

City Manager
Monthly Report
Report Ending October 10, 2025



## PARKS

## **Highlights:**

- New Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) push buttons have been installed at Spruill Center for the Arts to improve corridor access. A modernized wheelchair lift is expected to be installed by end of the year, completing a Facilities initiative of greater accessible access within the space.
- Inaugural "Free to be Me" Adaptive Movie Night welcomed 28 families. The next movie is a 2 p.m. matinee on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Great community feedback has been received about the expansion of our Therapeutic Recreation programming.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Oct 7: Presentation to Dunwoody Arts Commission for Georgetown Sculpture
- Oct 11: Groovin' on the Green Series Finale
- Oct 15: Non-verbal Communication Board Ribbon Cutting at Brook Run playground
- Oct 26: Blessing of the Pets and Howling Halloween at Brook Run Dog Park
- Oct 30: Truck or Treat
- Nov 2: Get Your Goat Pumpkin Eating Contest
- Nov 11: Veterans Day Ceremony
- Dec 2: Holiday Lights Opening Night

### **Accolades and Happenings:**

- The new "Study Time" statue was unveiled September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Dunwoody Library. Funded by the Dunwoody Garden Club, "Study Time" is a bronze statue of a young girl atop a tree stump, enthralled with her book. She was named 'Libby' by library patrons after the popular library app. You can find Libby near the entrance of the Dunwoody Library.
- Parks staff welcomed the Dunwoody 101 Trolley at Two Bridges Park on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Participants received an inside look of the splash pad pump house, learned how the "Reflections" sculpture came to life, and how the park got its name.
- Staff earned recognition at the annual Georgia Recreation and Parks Association District Banquet on October 1<sup>st</sup>:
  - o David Alexander, Maintenance & Operations Network Award
  - Kate Borden, Administrative & Leadership Network Award
  - o Rachel Waldron, Greg White Distinguished Professional of the Year
  - Agency of the Year- 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year

#### **Department Items:**



- Preliminary 2026 Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day of Service planning underway. Volunteer projects are currently being identified with long-time partner, Jack and Jill of Atlanta.
- Recreation staff is supporting the "Pizza with Police" event on October 9<sup>th</sup> through additional guest interactions including a bounce house and yard games.
- Grounds crew is transitioning from summer maintenance to fall with leaf cleanup, pressure washing, tree pruning, and overseeding preparations.
- Veterans Memorial Soldiers Cross and light poles have been delivered and are in storage. Concrete work is scheduled to finish the week of October 6<sup>th</sup>, with granite arriving on-site the week of October 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Data:

- Pop-up event, "Broadway at Brook Run", welcomed 250 guests
- September Groovin' on the Green saw 2,400 guests largest crowd thus far.

### **POLICE**

### Highlights:

- On September 3, 2025, Dunwoody Police Department (DPD) hosted a Public Safety Cadet Open House at Dunwoody Annex. The attendees learned about the program which is designed for young adults ages 14-21.
- On September 12, 2025, DPD Officers and Chief Carlson partnered with the District Attorney's Office and Sherry Boston for National Store Walk Month at Perimeter Mall. These walks help build relationships with businesses, increase awareness, and strengthen safety in our community.
- On September 13, 2025, DPD partnered with DeKalb Fire, Safe Routes to School and Dunwoody City Council to host a Community Bike Ride and Dunwoody Bike Rodeo at Brook Run Park.
- On September 15, 2025, DPD participated in a Read with a Cop Event for Friends of the Dunwoody Library.
- On September 16, 2025, DPD hosted a Coffee with a Cop event at Super Target Dunwoody.
- On September 24, 2025, DPD officers participated in Kingsley Elementary School's Walk to School Wednesday.
- On September 30, 2025, DPD hosted a free Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (C.R.A.S.E.) training class from 6pm-8pm inside Dunwoody Hall.

#### **Upcoming Events and Classes:**

- October 9, 2025, 6pm-8pm, Brook Run Park: Pizza with Police/Faith & Blue Weekend.
- October 30, 2025, 5pm-9pm, Brook Run Park: Officers will be giving out free safety flashers to kids at Dunwoody's Truck or Treat event.



