

# INSIDE SANDY SPRINGS



## PUBLIC MEETINGS



**SANDY SPRINGS**  
GEORGIA

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Public Meeting  
**Roswell Road North End  
Boulevard Open House**  
Wednesday, February 26



**SANDY SPRINGS**  
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Public Meeting  
**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 4



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Public Meeting  
**Board of Appeals Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 5



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Public Meeting  
**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 18

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



**SUPERSTAR  
Dance**

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Recreational Program  
**Superstar Dance for Teens and  
Adults with Disabilities**  
Friday, February 28



**CRAFTING  
BUDDIES**

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Community Event  
**Sandy Springs Crafting Buddies**  
Wednesday, March 5



**Maintaining & Explaining a  
Rewilded Yard**

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Recreational Program  
**Maintaining & Explaining a  
Rewilded Yard**  
Saturday, March 8



**Love is for the Birds!**

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City Springs Event  
**Love is for the Birds!**  
Tuesday, March 11

## TICKETED EVENTS



**Atlanta Jewish Film Festival 2025**

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Promoted Event  
**Atlanta Jewish Film Festival 2025**  
February 19 - March 6



**The State Ballet Theatre of  
Ukraine: Swan Lake**

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Recreational Program  
**The State Ballet Theatre of  
Ukraine: Swan Lake**  
Friday, February 21



**Live Nation presents Matt Rife:  
Pop-Up Shows**

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City Springs Event  
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Saturday, February 22



**Robert Cray Band**

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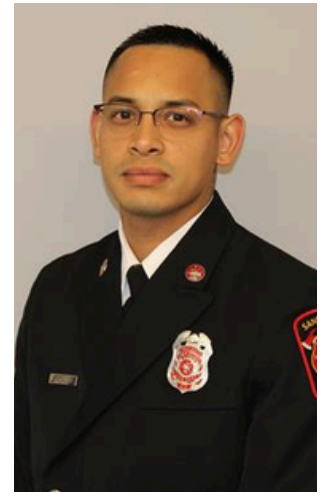
City Springs Event  
**Robert Cray Band**  
Sunday, February 23

# SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY

## 2024 VFW FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE YEAR FEBRUARY 11, 2025



Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10822 in Sandy Springs and Dunwoody recognize emergency services persons, law enforcement officers, and firefighters for their exemplary service. Please join us in congratulating FAE Brian Scudder and Firefighter Jose Cisneros with the Sandy Springs Fire Department, and Officer Michael Guin with the Sandy Springs Police Department.



## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS - FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire units responded to the following reported incidents:

- A reported motor vehicle fire on Southbound GA-400 by the Northridge bridge. Personnel arrived on scene to find a single vehicle with flames and smoke showing in the on-ramp emergency lane. Personnel extinguished the fire with no exposures.
- A reported single motor vehicle collision in the 1600 block of Spalding Drive. Upon arrival, personnel found one vehicle off to the side of the road after striking a telephone pole. No injuries were sustained, and Georgia Power was notified about the damaged pole.
- A reported vehicle fire on Eastbound I-285 by the Riverside bridge. Personnel arrived on scene to find a fully engulfed vehicle. Personnel extinguished the fire and no injuries were sustained.
- A reported structure fire in the 100 block of Northwood Drive. Upon arrival, personnel found a two-story apartment complex with smoke visible. Personnel located the fire in the attic and successfully extinguished the fire. Crew members also extinguished fire that had spread into the walls. After extinguishing hot spots and overhauling rooms, personnel left the scene.
- A reported cooking fire in the 8900 block of Roberts Drive. Upon arrival, personnel found a two-story row home with light smoke showing, and the homeowner advising the fire was out. The resident extinguished the stove fire by using a dry chem extinguisher. Personnel removed the stove from the residence and checked for extension with none noted. The structure was ventilated by a positive pressure ventilation fan without incident.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE CITY

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- Officer Greene mentored a Riverwood International Charter School student.
- SSPD officers participated in Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's Lights of Love on Valentine's Day.
- SSPD community liaison officer attended a North Springs Neighborhood HOA meeting.

## VOLUNTEER UNIT- POLICE DEPARTMENT

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- The VIP and COP units reported 290.5 total volunteer hours. The COP hours composed of 14 patrol shifts patrolling a total of 637 miles. Additionally, the COP units conducted 21 house checks, 116 business checks, issued 8 handicap parking citations, handled 6 private property motor vehicle accidents, and assisted officers on 13 traffic related incidents.



# PUBLIC WORKS

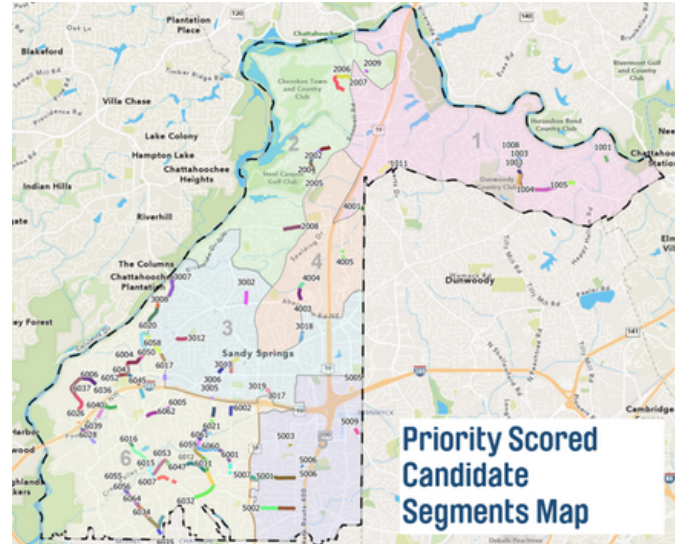
## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TSPLOST, AND TRANSPORTATION

### *What's happening in Sandy Springs*

#### Sidewalk Program Update

The City of Sandy Springs is in the process of updating its Capital Sidewalk Program. This effort will develop a scored list of sidewalk project priorities that will be used in the Transportation Master Plan Update this Fall. Residents are encouraged to visit the Sidewalks Webpage to view the Sidewalk Master Plan and our progress. You can also submit a request for specific areas to be scored or let us know of your interest to donate right-of-way for a sidewalk segment.

