November 20 - December 4, 2024

INSIDE SANDY SPRINGS



PUBLIC MEETINGS



Public Meeting City Council Meeting Tuesday, December 17



VIEW EVENT

Public Meeting Planning Commission Meeting Wednesday, December 18

FVFNTS



Public Meeting City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 7



Public Meeting Board of Appeals Meeting Wednesday, January 8



COMMUNITY

City Event Lights at City Springs November 29 - January 5



City Event Sparkle Sandy Springs Sunday, December 8



City Event MLK Art and Film Celebration Monday, January 20



City Event Lantern Parade Saturday, April 5

TICKETED EVENTS



City Springs Event Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas in Vienna Thursday, December 19



City Springs Event New Years Eve with the Atlanta Orchestra Tuesday, December 31



City Springs Event Ringing in the New/Afterparty Tuesday, December 31



City Springs Event **Mike Super** *Saturday, January 18*

SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY

HAPPENINGS IN SANDY SPRINGS



Sandy Springs Police Department's K9 Biko has received donation of body armor

Sandy Springs Police Department K9 Biko has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Biko's vest was sponsored by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. and embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of Kathy W. Coldewey".

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.



Sandy Springs Sparkle Village - Police Department and Fire Department

'Tis the season for some friendly competition! This year, it is a showdown between 26 houses, including houses created by both the Sandy Springs Police Department and the Sandy Springs Fire Department. <u>Cast your vote</u> for your favorite Sparkle House!

SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire units responded to the following reported incidents:

- A reported structure fire in the 600 block of River Chase Point. Upon arrival, personnel conducted an inspection around the perimeter of the residence before being directed to a closet fire in the basement. The fire was extinguished. Salvage and overhaul operations were performed. No extensions or further hazards were found.
- A reported structure fire in the 2700 block of Sandalwood Drive. Upon arrival, personnel found a two-story multifamily structure with no visible signs of smoke or fire from the exterior. The resident informed personnel of a fire in the bathroom fan, which they had attempted to extinguish with a fire extinguisher. Upon investigation, personnel observed light smoke and smoldering around the bathroom fan. Overhaul operations were performed, revealing small hotspots of fire, which were extinguished. The breaker to the bathroom was secured, and ventilation was performed.
- A reported vehicle fire at I-285 Westbound at Roswell Road. Upon arrival, personnel found a single vehicle that had crashed into the median wall. SSPD was on the scene and had already extinguished a small fire inside the passenger compartment. The vehicle had one occupant, who was declared deceased upon arrival. No active vehicle fire was found during inspection. The Fire Marshal's Office was contacted to conduct an investigation. The scene was turned over to the SSPD. Personnel remained on the scene for an extended time to assist with traffic control.
- A reported motor vehicle accident in the 6300 block of Powers Ferry Road. Upon arrival, personnel found a dump truck overturned. No smoke, fire, or fuel leaks were observed. The occupant had been extricated by a bystander prior to personnel's arrival. Personnel assisted AMR with patient care and the initial assessment. AMR handled further evaluation, treatment, and transport.
- A reported motor vehicle accident at Roswell Road and Old Windsor Parkway. Upon arrival, personnel found two vehicles involved in an accident, with one vehicle overturned with an entrapment. The overturned vehicle was stabilized, and the patient was safely extricated. AMR handled patient care.
- A reported gas leak in the 1100 block of Hammond Drive. Upon arrival at a six-story multifamily structure, personnel were informed of a strong odor of gas on the second floor. No gas was detected on the second floor; however, upon further investigation, gas was found near the grill area by the pool. The gas supply to the grill area was secured.
- A reported unauthorized burning in the 6000 block of Riverside Drive. Upon arrival, personnel found an illegal controlled burn of building materials and trash in the backyard. The fire was extinguished, and the Fire Marshal's Office was notified. Occupants were also informed of the City's open burning ordinance.
- A reported gas leak in the 4900 block of Roswell Road. Upon arrival, personnel observed a vehicle actively leaking gasoline. Absorbent material was applied to contain the leaking fuel. SSPD arrived on the scene and attempted to contact the vehicle owner. The vehicle still had dealer tags, which hindered their ability to identify the owner. A note was left on the vehicle. No further hazards were found.
- A reported gas leak in the 100 block of Morgans Landing Drive. Upon arrival, personnel were advised of an odor gas that appeared to be coming from the stove. Upon investigation, a damaged burner was found on the gas stovetop. The gas line to the stove was secured, and ventilation was conducted.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS - POLICE DEPARTMENT

• The VIP and COP units reported 259 total volunteer hours. The COP hours composed of 18 patrol shifts patrolling a total of 833 miles. Additionally, the COP units conducted 19 house checks, 175 business checks, issued 17 handicap parking citations, handled 8 private property motor vehicle accidents, and assisted officers on 14 traffic related incidents.

PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TSPLOST, AND TRANSPORTATION

What's happening in Sandy Springs

T2305 High Point Road Pedestrian Crossing

Construction is nearing completion for this project which will provide enhanced safety for pedestrians crossing the roadway in this active area near the Congregation Beth Tefillah/Chabad of Georgia. The project includes approximately 60 feet of sidewalk on the west side of the High Point Road to connect to Forrest Hills Drive. It also includes lighting, ADA ramps and rectangular rapid flashing beacons on both sides of the road that will use both push buttons and a passive video detection system to alert the signal to activate when a pedestrian approaches. Power service will be connected and crosswalk striping added for the signal to be activated in January.







Current Projects Throughout the City

Project TS-192 Mt. Vernon Highway Corridor Improvements

Work is progressing on both retaining wall installation and utility relocations to advance the project.

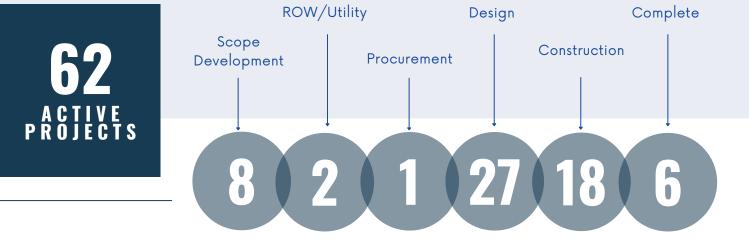
Two-Week Lookahead

Project TS-191 and Spruill Lane

Construction efforts are progressing on Project TS-191, the Roswell Road/Johnson Ferry/Mt. Vernon Highway Intersection Improvement with the new connector roadway, Spruill Lane, planned to be opened on/about December 18, 2024. Temporary traffic signal systems are currently being installed to open the new roadway to traffic while much of the site remains under construction. Pedestrian walks are also being completed in the vicinity of the Public Library.

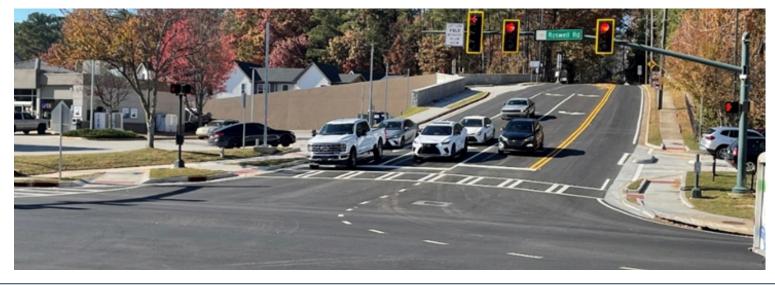


Project Summary



Project TS108 Roswell Road at Dalrymple Road Intersection Improvement

Final punch list work is nearly complete with handrail and fencing scheduled to be installed over the next two weeks.



Sidewalk Cleaning Program

Each year the City seeks bids for our sidewalk cleaning program. Last fiscal year, we cleaned 27 miles of sidewalk and this fiscal year we plan to clean just over 20 miles of sidewalks throughout the City. The Invitation to Bid is currently advertised being by our Purchasing Department with bids due on December 23rd.



City Council Meeting Recap

Items below were discussed or voted on during the December 3, 2024 City Council Work Work Session or Regular Meeting. All items and full presentations can be found on the Public Meeting website <u>HERE.</u>

TSPLOST-29021 Project Funding Update

An ordinance was approved by Mayor and Council to formally adjust budgets for two TSPLOST Projects, accepting additional federal funds made available to the City to further the projects. \$960,000 in federal funds (with \$240,000 local match required) have been allocated to support design work on Project S2105, Roswell Road North Boulevard. \$800,000 in federal funds (with \$200,000 local match required) have been allocated to provide Construction Engineering and Inspection support to Project S2121, SR 400 Multi-Use Trail.

