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**June
21st
6-10pm**

**OLD TOWN
SUWANEE**



SUWANEESUMMER PORCH JAM

MEET US IN
OLD TOWN SUWANEES
FOR AN EVENING OF
MUSIQUE AL FRESCO!



The Suwanee Summer Porch Jam is part of Make Music Day – an international celebration of music! Launched in 1982 in France, it is held on the summer solstice every year in more than 1,000 cities in 120 countries. The first Make Music Day event in Georgia, Summer Porch Jam evokes the feeling of an old-fashioned summer block party, complete with food trucks and beverages!

Held in the historic Main Street district, Suwanee Summer Porch Jam features multiple artists playing (sometimes unusual) outdoor venues. Classic rock and blues band Riff Blender will serve as the event headliner, playing at the Burnette Rogers Pavilion on Main Street. Located in the historic 1880 Rhodes Hotel, Huthmaker Violins will host a bluegrass band on one of the many wrap-around porches, and feature an instrument petting zoo for those interested in learning to play the strings.

Suwanee Academy of the Arts will host a children’s karaoke stage, complete with all of your favorite Disney showstoppers. Children can also make their own shakers and join in a drum circle/jam session at the Caboose in the heart of Main Street. And Everett’s Music Barn brings top bluegrass talent to our community every Saturday night, and – for this very special occasion – the Friday evening of the summer solstice! Other venues will feature local talent and a student showcase from Town Center Music.

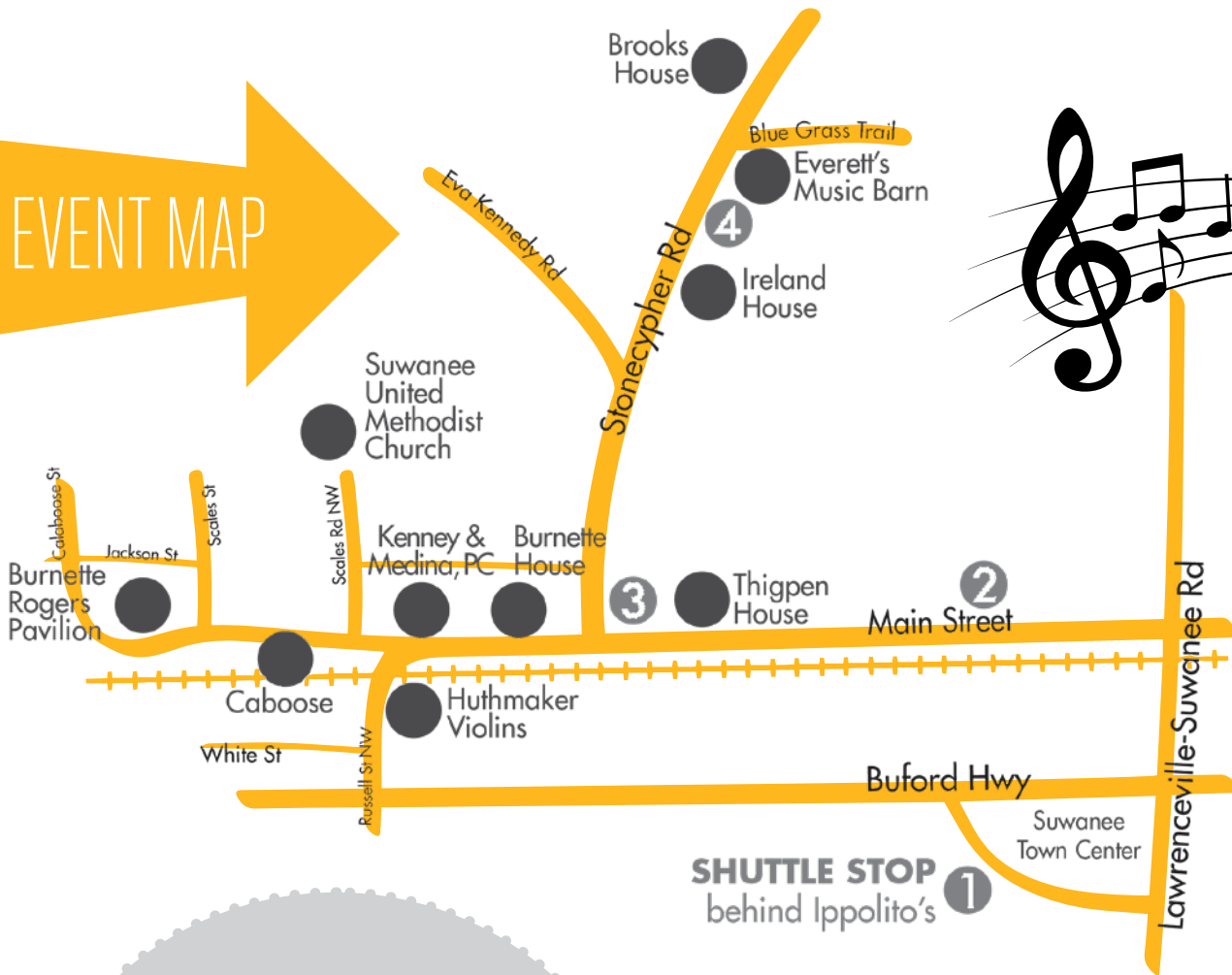
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- Abby Wilkerson
City of Suwanee
Public Information
Officer