Visit: <https://www.sandyspringsga.gov/sidewalks> for more.



### Current Projects Throughout the City

#### Riverview Road – Stormwater Maintenance and Rehabilitation



Existing public stormwater pipes were discovered to be failing and in poor condition. Drainage structures were replaced and a “spin-cast” method of lining was used to repair a pipe without excavation.



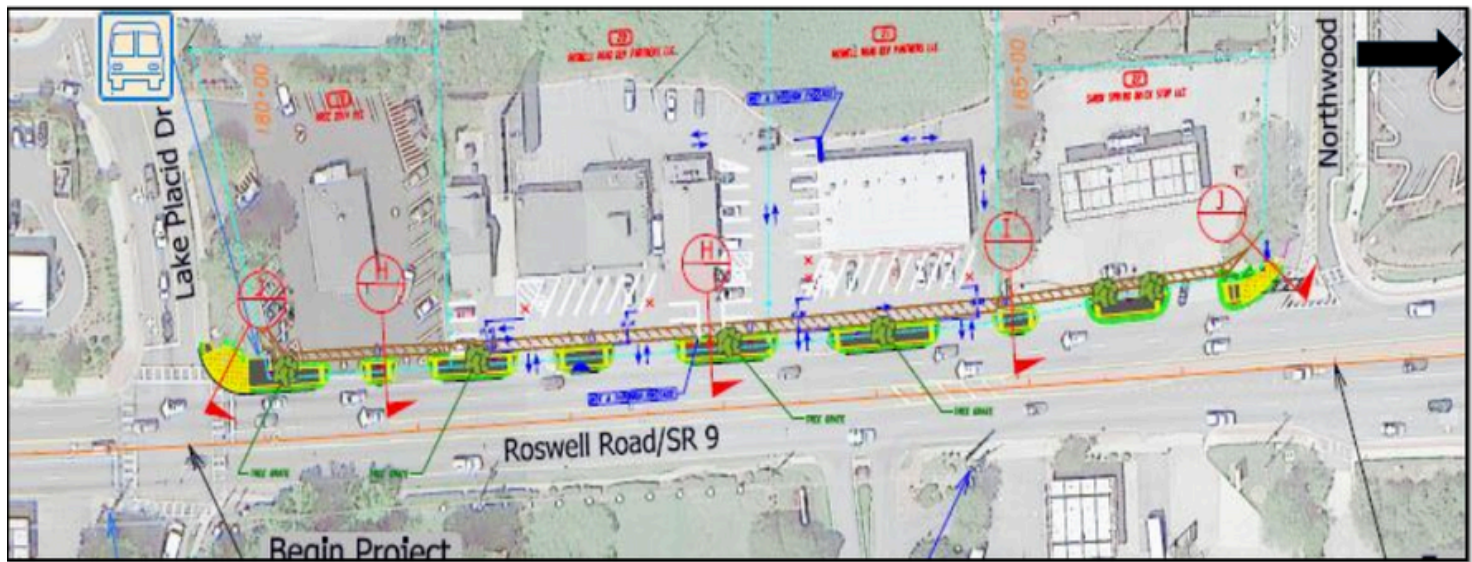
### Two Week Lookahead

#### Mt. Vernon Highway and Johnson Ferry Road Intersection Improvements TS191 and Mt Vernon Highway Corridor Improvements Project TS192

The TS191 project continues curb and gutter, storm drainage, and wall installation plus utility relocations by Georgia Power and Atlanta Gas Light. A major water main tie-in was completed on 2/6/2025. The TS192 project also completed a major water main tie-in on 2/18/2025. A second tie-in scheduled for 2/19/2025 was postponed due to cold temperatures and will be rescheduled for a later date. Major wall construction across from the Mount Vernon Upper School is scheduled to begin the week of 2/24/2025. Both projects are on schedule for completion in the Spring of 2026.

# T0033-7 ROSWELL ROAD SIDEWALKS (CDBG) PHASE 2

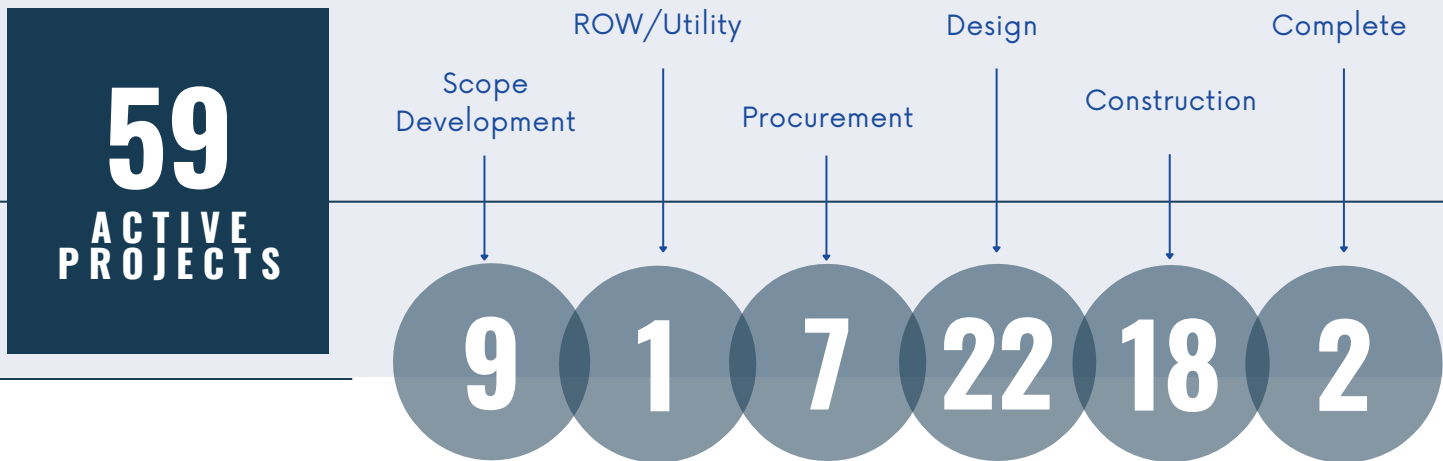
Phase 2 of the Community Development Block Grant–Funded (CDBG) sidewalk improvements along Roswell Road has begun. This segment of the project will improve pedestrian safety along the western side of Roswell Road, between Northwood and Lake Placid Drive. Initial activities will include utility relocation in February and March, followed by sidewalk construction this Spring and Summer.



