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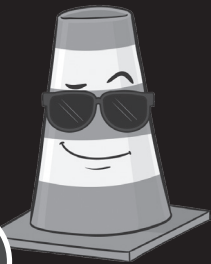
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SUWANEE

FEST 2017

C O M M U N I T Y A T W O R K

SATURDAY
SEPT.
16th
9 AM - 7 PM

TOWN
CENTER
PARK

SUNDAY
SEPT.
17th
NOON - 5 PM



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16th



NGHS students will perform song and dance numbers from their fall production.



10-10:15 A
SUWANEE BALLET

10:30-11 A
NORTH GWINNETT PLAYERS



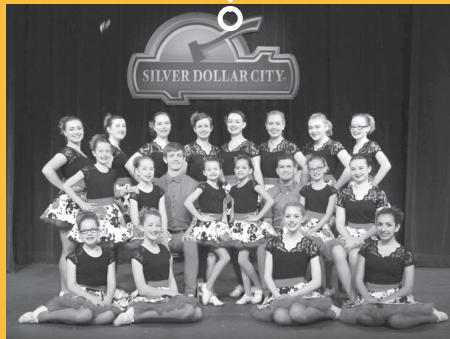
Fresh off of their appearance on *Little Big Shots*, this step group will perform alongside their director, Atlantic Records R&B artist Dae Twon.

11:15-11:30 A
SOUTHERN BELLES DANCE COMPANY

11:45-12 P
NGMS GUITAR ENSEMBLE

12:30-1 P
DAE TWON & BOYS II BOW TIES

Self-described as 'country-country,' expect some real boot-tappin' tunes from the Georgia Country Awards Artist of the Year and three-time Georgia Country Awards Band of the Year.



1:30-2:15 P
SCOTT BRANTLEY & THE BIG COOLER CREW

2:45-3 P
KOREAN CULTURAL CENTER TRADITIONAL DRUM PERFORMANCE

The Brown Dog Band is Atlanta's premiere rhythm and blues review, featuring talented soloists who perform the standards as well as lesser known material from a highly revered era in American musical history.

3:30-4:30 P
BROWN DOG BAND

5:30-7 P
THE MOLLY RINGWALDS





Hailing from Sheffield, England, this legendary quintet – known as The World’s Greatest 80’s Experience – has combined their very formidable talents to create the true essence of the most radical decade ever. The Molly Ringwalds create the quintessential 80’s experience with make-up, hair, and the musical genres of the decade. From their days of building a following at a pub located in a large portion of a big city near a small village located south of a place you’ve never heard of, to selling out large venues in the United States, The Molly Ringwalds are an indescribable act. Luck and circumstance brought these young lads together. The rest is the history of the 80’s.



Don't miss this band made up entirely of military veterans, dedicated to raising awareness for widows and children who have lost a spouse or parents in service to our country.

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17th

12-12:15 P
ROYAL DANCE ACADEMY

12:30-12:45 P
ZOETIC DANCE ENSEMBLE

1-1:45 PM
DISTINCT GRACE

2:15-3 P
J. KYLE REYNOLDS

3:30-5 P
CRASH WALKER & THE MYSTIC ROOSTER



CMA recording artist and Loganville native J. Kyle Reynolds’ southern drawl mixes with a bluesy feel to create true southern twang country.

This four-piece band with a serious love for classic rock and the blues has been heavily influenced by fellow Georgia artists such as The Allman Brothers, Otis Redding, and Travis Tritt, to name a few. Go ahead, admit it...you’re curious about a band with the name “Crash Walker & the Mystic Rooster.”



THESE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS!

Members of the Suwanee Fest Committee tell us a little about the vendors they are most excited to see at Suwanee Fest 2017!

Origami Smiles

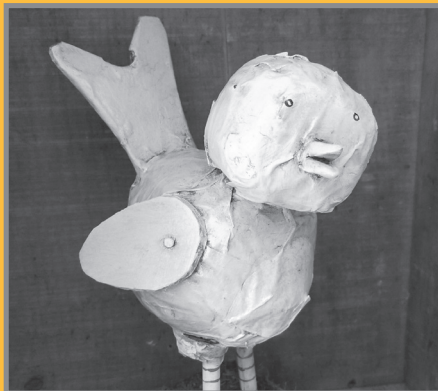
Origami Smiles is a business built with the purpose of selling hand-made origami and donating the proceeds to children in need around the world. Founded by an international student right here in our community, Origami Smiles sells decorations, key chains, dream bottles, and more, all created by high school students. Stop by their booth during Suwanee Fest for a fascinating demonstration!

