



**City Manager
Monthly Report
Report Ending September 8, 2025**

PARKS

Highlights:

- New safety signs were installed at the Dunwoody Cultural Arts Center near the loading dock, to notify pedestrians of restricted access, and along the Dunwoody Trailway inside Brook Run Park to advise cyclists to slow at curves.
- Waterford Park received new parking stops to address parking concerns and received a Little Free Library by Troop #1919.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 4: Broadway at Brook Run Park by Callanwolde Concert
- Sept 6-7: Butterfly Festival at Wildcat Park
- Sept 8: Ribbon cutting for Dunwoody Garden Club statue at the Dunwoody Library
- Sept 13: Groovin' on the Green with Run Katie Run and Red NOT Chili Peppers
- Sept 29: Two Bridges Park splash pad closes for 2025 season
- Oct 11: Groovin' on the Green Series Finale
- Oct 26: Blessing of the Pets and Howling Halloween at Brook Run Dog Park
- Oct 30: Truck or Treat

Accolades and Happenings:

- Final approval of our first non-verbal communication board for the Brook Run Park playground was submitted. The board will better support visitors with speech or language challenges. Future boards will be installed at all playgrounds throughout the Dunwoody Parks system.



Department Items:

- 2026 department planning near completion with calendar buildout of the N. Shallowford Annex, Parks events calendar, Capital Project priorities, and Athletic Agreement reviews.
- First aid kits have been installed at Waterford Park and Georgetown Park playgrounds. Kit installations are forthcoming for Windwood Hollow Park playground, Wildcat Park playgrounds, and the Dunwoody Nature Center playground.
- Request for Qualifications for Black History Month and Women's History Month skate park murals drafted for release this Fall. Future Request for Qualifications for Art in the Park programming includes wrapping the upcoming Noblewins bench at Pernoshal Park with a mural.

Data:

- Stage Door Theatre's mainstage production of "Orange" saw 515 attendees.
- August Groovin on the Green had 2,400 attendees, our largest of the year so far.
- Dunwoody Nature Center welcomed over 1,100 campers to nature camps for the summer.

POLICE

Highlights, Accolades and Happenings:

- The department hosted Dunwoody's National Night Out at Pernoshal Park on August 14, 2025. This is a family-friendly event where kids (and adults) can climb on and in emergency vehicles, gather crime fighting information/pamphlets, ask our officers questions, or simply chat with members of the Department, citizen volunteers, and other public safety professionals in an informal setting.
- The department's 16th Citizens' Police Academy class is in full swing! Participants are learning about various police functions behind the scenes. Graduates of this robust 13-week program will be recognized at the November 10, 2025, Council Meeting.
- At the August 25, 2025, Council Meeting, Mayor Lynn Deutsch administered the Oath of Office to two new Dunwoody Police officers.
- The 2025/2026 Dunwoody School Donation Drive was a success! All 7 local schools received at least 13 filled backpacks, ensuring students who need it.

Upcoming Events and Classes:

- Bike Rodeo: Sept. 13, 2025, 8-11am, Brook Run Park.
- Read at the Library: Sept. 15, 2025, 11:00am, Dunwoody Library.
- Coffee with a Cop: Sept. 16, 2025, 8-10am, Starbucks inside Dunwoody Target.
- Walk to School Wednesday: Sept. 24, 2025, 6:45am, Kingsley Elementary School.



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- Pizza with Police: Oct. 9, 2025, 6-8pm on the Great Lawn at Brook Run Park.
- Check our Social Media platforms and website calendar for details.

