# INSIDE SANDY SPRINGS



### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**



Public Meeting

Design Guidelines Open House
Tuesday, May 19



Public Meeting

Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 20



Public Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 21



Public Meeting

Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 3

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**



City Event
Farmers Market 2025
April 12 - November 22



City Springs Event
Sundown Social
Select Thursdays May - June



Recreational Program A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall Tuesday, May 13



Recreational Program

National Kids to Parks Day
Saturday, May 17

### **TICKETED EVENTS**



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



City Event

Mother Son Dance
Saturday, May 10



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City Springs Event Food that Rocks 2025 Thursday, June 5



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

# **SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY**



Sandy Springs Fire personnel participated in a fire truck visit during The Davis Academy Career Day on April 25, 2025, giving students an up-close look at the equipment and tools used in emergency response.

#### SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire units responded to the following reported incidents:

- A brush fire in the 4600 block of Stella Drive. Personnel were advised that a small outside fire had already been extinguished. The area was overhauled, and surrounding pine straw and grass were soaked with water. No additional hazards were found.
- Upon arrival at a three-story commercial structure, occupants were evacuating, and there were no visible signs of smoke or fire from the exterior.
   Personnel found an overheated power strip connected to multiple electrical items and daisy-chained to another strip at a workstation. A small fire had occurred but was out prior to arrival. All power strips were secured and no further hazards were found.
- A motor vehicle accident at GA-400 and Pitts Road. Personnel found a vehicle involved in a crash with injuries. A motorized wheelchair in the front passenger seat was wedged and trapped. Personnel assisted in repositioning the wheelchair so the occupant could safely exit the vehicle using a ramp. AMR provided patient care.
- A gas leak in the 700 block of Lake Summit Drive. Personnel were advised of a gas odor near the garage.
   Personnel found a faint odor in the driveway near the gas meter, which quickly dissipated. The gas meter showed no signs of flow. Gas service to the home was secured, and ventilation was performed. Atlanta Gas Light was notified.
- A cooking fire at a two-story multi-family structure in the 60 block of Northwood Drive. Personnel observed smoke and heard an audible alarm coming from a residence. Personnel found food burning on the stove with no occupants inside. Power to the stove was secured, and ventilation was performed. No further extension was found.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Officer Greene conducted a crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) assessment at a local apartment complex and Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training sessions at a couple of local businesses.
- SSPD officers attended:
  - A local car show engagement to put SSPD vehicles on display.
  - o Grogan's Bluff Community HOA and High Point Civic Association meetings.
  - The annual Special Olympics Torch Run, originating in Sandy Springs and ending in Dunwoody.
  - A couple of local school engagements.
  - Provided the parade escort for Cherokee Town and Country Club's annual parade.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT - VOLUNTEER UNIT

• The VIP and COP units reported 297 total volunteer hours. The COP hours were composed of 13 patrol shifts patrolling a total of 588 miles. Additionally, the COP units conducted 12 house checks, 73 business checks, issued 1 handicap parking citations, handled 7 private property motor vehicle accidents, and assisted officers on 5 traffic related incidents.

# **PUBLIC WORKS**

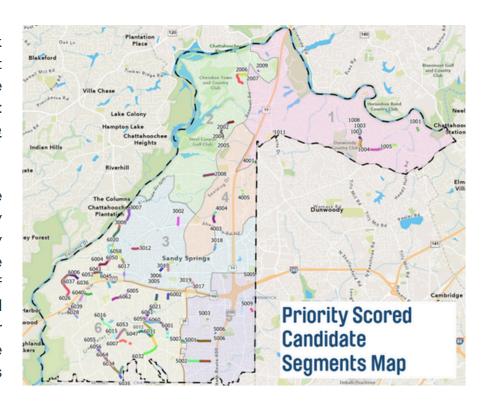
## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TSPLOST, AND TRANSPORTATION**

# What's happening in Sandy Springs

#### **Capital Sidewalk Project**

The updated Capital Sidewalk Program presentation with draft ranking of sidewalk candidate segments is available at: <a href="https://www.sandyspringsga.gov/sidewalks">https://www.sandyspringsga.gov/sidewalks</a>.

Scores for specific candidate segments can be improved by increasing the Right of Way Availability score for the candidate segment based the percentage of Intent to Donate Letters are received versus parcels along the corridor for the segment. The score can be increased to a maximum of 10 points out of 60.



Intent to Donate Right of Way/Easement Letter Forms are available for use by impacted property owners who would like to increase their candidate project's right of way ranking and therefore overall ranking.

Interested citizens can call the Call Center at 770-730-5600 to be directed to the Sidewalk Program staff within Public Works for coordination on a specific segment. The deadline for Intent to Donate packages for candidate segments for the current ranking list are due on May 30, 2025.

