# INSIDE SANDY SPRINGS



### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**



Public Meeting
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 6



Public Meeting

Board of Appeals Meeting

Wednesday, May 7



Public Meeting

Development Authority Meeting
Thursday, May 8



Public Meeting
ChatComm Authority Meeting
Tuesday, May 13

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**



City Eventogram
Farmers Market 2025
April 12 - November 22



Recreational Program
Optimist Club's Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 19



Recreational Program
Astronomy Club
Saturday, April 19



Recreational Program
City Nature Challenge
April 25 - April 28

### **TICKETED EVENTS**



City Springs Event
City Springs Theatre Company's
Beautiful
May 2 - May 18



**VIEW EVENT** 

Recreational Program Hoops at Hammond 3v3 Basketball Tournament Saturday, May 3



City Event

Mother Son Dance
Saturday, May 10



City Springs Event
ASO: The Music of John Williams
Saturday, June 14

### SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY





EMA Section Chief and Fire Bike Medics were on hand to ensure the safety of attendees during the 10th Annual Sandy Springs Lantern Parade at Overlook Park on April 5, 2025.

## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire units responded to the following reported incidents:

- A motor vehicle accident in the 100 block of Abernathy Road. Upon arrival, personnel found a two-car crash with one vehicle overturned and one entrapment. Personnel extricated one patient. AMR handled patient care.
- A swift water rescue on the Chattahoochee River. Personnel deployed Boat 52 to locate a stranded vessel. The boat was located with two occupants on board who advised that the engine had failed. The occupants were transported to the Azalea Park boat ramp, and the disabled boat was towed upstream to the ramp.
- A structure fire in the 500 block of Morgans Landing Drive. Upon arrival at a split-level multi-family residence, there were no signs of smoke or fire from the exterior. Personnel were advised that a portable car battery charger had caught on fire. The fire was extinguished prior to arrival. The burnt charger was removed from the structure, and ventilation was performed. No further hazards were identified.
- A structure fire in the 200 block of Spalding Gates Drive. Upon arrival, personnel found fire visible from the exterior patio roof line. The fire was extinguished. Personnel checked for fire extension in the interior ceiling and found light smoke, but no fire spread. Overhaul was performed. The Fire Marshal's Office was contacted for an investigation.
- An appliance fire in the 5600 block of Roswell Road. Upon arrival at a single-story shopping mall, personnel observed light smoke coming from the front door. Upon investigation, personnel found smoldering clothes inside a dryer. The clothing was removed and extinguished outside. Ventilation was performed, and no further hazards were found.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On March 21, 2025, the Sandy Springs Police Department and DEA Atlanta seized approximately 53 pounds of fentanyl pills, 11 pounds of powdered fentanyl, more than two pounds of cocaine, one pound of methamphetamine and two firearms during the execution of search warrants. Two arrests were made related to the case. The case has been turned over to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution. This is the largest fentanyl seizure in state history.
- The ribbon cutting and open house for the new Sandy Springs Police Headquarters and Municipal Court Complex were held on Saturday, April 12.
- Officer J. Greene and Mrs. Jane Green conducted a fraud awareness presentation at a senior living facility.
- Several SSPD officers attended the Riverview Palisades Spring Get-Together.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT - VOLUNTEER UNIT

• The VIP and COP units reported 289 total volunteer hours. The COP hours included 10 patrol shifts patrolling a total of 589 miles. Additionally, the COP units conducted 22 house checks, 96 business checks, issued 6 handicap parking citations, handled 6 private property motor vehicle accidents, and assisted officers on 7 traffic related incidents.

### **SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND MUNICIPAL COURT COMPLEX

The City of Sandy Springs celebrated the opening of its new Police Headquarters and Municipal Court Complex on Saturday, April 12. Elected officials, City management, members of the Police Department and Municipal Court gathered with the community at 620 Morgan Falls Rd. to ceremoniously cut the crime scene tape and mark the completion of the state-of-the-art facility.











## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Select Sandy Springs

#### **Select Sandy Springs Website and Newsletter**

The Economic Development and Communications team have been working for months to develop and roll-out the new "Select Sandy Springs" branded website and newsletter to support the Sandy Springs business community.