## Roswell Road North End Boulevard Project

A Project Open House is scheduled for February 26, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Sandy Springs Middle School. The project aims to improve safety and mobility on Roswell Road, between Dunwoody Place and Roberts Drive. For more information, visit [spr.gs/roswellnorth](https://spr.gs/roswellnorth).

## Project Summary



## Inside Sandy Springs - Capital Projects Dashboard

An interactive map of the City's Capital Projects can be found on the [Inside Sandy Springs Capital Projects Dashboard](#).



# City Council Meeting Recap

Items below were discussed or voted on during the February 18, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting. All items and full presentations can be found on the Public Meeting website [HERE](#).

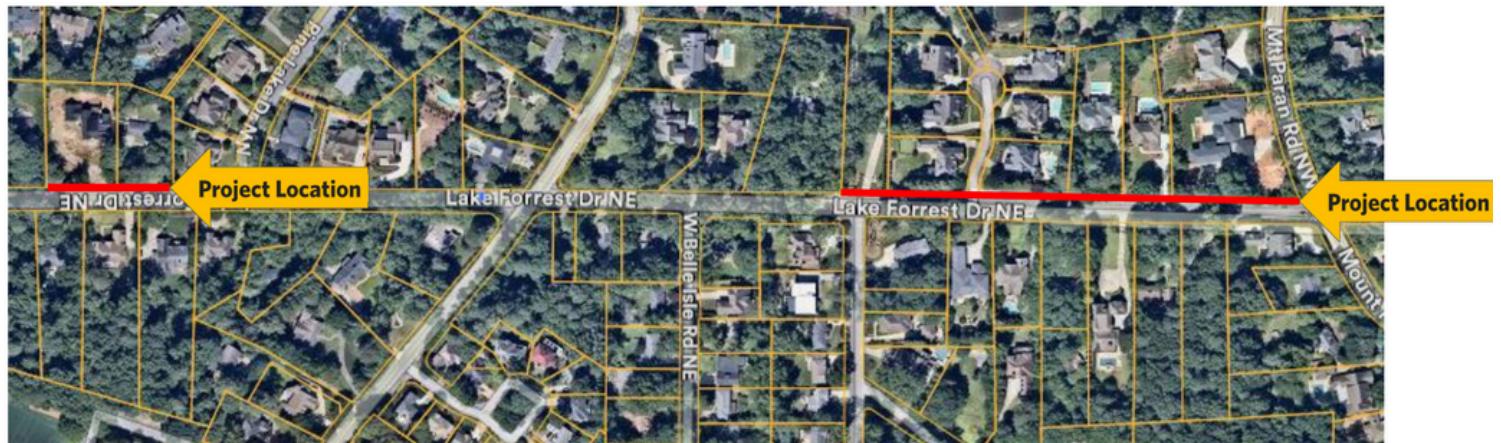
## 2025 City Council Priorities

Council adopted the following priorities as the 2025 City Council Priorities, originally discussed during the annual retreat held from February 5 to February 6, 2025:

- Set the standard for excellence in CUSTOMER SERVICE and CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT;
- Deliver the highest quality PUBLIC SAFETY services;
- Create and support targeted ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT opportunities with a focus on REDEVELOPMENT;
- Promote SUSTAINABLE GROWTH and foster ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP;
- Provide inclusive and diverse RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT;
- Enhance multi-modal TRANSPORTATION ACCESSIBILITY and maintain high COMMUNITY APPEARANCE standards; and
- Ensure long-term WATER RELIABILITY, RATES, and SERVICE for all residents and the business community.

## Contract Awarded to Excellere Construction LLC

Council approved the award of a construction contract to Excellere Construction LLC to construct 1,240 linear feet of 6-foot sidewalk on the west side of Lake Forrest Drive from 4838 Lake Forrest Drive to 4852 Lake Forrest Drive and from 5022 Lake Forrest Drive to 14 Mt. Paran Drive.



## FY25 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

Council approved a resolution to apply for the FY25 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Grant for Springway Trail Segment 2C.

## Certification of Estimated Rollback Rate for Tax Year 2025 – House Bill 581

Council authorized the Mayor to execute the certification of estimated rollback rate for tax year 2025, as required, by March 1, 2025. The City of Sandy Springs millage rate is 4.731 mills, which is the same millage rate the City of Sandy Springs Charter permits. The Sandy Springs millage rate combined with the homestead exemption results in a lower tax burden than most of its neighboring municipalities.

# 2025 Mayor and City Council Retreat

## Day Two - February 6, 2025

### Financial Health of the City

The First Tryon Advisors presented the 2025 financial health update for the City of Sandy Springs to Mayor and Council. This presentation included a market update, credit rating overview, financial overview, and debt overview.

### The Power of Responsive Government

The City Manager discussed the City's growth since incorporation in 2005, including major accomplishments, the realized savings resulting from the City's shift from contracted to city-held positions, and a comparison of Sandy Springs to similar cities throughout the United States. After the presentation, Mayor and Council participated in a SWOT analysis.