“My personal favorite venue from last year’s Summer Porch Jam was Mayor Burnette’s front porch. There’s something unique and special about hanging out with the mayor in his front yard, listening to music,” said City of Suwanee Public Information Officer Abby Wilkerson. “I love this event – it’s just so laid back and cool.”



EVENT MAP



SUWANEESUMMER PORCH JAM

FRIDAY, JUNE 21
6-10 PM
OLD TOWN SUWANEES

A full schedule of venues and musicians can be found at Suwanee.com.

SHUTTLE STOP
behind Ippolito's 1

→ Parking is available at Town Center; from there, it is a short 15-minute walk to Old Town. Complimentary shuttles will also be available.

Make Music Day

Held annually on June 21, Make Music Day is part of the international Fête de la Musique, taking place in over 1,000 cities in over 120 countries. The daylong, musical free-for-all celebrates music in all its forms, encouraging people to band together and play in free public concerts. Make Music Day is presented by the NAMM Foundation and coordinated by the nonprofit Make Music Alliance.

For more information, please visit www.makemusicday.org.



**16TH ANNUAL
AUGUST CONCERT
& WING FESTIVAL**
HEADLINED BY
THE SMITHEREENS

Saturday, August 10
5-10 pm
Town Center Park

Founded in New Jersey in 1980, The Smithereens have been creating electrifying, original rock'n'roll for 39 years. Best known for "Only a Memory," "A Girl Like You," and "Too Much Passion," The Smithereens were in heavy rotation on MTV in the late 80s and early 90s, and appeared on The Tonight Show, Conan O'Brien, and Saturday Night Live.

Over their career, the band opened for artists ranging from the Ramones and the Pretenders to Tom Petty to Lou Reed, as well as fellow New Jersey rockers Bruce Springsteen and Bon Jovi.

"We've played with literally everyone," said former lead singer Pat DiNizio in 2013. "It seems that if you're around long





enough and if you survive long enough, you're going to wind up playing shows with everybody in every conceivable situation."

The Smithereens' 1989 debut album Especially for You heavily inspired Kurt Cobain, according to the Nirvana singer's posthumously published *Journals*. The band has released 17 albums; their most recent, COVERS, features 22 of the band's favorite songs first recorded by other artists.

The Smithereens have played over 2,500 live shows, including the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles, Meadowlands Arena in New Jersey, Radio City Music Hall, and internationally - and now, at Suwanee Town Center!

Enjoy the music and delicious wings from a variety of your favorite Suwanee restaurants. Beer and wine will be available from onsite vendors and Town Center merchants. Bringing your own alcohol is prohibited.