#### S2168 Hilderbrand Sidewalk

Work is almost complete for approximately 0.11 miles pedestrian sidewalk on Hilderbrand Drive between Roswell Road to just east of Blue Stone Road. The Notice to Proceed was issued February 4, 2025, with some utility relocations pending to complete the project.



## City Council Meeting Recap

Items below were discussed or voted on during the May 6, 2025, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting. All items and full presentations can be found on the Public Meeting website <u>HERE</u>.

#### **Budget Workshop 1**

City Manager Eden Freeman presented the first of three budget workshops during a Special Called Meeting before the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. During this meeting, City Council provided feedback and direction regarding the FY 2026 Budget and reviewed department requested enhancements and capital requests. The annual budget process continues with Budget Workshop 2 on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 2 PM.

#### Text Amendment (TA-25-1)

Mayor and City Council approved a text amendment (TA-25-1) to allow certain structures such as fences to be constructed within the Floodway in certain circumstances.

# Budget Amendment adjusting the TSPLOST PATH 400 Project budget and creating a budget for a new Path 400 Project

Mayor and Council approved a Budget Amendment to add a new PATH 400 Construction Project (T2506) which will deliver construction of the final segment of the proposed path along Georgia 400 from the City Limits to the I-285/GA 400 Interchange. Funding for this final segment with an estimated total project value of \$23.75M was made possible in very large part by a recently announced grant of \$18M from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). Adjustments were also made to the Path 400 Project S2121 currently in construction to accept this significant grant for the new project. Staff is currently coordinating with both the ARC and Georgia Department of Transportation to advance the new project to construction.

#### Right of Way Donation for Sidewalk Project S2186

A donation of right of way, permanent easement, and driveway easement was accepted by Mayor and Council for the upcoming sidewalk project at 455 Mt. Paran Road.

#### Purchase and Sale Agreement for Sidewalk Project S2814

A Purchase and Sale Agreement was approved by Mayor and Council for a cost to cure payment to the property owner donating temporary construction easement for the upcoming sidewalk project at 3275 Spalding Drive.

#### Dedication of Permanent Easement Required for Land Disturbance Permit HLDP-163

A dedication of permanent easement was accepted by Mayor and Council as a condition of Development Regulations.

#### Permanent Drainage Easement for Nesbit Ferry Stormwater Project

A Permanent Drainage Easement donation was accepted by Mayor and Council for stormwater work on 7600 Nesbit Ferry Road.

#### **Perimeter CIDs Project Update**

PCIDs Executive Director Ann Hanlon provided an update on the progress of Fulton PCID programming, including: Bridge Aesthetic and Bike/Pedestrian Improvements, State and Local Interchange Capacity Improvements, Perimeter Connects and Alternative Transportation, Transit and Commuter Options, Traffic Control Programming and Enhancements, Landscape Maintenance in Public Rights-of-Way Investments, Asset Management, and Public Art and Engagement.

# **RECREATION AND PARKS**

## Major Projects in Sandy Springs

#### **Springway Trail 2A**

The Sandy Springs Conservancy participated in a cleanup on the south shore of Orkin Lake and the nearby woods to remove trash unrelated to trail construction. The trail was dedicated in a brief ceremony on Friday, May 2, 2025, on the spur trail section north of Orkin Lake. Springway Trail, which is open dawn to dusk, runs from Overlook Park via Morgan Falls Road from the south through the Morgan Falls River Park and east to Roswell Road. The same is true for the spur link along Orkin Lake and into Edgewater Apartments. The trail features a fishing pier on the Chattahoochee River, dog park, and boat ramp – Parking is permitted at the River Park and Overlook Park. Additional information is available on the <u>City's website</u>.

#### **Maintenance and Landscaping Projects**

Georgia Sidewalks completed a safety enhancement project at the Sandy Springs Racquet Center by shaving down uneven sections of concrete along all walking paths. This preventative maintenance work was carried out to address potential tripping hazards caused by lifted or settled slabs, ensuring a smoother and safer walking surface for visitors. The project contributes to ADA compliance and demonstrates a proactive approach to maintaining accessibility and reducing liability risks on park property.

Spring seasonal color has been installed throughout the city. Planters down Roswell Road, pots at the Greenway and flower beds at the corners of Johnson Ferry Road and Brandon Mill have been planted. A mixture of lantana, begonias, angelonia, coleus and salvia was used providing many different tones and textures. Using many different varieties will guarantee something for everyone to enjoy throughout the spring and summer.



# **Upcoming Programs and Events**

- The Department has contracted with long time partner ATOK to offer youth and adult <u>Karate</u>, which returned to Hammond Park April 17. 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 10 am.
- Fit4Moms 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 meet on Mondays at 6:30pm at Sandy Springs Middle School.