The newsletter will be released quarterly, providing the business community with an overview of upcoming events and key news.

Learn more at www.selectsandysprings.org





#### Welcome to the First Select Sandy Springs Newsletter!

Sandy Springs is where the best do business. The goal of this publication is to create a consistent line of communication between the City's Economic Development Department, and you, the business community. The Select Sandy Springs newsletter will provide information about business outreach and educational events, local news, and resources available to Sandy Springs businesses.

#### See What's Happening

#### Now Live: The Select Sandy Springs Website

The Select Sandy Springs website provides information regarding "all things business" in the city. Whether you want to learn more about why so many iconic companies choose to call Sandy Springs home or need assistance with city administrative processes, the Select Sandy Springs website will be your one-stop-shop.



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# Where the Best Do Business

Major global brands call Sandy Springs home.

**LEARN WHY** 



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TSPLOST, AND TRANSPORTATION**

### What's happening in Sandy Springs

#### S2168 Hilderbrand Sidewalk

Construction is nearing completion on this project which includes a 6-foot sidewalk on the north side of Hilderbrand Drive along the frontage of the Georgia Power Substation and connects to the existing multiuse path along the Georgia Power Substation from Mount Vernon Highway. It also includes a 6-foot sidewalk with 2-foot paver band on the south side of Hilderbrand Drive from 215 Hilderbrand Drive where there were gaps in the existing sidewalk. Pedestrian lights have been added on both sides of the street along the new project.

#### Project S2187 Brandon Mill Road Sidewalk Project

Work is underway to construct approximately 0.37 miles of pedestrian sidewalk and drainage improvements on Brandon Mill Road between just south of Brandon Ridge Drive and just north of Lost Forest Drive. The Notice to Proceed was issued on January 6, 2025, and the project is on schedule. Completion of this project is slated for September 2025.

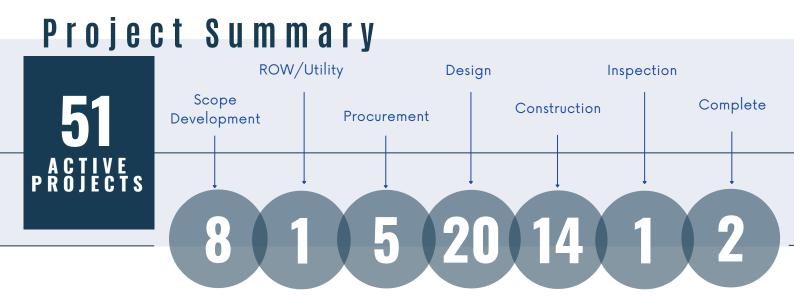


### Two Week Lookahead

#### Project S2185 Lake Forrest Drive Sidewalk, Phase 1

Work is beginning to construct new sidewalk on the west side of Lake Forrest Drive from Mt. Paran Road to Brookside Walk. Notice to Proceed was issued to the construction contractor this week with clearing work and related lane closures commencing to construct the new sidewalk.

### A FULL LIST OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ALONG WITH UPDATES CAN BE FOUND HERE



### City Council Meeting Recap

Items below were discussed or voted on during the April 15, 2025, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting. All items and full presentations can be found on the Public Meeting website <u>HERE</u>.

#### **Updates from Art Sandy Springs**

The Mayor and City Council received an update from Art Sandy Springs regarding the Indoor Art Program at City Springs and a plan to celebrate the City's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by featuring the Town Turtles on City Green.

#### **City Council Retreat SWOT Analysis**

The Mayor and City Council received an overview of staff's summary of the 2025 City Council Retreat Analysis of the City's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.



#### Stormwater Improvements on Mountain Creek Road

The Mayor and City Council accepted the agreement for Permanent Drainage Easements and Temporary Construction Easements at 5775 and 5760 Mountain Creek Road on the meeting's Consent Agenda.

#### Stormwater Improvements on Nesbit Ferry Road

The Mayor and City Council accepted the agreement for a Permanent Drainage Easement at 7610 Nesbit Ferry Road on the meeting's Consent Agenda.

#### Project S2186 at 4934 Powers Ferry Road

The Mayor and City Council accepted the agreement for a Temporary Construction Easement and at 4934 Powers Ferry Road on the meeting's Consent Agenda.