#### City Council's Adopted Priorities



State	S. Carolina	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Texas	Florida
Population	70,720	65,818	82,453	108,080	111,026	68,107
Population Density (sq mi)	2,357	2,420	2,677	2,807	2,588	2,590
City Area (sq mi)	30	27.2	30.8	38.5	42.9	26.3
Roadway Miles (centerline)	260	500	226.68	315	490	52.2
Median Household Income	\$73,536	\$140,188	\$151,344	\$110,401	\$133,144	\$135,764
Median Home Value	\$496,400	\$670,600	\$640,700	\$627,000	\$433,600	\$715,500
% Bachelors /Higher	66.4%	70.5%	74.8%	68.6%	61.4%	65.7%
Full-time Staff	815	442	284	504	735	352* includes outsourced staff
FY25 General Fund	\$139,644,218	\$103,515,197	\$62,976,865	\$155,116,944	\$134,276,098	\$119,127,700

#### Current Contracted Services

- E911 Services
- Ambulance Services
- Radio System
- City Springs Landscaping
- Facility Security
- Janitorial Services
- Fleet Maintenance
- Park Landscape and Mowing
- Park Litter
- Call Center
- Street Sweeping
- Street Maintenance
- City-wide Litter
- State Route Mowing
- Municipal Elections
- Right of Way Mowing
- Road Striping
- Road Signage
- Traffic Signals
- Tree Removal
- Stormwater Maintenance
- Recreation and Parks Programming
- Recreation and Park Facility Management
- Capital Project Design, Engineering, and ROW Acquisition
- On-Call Firms (PW and RP)
- Art Programming and Projects
- Non-profit Services
- Recycling
- Animal Control

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PRIMARY SERVICE  
CONTRACTS

#### Total FTE Personnel Numbers Over the Years

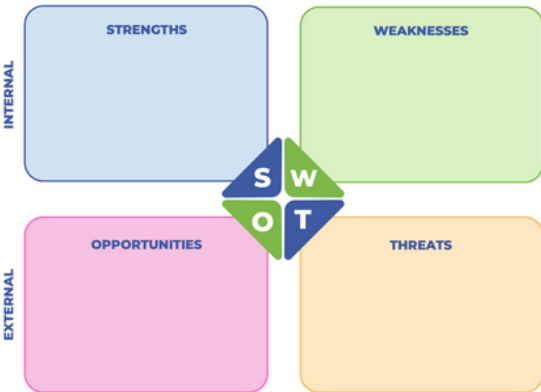
	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
City Council	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
City Manager	4	4	5	5	5	4	4	5	4	4	6
City Clerk	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	3	4	4	4
Finance	20	20	20	25	22	20	21	20	21	22	23
Legal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	2
Information Technology	11.25	11.25	12.5	12.75	14.25	15	16	16	17	19	21
Human Resources	2	2	2	2	3	5	4	4	4	4	4
Facilities	0	0	0	10	15	13	14	16	17	16	18
Communications	4	5	5	6	8	8	7	7	7	7	8
Court	12.25	12.25	12	12	11	11	10	10	10	10	10
Police	145	152	154	163	165	166	168	168	169	173	178
Fire	92	108	114	115	116	116	116	117	117	121	123
Emergency Management	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Public Works	28.25	32.25	33.25	33.5	34.5	34	34	34	34	35	37
TSPLIST	0	0	0	12	12	8	7	8	10	11	11
Fleet	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Recreation and Parks	10.5	11	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	13	12
Community Development	30	37.4	38	38	39	37	36	38	44	45	46
Economic Development	1.5	1.5	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2
Performing Arts Center	--	--	--	--	25	24	24	25	26	25	27
TOTAL	368.75	404.65	417.75	456.25	493.75	487	488	497	510	525	542.5

#### GGs Outsourcing vs. Insourcing: The Numbers

Actual with Bonus and Worker's Compensation – Calculations Include Additional Staff

Work Area and Contractor	NTE Escalator	FY20 Projected	5-Year Projected Savings	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	5-Year Actual Savings
Finance*	3.50%	2,130,465.00	1,700,000.00	1,436,324.59	1,574,043.99	1,635,569.99	2,231,022.63	2,467,709.14	2,862,201.94
Information Technology	4.00%	1,696,786.00	2,500,000.00	1,127,551.70	1,361,356.57	1,502,551.23	1,888,173.20	2,130,496.36	3,012,705.16
Facilities	4.00%	917,163.00	56,000.00	800,675.16	1,029,977.00	1,326,254.25	1,351,087.40	1,407,266.82	(745,989.32)
Community Development	2.50%	638,645.00	2,000,000.00	2,531,668.33	3,022,838.45	3,414,536.97	4,343,656.42	4,920,038.54	4,545,825.81
Call Center	4.88%	535,603.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Municipal Court	2.90%	821,310.00	940,000.00	456,955.50	511,646.53	500,113.37	725,077.92	644,705.27	1,513,239.27
Public Works**	4.00%	5,083,312.00	3,600,000.00	3,394,526.35	4,202,159.49	4,155,127.74	5,310,096.89	5,694,173.44	9,430,759.79
Recreation and Parks***	2.90%	1,096,262.00	1,050,000.00	1,087,545.06	1,027,149.79	1,035,937.70	1,234,878.08	1,306,206.55	116,862.80
Communications	2.50%	4,378,885.00	500,000.00	657,999.43	683,159.36	780,965.29	964,531.34	950,418.57	(159,475.16)
Economic Development	--	--	1,220,000.00	1,070,398.00	1,889,692.56	1,710,392.63	2,151,833.73	2,666,240.64	5,422,479.44
Performing Arts Center	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total		17,298,431.00	13,546,000.00	12,563,644.25	15,302,023.70	16,061,449.14	20,200,357.61	22,187,255.33	25,998,609.73

\*Includes City Clerk's Office  
\*\*Includes TSPLIST  
\*\*\*Includes Tree Fund





# RECREATION AND PARKS

## Basketball Leagues



Basketball leagues participated in their season league tournament over the weekend. Seventh-grade boys, sixth grade boys, fourth grade boys, and sixth grade girls played. The fourth-grade boys advanced to the semifinals. The sixth-grade girls and boys teams played for the championship and placed second overall.

