



**City Manager
Monthly Report
Report Ending July 11, 2025**

PARKS

Highlights:

- Program meeting with Channing's Joy Foundation representative to explore programming, infrastructure, and event opportunities for families with special needs children. The immediate focus is the installation of communication boards to help non-verbal children communicate with parents and other children at the playground.
- Right-of-Way route preparations completed for the annual 4th of July parade.

Upcoming Events:

- July 15: King of Pops pop-up at Two Bridges Park
- Aug 1: Pics in the Park, Indiana Jones: The Last Crusade
- Aug 9: Groovin' on the Green with G Clef & The Playlist and DieDra Hurdle-Ruff
- Aug 26: Brook Run Dog Park Giveaway Day
- Sept 13: Groovin' on the Green with Run Katie Run and Red Not Chili Peppers

Accolades and Happenings:

- Staff presented to the Sustainability Committee on June 12, highlighting ongoing and upcoming efforts, including additional bike racks at the N. Shallowford Annex, educational signs for the Brook Run Park wildflower/pollinator meadow, and "upcycled" art initiatives.
- Rachel Waldron received her Certified Parks and Recreation Professional certification. The Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification is the national standard for all parks and recreation professionals who want to be at the forefront of their profession. Two of the nine full-time employees within the department now hold this certification.

Department Items:

- Contract review underway for Brook Run Park Veterans Memorial.
- Artificial turf evaluations of the Brook Run Park baseball and multi-use fields performed by Advanced Sports Group. Evaluation includes recommendations on maintenance and repairs to help extend the life of the fields.
- Application for \$25,000 KABOOM Playspace Refresh Grant complete. If approved, the grant would upgrade the playground surfacing at Windwood Hollow Park.

Data:

- Stage Door Theatre impacted more than 1,000 community members across Summer Camps, Teen Intensive Programs, Improv Comedy with Dad's Garage, and their Children's Healthcare of Atlanta residency.

- Over 300 youth and adult players participated in the Rush Union leagues, summer camps, and clinics. Dunwoody participation represented 50-65% across all programming.
- Dunwoody Preservation Trust conducted 13 mini oral histories during the Juneteenth event held at City Springs, in partnership with the City of Sandy Springs.
- 300 attendees for Pics in the Park: Ferris Bueller's Day Off.
- 1,600 attendees for Groovin' on the Green series opener, despite rainy conditions.
- All rental pavilions are 100% reserved for all weekends in July.
- Storm cleanup due to 4 significant storms, 5 inches of rainfall, and 18 days of rain in the month of June.
- Dunwoody Nature Center welcomed over 500 campers for the first half of Summer Camps.

POLICE

Highlights, Accolades and Happenings:

- June 16, 2025, Council Meeting, Mayor Lynn Deutsch administered the Oath of Office to Dunwoody Police Department's newest officer.
- On June 23, 2025, House Resolution 822, which was adopted by the Georgia House of Representatives, was presented to Sgt. Nelson at the State Capitol by Governor Kemp and the First Lady. HR 822 was submitted by Representative Hitchens.

Upcoming Events and Classes:

- June-July 2025: Operation Brain Freeze continues through July: Children seen by members of the Dunwoody Police Department wearing a helmet, are eligible to receive a free ice cream coupon thanks to sponsorships from Dunwoody ice cream shops.
- July 7-11, 2025: Teen Police Academy. The 5-day program is designed to strengthen the partnership between our community's youth and the police department through engaging and interactive educational experiences.
- July 22, 2025, 5pm-7pm: 2nd annual 'Let's Taco Bout It' event at Chupito's Azteca Grille in Dunwoody. This is a great opportunity to join our officers and chat over some amazing food in a relaxed environment.

Workload/Activities:

- Drug and Firearm Possession (FLOCK Hit) – Ashford Dunwoody Road 285 eastbound: Officers noted a FLOCK return on a Georgia license plate near the mall for a Wanted party. Officers responded to the area and located the vehicle on Ashford Dunwoody Road heading towards 285 eastbound. A traffic stop was initiated, and the vehicle came to a stop on the ramp to 285 eastbound. The driver of the vehicle was positively identified as the Wanted party and was detained without incident. A loaded tan colored Glock 10X handgun was recovered from the driver floorboard area. Once the warrant was confirmed, an inventory of the vehicle was conducted and a bookbag was located which contained several large bags of suspected Marijuana 1.5 pounds, packaging materials, a scale, and two separate bags containing suspected cocaine. Commercially

packaged THC vapes, and unidentified pills were also found. Warrants for the additional charges are pending.

