Issue #13

INSIDE SANDY SPRINGS



PUBLIC MEETINGS



Public Meeting

Public Open House on Design
Guidelines

Tuesday, March 13



Public Meeting
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 18



Public Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday. March 19



Public Meeting
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 1

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Recreational Program
Special Populations Tennis
Program, Inc.
March 8 - April 26



Community Event
Maintaining & Explaining a
Rewilded Yard
Saturday, March 8



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



Community Program
Sandy Springs Connects!
Wednesday, March 12

TICKETED EVENTS



City Event
Create a Lantern Puppet
March 29 - 30



VIEW EVENT

Recreational Program Hoops at Hammond 3v3 Basketball Tournament Saturday, April 5



City Springs Event
Graham Nash: More Evenings of
Songs and Stories
Sunday, April 6



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

SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire units responded to the following reported incidents:

- A reported gas leak in the 400 block of Mount Vernon Highway NE. Upon arrival, personnel were notified of a ruptured gas line. A shelter-in-place order was issued. Atlanta Gas Light was notified.
- A reported overheated motor in the 100 block of Glenridge Point Pkwy.
 Personnel arrived at a five-story mid-rise structure with no visible signs of smoke or fire from the exterior. Upon investigation, personnel found smoke coming from an HVAC unit. The unit was extinguished, and ventilation was performed.



Firefighters visited Caterpillar International Academy on February 24, 2025, for a fun and educational fire truck visit.

- A reported structure fire in the 30 Bransford Road. Personnel arrived at a two-story single-family structure with a basement, finding no visible signs of smoke or fire from the exterior. Further investigation revealed a small fire on the exterior basement wall. The fire was extinguished. Overhaul operations and ventilation were performed. No fire extensions were found. The Fire Marshal's Office was contacted to conduct an investigation.
- A reported structure fire in the 6500 block of Old Cabin Road. Personnel arrived at a large two-story single-family dwelling with a basement. Personnel found electricians on scene spraying the side of the house with a garden hose. A small amount of smoke was observed near the roofline with burning leaves in the gutter and some roof shingles. The fire was extinguished. There was no fire extension into the attic. The Fire Marshal's Office was contacted to conduct an investigation.
- A reported structure fire in the 4700 block of Roswell Road. Personnel arrived at a two-story multi-family structure with light smoke visible from the exterior along the roofline and smoke coming from the back basement level. Upon further investigation, personnel found moderate smoke conditions and discovered remnants of a dry chemical extinguisher used on a furnace inside a utility closet. Personnel also found an active fire inside a bathroom within the unit. The fire was extinguished, and no extensions were found.
- A reported motor vehicle accident in the 2000 block of Dunwoody Club Drive. Upon arrival, personnel found a
 vehicle that crashed into a storefront. The passenger had self-extricated prior to arrival. Personnel assisted with
 patient care. The city engineer was on scene to assess structural damage. A restoration company and SSPD
 were also on scene.
- A reported motor vehicle accident in the 1100 block of Heards Ferry Road. Upon arrival, personnel found an overturned vehicle. The occupant had self-extricated prior to arrival. The scene was turned over to Sandy Springs Police.

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE CITY

- SSPD officers attended and evaluated a lockdown drill at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School.
- SSPD officers attended a public meeting at the Sandy Springs Middle School.
- SSPD officers attended the Super Star Dance for People with Disabilities at City Springs.

VOLUNTEER UNIT- POLICE DEPARTMENT

• The VIP and COP units reported 211 total volunteer hours. The COP hours were composed of 13 patrol shifts patrolling a total of 723 miles. Additionally, the COP units conducted 15 house checks, 158 business checks, issued 5 handicap parking citations, handled 11 private property motor vehicle accidents, and assisted officers on 9 traffic related incidents.

