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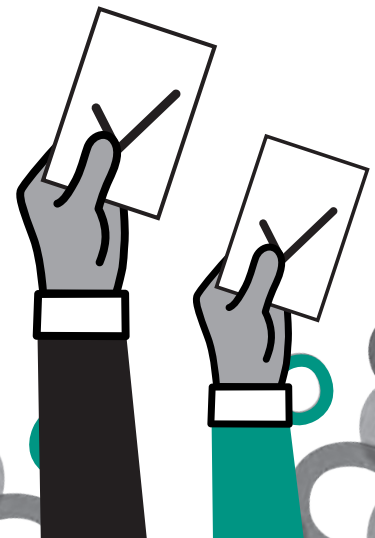
The City of Suwanee will have a General Municipal Election on November 5, 2019. Polls will open at City Hall at 330 Town Center Avenue from 7 am until 7 pm.

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CANDIDATE

MAYOR	JAMES M. BURNETTE, JR. (UNOPPOSED)
1	HEATHER J. HALL
1	DOUG IRELAND (INCUMBENT)
2	DICK GOODMAN (INCUMBENT)
2	LAURENCE "LARRY" PETTIFORD

Voters can check their registration, as well as whether or not they reside within the city limits, at mvp.sos.ga.gov/mvp. Citizens of the City of Suwanee must be registered to vote with the State of Georgia in order to vote in a municipal election. For more information regarding Suwanee municipal elections or to view a sample ballot, please visit Suwanee.com.



'TIS THE Season FOR Giving!

Want to make a lasting impact? Consider making a donation to the City of Suwanee's Art for All campaign!

Did you know approximately 31 percent of all annual giving occurs in December? Charitable donations are an excellent way to reduce your tax burden for the year, all while doing something for the greater good.

If you are looking to make a donation this holiday season, then look no further than the City of Suwanee Art for All campaign - you will literally be able to see your donation standing in the extension of Town Center Park! The Art for All campaign seeks to raise \$1.25M in private contributions to support the inclusion of three new art pieces; these pieces will act as a catalyst to transform the project from a park to a *place*.

To ensure that gifts are tax-deductible, the city partnered with the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia, a 501(c)3 public nonprofit committed to strengthening communities in Gwinnett and northeastern Georgia through the power of philanthropy.

This partnership provides us with the professional infrastructure needed to sustain a three-year timeline of activity. The Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia will provide professional stewardship for our project, including the timely acknowledgement of gifts made, tracking and sending reminders as needed for multi-year pledges, and the ability to accept gifts of appreciated securities (saving the donor capital gains tax) or other types of tangible property.

Gifts may be spread out over a period of up to three years, and the opportunity to name an area of the park or a piece of art may be available to those providing leadership gifts.

Visit Suwanee.com or the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia website at cfneg.org for more information.

ART FOR ALL CAMPAIGN FAQs

HAS THE ART BEEN CHOSEN?

Not yet. The art will be commissioned with the help of a professional art consultant once the majority of the funding is in place. An international request for qualifications/proposal process will be used. The chosen piece will be family-friendly and fit into the established Suwanee culture.

ARE RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE?

The city would be happy to discuss recognition opportunities available for certain gifts to the campaign. These include the possibility of naming an area of the park or a specific piece of art in your name or in honor/memory of another. At the time a gift is made, you will be invited to discuss the best way we can recognize your generosity, if you so desire.

CAN A COMPANY'S MATCHING GIFTS BE INCLUDED?

Absolutely. Many companies match gifts made to non-profits, allowing employees to double (sometimes more!) their gift. If your company matches gifts, just let us know and we'll be glad to help.

WHY DOESN'T THE CITY JUST PAY FOR THIS?

The city will provide all of the funding for new park infrastructure. We rely on private donations to provide the margin of excellence that turns the park into a place of community pride.



Congratulations!

TO THE SUWANEY YOUTH LEADERS CLASS OF 2019!

60 juniors and seniors from the North Gwinnett, Peachtree Ridge, and Collins Hill clusters recently completed Suwanee Youth Leaders (SYL), making up the sixth graduating class of the city's ten-month leadership program. The program centers on civic involvement, leadership skills, and volunteer opportunities.

"My involvement in Suwanee Youth Leaders has allowed me to meet and make connections with a diverse array of individuals in Gwinnett and Suwanee," said 2019 SYL student Wajihha Mekki. "In addition, Suwanee Youth Leaders has allowed me to build confidence and step out of my comfort zone by providing me with leadership and public speaking experience."