FUN FACT!
The band's name comes from Yosemite Sam's catchphrase: "Varmint, I'm a-gonna blow you to smithereens!"

MORE FUN IN THE SUN! (Or Under the Stars!)

Movies Under the Stars

JUNE 1 | 7 PM

Movies Under the Stars is bringing a double feature to Town Center Park! Our signature movie night features films appropriate for young children at 7 pm and movie selections for slightly older audiences on a big screen beginning around 8:45 pm.

The movies are free and open to the public. Bring chairs, blankets, and snacks.

7 pm - Ralph Breaks the Internet

8:45 pm - Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse



Food Truck Friday

June 7 | 5:30 pm

Food Truck Fridays are BACK! Food trucks open at 5:30 pm and run until 9:30 pm (or earlier if the food runs out), with live music beginning at 7 pm.



TRUCKS ON DECK:

- ★ Big C's Chicago Kitchen
- ★ Brooke Lynn's Own Sticks and Cones
- ★ Cattywampus
- ★ Deep South Biscuit
- ★ Love at Wurst Sight
- ★ Simply Done Donuts
- ★ Tex's Tacos
- ★ The Fresh Truck
- ★ The Pickle Truck
- ★ The Queso Truck

EVENT SCHEDULE:

6:30 pmNew Mantra

7:30 pm Wing Eating Contest

8:15 pm The Smithereens

*All times are approximate. Free shuttles and off-site transportation are available. Visit Suwanee.com for more information.



Suwanee Jazz Fest

JUNE 8 | 6 PM

NEW DATE! Rescheduled after bad weather in May, Jazz Fest will bring the area's smoothest and most eclectic solo and group jazz artists together for an evening of sounds, tastes, and experiences under the stars. Local eateries, food trucks, and vendors will be jazzing things up with some delish special food, drinks, and cocktails to-go that add to the atmosphere for the perfect night out.

Broadway in the Park 5K & Fun Run

JUNE 20 | 7 AM

Broadway in the Park 5K & Fun Run serves as a fundraiser for the performance groups supported by Suwanee Performing Arts (Suwanee Ballet, Sounds of Suwanee, Community Art Players, and The Actor's Company), as well as the community kickoff for a week of show preparation on the stage in Town Center Park. Participants in the 5K and Fun Run will be greeted by characters from the upcoming Broadway in the Park shows and are encouraged to embrace the spirit of those shows by dressing in costumes inspired by *Frozen* and *Elf*.



Broadway in the Park

July 26 & 27 | 7 pm

Musical theatre returns to Town Center Park this summer with Suwanee Performing Arts' Broadway in the Park presentation of Disney's *Frozen Jr.* and *Elf Jr.* on July 26 and July 27. Broadway in the Park is the Suwanee Performing Arts' signature summer production performed in the park each July. The Town Center amphitheater



is transformed into a Broadway-style stage with professional lighting, sound, costumes, sets, and our community's most talented high school, middle school, and home school students.

CHANGES HAPPEN! Check Suwanee.com for up-to-the-minute information.

OPEN for BUSINESS

The following companies received new business licenses from the City of Suwanee in March and April:

AJ Accounting Services
1145 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Armstrong Auto Sales
4411 Suwanee Dam Road

Dip Nail Bar
3429 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

Innovating Looks
1309 Park Pass Way

Kirkley Dental
315 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

The Motiventionist, PC
3461 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

No Sons Allowed
302 Satellite Boulevard

Refresh Chiropractic
425 Buford Highway

Teleconnect Direct 4110 Tench Road

Yili Industrial 950 Scales Road

Happy Birthday

PLAYTOWN SUWANEE!

It may be hard to believe for the 1,200 volunteers who helped make it a reality, but our beloved PlayTown Suwanee turns 15 this month!

