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FEST **X** TOWN CENTER
PARK

September

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9am-7pm
Parade 9am

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PLAY

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noon-5pm

Treasure Awaits!

SuwaneeFest.com



SUWANEE FEST **X** TOWN CENTER PARK

Set Sail for Suwanee Fest!

Avast, me Hearties! Suwanee Fest returns to Town Center Park September 18 and 19, 2021! Suwanee Fest is our city's annual two-day celebration of community, and this year, we've chosen a pirate theme.

The weekend kicks off with a **parade** down Main Street featuring police cars, floats created by community members, and more. Prizes are awarded each year to floats and participants in a variety of categories.

The parade ends in Town Center Park where nearly 200 **vendors and exhibitors** offer a variety of hand-crafted items and delicious delights. Festival exhibitors include artists, craftspeople, and yummy food vendors.

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 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** - a.k.a., Pirate's Cove - as well as traditional rides and inflatables available in several areas of the park.

ARRRR you
coming to
Suwanee Fest?!



Suwanee Fest Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8am - 8pm X Free shuttle
to/from offsite parking

9am X Parade

10am - 7pm

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

10:30am

Free on-stage entertainment begins

5:30pm X Headliner:
Rubiks Groove

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11:30am - 7pm X Free shuttle
to/from offsite parking

Noon - 5pm

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

4pm X Featured Band:
November Blue

AVAST, ME HEARTIES!



Saturday, September 18 9:00 am

MAIN STREET SUWANEЕ

Ahoy, mateys! The annual Suwanee Fest Parade will roll through the streets of downtown this year on Saturday, September 18! 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.

You're invited to seek ye treasure in the 2021 Suwanee Fest Parade! Get your group together, decorate a float/boat, dress up, and/or prepare a 60 second performance for your chance to win a prize. Cash prizes are available for best use of theme, most entertaining, best costumes and other categories. Register as SuwaneeFest.com!




Parade



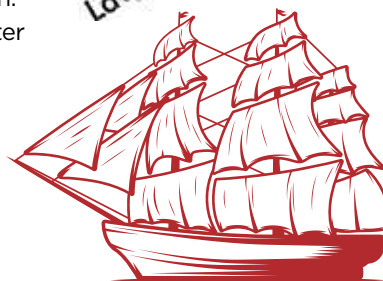
2021 Suwanee Fest Parade Grand Marshal **Scott Slade**

Scott Slade is well known as the host of Atlanta's Morning News on WSB AM and FM. He is a two-time winner of the

National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Award as Best Radio Personality in America in both major and large market categories, and also has two Emmy wins.

A Griffin, Georgia native, Slade began his radio career in high school. He joined WSB in 1984 and has been a helicopter traffic reporter, producer, and has host of *Atlanta's Morning News* since 1991, which won the national Edward R. Murrow Award as Best Radio Newscast in the nation. Scott initiated the WSB Radio Care-a-Thon for the AFLAC Cancer Center in 2000, raising over six million dollars to fight children's cancer and blood disorders.

Slade is a graduate of Georgia State University, a commercial airplane and helicopter pilot, and enjoys hiking, playing jazz saxophone, and horseback riding. He is a resident of Suwanee, as well as a former Suwanee Planning Commissioner.



SHIVER ME TIMBERS!



**SUWANEE
FEST *2021**



Saturday
September 18



**All Stars
Performing
Arts Academy**
*** 10:30am**

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.



Catherine Wynder * 11:30am

A graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, pop violinist Catherine Wynder is an accomplished musician who calls Suwanee home. She has performed at venues such as Carnegie Hall, Nike SoHo, Park Avenue Armory, the Renwick Gallery, and the Huthmaker Violins front porch during the 2021 Summer Porch Jam.



**Pirate
Shenanigans!**
*** 12:30pm**



Headliner

Rubiks Groove * 5:30pm

Rubiks Groove is the premier "outside the box" 80s and 90s party band. This high-energy, character-driven act will take you back to the best era of music with a complete interactive experience of live music from rock to hip hop, iconic characters, costumes, and videos!



**Manga
African Dance**
*** 1:30pm**

Founded in 1990, Manga African Dance's mission is to preserve, present, and teach indigenous African cultural arts through dance, drums, fashion, drama, songs, crafts, and more. Manga performed at the 1996 Olympics, has partnered with the Woodruff Arts Center, and taught at schools throughout Atlanta with special attention to underserved communities.