SYL develops young leaders through structured monthly educational programs and teambuilding activities. Participants gain genuine exposure to local initiatives and community and civic leaders, while helping the city engage with youth so that they have a strong voice and active role in planning the city's success. Meetings, led by local leaders, include engaging subjects such as leadership principles and practices, ethics in society, law and justice, and community involvement.

SYL fits within the City's 20/20 Vision Plan Goal #2: Encourage Youth Involvement. Youth are often discussed as critically important, but rarely have a voice in planning, community events, and other activities.

The Class of 2019 officially graduates at the November 19 City Council meeting, where they will be recognized for their efforts. Applications for the Class of 2020-21 will be available in March 2020 at suwanee.com.



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Preposition

"We tragically lost our son in 2012. Robby loved dogs; we always had them. My three granddaughters love dogs as well. Honoring the memory of their Uncle Robby by donating the Who Let the Dogs Out? art piece to the city just seemed like the perfect fit. It warmed my heart."

Dick Cunningham
Owner, Ippolito's

SUWANEY ART FOR ALL CAMPAIGN

The city has committed \$16M to cover the construction costs associated with the expansion of Town Center Park. To provide the margin of excellence above and beyond the basic infrastructure, and to reflect what is special about Suwanee, the Art for All campaign aims to raise an additional \$1.25M in private contributions to support the inclusion of three new, interactive art pieces. These pieces will act as a catalyst to transform the project from a PARK to a PLACE.



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HOLT KAMP
Heating & Air

SURE, YOU CAN HAVE A GIANT NEW FACILITY THAT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE'S. BUT WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

Regular travelers of I-85 through Suwanee have likely noticed the construction of Holtkamp Heating & Air's new headquarters in the Suwanee Gateway. If they missed it, then they certainly didn't miss the addition of two giant murals on the outside walls.

Chicago Muralist Jason Watts spent four weeks carefully bringing the mural to life on two sides of the building. One mural features Settles Bridge and City Hall, symbolizing Suwanee past and present; the second captures the energy and vibrancy of the music, arts, and parks in our community.

"Our goal with the project was to create a distinctive visual landmark art piece that celebrates and reflects elements of the area's community, beauty, history and diversity," said Suzanne Holtkamp, VP of Marketing & Operations. "Suwanee values public art as a way to beautify the community, and we are pleased to bring that beauty to the other side of the gateway with a gorgeous mural capturing Suwanee's past, present and exciting future."

In 2008, the city and its Public Art Commission adopted a policy of encouraging developers to use one percent of construction costs to include public art or support public art as a component of new projects. The city has welcomed well over a dozen artworks placed by developers on their properties. Participation is strictly voluntary, but the city has realized a 75 percent agreement rate from developers. Several have purchased SculpTour pieces in response to the City's request that they include public art in their projects.

Pulte Homes Pulte had never been asked to participate in public art prior to the development of The Reserve at Moore Road, and they really embraced the idea. Since adding the beautiful equine statues at the neighborhood entrance, the organization told the city that they planned to continue using public art with their future high-end developments.

Salude Originally named Golden Living, the transitional care and physical recovery facility commissioned three pieces from local artists. They loved the process and end result so much that they renamed themselves Salude: The Art of Recovery, and use art as a part of the healing process.

COR Properties The developer wasn't at all interested in participating, until he (Cory) met a horse from a previous SculpTour exhibit (named *Corey*). It was love at first sight. It also helps that Cory owns a horse farm as has an affinity for the animal.

Artisan Station Originally named Avonlea Station, the developer changed its name in homage to the commissioned piece outside their gates.

Heartis Suwanee The senior living facility is the new forever home of *Dancer XX*, the giant, rotating, metal statue with a cape. *Dancer XX* previously resided in Town Center Park for not one but two SculpTour exhibitions.

an *artful place*

Hosting More Than Meets the Eye

Tucked away on a side street in Town Center is an unassuming space with a cheerful blue awning and turquoise café tables and chairs, harkening the bright, colorful interior that awaits.

The City of Suwanee and North Gwinnett Arts Association (NGAA) partnered in 2016 to create a joint welcome and arts center, allowing the NGAA to have much-needed studio and class space in Suwanee Town Center, while also providing the city with a staffed welcome center. Visitors and locals are welcomed to Suwanee with a high-energy, beautiful, art-filled space.

