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# INSIDE SANDY SPRINGS



### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**



Public Meeting
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 16



Public Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 17



Public Meeting
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 7



Public Meeting

Board of Appeals Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**



City Event
Farmers Market 2025
April 12 - November 22



City Springs Event 20 Years Strong, 20 Ways to Connect: Family Fun Day Saturday, September 20



City Event BUILD: Sandy Springs Seminar Tuesday, September 23



Recreational Program

Falling for Georgia Wildlife

Tuesday, September 23

### TICKETED EVENTS



Recreational Program

Blue Stone 5K-9

Saturday, September 27



City Springs Event
BENISE - 25 Years of Passion!
Friday, October 3



Promoted Event

Blippi: Join the Band Tour

Saturday, October 4



Community Event
Celebrate Sandy Springs - 20th
Anniversary Party
Thursday, October 9

## SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY



This week, Fire Stations 3 and 5 held their traditional push-in ceremonies, where new fire trucks are welcomed by being pushed into the bay. In the photo, you can see city council members, firefighters, and city staff joining together to push the new apparatus into Fire Station 5.

### SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS-FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire units responded to the following reported incidents:

- A building fire in the 7000 block of Roswell Road. Light smoke was found inside a commercial building. The source was traced to an overheated HVAC fan on the roof. Power was cut, and the unit was cooled. No further hazards were found.
- A high angle rescue on Highway 400. A person was found on top of a sound barrier wall. Personnel used rope rescue techniques and an aerial ladder to safely remove the individual.
- A gas leak in the 1000 block of Hampton Drive. A gas odor was found inside an apartment after a stove replacement. The gas line was shut off and the appliance unplugged. No further hazards were found, and the resident was advised to contact maintenance.
- A passenger vehicle fire in the 7000 block of Roswell Road. A vehicle was found with heavy fire in the engine compartment. The fire was extinguished and no structures were involved. The scene was left with law enforcement and the fire marshal.
- Vehicle fires in the 5000 block of New Northside Drive. Multiple vehicles were found on fire in a parking lot. The fire was extinguished and the nearby building was evacuated as a precaution. No structural damage reported.
- An assist with law enforcement at 1000 Johnson Ferry Road. Fire and EMS units staged in response to a reported active shooter. After police cleared the scene and confirmed a false alarm, all units returned to service.

## SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY

### SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING FOR KIDS SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

There is still time to sign up! Join us for self-defense training for kids!

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Co-ed Ages 6 - 11 10:00am - 12:00pm

Teen Girls Ages 11 - 19 1:00pm - 3:00pm

620 Morgan Falls Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30350

If you would like to sign up, please click on the link below <u>HERE</u>

### JOIN US!

Saturday, September 27

FREE Self-Defense Workshops for children & teen girls

Sponsored by: The Sandy Springs Society



HOSTED BY:



Training takes place at the police department.

10am - Children 6-11 1pm - Teen Girls 11-19



PRESENTED BY:



Advance registration required: revvedupkids.org/events

Questions? 678.526.3335 training@revvedupkids.org

### POLICE DEPARTMENT - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Officer Greene attended a Touch-A-Truck meet-and-greet in a local neighborhood.
- SSPD officers attended 9/11 Remembrance Services.
- Officer Greene provided a local business with a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment.
- Officer Greene provided a local business with a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) presentation.
- Chief DeSimone and Lt McGinnis traveled to Vienna, Austria to review European security measures during soccer matches in preparation for the upcoming 2026 FIFA World Cup in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT - VOLUNTEER UNIT

The VIP and COP units reported 143 total volunteer hours. The COP hours included nine patrol shifts
patrolling a total of 426 miles. Additionally, the COP units conducted 16 house checks, 70 business checks,
issued 19 handicap parking citations, handled five private property motor vehicle accidents, and assisted
officers on three traffic related incidents.