#### Adoption of the Safe Streets for Sandy Springs Safety Action Plan

The Mayor and City Council adopted the City's Safe Streets for Sandy Springs Safety Action Plan, which includes safety targets to reduce fatal and injury crashes. This United States Department of Transportation grant funded effort establishes a goal for the City to achieve zero fatal and injury crashes by 2040 on Cityowned streets.

#### **Draft Capital Improvement Element Annual Update**

Mayor and City Council approved a resolution to allow the transmittal of the Draft Capital Improvement Element (CIE) annual update to the Atlanta Regional Commission and Georgia Department of Community Affairs for their review.

# **RECREATION AND PARKS**

### Major Projects in Sandy Springs

#### Windsor Meadows Park

A failing drainage swale inhibited storm water from properly flowing into Nancy Creek. Swales help direct and control the flow of water, reducing the risk of standing water and flooding. They channel excess runoff away from areas where water could cause damage. When designed correctly, swales can enhance the landscape, turning a functional drainage solution into an attractive feature, such as a shallow, curving ditch with plants that thrive in moist conditions.



A contractor was selected to remedy the failing swale. The existing swale was dug deeper, adding twenty tons of river rock to help filter sediment and improve water flow. Twenty-eight tons of boulders were used along the sides of the swale to reduce the slope and slow the force of stormwater runoff.

To beautify the stormwater structure and further stabilize the area, one thousand plants and perennials were planted. A combination of muhly grass, coneflower, and black-eyed Susan adorn both sides of the drainage swale. The plantings will solidify the structure with a vigorous root system while providing aesthetically pleasant flowers and greenery.

### Past Programming Highlights

- This past weekend the Sandy Springs Striders track team participated in the State Qualifier track meet in Athens. The team had a very good showing, with preliminary results indicating that 13 out of 37 will attend State.
- Dino Egg Hunt for individuals with disabilities was held this past weekend at Morgan Falls Overlook Park. Staff welcomed 373 participants across four adaptive sessions, each designed to be sensory-friendly and inclusive for individuals who benefit from smaller, calmer environments. New this year, the event included a dedicated session for adults with disabilities, allowing them to enjoy the same engaging experience in a setting tailored to their needs. Each session featured: A sensory-friendly fossil dig, dinothemed photo ops with life-size dinosaur friend, Alpha the Velociraptor, Interactive games and meet-and-greets with Alpha, custom event-themed music soundtrack to enhance the festive atmosphere, and the egg hunt, with dinosaur eggs hidden across Morgan Falls Overlook Park.





### **Upcoming Programs and Events**

- The Department has contracted with long time partner ATOK to offer youth and adult <u>Karate</u> which will return to Hammond Park beginning April 17th. Established in 1987, Atlanta's Traditional Okinawan Karate-do Dojo (<u>www.atlantakarateschool.com</u>) emphasizes traditional instruction in Shorin Ryu and Shudokan Karate-do. They are dedicated to authentic karate that transcends the physical aspects of the art, encompassing internal power development drills and time-proven techniques for self-defense. They offer traditional training for modern times. Ages 13+
- Tai Chi classes are offered every Wednesday and Friday morning at 10am.
- <u>Fit4Moms</u> meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am, offering prenatal and postnatal workouts.
- Kids' Yogaland hosts <u>Young Yogi</u> (age 6-9) on the City Green every Tuesday at 4:30 pm, <u>Tween Yogi</u> (ages 9-12) on the City Green every Tuesday at 5:30 pm, and <u>Parent and Me Yoga</u> (age 2-6) every Saturday at Morgan Falls Overlook Park at 10 am.
- Adult volleyball Open Gym and the co-ed league meets Mondays at 6:30pm at Sandy Springs Middle School.

# SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- All sites inspected, and contractors instructed on tree watering and maintenance.
- Staff removed tree laying over fence at Abernathy Greenway North.
- Staff represented the City at a workforce development event with Georgia Arborist Association at Wesley Chapel Library.
- Staff met with Caldwell Tree Care to schedule aerial inspection and reinstallation of lightning protection system of historic oak at Lost Corner Park.
- Tree trimming at Sandy Springs Racquet Center commenced this week.