Located near the library, the 10,000-square-foot playground opened on June 13, 2004 after 1,200 residents worked in three daily shifts for five days. Moms, dads, grandparents, churches, businesses, and community organizations worked together for over 10,000 cumulative hours to create the magical bus, castle,

log cabin, boat, elephant, rocket, climbing wall, bridges, slides, and swing sets that make up this one-of-a-kind wonderland.

The land for the playground was purchased by the city as part of its award-winning open-space initiative. Since 2001, through this program the city has acquired more than 350 acres of open space to be used to improve the community, preserve natural areas for future generations to enjoy, and strengthen the community by providing opportunities for all residents to come together and make a difference.

"The five days I spent working on the PlayTown Suwanee project were among the most satisfying," said former mayor Nick Masino. "I was frankly overwhelmed by how our community came together and all that we were able to accomplish."



PLAYTOWN SUWANEE BY THE NUMBERS:

1,200
VOLUNTEERS

5
DAYS

1,950
PIECES OF
LUMBER

881
PIECES
OF TREX

14
TONS OF SAND

9
GALLONS
OF SEALER

642
POUNDS
OF NAILS

56,788
SCREWS

55
DRILLS

11
SAWS

SUPPORT COMMUNITY ART FOR ALL

City of Suwanee Embarks on Capital Campaign for Public Art

Suwanee has long been passionate about supporting the arts. The city launched a successful public art initiative in 2008 with the creation of its Public Arts Commission, and in 2015 adopted a public master plan that envisions a community full of interesting, creative public art that enhances the quality of life for residents, visitors, and businesses in the area.

Another of Suwanee's passions is preserving open space; through the award-winning open space initiative (approved by voters in 2001), the city has conserved 350 acres of open space and constructed five beautiful parks. The city recently committed \$16 million to fund an extension of Town Center Park; upon completion, this public space will be one of the largest urban parks in metro Atlanta.

The city completed a fundraising feasibility study last year and now is embarking on a capital campaign to raise \$1.25M in private contributions to support the inclusion of three new public art pieces in the Town Center Park Expansion. These pieces – an interactive, signature installation, a gateway entrance piece, and a mural installation in the railroad underpass – will provide the margin of excellence above and beyond the basic infrastructure of the park, and act as a catalyst to transform the project from a *park* to a *place*.

Cities have long considered public art a key component of a vibrant community – an essential element of placemaking and city design, a tool for promoting community connectedness and economic development, and a means of providing people with unique experiences.

TOTAL PARK
COSTS: **\$17.25M**

COSTS ALREADY
FUNDED: **\$16M**,
leaving **\$1.25M** being raised through
capital campaign for public art.

CONSTRUCTION WILL
BEGIN: **2020**

EXPECTED
COMPLETION: **2021**

THIS PROJECT WILL:

- Support economic development by reinforcing the image of Suwanee and Gwinnett as a distinctive, desirable place to live.
- Enhance the community's appeal as a destination as well as **increase tourism**.
- Continue our success in **creating public greenspace and engaging parks** for the citizens of Gwinnett.

Partnering with:  Community
FOUNDATION
for Northeast Georgia

What is so remarkable about the success of our city's art program is that it has been accomplished primarily with private funding. While Suwanee provides the infrastructure of new parks and green spaces, it is the support of private citizens and businesses that provides the public art that has played such a significant role in what Suwanee does, what Suwanee is, and how Suwanee is viewed. With the help of our citizens, we will continue to elevate the role of public art and the impact of artistic engagement in our community.

For more information regarding Suwanee's capital campaign for public art, visit Suwanee.com.



EXTRA! EXTRA! SUWANEE HAS BIG NEWSIES ABOUT PUBLIC ART!

Big, artsy things will be happening at the City of Suwanee's newest event Big Artsy, on June 15 at Town Center Park! The event will serve as an introduction of the 13 pieces that make up the sixth installment of the city's popular SculpTour exhibition.

"Art, in the public realm for the whole of the community, is an integral piece of our city's personality," said council member Linnea Miller. "It's not enough to simply create a 'place.' That place has to come alive - through art, events, activities, and just making things fun. People need a reason to keep coming back and connecting."