#### Workload/Activities:

- Entering Auto 250 High Street: A security officer saw two males in dark clothing and black masks walking around the parking garage. The males were observed opening an unlocked vehicle, rummage through the inside and trunk, and then flee on foot. An Officer observed a vehicle driving in the immediate area but lacked probable cause to stop it at the time. Security video footage obtained showed the suspects entering a vehicle that matched the description seen by an Officer. Officers contacted the vehicle's registered owner who identified her son as being in possession of the car. After confronting the suspect with the evidence, officers obtained a full, recorded confession of breaking into vehicles. The mother of the suspect agreed to turn in her son at headquarters later today.
- Person Hit by Auto A pickup truck traveling south on the Perimeter Center Parkway bridge over I-285 left the roadway, jumped the curb and drove down the sidewalk. The truck struck several large concrete planters before hitting a pedestrian, who was thrown into the roadway. The pedestrian suffered several broken ligaments with a head injury and was transported to Grady. The driver was arrested for DUI.
- Vehicle Crash/DUI Drugs/Narcan Deploy I-285 Eastbound: While traveling on I-285 eastbound, a driver was rear-ended by another vehicle. Both vehicles pulled over to the side of the road. The at-fault driver immediately exited his vehicle, grabbed several bags, and placed them in the gore area before attempting to flee when officers made contact. The driver was detained and showed signs of impairment, including profuse sweating and a jittery demeanor, before suddenly losing consciousness. After sternum rubs proved ineffective, an officer administered a dose of Narcan. The subject briefly regained consciousness but then lost it again, prompting a second dose and transported to a nearby hospital. A search of the property left in the gore area located suspected crystal meth and a digital scale.

#### Data:

See Crime Stats Comparison report (2024-2025 Crime Stats through <u>August</u> <u>'25</u>):

https://www.dunwoodyga.gov/police/crime-info-stats/crime-comparison



# **PUBLIC WORKS**

## Highlights:

- A new crosswalk with a pedestrian refuge island and rectangular rapid flashing beacon was installed on Roberts Drive at Wildcat Park.
- Cherry Hill to Eidson Path construction substantially completed and path opened to public. Tree planting will occur later in the year.
- Old Spring House Path- Georgia Power began utility relocation.
- Brook Run Maintenance Facility- contractor mobilized and began building demolition.



Cherry Hill Path

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Macroinvertebrates training for the Adopt a Stream program is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>. <a href="https://www.dunwoodyga.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/14630/72">https://www.dunwoodyga.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/14630/72</a>
- The Great Dunwoody Cleanup is scheduled for November 1st. https://www.dunwoodyga.gov/community/greatdunwoodycleanup

#### **Department Items:**

- Paving All paving scheduled for 2025 has been completed. A total of 12.2 lane miles on 27 city streets were repayed this year.
- Crosswalk improvements began on Chamblee Dunwoody Road at Kings Down Road and on Peeler Road at Cherring Drive. The final completion pending installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs).
- Several infrastructure projects by other agencies are underway:
  - o The Georgia Department of Transportation has resurfaced Cotillion Drive.
  - DeKalb County has begun installing new sanitary sewer in the Bend Creek neighborhood. The project will include work on Dunwoody Club Drive. Construction is expected to last for 12 months.
  - The County is beginning a water main replacement project on Roberts Drive and Chamblee Dunwoody Road. Mains will also be replaced on residential streets in the area. Construction is expected to last for 12 months
- Mount Vernon at Tilly Mill Road Coordinating final stormwater plans and utility relocations.

# **COMMUNICATIONS**



## Highlights:

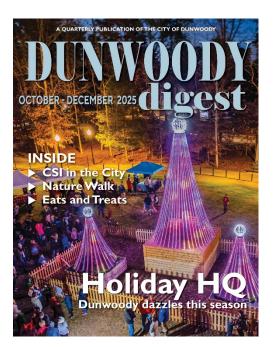
- The Fall Dunwoody Digest arrived in mailboxes; we also shared stories through social media
- Dunwoody 101: All Aboard strong participation and great feedback for second class on September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Designed image ad for Win ED conference, requested by Economic Development
- Designed Dunwoody promotional tag in the shape of a "tea bag" for Win ED swag bags filled with a branded cup and packet of herbal tea
- Supported new statue unveiling at the Dunwoody Library with video and media coverage
- Youth City Council John Heneghan was guest speaker
- Designed fliers for Human Resources, Police and the City Clerk's Office
- Began planning for Perimeter features in Atlanta Magazine
- Mapped banners and lighted snowflakes for Holiday HQ