## Temporary Park Closure

Please note that the Morgan Falls Athletic Complex will be temporarily closed to the public on February 20 and 21, 2025

## SPRINGWAY TRAIL

Approximately 1,380 LF of railing is left to be installed over the Orkin Lake boardwalk. A total of 2,220 LF of security cable has been installed through the railing. The railing contractor and primary contractor have teamed personnel to complete the cable installation. Railing continues to be installed on Monterey Parkway pedestrian bridge.

The construction contract continues through the end of February.



# Upcoming Programs and Events

- [Superstar Dance for Teens and Adults with Disabilities](#) as featured in People Magazine will be held Friday, February 28 at City Springs from 6pm–8pm.
- [Tai Chi classes](#) are offered every Wednesday and Friday morning at 10am.
- [Sandy Springs Crafting Buddies](#) – March 5, 2025 – Bring your current work in progress project, or materials to start a new project and come hang with us! Please feel free to bring any kind of craft (knitting, embroidery, cross stitching, drawing, painting, scrapbooking etc) and spend time working with other creatives!
- [Kids’ Yogaland](#) hosts [Young Yogi \(age 6–9\)](#) on the City Green every Tuesday at 4:30 pm, [Tween Yogi \(ages 9–12\)](#) on the City Green every Tuesday at 5:30 pm, and [Parent and Me Yoga \(age 2–6\)](#) every Saturday at Morgan Falls Overlook Park at 10 am.
- [Adult Volleyball Open Gym](#) and the co-ed league, Mondays 6:30pm at Sandy Springs Middle School.

# SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Staff are adding finishing touches on planting projects across the City, as work has been delayed due to rain.
- A new trailer has been fabricated to hold forestry supplies, that can be used for volunteers and storm response.
- Staff and contractors responded to storm damage across the city, including downed trees at Lost Corner, the Reading Garden, Abernathy Greenway North and South, and a few city owned lots.

# STORMWATER PROJECT SUMMARY

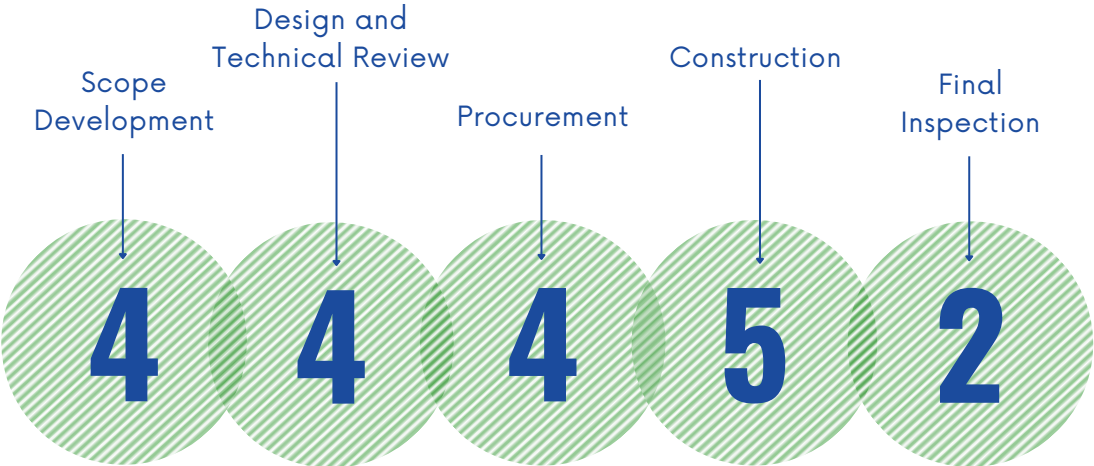
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ACTIVE PROJECTS

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REQUESTS RECEIVED

A FULL LIST OF STORMWATER PROJECTS ALONG WITH UPDATES CAN BE FOUND HERE:





# PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND SIGNATURE EVENTS

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## FEBRUARY PROGRAMMING

The Sandy Springs Arts Foundation presented ArtBeat February 7 - 8, an opportunity to celebrate the beautiful diversity, talent and spirit of our community by showcasing the art of our public-school students to the greater Sandy Springs area.

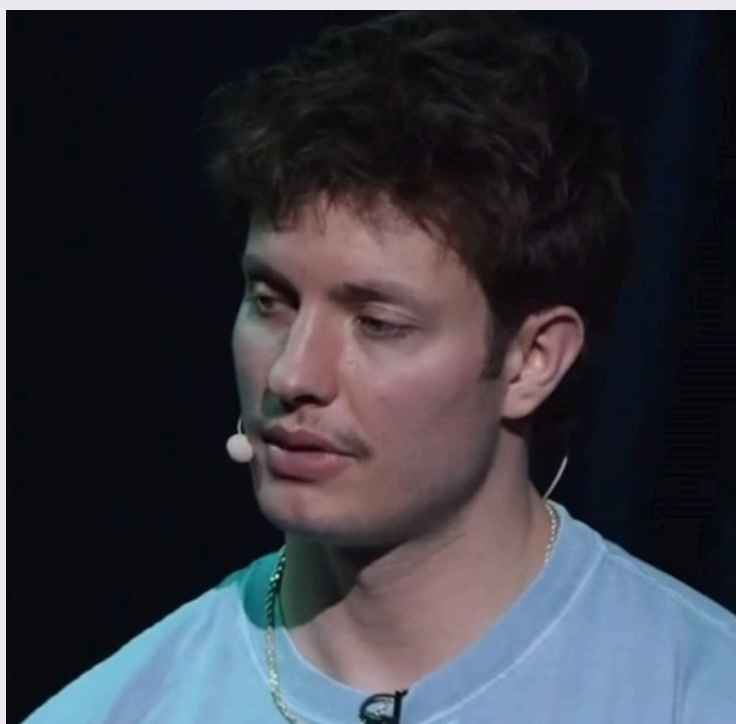
On February 16th, the City Springs Theatre Company hosted their Encore Gala and benefit show for the City Springs Theatre Conservatory.