PUBLIC WORKS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TSPLOST, AND TRANSPORTATION

What's happening in Sandy Springs

Roswell Road North End Boulevard Project (Dunwoody Place to the Chattahoochee River)

The project was developed to improve safety and mobility for all users on Roswell Road, between Dunwoody Place, and Roberts Drive. Proposed improvements include a new signalized intersection between Roberts Drive and Dunwoody Place, a connector road between Roberts Drive and North River Parkway, the installation of a landscaped, raised median along Roswell Road, pedestrian lighting on both sides of Roswell Road, a 10 to 12 foot multi-use path on the east side, and a 6-foot sidewalk on the west side of Roswell Road. The project began design work in August 2024 and the project team hosted a Public Information Open House on February 26, 2025, at Sandy Springs Middle School. The open house provided an opportunity for the public to view the proposed improvements, ask questions, and offer feedback. If you were unable to attend the open house, you can visit the project webpage at: https://www.sandyspringsga.gov/roswell-road-north-end-boulevard-project

Comments regarding the project will be accepted until Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Comments may be submitted through one of the following methods:

Emailing comments to: communications@sandyspringsga.gov

Mailing comments to: City of Sandy Springs, Public Works Department, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, GA, 30328

Current Projects Throughout the City

Interstate Wildflower Program

The City has been developing a wildflower program for City beautification for a number of years. Staff identified several areas along Interstate 285 and GA SR 400 to implement this program. Residents and vistors will soon see hydroseeding activities occuring to plant new wildflowers this Spring.



4787 RIVERVIEW ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

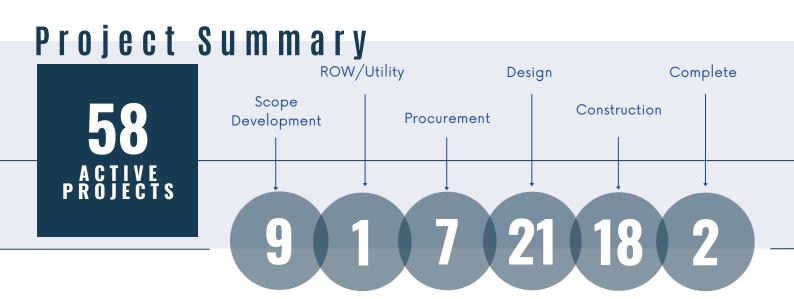
The 4787 Riverview Road Drainage Improvement Project was implemented to correct deficiencies in the stormwater system and ultimately safeguard this roadway. Work included relining a 36-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe conveying a live stream under Riverview Road to the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, replacing a deteriorated 24-inch diameter corrugated metal cross drainpipes, two aging stormwater catch basins, and a stone headwall. Construction began November 2024 and was completed at the end of February with the contractor currently addressing remaining punch list items.



T2308 Roswell Rd at Lake Placid Intersection Improvements

The intersection improvement project on Roswell Road at Lake Placid was identified in the City's 2021 Transportation Master Plan to address safety deficiencies at the intersection, particularly those crashes involving collisions with pedestrians. In a review of crashes between 2015 and 2022, there were 19 crashes involving a pedestrian, including 11 in the north crosswalk and a fatal crash with a pedestrian and vehicle occurring in November 2018.

The project was approved in the Capital Improvement Program in fiscal year 2023 to begin design, and additional funding for construction was approved in fiscal year 2024, for a total project budget of \$505,500. The City issued the construction notice to proceed in mid-February, and construction activities will be completed over the next five months. Project improvements include: audible pedestrian push buttons, restriped crosswalks, an added an exclusive pedestrian crossing phase on the north leg of the intersection, flashing yellow arrow signals heads on Roswell Road, retroreflective back plates on all signal heads to increase visibility, and decorative traffic signal poles and mast arms.



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 <u>HERE.</u>

Acceptance of an Agreement to Purchase Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement

Council accepted an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement at 6046 Kayron Drive in support of a Project S2-193, Hammond Drive Widening.

Approve amendment to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 108 Loan Contract

March 4, 2025 the Mayor and City Council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution to approve an amendment to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 108 Loan Contract, to extend the time for the City to withdraw and disburse all the loan proceeds by June 30, 2029. This amendment is needed due to unforeseen construction delays which the HUD secretary recognizes as no fault to the City regarding its obligation under the contract. But since the deadline has expired, both the City and the HUD Secretary are in agreement that it is in the best interest to approve the amendment and continue with the Section 108 activities. The Section 108 loan is used to fund the Roswell Road multi-year sidewalk project as approved in the CDBG Consolidated Plan and the CDBG Annual Action Plans. This project is to install sidewalks along Roswell Road inside I-285 from Northwood Drive to Stewart Drive and Stewart Drive to Long Island Drive, and Hope Road.

Parking Fee Schedule for the City Springs Development The City of Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority approved the proposed parking rates for the City Springs development.