Midnite Cruzer * 2:30pm

Midnite Cruzer has been rocking Atlanta and keeping dance floors full since 2009! A classic rock band with a southern kick, Midnite Cruzer plays the best of the 60s, 70s, and 80s - everything from AC/DC to ZZ Top, Johnny Rivers to Merle Haggard, Garth Brooks to Tommy Tutone!



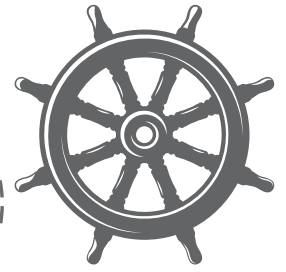
Distinct Grace * 4:00pm

Distinct Grace is a southern rock band that was formed when two Air Force veterans decided to raise money for struggling veteran non-profit organizations. The band has raised over \$50,000 for charities such as Operation 300, American Widow Project, and Veterans Heart GA, and have recently partnered with When Everyone Survives.

GATHER YER CREW!



Sunday September 19



Brodie Mullin ✖ 1:45pm

A student at North Gwinnett High School, Brodie Mullin is a triple threat who sings, dances, and acts. He is a cast member of educational web series *Winning Feathers*, competes on a hip hop dance team that won first place at the Kids Got Talent Showcase, and has three songs streaming on all platforms. His original song, *Warrior*, recently won Song of the Year at the Atlanta Kidz Choice Awardz.



CTB Dance ✖ Noon

Located in Duluth, "Catch the Beat" Dance Academy (CTB) is a new dance studio offering classes for all ages, styles, and levels. Instructors are well-educated in the art of dance, as well as experienced performers and choreographers.



North Gwinnett Middle School Guitar Ensemble

✖ 12:30pm

Enjoy tunes from talented middle school guitarists! Music is an integral part of North Gwinnett's well-rounded educational

program. It has a long record for building self-discipline and integrity, and providing unique opportunities for self-expression and creativity.



Haniel De Ocampo ✖ 1:15pm

Musician Haniel De Campo has been performing since she was five years old, and recently won first place at North Gwinnett Middle School's "North's Got Talent" contest. She plays the piano, ukulele, and the violin. Haniel is a member of the NGMS Drama Club and was a member of the Riverside Elementary Drama Club for two years prior.



Eric & Misty ✖ 2:30pm

Acoustic duo Eric & Misty met in 2016 as worship leaders and soon realized that together their harmonies were magical. (The music wasn't the only magic happening

- they also got married!) The couple has made a career performing across the Atlanta area and beyond. Eric & Misty perform a variety of songs, from Chris Stapleton to John Legend and from Britney Spears to Radiohead and aim to reach everyone with their love of music.



Featured Band

November Blue ✖ 4:00pm

November Blue is a six-piece country rock band out of Nashville. After releasing their self-titled debut album in 2017, the band expanded in order to explore larger sounds, allowing November Blue to play larger venues and inspiring three more albums. Produced by Grammy Award-winning producer Michael Omartian, their newest release was influenced by the Allman Brothers, Crosby Stills & Nash, and the Avett Brothers. You might remember them as the headliner for the 2021 Summer Porch Jam!



Whatever floats your boat,



Suwannee Fest has **Something** for **everyone!**



Simply Kait ✖ Booth B31

Love the look of big, fun, statement earrings, but maybe don't want your earlobes to throb for days after wearing them? Have we got a vendor for you! Simply Kait hand creates lightweight and durable polymer clay jewelry on hypoallergenic findings (meaning your earlobes won't throb from infection either). Artist Kaitlyn Stewart began experimenting with polymer clay to help relieve the stress that comes from her day job as a Suwannee Police crime analyst! Lucky for us she fell in love with the process.

A New Chapter Art ✖ Booth R03

The perfect custom gift for the bookworm in your life! Artist Dana Durwin transforms previously loved books into art one story at a time. The process begins by carefully selecting books with interesting colors and titles from local library book sales and thrift stores. Each book art sculpture is then designed by drawing inspiration from the title and hand cutting each piece using a scroll saw. Each finished book is a unique piece of literary art - literally!