- Robin Sullivan,
Vendor Chair



The Humble Hutch

Take what you think you know about gourd and paper mache sculpture and throw it out the window. Dahlongega artist John Lundy makes the most unique, creative, whimsical designs for your home and garden. Whales, angels, and flying pigs are just the tip of the iceberg. Shabby chic meets folk art - these handcrafted items created with rustic and



vintage charm are not to be missed.

- Donna Copeletti,
Children's Area Chair

Nectar of the Vine

Prepackaged gourmet wine slushy mixes in over 20 delicious flavors. That's really all you need to know.

- Michelle Budd,
Entertainment Chair



Nailed to the Cross

Egyptian artist Amir worked in the family agriculture equipment business until religious turmoil in his homeland forced him to flee with his family and seek refuge in the United States in 1998. After living through this religious extremism, Amir regards each day of peace as a gift. His work with hand-made nails and crosses celebrate religious freedom, and the integration of farm equipment parts such as bolts and washers connects the artist's heritage and pilgrimage to the United States.

- Marcia Massie, Volunteer Chair



Flowerpot Friends

They may begin life as a lifeless fencepost, but these whimsical, hand-turned garden decorations are full of heart and soul. Enjoy your morning coffee with these little guys fishing, hunting, hiking, gardening, panning for gold, and chopping wood on your patio – they're sure to put a smile on your face.

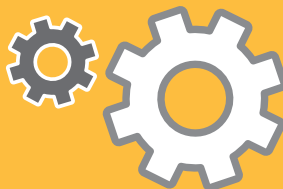
- Rachel Rawlings,
Member at Large



Twister Woodworks

Woodworkers are a knotty bunch (see what I did there?). Using a variety of tools that run the gamut from extremely sharp to rather blunt, they take everyday tree pieces and turn them into wooden works of art. Do yourself a favor and stop by the Twister Woodworks booth, for the detail, precision, and at very least, for some good conversation.

- Janis Beavin, Vendor Chair



Wilson Custom Knives

As President Nixon once said, "The finest steel has to go through the hottest fire." A one-man knife-making machine, this North Carolina artist's motto is "Your design or mine" – from the forging to the stock removal, all Wilson Custom Knives are one-of-a-kind, handcrafted pieces of useful art.

- Paul Beavin, Sponsorship Chair



Bricks With Friends

Stepping on your kids' Legos barefoot for the umpteenth time – not awesome. Wearing Lego jewelry – totally awesome. This Buford artist creates handmade jewelry out of classic toys. Need a party favor, stocking stuffer, or just want to add a little fun to your accessory wall? Your kids and your never-gonna-grow-up, slightly geeky friends are going to be impressed.

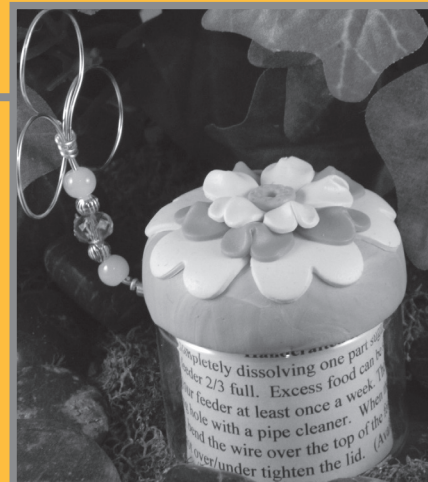
- Kim Towne, City Liaison



All About Hummingbirds

Whimsical yet practical, these hummingbird feeders are individually handcrafted using polymer clay to sculpt the flowers. The smaller size of the feeder ensures that the hummingbirds can reach the bottom and leave no sugar water behind (did you know a hummingbird's tongue is as long as its beak?). We love that this is a small, South Carolina home-based business that started out as a seasonal hobby and blossomed into a year-round business.

- David Sullivan,
Member at Large



Suwanee Fest Parade rolls into town, led by former NFL Linebacker Randall Godfrey



The annual Suwanee Fest Parade will roll through the streets of downtown this year on Saturday, September 16! The traditional kick-off to the two-day celebration of community, the parade begins at 9 a.m. on Main Street, then travels along Suwanee Dam to Buford Highway, ending in front of the judges' station at Town Center Park.

This year's parade grand marshal is former NFL and University of Georgia linebacker Randall Godfrey. He was drafted in 1996 by the Dallas Cowboys with the 49th overall pick, and also played for the Tennessee Titans and the Seattle Seahawks.

