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Kick off the weekend at the Suwanee Fest Parade!

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Over 12 hours of live entertainment!

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200+ vendors & exhibitors!

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**WORLD FAMOUS**



**SUWANEE**  
**FEST**

The **GREATEST** Festival on Earth



**TOWN CENTER PARK**

**SEPT. 21ST & SEPT. 22ND**  
**9AM - 7PM & NOON - 5PM**  
**PARADE 9AM**

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**COME ONE, COME ALL,  
TO THE WORLD FAMOUS  
SUWANEE FEST!**

Our annual two-day celebration of community returns to Town Center Park **September 21 and 22!** Nearly 200 vendors and exhibitors, 15 entertainment acts, and one amazing parade are just some of the highlights of this beloved fall tradition.

- ★ Usher in the weekend by joining us in the traditional one-mile **parade** down Main Street and into Town Center Park! Cash prizes are awarded each year to floats and participants in a variety of categories. Even if you aren't marching as part of a club or organization, you can join the Red Wagon Brigade!
- ★ Suwanee Fest **vendor and exhibitors** offer a variety of hand-crafted items and delicious delights. Festival exhibitors include fine artists, talented craftspeople, food vendors who have a flair for flavor, and generous sponsors.
- ★ A high note of Suwanee Fest is the outstanding **performing talent!** On the stage and throughout the park, you will find dance groups, acrobats, solo artists, bands, and other exhibition groups with diverse backgrounds.
- ★ Suwanee Fest is a great event for the entire family! Many free activities for children will be offered in the **Family Fun Zone**, as well as traditional rides and inflatables available in several areas of the park.

Join us all weekend in the park for the **Greatest Festival on Earth!**

## SUWANEE FEST SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

**8am - 8pm**

Free shuttle to/from offsite parking

**9am PARADE**

**10am - 7pm**

Arts & crafts exhibitors,  
inflatable rides, family fun zone,  
food vendors

**10:30am - 7pm**

Free on-stage entertainment

**5:30pm HEADLINER**

Queen Nation

**Saturday 1pm  
MYSTERY  
PERFORMER!**

Check out Suwanee's social media feeds on Tuesday, August 27 for the announcement!

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### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

**11:30am - 7pm**

Free shuttle to/from offsite parking

**Noon - 5pm**

Arts & crafts exhibitors, inflatable rides,  
family fun zone, food vendors, free  
on-stage entertainment

**WELCOME**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 @ 9:00AM**  
**MAIN STREET SUWANE**

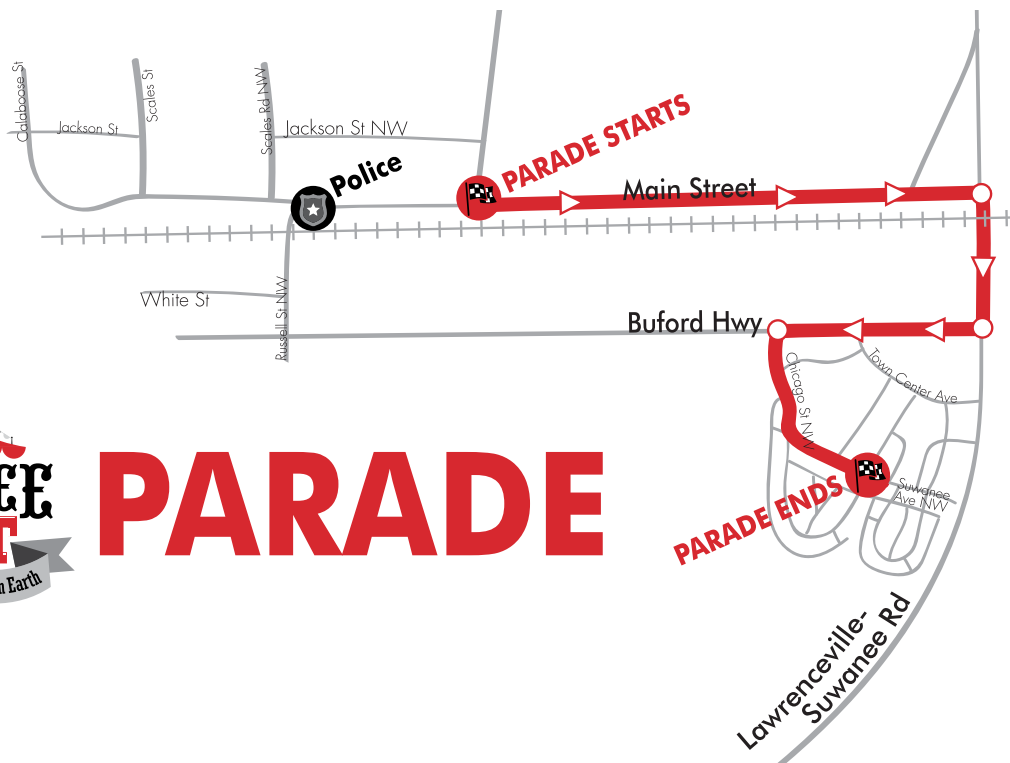
**THE GREATEST FESTIVAL ON EARTH KICKS OFF WITH THE  
GREATEST PARADE ON EARTH!**