Suga's Pimento Cheeses ✖ Booth R14

Stacey West, a.k.a. "Chef Suga," says that pimento cheese is the caviar of the south, and *we are here for it!* Suga's Pimento Cheeses come in 12 gourmet flavors ranging from subtle to mild to south-of-the-border hot, but *always* mouth-wateringly delicious! Chef Suga's pairs limitless imagination and creativity with her culinary background and local, farm fresh peppers and real spiced cheeses to create incredibly unique flavors. She also makes pimento cheese cookies, cornbread, flat bread pizzas, and all things pimento cheese.

GET YER BOOTY!

Treebok Pets ✖ Booth Y17

Have a great photo of your beloved pet? Then you can also have a GORGEOUS hand-drawn portrait of your beloved furry (or feathery) friend! Lifelong artist Reebok Brown was inspired to draw her own dog, Finn, after seeing him stare out the window at swaying trees during Hurricane Irma. Reebok draws custom charcoal portraits of pets of all shapes and sizes - she's so good that the portraits often look better than the photograph!



The Retro Flamingo ✖ Booth G03 & G04

Cool products AND cool name alert! The Retro Flamingo creates floral crowns, cat ears, mermaid crowns, fairy wands, unicorn headbands, coordinating accessories, and more! The light-up crowns are PERFECT to wear to the Saturday evening concert. Best of all, the crowns are totally adjustable, so they fit kids and parents. They even have special crowns for pets!



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.

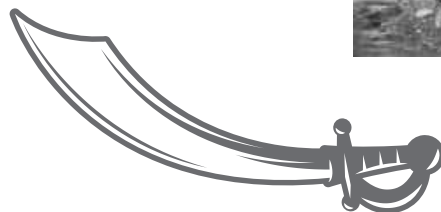


Gym Babe Apparel ✖ Booth B32

Creating clothing equally appropriate for working out in and announcing on social media that you work out! Gym Babe Apparel stocks racerback tanks, t-shirts, crop tops, hoodies, and accessories with all of those cute Insta-worthy sayings ("Hiding from my kids is my cardio," "Planks then Drinks," "Everything Hurts and I'm Dying"). If you are, or know of, a "Muscles then Mimosas" kinda girl, this vendor is for you.


Anne Bradham Fine Art ✖ Booth R02

Watercolorist and printmaker Anne Bradham is a longtime Suwanee Fest favorite, and winner of Best in Show 2019, as well as a Suwanee Arts Center show winner. Anne creates original watercolor fine art paintings of landscapes, cityscapes, temples, still life, and more, as well as custom commissioned artwork. A lifelong artist, Anne traveled the world with her father, an art dealer, and studied at the Corcoran School of Art, the National Museum of American Art, and Brigham Young University.



