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ART ON
A LIMB



WOULD YOU
RATHER?



CITY
PLANNER



Earth WITHOUT ART Is just EH

Have you noticed all of the art around Suwanee? Currently, you can spot over 40 public art pieces throughout the city! This is no accident: the City of Suwanee works hard to add pieces of public art to our community.

Public art can be large or small. It can **hang from**

Crosswalk in Town Center



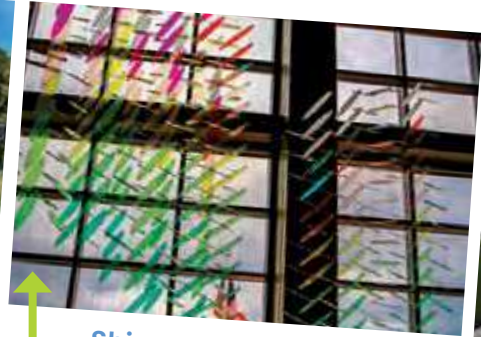
the ceiling or be **beneath your feet**. Its shape can be **abstract** or realistic, and it may be **cast**, carved, built, assembled, or painted. It can even be **historic**.

Some of Suwanee's art is part of SculpTour, which is the city's recurring temporary sculpture

Friends by Nnamdi Okonkwo in Town Center



Mother and Child by Elusia Altman in White Street Park



Shimmering Echoes by Koryn Ralstad in City Hall



Berlin Wall in Town Center

exhibition. This is the sixth installation since 2011, bringing 80 sculptures to a walkable one-mile area of downtown Suwanee. Each SculpTour exhibition lasts approximately two years.

Other pieces of art are part of the city's permanent collection. People can vote to determine the favorite piece in each SculpTour exhibit, and then the Public Art Commission purchases that piece for the permanent collection. There is also a lot of public art that is privately owned

by businesses around our city. Public art can express community values, enhance our environment, transform a landscape, heighten our awareness, or question our assumptions. This is art for anyone, anytime. It's a museum without walls! **Which Suwanee art piece is your favorite?**

Would you **RATHER...**?

1.



Who Let the Dogs Out?
by Jim Collins

Play with dogs in Town Center Park?

← **OR** →

Dance across the Town Center Stage?



Dancer XX
by Jack Howard-Potter

2.

Eat **Mellow Mushroom** forever?

← **OR** →

Eat **Yogli Mogli** forever?

3.



His n Hers
by Gregory Johnson

Lick the giant **green** popsicle?

↓ **OR** ↑

Lick the giant **orange** popsicle?

Please don't really lick the art work. Germs are gross.

The artist of His n Hers likes to ask: which popsicle is His and which one is Hers?

4.



Apollo's Scorn
by Todd Frahm

Meet a seven-foot-tall, 350-pound steel **BIRD**?

← **OR** →

Meet a six-and-a-half-foot-tall, 1,500-pound stone **SEA CREATURE**?



Basin & Range
by Todd Frahm

5.

Hang out in Town Center Park at a **movie night with all of your friends**?

← **OR** →

Hang out in Town Center Park in your **ENO hammock with a good book**?

6.



Sit on a bench in Sims Lake Park with **THIS GUY**?

Audubon Watcher
by Jim Collins

OR



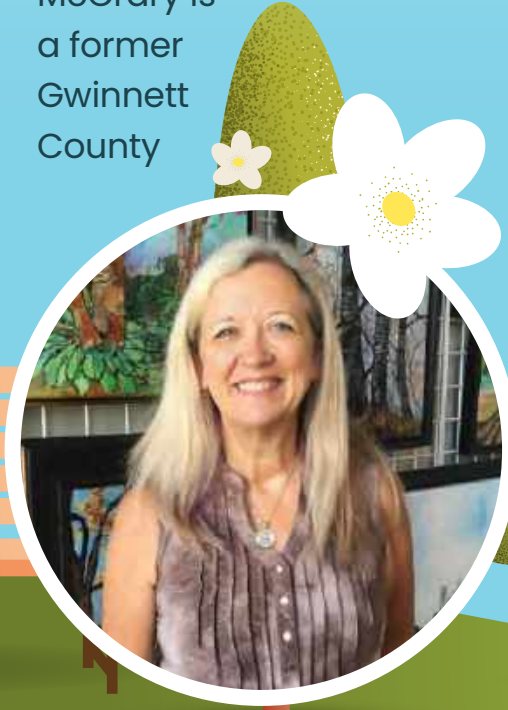
Sit on a bench in Town Center with **THIS GUY**?

I Love to Sit
from the private collection of Mellow Mushroom / Home Grown Industries, Inc.