Workload/Activities (highlights):

- Traffic Stop/Use of Force - I-285 West at N Peachtree Road: Officer was conducting speed enforcement on I-285 west at N Peachtree Rd when he clocked a black Dodge Challenger traveling 98MPH. As he was trying to catch up to the vehicle, he noticed that the Challenger was still accelerating and pulling away from him. The vehicle then exited onto Peachtree Dunwoody Road, where another officer intercepted the vehicle and conducted a felony stop.
- Wanted Person Located/ Loitering/ RapidID – 255 High Street: Officers responded to the area for a report from security about a man making unauthorized entry to the parking deck. Officers located a subject who matched the description given and stopped him. The man provided a false name and date of birth, which came back with a warrant. The man was detained and the RapidID was used to determine his identity. He was determined to have active warrants from 2023 in DeKalb for kidnapping, false imprisonment, and battery. He was arrested for the active warrants and reporting falsely to police.
- Commercial Vehicle Hit and Run - 285 at Chamblee Dunwoody Road: A tanker truck used to transport gasoline was travelling eastbound on 285 when it was rear ended by a sedan. The collision wedged the sedan into the rear axle and bumper of the tanker trailer and ruptured the trailer spilling gasoline on the sedan. The sedan caught fire and was fully engulfed by the time officers arrived on scene. The truck driver stated that the driver of the sedan got out of the burning vehicle and tried to take his phone. The truck driver had to physically fight him to hang on to his phone. The sedan driver then fled before the police arrived. Due to the explosive potential of the tanker 285 eastbound was shut down for an hour while the fire department extinguished the flames and rendered the scene safe. Fortunately, the tank had just been emptied at a gas station prior to the collision leaving only residual fuel in the tank. The at-fault sedan could not be identified due to identifying marks burned. Follow up to determine the VIN will be conducted during the day.

Data:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Highlights:

- Construction began on Kellogg Springs Drive Streambank Stabilization project.
- The city's contractor completed construction of the stormwater system for the Dunwoody Nature Center Wildcat Learning Center.



Upcoming Events:

- Begin construction on the Old Spring House path.
- Begin construction of crosswalk improvements on Roberts Drive at Wildcat Park, Chamblee Dunwoody Road at Kings Down Road and Peeler Road at Cherring Lane.

Department Items:

- Paving - The contractor completed paving in the Wellesley neighborhood, on Dartford Drive and the north end of Tilly Mill Road in August. Paving on Saffron Drive, Saffron Court and Waterford Drive are scheduled in September to complete the 2025 paving program.
- Mount Vernon at Tilly Mill Road - City right of way acquisition phase is complete. Coordinating final stormwater plans and utility relocations.
- Ashford Dunwoody Path Phase 2 - Right of way negotiations are ongoing with parcels between Perimeter Center West and Meadow Lane Road.
- Happy Hollow Sidewalk Kingsland Ct to Peeler- 60% design plans submitted to utilities for review.
- Gateway Signs - Coordination with Georgia Power for power supply to the remaining signs is ongoing.

COMMUNICATIONS

Highlights:

- Designed Fall Dunwoody Digest for October mailing
- Designed 2Q 2025 KPI Report
- Designed flier for Dunwoody Public Safety Cadets recruitment program
- Designed logo and banner for Holiday HQ
- Redesigned the Parks & Recreation Special Events page on the website
- Updated the Municipal Court video for defendants by adding English captions for the hearing impaired. The video already includes Spanish subtitles.

Coming Up:

- Planning for Holiday HQ
- Promoting Bike Rodeo – September 13
- Dunwoody 101 – September 30

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September Highlights

2 Art Commission Meeting City Hall 7:30 a.m.	13 Master Gardener Talk: Dunwoody Landscape Dunwoody Community Garden
4 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting City Hall 6 p.m.	Household Hazardous Waste Recycling City Hall 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Broadway at Brook Run Callenwilde Concert Band Brook Run Amphitheatre 7 p.m.	Groovin' on the Green: Run Katie Run and Red NOT Chili Peppers Brook Run Amphitheatre 6 - 9 p.m.
5 Butterflies & Brews Wildcat Park	14 Latino-Hispanic Cultural Heritage Celebration Ashford Lane Lawn 1 - 4 p.m.
6-7 Butterfly Experience Wildcat Park	18 Development Authority Meeting City Hall 5 p.m.
8 City Council Meeting City Hall 6 p.m.	Food Truck Thursday Brook Run Park 5 - 8 p.m.
9 Planning Commission Meeting City Hall 6 p.m.	20 History Alive Donaldson-Bannister Farm
11 Sustainability Committee City Hall 8 a.m.	29 City Council Meeting City Hall 6 p.m.
13 Kid's Bike Rodeo Community Bike Ride Brook Run Park 8 - 10 a.m.	