## Past Programming Highlights

- The Sandy Springs Striders track team participated in the State track meet in Hampton, GA. 13 Striders competed. One female Strider won the State Championship for the Mile run and the 800-meter run!
- On World Tai Chi Day, 35 participants gathered on the City Green to celebrate the timeless practice of Tai Chi. Led by instructor Florin Szondi, the event welcomed individuals of all experience levels—from beginners to advanced practitioners
  —for a morning of movement, balance, and mindfulness.
- The Annual Optimist Club Egg Hunt was held at Hammond Park Turf Fields with 187 participants. The egg hunts were split into three time slots by age group, which helped keep things organized and safe, and made sure every child had an opportunity to collect eggs. There was also a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny, which was definitely a crowd favorite, with lots of families taking the opportunity to snap some cute photos.
- In partnership with FIT4MOM and Here We Grow, the department welcomed over 40 prenatal and postnatal moms who participated in a fun, empowering group workout led by four fantastic instructors across dynamic stations on the City Green. While the moms got moving, the kids stayed engaged and happy with sensory play stations (we had three bins to keep the play going strong) and an educational take-home activity, potting their very own plants to nurture and grow for Mother's Day. Top two photos on the right.
- Hoops at Hammond 3v3 tournament had a great turnout on Sunday, May 4th at Hammond Park basketball court with 15 teams participating. The event was presented by JAM Sports. Bottom photo on the right.
- Once again, Sandy Springs Youth Sports was named as the Best Sports Program by Appen Media's Best of the Perimeter. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 5 years that SSYS has received this amazing award.







### Park Design Work in Progress

#### **Abernathy Greenway South Improvements**

• The construction documents for the central portion the Greenway and the sanitary sewer plans and exhibits were submitted to Fulton County for their final review.

#### Morgan Falls Athletic Complex Phase III Improvements

• Design plans for stormwater improvements and additional parking are in progress.

#### Morgan Falls Dog Park Master Plan

• The improvement concept plan is before Georgia Power (landowner) for review. A proposal for a new water service route from Morgan Falls Road at Overlook Park south through the Georgia Power property to the dog park is also in review.

#### **Old Riverside Park Development**

 Construction documents are 95% complete. Permitting plans are before the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for Metropolitan River Protection Act review, with City Council consideration of ARC's recommendation expected on May 20, 2025. Permitting plans for water service are in review. Comments for Fulton County sewer service have been received.

#### **Hammond Park Master Planning**

• Preliminary concept planning is in progress.

# SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

• Staff held a Tree Risk Assessment Qualification seminar.

### 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 HERE



# PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND SIGNATURE EVENTS

#### **BEAUTIFUL - THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL**

The Atlanta Ballet wrapped up their recital schedule in Byers Theatre on April 19<sup>th</sup> just in time for the City Springs Theatre Company to start loading in Beautiful, the Carol King Musical, which opened on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs through May 18<sup>th</sup>.





#### **COMING ATTRACTIONS EVENT**

On Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> the Performing Arts Center held its season launch party "Coming Attractions" hosting its members and special guests. This is the night where the PAC announces the current line up of new shows for the season. A few of the shows announced include a new stand up comedy series in Studio Theatre, Funny Fridays with Joel Byars and some of his friends, Mutts Gone Nuts, the spectacular trained dog show, the return of the Vienna Boys Choir, the Prague Philharmonia, and a group of family shows including Peppa Pigs: My First Concert, and Blippi's Join the Band Tour. These and several more!



