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## **Downtown Development Authority Announces Brewery and Taproom at Suwanee Town Center**

The Suwanee Downtown Development Authority is proud to announce a new partnership that will bring the City of Suwanee its first brewery and taproom. StillFire Brewing, a 20-barrel brewery and taproom, is set to begin construction this May near Town Center Park.

The co-founders – which include the owners of *Suwanee Magazine*, Suwanee Beer Fest, Gwinnett Beer Fest, and Suwanee Wine Fest – plan to convert the soon-to-be-vacated Gwinnett County Fire Station 13 into a high-end industrial-style taproom that will feature an always-changing selection of 18 original craft beers on tap.

“Every year at the beer fest, people tell me that it is their favorite day of the year, and it became obvious to us that the community with the largest craft beer fest in Georgia needed a year-round craft brewing experience,” said co-founder Randall Veugeler.

An outdoor patio and an adjoining city-owned green space will allow customers to bring their children and dogs to play cornhole and other games and enjoy live music, as well as snacks from on-site food trucks. StillFire will also offer space for events and brewery tours.

“StillFire will be owned and operated by people who genuinely love the Suwanee area. We live here. Our friends live here. Our kids go to school here,” said Veugeler. “We want to build a place Suwanee can be proud of. This is our thank you to the community we love and are proud to call home.”

The lease agreement for Fire Station 13 between Gwinnett County and the Downtown Development Authority is set to expire in mid-April 2019. Gwinnett County plans to relocate the fire station to recently acquired property on Buford Highway near Westbrook Road. Fire Station 13 personnel will continue serving the Suwanee area out of existing surrounding stations until the new facility is completed.

“The Stillfire Brewing team is making a significant investment in our community to provide for a high-quality patron experience built around an appreciation for homegrown craft brews,” commented City of Suwanee Downtown & Business Development Manager Adam Edge. “This project will add to the energy and vibrancy that currently exists in our downtown. It’s been especially great working with a team of locals who know and understand our community and vision.”

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