

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with  
Commissioner Carden

July 2024



Hello Silvia,

The heat is in full swing, which means summer is officially here! We've got plenty of activities to keep you busy in July. Check out some exciting events and find out some more information about all the exciting activities around Gwinnett and in District 1.

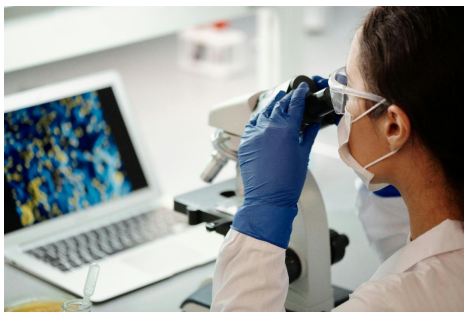
## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Board of Commissioners proposes to hold millage rate steady

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners is considering keeping the general millage rate fund the same as last year at 6.95 mills. While the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred. For 2024, Gwinnett's rollback millage rate is calculated at 6.5 mills. The 2024 millage rate the Board of Commissioners is considering is 6.95 mills, or .45 mills above the rollback millage rate. Therefore, state law requires commissioners to announce a property tax increase.



I invite you to share your comments during a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 16 at 11:00am** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. You can also [submit comments online](#) regarding the proposed millage rate. For more information on the millage rate and property taxes, visit [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com).



### Gwinnett achieves gold-tier BioReady® community status

Gwinnett has been designated as a BioReady® Community by Georgia Bio, the state's leading life sciences membership organization. The announcement was made at the BIO International Convention in San Diego, California.

The BioReady® program rates communities in three tiers: Bronze, Silver and Gold. These ratings assess a municipality's readiness to host biotechnology facilities based on zoning practices and infrastructure capacity, helping real estate developers and biotechnology companies find the most favorable destinations to

locate. Gwinnett County is the first county in metro Atlanta to qualify for and receive gold status as a BioReady® Community.

### Become a firefighter or paramedic

Our skilled first responders are on the front lines every day, carrying out essential firefighting and rescue duties crucial to the community. Now is your chance to join them as Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services will host a hiring event on **Friday, July 12 from 9:00am to**

3:00pm at the Fire Training Academy located at 3608 Braselton Highway in Dacula.

The event will include a physical performance evaluation (sneakers and long pants required), a detailed application, a background check, and a brief interview. The entire process typically takes two to three hours and it is encouraged to apply before attending the event. To complete an application or view more details about the open positions, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/JulyHiringEvent](https://GwinnettCounty.com/JulyHiringEvent).



### Add a furry friend to your family

The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center in Lawrenceville is currently at **critical capacity**. Adoption is an exciting and fulfilling way to give a shelter dog a forever home. Dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before leaving the shelter.

Not sure if you are ready for a long-term commitment? Fostering is also available to provide a loving temporary home for a deserving pet and freeing up space in shelters for other animals in need. For more information and to see available pets, visit [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](https://GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com).

## What's New in District 1



### Millage Rate Town Hall: July 29

I'll host a town hall at Peachtree Corners City Hall on **Monday, July 29, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** to discuss the 2024 millage rate.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Again, ahead of the millage rate adoption, I invite you to share your comments during a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 16 at 11:00am** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. You can also [submit comments online](#) regarding the proposed millage rate. For more information on the millage rate and property taxes, visit [GwinnettCounty.com](https://GwinnettCounty.com).

### Join the discussion on short-term rentals

Share your voice with us! Residents are invited to join the discussion about short-term rentals in a public forum on **Wednesday, July 24 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in Conference Room 106 at One Justice Square located at 446 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.

During this forum, residents can share their thoughts and suggestions to help shape our community's future. For questions, email [STRTF@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:STRTF@GwinnettCounty.com).



### A new park is coming to District 1

[Discovery Park](#) will become the 53rd addition to the award-winning Gwinnett Parks and Recreation system. Located at the **intersection of Old Norcross Road and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road** in District 1, park-goers can look forward to amenities such as a lighted multiuse trail, ball fields, an interactive fountain, and an inclusive playground for children of various ages and abilities.

The \$28 million park is set to open to the public in 2026 and was funded by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, known as SPLOST. To learn more about how your pennies are working in Gwinnett, visit [GwinnettSPLOST.com](https://GwinnettSPLOST.com).

### Apply for Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy

Gwinnett is accepting applications for the next Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy. This 12-week program gives residents, students, and business owners a behind-the-scenes look at how

Gwinnett County Government provides services to our residents.

Interested applicants must meet a [list of requirements](#) to participate. Applicants [can apply here](#) through **July 15**. A submitted application does not guarantee your place in the program. For more information about the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy, contact Community Outreach at [Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com).



### **Gwinnett Police asking for school supply donations**

The Gwinnett County Police Department is collecting school supplies for students during the Operation Children Thrive back-to-school supply drive through **July 17**. This year, there is a significant need for backpacks, but other items such as colored pencils, markers, pens, rulers, and notebooks will be accepted. [Click here](#) for a full list of school supplies that are needed.

District 1 residents can drop off school supplies at the **Central Precinct located at 3125 Satellite Boulevard** in Duluth, the **West Precinct located at 6160 Crescent Drive** in Norcross, or any of the other [Police precincts](#) in Gwinnett.

## **Special Events and Happenings**

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

### **McDaniel Farm Tour**

**Saturday, July 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 10:00am to 4:00pm**

Free! Explore what farm life was like in the 1930s as our educational interpreter shares the historical farmhouse, blacksmith shed, barn, and more. Open to all ages. [Register here](#). McDaniel Farm Park, 3251 McDaniel Road, Duluth.

### **Ice Cream & Bingo**

**Saturday, July 13 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

Come out and celebrate Therapeutic Recreation Week! Enjoy an evening of bingo and ice cream for individuals with disabilities and their families and caregivers. Participants must be able to function in a 1:12 ratio if dropped off for this activity. Open to all ages. Resident fee: \$6. Non-resident fee: \$11. [Register here](#). Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

### **Get Up and Get Back to School Bash**

**Saturday, July 27 from 11:00am to 1:00pm**

Free! Get ready to kickstart the school year in style! Join us for a highly anticipated annual bash where we're stocking up on excitement and school supplies. Open to all ages. [Register here](#). Best Friend Park Gymnasium, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross.

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