- **DUI Drugs/Possession with Intent Crack Cocaine – Ashford Dunwoody Road at Hammond:** Officers were dispatched to a vehicle stopped at the red light where the driver appeared to be asleep at the wheel. When Officers arrived, the driver was asleep with a crack pipe still in his hands and determined that he was DUI drugs. Officers discovered 10 baggies of individually wrapped crack rocks, Oxi and Xanax pills, and a large knife. The man was arrested and charged with DUI drugs and possession of a weapon during the commission of a crime, possession of drug related objects, and driving with a suspended license.
- **Robbery in Progress-1270 Ashford Crossing (Cold Stone Creamery):** Officers were dispatched in reference to a robbery in progress. The suspect walked into the location wearing a face covering and lifted his sweater with his hands inside, portraying it as if he had a weapon. The suspect ordered the employees to the back. He grabbed the register with the money drawer and ran out an unknown exit. Officers located the male in front of a nearby business, who ran after seeing Officers. Officers took the suspect into custody after a partial taser contact from an Officer's Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) deployment. The Officer used lethal cover during the CEW deployment and the Officers or victims were injured during the incident. Investigators responded to the scene and took over the investigation.
- **Shoplifting/Bicycle Pursuit - Target/Perimeter Mall:** Officers responded to a theft from Target. The suspect stole a bicycle and fled toward Perimeter Mall. A DPD officer located the suspect riding the bicycle in the mall parking lot and attempted to stop him. The suspect attempted to dismount the bike and ran on foot, but his feet got tangled in the bicycle. The Officer displayed his Taser and gave verbal commands to the suspect, who then complied and was taken into custody. He was charged with shoplifting, disorderly conduct, and vandalism.
- **Theft –Perimeter Center Parkway:** Officers responded to a copper theft call at a vacant building. As officers checked the rear of the building, they heard loud noises coming from the loading dock area. A white male wearing gloves stepped out of a utility room and was ordered at gunpoint to the ground, which he complied. A second white male came from the utility room and was taken into custody at gunpoint. While the two subjects were being detained, officers checked an adjoining room and located a third white male attempting to hide in a box and he was taken into custody at gunpoint. Additional subjects were heard on the second floor. When officers arrived at the second floor, evidence was located where other subjects were removing and staging copper but fled out of a rear door. Chains that were securing the doors to the building were cut. Officers followed up on a 911 call several day later about a man injured near Perimeter Center Parkway, who was accompanied by two others. After an investigation, it was determined the two men were co-conspirators, and the trio had attempted to steal copper from a live electrical box just outside the same building from days prior. The electrocuted man was transported to the hospital by a female, who was later determined to be acting as his "lookout". Officers later located the open electrical box with tools and blood on the ground at the scene. All three from this second case were charged with burglary.
- **Hit and Run with Injury: Ashford Dunwoody Road/Perimeter Center East:** An officer responded to a vehicle crash. As he approached the crash site, a suspect in a black F150 left the scene at a high rate of speed onto Perimeter Center East. The officer

followed the man and tried to pull him over, but speeds exceeded 65+ mph in the 30-mph zone. The officer activated his emergency equipment, and the man pulled over where he was taken into custody. He was in possession of a Glock 10mm handgun and was a convicted felon. The victim driver had a complaint of lower back pain from the collision and was treated on scene.

- **Vehicle Crash with Injuries:** Mt. Vernon Road/Dunwoody Village Parkway - During the Fourth of July parade, an F150 Lightning with a trailer and pedestrian were involved in a crash. All were part of the same float group. The drivers of the vehicle paused to switch drivers, but during the switch, the new driver mistakenly hit the accelerator which caused the vehicle to lunge forward. The vehicle struck a pedestrian, knocking her to the ground. When the driver hit the brakes, the trailer disconnected from the truck and caused several people on the trailer to fall off. Several children and one adult were injured. No one was critically injured, and most were transported to local hospitals for evaluation. We are still actively investigating this crash and have no other information to release.
- **Data:**
See Crime Stats Comparison report (2024-2025 Crime Stats through May '25):
<https://www.dunwoodyga.gov/police/crime-info-stats/crime-comparison>

PUBLIC WORKS

Upcoming Events:

- July 29th – Perimeter Center East Path public open house is scheduled from 5-7 p.m.