- Holiday HQ
- Veterans Day Ceremony November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Wildcat Park Art Exhibit
- New Boardwalk unveiling November 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **Department Items:**

- Press releases: Dunwoody releases Proposed FY2026 Budget, Parks & Recreation earns statewide recognition
- Graphics: Meadow Lane lighting, Kudos to the Parks team, Dunwoody Digest promos (7), Cell phone billing, Hello Fall, Adaptive Movie Night, VIPS, Labor Day, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, calendar ads for Rough Draft and Dunwoody Crier
- Videos: Dunwoody 101, Bike Rodeo and Bike Ride, Household Hazardous Waste, Library statue unveiling, Broadway at Brook Run Park, Groovin' on the Green
- "Inside Dunwoody" highlighted adaptive sports and therapeutic programs
- Created and shared 5 weekly issues of D-news and the monthly Dunwoody VIPS report





## September 2025 Data:

- Dunwoody Stories September 2025
- Issued 1 press release; Received 7 media inquiries; Created 13 graphics; Created 9 videos with 66K views; 2,270 Facebook views for 3 City Council meetings
- Top posts: (Facebook) Broadway comes to Brook Run; (Instagram) New library statue; (LinkedIn) We're hiring!

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

## Highlights:

• The city held its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Recycling Event on September 13, 2025. The event was the largest HHW Recycling event since the pandemic with 504 vehicles dropping off materials and 49,266 pounds of material recycled: a weight increase of 57% over 2024.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- The city has received approval of its 2025 2045 Comprehensive Plan for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission. The City Council will decide on formal plans for adoption during its October 14, 2025, hearing.
- The Planning Commission recommended approval of the major master sign plan for the Campus 244 development during its September 9, 2025, meeting. It also recommended denial for a drive-through restaurant at 4570 Ashford Dunwoody Rd.
- The City Council heard four zoning applications on its September 8, 2025, meeting. It approved a multifamily and townhouse development at 66 Perimeter Center East and a restaurant rezoning at 4570 Ashford Dunwoody Road and denied a two drive-through business and a multifamily development.

## **Accolades and Happenings:**

- Urban Planners throughout the state elected Community Development Director Richard McLeod to the board of the Georgia Planning Association.
- The apartment sweep of The Bricks at Perimeter Center complex was completed.

#### Data:

- The Building Division has completed 400 inspections.
- Construction for the new Living Spaces furniture store on Ravinia Parkway is progressing, with footings going in.



- The Code Enforcement division conducted 52 inspections including 7 vacant properties, received 47 new complaints and brought 28 cases into compliance.
- The Code Enforcement division removed 106 signs from the right-of-way.
- The staff issued 42 code enforcement warnings and 3 citations.
- The department conducted 85 erosion control inspections, issued 0 notices of violation, and 2 stop work orders.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

# **Highlights:**

- Working with Development Authority and Regency to expand placemaking investments in Dunwoody Village Courtyard.
- 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:**

- October 7, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting
- November 4, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting
- November 20, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting
- December 2, Dunwoody Art Commission 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, Dunwoody Village Merchants Association, Dunwoody 101, FIFA World Cup Briefing, Georgia Economic Developers Association Conference, Metro Atlanta Chamber Quarterly Economic Development Luncheon, and Vibe After Five.
- Attended the Ribbon Cutting for Greater Perimeter Chamber of Commerce.

#### Data:

- Conducted 57 Retention Meetings.
- Conducted 61 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<sup>th</sup>. The review



schedule is for a 2026 Budget Workshop was held on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) review meeting to be held on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by the first public hearing on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and second public hearing on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

• The July 2025 Monthly Financial Update was published to the Finance webpage, as well as the updates to the CARES and ARPA webpages.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Third Quarter ARPA report is due to the US Treasury Department by October 31st.
- Fourth Quarter Audit Committee meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall.