### S T O R M W A T E R P R O J E C T S U M M A R Y



### A FULL LIST OF STORMWATER PROJECTS ALONG WITH UPDATES CAN BE FOUND <u>HERE</u>



### City of Sandy Springs Upcoming Spring and Summer Events

#### **Sandy Springs Farmers Market 2025**

City Green

April 12 - November 22

Shop for fresh produce and artisan foods every Saturday morning at the Sandy Springs Farmers Market. Beginning April 12, vendors set up shop around the City Green, many bringing their farm to your table. Other vendors offer artisan foods.

Market hours are 8:30 a.m. - noon

#### City Green Live and Concerts by the Springs

City Parks

Select Fridays April through August, 2025

This summer, the City of Sandy Springs will come alive with music as it hosts two highly anticipated concert series: City Green Live and Concerts by the Springs. These free and family-friendly events, taking place at two unique venues in the City Springs District, offer an impressive lineup of live performances, bringing together a wide range of musical genres to the heart of the city.

#### **Springway Trail Ribbon Cutting**

Morgan Falls Overlook Park

May 2, 2025

The scenic 1.88-mile segment of the Springway will provide access to the Chattahoochee River, connecting Morgan Falls Overlook Park to Roswell Road at Cimarron Parkway. This segment of the trail includes an 8'- 12' wide multi-use, paved trail and retaining walls, a picturesque top-down boardwalk across Orkin Lake, drainage structures, pedestrian bridges, roadway realignments, landscaping, and trail signage.

#### **Sundown Social 2025**

City Green

May 8 - August 28

Sundown Social is a relaxed, neighborhood gathering in the best backyard in Sandy Springs. Enjoy live music on the sidewalk, food trucks, an outdoor bar, and more! Enjoy Sundown Social on select Thursdays.

#### **National Kids to Parks Day**

Hammond Park

May 17, 2025

Join National Park Trust, Buddy Bison, and kids across America for a fun day of outdoor play at any one of the City's beautiful parks! Sandy Springs, along with other cities across the nation, is committing to a simple motto: "active kids are healthy kids" and National Kids to Parks Day encourages residents to use local parks and recreation sites to develop more active, healthy lifestyles.

#### **Juneteenth Celebration**

Hammond Park

June 17, 2025

Celebrate Juneteenth at City Springs! The annual free, family-friendly Juneteenth Celebration in 2025 promises to be an exuberant tribute to freedom and liberty. Attendees can anticipate an extraordinary experience!

#### Stars and Stripes - July 4 Fireworks Celebration

City Springs

July 4, 2025

Celebrate Independence Day with the City of Sandy Springs.

# PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND SIGNATURE EVENTS

#### THE ATLANTA BALLET

The Atlanta Ballet brought its spring recital schedule to Byers Theatre, performing 11 shows from April 15th through the 21st.





#### **CITY GREEN LIVE**

Friday night, we welcomed the return of the City Green Live concert series. Those who came out got to enjoy the sounds of '90s Indie Rock Band, Tonic, including their best selling, "If You Could Only See." The weather may have been a little chilly but the music was hot.





#### **FARMERS MARKET**

The very next day, City Springs went from amphitheater to marketplace as the Sandy Springs Farmers Market opened for the first day of the season. The Farmers Market will run Saturday mornings through November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