# **PUBLIC WORKS**

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

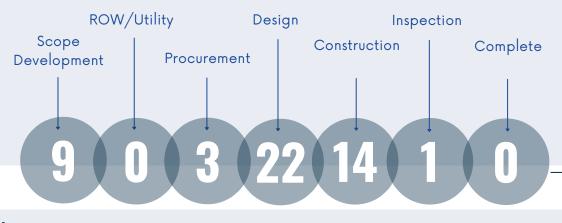
What's happening in Sandy Springs Field Services Unit



As part of the annual street maintenance plan, the City obtains services from a qualified paving contractor to resurface streets. The resurfacing of City streets has begun and is now in full swing as we look to resurface approximately 24 miles of City streets. Weather dependent, we hope to complete this work by the end of the calendar year.

# Project Summary





## Field Services

- T-3000 Pavement Maintenance
  - FY25 Resurfacing: Work began week of August 4, 2025.
  - Start Week of September 15 Sunnybrook Farm Road, Berkley Ridge, Glen Courtney Drive, Dalrymple Road, Sky Ridge Trail
  - Start Week of September 22 Jett Ferry Road, Redbourne Drive, Brigham Drive, Hunters Woods Drive, Knightsridge Court, Blandford Place

### Right of Way Maintenance

- Ongoing projects bi-weekly mowing on I-285 and GA SR 400, Citywide ROW litter removal, street sweeping, City primary and secondary routes mowing
- Large sidewalk repairs Sidewalk repairs ongoing 121 repairs since January 2, 2025.
- Sidewalk Small Trip Hazard Removal completed. 1,046 trip hazards have been removed on 53 streets.
- Sidewalk cleaning work began the week of April 7th. An additional 20 miles were added to current contract.
- Pothole Repair Project 572 potholes/patches repaired since January 2, 2025. Public Works Field Superintendents surveying and marking potholes for repair. Please call the City's 24/7 Call Center, 770-730-5600, to report potholes.

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**STREET** 

N/A

GA 811 Implementation: Total Locate Requests received Year to Date – 2889; Locate Requests received this week –
 193

		LITTER	MOWING	SWEEPING
<b>Utilities</b> Utility Permits Received 12	Roswell Road North	A-	A-	Α
Permits Issued 21 Active Utility Permits 512	Roswell Road South	A-	A-	A-
Completed 2	Northridge	А	А	A-
City of Atlanta Water Active Water Leaks 35 Outstanding Postantian 24	Dunwoody Place	А	Α	Α
Outstanding Restoration 24	Abernathy	А	А	А
Street Lighting Requests for new streetlighting 0 Streetlight Petitions sent to residents 0	Sandy Springs Circle	А	A-	A-
Lease agreements for signatures 1	Johnson Ferry	Α-	A-	Α
Field Services	I-285 Eastbound	Α	N/A	N/A
Tree Removal 10 Sidewalk/Curbs 5 Potholes/Resurface 10 Walls/Fence/Guardrail 1 Service requests/work orders 38 Completed 38 Dead animal removal 4 Trimming/Mowing 5 Litter/Debris 4	I-285 Westbound	Α	N/A	N/A
	I-285 Interchanges	A-	A-	N/A
	GA-400 North of I-285 Interchange	А	Α	N/A
	GA-400 South of I-285 – Interchange	А	Α	N/A

GA-400 Interchanges

# City Council Meeting Recap

Items below were discussed or voted on during the September 16, 2025, City Council Meeting. All items and full presentations can be found on the Public Meeting website <u>HERE</u>.