Garage Parking Rates		On Street Parking Rates		Valet Parking Rates	
0-2 hours	Free	1 hour	Free	Retail	\$10.00
2-3 hours	\$4.00	2 hours	Free	Event	\$20.00
3-4 hours	\$6.00	3 hours	\$8.00		
4-5 hours	\$8.00	4 hours	\$10.00		
5-8 hours	\$10.00	5 hours	\$12.00		
8-24 hours	\$18.00	8 hours	\$14.00		
Lost Ticket	\$24.00	24 hours	\$18.00		
Event Parking	\$10 Varies by event				
City Event	Normal Hourly Rates				

Contract Award to 12 Oaks Parking, LLC for Parking Management Services for the City Springs Complex

The City of Sandy Springs issued RFP 24-060 for Parking Management Services seeking proposals from experienced parking management contractors capable of providing well-rounded Parking Management services for the City Springs complex. Three (3) parking management companies, Lanier Parking Meter Services, LLC, 12 Oaks Parking, LLC and Legacy Parking Company, LLC, were invited to submit proposals for the management of parking at the City Springs complex based on the current parking rates. The Evaluation Committee evaluated each offer's proposal against the criteria outlined in the RFP. Based on the assessment of the proposals, Staff recommended that the proposal submitted by 12 Oaks Parking, LLC, for the Parking Management services for the City Springs complex as it represented the best value for the City. The Public Facilities Authority approved awarding the contract.

RECREATION AND PARKS

Superstar Dance for People with Disabilities

The third annual Superstar Dance for People with Disabilities took place March 1 at City Springs with 107 enthusiastic participants – an increase from last year! Participants were given the red-carpet treatment, and each received a golden crown. Staff introduced some new editions this year that included Best Buddies Volunteers from North Springs and Riverside High Schools, who made bracelets, danced with participants, and helped throughout the event. A dancing robot performer was also added, who danced, interacted and posed for pictures with the participants. The evening was a celebration of inclusion, joy, and unforgettable moments. These generous sponsors added sweetness and fun: Nothing Bundt Cakes with bundtinis, Westin Atlanta with desserts, Special Pops Tennis with friendship bracelets, Best Buddies and Sandy Springs citizen volunteers.









SPRINGWAY TRAIL

All railing except where "bump outs" of future site furniture will be placed has been installed and adjusted where necessary. The balance of rail over the boardwalk and remaining security cable through railing is expected to conclude this week.

Work Plan for the Week of March 10

Remaining rail installation on retaining walls from the Fulton Lift Station and through the Edgewater Apartments are planned. A completion of railing installation at the retaining wall near the Fulton County Sewer Lift Station and along the Edgewater Apartments Spur Trial is expected. Completion of railing installation at the Monterey Parkway pedestrian bridge is also planned. Tensioning cable and final railing adjustments at the Orkin lake boardwalk are planned.



City Projects

Sandy Springs Racquet Center

The new pickleball court conversion is complete. Pickleball courts were increased from eight to sixteen. Work has begun on the second phase of court conversions, to convert prior pickleball courts to two tennis courts. Upon completion the Sandy Springs Racquet Center will have 16 tennis and 16 pickleball courts total. (photo on right)



Library Reading Garden

The Sandy Springs Library reading garden is now under management of the Recreation and Parks department. Located adjacent to the Sandy Springs Library, the Reading Garden needed a full clean up, and the slate path was restored. Unwanted weeds and invasive plant material were removed, exposing previously planted azaleas. Twenty-five tons of slate trail mix was brought in to rejuvenate the path, providing a cushioned surface to walk on. The garden also received a fresh layer of pine straw to prevent weeds and assist in preventing erosion. The reading garden offers a relaxing and inspiring space that blends nature with learning, benefiting both individual well-being and community engagement.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

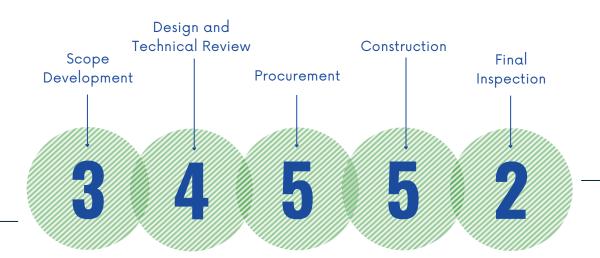
- Staff are adding finishing touches on planting projects across the City, as work has been delayed due to rain.
- Staff completed plantings at Library Reading Garden of the following: 6 Claudia Wanamaker Magnolias,
 4 Thuja Green Giants, 10 Tulip Poplars, and 4 Red Maples.
- Staff performed rainstorm cleanup at Abernathy Greenway North and South, Lost Corner, Morgan Falls
 Orkin Lake, and Pine Forest lots

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

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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

PROGRAMMING

Swan Lake

Showing our commitment to diverse programming the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center offered a little something for everyone, staring with the presentation by the State Ballet of the Ukraine of the beautifully performed Tchaikovsky ballet, Swan Lake.