The annual Suwanee Fest Parade will roll through the streets of downtown this year on Saturday, September 21! The traditional kick-off to the two-day celebration of community, the parade begins at 9 am on Main Street, then travels along Suwanee Dam to Buford Highway, passing in front of the judges' station at Town Center Park.



**Want to be part of the Suwanee Fest Parade, but don't have a large group?**

Join the Red Wagon Brigade! Open to anyone, community members and families are welcome to deck out wagons - as well as bicycles, unicycles, strollers, wheelchairs, golf carts, etc. - in circus finery and be a part of the strolling celebration! Those interested in participating can find more information and register at [SuwaneeFest.com/parade](http://SuwaneeFest.com/parade).



**PARADE**

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21



**ALL STARS PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY**

★ 10:30 AM ★

All Stars Performing Arts Academy is an award-winning, high performance studio, that elevates the spirit while delivering high technical training. Voted Best of Gwinnett for the past six years, all instructors are, or have been, professionals in the industry.

**5678 DANCE ACADEMY**

★ 11:30 AM ★

5678 Dance Academy of Performing Arts offers a fun and rewarding opportunity for toddlers through adults to learn and grow through the discipline of dance and the total performing arts experience. The professional and dedicated staff provide quality dance education and organized, professional performances.

**Royal Dance Academy**

★ 12:00 PM ★



**MYSTERY PERFORMER!**

★ 1:00 PM ★

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**SCHOOL OF ROCK ★ 2:00 PM ★**

Twenty years of experience and hundreds of thousands of students have taught the School of Rock that playing music with others results in stronger proficiency compared to conventional music education. All students in the Performance Program auditioned for a spot in the group, and House Band members perform at local rock venues.

**SAUTI YA AFRICA ★ 2:45 PM ★**

Swahili for "Voice of Africa," this trio from Uganda with silky harmonies has performed for everyone from the British royal family to French and German Ambassadors and President Bill Clinton. They were even crowned Commonwealth Music Ambassadors by HRH Queen Elizabeth II. Prepare to be wowed by this amazing international, classically trained, pop-operatic trio.



**DISTINCT GRACE ★ 4:00 PM ★**

Distinct Grace is a southern rock band that was formed when two Air Force veterans decided to raise money for widows and children who lost loved ones in combat. The band has raised over \$40,000 for veterans' charities, playing events from New York City to Atlanta. The band recently released their third studio album and a music video for their hit "Take Me Back."

**SUWANEE FEST HEADLINER**

**QUEEN NATION ★ 5:30 PM ★**

There is little doubt among the pure rock community that the legendary band Queen and lead performer Freddie Mercury earn high ranks as one of the most powerful and iconic groups in rock history. Formed in 2004, Queen Nation's mission is to carry on the musical torch and pay homage to the golden age of vintage Queen concerts. Their production of Queen's greatest hits preserves the image, sound, and stage persona of vintage Queen, amazing audiences with their accuracy and live retrospective journey.



ENTERTAINMENT



# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

## ACADEMY OF BALLET JAZZ & TAP ENSEMBLE

★ 12:00 PM ★

Academy of Ballet Jazz & Tap Ensemble has been a top destination for dance instruction for the past 20 years. Voted Best of Inside Gwinnett and selected for the Norcross Small Business Excellence Award, the studio boasts a 5,200 SF studio with professionally sprung floors, a faculty with professional backgrounds and dance degrees, and programs for everyone from baby ballerinas to pre-professionals.

