

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

October 2024



Hello Silvia,

It's October, and with it comes cooler temperatures and lots to do around Gwinnett. I hope you enjoy the changing weather and excitement and beauty of fall around our community.

I want to invite the residents of District 1 and Gwinnett to my next Town Hall on **Monday, October 14 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Suwanee City Hall** I will be joined by the Gwinnett Department of Transportation to answer your questions about the upcoming transit referendum.

Please keep reading for exciting news and events happening in District 1 and around our county.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Microtransit pilot program launches in Norcross

A new microtransit pilot program is now available for local travel in [Norcross and the Gateway85 Community Improvement District](#). Microtransit is a curb-to-curb, shared-ride service available on demand. By using the Ride Gwinnett app, customers can select their pick-up and drop-off locations within the designated area, choose pick-up times, and specify the number of riders.

The pilot program will operate with a fixed price of \$3 per ride. Service will be available **Monday through Saturday from 6:00am to 8:00pm**, excluding holidays. Payments can be made through the Ride Gwinnett app or with exact change. Visit [RideGwinnett.com](#) for more information and to download the Ride Gwinnett app.



Celebrate Hispanic Latino Heritage Month

In recognition of 2024 Hispanic Latino Heritage Month, an exhibit honoring the Hispanic and Latino community will be open to the public from September 15 to October 15 in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Atrium in Lawrenceville. Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the traditions and contributions of residents whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

Residents are also invited to the **Fiesta on the Plaza on Tuesday, October 15 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Plaza** in Lawrenceville. Come out and

enjoy a live mariachi band, savor delicious eats from local food trucks, and enjoy activities for all ages. It is recommended that those who plan on attending [RSVP for the event](#).

Vote early for the November 5 General Election

Voters are not limited to Election Day to cast their ballot for the November 5 General Election. Registered voters may vote advance

in-person any day, including weekends, from October 15 through November 1, 7:00am to 7:00pm, at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office in Lawrenceville and 12 other advance voting locations around the county. To find an advance voting location near you, visit [GwinnettElections.com](https://www.gwinnettelections.com).

Visit MVP.SOS.GA.gov to check your registration status, download a registration application, view sample ballots, and locate your polling place.



Vota por adelantado para las Elecciones Generales del 5 de Noviembre

Los votantes no tienen que limitarse al Día de las Elecciones para emitir su voto para las Elecciones Generales del 5 de Noviembre. Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en persona todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, desde el 15 de Octubre hasta el 1 de Noviembre, de 7:00am a 7:00pm en la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett en Lawrenceville y en otros 12 lugares de votación adelantada en todo el condado. Para encontrar un lugar de votación adelantada cerca de ti, visita [GwinnettElections.com](https://www.gwinnettelections.com).

Visita MVP.SOS.GA.gov para verificar el estado de su inscripción electoral, descargar una solicitud de inscripción, ver boletas de muestra y localizar su lugar de votación.

What's New in District 1



Gwinnett acquires 23-acre Macy's site at Gwinnett Place Mall

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved the Urban Redevelopment Agency of Gwinnett County's purchase at Gwinnett Place Mall of **293,059 square feet of retail buildings on 23 acres of the Gwinnett Place Mall site**, including the Macy's department store and Macy's furniture store, which will be leased back to Macy's for store operations to continue through early 2025. In 2021, the Urban Redevelopment Agency of Gwinnett County initially purchased a 39-acre portion of the Gwinnett Place Mall site, and with this acquisition, will own 76 acres.

Gwinnett has conducted two extensive public input studies— the [Gwinnett Place Mall Equitable Redevelopment Plan](#) and the [Gwinnett Place Mall Revitalization Strategy](#) — to identify and prioritize the community's needs for the redevelopment of the mall site. The Equitable Redevelopment Plan was informed by eight months of community engagement with direct input from more than 2,000 Gwinnett residents. It identified five key areas for preservation and growth in the County – housing, small businesses, cultural activity centers, neighborhood services, and jobs. The Gwinnett Place Mall Site Revitalization Strategy was a combined effort between Gwinnett County, the Gwinnett Place CID, and the Atlanta Regional Commission. An in-depth market analysis and surveys of 6,000 community members led to a transformational concept called the Global Villages, which envisions housing, an international community cultural center, office space, and retail oriented around a central park. Learn more about the [redevelopment at Gwinnett Place Mall](#)

Volunteer for Great Days of Service

Volunteers across Gwinnett will roll up their sleeves for the annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service volunteer weekend from **October 18 through October 20**. This initiative brings together thousands of individuals, corporations, schools, civic organizations, and communities to lend a hand with critical needs around the county.

With various projects for all ages and abilities, volunteer opportunities are available for individual and group signups. To register email VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com or visit VolunteerGwinnett.net to help make a difference.



Property Tax bills due on October 15

The 2024 Gwinnett County property tax bills, mailed in August, are **due on October 15**. If you have an escrow account, your property tax information is made available to your mortgage company. **It is your responsibility to ensure taxes are paid.**

For more information or to pay online, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Pay.



Special Events and Happenings

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

Autumnal Art Affair

Saturday, October 5 from 11:00am to 3:00pm

Free! Celebrate the Autumnal Equinox at this unique art affair featuring local artists, a Fall-themed ceramic sculpture contest, light entertainment, and a light brunch. Artists and vendors are wanted and can contact Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center at 678.277.0920 or PcCenter@GwinnettCounty.com. Open to all ages. [Register here](#). Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake.

Spooktacular Skate Party

Friday, October 18 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Free! Bring your skates and have spooky fun with us and the Peachtree Booster Club at the Pinckneyville Park hockey rink! There will be loads of fun including a DJ, crafts, games, candy, costume contests, and more! Pucks and sticks are not allowed. Concessions are available for purchase. Open to ages three to 17. [Register here](#). Pinckneyville Park Skate Complex, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Peachtree Corners.

Terror-ific Play Day

Friday, October 25 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Free! Join Be Active Gwinnett for a spooktacular evening filled with treats, games, crafts, and a costume contest! Open to ages three and up. [Register here](#). Shorty Howell Park, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

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