September is Amnesty Month for Dunwoody Municipal Court
dunwoodyga.gov/court

Department Items:

- Press releases: Dunwoody holds household hazardous waste recycling event, Dunwoody continues Front Yard Tree Program, Applications open for Dunwoody 101: All Aboard, September is Court Amnesty Month, Dunwoody releases Proposed FY2026 Budget
- Graphics: Spelling Bee contender, Crosswalk enhancement, National Night Out, Fraud Alert for permit customers, Trailway access limited map, Green Speak Rooftop Solar, Broadway at Brook Run, calendar ads for Rough Draft and Dunwoody Crier
- Videos: New RCUT on Hammond Drive, Solar panel pitch, Officer of the 2nd Quarter & K9 Ranger, National Night Out, Lego store opening
- "[Inside Dunwoody](#)" highlighted the budget process and Best Places to Work
- Created and shared 5 weekly issues of D-news and the monthly Dunwoody VIPS report

August 2025 Data:

- [Dunwoody Stories August 2025](#)
- Issued 4 press releases; Received 6 media inquiries; Created 7 graphics; Created 5 videos with 104K views; 2,750 Facebook views for 2 City Council meetings



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- Top posts: (Facebook) Free Shade Trees; (Instagram) LEGO Store opening; (LinkedIn) Restricted Crossing U-turn

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Highlights:

- The Department has gone live with Central Square, its new permitting, code enforcement, and planning software on August 4, 2025. The system is fully functional for new applications with the final import of historic data to occur in September.
- The City's consultant, TSW has forwarded the 2025 – 2045 Comprehensive Plan to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission for review.

Upcoming Events:

- The city will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event on September 13, 2025. The event is fully booked out.

Accolades and Happenings:

- A new LEGO store opened on August 28th at Perimeter Mall.
- The Planning Commission recommended approval of two cases during its August 12, 2025 meeting. A drive-through restaurant was proposed at 84 Perimeter Center East and an animal hospital is proposed for the former Emory Healthcare offices at 4500 North Shallowford Road. Both cases will be heard by the City Council in October.
- The City Council heard four new zoning applications on their August 11, 2025, meeting, for two drive-through businesses and two multifamily developments. All cases will return for a second read on September 8, 2025.

Department Items:

- The latest iteration of the Green Speak series occurred on August 20, 2025. Approximately 35 residents learned about residential solar options.

Data:

- The Building Division has completed 339 inspections.
- The Code Enforcement division conducted 38 inspections including 9 vacant properties, received 42 new complaints and brought 24 cases into compliance.
- The Code Enforcement division removed 62 signs from the right-of-way.
- The staff issued 28 code enforcement warnings and 1 citation.
- The Department conducted 42 erosion control inspections, issued 1 notice of violation, and 0 stop work orders.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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Highlights:

- Working with the Dunwoody Art Commission and Parks Department to finalize plans for the temporary sculpture exhibit to be hosted at Wildcat Park.
- Hosted the Urban Land Institute for a two-day Technical Assistance Panel focused on Dunwoody Village. The final report will be completed later this Fall.
- Hosted the Access Georgia Foundation for the 2025 Investors Showcase, providing seven founders the opportunity to pitch their company to prospective investors.

Upcoming Events:

- September 2, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting
- September 18, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting
- October 7, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting
- November 4, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting
- November 20, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting

Department Items:

- Attended business and community meetings: TiE Atlanta Monthly Meeting, Dunwoody Marketing Alliance Meeting, Create Dunwoody Board Meeting, Access GA Foundation, Discover Dunwoody Board Meeting, Dunwoody Development Authority, and Vibe After Five.
- Attended the Ribbon Cutting for Greater Perimeter Chamber of Commerce.

Data:

- Conducted 18 Retention Meetings.
- Conducted 19 Business Recruitment Meetings.

