Issue #18

INSIDE SANDY SPRINGS



PUBLIC MEETINGS



Public Meeting

Special Called Meeting

Tuesday, May 27



Public Meeting
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 3



Public Meeting

Board of Appeals Meeting

Wednesday, June 4



Public Meeting

ChatComm Authority Meeting

Tuesday, June 10

COMMUNITY EVENTS



City Event
Farmers Market 2025
April 12 - November 22



City Springs Event
Sundown Social
Select Thursdays May - June



City Event
Concerts by the Springs - Funk
Force Five
Friday, May 23



City Educational Program BUILD: SANDY SPRINGS Tuesday, May 27

TICKETED EVENTS



Recreational Programming
Youth and Adult Karate Summer
2025
June 2 - August 29



Recreational Programming
Kids' Yogaland Summer Camp
June 2 - 6



<u>VIEW EVENT</u>

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

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire units responded to the following reported incidents:

- A motor vehicle accident in the 6000 block of Roswell Road. Personnel found two vehicles involved in an accident with no entrapment. AMR was on scene prior to arrival and handled patient care. Personnel further assessed the scene and found a damaged light pole. Public Works was notified.
- A motor vehicle accident in the 5000 block of Roswell Road. Personnel found two vehicles involved in an accident, with one vehicle overturned. There were no reported injuries or entrapment.
- A short circuit in the 1000 block of Spalding Drive. Evacuation was underway at elementary school due to reports of smoke and haze inside of a classroom. Personnel investigated and found shorted wires in the interior HVAC room caused by condensation buildup and clogged drainage pipes. The HVAC unit was secured, and building management was notified.
- A passenger vehicle fire in the 7000 block of Roswell Road. Personnel found a vehicle with flames and smoke showing from the engine compartment. Personnel extinguished the fire. No further hazards were identified.



Sandy Springs Fire Department hosted a two-day hands-on Elevator Rescue training at the Cox Enterprises building, sharing skills and scenarios with partners from Alpharetta, West Jackson, Forsyth County, Brevard County, Carroll County, and Atlanta Fire.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Saint Jude kindergarteners took a field trip to the new SSPD Headquarters and Municipal Court Complex.
- Sgt Millholland attended Riverside HOA's meeting.
- Officers Dixon attended a local school engagement.
- Officer Manne assisted Roswell PD with their annual Special Olympics Torch Run in Roswell.
- Sgt Brandon Smith graduated from the Southern Police Institute's 153rd Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville.
- SSPD officers attended:
 - Riverwood International Charter School's graduation at the Georgia State Convocation Center.
 - Sandy Springs Police Benevolent Fund annual golf tournament at the Dunwoody Country Club.
 - National Kids to Parks Day event at Hammond Park.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - VOLUNTEER UNIT

• The VIP and COP units reported 263 total volunteer hours. The COP hours were composed of 18 patrol shifts patrolling a total of 795 miles. Additionally, the COP units conducted 32 house checks, 137 business checks, issued 11 handicap parking citations, handled 11 private property motor vehicle accidents, and assisted officers on 10 traffic related incidents.

PUBLIC WORKS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TSPLOST, AND TRANSPORTATION

What's happening in Sandy Springs

Project S2185 Lake Forest Dr. Sidewalk Project, Phase 1

Work is underway for approximately 0.25 miles of pedestrian sidewalk on Lake Forest Drive between 4838 Lake Forrest Drive to 4852 Lake Forrest Drive and from 5022 Lake Forrest Drive to 14 Mt. Paran Drive. NTP was issued on April 14, 2025. The completion date for this project is August 12, 2025 and the project is currently on schedule.





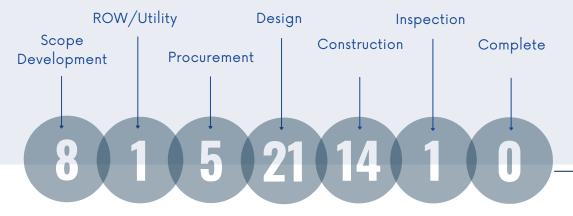


S2168 Hilderbrand Sidewalk

Each year the City contracts to remove small trip hazards from our sidewalks. These areas are less than two-inch displacements and are removed through grinding of the concrete surface. In areas where displacements are greater than two inches or there is broken concrete, the contractor identifies those areas to the City for complete replacement of sidewalk panels. Since 2017, the City has repaired over 11,000 trip hazards.