Since 2011, the award-winning SculpTour program has brought 79 sculptures to a walkable one-mile area of downtown Suwanee, not to mention the 11 pieces in the city's permanent collection. With goals to enliven Town Center, attract visitors, and stimulate interest in Suwanee's public art program, SculpTour adds to the sense of dynamism, energy, rhythm, and ritual in the city.

Big Artsy attendees can also expect exciting happenings on the Town Center stage, including a full cast and orchestra performance of Disney's *Newsies* by the Aurora Theatre.

City of
SUWANEE
Georgia
BIG ARTSY
JUNE 15 | TOWN CENTER PARK

**FOOD TRUCKS
OPEN 6 PM**

**DANIEL BUTMAN -
VIOLINIST
7-8 PM**

**AURORA THEATRE
DISNEY'S NEWSIES
8-10 PM**

Based on the Disney film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White and inspired by the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, this high-energy musical soars with non-stop thrills. In New York City at the turn of the last century, publishing titans Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst look to take advantage of newsboys to increase profits. Enter charismatic Jack Kelly who unwittingly leads a ragged band of teenaged "newsies," across the city to strike for what's right. This

Tony Award-winning musical is toe-tapping fun for the entire family.

General admission is free and seating is first come, first served (but no chairs/blankets/tents prior to the event date of Saturday, June 15). For more information, please visit Suwanee.com.

SUWANEE POLICE ANNOUNCE PROMOTIONS

City of Suwanee Police Chief Mike Jones announced the promotions of Captain Cass Mooney to Deputy Chief, Sergeants Dwayne Black, Jeff Dickens, and Robert Thompson to the rank of Lieutenant, Corporals Simon Byun, Kevin Skinner, and Robert Stevens to the rank of Sergeant, and Officers Chance Belcher, Jeff Covert, Tylon Johnson, and Brody Thomas to the rank of Corporal.



Deputy Chief Cass Mooney has been with the Suwanee Police Department for 21 years, serving in the Patrol, Communications, Selective Enforcement Unit, and Administration divisions. Deputy Chief Mooney holds a Master of Public Administration with concentration in Justice Administration and graduated from the FBI National Academy Session 236.

Lieutenant Jeff Dickens has served the community as a member of the Suwanee PD for nearly 26 years and is currently assigned to Selective

Enforcement Unit. He has previously served in Patrol and has 12 years of military experience.

Lieutenant Robert Thompson joined the Suwanee Police in August 2006. He serves as the police Public Information Officer and oversees the Criminal Investigations and Communications divisions. Thompson has completed training with the FBI Georgia Law Enforcement Executive Development.

Sergeant Simon Byun is approaching his eleventh

year with the Suwanee Police Department. Byun is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division and is a member of the Special Response Team. He has also served in Patrol, and as an Investigator with the DEA High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force. He holds an associate degree in criminal justice.

Sergeant Kevin Skinner has served the community as a member of the Suwanee PD Patrol division for 12 years. Skinner holds an associate degree in accounting, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and a master's degree in public safety administration.

Sergeant Robert Stevens has been with the Suwanee PD for the last ten years. He is assigned to Patrol, and has worked in the Criminal Investigations Division. Stevens triple majored in criminal justice, sociology, and business at Georgia Southern University and served as a Corporal with the United States Marine Corps.

Corporal Chance Belcher has been with the Suwanee Police for nine years. He is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division and is a member of the Special Response Team. He previously worked in Patrol and the Selective Enforcement Unit. Belcher is an accident reconstruction specialist and field training officer, and was the recipient of the Gwinnett Valor Awards Merit Award.

Corporal Jeff Covert joined the Suwanee PD in 2017 having

previously served the community as a Senior Deputy with the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office. Covert is a retired United States Marine Corps Master Sergeant. He holds an MBA in project management and a bachelor's degree in information technology.