## DANCE FLIX ACADEMY

★ 12:30 PM ★

Dance Flix Academy unites every form of dance into one platform. A cultural melting pot, DFA's goal is to bring cultures, traditions, and values from around the world together for students to learn dance from professionals, create friendships, and advance each student to the level of certification so they can carry the same values into their future endeavors.

## 15 MIN. OF FAME: SUWANEЕ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHORUS ★ 1:30 PM ★

The North Gwinnett School Foundation annually auctions a coveted "Fifteen Minutes of Fame" performance slot for Suwanee Fest as part of its annual fundraiser. This year the Suwanee Elementary School Chorus will perform on the stage at Suwanee Fest courtesy of Penelope Williams, who donated her prize to the group.



## MIXED GENES ★ 2:30 PM ★

The musical marriage of a classically-trained rock and blues guitarist and a folk and jazz-influenced singer (who happen to be married in real life), Mixed Genes perform with the seamless chemistry of partners who have spent decades writing and playing music together. Expect originals, along with favorite covers, from this acoustic duo with a pop indie flair.

## THE TONE TWISTERS ★ 4:00 PM ★

The Tone Twisters is an Atlanta-based six-piece band that performs a variety of music from the past to present. They have been together for over 15 years, playing events all around the southeast. Their song list is a mix of classic rock, Motown, dance rock, and country.



## FAMILY FUN ZONE CIRCUS PERFORMERS

★ Saturday: 11:00 am  
& Sunday: 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm ★

**AERIAL SILKS PERFORMANCES IN THE PARK ALL WEEKEND LONG!**



# FROM CRAFTS TO FI GOURMET FOOD, SUWANEE

## TINA'S TIE DYE

★ Booth B30 ★

From the runways of Prada to Stella McCartney, Beyonce on the beach to Justin Bieber at church, tie dye has undeniably made its comeback this year. Hand-dyed in the birthplace of cool (Blue Ridge, Georgia, of course!), Tina began dyeing things in 1973 and hasn't looked back. Each and every piece of Tina's Tie Dye is a unique, one-of-a-kind, handmade work of art.



## FATWOOD FIRE STEELS

★ Booth R21 ★

The idea for Fatwood Fire Steels first formed when creator Jeff Harrelson accidentally took a dip in the 43° Tennessee River on a fishing trip. Realizing that, in the event of an emergency, he had no way to easily build a fire to warm and dry himself, he began researching bushcraft wilderness skills, and the idea was born. Stop by to hear more tails from this avid outdoorsman, and check out his truly unique (and possibly lifesaving) creation.

## TAG UR IT

★ Booth R13 ★

If you're a girly girl (little, full grown, and everything in between), be sure to check out Tag UR It for all your tutu, hairbow, tulle wreath, sassy vinyl, and scarf needs. Bonus items: if you're headed to Disney World in the near future, this is the place to stock up on your amazingly beautiful mouse ears at a much friendlier price than you'll find in Orlando.



## SUWANEE CREEK ROASTERS

★ Booth R18 ★

What happens when one of your Suwannee Fest committee members switches to the vendor side? Well, you lose a great volunteer, but in this case, you also gain custom, fresh roasted coffee! Our good friend and Suwannee Fest Volunteer Extraordinaire Eric Wolman turned a hobby into a small business, and now you'll be able to sample and purchase Suwannee Creek Roasters' small-batch roasted coffee beans at Suwannee Fest.



FEATURED VENDORS

# THE ART, WOOD AND METALWORKING TO SEE FEST HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



## **DESYNE BAR** ★ Booth R14 ★

You've gotta love a young entrepreneur. Local high school senior Sydnee Crawford hand makes jewelry in brass, sterling silver, and gold-filled, with beads from various gemstones, wood, vintage and some recycled materials. Serious about her creative and philanthropic endeavors, some of Sydnee's beads are handmade out of recycled cereal boxes by people from the Haitian village where she volunteers. A portion of sales go towards supporting the mission organization.

## **ROVER FARMS** ★ Booth B36 ★

An avid hiker, Cheryl Rocha found it difficult to find packable, lightweight foods made without objectionable preservatives or ingredients, while still being at an affordable price point. She began Rover Farms in Covington in 2018 with the sole goal of filling this marketplace niche. Rover Farms begins with fresh, quality ingredients that are freeze dried in small batches, ensuring that each batch meets high standards for their fellow hikers, backpackers, campers, and doomsday preppers.