Matt Rife

Matt Rife and his quick witted comedy style returned for his second sold out performance on February 22nd.

Robert Cray Band

February 23rd brought blues guitar and vocal legend, five time grammy winner, Robert Cray to the stage with the Robert Cray Band.



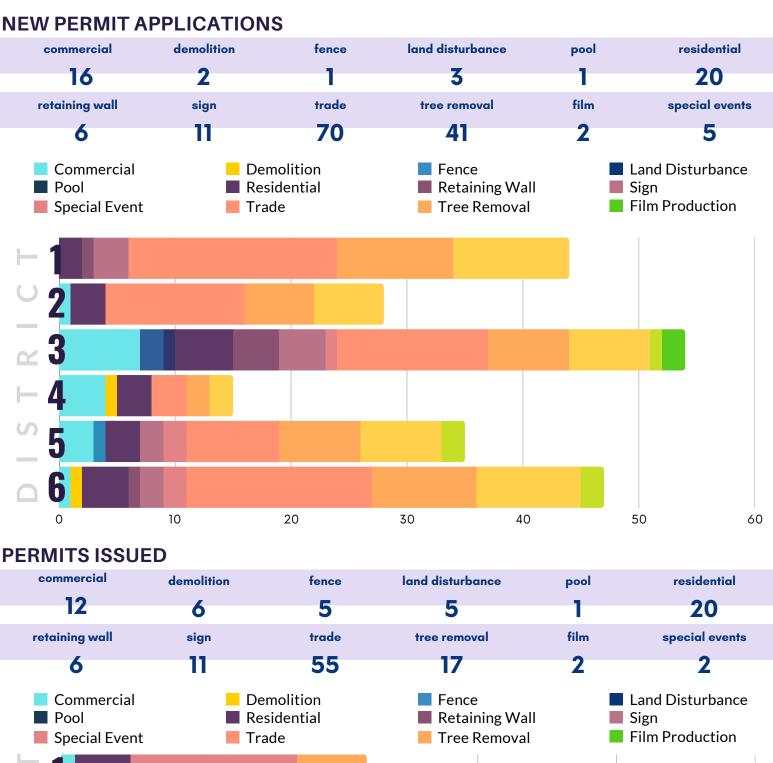
Atlanta Jewish Film Festival

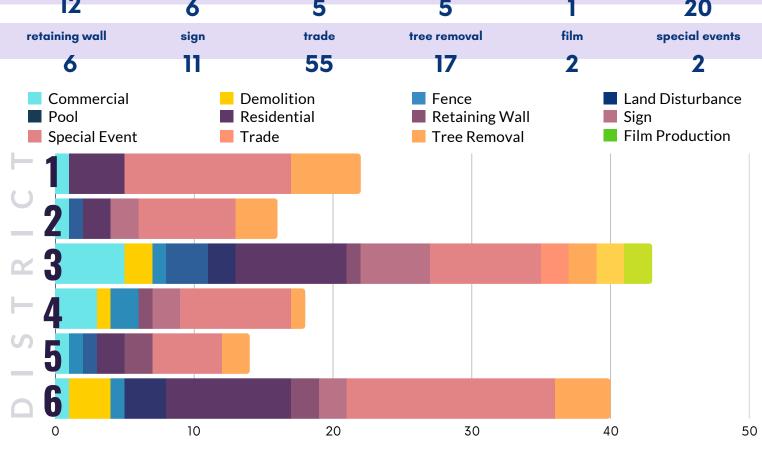
Rounding things out our partner, the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival brought a spectacular lineup of international films while celebrating its 25th anniversary of celebrating diverse Jewish experiences through film.