Project Summary





City Council Meeting Recap

Items below were discussed or voted on during the May 20, 2025, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting. All items and full presentations can be found on the Public Meeting website <u>HERE</u>.

National Public Works Week Proclamation

The Mayor and Council issued a proclamation recognizing the week of May 18 - 24, 2025 as National Public Works Week, marking the 65th annual National Public Works Week as sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

Easement Donations for Sidewalk Project S2186

- A donation of driveway easement was accepted by Mayor and Council for the upcoming sidewalk project at 4940 Powers Ferry Road.
- A donation of temporary construction easement was accepted by Mayor and Council for the upcoming sidewalk project at 4950 Powers Ferry Road.
- A donation of temporary construction easement, and driveway easement was accepted by Mayor and Council for the upcoming sidewalk project at 3265 Spalding Drive.

FY 2025 Resurfacing Contract Award

Mayor and Council approved of this year's pavement resurfacing contract to East Coast Grading in the amount of \$6,466,760.00. The award amount includes \$1,040,716.61 in Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant funds provided through the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Local Road Assistance Supplemental Grant Application Approval

Mayor and Council approved the list of streets and the City's application for \$1,276,784.86 in Supplemental Grant funds made available through the Georgia Department of Transportation this year. With this additional funding, the City will pursue repaving of approximately 4.15 miles of City streets identified for repaving in its FY 2026 Paving Program.

Change Order Approval for Construction Contract with Vertical Earth, Incorporated

Mayor and Council approved Change Order 2 with the contractor for work associated with the construction of Project TS191, Mount Vernon/Johnson Ferry Road Corridor Improvements. The change order increases the total contract amount by \$242,148.25 and provides a contract time extension of 64 days to the contract performance period.

Amendment Approval of Design Services Contract with Gresham, Smith and Partners

Mayor and Council approved Amendment Six to the contract with the consultant for design of Project S2193, Hammond Drive Corridor Improvements. Work covered under this amendment includes environmental assessment and coordination, project video and renderings, construction staging plans as well as a contract time extension through September 15, 2028.

Metropolitan River Protection Act

Mayor and City Council approved Metropolitan River Protection Act (MRPA) Certificates (RC-25-01SS) for Old Riverside Park at 500 Old Riverside Drive to allow the City to construct the Old Riverside Park and for 8050 Nesbit Ferry Road, to allow for the construction of a new garage, garden shed, and breezeway.

2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) Summary

The Mayor and City Council approved the 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) summary of activities being funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. For 2025, City staff will continue working to implement the south Roswell Road multi-year sidewalk project and the design of sidewalks for Hope Road in the North End.

RECREATION AND PARKS

Major Projects in Sandy Springs

Maintenance and Landscaping Projects

Marsh Creek recently underwent an extensive beautification project to enhance the visual appeal of the landscape, and aid in the function of the storm water infrastructure. To accomplish this goal, muhly grass, coneflower, fern, hydrangea, and many other varieties were used. Marsh Creek Rain Garden leverages natural processes to manage stormwater, improve water quality, support wildlife, and enhance the beauty of a landscape, making it a sustainable and beneficial attraction to Sandy Springs parks!



Upcoming Programs and Events

- ATOK offers youth and adult Karate at Hammond Park Activity Building.
- Tai Chi classes are offered every Wednesday and Friday morning at 10am.
- 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 Mondays, 6:30pm at Sandy Springs Middle School.

Past Programming Highlights

- Staff hosted the annual Mother Son Dance in the Studio Theater at City Springs on May 10 with 212 attendees! The evening included a meal, photo booth, goodie bags, and a DJ who kept the energy up with fun games throughout the evening. A rose was given to each boy to present to each mom. Staff received positive feedback throughout the evening with many moms expressing their appreciation for having an evening dedicated to moms and sons, noting that they would cherish the memories.
- Staff hosted the annual National Kids to Parks Day on May 17 at Hammond Park turf field with 600 attendees.
 Although the event began with thunderstorms, the weather quickly cleared, resulting in a beautiful, sunny afternoon that was perfect for a fun-filled community gathering.









