



Gwinnett Village

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Mission Statement

To increase property values, promote business development, and improve the quality of life for all those who live, work and play in the Village.



Board Spotlight: Lisa Reeves

Lisa Reeves, the newest CID board member, is no newcomer to Gwinnett. She lived in Norcross as a child and went to Lilburn Elementary School before moving to California, where she started her career in commercial real estate.

Fortunately for Gwinnett Village, though, she came back to her roots!

Lisa is now Chief Operating Officer for NDI Development, a company that manages 1.5 million square feet of retail and office space throughout the state, including several projects within the CID. And, she fondly reminisces on her days growing up in the area: "I remember riding my bike around the neighborhood and playing with the other kids until dark. I miss being outside and interacting with friends and neighbors."

Encouraging a return of this old-fashioned "outdoor interaction" is one of the goals of Gwinnett Village's sidewalks program. In addition to increasing mobility and encouraging exercise, it allows people to get an up-close view of the CID's landscaping efforts.

"Our tenants tell me how much they love the beautiful plantings we've done," said Lisa, who also serves on the board of the Lilburn CID. "And, they are especially interested in seeing how the new Jimmy Carter (Diverging Diamond) interchange will reduce congestion."

"At NDI, we are excited about it too - making it easier for customers to get to our tenants will make them more successful - and their success is our success." Reducing congestion and increasing business within the CID is especially important for Lisa's company, which has chosen Gwinnett Village as the location for 40% of its planned future projects!

Gwinnett Village's Economic Resurgence

Many of us have felt the pains associated with a lagging economy. As an organization that works directly with commercial real estate owners and brokers, the CID can attest to the fact that many have been hit hard by the recent recession. For that reason it gives us great pleasure to talk about some of the recent successes in the area.

The CID welcomes some of its newest businesses and congratulates some of its established organizations on their recent expansions.

- In June, Governor Deal announced that **Hyundai Construction Equipment** had selected a site in Norcross for its Americas headquarters. The move will create roughly 100 jobs over the next five years and represents over \$10 million in initial investment.

- **Bagcraft Papercon** celebrated its grand opening in a facility off Best Friend Road. The Chicago-based food packaging firm brings 196 jobs to Gwinnett and has already made more than \$7 million in capital investments.

- **HD Supply** recently expanded its operations off of North Norcross Tucker Road. The company leased an additional 120,000 square feet to expand its total footprint to 500,000 square feet.

- **ACityDiscount** relocated to a 60,000-square-foot building on Dawson Boulevard in May. The company has been a leader in new and used restaurant equipment sales for years. As ACityDiscount continued to grow, a larger facility was needed. We are happy to welcome them to the CID community and look forward to playing a role in their continued success.

- **Qualtex Laboratories** celebrated the grand opening of its expanded Gwinnett operations in April. The San Antonio-based blood-testing lab brings with it more than 100 high-wage, high-skilled positions. The firm plans to invest almost \$12 million over their first five years at the new location.



Bagcraft Papercon Grand Opening

