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5:00 PM
FOOD & FUN
DUSK
LANTERN PARADE
7:00 PM
CONCERT
STARRING
RUBIKS GROOVE



LANTERN KITS
are available for purchase
at the Suwanee Welcome
Center, located under
the blue awning at 3930
Charleston Market Street in
Town Center.

GET GLOWING ON
YOUR LANTERN!

glow park -IN THE- BACK IS

An electrical spectacle not to be missed, spring favorite Glow in the Park returns to Town Center on April 18. An authentic strolling, New Orleans-style jazz band will lead an illuminated pageant of light, music, and color around Town Center Park, ending with a concert at the stage starring 80s and 90s cover band Rubiks Groove.

Featuring food and activities for all ages, Glow in the Park is family- and pet-friendly (but not drone-friendly). This event is a community celebration of creativity; everyone is strongly encouraged to create illuminated costumes and carry their pre-made lanterns in the parade together! Prizes will be awarded for the best glow looks and costumes.

Watch as the sun goes down and we make our beloved park glow in the dark! For more information, visit Suwanee.com.

SNAPSHOT OF OUR COMMUNITY

2020 CENSUS DATA WILL EFFECT REDISTRICTING, EMERGENCY FUNDING, AND MORE

By April 1, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 United States Census. The results, collected once a decade as mandated by the U.S. Constitution, help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.

Of course, the census tells us much more than just the population of our country, state, and community. The census produces a wide range of statistics about the makeup of those populations, from age and race to home ownership data. These numbers are used to draw voting districts, determine representation in Congress, and help define how federal funds are spent on items such as roads, schools, and hospitals. Businesses use census data to decide where to put a store, office, or plant. These new locations create jobs and support the community's economy.

The 2020 Census will use a new design that incorporates online and phone response options in addition to the traditional paper option. Your personal information is kept confidential. Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information, and ensures that it is never published and that answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

The results of the 2020 Census are critically important; this once-a-decade data helps businesses, researchers, and communities make important decisions. The data can help inform where your community needs a new fire department, more funding for school lunches, or even help respond to natural disasters. For more information, please visit [2020Census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED?

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE LIVING OR STAYING AT YOUR HOME ON APRIL 1, 2020.

WHETHER YOUR HOME IS OWNED OR RENTED.

The rates of homeownership serve as one indicator of the nation's economy and help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.

THE GENDER OF EACH RESIDENT.

This data helps create statistics used for planning and funding government programs and is also used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination.

THE AGE OF EACH RESIDENT.

Agencies use this data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older adults.

THE RACE OF EACH RESIDENT.

This data helps monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions.

ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP OF EACH PERSON IN YOUR HOME.

Relationship data is used in planning and funding government programs that support families.

WHAT YOU WILL NEVER BE ASKED

- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
- FOR MONEY OR DONATIONS
- ANYTHING ON BEHALF OF A POLITICAL PARTY
- BANK OR CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT NUMBERS

If you are contacted by someone claiming to be from the Census who asks you for one of these things, it is a scam; do not cooperate and report it to the police immediately.



february

- 9** Suwanee Half Marathon 7:30 am
- 15** Suwanee Sweetheart Sprint 10 am

march

- 14** Kiwanis Shamrock 5K 8 am
- 14** Suwanee American Craft Beer Fest Noon
- 21** Atlanta Humane Society Run for the Rescues 8:30 am

april

- 10** Max's Moon Run 7 pm
- 12** Community Sunrise Service 7 am
- 18** Race to Cure Sarcoma Atlanta 8 am
- 18** Glow in the Park 5 pm
- 25** March for Babies 9 am
- 25** Ride Away Music Fest 3 pm
- 26** Taste of Suwanee Noon



may *art on a limb all month*

- 1** Food Truck Friday/Night of Jazz 5:30 pm
- 2** Star 94.1's 5 Queso 5K 8 am
- 2-3** Star 94.1's Woolstock 11 am
- 9** Suwanee Jazz Fest 6 pm
- 16** Great Strides Atlanta 8:30 am
- 22** Red, White, Bluegrass and Bach 7 pm
- 23** Dirty Spokes GA Peach Jam 5K/10K 7:30 am