“The welcome and arts center allows the city to have a presence that extends beyond normal business hours,” said Marty Allen, Suwanee City Manager. Collaboration with NGAA allows us to have a welcoming presence when Town Center is at its busiest.”

Located at 3930 Charleston Market Street, half of the 2,300 square-foot facility is dedicated to welcoming visitors with information, Suwanee swag, and an art gallery, while the other half hosts art classes, camps, and workshops for the community.

The NGAA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the appreciation of local art through exhibitions, festivals and other media. Based in Suwanee, the association maintains an open membership policy where artists of all types are welcome to be a part of the organization.



The city's annual contract with NGAA to host the welcome center in the art gallery is funded out of the hotel/motel tax fund, which is intended to go towards such programs. The unique partnership won a 2018 Georgia Downtown Development Award.

“What better way for Suwanee to say “Welcome!” than with art?” commented Suwanee’s Assistant City Manager Denise Brinson. “Public art has become an integral part of Suwanee’s identity. 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.”

“Arts and cultural activities are at the heart of Suwanee. The NGAA Center for the Arts and the City of Suwanee Welcome Center does just that, helping to bring that energy to the community.”

Suwanee Welcome Center
3930 Charleston Market Street

Sunday & Monday – Closed
Tuesday-Saturday – 11am-5pm



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State Farm
Stone Creations of Atlanta
Sugar Hill Spine & Wellness
Suwanee Dental Care
Suwanee Orthodontics
The Hathaway Agency
Tiger Tails Animal Hospital
True Source Family Chiropractic
Whitney Orthodontics

2019 PARADE WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW

Suwanee Academy of the Arts

MOST ENTERTAINING

1st Place - All Stars Performing Arts Academy
2nd Place - North Gwinnett High & Middle School Dance
3rd Place - Korean Cultural Center
Honorable Mention - World Class Taekwondo

MOST CREATIVE

1st Place - Cub Scout Pack 518
2nd Place - Oak Meadow Montessori School
3rd Place - Children's Courtyard

BEST USE OF THEME

1st Place - Suwanee United Methodist Church
2nd Place - Georgia Gymnastics Academy
3rd Place - Walton Gas

2019 SUWANEE FEST OUTSTANDING VENDORS

BEST OF SHOW

1st Place - Anne Bradham Fine Art
2nd Place - Southern Essentials
3rd Place - Maddox Wood Design
Sponsor - Whitney Orthodontic

MAYOR'S CHOICE

Desyne Bar

PARKER'S CHOICE

Atlanta Falcons
Atlanta Gladiators





INSERT YOURSELF HERE.

We're always looking for new faces to join us! Suwanee Fest Committee meetings begin in January on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at City Hall. For more information, contact Events & Outreach Manager Amy Doherty at adoherty@suwanee.com.

THESE FOLKS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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

SPONSORSHIP - PAUL BEAVIN

ENTERTAINMENT - MICHELLE BUDD

FAMILY FUN ZONE - DONNA COPELETTI

PARADE - KATE FANALE, MATT SAVITT

VENDORS - JANIS BEAVIN, CATHY KARLICK, ROBIN SULLIVAN

FOOD VENDORS - DAVID SULLIVAN

TRANSPORTATION - MAURO MARCILLO, KATE FANALE

VOLUNTEERS - TRACY MASON



HO HO HOLIDAY spirit



SUWANEE IS FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG WITH SEASONAL EVENTS

You'd better watch out, and you'd better not cry – Santa Claus is coming to Town (Center)! Join us on Friday, December 6 at 6:30 pm for our annual **Jolly Holly Day** celebration. Santa Claus will magically arrive to meet with children and families, while local elementary school choruses and dance groups perform on the stage. After lighting the Town Center tree, Santa will board his sleigh and return to the North Pole! Parents, be sure to bring cameras or phones to snap your own photos! Kids: Don't forget your wish lists! Free hot chocolate, s'mores, and holiday crafts (while supplies last).

Come back to the park Saturday morning, December 7 for the **Run, Run Rudolph 5K** at 8 am, followed by **HappyFeat's Jingle in the Park Holiday Market** on Sunday, December 8 from noon until 5 pm. The Holiday Market features a shopping extravaganza of specialty merchants from across the Southeast, photos with Santa, entertainment on stage, and a live nativity.