## **COVE LEATHERWORKS** ★ Booth R5 ★

Looking for a bag that literally no one else has? Cove Leatherworks hand crafts leather bags, cuffs, and tassels, and also turns wood and acrylic for bottle stoppers and pens. All items are handcrafted by a local Flower Branch craftsman out of unique materials, such as vintage cowhide, water buffalo leather, copper hardware, and more.

## **DAEDAL JEWELRY** ★ Booth B4 ★

Artisan Caitlin Galvin fell in love with metalsmithing after taking a fabrication class while living in Tuscany. Inspired by the ancients, but created for the contemporary, Caitlin launched her first line from her studio in Charleston in 2016. Caitlin designs and crafts each piece by her own hand, creating a true custom statement piece, inspired by her emersion in European architecture.





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

★ **Red Lot** - Shadowbrook Church, 4187 Suwanee Dam Road  
 \*This lot features wheelchair-accessible shuttles.



★ **White Lot** - Shawnee North Business Center, 305 Shawnee North Drive at Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

★ **Blue Lot** - Southeastern Freight, 3655 Windsor Park off of Buford Highway

The air conditioned shuttles will run from 8 am-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 am-approximately 10:30 am on Saturday. Dogs are welcome on the shuttles!



## FAMILY FUN ZONE

Amazing Sideshow Spectacular for the Entire Family!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 10 AM – 7 PM • SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 NOON – 5 PM

C'mon kids, let's run away and join the circus! The Family Fun Zone midway will feature games such as ring toss, can smash, and troll toss for fun prizes! Kids ready to start their circus training will have the opportunity to complete four death-defying challenges:

- ★ Tightrope Walk - an incredible show of balance and poise!
- ★ Hoop of Fire Jump - a courageous leap through flames!
- ★ Stilt Walking - awe-inspiring skill!
- ★ Muscle Man Weight Lifting - astonishing feats of strength!

Those who successfully complete the challenges will earn their very own clown nose, and be well on their way to joining the circus!

Other Family Fun Zone activities include:

- ★ Circus photo booth
- ★ Popcorn wagon (Sunday only)
- ★ Caricature artists
- ★ Roaming circus performers
- ★ Balloons artist
- ★ A living statue!

\*Activities in the Family Fun Zone are complimentary.

### SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!



## RIDES & GAMES

Suwanee Fest also features a massive ride and games area, providing non-stop fun for kids of all ages (not to mention child-free shopping time for mom and dad!). Tickets are available for purchase at the festival for inflatables, small rides, and carnival-style games.

### CHILDREN'S AREA SCHEDULE

SATURDAY • SEPT. 21

Rides open at 10 am and close at 7 pm  
 Ticket Sales end at 6:30 pm

SUNDAY • SEPT. 22

Rides open at noon and close at 5 pm  
 Ticket sales end at 4:30 pm



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## Good2Give Celebration Highlights Suwanee's 'Art for All' Campaign

The Community Foundation of Northeast Georgia chose the City of Suwanee's 'Art for All' capital campaign as one of the highlighted nonprofits at this year's Good2Give Celebration on Saturday, August 17.

"Good2Give is all about celebrating how much good we do when we work together. Each year we choose five different nonprofits and highlight the incredible impact they are having in our community," Redner said. "We also recognize the donors, volunteers and community who help make their work possible."

The city's first-ever capital campaign for public art, 'Art for All' seeks to raise \$1.25 million in private contributions to support the inclusion of three new public art pieces in the Town Center Park Expansion.

The annual gala hosted 700 philanthropic Gwinnettians and brought additional awareness to the campaign.



"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," said Assistant City Manager Denise Brinson. "With the help of our businesses and citizens, we will continue to elevate the role of public art and the impact of artistic engagement in our community."

# Kale yeah!

## Suwanee Winter Farmers Market Returns

It might not be peak farmers market season anymore, but our local growers still have plenty of delicious delectables for your winter table! While winter produce options aren't quite as diverse as summer produce, you can still find hearty vegetables, fruits, and locally-made products at the Suwanee Winter Farmers Market.

The only year-round farmers market in the county, the Suwanee Farmers Market will continue from 9 am until 11 am on the second Saturday of the month, October through April at Town Center Park. Stop by and enjoy fresh local winter produce, such as lettuces, greens, potatoes, carrots, Brussels sprouts, baked goods, and a variety of other delicious, local flavors.