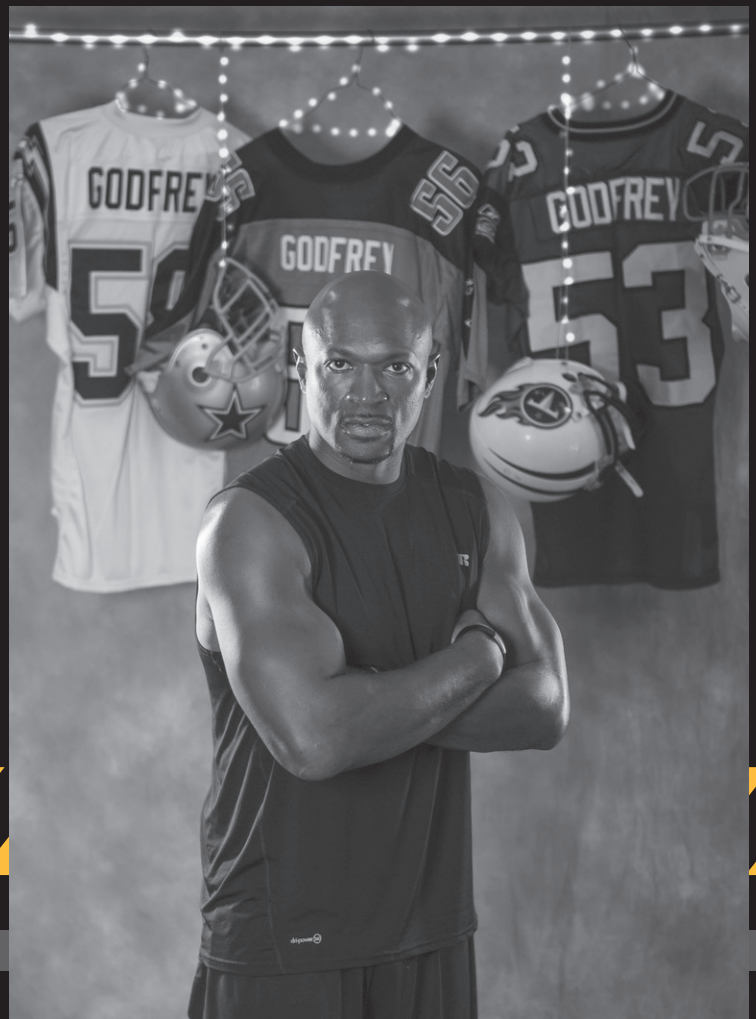
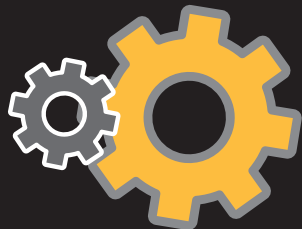
Godfrey was a three-sport athlete (football, basketball, and track) at Lowndes High School and an All-American linebacker, as well as a member of the All-SEC team at the University of Georgia.

In 1997, Godfrey founded the Randall Godfrey All-Star Football Camp in his hometown of Valdosta. The main purpose of the camp is to give professional players a platform to speak to kids about the trials they've been through and the mistakes they've made along the way, with the goal of preventing today's youth from making some of the same bad choices.

"I wasn't fortunate enough to have NFL players coming back to speak, encourage, and motivate me each and every summer, but I feel it's important," Godfrey said.

After the tragic death of his sister in 2005, Godfrey committed himself to helping to those suffering from domestic violence. Today, the Randall Godfrey Foundation provides an alternative to living in a violent situation and educates women about resources necessary for prevention, and to help victims make healthier choices for themselves and their families.

Godfrey retired from the National Football League in 2008 and now resides in Suwanee with his wife Rhonda and their three children. He has served as the Director of the Peachtree Ridge Football Association, and his two sons currently play for the North Gwinnett Football Association.





NEW THIS YEAR TO SUWANEE FEST

Man Cave presented by Topgolf

This year, Topgolf is taking the Man Cave to the next level. In true Topgolf fashion, we're bringing people together to have fun in a ton of different ways:

- Compete to win a \$500 Topgolf gift card on games such as Topgolf's World Golf Tour, the Topgolf Toss, and more!
- Big-screen TVs showing the day's football games
- Topgolf giveaways, including coupons to visit Topgolf Alpharetta or Topgolf Atlanta-Midtown
- Enter the Topgolf "Top That!" Sweepstakes for a chance to win a trip to Topgolf Las Vegas!

Lightning McQueen and Tow Mater

The stars of this summer's highly anticipated threequel, the one and only Lightning McQueen and Tow Mater, will be at Suwanee Fest on SUNDAY ONLY. Young fans can come meet their heroes and take photos with the Disney celebrities.

"Community at Work"

It's tremendously fitting that the designer of the Suwanee Fest: Community at Work logo should just happen to also be an architect. In mid-February, the City of Suwanee issued an open call for designers, artists, and creative people of all ages, amateur to professional, to submit logo designs for Suwanee Fest. Jacob Miramontes' design was chosen out of dozens of submissions as the official logo for Suwanee Fest 2017.

