

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with  
Commissioner Carden

November 2024



Hello Silvia,

Happy November! We are quickly approaching the end of the year, but there is still a lot to look forward to in Gwinnett in 2024. I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with quality time with loved ones.

Keep reading below for exciting events and news in Gwinnett in November.

## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Head to the polls on Election Day

Voters can cast their ballots on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 5 from 7:00am to 7:00pm**. Visit the Secretary of State's [My Voter Page](#) to locate your assigned polling location or view a sample ballot. Please note that if you are in line at 7:00pm, you will be allowed to vote.

There is no voting at the Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building on Election Day. Voted absentee ballots can be mailed or hand-delivered to the [Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building](#). **All absentee ballots must be received in the office no later than November 5 at 7:00pm.**

Election Day polling places cannot accept absentee ballots.

The General Election results will be posted online on the [Georgia Secretary of State's website](#). A link to the election results will be posted on [GwinnettCounty.com](#) after the polls close.

### Dirígete a las urnas el Día de las Elecciones

Los votantes pueden emitir su voto en el Día de las Elecciones, **el Martes 5 de Noviembre, de 7:00am a 7:00pm**. Visita la página [My Voter Page](#) de la Secretaría de Estado para localizar tu lugar de votación asignado o ver una boleta de muestra. Ten en cuenta que si estás en la fila a las 7:00pm, se te permitirá votar.

No habrá votación en el edificio de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones Beauty P. Baldwin el Día de las Elecciones. Las boletas de voto ausente votadas pueden enviarse por correo o entregarse en persona en el [Edificio de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones Beauty P. Baldwin](#). **Todas las boletas de voto ausente deben ser recibidas en la oficina a más tardar el 5 de Noviembre a las 7:00pm.** El lugar de votación del Día de las Elecciones no puede aceptar boletas de voto ausente.

Los resultados de las Elecciones Generales se publicarán en línea en el sitio web de [Secretaría de Estado de Georgia](#). Un enlace a los resultados electorales se publicará en [GwinnettCounty.com](#) una vez que cierren las urnas.

### County to honor those who served during Veterans Day Ceremony

Join us to pay tribute to Gwinnett's veterans during the 2024 Veterans Day Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on **Monday, November 11 at 11:00am** at the Gwinnett County Fallen Heroes Memorial on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice

and Administration Center.

My fellow commissioners and I will provide remarks, and Army veteran Women and Minority Veterans Coordinator for the Georgia Department of Veteran Services Veda Brooks will give the keynote address. The ceremony will also stream live on Facebook [@GwinnettGov](#) and will be available on demand at [TVGwinnett.com](#) following the event.



### Gwinnett cuts ribbon on OneStop Centerville expansion

Gwinnett officials cut the ribbon for the newly expanded OneStop Centerville enhancing access to services and resources for residents in the southern part of the county. Located beside the Centerville Senior Center, the expanded facility offers a variety of community spaces for events, workshops, classes, and other activities.

The 33,000-square-foot, two-story facility includes an 11,000-square-foot playground and houses office space for County partners, including GNR Public Health and View Point Health. GNR Public Health will provide dental services, regular health center services, and an office for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women and Children. View Point Health will debut its first Play Therapy and Resilience Training Program, providing comprehensive education, training, and clinical supervision for clinicians specializing in the care of children and families. Gwinnett County used \$25 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act to fund the project. To learn more about OneStop Centerville, visit [GwinnettOneStop.com](#).

### Gwinnett to hold third annual National Adoption Day Celebration

Join us on **Friday, November 15** as we celebrate the children, teens, and adults in Gwinnett who have found their forever families at the third annual National Adoption Day Celebration.

Clerk of Superior Court Tiana P. Garner will host the event from **10:00am to noon** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center auditorium in Lawrenceville. Families and County officials will share touching stories of love, hope, and new beginnings while raising awareness about adoptions. [Pre-register now](#) to secure your spot, as space is limited and registration is first-come, first-served. If you can't attend in person, please join us virtually at [GwinnettCounty.com/NationalAdoptionDay](#).



## What's New in District 1



### Learn about the Transit Referendum before you head to the polls

This year, Gwinnett's transit system, Ride Gwinnett, has served more than 1,027,000 microtransit, paratransit, local, and commuter trips.

Learn how Gwinnett voters can vote on expanding transit in Gwinnett to serve more people countywide. Read more about the last question on the ballot at [GwinnettCounty.com/TransitReferendum](#).

### Share your input for the Gwinnett Disparity Study

Gwinnett County Government is seeking your feedback as we embark on the County's first disparity study. The County has partnered with Griffin & Strong P.C. to evaluate potential disparities or barriers in government contracting and purchasing for small and/or underrepresented businesses.

Two upcoming virtual meetings will be held to learn about the study and how you can participate. Then, we invite you to openly share your experiences, feedback, and ideas as part of the public hearing immediately following the information session. All comments are



welcome and encouraged. The meetings will be held on **Wednesday, November 13 at 1:00pm** ([register via Zoom](#)) and on **Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00pm** ([register via Zoom](#)). Advanced registration is encouraged but not required. For more information, email [GwinnettCountyStudy@GSPCLaw.com](mailto:GwinnettCountyStudy@GSPCLaw.com) or visit [GwinnettCountyDisparityStudy.com](http://GwinnettCountyDisparityStudy.com).



### **Celebrate Native American Heritage Month**

In recognition of 2024 Native American Heritage Month, an exhibit honoring Indigenous communities will be open to the public for the entire month of November in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Atrium in Lawrenceville.

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating Native American history, cultures, and contributions to society. The observation started in 1990, originally as American Indian Heritage Month, and was renamed to Native American Heritage Month in 1992. The Native American Heritage Month exhibit is open during the

Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center's regular business hours.

### **Make an impact in your community**

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

Residents can share their feedback on draft policy recommendations to help shape our community's future. Please email [STRTF@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:STRTF@GwinnettCounty.com) with any questions.



### **Improve the environment while cooking**

Join us on **Thursday, November 14 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm** at the Norcross Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library for the Better Cooking for a Better Environment workshop. You'll learn how properly disposing of fats, oils, and grease in your kitchen helps protect our outdoor water resources, with cooking and cleanup demonstrations.

To register, visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](http://Gwinnetth2o.com), call 678.376.6914, or email [DWRWorkshops@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:DWRWorkshops@GwinnettCounty.com) with your name, address, and phone number.

## **Special Events and Happenings**

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

### **Veterans Day Dance**

**Friday, November 8 from 11:00am to 2:00pm**

Free! Join us as we come together to celebrate and honor veterans with dancing, light hors d'oeuvres, and music. Open to ages 50 and up. [Register here](#). Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

### **Homeschool Hayride**

**Thursday, November 14 from 10:00am to 1:00pm**

Join us as we learn about life and agriculture practices during the 1930's. Tour the historic structures, go on a hayride, and enjoy hands-on early learning activities. All children must be accompanied by a paying adult. This is not a drop-off program. Open to ages two and up. [Register here](#). Resident Fee: \$6 (children under three are free); Non-resident fee: \$8. McDaniel Farm Park, 3020 McDaniel Road, Duluth.

### **Holiday Market**

**Sunday, November 17 from 12:30pm to 4:30pm**

Free! Shop for unique gifts from talented artists and crafters, enjoy concessions, and free photos with Santa from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Interested artists and vendors should call 678.277.0920 for an application. Open to all ages. Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake.

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