The Performing Art Center has over 200 active volunteers who tirelessly help to host our audiences with big smiles and wonderful personalities that are the heartbeat of the positive experience here at the PAC. On February 10th, we thanked and honored them with an appreciation dinner.

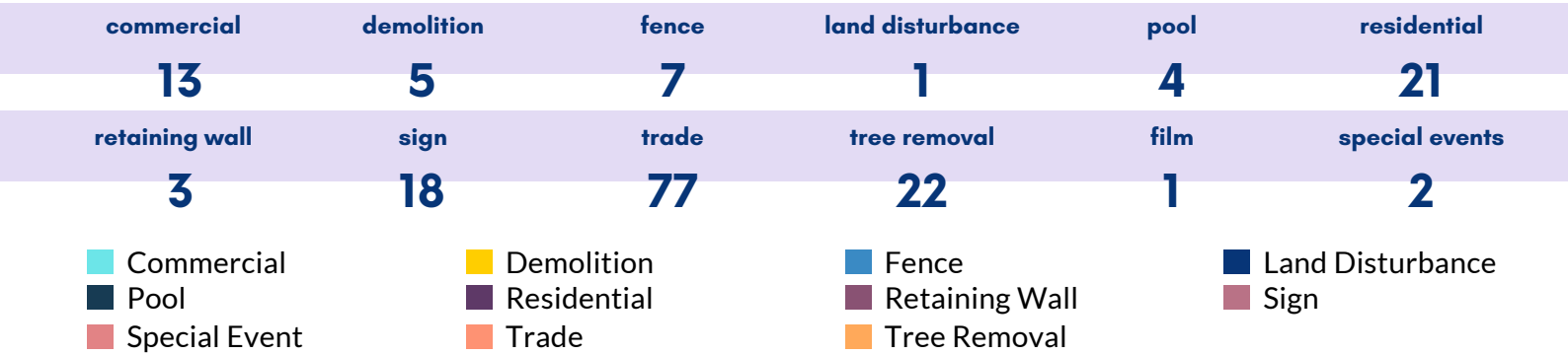
Valentine's Day featured crooner, Ryan Davis and his big band in Byers Theatre with a wonderful collection of swinging songs that entertained all of the love birds in the house.

On February 15th, comedian Matt Rife performed to a sell out crowd with his quick witted, edgy humor. He returns on February 22nd for his second sold out show.