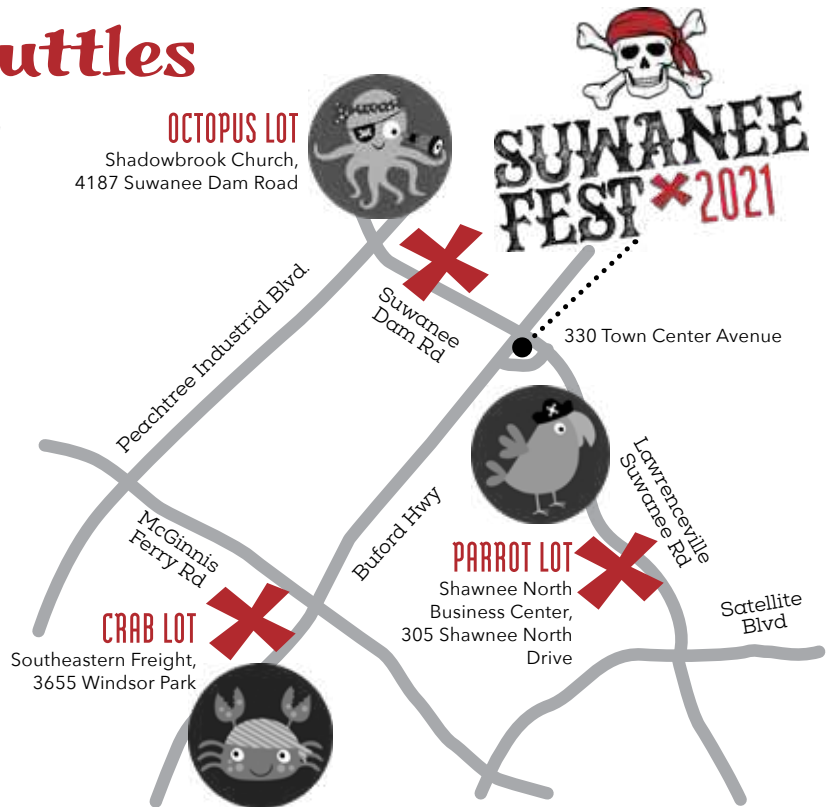
Parking & Shuttles

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:

• **Octopus Lot** 
Shadowbrook Church
4187 Suwanee Dam Road
*This lot features wheelchair-accessible shuttles.

• **Parrot Lot**
Shawnee North Business Center
305 Shawnee North Drive
at Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road

• **Crab 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



Saturday, September 18
10am - 7pm

Sunday, September 19
Noon - 5pm

Yo-ho-ho, young seafarers! Join us in Pirate's Cove for some swashbuckling fun! Located on the west side of Town Center Avenue, Pirate's Cove is an area dedicated to our younger Suwanee Fest visitors.

Try a series of obstacles that will test your sea legs and challenge your pirate skills. Those who successfully complete the challenges might find themselves recruited for adventure on the high seas!

Other Family Fun Zone activities include:

- Swashbucklin' photo booth
- Caricature artists
- Balloon artist
- Roaming pirate performers
- A living statue!

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.

Saturday, September 18

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

Sunday, September 19

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

YO HO HO, A SUWANEE LIFE FOR ME!

Congratulations!

The City of Suwanee's 2020 annual report keeps racking up the hardware! *How the Covid DIDN'T Steal 2020* was recently awarded an International Gold Award from GOV Design Awards and was named NYX Marcom Awards Grand Winner in the Annual Report Design & Print category. You can download a copy of the annual report at Suwanee.com or pick one up at city hall Monday-Friday from 8 am-5 pm.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER 21

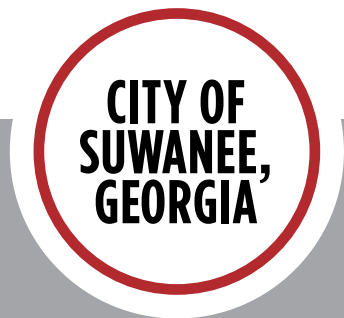
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| 4 | Farmers Market | 8:00 am |
| 4 | First Believe You Can Walkathon | 1:00 pm |
| 6 | City Hall CLOSED | |
| 7 | Planning Commission | 6:30 pm |
| 8 | Public Art Commission | 6:00 pm |
| 11 | Farmers Market | 8:00 am |
| 11 | 9/11 Remembrance | 6:00 pm |
| 13 | Suwanee Fest Committee Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 16 | City Council Workshop | 5:30 pm |
| 18 | Suwanee Fest | 9:00 am |
| 19 | Suwanee Fest | Noon |
| 21 | Downtown Development Authority | 7:30 am |
| 21 | Zoning Board of Appeals | 6:30 pm |
| 25 | Farmers Market | 8:00 am |
| 28 | City Council Meeting | 6:30 pm |

OCTOBER 21

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| 5 | Planning Commission | 6:30 pm |
| 9 | Farmers Market | 9:00 am |
| 9 | Taste of BBQ | 10:00 am |
| 13 | Public Art Commission | 6:00 pm |
| 14 | City Council Workshop | 5:30 pm |
| 16 | Spooky Spirits 5K | 11:00 am |
| 19 | Downtown Development Authority | 7:30 am |
| 19 | Zoning Board of Appeals | 6:30 pm |
| 23 | Farmers Market | 9:00 am |
| 23 | Dinner & a BOOvie | 6:00 pm |
| 26 | City Council Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 30 | Rainbow Village Halloween Bash | 4:00 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.

From the Desk of

AMY DOHERTY

CITY OF SUWANEE EVENTS & OUTREACH MANAGER

WHY DOES SUWANEE DO EVENTS?