### **Locavore**

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noun

A person whose diet consists only or principally of locally grown or produced food. Can frequently be found at the Suwanee Farmers Market.

# Out to Brunch

## 'Brunch Bill' to be included on November Ballot

A referendum authorizing the City of Suwanee to permit and regulate Sunday sales of alcohol by the drink from 11 am to 12:30 pm will be included on the ballot for this November's municipal election. Better known as the "Brunch Bill" or "Mimosa Mandate," passed through the Georgia legislature in 2018, giving local governments the opportunity to call referendums if they so choose.

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners voted in December 2018 to amend the county's alcohol ordinance, which covers only restaurants in unincorporated parts of the county, leaving the cities to hold their own referendums on the topic.

Voting for this referendum will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Since this is a municipal election, voting will occur at Suwanee City Hall.



# TALK NERDY TO ME

## Geekspace Gwinnett Offers Makerspace for Technologically-Savvy Creatives

Do you like to tinker with technology? Are you wild about welding? Have knack for knitting? Or ever had an interest in these areas, but no idea where to start?

Geekspace Gwinnett is a nonprofit makerspace located in the heart of Suwanee that promotes creativity, tinkering, and technology. Geekspace is home to makers with shared interests, especially in computing or technology, who gather to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge.

Geekspace partnered with the City of Suwanee in the endeavor. The city maintains a corporate membership that allows staff access to their facility and resources and provides support to the organization. In return, the geeks at Geekspace use their talents to enhance certain city events, such as the Suwanee Fest Parade and Glow in the Park.

“Working on Glow in the Park brought so much joy to our organization,” said Steve Smith, president of Geekspace Gwinnett. “Our members really came together to collaborate and teach each other new skills to build the lanterns, from conception to completion.”

Geekspace offers a variety of programs and classes for its members. Skill building workshops cover a vast array of topics, such as woodworking, electronics, CNC routing, laser cutting, 3D printing, sewing, and costume design. They offer their talents to local high school robotics teams and STEM programs, and young creatives can participate in the Lego League.

“My favorite thing about Geekspace is the random nature of everything that goes on here,” said Smith. “One time I came in and found people melting aluminum with

fire. I said, ‘You can do that?!’ and they responded, ‘We can do anything!’”

For more information about Geekspace Gwinnett or membership, please visit [geekspacegwinnett.org](http://geekspacegwinnett.org).

**Really want to see what these geeks can do?**

Join Geekspace Gwinnett at the Atlanta Makerfaire at Georgia State University on September 28 & 29, where you can play Super Mario Brothers on a JumboTron using their three-foot wide Nintendo controller!



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# Upcoming Suwanee Events

Check [Suwanee.com](http://Suwanee.com) for more details and up-to-the-minute information.



## SEPTEMBER 6 • 5:30 PM FOOD TRUCK

**Food Truck Fridays are BACK!** Food trucks open at 5:30 pm and run until 9:30 pm (or until the food runs out), with live music performances beginning at 7 pm. Food truck line-ups vary and are posted when available.

An evening of international cuisine and cultural celebration hosted by the Suwanee Youth Leaders.

### *Tentative food truck line-up:*

- 6 Pack of Subs • Around the Block • Bento Bus
- Bratplatz • Chefs on Wheels • Flatbread Bistro
- Island Chef Café • Sweet Jeanius Desserts
- The Blaxican • Yumbii



## SEPTEMBER 7 7:00 PM MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Movies Under the Stars is bringing a double feature to Town Center Park! Our signature movie night will feature films appropriate for young children on a digital board 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. No alcohol may be brought into the park, but food and beverages, including beer and wine, may be purchased from Town Center merchants.

**7:00 PM - Dumbo**  
**8:45 PM - The Greatest Showman**



## SEPTEMBER 7 • 8:00 AM ANNANDALE EXTRA MILE

Celebrating individuals and families living with and affected by developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injury.

## SEPTEMBER 21 & 22 9:00 AM/NOON SUWANEE FEST

Named Best Festival by the Southeast Festival and Events Association, Suwanee Fest is our annual two-day celebration of community!