#### **WORK SESSION**

### Capital Sidewalk Program Update:

Council received an update on the status of all scored candidate Sidewalk Program projects in advance of finalizing the list of projects for submission into the upcoming Transportation Master Plan Update. By consensus, Council accepted the staff recommendation to increase the Gap Fill Program project cost ceiling to \$200,000, creating and funding six candidate projects based on available funds and the scored list of projects. The Program webpage can be found here: <a href="https://www.sandyspringsga.gov/sidewalks/">https://www.sandyspringsga.gov/sidewalks/</a>

#### CONSENT AGENDA

### Driveway Easement Donation for Project S2161, Windsor Parkway Sidewalk Project

- Council accepted the donation of driveway easement at 555 Windsor Parkway
- Council accepted the donation of driveway easement at 565 Windsor Parkway
- Council accepted the donation of driveway easement at 621 Windsor Parkway

#### **REGULAR SESSION**

# Approval to Purchase Environmental Mitigation Stream Credits for the Hammond Drive Corridor Improvements Project S2193:

Council approved the purchase of 7,144.65 Stream Mitigation Credits for the project at a total purchase price of \$2,322,011.25. The credits are required in furtherance of permits required by the Clean Water Act to construct the project.

### Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Development Code

Mayor and City Council voted to approve the Text Amendment (TA-25-2) for various Development Code edits.

### Rezone the Property at 9755 Roberts Drive

Mayor and City Council voted to approve the Zoning Map Amendment (RZ-25-2) a request to rezone the property located at 9755 Roberts Drive from RE-1 to RD-7.5 to allow for three (3) residential lots to build three (3) homes.

# 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

Mayor and City Council voted to approve the 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and to submit the CAPER to HUD as part of the City's CDBG program requirements. The CAPER is a compilation of the project activities and accomplishments associated with the City's CDBG program over the previous fiscal year. It is available at https://www.sandyspringsga.gov/community-development-block-grant

# **RECREATION AND PARKS**

# Major Projects in Sandy Springs

### **Sandy Springs Racquet Center**

Pergola renovation - Staff is in the process of obtaining estimates to wrap the existing concrete columns with stone veneer. Bids have been received to replace the existing pergolas with new aluminum sun shelters.

### **Abernathy Arts Center**

Construction has begun on the Pottery Building remodel.

### Morgan Falls Dog Park Master Plan

Staff are awaiting bids for the new waterline installation. A request for a new meter has been submitted to Atlanta Watershed, with installation expected within 11 weeks.

### **Abernathy Greenway South Improvements**

Staff are coordinating with Fulton County on a mutually agreeable IGA to cover the cost of relocating a 60+ year-old clay sanitary sewer line currently located in the stream bank. GDOT is still reviewing the property transfer application needed to convey the land to the City to complete the greenway.

### Morgan Falls Athletic Complex Phase III Improvements

Staff are coordinating with Atkins and SSYS to determine the athletic fields, amenities, and features required for the upcoming renovation.

### **Old Riverside Park Development**

Romtec revised the plans for the restroom building, and those plans have been submitted to the City for approval. Fulton County has given their final approval for the sewer tie-in.

#### Maintenance/Landscaping Projects:

Abernathy Greenway Park received needed sod and irrigation repair due to heavy foot traffic, weather, and poor drainage. Maintaining healthy turf in public parks is essential for both aesthetic appeal and practical use. Replacing it ensures a level, soft surface that is safe and more comfortable for walking, running, and playing. Healthy turf also plays a crucial role in soil stabilization and water absorption.



#### Blue Stone 5K-9: A Road Race for People & Pups

Why take your dog for a walk when you can take them for a fun run instead? The Blue Stone 5K-9 will be a pawsome event happening during the Blue Stone Art and Music Festival. Don't miss this tail-wagging good time with your "best friend!

Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome with or without a furry friend! The route is a primarily flat road race, down and back route. In partnership with Catalyst Sports, Sandy Springs Recreation & Parks will have a limited number of adaptive hand cycles bikes available to borrow for this event for people with disabilities. To reserve an adaptive cycle, please email desiree@catalystsports.org. Learn more about the event and register for the race <u>HERE</u>.