May 1984: Ronald Reagan is president. Wayne Gretzky leads the Edmonton Oilers to their first Stanley Cup title. People are jamming out to Prince's *When Doves Cry* and flocking to the theaters to see *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*. And the citizens of Suwanee are attending Suwanee Day for the very first time.

Suwanee Day - now known as Suwanee Fest - began nearly 40 years ago as a one-day event on an open field next to the old city hall (which is now the court building, and the empty field became a fire station which eventually became a brewery. But that's another story.) Suwanee Day spent many years on Main Street at Burnette Rogers Pavilion until the creation of its current home - and home to 40+ events annually - in Town Center Park in 2004.

The events that we host in Suwanee serve multiple purposes. They create an opportunity for the community to come together and bring a fun quality of life to the residents. Events are a promotional tool for bringing visitors to our city, who in turn visit restaurants and shops, contribute to the local economy, and helped to establish Suwanee as a city with an active downtown. Events provide opportunities to build a sense of community, showcase local and regional talent, and enrich cultural opportunities.

Suwanee's events have received many regional and local awards for their creativity and stellar execution. These events have provided memories for young and old alike as well as establishing Suwanee as a desirable and reputable event venue. While the calendar is packed with fun, we are careful to NOT book every weekend to allow for passive time in the park as well.

Over the years, Suwanee's event calendar has grown into a mix of events planned and executed by the city, as well as many events organized by private event planners but hosted at Town Center Park. We partner with media

outlets and event partners who can bring dynamic events that are cost efficient and enjoyable. Events are carefully planned to allow for a variety of activities - mostly free but occasionally ticketed - that reflect the interests of the residents within the city limits as well as the larger Gwinnett community.

One of my favorite things to tell people is that I'm in the memory-making business. Suwanee events create life-long memories for our residents, as well as an opportunity to be proud of their community. I love meeting people who grew up in Suwanee, and can point to a specific moment tied to a Suwanee event that is a fun memory of growing up in their hometown. From walking in the Suwanee Fest parade with a scout troop to performing on stage with Broadway in the Park, singing with their elementary school choir at Jolly Holly Day to Saturday mornings at the Farmers Market with their families, we want to create memories that make people long to come home.

In her 16 years of employment with the City of Suwanee, Amy Doherty has produced over 500 community events. She serves as the Events & Outreach Manager in the Economic & Community Development department.



AMY'S MOST EVENTFUL MOMENT

In my 16 years with the City of Suwanee, I have produced over 500 community events, almost all of them memorable in some way. But even when I'm 100 years old, I will still be telling the other nursing home residents about the time we did goat yoga in Town Center Park.

Goat yoga somehow became "a thing" in 2018, and we decided it would make an excellent fundraiser for public art. The first event sold out in record time, so we added a second weekend with two more sessions. It was during that second session that I learned that the change in the barometric pressure caused by thunderstorms sometimes caused pregnant goats to go into labor.

With lightning flashing and literally ankle-deep in water, I was party to the birth of twin goats, and learned that goat poop wasn't the worst thing that could be left behind. We moved the new momma, her babies, and the rest of the herd onto the stage and out of the rain to ride out the storm. Believe it or not, the second session occurred on the stage without a hitch- along with momma and the newborns!

As the goats were being herded back to the trailer post-yoga, they broke free and were wandering up and down Town Center Avenue. So in addition to being a goat

midwife, I was now also an experienced goat shepherd. I guess you could say that being in the memory-making business has given me a lifetime of memories, too! The birth of the twin goats ended up on the Associated Press wire and was featured in *The New York Times*, *People* magazine, and on national radio. It's the most national publicity any Suwanee event has ever received!



Upcoming Suwanee Events

Check Suwanee.com for more details and up-to-the-minute information.



SEPTEMBER 4 • 1:00 PM FIRST BELIEVE YOU CAN WALKATHON

This event is for anyone who is a dream chaser and believer. Live DJ, food, fun, merchandise booth, games, vendors, plus kids participate for free!



SEPTEMBER 11 • 6:00 PM 9/11 REMEMBRANCE

A solemn ceremony at the Remembrance exhibit in Town Center Park. Unveiled September 11, 2013, the display features a twisted relic from the World Trade Center, as well as a memorial that includes a timeline of the events of 9/11 and a conical sculpture with the lower Manhattan cityscape.