Department Items:

- Eidson to Cherry Hill Path - Stormwater control structures were completed in June. Path construction will begin in July.
- Kellogg Springs Drive Stream Stabilization - Construction is expected to begin by August.
- Paving - The contractor completed paving in the Dunwoody North neighborhood. Paving will begin in Ashford Chase this month. To date 13 of the 23 streets on the original paving list for this year have been completed.
- Gateway Signs- Coordination with Georgia Power for power supply to the signs is ongoing.
- Mount Vernon at Tilly Mill Road- Have agreements for all rights-of-way and easements. DeKalb Water and Georgia Power are working on final utility relocation plans so that the construction bid can be issued.
- Completed 24 pavement work orders and 16 stormwater work orders in June. Patching planned on Peachford Road and Tilly Mill Road as part of the 2025 resurfacing contract.

COMMUNICATIONS

Highlights:

- Summer edition of the Dunwoody Digest arrived in mailboxes
- Hosted July 4th tent at the Dunwoody Village
- Hosted Juneteenth tent at City Springs
- Designed the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
- Designed National Night Out flier and banner for Dunwoody Police; designed generic signage for three DPD community outreach events; designed Biometrics screening flier for Human Resources
- Worked with GIS and the City Clerk to update the Dunwoody precinct map and share information about changes
- Worked with Human Resources to develop a new internal newsletter



Coming Up:

- Groundbreaking for Wildcat Creek Learning Lab at Dunwoody Nature Center (7/16)
- Ribbon cutting for boardwalk and wetland improvements at the Dunwoody Nature Center – pushed to October

Department Items:

- Press releases: June 26 storm response, Mid-year pay raise strengthens Dunwoody Police, Dunwoody upgrades software for Community Development and Finance, Construction begins on new Wildcat Creek Learning Lab at Dunwoody Nature Center
- Graphics: Everyone Loves a Parade, 6 Digest promos, 2 Kudos posts, Best Places to Work, Father's Day, Water Main Break map, calendar ads for Rough Draft and Dunwoody Crier
- Videos: Parade salute, Juneteenth celebration, Goats grazing at Wildcat Park, Electronics recycling stats
- "[Inside Dunwoody](#)" provided updates on several key projects in Dunwoody
- [VIPS July newsletter](#) sent to 290 registered Volunteers in Public Service
- Created and shared 5 weekly issues of D-news

June 2025 Data:

- [June 2025 Stories](#)

- Issued 2 press releases; Received 6 media inquiries; Created 13 graphics; Created 3 videos with 26K views; 2,818 Facebook views for 3 City Council meetings
- Top posts: (Facebook) Best Places to Work; (Instagram) Goats grazing at Wildcat Park; (LinkedIn) Best Places to Work

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Highlights:

- Living Spaces broke ground on its new furniture store located at 11 Ravinia Parkway.
- The Georgetown storage facility behind the Georgetown Shopping Center has topped out and is in the rough-in stage.
- The Planning Commission held the first public hearing for the 2025 – 2045 Comprehensive Plan on Jun 18, 2025. The City Council will conduct a second public hearing on July 28, 2025.

Upcoming Events:

- The Planning Commission will hear a text amendment to create zoning regulations and procedures for group living uses during its July 8, 2025, meeting.

Accolades and Happenings:

- The Planning Commission heard five rezoning and/or special land use permit applications on its June 10, 2025, meeting. It recommended approval of an adaptive reuse project on Perimeter Center East and a restaurant on Ashford Dunwoody Road, recommended denial of an oil change business on Chamblee Dunwoody Road and deferred two applications.

Department Items:

- The department will go live Monday, August 4th with Central Square, the new permitting software.
- The staff held a kick-off meeting for the Georgetown Small Area Plan with its consultant, TSW, on June 24, 2025.

Data:

- The Building Division has completed 343 inspections.
- The Code Enforcement division conducted 69 inspections including 7 vacant properties, received 61 new complaints and brought 29 cases into compliance.
- The Code Enforcement division removed 107 signs from the right-of-way.
- The staff issued 44 code enforcement warnings and 1 citation.
- The department received 136 permit applications and issued 98 permits.
- The department conducted 18 erosion control inspections and no notices of violation or stop work orders were issued.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Highlights:

- Working with the Dunwoody Art Commission and Parks Department to finalize plans for the temporary sculpture exhibit to be hosted at Wildcat Park.

Upcoming Events:

- July 17, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting
- August 5, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting
- August 20 and 21, Dunwoody Village Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel.
- September 2, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting
- September 18, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting

Department Items:

- Attended business and community meetings: TiE Atlanta Monthly Meeting, Dunwoody Marketing Alliance, Create Dunwoody Board Meeting, Greater Perimeter Chamber Signature Luncheon, Metro Atlanta Chamber Luncheon, Access GA Foundation Board, Comp Plan Stakeholder Meeting, and Vibe After Five.
- Attended Ribbon Cuttings for Stone Age Korean Steakhouse and Hampton Social.