"This year's theme made me relate community unification to a building construction process," said Miramontes. "Like a building, a community needs to be based on a strong foundation and be raised with all of its elements working together. The smallest element is as important as the largest, and each particular difference is what makes structures and communities solid and unwavering."

SUWANEE FEST RETURNING FAVORITES



Tiger Tails Pet Tent

Men have the Man Cave tent, kids have the Family Fun Zone, and pets have the Tiger Tails Pet Tent. The staff from Tiger Tails will be providing shade and water for "over-festivaled" pets, and Dr. Zack will be on-hand for any first aid issues.

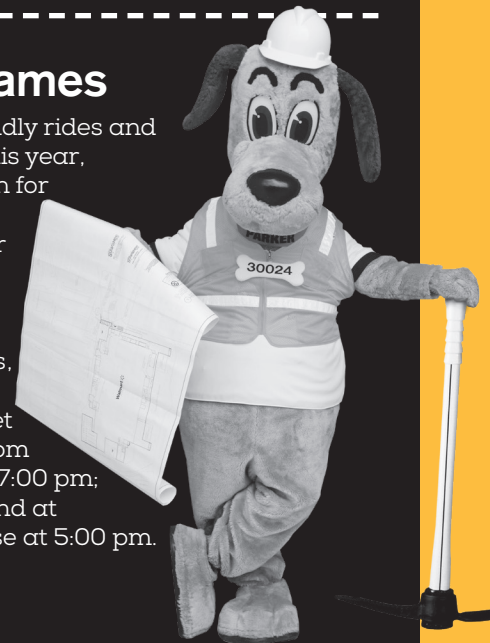
"We came up with this idea after several years of HOT festivals," said Tiger Tails Marketing Manager Amber Boling. "We saw a need for a cool-off area for all the over-heated pets, and wanted to provide this service for all of our four-legged friends in Suwanee."

Shuttle Trivia

Piling onto a bus with 55 of your neighbors (plus dogs this year!) for a silent, sweaty ride to Suwanee Fest is not how you should start your day. The Suwanee Youth Leaders will once again serve as cruise directors for the shuttles, asking Suwanee-themed trivia and giving out Parker dog tags to those who know their city best! This is the ONLY place you can get the coveted dog tag featuring our lovable mutt (this year, decked out in construction gear), so bring your A-game to the bus!

Rides and Games

Our massive, kid-friendly rides and games area returns this year, providing non-stop fun for kids of all ages, and child-free shopping for mom and dad. Tickets will be available for purchase on-site for inflatables, small rides, and carnival-style games. Saturday ticket sales will end at 6:30 pm and rides will close at 7:00 pm; Sunday tickets sales end at 4:30 pm and rides close at 5:00 pm.



SUWANEE FEST SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16th

8 AM – 8 PM

FREE SHUTTLE PARKING
FROM/TO OFFSITE PARKING

9 AM

PARADE

10 AM – 7 PM

ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITORS,
INFLATABLE RIDES, FAMILY FUN
ZONE, FOOD VENDORS

10:30 AM – 7 PM

FREE ON-STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17th

11:30 AM – 7 PM

FREE SHUTTLE PARKING
FROM/TO OFFSITE PARKING

NOON – 5 PM

ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITORS,
INFLATABLE RIDES, FAMILY FUN
ZONE, FOOD VENDORS

NOON – 5 PM

FREE ON-STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

THESE FOLKS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

A volunteer committee works hard all year long to make sure that Suwanee Fest is the best it can be, year after year. Thank you, Suwanee Fest Committee members, for your time, enthusiasm, creativity, energy, dedication, and hard work!

PARKING AND SHUTTLES

Parking is unavailable at Town Center during Suwanee Fest, and traffic in the Town Center area can be congested throughout the day. Please plan on taking the free shuttle for a hassle-free Suwanee Fest parking experience. Off-site festival parking and complimentary shuttles are available at three convenient locations:

> Orange Lot

Shadowbrook Church, 4187 Suwanee Dam Road
*This lot features wheelchair-accessible shuttles