SEPTEMBER 18 & 19 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 9 • 10:00 AM TASTE OF BBQ

Formerly known as Alive! Festival, this family-friendly event features live music, local vendors, an artist market, family fun zone, and of course...BBQ! Taste of BBQ is a fundraiser for Project Green, a local children's non-profit.

OCTOBER 16 • 11:00 AM SPOOKY SPIRITS 5K



Why run from the spirits when you can take them with you? The Spooky Spirits 5K, presented by the team behind the award-winning Suwanee Wine Fest, offers a cocktails and costumes twist on the traditional 5K. This Peachtree Road Race qualifier is for competitive runners as well as those looking to sip and stroll with cocktail loving friends.



OCTOBER 23 • 6:00 PM DINNER AND A BOOVIE

You better boo-lieve we love Halloween! If you're a sucker for scary-tale endings, then join us for a sweet treat in the park.

Hotel Transylvania - 6:30 pm
Ghostbusters - 8:15 pm

and baby . . . Makes Three



There was an extra special reunion Saturday, August 7 as a new mother met with the Suwanee police officer who delivered her baby daughter in the parking lot of the Suwanee Police substation.

On July 9 at 6 pm, Jennifer Willingham-Lane began having contractions. She and her husband, Jason, took their son to a friend's house and headed to the hospital for the birth of their daughter. That was the plan, at least.

Along the drive to Northside Hospital, it became apparent to Jennifer that her baby was coming NOW. Michael pulled into the substation on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and asked for help. The officer at the substation immediately called for an ambulance and requested additional help.

Officer Ashley Kessler and Corporal Jeff Covert responded immediately. Covert instructed Jennifer to relax, which he "immediately realized was the wrong thing to say to a woman in labor."

After a quick assessment, Officer Kessler called for a pair of gloves and dialed the number of Kathy Trawick – her boyfriend's mother, a retired anesthesiologist. Luckily, Kathy was only busy watching the Braves game, and walked Kessler through the birth of Baby Charlotte, who made her world debut four minutes after her parents pulled into the parking lot.

"The baby was crowning upon arrival," said Kessler. "Thank goodness Kathy answered the phone! The baby didn't cry immediately, so Kathy walked me through clearing her airways."

The paramedics arrived shortly after and instructed Kessler to lay Charlotte onto Jenn's chest. They then transported mama and baby to Northside Hospital.

"I realized after they left that I didn't even know if the baby was a girl or boy!" said Kessler. "I'm pretty proud to say that I delivered a baby before my boyfriend, who is in physician assistant school."



ON THE ROAD TO CREATIVITY

Scan to watch a video interview with mural artist Corey Barksdale!



Adding to its reputation as a hub for public art, the City of Suwanee has completed installation of a mural at the intersection of Buford Highway and Town Center Avenue in the heart of downtown. The floral mural by Decatur artist Corey Barksdale is an approximately 180 feet long by 10 feet high public art mural on a brick retaining wall.

"Kevin O'Brien, the owner of the building, commented years ago that he would love to see a mural on this wall," said City of Suwanee Assistant City Manager Denise Brinson. "We envisioned a fun, vibrant, colorful design worthy of one million Instagram posts!"

The mural was funded in part by a \$10,000 grant from Explore Gwinnett's Gwinnett Creativity Fund project. The fund provided support for arts and cultural initiatives within Gwinnett County in 2021. Matching funds for the mural were provided by the Suwanee Public Arts Commission.

"Explore Gwinnett is honored to administer the Gwinnett Creativity Fund, and we look forward to seeing these unique arts projects come to fruition," says Lisa Anders, Executive Director of Explore Gwinnett.

It's a Major! award!

City Receives Top Honors for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The City of Suwanee was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

The report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Scan to view the award-winning 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in its entirety, or visit Suwanee.com.



THE EARTH WITHOUT ART IS JUST "EH"

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 over 20 artworks placed by developers on their properties, including the recent addition of three new pieces:



Cascade by Gregory Johnson
Terraces at Suwanee Gateway
451 Northolt Parkway



Sunset by Gregory Johnson
Terraces at Suwanee Gateway
451 Northolt Parkway



Close Encounter by Phil Proctor
The Maven Apartments
4255 Suwanee Dam Road

Participation is strictly voluntary, but the city has realized a 75 percent agreement rate from developers. Several have purchased pieces from SculpTour – Suwanee's recurring public art exhibit – in response to the city's request to include public art in their projects.