june

- 5** Food Truck Friday 5:30 pm
- 6** Movies Under the Stars 7 pm
- 19** Suwanee Summer Porch Jam (Old Town Suwanee) 6 pm

july

- 18** Movies Under the Stars 7 pm
- 24-25** Suwanee Performing Arts Broadway in the Park 6 pm

august

- 1** Star 94.1's Kidtopia 11 am
- 7** Food Truck Friday 5:30 pm
- 8** Button Down Dash 5K/10K 7:30 pm
- 15** August Concert & Wing Fest 5 pm
- 21** Food Truck Friday 5:30 pm
- 22** Movies Under the Stars 7 pm

september

- 4** Food Truck Friday 5:30 pm
- 12** Annandale Village Extra Mile Walk/Run 8 am
- 19-20** Suwanee Fest 9 am/noon
- 26** Bark for Life 9 am

october

- 3-4** Suwanee Fine Arts Festival 10 am/noon
- 6** Third Annual Motul Petit Le Mans Kickoff Party 6 pm
- 10** Taste of BBQ 10 am
- 16** Food Truck Friday/Dinner and a Movie 5:30 pm
- 17** Suwanee Health & Fitness Festival 9 am
- 25** Trek or Treat (Sims Lake Park) 2 pm



november

- 7** Suwanee Wine Festival Noon
- 8** Suwanee Classic Car Show 10 am

december

- 4** Jolly Holly Day 6:30 pm
- 5** Happyfeat's Run Run Rudolph 5K 8 am
- 6** Happyfeat's Jingle in the Park Holiday Market Noon

THIS SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF WORK FOR A FREE BANANA

SUWANEE HALF MARATHON & OLD TOWN 5K

The 6th annual Suwanee Half Marathon and Old Town 5K will run again on Sunday, February 9. Presented by Performance Race Services in conjunction with the City of Suwanee, the half marathon will kick off 7:30 am in front of City Hall. Old Town 5K runners will meet in front of the Suwanee Library on Main Street and begin running at 7:45 am.

The Peachtree Road Race-certified, 13.1-mile Boston Marathon-qualifier course will bring runners up to and down Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, in and around George Pierce Park, on the greenway to McGinnis Ferry and Suwanee Creek Park, and back to a glorious finish at City Hall.

This course has a great mix of flat and hills which will be fun for every type of runner. Finishers from each race will receive a medal and long-sleeved technical shirt, and a cash prize will be split between the top three male and female finishers from each race.

For more information, including route, registration, and volunteering, visit SuwaneeHalf.com.

OTHER UPCOMING RUNS

**SUWANEE
SWEETHEART SPRINT**
February 15, 10:00 am

KIWANIS SHAMROCK 5K
March 14, 8:00 am

**ATLANTA HUMANE SOCIETY
RUN FOR THE RESCUES**
March 21, 8:30 am

MAX'S MOON RUN
NEW EVENT! NIGHT RUN!

April 10, 7:00 pm

**RACE TO CURE SARCOMA
ATLANTA**
April 18, 8:00 am



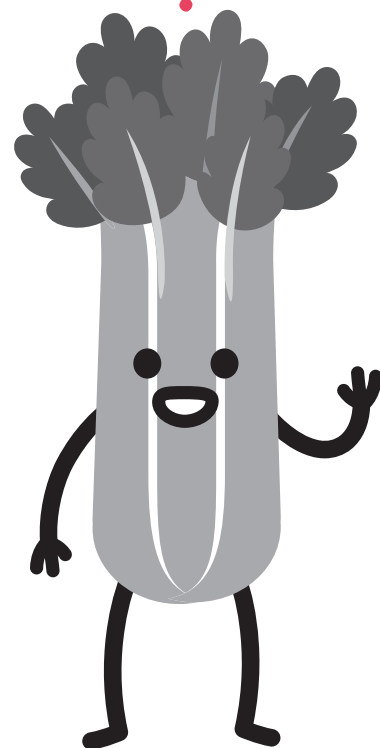
TIME TO CELERY-BRATE!