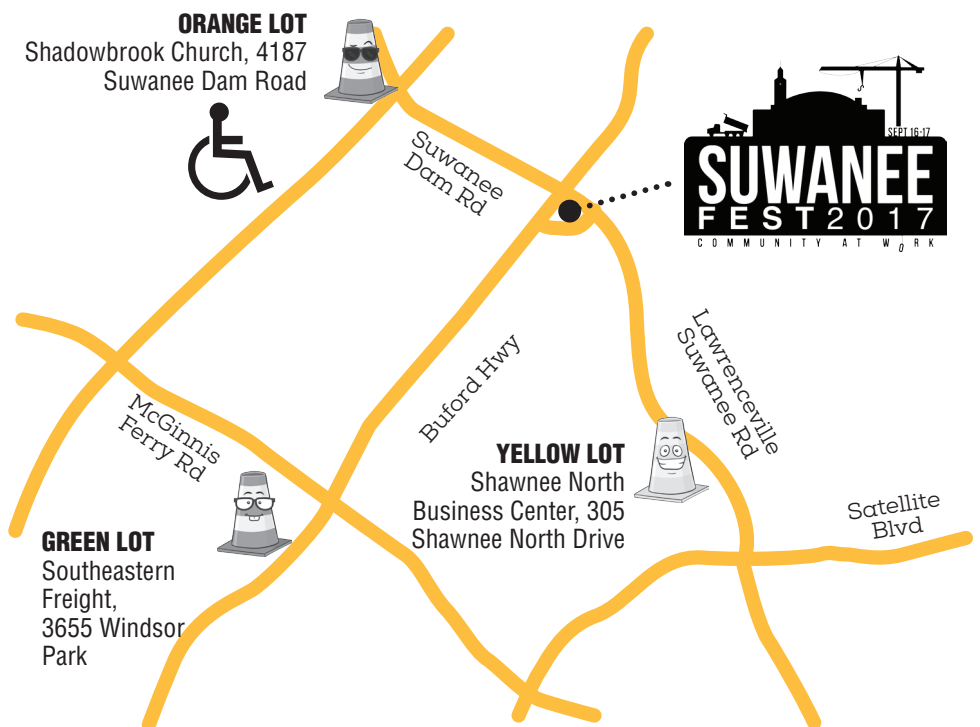
> Yellow Lot

Shawnee North Business Center, 305 Shawnee North Drive at Lawrenceville Suwanee Road

> Green Lot

Southeastern Freight, 3655 Windsor Park off of Buford Highway

The air-conditioned shuttles will run from 8am-8pm on Saturday, and from 11:30 am-7 pm on Sunday. Please note that bus service will be very limited during the parade, from 8:45 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m.



Sponsorship: Paul Beavin

Entertainment: Michelle Budd, Donna Copeletti, Jennifer Daniel

Parade: John Joseph, Kate Fanale, Kelli Rodriguez, Oscar Rodriguez

Vendors: Janis Beavin, Robin Sullivan

Food Vendors: David Sullivan

Transportation: Mauro Marcillo, Eric Wolman

Volunteers: Darcie Johnson

At-Large Committee Members: Cathy Karlick, Marcia Massie, Rachel Rawlings





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A Collective Vision for Suwanee

By Mickey O'Brien, PLA, LEED AP – AECOM Landscape Architect/Urban Design Director

Recognized nationally as one of the best places to live, the City of Suwanee has worked diligently to build its reputation as one of the most unique, creative, and inspiring towns in the country. These characteristics can be credited to the citizens, elected officials, and city staff who have been instrumental in the creation of the many attributes that make the City of Suwanee a distinctive and special place, an act also referred to as 'placemaking.' As defined by The Project for Public Spaces, "Placemaking refers to a collaborative process by which we can shape our public realm in order to maximize shared value." Placemaking is where culture, social interaction, visual appeal, and the community come together.

The City has recognized the importance of placemaking, shown through the planning and design of its streets and parks – the stages where placemaking occurs. Both Town Center and Old Town Suwanee share urban design elements

such as pavers, trees, lighting, and signage, and the many art installations sprinkled throughout Town Center provide walkable destinations, unique settings, and support for the art community. Elements such as these, combined with tasteful architecture, play a significant role in defining the character of Suwanee.

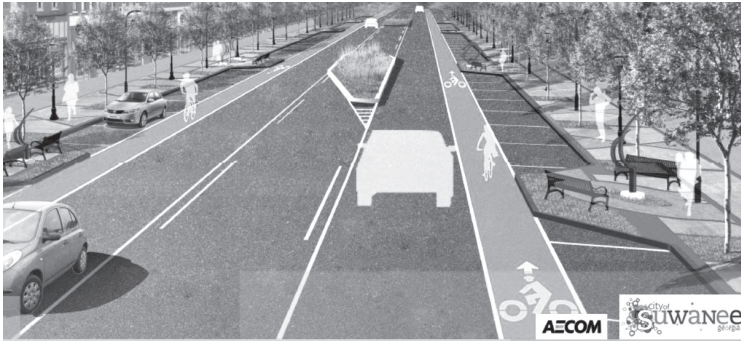
Another key ingredient to the uniqueness and attraction of Suwanee include what I refer to as *healthy infrastructure*: the design and implementation of projects in the public realm that promote health, wellness, and social interaction. Existing examples include but are not limited to, Suwanee Creek Greenway, Playtown Suwanee, Suwanee Creek Park, White Street Park, Harvest Farm Community Garden and Orchard, Town Center Park, and Town Center Avenue.

