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South Fulton Plans Events for National Entrepreneurship Week

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – February 12, 2020) – The City of South Fulton will open its first Main Street office and its new CollabSouth business resource center as it celebrates National Entrepreneurship Week during Feb. 17-22.

City officials plan a joint groundbreaking Wednesday for both offices, which represent a major step forward for the city's economic development efforts.

“We’re excited about the impact our Main Street program will have on our city’s commercial districts,” said Mayor William “Bill” Edwards. “As we revitalize these areas and help our existing businesses, we will lend a hand to those dreaming of owning their own companies. Through this process, we will encourage a healthy balance of established firms and small businesses.”

The Old National Main Street office will house a welcome center and tourism manager. Located in the same building in Old National Village, CollabSouth will provide office space and resources for entrepreneurs starting their own businesses. The city plans to open a second Main Street office in the Red Oak district in March.

“It’s perfect timing that we unveil CollabSouth during National Entrepreneurship Week as the center will provide a significant boost to the next generation of South Fulton business owners.” said Christopher Pike, the city’s economic development director.

National Entrepreneurship Week kicks off with a shop local day where residents are encouraged to support businesses in the city. Pike said that shoppers can send photos of their activity to #COSFShopLocal for a chance to win a special prize.

On Tuesday, city officials plan to hold a 10 a.m. press conference at City Hall to discuss a strengthened focus on economic development and public safety. Other events scheduled for the week include the 18th Annual Metro Development Outlook Conference from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Georgia International Conference Center and a franchise seminar Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Fulton Tennis Center.

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National Entrepreneurship Week

City of South Fulton

Monday, February 17, 2020

Shop local in Destination South Fulton

Tag #COSFShopLocal for a special prize

Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 10 a.m.

A Focus on Economic Development & Public Safety

Mayor William "Bill" Edwards, Economic Development Director Christopher Pike,

Police Chief Keith Meadows

City Hall - City of South Fulton

5440 Fulton Industrial Blvd. SW

Atlanta, GA 30336

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 10 a.m.

CollabSouth and Old National Main Street Office Groundbreaking

6385 Old National Highway,

College Park, GA 30349

RSVP: [EW2020.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ew2020)

Thursday, February 20, 2020, 7 a.m.

18th Annual South Metro Development Outlook Conference

Georgia International Convention Center (GICC)

2000 Convention Center Concourse, Atlanta, GA 30337

Tickets: [smdoconference.com](https://www.smdoconference.com)

Saturday, February 22, 2020, 10 a.m.

2020 Franchise Seminar

South Fulton Tennis Center

5645 Mason Road

College Park, GA 30349

RSVP: [EW2020.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ew2020)