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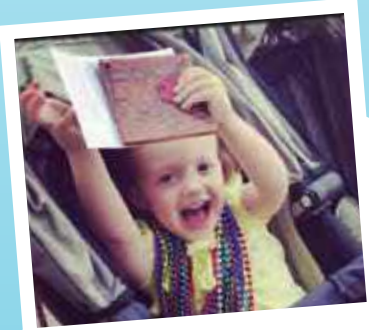
Longtime Suwanee residents know to keep an eye on the tree branches in the spring – not just to enjoy the dogwood blossoms, but to search for pieces from the City of Suwanee’s annual Art on a Limb program. You may find this year’s Art on a Limb piece actually hanging on a limb!

Local artist Vickie McCrary created the City Hall bird houses that were selected as this year’s Art on a Limb piece. Ms. McCrary is a former Gwinnett County



Public Schools high school art teacher. She started painting when she was 5 years old! You can see more of her work at the Tannery Row Artist Colony in Buford.

Through the Art on a Limb program, two pieces of art are hidden daily along one of the greenways or within city parks throughout the month of May; those who find the art pieces get to keep them!



Hollis, 2013



Isabelle, 2017



Ben, 2018

If you’re one of the lucky ones to find an Art on a Limb piece in one of the parks or on the trails during the month of May, be sure to share a photo with us on social media! [#artonalimb2021](#)



2021 Art on A Limb piece

kids in our community

What's your **FAVORITE** thing to do in Suwanee?



"I love playing at Suwanee Town Center with my friends and then going to Rita's for Italian Ice. My favorite flavor is cotton candy."

Anna Rose Colodny
Suwanee ES, 2nd grade



"I love hiking the Suwanee Greenway and eating ice cream after running around Town Center!"

Drew Parent
Roberts ES, 2nd grade



"My favorite thing to do in Suwanee is getting froyo in Town Center and riding my bike with my dad."

Emma McCoy
Suwanee Homeschool Group, 4th grade



"Dancing at Dance Arts Centre and going on hikes and scavenger hunts on the Suwanee Greenway."

Annalise Safa
Roberts ES, kindergarten

"My favorite thing to do in Suwanee is play in all the different parks. We have so many to choose from and they are so much fun with friends!"

Aliya Gandhi
Level Creek ES, 1st grade



"My favorite thing to do in Suwanee is play at Playtown."

Nora McCoy
Suwanee Homeschool Group, 3rd grade



Want to be featured in a future issue of Suwanee Adventures?

Ask your parents to email your answer to the question **What is your favorite Suwanee park and why?** to abby@suwanee.com, along with your name, photo, school, and grade!

What Do You Do?

CITY OF SUWANEEL *City Planner*

By Josh Campbell



Suwanee City Planner
Josh Campbell with his sons
Asa and Owen

Have you ever thought about how the City of Suwanee came to be?

Why do the roads go where they go, why are parks located where they are, and why doesn't your

neighborhood have a Chick-fil-A?

These are the questions that a city planner thinks about every day. **A city planner's job is to work with residents and elected officials to guide the layout of a city.** The goal of city planning is to maximize the health, safety, and economic well-being of residents in ways that reflect the unique needs, desires, and

culture of those who live and work within the community.

Planners look at how the pieces of a community – buildings, roads, and parks – fit together like pieces of a puzzle.

Planners also imagine what can and should happen to a community: how it should grow and change, and what it should offer residents in the future.

Our city is divided into parcels, or pieces, of land. The use of each parcel is guided by the zoning code, which is a set of rules that defines how land should be used. **Zoning codes try to keep different uses from being in conflict with one another.** This is why your neighborhood doesn't have a Chick-fil-A! While it might seem great to you, a restaurant has significantly different characteristics from a

home: a large number of customers coming and going, deliveries, and noise, to name a few. This change of land use would impact the character, quality, and feel of your street. Zoning your street as a residential area keeps businesses separate from housing.

To help guide decisions, we created a **comprehensive plan: a blueprint for what we want Suwanee to be in the future.** Planning helps to ensure that we have choices when it comes to what type of home we want to live in, how we move around our community, what is available nearby, and ways to make our community safe and healthy for everyone.

SUWANEE'S PUBLIC ART

by the NUMBERS

6 Number of **SculpTour exhibits** that the city has hosted since 2011

20 **Businesses** who have participated in our public art program by featuring their own pieces of art



14

Total number of public art pieces featured in the current SculpTour exhibit, including the giant red **Metaphysica in front of City Hall** (what is that thing, anyway?)



23

Pieces in the city's permanent art collection, including...



The Herd (the goats near the cemetery),

Mr. Eggwards

(Humpty Dumpty on the wall in Town Center Park), and the big yellow



Sunset (overlooking Sims Lake).