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A Collective Vision for Suwanee

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The City of Suwanee continues to promote placemaking and healthy infrastructure with the improvements to Buford Highway. The re-envisioning of Buford Highway started in 2007 through a Livable Centers Initiative and continued in 2010 through a City-led transportation planning study, verifying the public desire to improve the safety and aesthetic appeal of Buford Highway. The design phase continued the public outreach process and solidified the citizens desire to improve the walkability and aesthetic appeal with a balanced approach to all modes of transportation, including:

- Areas for respite, art, pavers, street trees, site furniture, pedestrian scale lighting, and additional parking where feasible;
- Bike lanes and a multi-use trail extension of the existing Suwanee Creek Greenway;
- Hardscape and landscape materials, creating a deliberate transition between Old Town and Town Center;
- A roundabout at the intersection of Russell Street and Buford Highway, addressing safety at this key intersection, as well as providing a gateway opportunity into both Town Center and Old Town Suwanee.

Addressing the public's desire for the continued development of healthy infrastructure, the new-and-improved Buford Highway will not only connect the burgeoning Town Center to Old Town; it will also link visually and aesthetically, and improve transportation connections for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

FALL AT WHITE STREET ORCHARD

It's been an exciting summer at the city's newest addition, the Orchard at White Street Park! We've installed trellises, added additional drainage, and begun planting grasses that will be featured prominently in the landscape.

The Orchard grand opening will take place on Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 pm. A true celebration of hard work the event will feature a ribbon cutting, tours, activities for kids and adults, and an unveiling of donation plaques.

Want to be a part of the Orchard? Join us at our fall family-friendly work days; all equipment will be provided (but feel free to bring a pair of work gloves). Whether you can volunteer for an hour or three, any help is appreciated! Those interested in supporting the Orchard financially can sponsor a wall, bench, or tree in memory of a loved one, celebrating a life event, or simply as a wonderful way to give to the Suwanee community! Please email WhiteStreetOrchard@gmail.com for more information on giving back to the Orchard.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE ORCHARD

September 30

Work Day: 8:30-11:30 am

October 14

Work Day: 8:30-11:30 am

October 22

Grand Opening: 2:00 pm

FOLLOW US!
@WHITESTREETORCHARD





Applications Now Being Accepted for Harvest Farm

Registration is now open for the 2018 season at Harvest Farm, Georgia's largest organic community garden. Located in the City of Suwanee's White Street Park, Harvest Farm offers 76 plots that can be rented on an annual basis to grow veggies, fruits, flowers, and herbs.

Plots are available in three different sizes:

- Small plots (approximately 5'x 5') \$50 per year
- Medium plots (approximately 5'x 9') \$75 per year
- Large plots (approximately 5'x 12') \$100 per year

+ An annual \$15 registration fee

Annual fees include use of a raised bed, utilities, basic community tools, social and educational events, and compost (when available). Gardeners will incur personal expenses for seeds, plants, amendments, stakes, trellises, etc.

Plots are assigned on a first-come first-served basis with priority given to City residents/property owners/taxpayers. City of Suwanee residents/taxpayers also receive a 25 percent discount on registration fees. Since the success of the garden depends upon the support of its gardeners, each plot member is required to contribute 12 hours of volunteer service a year.

Applications can be submitted online at harvestfarmsuwanee.com. The 2018 season will open January 1 and run through December 31.

City Council members Receive Certificates of Achievement



City of Suwanee Councilmembers Beth Hilscher and Linnea Miller received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement from the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute during the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) Annual Convention in Savannah on June 25.

A cooperative effort of GMA and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute provides a nationally recognized series of training opportunities for city officials. To receive a Certificate of Achievement, a city official must complete a minimum of 72 units of credit, including at least 18 hours from a list of required classes. The training program consists of a series of more than 60 courses.

"This is an outstanding achievement," said GMA Executive Director Lamar Norton. "We commend Councilmembers Hilscher and Miller for this accomplishment and for the dedication shown in using this valuable resource to become more effective city officials."

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, research, training, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its 521 member cities.

SUWANE FALL EVENTS



30
1 pm

Peach State Chili Cook Off

With over 50 different chilis available for tasting, the Peach State Chili Cookoff will also feature live music, a kids' area, arts and crafts vendors, and local food trucks and vendors.



07
Noon

Taste of Suwanee

Sample over 40 local restaurants in support of the North Gwinnett Tip-Off Club.

14 Thin Mint Sprint
7:30 am

Time to work off all of those cookies from the last time you supported the Girl Scouts! Join us for the 5th annual Thin Mint Sprint 5K and Peachtree Road Race Qualifier.

