

is eight miles from Washington. Once the Tories left Augusta, the government moved back first to Augusta, then even met some in Savannah. But in 1798 Louisville was designated as the capitol, moving westward with the people. Eventually, in 1807 Milledgeville became the capitol, before it was finally moved to Atlanta in 1847.” Whew! Thanks, Skeet for that short history of Georgia capitols!

Meanwhile, Luciana Spracher, the archivist in Savannah, says that after settlement in 1733, Savannah government was British-run, of course. After the Revolution, the area was first run as a county government. But in 1787, the first city government was known as the Board of Wardens. Savannah got its charter as a city in 1789. Thus, Washington has the distinction as the first city chartered by the State of Georgia.

One more tidbit: Augusta was settled two years after Savannah, 1735. It did not get a charter as a city government until 1798. But recently the Richmond County and Augusta city government consolidated, so today its charter is from 1996.

- To see the charter dates of all cities in Georgia, [click here](#).
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UPCOMING

Gwinnett Place CID works to expand boundaries during 2017

The Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (GPCID), a self-taxing district that uses additional property taxes to accelerate infrastructure improvements, security enhancements and economic developments in the Gwinnett Place area, is planning a 2017 district boundary expansion.



The goal of the boundary expansion campaign is to enhance the ability of GPCID to fund extra improvement projects and engage more property owners to participate in the overall redevelopment efforts of the greater Gwinnett Place area.

The additional revenue from this year's expansion could create new projects. They might include, intersection improvements, additional placement of streetlights throughout the area, transit improvements and further pedestrian enhancements.

While the GPCID creates new projects, studies and plans for 2017, it will also continue to provide daily security patrols in the district, continue to clean-up and beautify the area, and provide tax increment financing for redevelopment projects. This will mark the fifth year of expanding the district.

SCORE experts offer business start-up basics on Dec. 8

Are you interested in starting a business? Get the help you need with SCORE experts. This “Start-up Basics” class will focus on the concept of testing your business idea, identifying the key factors that influence start-up success, and provide you with an overview of the skills and tools you need when deciding to start a business.

Gwinnett County Public Library, in partnership with SCORE, is offering this free class on Simple Steps: Start-up Basics at our Suwanee Branch, 361 Main St, Suwanee, on December 8 at 6 p.m. For more information, please visit www.gwinnettpl.org or call [770-978-5154](tel:770-978-5154).

Duluth asks for participation in Citizens’ Budget Review Committee



The City of Duluth will begin its sixth collaboration with the Citizen’s Budget Review Advisory Committee on March 8, for the FY2018 budget. Past Citizen’s Budget Review Advisory Committees reflected a great cross section of the citizenry and provided helpful feedback and recommendations. Meetings will take place in the City Hall Community Room between 6 and 8 p.m..

The first (March 8) meeting establishes an overview of the City’s budget process and what the Budget Committee’s role will be in the process. All Budget Committee participants will be given the City’s current operating budget (FY2017) and ten (10) year forecast presentation. They are asked to study the material and be ready to discuss them at the next meeting. Other meetings will follow on March 15, 22 and 29.

The recommendations of the Citizen’s Budget Review Advisory Committee will be presented to the City Council on April 10. For additional information or if you would like to be a part of this committee contact, Kim Jackson at kjackson@duluthga.net or [770-497-5321](tel:770-497-5321).

NOTABLE

Gwinnett Tech librarian is a winner of “Love My Librarian Award”

Elissa Checov, manager of library services at Gwinnett Technical College/Gwinnett County Public Library in Lawrenceville, was named a winner of the “I Love My Librarian Award.” Checov is being recognized for her exceptional contributions to the community and ongoing commitment to transforming lives through education and lifelong learning. She is one of only 10 librarians in the country this year to receive this national honor.