FOOD TRUCKS AND FARMERS MARKETS SET TO RETURN TO TOWN CENTER

The City of Suwanee is in search of purveyors of fine fruits and vegetables, herbs, flowers, creators of jams and soaps, and others to participate in the 17th season of the city's Farmers Market. The regular Suwanee Farmers Market will be open from 8 am-noon Saturdays, May 2 through September 26, at Town Center Park. The Winter Farmers Market is the second Saturday of the month from 9-11 am, October through April.

Food Truck Fridays also return to Town Center on May 1, June 5, August 7, and September 4, with each month bringing great food and music from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The city accepts up to ten food trucks per event, and we're craving new and exciting options this year!

Applications and guidelines for both the Farmers Market and Food Truck Fridays are due on March 20, and can be found at Suwanee.com. Please read the guidelines thoroughly to ensure that your business is eligible.



SUWANEЕ AMERICAN CRAFT BEER FEST

Celebrates 10 years



While still not old enough itself to legally drink, Suwanee Beer Fest is turning 10 in 2020! The annual favorite returns to Suwanee Town Center Park on March 14, bigger and better than ever.

This award-winning event has earned the reputation of being one of the biggest and best beer festivals in the South, featuring over 350 craft beers from breweries all over the country. Many participating breweries use the experience as an opportunity to debut new or rare seasonal beers at the festival. Suwanee Beer Fest is also home to one of the largest home brew competitions in the state, live entertainment, activities, games, and more!

In addition to regular tickets, VIP packages are available and include event-exclusive beers, casks, specialty beers, and snacks. Plus, you can drink happy knowing that over \$125,000 of event proceeds has been donated to local charities to date.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit SuwaneeBeerFest.com.



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Noun

“We moved to Suwanee twenty-one years ago from Birmingham and didn’t know anyone. We met friends that today we call family: we vacation together, spend holidays together, and have watched each other’s children grow up and get married. The community and the family that we have found here is lifelong.

We want to say thank you in this lasting way to Suwanee for all it has given us. We never imagined that moving here would be such a blessing and that Suwanee would become our home. This campaign will result in an iconic piece of art that our grandchildren and their children will be able to see, and know their family was a part of it.”

Sheila Crumrine

Chair, Art for All Capital Campaign



SUPPORT COMMUNITY ART FOR ALL

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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“I LOVE REPLACING STOLEN ITEMS, REPAIRING MY CAR WINDOW, AND CANCELLING PILFERED CREDIT CARDS!”

SAID NO ONE EVER.



not know that you keep your dry cleaning in an old Apple Store shopping bag, but they're willing to break a window to find out. Similarly, don't leave an empty briefcase or backpack in sight."

Many reports of smash-and-grabs come from our local parks, while the owners are out on a run. Try to park in a highly visible place. Break-ins are also frequently reported from the owner's own driveway, and even inside their garage. No matter where you are parked, remember to lock your doors, roll up the windows, and activate your security system if you have one.

A common call received by the Suwanee Police is reporting "smash-and-grab" car break-ins. For the most part, these thieves aren't criminal masterminds who craft clever schemes to swipe your stuff; most are casual opportunists. While there's no certain way to deter crime, there are simple steps you can take to make your vehicle a much less appealing target.

Stow electronics, accessories, and other proof of valuable electronics, such as power cords and adapters, out of sight. Stash items you want to hide in the trunk of your car before you arrive at your destination.

"Before exiting your car, make sure your valuables and anything that might be valuable is out of sight," said Suwanee Police Chief Mike Jones. "Thieves may

"Thieves are lazy," said Chief Jones. "With car break-ins, they're usually not looking for a huge payoff. They want valuables for as little work as possible."

THE SUWANEE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN!

Suwanee's Citizens Police Academy provides area residents with a hands-on glimpse behind the badge and a better understanding of the risks and responsibilities of Suwanee police officers. The ten-week program will next be offered on Monday evenings beginning on April 6, 2020, from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Suwanee Police Substation/Training Center at 2966 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road.