## OCTOBER 5-6 • 10:00 AM/NOON SUWANEE FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Hosted by the North Gwinnett Arts Association, this two-day fall festival focuses on high quality, fine art of various disciplines, including paintings, drawings, ceramics, photography, fine jewelry, sculpture, metal, leather and more. The festival will also offer artist demonstrations, community art competitions, and a new Emerging Artist Display.



OCTOBER 8 • 6:00 PM  
**ROAD ATLANTA PETITE LE MANS KICK-OFF PARTY**

Help us kick off one of the most thrilling sportscar races in the world and cheer on your favorite drivers before they fight for the championship! Join us in Town Center for the Motul Petit Le Mans Kickoff Party, hosted by Road Atlanta. Get an exclusive opportunity to hang with your favorite IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge drivers at the autograph session, get involved in a Fan Forum with some of the series' top drivers, score some IMSA and Road Atlanta swag, and have your shot at winning tickets to the race! You can also check out a live pit stop demonstration and get up close and personal with the race cars, all to the sounds of a live DJ in the park.

OCTOBER 12 • 10:00 AM  
**TASTE OF BBQ**

Presented by Alive! Expo and Alive! Festival, Taste of BBQ is a family-friendly, community event featuring live music, local vendors, an artist market, family fun zone, and of course BBQ! Taste of BBQ Festival is a fundraiser for Project Green, a local children's non-profit, and is free to attend.

OCTOBER 19 • 9:00 AM  
**BRIDGE THE GAP 5K**

Join the FUN Club, YALLS Group, and The Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta for a 5K run/walk to raise awareness of the gap in programs for special needs individuals transitioning into adulthood.

OCTOBER 19 • 2:00 PM  
**RIDE AWAY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

A celebration bringing people together to revel, dance, and make music! All proceeds support the mission of "Parker Killian 'Gives' Moore," which provides scholarships, and other life-changing opportunities to inspire young people to reach for their dreams.

OCTOBER 26 • 9:00 AM  
**JONNY & XENA SPREAD THE WORDS 5K**

Xena the Warrior Puppy and her human, Jonny, are committed to "Spread the Words" and make a difference within our community. Proceeds directly support autism programs and animal rescue.



OCTOBER 27 • 2:00 PM  
**TREK OR TREAT**



Join us at Sim's Lake Park for an afternoon of free spook-tacular events and festivities for children, who are strongly encouraged to dress up in their favorite costume! Featuring fall-themed games, contests, music, and inflatables – a ghoulishly good time!

# Connected Vehicle Technology in Gwinnett County

The Gwinnett Department of Transportation, in partnership with Georgia Tech, is planning to deploy technology intended to increase functionality, improve safety, and reduce congestion in the Peachtree Industrial Boulevard corridor. This technology is called Connected Vehicle. Connected Vehicle Technology allows vehicles including cars, fire trucks, and freight trucks to interact with infrastructure such as traffic lights in order to increase the safety and efficiency of traffic in the area.

Deputy Director of Gwinnett County Transportation, Tom Sever, believes “connected vehicle technology is the next step in providing safer roadways for all drivers, reducing emergency vehicle response times, and making traffic flow smoother.”

## How does this impact you?

The Connected Vehicle Technology Study will not affect you or your commute initially, but the results of the study have the potential to change traffic for the better. Peachtree Industrial Boulevard is one of the primary corridors for the Connected Vehicles Study. Georgia Tech researchers are studying the impact the connected vehicle technology has on reducing response time for emergency vehicles on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Essentially, the emergency vehicles will “communicate” with traffic lights so the lights change to allow the safest and quickest path for emergency vehicles to move through intersections. The Gwinnett Department of Transportation will be installing the technology over the next 18 months and is expected to be fully implemented in 2020.

## Connected Vehicle Technology Across the United States

Similar Connected Vehicle studies are currently underway in cities across the country, including New York and Tampa, with studies planned for Los Angeles, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Denver, and Orlando, to name a few. The US Department of Transportation hopes the technology will increase efficiency of traffic flow from freight to emergency response vehicles and eventually at pedestrian crosswalks. Ultimately this technology will make the roadways safer and travel smoother.

# SUWANEE POLICE

## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Suwanee Police Department recently developed a brand-new force called the Special Response Team (SRT). Commanded by Lieutenant Dwayne Black, this specialized team of eight officers deals specifically with high risk crimes, handling search and arrest warrants, and undercover operations. Most recently, the unit has seen success in preventing internet crimes against children, reducing drug activity and burglaries in the area, and handling barricaded suspects.