### **Department Items:**

- Risk Manager is working with Information Technology and other Department Directors to build and implement a Business Continuity Plan.
- City was awarded a total of \$20,000 through the GIRMA Safety and Workers' Compensation Grants for protective equipment.
- Risk Manager coordinated and oversaw fire alarm repairs and system corrections throughout City Hall.
- Defensive Driver training sessions are scheduled for November 7, 2025, and December 2, 2025.
- Obtained and evaluated ATM vendor quotes, selecting the most cost-effective option.
- Risk Manager collaborated with the Economic Development department to address insurance coverage for public artwork installations.
- Risk Manager attended the (LGRMS) Law Enforcement Risk Management conference.
- Notice of Intent to Award issued to Lowe Engineers, LLC for Request for Proposals (RFP) 25-02 Municipal Government Services.
- Notice of Intent to Award issued to NOVA Engineering and Environment, LLC for RFP 25-02 Municipal Government Services.
- Supplemental Agreement for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 23-03 issued to AECOM Technical Services, Inc for Design Contract for North Shallowford Path Project.
- A Contract Amendment was issued to Vandermeer Management, LLC for construction Management Services for the Brook Run Maintenance Facility.
- Notice to Proceed was issued to Practical Design Partners, LLC for Concept Development of Mount Vernon Path Phase 3 from the Village to Vermack Road.
- Notice to Proceed was issued to Sol Construction, LLC for Invitation to Bid (ITB)
   25-04 Old Spring House Lane Shared Use Path.

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**



# Highlights:

- SQL Migration completed
- SIEM/SOC project completed
- Ginger LePage presented at the ACCG/GMA Joint Legislative Policy Council Session in St Simons on AI.
- Ginger LePage presented at the Digital Government Summit 2025 on Cybersecurity.

## **Major Projects:**

- SharePoint Migration The scheduled completion date is end of 2025.
- Central Square for Police Department (PD) Migrate to cloud –scheduled October 27<sup>th</sup>
- Vendor Security Platform final testing
- Public Works Respond App beginning stage
- UPS Refresh final stages
- Starlink final stages
- Digital Signage scheduled to begin October 20<sup>th</sup>
- White Noise/Sound Masking scheduled to complete October 10<sup>th</sup>
- 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 stage 1 completed
- Data Classification paused due to workload
- What Works Cities Certification Assessment paused due to workload

#### Data:

- The department had 153 helpdesk tickets opened in this period.
- The department closed 161 helpdesk tickets.
- The department hosted 23 zoom meetings during this period.
- There were 69 projects in process during this period.
- There were 2 projects 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.

#### **CITY CLERK**

#### Data:



- The City Clerk's Office processed 500 open records requests in the month of September.
- The City Clerk's Office processed 5 contracts during the month of September.
- The City Clerk's Office prepared all agendas, summaries, minutes, and associated procedures that were held during the month of September:
  - One Art Commission
  - Three 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 September.

### **MUNICIPAL COURT**

#### Workload/Activities:

- Disposed of over 482 cases reset 22 cases.
- Amnesty was held in the month of September. The court hearing date is October 9<sup>th</sup> with final numbers forthcoming.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

# Highlights:

- Human Resources opened 10 new positions that were approved by Council to be converted from consulting positions to City positions in 2026.
- Annual training was provided for all employees on the City's Employee Equal Opportunity (EEO) and No Harassment Policy.
- Human Resources published total compensation statements for all employees.
- Human Resources worked with the City's benefits broker to create the 2026 benefits guide in preparation for Open Enrollment.
- Human Resources worked with the City's Human Resources Information Systems (HRIS) vendor to prepare for Open Enrollment.
- Human Resources and the Wellness Committee hosted a flu shot clinic and Let's Do Lunch.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- In October, Human Resources and the Wellness Committee are planning a healthy lunch event, self-defense classes, angioscreens, and Let's Do Lunch.
- Wellness events planned for November include the Maintain Don't Gain challenge and the annual Wellness Employee Survey to help the Wellness Committee with planning efforts for 2026.
- Open Enrollment for the 2026 plan year will be held November 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.

