

# City Manager Monthly Report Report Ending April 11, 2025



# PARKS

# Highlights:

- Snap!Dragon's Garden welcomed 100 guests to the Brook Run Park Community Garden on March 22, the largest crowd to date.
- Staff spent the morning of March 21<sup>st</sup> at Dunwoody Elementary School's Career Day. Students provided input on their favorite park amenities and future amenities they'd like to see.

# Upcoming Events:

- April 1-30: Step Challenge
- April 17: Dunwoody Food Truck Thursday opener
- April 22: Two Bridges Park Sculpture Ribbon Cutting
- April 23-27: Lemonade Days
- May 17: Kids to Parks Day
- May 26: Memorial Day Ceremony
- May 30: Kickoff to Summer
- June 6: Pics in the Park
- June 14: Groovin' on the Green Series Opener

# Accolades and Happenings:

- Spruill Center for the Arts unveiled a new organizational logo at Artistic Affair, which served as the kickoff of the nonprofit's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Ribbon cutting held March 27<sup>th</sup> as an official opening to the Waterford Park playground.
- Recreation Manager, Kate Borden, was accepted into the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association "Leadership and Beyond" program. The 3-day program consists of intensive class work, networking, and developing the next generation of Parks and Recreation leaders.

# **Department Items:**

- Additional power and site safety checks performed with Dunwoody Preservation Trust and Dunwoody Police Department in preparation for Lemonade Days.
- Coordination with the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association and Vietnamese American Community of Georgia for their Black April event, April 29 at the Vietnam War Memorial. The event honors the lives lost and reflects on the hardships caused by the Vietnam War.
- Collaboration with Economic Development on a large-scale mural, located near the Stage Door Theatre entrance of the Dunwoody Cultural Arts Center. The mural is meant to seek celebration of the connectivity of theatre and draws inspiration from Stage Door Theatre's brand. Request for Qualifications opened

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March 24<sup>th</sup>, with expected mural completion date of June 1, 2025.

#### Data:

- Dunwoody Preservation Trust hosted five field trips for a total of more than 560 students.
- Dunwoody Preservation Trust, along with co-sponsor Vino Venue, hosted a soldout wine and cheese event on March 8. Money raised through ticket sales and the silent auction netted more than \$10,000 that will go towards rehabilitating the Blacksmith's Shop at the Donaldson-Bannister Farm property.
- Spruill Center for the Arts ended the quarter with 2,421 students, an increase of more than 500 versus first quarter last year.
- Rush Union welcomed 160 players for the Spring Adult league.
- Folktale Festival at the Dunwoody Nature Center on March 22 welcomed over 700 members of the community.

#### POLICE

#### Highlights, Accolades and Happenings:

- On March 4, 2025, The White Rose Society, in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta honored Dunwoody Police Department's Deputy Chief Fladrich with a symbolic White Rose Award in gratitude for his support of the Jewish people during these challenging times.
- Another life was saved due to the department's issued LifeVac devices. On March 6, 2025, an officer responded to a distress call at a local restaurant in reference to a 76-year-old individual choking on food. Upon arrival, the officer found the subject sitting at a table, struggling to breathe and unable to speak. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, the officer acted swiftly and without hesitation, laid the subject down and deployed his LifeVac device, successfully removing the obstruction causing the choking. DeKalb Fire Rescue and AMR medical staff arrived shortly after, taking over the care of the patient.

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- Several officers attended the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at All Saints Catholic Church on March 21, 2025, where they were able to chat with numerous Dunwoody residents.
- On March 21, 2025, DPD joined DeKalb Fire, City of Dunwoody and others for Dunwoody Elementary School's Career Day. Officers provided patrol vehicle tours for the students and discussed public safety.
- Thanks to our partnership with the Sandy Springs Police Department, 8 Dunwoody alumni and 3 Sandy Springs alumni graduated from the Citizens on Patrol training program on March 27, 2025.
- April 1, 2025, marked the Dunwoody Police Department's 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary serving the citizens of the City of Dunwoody.

## **Upcoming Events and Classes:**

- On April 22, 2025, 8:30am, Dunwoody and Sandy Springs Police will be partnering for the annual Torch Run for Special Olympics Georgia. Many runners will be Police and Civilian staff; however, spots are open to Dunwoody residents as well. Contact Officer Hernandez for more info: <u>theresa.hernandez@dunwoodyga.gov</u> or 678-382-6903.
- DPD's (free) 5th Annual Teen Police Academy takes place July 7-11, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with daily lunch provided. Registration is open to all Dunwoody residents and non-residents. Apply online at: <u>https://bit.ly/DPDTeenAcademy</u>.
- The graduates from Citizens' Police Academy Class of XVI will be recognized at the May 27, 2025, Council Meeting.