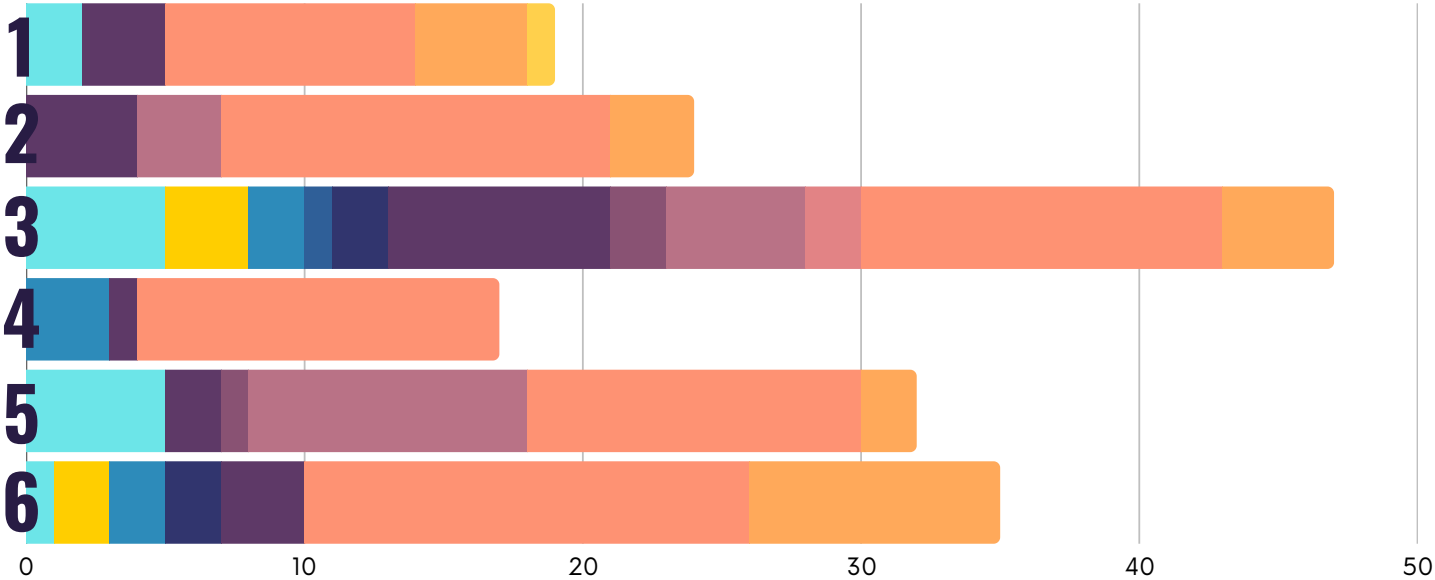


# PERMITS

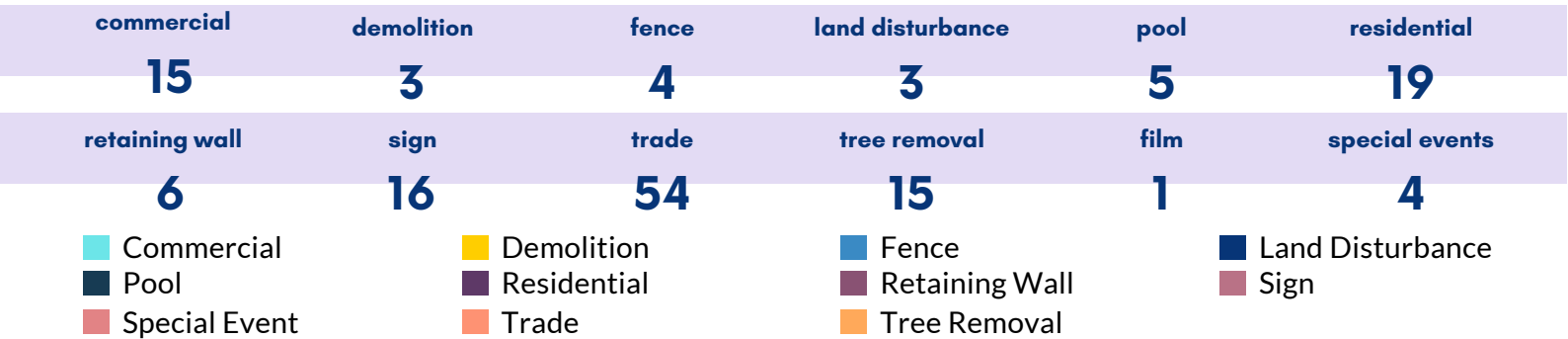
## NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS



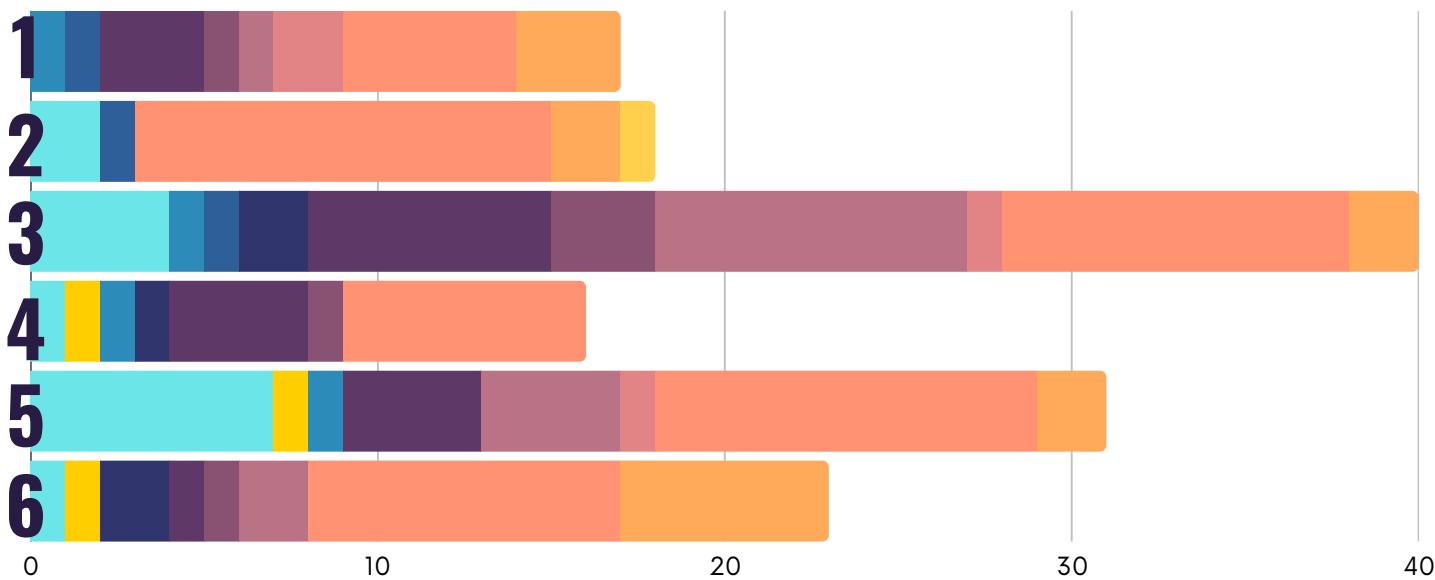
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## PERMITS ISSUED



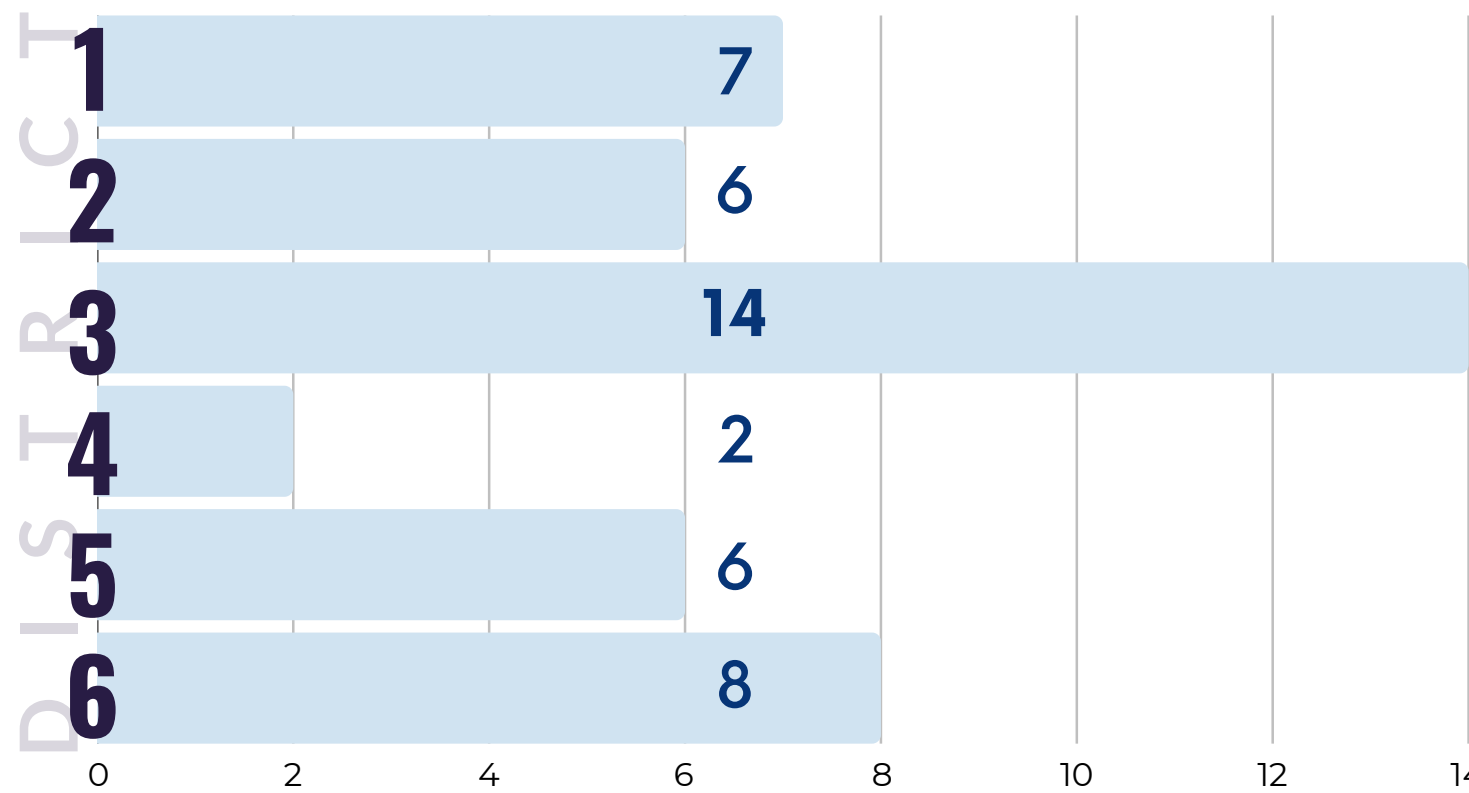
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# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## NEW CASES



## CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

District	Address	Enforcement Effort	Violation	Compliance/ Court Date
1	920 Dunwoody Club	Notice of Violation	Inoperative vehicles located on the property	2/14/2025
1	1000 Spalding Drive	MRH Re-inspection	1000 Spalding - Buildings: 5-9 roofs and drainage, national electrical code, and accessory structures	3/31/2025
1	1000 Spalding Drive	MRH Re-inspections/ Citations	1000 Spalding - Buildings: 1-4, Accessory Structure, Garage 1-10, Compactor, Fitness Center, Pool, Leasing Office.	3/31/2025
2	7000 Roswell Road	MRH Inspection	Celebration at Sandy Springs - Buildings: 9-19, 22-23, Leasing Office and Pool. A few remaining violations are in the process of being completed.	2/21/2025
2	7000 Roswell Road	MRH Inspection	Celebration at Sandy Springs Buildings: 20-21, 24-39	In compliance
2	8805 Dunwoody Place	MRH Re-inspections	Azalea Park – Buildings: 1-13, pool, maintenance shop, leasing office and accessory structure	In compliance
2	8805 Dunwoody Place	MRH Re-inspections	Azalea Park – Buildings: 14-29	In compliance
3	970 Lost Forest Drive	Stop work order	No permit for interior modeling, plumbing, and roof work.	2/10/2025
3	6600 Long Acres	Stop work order	No electrical, interior, and structural/driveway work	2/17/2025
3	6731 Sunny Brook Lane	Notice of Violation	Septic leak	2/28/2025
4	550 Abernathy Road	MRH Inspection	Grace Abernathy – Building K-T	In Compliance
4	7150 Peachtree Dunwoody	MRH Re-inspection	Randolph Perimeter by Arium – Buildings 400,500, and 700	3/31/2025

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# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, CONTINUED

District	Address	Enforcement Effort	Violation	Compliance/ Court Date
4	550 Abernathy Blvd.	MRH Re-inspection	Elliott Abernathy - Buildings: A, B, C, D, E, G, H, J, Mailbox, Pool, Leasing Office.	In compliance
4	7420 Talbot Col	Door hanger	Window shutter hanging off home	2/10/2025
4	7700 Colquitt Road	Notice of Violation	No lights in the breezeway	2/17/2025
5	770 Starlight Drive	Stop work order	Work without a permit	2/19/2025
5	295 East Belle Isle Road	MRH Re-inspections	Waterford Place Apartments- Buildings: 100-500, 900	In compliance
5	295 East Belle Isle	MRH Re-inspections	Waterford Place Apartments - Buildings: 600-800.	In compliance
5	988 Wescott Lane	Stop work order	Work without a permit	2/7/2025
5	5755 Glenridge Drive	Notice of Violation	Unit 444 - storage of propane tank and gas heater in balcony	2/13/2025
6	5801 Kingsport Drive	MRH Inspection	Lake Placid Buildings 1-7	In compliance
6	4883 Roswell Road	MRH Inspection	One Sovereign Place – Buildings D-J, L, V-Z	2/25/2025
6	4883 Roswell Road	MRH Inspection	One Sovereign Place - Buildings: A, B, C, R, S, T, U, O, N, L, K, Compactor.	2/19/2025
6	635 Londonberry Road	Stop Work Order	Work without a permit	2/14/2025
6	5735 Winterthur Lane	Notice of Violation	Noise of chickens on the property	2/18/2025
6	121 Osner Drive	Citation	Property maintenance issues	3/31/2025
6	1070 Edgewater Drive	Warning	Hedge trimming near roadway	2/17/2025
6	66 Northwood Drive	Citation	Trash	Immediate compliance
6	4859 Northside Drive	Citation	Overgrown vegetation and sanitation	2/24/2025
6	4560 Harris Trail NW	Stop work order	Work without a permit	2/7/2025

## SANDY SPRINGS CONNECTS! CAREER EXPO

The Sandy Springs Connects! Career Expo will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, from 12pm to 2pm in the Studio Theatre in City Springs. This free event will connect employers and jobseekers in a comprehensive job fair. The last expo featured 22 employers and 320 jobseekers, with 71% of employers who considered or did extend an offer of employment.



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