Other Upcoming Events

Suwanee Wine Fest
Nov 2 | noon

Bark in the Park
New Event!
Nov 9 | 9 am

**Suwanee Classic
Car Show**
Nov 10 | 10 am

Jolly Holly Day
Dec 6 | 6:30 pm

Run Run Rudolph 5K
Dec 7 | 8 am

**HappyFeat's Jingle in the
Park Holiday Market**
Dec 8 | noon

CITY OF SUWANEE WINS WELL-BEING AWARD

The City of Suwanee was the recipient of this year's Cigna Well-Being Award, recognizing organizations that have successfully created and implemented sustainable workplace wellness programs, creating a culture that enables healthy choices as the norm.

The Outstanding Culture of Well-Being Award was given to the city for excelling in the following areas:



- Strong leadership engagement
- Diverse wellness committee that includes key vendor partners
- Branded well-being program that includes multiple health dimensions
- Innovative programs that positively influence healthy options both at work and in the community, such as the bike share program and Wellness Stations
- Inclusion of spouses as part of the wellness strategy

A large portion of waking hours are spent at work, with nearly 1/3 of our lives being spent in the workplace. Considering nearly 75 percent of the US population is overweight, coupled with rising healthcare costs, workplace wellness programs are one solution to provide awareness and encourage engagement in those moments that matter to improve overall quality of life. As a result, well-being programs are capable of providing returns far beyond the initial investment.

REMEMBER THAT SUPER COOL EVENT IDEA YOU HAD?

SUWANEE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 EVENT CALENDAR

The City of Suwanee is accepting applications for community events to be hosted at City of Suwanee parks during 2020. The deadline for applications is December 4. Once the city's event schedule is approved after the first of the year, generally no additional events may be added.

Each year, Suwanee hosts – primarily at Town Center Park – over 40 city- and privately-planned events, including concerts, festivals, races, food truck events, and more.

“Events are an important part of community-building in Suwanee,” said Events and Outreach Manager Amy Doherty. “Each year, we love partnering with community organizations to bring great music, fun events, and unique engagement opportunities to our residents and others.”

Applications and guidelines are available at suwanee.com. Application submission does not constitute event approval. Applicants will be contacted regarding their submission by mid-January 2020; selected applicants are expected to attend the mandatory lunch and learn meeting on January 22, 2020 at 11:30 am at City Hall.



Run more than just your mouth.

6th Annual Suwanee Half Marathon & Old Town 5K

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2020

SAVE!
Register early at SuwaneeHalf.com

Before December 31: **\$65**
January 1 - February 7: **\$75**
Race Day: **\$85**

HALF MARATHON

Before December 31: **\$30**
January 1 - February 7: **\$35**
Race Day: **\$40**

5K



GRINCHES ATTEMPT TO STEAL HOLIDAY CHEER

LET THE SUWANEE PD HELP KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Along with the lights, greenery, and holiday cheer comes a highly irritating and downright mean seasonal tradition: package thieves. These holiday grinchers, a.k.a. "porch pirates," watch for UPS, FedEx, and mail delivery trucks, then target your home after the parcels are delivered. Common any time of year, Cyber Monday tends to kick off the porch pirate busy season. City of Suwanee police are advising residents to take precautions to protect themselves.

"If your packages do not arrive as scheduled, contact the sender immediately," said Police Chief Mike Jones. "If you see a package being stolen in your neighborhood, call 911 and report a crime in progress. Provide an accurate description of the suspect and any vehicles, but do not approach the suspect."

While they can be extremely helpful in solving crimes, the police advise that citizens not rely on security cameras to prevent thefts.

"Your security system may record the thieves, but we can only file charges if the suspect is identified. It is better to prevent the theft, rather than trying to track down a thief afterwards," Jones said. "Even if a thief is identified, there is little chance your packages will be recovered."

Another way that you can help the Suwanee PD solve crimes is by registering your security cameras with CrimeReports.com or at the police department. Registering the location of your home or business security cameras simply notifies local law enforcement of the existence of your camera and your contact information. If a crime occurs near you, Suwanee PD may contact you about your cameras to speed up their investigation. Police can only access footage with the owner's approval.

"The main purpose of camera registration is to know who might possibly have a video that could help lead to a suspect," said Deputy Chief Cass Mooney.

The Suwanee Police also offer a house check program for those traveling during the holidays. House check requests may be made at Suwanee.com; requests must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to departure. For more information, contact the Suwanee Police directly at 770-945-8995.