# Workload/Activities (highlights):

- Sexual Battery of a minor, Perimeter Mall: Officers responded to an adult male approaching and grabbing the buttocks of a 14-year-old female. Mall security advised that the same male frequents the mall on a regular basis and has been seen following groups of teenage females. Mall security also advised that the male was escorted off the property around noon on this date after being seen following young females at the location. Officers checked the mall and the surrounding areas with no contact.
- Follow-up from Sexual Battery of a minor, Perimeter Mall: Officers responded regarding the same male suspect groping a 19-year-old female. Officers were able to arrive on scene quickly and the male was located and taken into custody. During the follow up investigation the male was interviewed by a detective. Probable cause was established, and the male was charged with Child Molestation and Public Indecency. Great job by all those involved.
- Fraud: A Dunwoody Public Safety Ambassador met with the victim at Dunwoody HQ in reference to a fraud. The victim stated that she received a message from what she thought was Microsoft stating that her computer had been compromised. She contacted someone claiming to be with customer support that convinced her to withdraw \$25,000 from her bank, then convert it to

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bitcoins. The victim was then later instructed to wire \$176,580 from her account to a business to purchase gold bars. Once the money was sent, she was told to go pick the gold bars up and then return home, which is where someone with the FBI would come meet her and take possession of the gold. When the male arrived and took possession of the gold she asked him for his ID, to which he stated that he was not with the FBI and then left the location in a white sedan. The total loss was \$201,580.00.

- Discharging Firearms/Aggravated Assault/SWAT Callout 4685 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd:\_Officers responded to a discharging firearms call. The reporting party advised 911 that she observed a female hiding in between cars in the parking lot behind Building D. When officers arrived on scene, the female met with officers and stated that she was involved in an argument with the offender, who ultimately grabbed a firearm. The victim stated that as she was running out of the back door of the apartment the offender fired his gun at her. The victim also stated that her 14-year-old daughter was still inside the apartment. After numerous attempts to get the offender to exit the apartment failed, North Metro SWAT (NMS) was activated and ultimately responded to the location. NMS negotiators attempted to lure the offender to exit the apartment as well, however, all attempts also failed. NMS deployed gas into the apartment, to which the offender then surrendered to the waiting NMS operators outside the back door of the apartment. During the standoff, it was discovered that the offender has a violent history, along with numerous weapons inside the apartment.
- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon/Possession Marijuana (M)/Disorderly Conduct/False Rep to Police/Wanted Person X2 - 285 Westbound N. Peachtree Rd: Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle where the registered owner had warrants for his arrest for a Probation Violation for Possession of Dangerous drugs. Upon stopping the vehicle, it was determined the driver was the registered owner and he had another male passenger in the vehicle. The driver was detained without incident. The passenger initially lied about his name and once identified it was determined he was wanted as well. The passenger was detained after he initially resisted arrest, and a brief struggle ensued. A probable cause search was conducted on the vehicle and 15gms of marijuana was recovered as well as a loaded gun. Both males were transported to DeKalb Jail and warrants were secured.

#### Data:

• See Crime Stats Comparison report (2024-2025 Crime Stats through <u>Feb '25</u>): <u>https://www.dunwoodyga.gov/police/crime-info-stats/crime-comparison</u>

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Highlights:**

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- Nature Center Wetlands Restoration 56 piles have been installed for the boardwalk and deck construction has begun.
- Gateway signs installed on Mount Vernon Road, Chamblee Dunwoody Road at Spalding Drive and on Hammond Drive.
- Adopt a Stream training for 13 volunteers interested in bacterial testing in streams and 16 volunteers interested in chemical testing.





#### **Upcoming Events:**

- May 13 North Shallowford Path public information meeting
- Paving in Mayfair and Dunwoody North Subdivisions

#### **Department Items:**

- 2025 Paving Program- Paving will begin in April in the Mayfair neighborhood
- Old Spring House Path bid advertisement delayed awaiting Georgia Power easement acquisition.
- Completed pipe rehabilitation at 1480 Old Spring House Lane
- Mount Vernon at Tilly Mill Road Have agreements for all right of way and easements. Waiting on one lender release and Georgia Power easement acquisition before preparing construction bid documents.
- Completed 18 paving and concrete work orders and 11 stormwater work orders.