Park Design Work in Progress

Abernathy Greenway South Improvements

• The design team responded to City comments related to the Land Disturbance Permit as well as comments by Fulton County Public Works. Construction documents for the central portion of the Greenway, as well as the sanitary sewer plans, were submitted to Fulton County for 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

City Staff met on site with the Georgia Power team to discuss the project. The design team will modify
the concept plan for Georgia Power's final approval. The improvements include the provision of
additional shade structures, water for a dog wash station and water fountains, site furnishings, grading
for new surfacing on the west end of both large and small areas, and site furnishings.

Old Riverside Park Development

 Construction documents are 95% complete. City Council approved the MRPA Certificate at the May 20 Regular Meeting. Permitting plans for water service are in review and comments from Fulton County sewer have been received.

Hammond Park Master Planning

• Preliminary concept planning is in progress. Staff have been visiting a variety of recreation centers around the metro for improved understanding of the benefit of a variety of design elements, and how best to serve the public's programming needs.

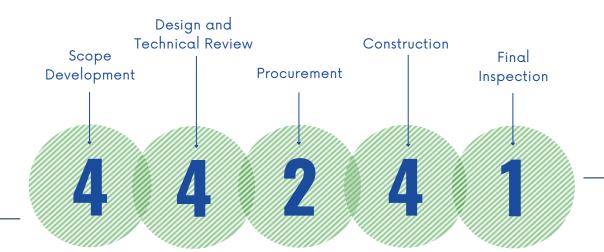
SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Staff hosted an International Society of Arboriculture Arborist Certification exam preparation course for spanish speakers.
- Staff conducted a Sandy Springs Conservatory Volunteer workday with US Bank at Ridgeview Park to remove english ivy, wisteria, and elaeagnus.

S T O R M W A T E R P R O J F 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

SUNDOWN SOCIAL AT CITY SPRINGS

It's Back! Sundown Social is back in full swing with more games and interactive opportunities then before! It's still a great vibe and a perfect place for a little evening unwind!







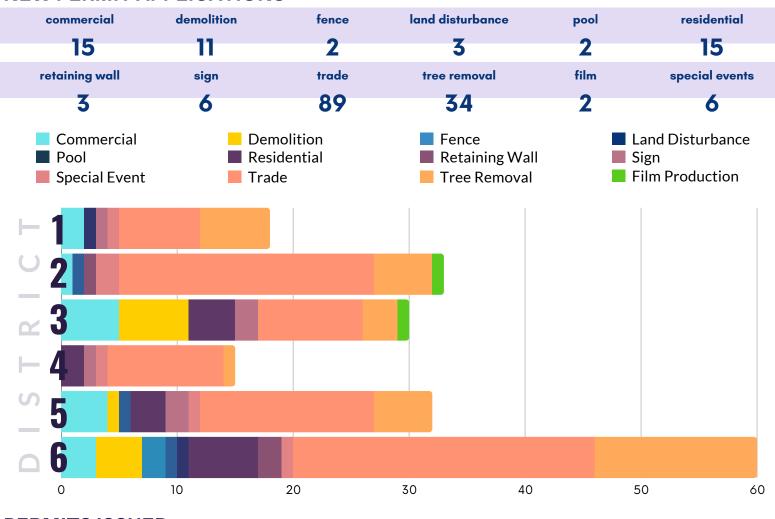
FARMERS MARKET

The last two weeks of Farmers Market were a little damp but our folks still came through. Seem like weather won't stop our vendors from bringing out their wares. Here's to sunnier days!