PREVENTING PORCH PIRATES

- Request a tracking number which will notify you when packages will be delivered.
- Request a "Signature Delivery Option," ensuring packages will not be left at the front door.
- Ask the delivery service to leave your packages at a side door, back door, or on an enclosed porch.
- Have your packages delivered to your workplace, or to the home of a relative or neighbor who will be there to accept them.

Welcome - TO - CITY HALL

The public works department has been busy! New members include **Johnathon Burton**, who resides in Lawrenceville and enjoys hanging out with his family and friends, as well as coaching basketball; **Chad Westley** of Louisiana (now Norcross); and **Clarence Johnson**, who enjoys basketball and working on cars.

Self-described workaholic **Jennifer Combs** has joined City Hall as a business services specialist. She's not just a workaholic here: Jennifer says her current hobbies are decluttering and deep cleaning, tracking her household budget, and researching ways to increase efficiency in her budget and life!

Mickey Eyre has joined the planning and inspections department as the city's newest senior planner. Originally from Clearwater, Florida, Mickey has called Suwanee home for the last 13 years. He is involved with his church and enjoys playing guitar and hanging out with his wife and three sons.

Those visiting our municipal court should be sure to say hi to **Randolph Russell**, the city's new bailiff. Originally from New York, New York, Randolph and his family now call Lawrenceville home. He enjoys playing golf badly and volunteering.



Congratulations!

The **Suwanee Police Explorers** recently took first place in the written exam (Dylan Ramers) and second place in the tactical fitness exam (Aracely Hernandez) in competition against 10 other posts!

Congratulations to Suwanee Police Officers **Oswaldo Hawse**, **Ryan Kenley**, **Kenneth Parker**, and **Jacob Hill**, who recently graduated from the Georgia Public Safety Training Law Enforcement Academy. Upon graduation, they were sworn in by Police Chief Mike Jones.

OPEN for BUSINESS

The following companies received new business licenses from the City of Suwanee in August and September.

Stephen Law Firm
4411 Suwanee Dam Road

Hong & Choi Inc.
3700 Burnette Park Drive

Cell Site Newco
700 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Empower Counseling Center
4411 Suwanee Dam Road

Rocket IT
3360 Martin Farm Road

N. Naik Insurance Agency
80 Horizon Drive

Deep Rooted Mission Center
45 Old Peachtree Road

Jacob & Hefner Associates
4411 Suwanee Dam Road

Private Auto Bidder
3445 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

JJ Face & Body Spa
4411 Suwanee Dam Road

Techlaw, Inc
3011 Sutton Gate Drive

20 Dollar Chiropractic
3957 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

Steady Spin
4411 Suwanee Dam Road

A Cut Above Hair Salon
1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Georgia Sno
4320 Suwanee Dam Road

Hacienda Bar & Grill
1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

GNI Auto Repair
910 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Genesis Hypnotherapy and Coaching
3445 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

Skincare by Lena
1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Caliber Collision Centers
3730 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

So Good Chicken
960 Scales Road

Pro-Fi 20/20, CPAs
790 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Pearls Tea, Inc
3131 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

Kiss of Beauty Skincare Studio
1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Staley & Tomlinson, LLC
3459 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

NP&L
1300 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

UPCOMINGEVENTS

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NOVEMBER19

1	Last Day of Early Voting	8:30 am
2	Suwanee Wine Fest	12:00 pm
5	Election Day	7:00 am
7	City Council Workshop	5:30 pm
9	Winter Farmers Market	9:00 am
9	Bark for Life	9:00 am
10	Suwanee Classic Car Show	10:00 am
11	CITY HALL	CLOSED
12	Zoning Board of Appeals	6:30 pm
13	Public Art Commission	6:00 pm
19	Downtown Development Authority	7:30 am
19	City Council Meeting	6:30 pm
28	CITY HALL	CLOSED
29	CITY HALL	CLOSED

DECEMBER19

3	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
5	City Council Workshop	5:30 pm
6	Jolly Holly Day	6:30 pm
7	Run Run Rudolph 5K	8:00 am
8	Happyfeat's Jingle in the Park Holiday Market	12:00 pm
10	Zoning Board of Appeals	6:30 pm
11	Public Art Commission	6:00 pm
14	Winter Farmers Market	9:00 am
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17	City Council Meeting	6:30 pm
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25	CITY HALL	CLOSED

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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.

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