# **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### MONTHLY REPORT **REPORT ENDING APRIL 11, 2025**



#### **Highlights:**

- Spring issue of the Dunwoody Digest arrived in mailboxes
- State of the City Created video promoting the City's bright present and future
- Youth City Council dinner with City Council; Tom Lambert presentation
- Ribbon cuttings: Ashford Dunwoody Path and Waterford Park playground
- Designed infographic for website to represent major components of public works projects

# Coming Up:

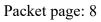
- Sustainability Hero press release April 15
- Lemonade Days City table April 26-27
- Comp Plan public workshop April 22
- Two Bridges art unveiling April 22
- Planning Dunwoody 101 May 30

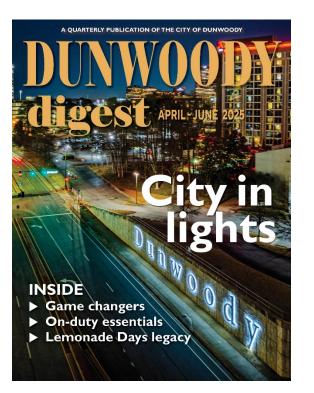
# **Department Items:**

- Press releases: Dunwoody celebrates Ashford Dunwoody Path, 2025 Paving, Georgia Power helicopters, Comp Plan workshop, Dunwoody wins finance reporting awards, TriNet to create 750 jobs in Dunwoody, March 15-16 storm
- Graphics: Georgia Power helicopters, Connect with Council, Comp Plan public workshop, Electronics recycling weather watch, Police Department anniversary, Kudos for public works and finance, Dunwoody Digest promo (4), St. Patrick's Day, Severe weather, Pi Day, Lunar eclipse, Spring forward, Road closed for tree removal, calendar ads for Rough Draft and Dunwoody Crier
- Videos: Ashford Dunwoody Path opening, Waterford Park playground opening, State of the City, Dunwoody in 2025, Green Speak promo, Women's History mural artist profiles, Daffodils blooming
- "Inside Dunwoody" focused on Edge City 2.0 developments in Dunwoody's Perimeter
- Created and shared 5 weekly issues of D-news and the monthly Dunwoody VIPS report

#### March 2025 Data:

March 2025 Stories







 Top posts: (Facebook) Welcome CT Cantina; (Instagram) TriNet announcement; (LinkedIn) Youth City Council

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Highlights:

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- The department received and reviewed the first draft of the 2025 Dunwoody Comprehensive Plan that is part of the Direction Dunwoody process.
- A Comprehensive Plan public workshop will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Shallowford Annex.
- The department received 3 zoning cases in April that will be heard by the Planning Commission in June.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 6, 2025: The City will hold its annual household electronics recycling event at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church.
- April 14, 2025: The City Council will hear a text amendment to prohibit cat and dog sales at pet stores.

#### Accolades and Happenings:

- On March 25, 2025, the Sustainability Committee hosted a Green Speak event on residential composting. The event was held at the Dunwoody Nature Center with 40 people in attendance.
- An application for a condominium development at 56 Perimeter Center East that was heard by the Planning Commission in March has been withdrawn.

#### **Department Items:**

- The City Council has adopted an updated Green Building Policy during its March 24, 2025, meeting. The policy applies to all new buildings the City is constructing.
- During its March 13, 2025, meeting, the Sustainability Committee has selected the 2024 Sustainability Heroes. The honor will be awarded during the April 14, 2025, City Council meeting.

#### Data:

- The Building Division has completed 365 inspections.
- The Code Enforcement division conducted 59 inspections including 7 vacant properties, received 29 new complaints and brought 25 cases into compliance.
- The Code Enforcement division removed 68 signs from the right-of-way.
- The staff issued 28 code enforcement warnings and 0 citations.

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- 147 permit applications were received with 108 permits issued.
- The department conducted 30 erosion control inspections, issued 0 notices of violation, and 0 stop work orders.

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### Highlights:

- Announced TriNet's new Dunwoody Office, adding 750 new jobs and leasing 150,000 sf of office space.
- Hosted the Urban Land Institutes Community Development Council for a tour of Dunwoody.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- May 6, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting
- May 22, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting
- June 3, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting

#### **Department Items:**

- Attended business and community meetings: Dunwoody State of the City, Dunwoody City Council Retreat, Dunwoody Marketing Alliance Meeting, Create Dunwoody Board Meeting, Greater Perimeter Chamber Board Meeting, Access GA Foundation Board Meeting, Vibe After Five, and the Joint City Council – Planning Commission – Zoning Board of Appeals – Development Authority Retreat.
- Attended CT Taqueria Ribbon Cutting.