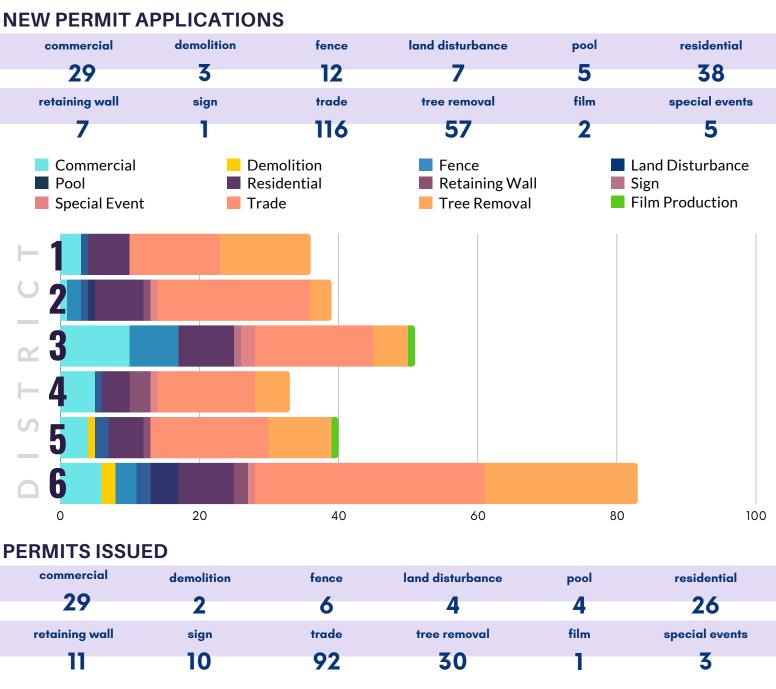
#### **CONCERTS BY THE SPRINGS**

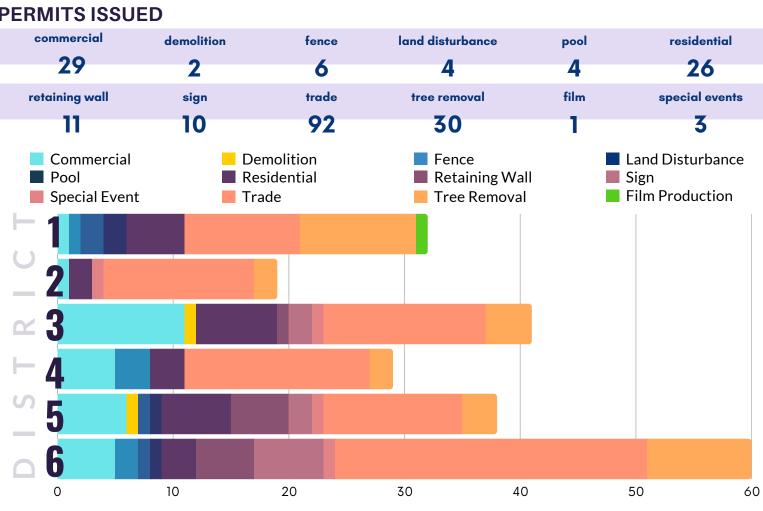
May the 4<sup>th</sup> saw the return of Concerts by the Springs at the Heritage Entertainment Lawn featuring the Ansley Stewart Band!

The next concert will be held on Sunday, June 1 and feature <u>Funk Force Five!</u>



# **PERMITS**





# **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS**

Address	Enforcement Effort	Violation	Compliance/ Court Date
l 320 Forestgate Ct.	Notice of violation	High grass and weeds	18-Apr
7210 Selkirk Dr.	Notice of violation	Accumulation of trash	5-May
2 135 Devonwood Dr.	Notice of violation	High grass and weeds	29-Apr
6200 River Shore Pkwy	Notice of violation	High grass and weeds	8-May
3 75 Brandon Ridge Dr.	Notice of violation	Fence.	5-May
6709 Ridge Mill Ln.	Stop work order	Working without a permit	Immediate
3 5790 Riverwood Dr	Notice of violation	Working without a permit	Immediate
3 6125 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Expired tag	21-Apr
3 263 Hilderbrand Dr.	Notice of violation	Expired tag	24-Apr
3 175 Stone Mill Trl.	Notice of violation	High grass and weeds	24-Apr
6111 Boylston Dr.	Notice of violation	Expired tag	25-Apr
3 100 Whispering Way	Notice of violation	Apartment violations	26-Apr
7420 Talbot Col.	Notice of violation	High grass and weeds	17-Apr
6642 Cherry Tree Ln.	Notice of violation	Noise	11-Apr
550 Abernathy Rd.	Notice of violation	Sewage discharge	21-Apr
1 1805 Treelodge Pkwy.	Notice of violation	Apartment violations	9-May
7700 Colquitt Rd.	Notice of violation	Testing for mold	2-May
7901 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance	5-May
7889 Roswell Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	27-May
606 Windsor Pkwy.	Stop work order	Working without a permit	Immediate
66 Northwood Dr.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance	7-May
5 5501 Glenridge Dr.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance	9-May
4650 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance	12-May
610 Glenforest Rd.	Stop work order	Working without a permit	Immediate
5 5470 Glenridge Dr.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	27-May
5 5501 Glenridge Dr.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	27-May
6 66 Northwood Dr.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	19-May

#### Planning and Zoning Highlights

On April 24, 2025, the second community meeting (CM-2) for the Zoning Map Amendment application RZ-25-1, was held at City Hall. The applicant is requesting to rezone a property on 5375 Northland Drive from RE-1 to RD-7.5 to build three (3) homes.

On April 28, 2025, the second community meeting (CM-2) for the Conditional Use Permit application (U-25-1) was held at City Hall. The applicant is requesting a use permit to allow a drive through facility in the CX-3 district for a new Whataburger restaurant at 8721 Roswell Road.