Donation of a Surplus Mobile Air Trailer to Jones County Fire Rescue

Council approved the donation of a surplus 2017 Mobile Breathing Air Trailer to the Jones County Department of Fire Rescue

Bitcoin ATMs

City Council approved an Ordinance amending Subpart A (General Ordinances), Chapter 26 (Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Provisions) of the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances to create preventative regulations related to currency and cryptocurrencies distributed via automated teller machines at non-state banking commission licensed locations



Appeal of Administrative Decisions to the City Board of Appeals

City Council approve an Ordinance to amend and repeal certain sections of the City of Sandy Springs (the "City") Code of Ordinances related to the allowance of appeals of administrative decisions to the City's Board of Appeals

RECREATION AND PARKS Current Projects Throughout the City

Crooked Creek Park Improvements

A 250' length of boardwalk is being installed on one of the historically wet areas along the trail. Half the helical piers that serve as support for the boardwalk are installed. Pier installation continues with framing to follow. The section is a part of the National Park Service's Holcomb Bridge Unit. The City co-maintains the trail with the National Park Service.

Springway Trail

To date, 3,420' of railing for the boardwalk has been installed and materials have been fabricated for the remaining trail section along Monterey Parkway near the bridge. Handrail installation from the spillway on the west side of Orkin Lake is in progress.

Work plan for the week of December 9

Continue south side railing installation at the boardwalk.

Work plan for the week of December 16

Continue south side railing installation at the boardwalk.







Upcoming Programs

<u>Holiday Hoops Challenge</u> – 2 on 2 tournament challenge at Sandy Springs Middle School for 6th-8th graders. December 6th, 5-9pm.

Tai Chi classes are offered every Wednesday and Friday morning at 9:30 am.

<u>Fit4Moms</u> meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am offering prenatal and postnatal workouts.

<u>Kids' Yogaland hosts Young Yogi</u> (age 6-9) on the City Green every Tuesday at 4:30 pm, <u>Tween Yogi (ages 9-12) on the City Green every Tuesday at 5:30 pm,</u> <u>and Parent and Me Yoga (age 2-6) every Saturday at Morgan Falls Overlook</u> Park at 10 am.

<u>AM Crush Hour</u> Free fitness class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6:30 AM on City Green.

<u>Paint Like Bob Ross</u> – Complete a Bob Ross painting in just one class—even if you've never painted before! That's the magic of the techniques used by Bob Ross in his popular TV series, the Joy of Painting[®].

Dog Park Improvement Project

Excavation and rock removal is complete, creating a drainage channel over a 500 LF length behind the dog park. Stabilization and drainage stone installation in the new channel is 50% complete. Use of a geogrid, honeycomb-like material to stabilize the slope above the large dog area has been installed. Trees will be installed at this location. Fabric and stone installation through the balance of the project area at the south end of the dog park is in progress. The dog park has reopened.

Old Riverside Park Development

The primary focus has been on the tree preservation plan, finalizing landscaping and minor adjustments to stormwater management plans. Construction documents are nearing completion. Internal review of the permit set is in progress. Playground designers are being evaluated. Trail proposal realignment to maximize ease of access through the local steep terrain is being evaluated.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND Environmental stewardship

- Staff hosted a 4-H volunteer group at Lost Corner. 4-H is a network of youth organizations whose mission is "engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development". Fifty plus youth volunteers accomplished the following:
 - Pulled invasive vegetation, including privet and silt grass along the 24 acres of walking trails
 - Spread mulch in designated areas
 - Cleaned and organized the greenhouse

STORMWATER PROJECT SUMMARY

17 A FULL LIST OF STORMWATER PROJECTS ALONG WITH UPDATES CAN BE FOUND HERE: 5 Design and Technical Review Construction Scope Development Procurement Inspection 2 4 4 6 1

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND SIGNATURE EVENTS

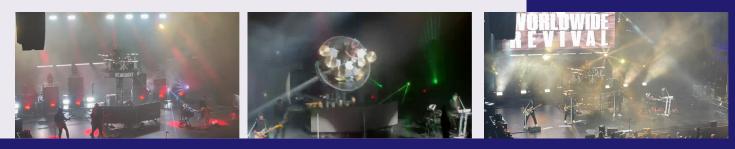
THE NUTCRACKER

Roswell Dance Theatre opened this year's Nutcracker performances on November 29th. Running until December 8th, with a total of 10 shows, they are bringing this classic to more than 8,000 guests.