FINANCE

Highlights:

- The FY2026 Mayor and City Managers Proposed Operating and Capital Budget was published on the city's website on Wednesday, August 27. The current schedule is for a 2026 Budget Workshop to be held on Monday, September 29, followed by the first public hearing on Tuesday, October 14 and second public hearing on Monday, October 27.
- The Third Quarter Audit Committee Meeting was held on Monday, August 11th.
- Received approval from City Council to surplus six City vehicles.

Department Items:

- Central Square went live on August 4th for both Community Development and Finance.

- Transition to a new retirement recordkeeper (Lincoln Financial) was completed, with the blackout date lifted August 25.
- The Risk Manager is working with Information Technology and other Department Directors to build and implement a Business Continuity Plan.
- The Risk Manager coordinated with Information Technology to conduct routine audits aimed at reducing risks within the Technology Department.
- The Risk Manager oversaw FM 200 fire suppression inspections and implemented necessary corrections.
- Finance submitted a GIRMA Safety Grant application requesting \$20,000 for protective equipment.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Highlights:

- Central Square Community Development – Completed, live with new application
- Ginger LePage, Chris Murphy, Uche Ogbuka, and Lawrance Sutton all completed their Enterprise Cybersecurity Leadership Master Certificate from Professional Development Academy

Major Projects:

- SharePoint Migration – The scheduled completion date is end of 2025.
- Central Square for PD – Migrate to cloud –phase 1 completed
- Vendor Security Platform – in process
- Public Works Respond App – beginning stage
- SQL Migration – final stages
- UPS Refresh – phase 2 in progress
- Starlink – pending install schedule for roofers
- Digital Signage – equipment ordered
- White Noise/Sound Masking – equipment ordered
- Resiliency Plan – in process

Department Items:

- Accounts Payable (AP) Automation – paused for Finance Department.
- Central Square Freedom Project – pending migration to cloud
- RoomAlerts – in process
- GMIS Accreditation – in process
- SIEM/SOC project – paused due to workload
- Data Classification – paused due to workload
- What Works Cities Certification Assessment – paused due to workload

Data:

- The department had 232 helpdesk tickets opened in this period.

- The department closed 211 helpdesk tickets.
- The department hosted 15 zoom meetings during this period.
- There were 69 projects in process during this period.
- There was 1 project completed during this period.
- Currently, 164 users are being managed.
- There are 691 devices (231 - computers, 77 - network devices, 123 – cell phones and tablets, and 260 desk phones) being managed.

CLERK

Data:

- The City Clerk's Office processed 445 open records requests in the month of August.
- The City Clerk's Office processed 6 contracts during the month of August.
- The City Clerk's Office prepared all agendas, summaries, minutes, and associated procedures that were held during the month of August:
 - ✓ One Art Commission
 - ✓ One Audit Committee
 - ✓ Three City Council
 - ✓ One Urban Redevelopment Agency
- The staff reviewed and approved the financial transactions and expenditures for the City Council and City Clerk's office for the month of August.

Other:

- The City Clerk conducted qualifying for the November 4, 2025, General Election. A total of five candidates qualified as follows:
 - ✓ Catherine Lautenbacher (Incumbent), District 1, Post 1
 - ✓ Rob Price (Incumbent), District 2, Post 2
 - ✓ David Ziskind, District 2, Post 2
 - ✓ Tom Lambert (Incumbent), District 3, Post 3
 - ✓ Wendi Taylor, District 3, Post 3

MUNICIPAL COURT

Workload/Activities:

- Disposed of over 319 cases and 32 cases have been reset.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Highlights:

- The City filled the following positions: one Police Officer, one Detective, one Police Service Representative, and one Financial Analyst.



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- Human Resources and the Finance Department completed the transition to a new retirement recordkeeper.
- Human Resources is working with the City's benefits broker to prepare the 2026 benefits guide in preparation for Open Enrollment.
- Human Resources published the employee newsletter.
- Human Resources and the Wellness Committee hosted biometric screenings and Let's Do Lunch.

Upcoming Events:

- In the upcoming months, Human Resources and the Wellness Committee are planning a wellness presentation, a flu shot clinic, a healthy lunch event, and angioscreens.
- Annual training for all employees on the City's Employee Equal Opportunity (EEO) and No Harassment Policy is scheduled for September.