Data:

- Conducted 14 Retention Meetings.
- Held 15 Business Recruitment Meetings.

FINANCE

Highlights:

- The FY2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) was finalized, and all year end reports were completed.
- The FY2024 ACFR was also submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for consideration of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- Finance worked closely with Information Technology and Municipal Court to implement Tyler Payments, which is new payment processing software for all court-related payments.
- Three Millage Rate public hearings were held on Monday, June 16 at 8:00am, Monday, June 16 at 6:00pm, and Monday June 30 at 6:00pm at City Hall, with adoption of the 2025 millage rate of 3.040 mills approved at the June 30th meeting.

- The Monthly Financial Report for April 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 April 30, 2025.

Upcoming Events:

- The FY2026 Operating and Capital Budget Kick-Off was sent out to all departments.

Department Items:

- Finance staff continue working with Community Development and Information Technology on the implementation of Central Square, which is an update to our permitting and licensing software.
- The Risk Manager is working with Information Technology and other Department Directors to build and implement a Business Continuity Plan.
- The Risk Manager attended cyber security training with Information Technology.
- Notice to Proceed issued to KCI Technologies, Inc. for Consultant Engineering Services for Dunwoody North Peachtree Road Path Project.
- Received 7 responses for Invitation to Bid (ITB) 25-04 Old Spring House Lane Shared Use Path.
- Received 7 responses for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 25-03 Design Services Mount Vernon Path Phase 3 from Village to Vermack Road.
- Notice of Intent to Award issued to Lichty Commercial Construction, Inc. for Improvements at Donaldson-Bannister Farm Blacksmith Shop.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Highlights:

- Barebones Domain Controllers – completed
- New Host Project – completed
- Digital Cities Application – completed
- Police Department/NOVA – completed
- Police Department/ForceMetrics – completed
- Tyler Payments for Court – completed
- Cyber Security ARPA updates – completed
- Central Square –blackout July 30, 2025, in old system with go-live August 4, 2025
- Ginger participated as a “New and Emerging Technologies” instructor at GMA

Major Projects:

- SharePoint Migration – The scheduled completion date is end of 2025.
- Central Square for Police Department – Migrate to cloud –phase 1 completed

- Central Square Freedom Project – phase 1 completed
- Vendor Security Platform – in process
- Public Works Respond App – beginning stage
- SQL Migration – in process
- UPS Refresh – phase 1 completed
- Starlink – pending install schedule
- Digital Signage – equipment ordered
- Resiliency Plan – in process

Department Items:

- Accounts Payable (AP) Automation – paused for Finance Department
- SIEM/SOC project – pending Network Refresh
- Data Classification – paused due to workload
- RoomAlerts – in process
- White Noise – in process
- GMIS Accreditation – on hold for budget
- What Works Cities Certification Assessment – paused due to workload

Data:

- The department had 177 helpdesk tickets opened in this period.
- The department closed 183 helpdesk tickets.
- The department hosted 16 zoom meetings during this period.
- There were 68 projects processed during this period.
- There were 7 projects completed during this period.
- Currently, 164 users are being managed.
- There are 704 devices (241 - computers, 77 - network devices, 126 – cell phones and tablets, and 260 desk phones) being managed.

CITY CLERK

Data:

- The City Clerk's Office processed 430 open records requests in the month of June.
- The City Clerk's Office processed 5 contracts during the month of January.
- The City Clerk's Office prepared all agendas, summaries, minutes, and associated procedures that were held during the month of November:
 - ✓ One Art Commission
 - ✓ Three City Council
- The staff reviewed and approved the financial transactions and expenditures for the City Council and City Clerk's office for the month of June.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Workload/Activities:

- Disposed of over 312 cases and 29 cases reset
- The court is now able to receive payments using Discover and AMEX with the new credit card vendor.
- Michael Wilensky was sworn in as the new solicitor.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Highlights:

- The city competed in Atlanta Business Chronicle's Best Places to Work contest and was named to the list of 2025 Best Places to Work in the Large Company category.
- The city filled one Police Officer position.
- Human Resources and the Finance Department are collaborating on the transition to a new retirement recordkeeper.
- Human Resources is working with the City's benefits broker regarding benefits renewals in preparation for Open Enrollment.
- Human Resources published the 2025 annual update of the Employee Handbook to all City employees. Human Resources published pertinent policies to consultants.

Upcoming Events:

- Over the summer, Human Resources and the Wellness Committee are planning a wellness presentation, biometric screenings, and a social event, as well as the return of Let's Do Lunch.
- Annual training for all employees on the City's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and No Harassment Policy is scheduled for September.