THE NEWSBOYS

The Newsboys brought their Christian Rock revival show to Byers Theatre on November 23rd, treating the audience to some theatrical magic by raising the rocking drummer into the air.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND SHOWS







SKATE CITY SPRINGS

Whether you glide gracefully or bumble and tumble, the holidays are always more fun on ice! Skate to holiday music, warm up with hot cocoa, and make memories at Skate City Springs! Open November 20 - January 20; admission includes skate rental. Online reservations recommended.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY

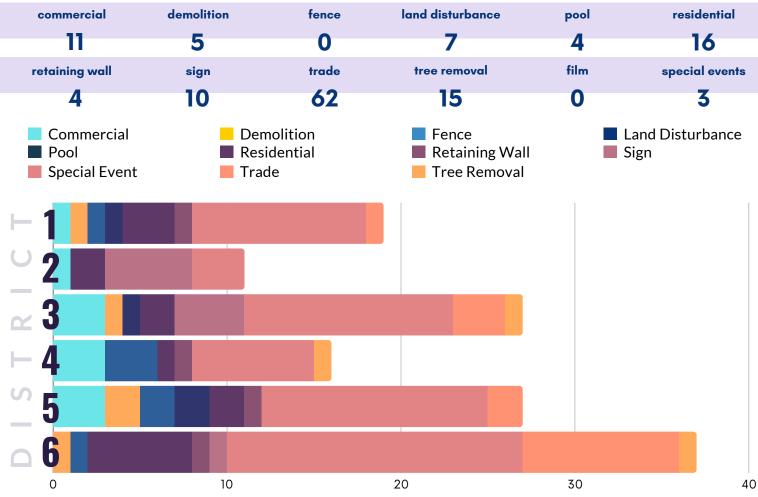
Your New Year's Eve will start with a full-orchestra WOW, a rousing overture by Verdi, then music from holiday favorite Hansel & Gretel, party music from Chabrier, Offenbach's Can-Can, and no New Year's concert would be complete without Strauss' On the Beautiful Blue Danube!

RING IN THE NEW/AFTERPARTY

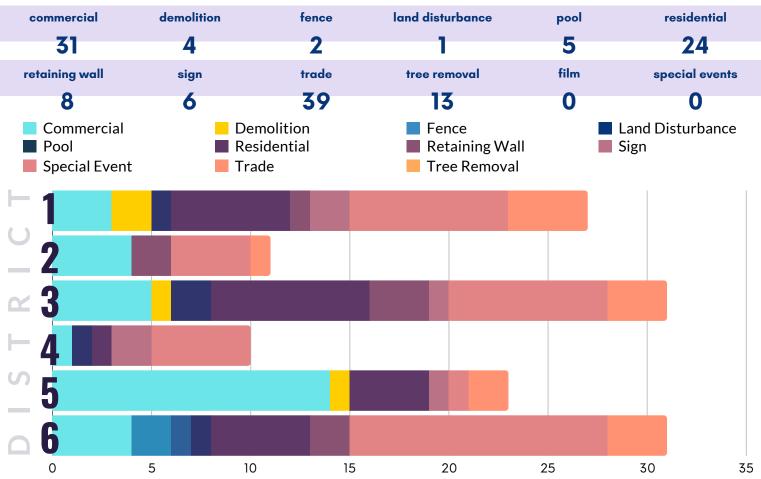
Ring in the new year with a rockin' party in Studio Theatre, including DJ Newk playing all your dancing favorites, a buffet of light bites, coffee and desserts, and a glass of sparkling beverage to toast the new year at midnight. This is a 21+ event.

PERMITS

NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS



PERMITS ISSUED



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CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

District	Address	Enforcement Effort	Violation	Compliance/ Court Date
1	614 Highland Park Trl.	Notice of violation	Apartment violations.	6-Dec
1	937 Altamira Ln.	Notice of violation	Working without a permit.	22-Nov
1	8890 Long Beach Cir.	Citation	Working without a permit.	16-Dec
1	8800 Dunwoody Pl.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	16-Dec
4	4308 Treelodge Pkwy.	Notice of violation	Apartment violations.	12-Dec
4	7200 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	
4	7785 Roswell Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	16-Dec
5	485 Franklin Rd.	Citation	Working without a permit.	16-Dec
5	730 Northland Ct.	Citation	Sanitation.	26-Dec
6	145 Northwood Dr.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	9-Dec

Additional information can be found on the City's Inside Sandy Springs dashboard <u>HERE</u>