Corporal Tylon Johnson has been a member of the Suwanee Police Department for the past year and is assigned to patrol and is a member of

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- Chief Jones

the Special Response Team. He previously served as a sergeant with the Hall County Sheriff's Office. Johnson served 11 years in the United States Marine Corps infantry, with deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, and received an award for valor while in Iraq. Johnson holds a Bachelor of Arts in forensic psychology.

Corporal Brody Thomas has been a Suwanee Police officer for nearly six years. He is assigned to Patrol and is a member of the Special Response Team, and previously worked as a dispatcher. Thomas holds a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice with a forensics concentration.

“I am proud of all of our officers and employees at the Suwanee Police Department,” said Chief Jones. “I am especially honored to promote these 11 officers who have worked very hard. I wish them well in their careers, and I want to do everything I can to make each one successful.”

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Welcome - TO - CITY HALL

Anna Pearce joins the Suwanee Municipal Court as its newest Associate Prosecuting Attorney. Anna previously ran her own law firm, and is a lifelong resident of Suwanee. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, running, cooking, and fly fishing.

The court also hired **Wilfredo Castro** as its new bailiff. Wilfredo calls the Bronx home, having worked for the NYC Department of Corrections for 20 years. He also served as a teletype communications operator in the US Army Reserves. Wilfredo plays the bass and enjoys playing worship music at church and at home.

The municipal court keeps growing! **LaDonna Dean** joined the city as its newest Deputy Court Clerk. Formerly a pharmaceutical sales rep, LaDonna is from Elon, North Carolina, but she and her family have called Suwanee home for the last five years. She enjoys horseback riding, cooking, and reading.

The city's newest police Officer, **Oswaldo Hawse**, joins us from the Hall County Sheriff's Office. Originally from Virginia, Oswaldo enjoys doing home projects, target shooting, and cooking in his free time.

The city's Public Works department gained a new equipment operator! **Shervecchio Koonce** joins us from the City of Lawrenceville, where he resides with his family that includes his wife, daughter, two sons, two foster daughters, and two foster sons! Servecchio enjoys writing music and screenplays and ministry.

Congratulations!

Lanier High School senior **Nayeli Hernandez** won the Dolciani Law Enforcement Explorer Scholarship for her work with the Suwanee Police Explorers.



UPCOMINGEVENTS

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JUNE19

1	Farmers Market	8:00 am
1	Movies Under the Stars	7:00 pm
4	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
7	Food Truck Friday	5:30 pm
8	Farmers Market	8:00 am
8	Suwanee Jazz Fest	6:00 pm
10	Suwanee Fest Planning Committee	6:30 pm
12	Public Art Commission	6:00 pm
13	City Council Workshop	5:30 pm
13	Public Hearing on Proposed FY2020 Budget	5:30 pm
15	Farmers Market	8:00 am
15	Big Artsy	6:00 pm
18	Downtown Development Authority	7:00 am
18	Zoning Board of Appeals	6:30 pm
21	Summer Porch Jam	6:00 pm
22	Farmers Market	8:00 am
25	City Council Meeting	6:30 pm
25	Public Hearing on Proposed FY2020 Budget	6:30 pm
29	Farmers Market	8:00 am

JULY19

4	CITY HALL CLOSED	
6	Farmers Market	8:00 am
8	Suwanee Fest Planning Committee	6:30 pm
9	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
10	Public Art Commission	6:00 pm
11	City Council Workshop	5:30 pm
13	Farmers Market	8:00 am
16	Downtown Development Authority	7:00 am
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	6:30 pm
20	Broadway in the Park 5K & Fun Run	7:00 am
20	Farmers Market	8:00 am
23	City Council Meeting	6:30 pm
26	Broadway in the Park	7:00 pm
27	Farmers Market	8:00 am
27	Broadway in the Park	7:00 pm

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Unless otherwise noted, City of Suwanee public meetings are at City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue.
Dates subject to change; check suwanee.com for updates.

**CITY OF
SUWANEE,
GEORGIA**