Suwanee Jazz Fest
6 pm

Featuring five of the area's smoothest and most electric solo and group jazz artists, together for an evening of sounds, tastes, and experiences under the stars!

21 Alive! Festival & FUN Club 5K

Benefiting Project Green, festival attendees will learn how to integrate health and wellness plus natural, organic, and green products into environmentally responsible eco living and to create a positive impact on the world as a whole.

28 Jonny & Xena "Spread the Words" 5K
9 am

The mission of Jonny and Xena's "Spread the Words" Foundation is to improve the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum and other developmental disabilities. Jonny & Xena "spread the words" of kindness, acceptance, hope, and understanding through educational programs.



04
8 am

Annandale Extra Mile 5K

Benefitting Annandale Village, this event features hundreds of walkers and runners in the spirit of caring and giving to make a powerful difference in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries.



Suwanee Wine Fest Noon

Featuring over 100 premium, hand-selected wines from around the world, plus live entertainment, delicious food, and a variety of vendors.

05
10 am

Suwanee Classic Car Show

This award-winning event features approximately 150 classic cars, race cars, a silent auction, and a paint-a-wreck, all benefitting the North Gwinnett Arts Association, which will use monies raised to promote and support the organization's art initiatives.

11
8 am

Suwanee Kiwanis All American 5K

Proceeds from this red, white, and blue, patriotic run go toward the Suwanee Kiwanis Club's Don Lee Memorial Scholarship Fund, which benefits high school students from Peachtree Ridge or Collins Hill.



01
6:30 pm

Jolly Holly Day

Ring in the holiday season with festive performances by local schools, the lighting of the big tree, and take a photo with Santa himself! Enjoy free crafts, s'mores, and hot chocolate while supplies last.

TREK OR TREAT

(SMELL MY FEET, GIVE ME SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT!)

Summer may be coming to a close, but the City of Suwanee's event calendar is heating up! Perhaps the most beloved event of the year with the younger segment of our population is Trek or Treat. All the little princesses, monsters, super heroes, and witches will have the opportunity to do a costume test run at the annual favorite on Saturday, October 28 from 1-3 pm at Sims Lake Park.

The event, designed for children ten and younger, includes fall festival-style games, music, contests, and inflatables. Costumes aren't required, but strongly encouraged. Parker the Dog will, of course, be there in costume. We've even added a professional pumpkin carver, who will demonstrate his skills at the event!



TREK OR TREAT
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 28
1-3:00 PM
NEW LOCATION!
SIMS LAKE PARK



Suwanee **HOPE** Court Named Program of the Year

The Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council recognized Suwanee Municipal Court with the distinguished Program of the Year award for Suwanee's HOPE Court. The Program of the Year award honors municipal courts throughout the state of Georgia that are making a difference. The awards committee selected Suwanee's HOPE Court for its efforts in educating first-time youth offenders and providing them with a second chance at maintaining their driving privileges.

In 2015, a Georgia law was changed to allow offenders under the age of 17 to potentially appear in front of a jury, rather than a judge in a municipal court, as the law stated prior. Suwanee Chief Judge Norman Cuadra thought that this type of trial would be detrimental to a youth with a minor violation, and began creating a way to retain jurisdiction over these cases – and the City of Suwanee's HOPE Court was born.

"It doesn't take much for a young driver to have his license suspended," said Judge Cuadra. "We want to help these kids who have made mistakes – like most teenagers do – and not have them face potentially life-altering consequences on a first-time minor offense."

The first of its kind in Gwinnett County, HOPE Court provides a second chance for first-time offenders under the age of 21 who have committed lesser crimes such as speeding, texting while driving, open container, shoplifting, and drugs. These youth can plead guilty and receive a modified sentence – usually a small fine, community service, and/or attending the Teen Victim Impact Panel class at the Gwinnett County court – and have the incident wiped from their records. To date, HOPE Court has had over 757 successful participants.

"We wanted an opportunity to educate these teenagers, and hopefully not see them again," said Judge Cuadra. "Instead of suspending their driver licenses or driving their parents' insurance up with points, HOPE Court offers the chance to impact their lives and have greater consequences in the long run."

2040 Plan Open House

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The City of Suwanee is updating its Comprehensive Plan.

Join us at our final public open house on
September 28 from 4-7:30 pm at City Hall.

suwanee2040plan.com

City of Suwanee Recognized Once Again for **Superior Management and Leadership**

The City of Suwanee has been recognized by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for superior performance management. Suwanee is among 13 jurisdictions receiving the Certificate of Distinction, and one of 57 recognized overall. This is the eighth year that Suwanee has been recognized since the certificates were first awarded in 2002.

"Performance management is a bedrock principle of professional local government management," ICMA Executive Director Marc A. Ott said. "By recognizing these leaders, ICMA hopes to encourage others to make a commitment to collect and analyze data, report it transparently, and use it to continuously engage their communities and improve their organizations."