#### Data:

- Conducted 21 Retention Meetings.
- Conducted 19 Business Recruitment Meetings.

#### **FINANCE**

#### Highlights:

- Received notification from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) that the City received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, with special recognitions for the presentation of Strategic Goals and Strategies, and its Capital Program for the 2025 Approved Operating and Capital Budget Book.
- Fieldwork for the FY2024 external audit ended Friday, March 21, 2025.



- The Q1 2025 internal audit is for Discover Dunwoody, and the Finance team is working with Discover Dunwoody staff and the internal auditor to complete the audit.
- The Monthly Financial Report for January 2025 was published on the Finance page on the City's website.
- The Dunwoody ARP and CARES Act webpages have been updated with all activity through January 31, 2025.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- The Dekalb County 2025 Tax Digest Virtual Seminar is scheduled for Friday, April 25.
- The Second Quarter Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12 at 3:30pm at City Hall.

## **Department Items:**

- Finance staff continues working with Community Development and Information Technology on the implementation of CentralSquare, which is an update to our permitting software.
- Risk Manager is working with Information Technology and other Department Directors to build and implement a Business Continuity Plan.
- Sale of all surplus vehicles were completed.
- Q1 2025 Safety Committee meeting was held.
- Risk Manager participated in Information Technology Risk Management training.
- Processed the closure and requested reimbursement for electric and hybrid vehicles through the Department of Energy (DOE) grant.
- Posted Request for Qualifications (RFQ)25-01 Design of a Large-Scale Outdoor Mural for the Dunwoody Cultural Arts Center.
- Received five bid responses to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 25-01 Eidson Road to Cherry Hill Lane Path.
- Notice to Proceed issued to Addison Smith Mechanical contractor, Inc. for RFQ 24-05 HVAC RTU System Replacement.
- Notice to Proceed issued to Stewart Brothers, Inc for ITB 24-05 Street Resurfacing Project.
- Notie to Proceed issued to TSW for the Dunwoody Trail Wayfinding Design Proposal.

# **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Highlights:



- Conference Room Technology Upgrades All conference rooms have basic upgrades, final phase of Georgetown upgrades
- Network Refresh Scheduled end of April, final planning and beginning configuration in progress
- MDM migration completed
- NetMotion migration completed
- Employee cell phone upgrades completed

## **Major Projects:**

- SharePoint Migration The scheduled completion date is scheduled for the end of July 2025.
- Central Square -- in progress with revised schedule for go-live to be determined
- Central Square for the Police Department Migrate to cloud –in process
- Central Square Freedom Project in process
- Vendor Security Platform in process
- SQL Migration kicked off
- UPS Refresh planning phase
- GMIS Accreditation beginning phases
- Starlink beginning phases

#### Department Items:

- Accounts Payable (AP) Automation paused for Finance Department
- Cyber Security ARPA updates Pending Network Refresh
- Comcast upgrade to fiber Pending Network Refresh
- SIEM/SOC project Pending Network Refresh
- VMWare migration Pending SQL Migration
- Data Classification Paused due to workload
- What Works Cities Certification Assessment Paused due to workload

#### Data:

- The department had 216 helpdesk tickets opened in this period.
- The department closed 220 helpdesk tickets.
- The department hosted 20 zoom meetings during this period.
- Currently, 168 users are being managed.
- There are 763 devices (292 computers, 86 network devices, 125 cell phones and tablets, and 260 desk phones) being managed.

# <u>CLERK</u>

# Data:

• The City Clerk's Office processed 442 open records requests in the month of March.



- The City Clerk's Office processed 10 contracts during the month of March.
- The City Clerk's Office prepared all agendas, summaries, minutes, and associated procedures that were held during the month of March:
  - One Art Commission
  - Four City Council
  - One Development Authority
- The staff reviewed and approved the financial transactions and expenditures for the City Council and City Clerk's office for the month of March.

# MUNICIPAL COURT

#### Highlights:

• The department disposed of over 483 cases and reset 39 cases.

# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Highlights:

- The city filled the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Sergeant position, one SIU Detective position, and one Police Officer position.
- Human Resources coordinated with the Police Department on a Sergeant promotional process.
- Human Resources partnered with all Department Heads to conduct an annual review of all City job descriptions.
- Human Resources partnered with the City Manager's office to plan and host an employee appreciation event.

# Upcoming Events:

- Human Resources and the Wellness Committee will sponsor a healthy lunch event in April.
- In May, Human Resources and the Wellness Committee will sponsor a financial wellness presentation and a social event.