Entry into the Special Response Team requires passing a physical agility test and achieving a 90 percent or greater score on the firing range. Thanks to these high qualification standards, as well as intense training, the SRT has a 100 percent safety record for the arrests and crimes they have handled so far. Not a single officer or suspect has been harmed in the line of duty.

“The Special Response Team has greatly increased the ability and reach of the Suwanee Police Department in terms of enforcing the law,” said Corporal Chance Belcher, a member of the SRT.

The City of Lilburn also has an active Special Response Team, allowing Suwanee SRT members to train and work with the Lilburn members. If the Suwanee SRT needed additional specially-trained police to respond to a situation in Suwanee, Lilburn would send their SRT to assist. More city SRTs will have the opportunity to be a part of this reciprocal arrangement as the program develops.

“THE SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM HAS GREATLY INCREASED THE ABILITY AND REACH OF THE SUWANEE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF ENFORCING THE LAW”



# Welcome - TO - SUWANEE

**Eric Edmonson** of Buford joined the public works team as a part-time public works technician. In his spare time, he enjoys baseball, hikes, exercise, and movies.

Joining the police department as a communications/dispatcher is **Taylor Ozment**. Taylor has lived in Buford for 12 years and likes to run, play sports, spend time with friends and family, read, and the outdoors.



## CONGRATULATIONS



The City of Suwanee's 2017 Annual Report won the Most Environmentally Sustainable award from the Printing & Imaging Association of Georgia! By using recycled paper, we reduced our environmental impact by approximately 257 lbs. of CO2 and greenhouse gasses, 6,002 gallons of water, 1,356 kWh of energy, 1,737 lbs. in a landfill, and 2,822 lbs. of wood. Congrats to our printer, Suwanee local PrePress to Printing.

## OPEN for BUSINESS

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

**Lee Suwanee Auto Repair**  
3600 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd.

**Averr Aglow**  
4110 Tench Rd.

**Air Products and Chemicals**  
3011 Sutton Gate Dr.

**Okasha Wireless**  
3463 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd.

**Pink Cactus Nail Boutique**  
4140 Moore Rd.

**C. C. Liquidations**  
105 Satellite Blvd.

**Cafe Mixx**  
2925 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd.

**Crux Fitness**  
4140 Moore Rd.

**Integrated Health Center of GA**  
950 Scales Rd.

**Shear Serendipity Hair Salon**  
1500 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

**New Direction Hair Studio**  
1500 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

**Cafe Amico**  
320 Town Center Ave.

**The Modern Hue**  
970 Peachtree Ind. Blvd.

**Forever Young Skincare & Laser**  
4411 Suwanee Dam Rd.

**Xtreme Stylz/Bruno Capelo  
Headwear**  
49 Buford Hwy.

**Harp & Lyre**  
211 Saint Martin Dr.

# Languages Spoken by City Staff

Did you know English isn't the only language spoken by City of Suwanee staff members? A survey of staff revealed many bilingual and at least one trilingual staff member! The most common language aside from English is Spanish followed by Korean.



## UPCOMINGEVENTS

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### SEPTEMBER19

2	CITY HALL CLOSED	
6	Food Truck Friday	5:30 pm
7	Farmers Market	8:00 am
7	The Extra Mile Run/Walk 5K	8:00 am
7	Movies Under the Stars	7:00 pm
9	Suwanee Fest Planning Committee	6:30 pm
10	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
11	Public Art Commission	6:00 pm
12	City Council Workshop	5:30 pm
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24	City Council Meeting	6:30 pm
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1	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
5	Suwanee Fine Arts Festival	10:00 am
6	Suwanee Fine Arts Festival	12:00 pm
8	2nd Annual Motul Petite Le Mans Kick-Off Party	6:00 pm
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10	City Council Workshop	5:30 pm
12	Farmers Market	9:00 am
12	Taste of BBQ	11:00 am
15	Downtown Development Authority	7:30 am
15	Zoning Board of Appeals	6:30 pm
19	Bridge the Gap 5K	9:00 am
19	Ride Away Music Festival	2:00 pm
22	City Council Meeting	6:30 pm
26	Jonny & Xena "Spread the Words"	9:00 am
27	Trek or Treat (Sims Lake Park)	2:00 pm



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