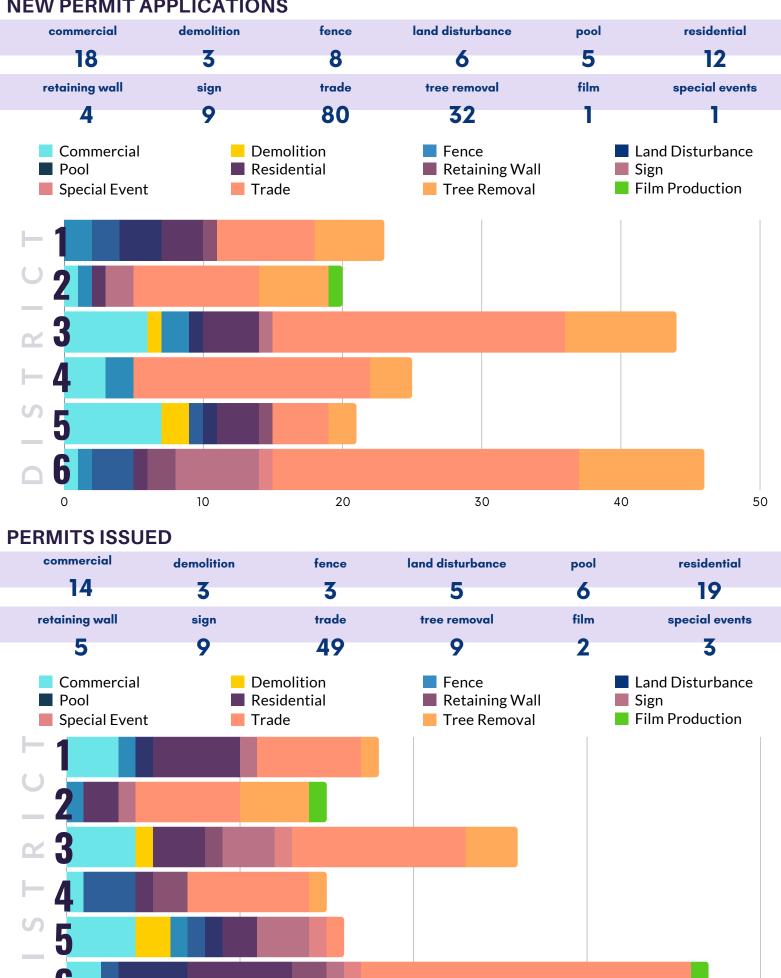






## **PERMITS**

#### **NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS**



# **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS**

	Address	Enforcement Effort	Violation	Compliance/ Court Date
2	7375 Princeton Way	Notice of violation	Accumulation of tree limbs.	10-Apr
2	8761 Dunwoody Pl.	Notice of violation	Business license.	7-Apr
2	354 Dalrymple Rd.	Notice of violation	Grass & weeds.	18-Apr
2	7000 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Mold.	17-Apr
2	7600 Roswell Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	14-Apr
3	5980 Kayron Dr.	Notice of violation	Noise.	3-Apr
3	100 Preston Woods Trl.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	14-Apr
3	1110 Hammond Dr.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	19-May
4	7141 Hunters Branch Ct.	Notice of violation	Special kennel permit.	7-Apr
4	6575 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Signage.	17-Apr
4	7843 Roswell Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	19-May
4	6925 Roswell Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	19-May
4	7700 Colquitt Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	14-Apr
4	7445 Trowbridge Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	14-Apr
4	6850 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	14-Apr
5	4669 Canyon Creek Trl.	Notice of violation	Inoperable Vehicle.	21-Apr
5	615 Regency Forest Ct.	Notice of violation	Grass & weeds.	14-Apr
5	428 Carolwood Ln.	Citation	Sanitation.	19-May
5	325 Montevallo Dr.	Stop work order	Work without a permit.	15-Apr
5	1070 Balmoral Rd.	Stop work order	Work without a permit.	16-Apr
6	66 Northwood Dr.	Citation	Business license & sanitation.	19-May
6	5374 Long Island Dr.	Stop work order	Work without a permit.	Immediate
6	4883 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	21-Apr
6	630 Colebrook Ct.	Notice of violation	Trash.	14-Apr
6	5374 Long Island Dr.	Stop work order	Work without a permit.	18-Apr
6	5735 Winterthur Ln.	Notice of violation	Noise	19-Mar
6	66 Northwood Dr.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	14-Apr

#### Planning and Zoning Highlights

On April 2, 2025, the Board of Appeals approved (V-24-36) for 265 Skyridge Drive, a request for a Variance from Sec. 6.5.2.B.1 to allow for a detached garage to be located within the 40-foot side street setback.

On April 12, 2025 Planning staff was at the opening of the City's Farmers' Market with information boards about the City's Design Guidelines project, and to encourage additional participation on the community preference survey. The survey closed on April 15, 2025.

On April 14, 2025, the Planning and Zoning team along with the Transportation Planner and City Architect were on a question-and-answer panel for the 6th grade Humanities Class at the Mt. Vernon School. This was set up by teacher Mary Ann Stillman to help the students with their Future City project.