### **Upcoming Programs and Events**

- District Basketball Tryouts will be during the week of September 15 18 at Cumberland Academy gym building. Tryouts are for boys and girls 9 – 14 years old.
- Girls District Flag Football registration is open for girls ages 11–14 years old at Dunwoody Springs Elementary. Program runs September 15 December 19.
- Sandy Springs Youth Sports Fall Baseball registration and Fall Softball registration is open for season beginning September 1 November 1, 2025. Program located at Morgan Falls Athletic Complex.
- Atlanta Lacrosse League registration is open for Boys High School league at Dunwoody Elementary and Girls High School league at Hammond Park.

Registration information is available at this link.

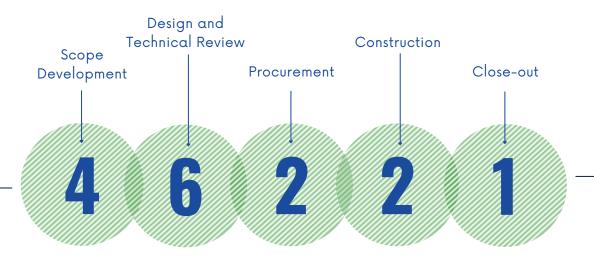
# SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Big Trees volunteer event with LexisNexis & Sandy Springs Conservancy- Removal of Japanese stilt grass: 17 volunteers
- Morgan Falls Athletic Complex, river clean up took place with Holy Innocents School & Keep North Fulton Beautiful - Litter pick up, waste audit, recyclables diverted to KNFB center: 150 volunteers
- Tree pruning at Morgan Falls Athletic Fields. Contractors pruned north side of Morgan Falls Place NE for clearance

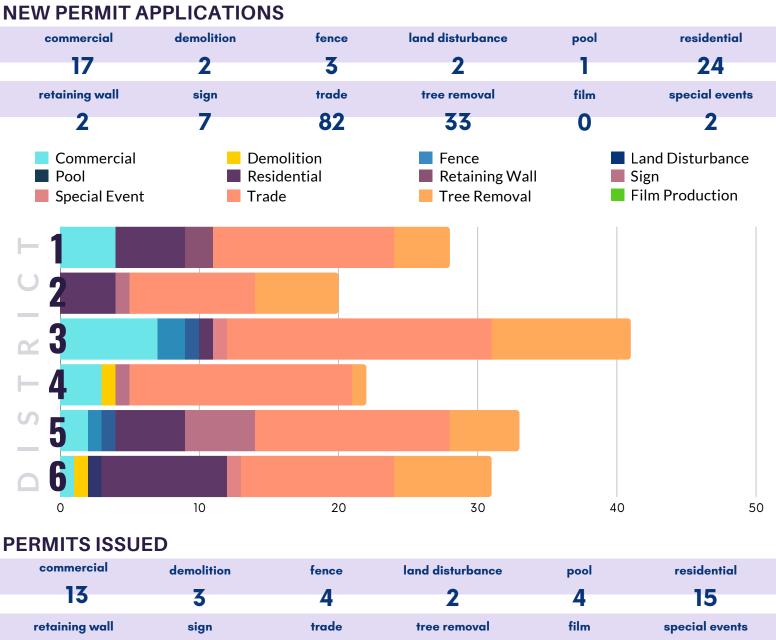
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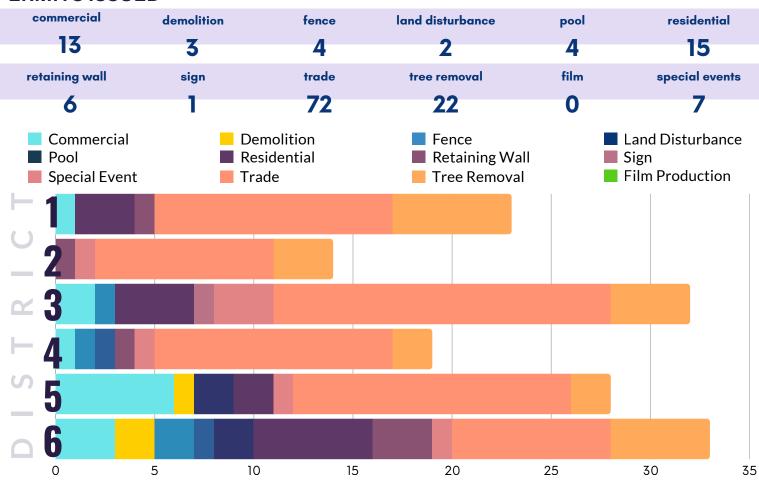


