

International Day of Yoga

Friday, June 21 from 8:00am to 9:00am

Free! Come celebrate International Day of Yoga for a beginner friendly yoga class hosted by yoga instructors. Bring your own yoga mat or blanket, water, and a passion to learn. Open to all ages. [Register here](#). Shorty Howell Park, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

Kids Night: Foam Zone

Friday, June 28 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Assemble your team for a friendly, fast paced foam blaster competition. All equipment will be provided. Pizza and drinks are included. Open to ages seven to 12. Resident Fee: \$12. Non-resident Fee: \$24. [Register here](#). Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

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