Certificates of Distinction are awarded to cities that provide comparative and benchmarking information to the public, use performance data in strategic planning and operational decision-making, and share their knowledge with other local governments through presentations, site visits, and other networking activities. Recipients collect and verify data to ensure reliability, train staff in performance measurement, and report data to the public through budgets, newsletters, and/or information provided to elected officials.

Welcome to City Hall

connections

Open

for business

The following companies received new business licenses from the City of Suwanee in July:

The City welcomes **Ivan Loredó** to the public works team as an Equipment Operator I. Previously employed by J&R Masonry, Ivan was born in Dunwoody but has called Lawrenceville home for the last ten years. Ivan plays both football and fútbol and likes to watch movies.

Keira Jackson joined the Suwanee Police Department in the role of Communications Officer. You may recognize Keira from her previous position at Chick-fil-A on Moore Road! Keira calls Atlanta home, and enjoys reading, working out, and watching *Walking Dead*, *Scandal*, *How to Get Away with Murder*, and *House of Cards*.

Congratulations!

City of Suwanee Human Resources Manager **Tanesha Graham** was nominated to serve on the Georgia Local Government Personnel Association (GLGPA) Board at the June 2017 Conference. GLGPA is made up of local government HR professionals across the state.

The City's **2015 Annual Report** recently won not one, but TWO awards! The publication received an Award of Recognition from the 2017 Premier Print Awards, and took Best in Show at the PIAG Print Excellence Awards! Congratulations to our printer, local Suwanee business Pre-Press to Print.

Greg Alexander, the winner of Suwanee's very first Wing Fest wing-eating contest, reclaimed his title as champion on August 12 at the 2017 August Concert and Wing Fest. Alexander bested a dozen wing eaters to be crowned champion with the coveted wing hat.



- **Beauty Bar**
1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard
- **Bella Blue**
1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard
- **Braces Braces**
3186 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road
- **Brightside Home Loans, Inc.**
3982 Station Way
- **Comani Furniture**
50 Old Peachtree Road
- **Film Master**
302 Satellite Boulevard
- **PAO Glam**
1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard
- **Perfect Source Reality**
302 Satellite Boulevard
- **Rocket Fizz**
340 Town Center Avenue
- **The Transportation Specialists Group**
350 Town Center Avenue
- **Urban Pilates**
4325 Suwanee Dam Road
- **The Whitening Bar**
1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard
- **Xcel Minds**
302 Satellite Boulevard
- **Your Direct Connection, LLC**
3470 Satellite Boulevard

S September

1 Food Truck Friday	5:30P
2 Farmers Market	8:00A
4 City Hall CLOSED	
5 Planning Commission	6:30P
6 Public Arts Commission	6:00P
7 Suwanee Fest Parade Meeting	6:30P
9 Farmers Market	8:00A
11 Suwanee Fest Planning Committee	6:30P
12 Harvest Farm Board Meeting	5:00P
14 City Council Workshop	5:30P
16 Suwanee Fest	9:00A
17 Suwanee Fest	12:00P
19 Downtown Development Authority	7:30A
23 Farmers Market	8:00A
26 City Council Meeting	6:30P
28 Comprehensive Plan Open House	4:00P
30 Farmers Market	8:00A
30 White Street Park Orchard Work Day	8:30A
30 Peach State Chili Cook-Off	1:00P

O October

3 Planning Commission	6:30P
4 Public Arts Commission	6:00P
10 Harvest Farm Board Meeting	5:00P
12 City Council Workshop	5:30P
14 Thin Mint Sprint	7:30A
14 White Street Park Orchard Work Day	8:30A
14 Winter Farmers Market	9:00A
14 Suwanee Jazz Fest	6:00P
17 Downtown Development Authority	7:30A
17 Zoning Board of Appeals	6:30P
21 Alive! Festival and FUN Club 5K	9:00A
22 Orchard at White Street Park Grand Opening	2:00P
24 City Council Meeting	6:30P
28 Jonny & Xena "Spread the Words" 5K	9:00A
28 Trek or Treat (Sims Lake Park)	1:00P

N November

1 Public Arts Commission	6:00P
4 Annandale's Extra Mile 5K	8:00A
4 Suwanee Wine Festival	12:00P
5 Suwanee Classic Car Show	10:00A
7 Election Day	
7 Planning Commission Meeting	6:30P
9 City Council Workshop	5:30P
11 All American 5K	7:30A
11 Winter Farmers Market	9:30A
14 Harvest Farm Board Meeting	5:00P
14 City Council Meeting	6:30P
21 Downtown Development Authority	7:30A
21 Zoning Board of Appeals	6:30P
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