For more information on the City of Suwanee's public art initiative, visit Suwanee.com or scan here.



LET'S MAKE
BEAUTIFUL

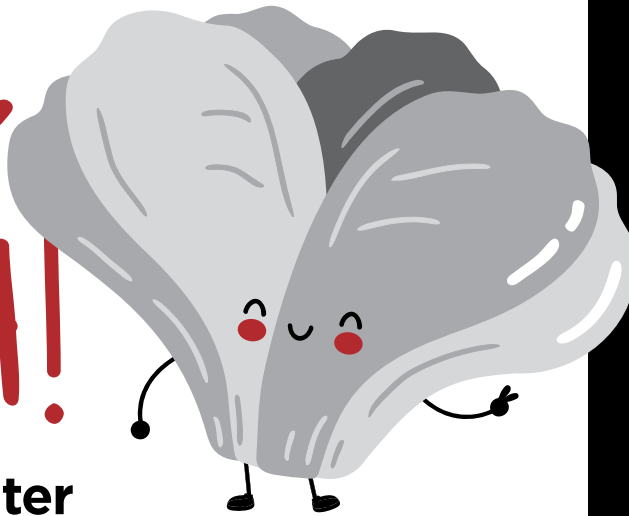
Music together!

As part of its public art program, the City of Suwanee has installed a street piano in Town Center Park. The temporary interactive public art experience is located on the Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road portion of the park, in the area where the Farmers Market is located on Saturday mornings.

Donated by the Masino family, the new piano was beautifully painted by artists Kathy de Cano, Meg Evans, and Shirley Shepherd, who are members of the Suwanee Arts Center. This is the second temporary piano installed in this space. Suwanee's street piano project is inspired by British artist Luke Jerram's *Play Me, I'm Yours* program, through which more than 1,450 pianos have been installed in public places in 46 cities across the globe.



KALE
YEAH!



Suwanee Winter Farmers Market Returns

The beginning of the first sentence fell off: 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 two Saturdays each 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.

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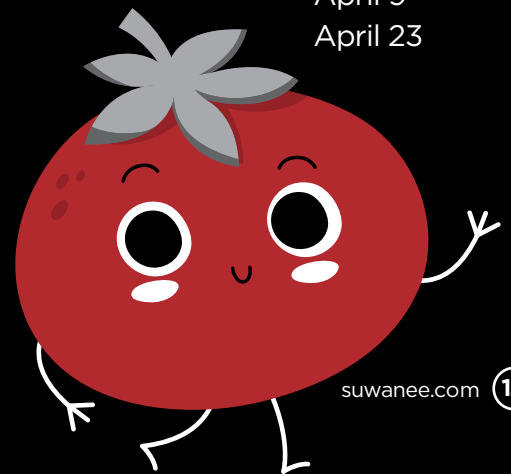
9 am – 11 am
Town Center Park

2021

October 9
October 23
November 13
November 20
December 11
December 18

2022

January 15
January 29
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March 12
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MAYOR JIMMY BURNETTE Inducted into Hall of Fame

Suwanee Mayor Jimmy Burnette was inducted into the Georgia Municipal Government Hall of Fame during the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Annual Convention in August. The Hall of Fame recognizes city officials who have made extraordinary contributions to the cities they serve and have exhibited strong support of GMA.

Burnette has served Suwanee as mayor for ten years, and previously served as a councilmember for 16 years. Burnette learned about public service from his father, who was a 32-year Suwanee city council member. Mayor Burnette represents Suwanee on the Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful board, as a delegation member for the Gwinnett Chamber's Strategic Leadership Visits, and is a regular volunteer in local schools.

An active leader not only in his city, Burnette works tirelessly on the county and state levels and has served on multiple Georgia Municipal Association boards. He has completed 291 hours of training through the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute and earned the Certificate of Dedication, the institute's highest certificate level.

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Over the years I've worked with over 20 city council members and four mayors, and we've been able to achieve a lot during that time because we've worked together, had a common vision, and shared goals. I always say that with that, you can't fail.

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