

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

January 2024



Greetings!

I hope you and your loved ones had a safe and happy holiday season. I'd encourage you to make staying informed one of your New Year's resolutions. Keep reading to learn more about County news and events we have in January.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Board of Commissioners adopts 2024 budget

At our first meeting of the year, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved a \$2.53 budget for 2024 to fund County operations and projects for the year. This year's spending plan consists of a \$1.97 billion operating budget and a \$561 million capital improvements budget, which includes funds from the County's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program.



The adopted budget addresses community needs facing the County, such as public infrastructure, a safe, livable, and healthy community, and organizational excellence. For more information about the adopted budget, visit GwinnettCounty.com/2024Budget.



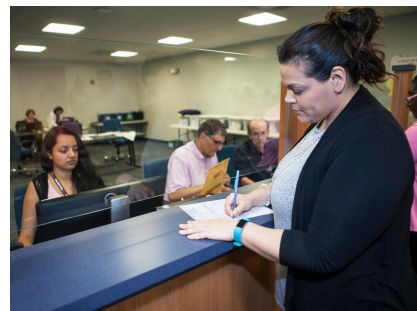
Attend Gwinnett's annual hiring event

Gwinnett County will host its annual [Career from Here](#) hiring event on **Friday, January 19 from 9:00am to 3:00pm** at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth. Candidates will have the opportunity to meet Gwinnett County Government employees face to face, discover the vast number of jobs available, and in some cases, receive a conditional job offer on the same day.

Gwinnett offers competitive pay, benefits, paid training, educational incentives for certain positions, tuition reimbursement, career advancement, and much more. Visit GwinnettCountyJobs.com to learn more about opportunities within the County and a list of jobs eligible for onsite interviews.

Register to vote in the upcoming 2024 elections

With election season underway, it's crucial to **register to vote now**. Georgia residents wishing to register must be at least 18 years of age by Election Day, must be a U.S. citizen, and be a legal resident of their voting county. The deadline to register to vote in the March 12 Presidential Preference Primary is **Monday, February 12**. Visit MVP.SOS.GA.gov to check your registration status, download a voter registration application, view sample ballots, and locate your polling location.





Apply for the Fire and Emergency Services Chaplaincy Program

Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services is seeking volunteer chaplains for its chaplaincy program. Interested candidates must be certified members of clergy whose qualifications include current ministry service for at least two years. All interested candidates must fill out an [online application](#) by **February 2**. For more information, please contact Captain Ryan McGiboney at 678.518.4862 or at Ryan.McGiboney@GwinnettCounty.com.

Volunteer for MLK Day of Service

Mark your calendars for the annual **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Monday, January 15**. Lend a helping hand by participating in vital wetland cleanups with Gwinnett Water Resources or preparing food for homebound seniors with Gwinnett Health & Human Services. To learn more and register to volunteer, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.



What's New in District 1



New glass recycling location arrives in District 1

Gwinnett County and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful, in partnership with Ripple Glass, have added new glass recycling locations across the county. **Peachtree Ridge Park** in Suwanee joins **Pinckneyville Park** in Peachtree Corners as locations for residents to recycle glass in District 1.

The County's glass recycling program allows residents to drop off glass for safe and sustainable recycling. Be on the lookout for the purple recycling containers to recycle your

glass. For more information and to find the glass recycling location nearest to you, visit GwinnettCounty.com/GlassRecycling.

Recycle your live Christmas tree

Recycle your live Christmas tree once the holidays have passed as part of Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful's annual Bring One for the Chipper tree recycling event. **Live Christmas trees can be dropped off through January 24** at various fire stations throughout the county. Before dropping off your Christmas tree, please remove all lights, tinsel, decorations, and tree stands.

Trees will be chipped into mulch for use at County parks on Saturday, January 27 at Bethesda Park in Lawrenceville. Volunteers ages 14 and older are needed from 7:30am to 11:00am and must register in advance. For more information and to volunteer, visit GwinnettCounty.com/BringOneForTheChipper.



Mobile food distribution at Best Friend Park

Residents can pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods on **Tuesday, January 23** at Best Friend Park in Norcross from 3:00pm until supplies last. The distribution site is a contactless drive-thru and no identification is required. For more information, visit GwinnettCommunityServices.com.

Volunteer at Gwinnett's warming stations

Gwinnett offers warming stations for residents to receive temporary, overnight relief when temperatures **reach 35 degrees and below**. Residents who visit the site will be able to warm up, eat a meal, and get some rest. Warming stations are available from 6:00pm to 7:00am.

District 1 offers two warming stations at the **Shorty Howell Park Activity Building in Duluth** and the **Best Friend Park Gym in Norcross**. Volunteers are needed to assist staff with helping organize check-in materials, greet participants, monitor program areas, help with set-up and break down, and other related station tasks. Volunteer shifts are available in four or seven-hour blocks. To volunteer, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.



Special Events and Happenings

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

Little Engineers

Thursday, January 11 from 10:00am to 10:45am

Free! Watch your child's natural curiosity grow as they engage in STEM-themed activities. [Pre-registration](#) is required. Ages one and half years old to three years old are welcome. Program is located at 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake.

Squirrels on the Farm

Saturday, January 20 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Free! Go nuts! Celebrate Squirrel Appreciation Day and discover how these furry little friends impact our local ecosystem, share some fun children's stories, and have a small craft for children. All ages are welcome. [Register here](#). McDaniel Farm Park, 3251 McDaniel Road, Duluth.

Pinckneyville Open House

Saturday, January 27 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Free! Meet instructors, check out programming, explore the pottery studio, and enjoy a free lunch. Also, spend time visually creating your 2024 goals onto a vision board using different arts media. All you need to bring is your board of choice. [Preregistration](#) is required for a free lunch. All ages are welcome. Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Peachtree Corners.

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