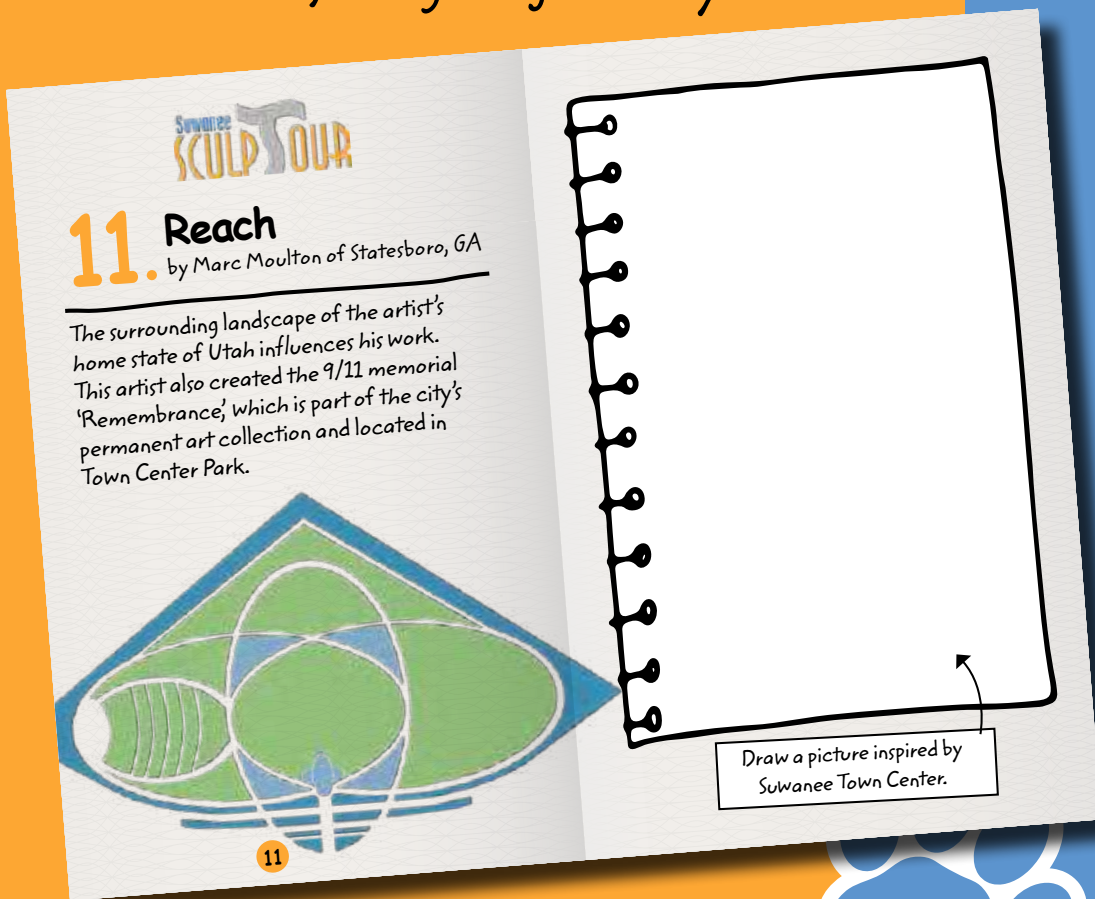
\$1.25!
MILLION!

Goal amount to be raised for public art in the new park by the Art for All campaign

36 Art pieces **visible from your car** (check out 'I Arted in the Car' at Suwanee.com for a map!)

Parker's PASSPORT

A super fun guide to the SculpTour exhibit, designed just for you!



SculpTour is the City of Suwanee's recurring temporary sculpture exhibition. While there are many pieces of art all around the city, SculpTour primarily takes place within Town Center Park.

The city currently has 14 pieces in its sixth SculpTour exhibit, including a cow and calf made out of old parts, flowers that spin in the wind, and a pair of popsicles that are taller than you! You can learn more about the pieces in SculpTour with Parker's Passport.

Named for the Suwanee's oversized canine mascot, Parker's Passport provides a tour of the art, kid-friendly information, and an activity to complete at each piece. Public art is for EVERYONE – including our youngest citizens!

fun fact!

Parker's Passport was inspired by EPCOT's Festival of the Arts passport, which offered multiple things to do in each "country" relating to the festival.

Download and print your very own
Parker's Passport

a super fun guide to the SculpTour exhibit, designed just for you! You can also stop by City Hall between 8 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday to pick one up.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Suwanee Arts Center Superhero 5K

APRIL 24 | 8:00 AM



Gwinnett Chamber Button Down Dash 5K

MAY 22 | 7:45 AM



Farmers Market – every Saturday!

APRIL | 9 AM-NOON

MAY-SEPTEMBER | 8AM-NOON

Join us in
Town Center
Park for these
**awesome
open air
events!**

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