

NEWS & in District 1 with Commissioner Carden





Hello Silvia.

Happy August! It's hard to believe the summer months are winding down.

July was a busy month for District 1! I enjoyed speaking with residents about the millage rate and other district updates during my town hall on Monday, July 29 in Peachtree Corners. If you missed it, you can watch it on Facebook.

As I mentioned during my town hall, if you'd like to discuss anything related to our district, email me at Kirkland.Carden@GwinnettCounty.com.





Please be sure to keep reading below for news and exciting events happening around Gwinnett.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Board holds general fund millage rate steady

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners adopted the same general fund millage rate as last year of **6.95 mills**. The 2024 total property tax rate for property owners in unincorporated Gwinnett will be 14.71 mills. The millage rates for special service districts and countywide levies for recreation and economic development also remain unchanged from last year. Millage rates for service districts in Gwinnett are based on property location and county services provided, such as police, fire and emergency services, and code enforcement.



The Tax Commissioner's Office will mail property tax bills later

this month, with payments due in October. Property owners can make payments by mail, online, in person at the main tax office, or by using one of the special drop boxes located at tag offices. Details on the 2024 millage rate and additional information on how property taxes are calculated are available online.

Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant applications now

Gwinnett is now accepting applications for the Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant to provide financial assistance to nonprofits negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In alignment with



the County's Human Services Strategic Plan, funding will be awarded to organizations providing services in food security, housing, health and wellness, youth, literacy, learning, and crosscutting barriers to access like transportation or culturally or linguistically responsive services.

Nonprofits can apply for either **capital support**, which focuses on projects that improve capacity by fulfilling a capital need such as equipment, software solutions, and vehicles, or **operational support**, which focuses on providing technical assistance and learning modules to grow the organization's capacity. Applications are open through August 30 and can be accessed through the

grant application portal.

Request an absentee ballot

Are you registered to vote in the 2024 General Election but aren't able to vote in person in Election Day? Beginning **Monday**, **August 19**, registered voters can request an absentee ballot by mail for the November 5 General Election through **Friday**, **October 25**.

For more information about absentee ballot applications, visit <u>GwinnettElections.com</u>. To check your registration status, download a registration application, view sample ballots, and locate your polling place, visit <u>MVP.SOS.GA.gov</u>.



Solicita una boleta de voto ausente

Solicita una boleta de voto ausente ¿Está inscrito para votar en las Elecciones Generales de 2024 pero no puede votar en persona en el Día de las Elecciones? A partir del **Lunes 19 de Agosto**, los votantes inscritos pueden solicitar una boleta de voto ausente por correo para las Elecciones Generales del 5 de Noviembre hasta el **Viernes 25 de Octubre**.

Para más información sobre las solicitudes de boleta de voto ausente, visita<u>GwinnettElections.com</u>. Para verificar el estado de tu inscripción electoral, descargar una solicitud de inscripción, ver boletas de muestra y ubicar tu lugar de votación, visita MVP.SOS.GA.gov.

What's New in District 1

Gwinnett to host annual Supplier Networking Event on August 14

The Gwinnett Purchasing Division will host its annual Supplier Networking Event on **Wednesday**, **August 14 from 8:30am to 11:00am** at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth.

During the event, attendees can meet buyers and contracting officers from Gwinnett and other metro Atlanta agencies. County departments and procurement staff will also be available to allow potential suppliers to get acquainted with the County's procurement procedures.



All attendees are encouraged to park in Parking Deck 1. Level P3 is the closest entrance to the Gas South Convention Center. Visit the Gwinnett Purchasing website to <u>learn more and register</u>.



Gwinnett's Transit Plan proposes new microtransit zones

Microtransit is an on-demand, shared-ride service where customers can use the Ride Gwinnett app to book their trips. At \$3 per trip, the service is a convenient, flexible, and affordable way to travel to local healthcare services, jobs and businesses, entertainment and recreation, and more.

Currently, microtransit is available in Snellville and Lawrenceville. With <u>Gwinnett's Transit Plan</u>, the service could expand to 27 zones that provide 100 percent coverage in Gwinnett.

Explore the new permitting fee schedule

The Board of Commissioners has recently approved an amended fee schedule from Gwinnett Planning and Development for permits, zoning services, and more. If you are applying for permits for projects in Gwinnett County, view the <u>updated fee schedule</u>. To learn more, visit <u>GwinnettPnD.com</u>.





Gwinnett's population recognized in 2024 Digital Counties Survey

Gwinnett County's growing population is being recognized by The Center for Digital Governance and the National Association of Counties. Gwinnett placed 7th in the 1 Million or More Population category for the 22nd Annual Digital Counties Survey Award.

The survey identifies the best technology, among U.S. counties, including initiatives that streamline the delivery of government services; provide data analytics to allow decisions based on performance and outcomes; enhance cybersecurity; and apply innovative and emerging technologies to county

priorities. To see a list of the top 10 winners in each of the five population categories, 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.

When I Grow Up

Thursday, August 15 from 9:30am to 10:15am or 10:30am to 11:15am

Free! There are many important jobs that people do every day! Come explore the work they do and the clothes they wear through story time and play! Open to ages 18 months to three years old. Register here. Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

She Believed She Could! Artist Reception

Friday, August 16 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Free! Meet the artist Tamara Gammon at a free reception. "She Believed She Could!" tells a young woman's story as an immigrant child from the Caribbean as the focus of this collection. Explore her journey through an array of mediums, textures, and perspectives. Open to all ages. Register here. Pickneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake.

Boogie Down Bingo

Wednesday, August 21 from 11:00am from 1:00pm

Boogie down and get that bingo fever! Join us for 60s and 70s-themed bingo event! Light refreshments will be served. Open to ages 50 and up. Resident fee: \$11. Non-resident fee: \$16. Register here (must register by August 19). Pickneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkely Lake.

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