The academy offers classroom training and hands-on experiences in crime scene processing, traffic stops, building searches, crime prevention, and narcotics identification, while also providing an understanding of the day-to-day responsibilities of officers.

Notarized applications are due to the Suwanee Police Station on April 1 (no joke!) by 5 pm. Classes are free and open to the public, but space is limited. For an application or additional information, contact Officer Richard Pope at rpope@suwanee.com or 770-904-7641, or visit Suwanee.com.



Welcome - TO - CITY HALL

Millie Gonzalez Osilia has joined the police department as their newest communications officer. Millie enjoys hiking, being on the water, playing with her puppy, Echo, and watching Netflix movies.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Fall 2019 graduates of the Suwanee Citizen Police Academy!

Nic Smith
Diane Whitlatch
Sanjoosh Akkineni
Bradley Golz
Kennidi Lawrence
Neil Trust
Jennifer Salland
Kris McGovern



OPEN for BUSINESS

The following companies received new business licenses from the City of Suwanee in October, November, and December.

2 Plus 2 LLC
3890 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

Atlanta Premiere Auto
302 Satellite Boulevard

Apple Lounge
3103 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

Asian Fusion
3463 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

Axeis Modeling & Booking
104 Azalea Chase Drive

Choongman Chicken
80 Horizon Drive

Creative Teaching Solutions
4210 Lake View Run Drive

D&D Tile & Marble
4924 Meadowbrook Circle

DJ House 1 Inc.
45 Satellite Boulevard

East West Textile
315 Shawnee North Drive

Elim Express
4110 Tench Road

Emmakay's
1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

First Beverage Suwanee
350 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Globalidiom
4545 Landover Way

H1 Semichem Inc.
1008 Industrial Court

Immaculate Healthcare Solutions
970 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Incon Restoration & Construction
591 Grove Field Court

JDI Accounting & Tax Services
530 Highland Station Drive

The Kirk Law Firm
3445 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

Linnea LLC
305 Shawnee North Drive

Mane District Salon
1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Mundo Events
302 Satellite Boulevard

Nota Engineering
3635 Burnette Park Drive

Parkwood Motors
780 Buford Highway

Peace By Piece Tours
1134 Bend Creek Trail

Peach State Dental Implants &

Periodontics
345 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

The Reiki Room
3461 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

SpaceTax Solutions
45 Satellite Boulevard

Sree Laxmi Beauty Salon
80 Horizon Drive

StillFire Brewing
343 Buford Highway

Strong Avenue Creative
3593 Burnette Road

Sunroad LLC
1175 Buford Highway

Superior Stucco & Design
3806 Baxley Trail

WKW Consulting Services
3912 Baluster Court

Uni-Temp Refridgeration
780 Highway 23

Vernie's Vittles Healthy Pet Treats
400 Buford Highway

Virtual Assistant USA
3969 Grand Park Drive

The Whitening Bar
3550 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

UPCOMINGEVENTS

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FEBRUARY20

4	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
8	Winter Farmers Market	9:00 am
9	Suwanee Half Marathon & Old Town 5K	7:00 am
12	Public Art Commission	6:00 pm
10	Suwanee Fest Planning Committee	6:30 pm
13	City Council Workshop	5:30 pm
15	Suwanee Sweetheart Sprint	10:00 am
18	Downtown Development Authority	7:00 am
18	Zoning Board of Appeals	6:30 pm
22	Arbor Day Celebration	8:00 am
25	City Council Meeting	6:30 pm

MARCH20

3	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
9	Suwanee Fest Planning Committee	6:30 pm
11	Public Art Commission	6:00 pm
12	City Council Workshop	5:30 pm
14	Kiwanis Shamrock 5K	7:00 am
14	Suwanee American Craft Beer Fest	12:00 pm
17	Downtown Development Authority	7:00 am
17	Zoning Board of Appeals	6:30 pm
21	Atlanta Humane Society Run for the Rescues	8:30 am
24	City Council Meeting	6:30 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.

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