# A FULL LIST OF STORMWATER PROJECTS ALONG WITH UPDATES CAN BE FOUND <u>HERE</u>



# **PERMITS**





# **CODE ENFORCEMENT AND P&Z**

	Address	<b>Enforcement Effort</b>	Violation	Compliance/ Court Date
1	1603 Greyfield Ln.	Notice of violation	Mold.	7-Sep
1	7950 Nesbit Ferry Rd.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	20-Sep
1	7975 Innsbruck Dr.	Citation	High grass.	20-Oct
1	8800 Dunwoody Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	17-Sep
1	8445 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Sanitation.	17-Sep
2	460 W. Spalding Dr.	Notice of violation	High grass.	6-Sep
2	8060 Adair Ln.	Notice of violation	Apartment violations.	6-Sep
2	7090 Riverside Dr.	Notice of violation	High grass.	15-Sep
2	9660 Huntcliff Trce.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	18-Sep
2	8813 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Sanitation.	10-Sep
2	8730 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	High grass.	17-Sep
2	8610 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Prohibited lighting.	19-Sep
2	8610 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Graffiti.	19-Sep
2	7770 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Prohibited signs.	17-Sep
2	7000 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	5-Nov
3	280 Crosstree Ln.	Notice of violation	Multiple violations.	19-Sep
3	6411 Wright Rd.	Stop work order	Working without a permit.	12-Sep
3	123 Austin Dr.	Notice of violation	Parking.	5-Sep
3	6420 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	High grass.	17-Sep
4	6850 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	3-Nov
4	6925 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	4-Nov
4	6901 Glen Lake Pkwy.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection (MRH)	7-Oct
6	420 Windship Pl.	Stop work order	Working without a permit.	7-Sep

#### PLANNING AND ZONING HIGHLIGHTS

### September 4, 2025,

• The applicant for RZ-25-5 held their second community meeting to discuss their request for a Zoning Map Amendment (rezoning) to rezone the property at 5635 Lake Forrest Drive from RE-2 (Residential Estate 2ac.) to RD-7.5 (Residential Detached 7,500sf).

# PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND SIGNATURE EVENTS

### **MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT**

A record crowd was delighted by A Goofy Movie at the September 5 Movies by Moonlight, presented by the City and produced by PAC. Signature Events Coordinator Zach Keepers reported the highest attendance EVER at a Movies by Moonlight event: Heritage Amphitheatre was packed with 800+guests who enjoyed Moonlight Mocktails (the signature drink) as well as popcorn, cotton candy and hot dogs, which sold out quickly. One more Movies by Moonlight takes place October 3, Practical Magic, rated PG 13.

### CONCERTS BY THE SPRINGS - THE BOURBON BROTHERS BAND

The Concerts by the Springs series, also presented by the City and produced by PAC, concluded September 7 with another record-setting crowd and The Bourbon Brothers band, playing favorites made famous by the Rat Pack. Signature Events Director Anna Nikolas estimated the audience at 1200+. Attendees enjoyed dancing and singing along, and the weather was perfect. This free concert series returns in 2026 with more great entertainment in store. Watch for an announcement next spring!

### THE SANDY SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET

Continuing with the theme of record crowds, the Sandy Springs Farmers Market had a banner day on Saturday, September 13. Erin Cianciolo, Signature Events Vendor Manager, reported a spike in attendance and vendors reported being very busy throughout the morning. As always, there was entertainment by local artists and an amazing assortment of goods and gifts. The crowd was estimated at 1700!