PERMITS





CODE ENFORCEMENT

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	Address	Enforcement Effort	Violation	Compliance/ Court Date
1	501 Summit Springs	Notice of Violation	Accumulation of trash	2/24/2025
1	8069 Kenstone Court	Citation	Operating an Airbnb without obtaining a business license	3/31/32025
1	1725 Marlborough Drive	Citation	Building without obtaining proper permits	4/14/2025
2	415 Morgan Falls	MRH Re-Inspection	Adair, buildings 600-1100	In Compliance
2	1500 Huntcliff Village	MRH Re-inspection	Chattahoochee Ridge building 800-1400 apartment re-inspection	In Compliance
2	1500 Huntcliff Village	MRH Re-Inspection	Chattahoochee Ridge - Buildings: 200 -700, Mailbox, Leasing Office, Pool. All pending violations were corrected.	In compliance
2	7000 Roswell Road	MRH Re-Inspection	Celebration at Sandy Springs - Buildings: 18-19. All recorded violations are in compliance	In compliance
2	3104 The Valley	Notice of Violation	Appliances and outlets violations	2/28/2025
3	100 Preston Woods Trail	Citation	MAA Mount Vernon building. 500-800. Issued for electrical meters and exhaust vents	4/14/2025
3	100 Preston Woods	MRH Re-Inspection/Citation	MAA Mount Vernon Buildings: 100 - 400, 900, Tennis Court, Pool, Compactor, Leasing Office Citations were issued for the following: Exhaust vents, roof drainage and gas meter IDs.	4/14/2025
3	145 Marsh Glen Point	Notice of Violation	Must obtain a fence permit	2/26/2025
3	310 Heards Ferry Road	Notice of Violation	Overgrown bushes	3/4/2025
3	185 Cliftwood Dr Unit 451	Notice of Violation	Noise violation	2/21/2025
3	265 Underwood Drive	Notice of Violation	Tree debris	2/25/2025
3	701 Bass Way	Citation	Work without a permit	3/31/2025
3	6111 Boylston Drive	Notice of Violation	Abandoned vehicle (Nissan Sentra)	2/28/2025
3	6111 Boylston Drive	Notice of Violation	Abandoned vehicle (Chevy Cobalt)	2/28/2025
4	7700 Colquitt Road	MRH Re-Inspection/Citation	Overlook Sandy Springs, Building 5000-5900 Gas meters, open flame cooking devices, and exterior surfaces	4/14/2025
4	7700 Colquitt Road	MRH Re-Inspection/Citation	The Overlook Apartments, Buildings 2000-3000 Citations issued	4/14/2025
4	7700 Colquitt Road	MRH Re-Inspection/Citation	The Overlook - Buildings: 100 – 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, Laundry Center. Citations were issued for the following: Unsanitary conditions, gutter, stairways and gas meter IDs.	4/14/2025
4	1067 Pitts Road	MRH Re-Inspection	Atlantic North Springs - 1018-1075	In Compliance
4	7445 Trowbridge Road	MRH Re-inspection	Spalding Bridge building F-L, electrical meters sanitation, roofs and drainage	4/14/2025
4	3909 Treelodge Parkway	Notice of Violation	Cracked ceiling in the master bedroom	3/6/2025
4	7445 Trowbridge Drive	MRH Re-Inspection/Citation	Spalding Bridge - Buildings: A - E, Tennis court, Pool, Leasing office, Mailbox, Compactor. A citation was issued for the following: Stairways, cooking devices and gas meter IDs.	4/14/2025
4	1067 Pitts Road	MRH Re-Inspection	The Atlantic North Springs - Buildings: 1001, 1003, 1005, 1007, 1008, 1010, 1012, 1014, 1016, 1060, 1062, 1064, 1066, 1070, 1076, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1085, 1087, 1089, 1091, 1093, Tennis Court/Pavilion, Leasing Office/Fitness Center, and Pool.	In compliance
4	7700 Colquitt	Notice of Violation	Abandoned truck	3/7/2025
5	770 Starlight Drive	Citation	Work without a permit	4/14/2025
5	5345 Roswell Road	Citation	Screening violation	4/14/2025
6	4795 Woodvale Drive	Stop Work Order	Work without a permit until a permit is obtained	Ongoing
6	10 Cates Ridge	Stop Work Order	Work without a permit	3/4/2025
6	245 Danbury Lane	Citation	Work without a permit	4/14/2025
6	4883 Roswell Road	MRH Re-Inspection	One Sovereign Place - Buildings: A, B, C, R, S, T, U, O, N, L, K, Compactor.	Incompliance