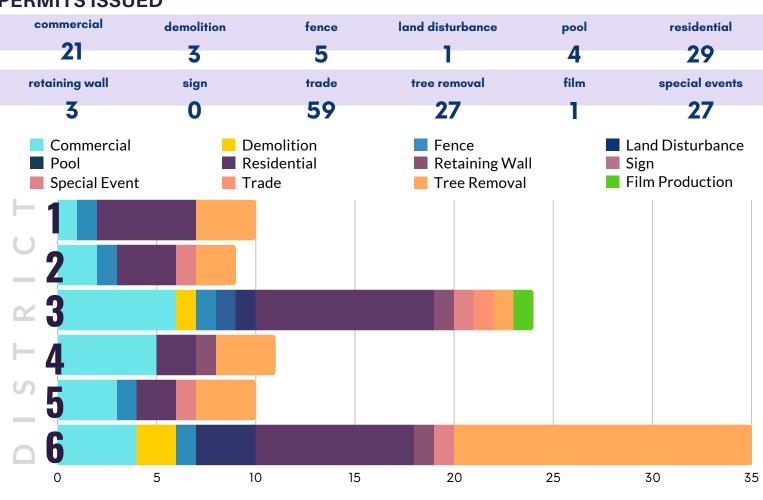


PERMITS

NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS



PERMITS ISSUED



CODE ENFORCEMENT AND P&Z

	Address	Enforcement Effort	Violation	Compliance/ Court Date
1	1585 Northridge Rd.	Notice of violation	High grass & weeds	14-May
1	3100 River Exchange Dr.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	19-Jun
2	502 Cimarron Pkwy.	Citation	Improper repairs	16-Jun
2	135 Devonwood Dr.	Notice of violation	High grass & weeds	27-May
2	354 Dalrymple Rd.	Notice of violation	High grass & weeds	27-May
2	7600 Roswell Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	19-May
3	280 Crosstree Ln.	Notice of violation	Junk in the front yard	23-May
3	6420 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	High grass & weeds	20-May
3	6390 Roswell Rd	Notice of violation	Property maintenance	23-May
3	6410 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance	7-Jun
3	5850 De Claire Ct.	Notice of violation	Pile of tree branches	4-Jun
3	5901 Roswell Rd	Notice of violation	Trash & debris	30-May
3	6500 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Signage	30-May
3	266 Colewood Way	Citation	High grass & weeds	16-Jun
3	602 Lorell Ter.	Notice of violation	High grass & weeds	20-May
4	7495 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Trash & debris	21-May
4	7285 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	High grass & weeds	21-May
4	6575 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	High grass & weeds	20-May
4	7700 Colquitt Rd.	Notice of violation	Mold	20-May
4	6600 Williamson Dr.	Notice of violation	Junk vehicle	22-May
4	6311 Vernon Woods Dr.	Notice of violation	High grass & weeds	23-May
4	6583 Cherry Tree Ln.	Notice of violation	Trash	22-May
4	345 Ridgeview Trl.	Notice of violation	High grass & weeds	24-May
4	7843 Roswell Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	19-May
4	6850 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	19-May
4	6873 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.	Citation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	19-May
5	5150 High Point	Notice of violation	Tree debris	20-May
5	4985 Park Ave.	Notice of violation	Inoperable vehicle	16-May
5	4650 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.	Notice of violation	Improper storage	12-May
5	5275 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance	30-May
6	4784 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance	30-May

Planning and Zoning Highlights

- May 7, 2025: Board of Appeals approved (V-25-9) at 5805 Brookgreen Road, a request for a Variance from Sec. 9.4.3. to allow retaining walls to be constructed in the rear setback, side setback, and grading setback.
- May 8, 2025: Fourth Community Meeting for Conditional Use Permit (U-24-4), a request to allow a columbarium to be placed at an existing Place of Worship at 301 Johnson Ferry Road.
- May 17 19, 2025: Citywide Design Guidelines pop-up events and public open house, focused on stage 1 of the project collecting design preferences for the City Springs, Perimeter, and North End areas. The meeting <u>presentation and visual</u>
 <u>preference survey</u> is available through June 9th, 2025.
- May 19, 2025: Third Community Meeting for Conditional Use Permit (U-25-1), a request to allow a drive through facility in the CX-3 zoning district at 8721 Roswell Road for a new Whataburger fast food restaurant.
- May 19, 2025: First Community Meeting for Zoning Map Amendment (RZ-25-2), a request to rezone the property at 9755
 Roberts Drive from RE-2 to RD-7.5 to allow for three (3) residential lots.

See the Zoning Cases Map for additional information or to provide comments on a specific case.