



**City Manager
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PARKS

Highlights:

- Artistic Arbor Benches installed at Georgetown Park by artist, Huelani Mei Fogleman. Sculpture painting scheduled for February with ribbon cutting date to follow.

Upcoming Events:

- January 19: MLK Jr. Day of Service
- February 1-28: Black History Month mural exhibit at Brook Run Skate Park
- February 7: Dog Park Valentine's Photos
- February 20: Georgia Arbor Day Planting
- March 1-31: Women's History Month mural exhibit at Brook Run Skate Park
- March 28: Snap!Dragon's Garden
- April 22-26: Lemonade Days

Accolades and Happenings:

- Latest Communication Board installed at Two Bridges Park, sponsored by Village ATL. The Dunwoody Woman's Club has pledged sponsorship for the upcoming board at Windwood Hollow Park
- L.E.A.F. for Winter/Spring '26 season ready for release first week of January

Department Items:

- New roof top units installed at Dunwoody Cultural Arts Center. Project punch-list scheduled for early January
- Swing replacements completed at Georgetown Park and Brook Run Park
- New recreation software, Kaizen, is scheduled to be ready for internal testing in the coming weeks

Data:

- Seven memorial brick orders are in progress for the new Veterans Memorial at Brook Run Park.
- Placer.ai statistics show a total of 65,900 visits to Holiday Lights during the month of December, up 92% over 2024. Additional data points reflect visitor spikes on December 13, December 21, and December 25; concentrated visits within and very near to Dunwoody; and an average visit duration of 51 minutes.



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POLICE

Highlights, Accolades and Happenings:

- December 8, 2025, Dunwoody Police held its final Coffee with a Cop event for the year at Crema Espresso.
- The Dunwoody Police Christmas for Kids program was a success, serving over 52 Dunwoody and DeKalb children in need this year with customized gifts and a holiday party.
- Dunwoody Police partnered with Elevate City Church and Target in the "Hope Project" where officers surprised drivers who thought they were getting a ticket with Christmas presents instead. Watch here: <https://youtu.be/JTHy0tTD-NQ?si=NWtKwoXYNMR2-aXF>.

Upcoming Events and Classes:

- Mayor Lynn Deutsch will administer the Oath of Office to DPD's newest police officer, J. Davis, during the January 12, 2026 Council Meeting.
- Chief Carlson will recognize five more Dunwoody Officers with Life Saving Medals for their heroic acts during 2025 at the January 12, 2026 Council Meeting.
- January 27, 2026, 8:00am – 10:00am: Coffee with a Cop, Paris Baguette, Dunwoody.
- February 3-April 21, 2026: 18th Annual Dunwoody Citizens' Police Academy

Workload/Activities (highlights):

- Traffic Stop, Ashford Dunwoody Rd & Perimeter Ctr E: Officers conducted a traffic stop for a misused license plate. During the course of the stop, K9 Hank was deployed for an open-air sniff of the vehicle. K9 Hank alerted on the vehicle and a probable cause search was conducted of the vehicle resulting in suspected cocaine, suspected fentanyl and drug related objects being recovered from the center rear seat area. A male passenger who was located in the rear seat of the vehicle was taken into custody for possession of the suspected drugs and drug related objects. The suspect was transported to the Dekalb County Jail without incident.
- K-9 Deployment, US Post Office: K-9 Hank and his Handler were requested by our Task Force Officer for an open air sniff on a suspicious package. K9 Hank positively alerted on the package and the continuation of the investigation was handled by our Task Force Officer.
- Armed Robbery, 1224 Hammond Dr: Officers responded to the Twelve 24 building near the parking deck on Hammond Drive, where a victim reported that while walking from work to the Marta station, he was grabbed from behind by a man who put him in a headlock for about three minutes while pointing a gun at his head demanding his belongings. The victim surrendered his backpack containing a work shirt, pens, and house keys, along with \$30 cash. The incident was captured on security footage. The suspect is described as a black male,

approximately 5'9", 145 pounds, late 20s to early 30s, wearing a black hoodie and possibly light-colored camo pants.

- Fraud, Perimeter Center North: At 1012 hours, officers responded to a fraud report. A suspect claiming to be with the National Police in Brazil told the victim he was under investigation for financial crimes and needed 24-hour WhatsApp surveillance to avoid arrest. The suspect instructed the victim not to tell anyone and later demanded Bitcoin payments to avoid asset freezing and clear him from investigations. The victim sent a total of \$66,231.42 in Bitcoin across two transactions (\$44,154.42 and \$22,077). The victim realized it was a scam when the WhatsApp call and suspect's phone number were disconnected.

Data:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Highlights:

- Brook Run Maintenance Facility- Site retaining wall completed, most of site grading and stormwater system completed, footings poured for warehouse building.
- Sidewalk ramp upgrades were completed on Womack Road, Mount Vernon Road and on Dunwoody Club Drive. The contractor will be working in the Winters Chapel/Peeler area this month. The project is 32% complete.
- Old Spring House Path- The retaining wall has been completed. Stormwater pipe installation is nearing completion. Most of the curb and gutter have been completed on the south side of the road.



Maintenance Building



Old Spring House Path

Upcoming Events:

- Winters Chapel Path Phase 2 - Public meeting scheduled from 5-7 p.m. on February 12 at Winters Chapel United Methodist Church.
- Village Crossing Project - Public meeting scheduled from 5-7 p.m. on March 3. Location TBD.

Department Items:

- Meadow Lane Road Streetlight Project- Georgia Power is setting bases for the light poles.

- Mount Vernon at Tilly Mill Road Project- Construction plans have been submitted to the utilities for final coordination before bidding in January.
- Peeler Road Path- beginning right-of-way and easement acquisition
- Happy Hollow Road Sidewalk: Peeler to Kingsland Ct.- beginning right-of-way and easement acquisition.
- Mount Vernon Path Phase 2 - beginning right-of-way acquisition.
- Ashford Dunwoody Path Phase 2- right-of-way acquisition is ongoing for 5 parcels south of Meadow Lane Road.
- City maintenance crews completed 44 stormwater, asphalt and concrete work orders this month.

COMMUNICATIONS

Highlights:

- The Winter 2026 Dunwoody Digest arrived in mailboxes; we also shared stories through social media.
- Dunwoody Holiday Headquarters – videos, graphics, website, news coverage, social media
- Initial design work on the 2026 Budget Book
- Promotion of the MLK Day of Service – press release, video, social media
- Promotion of the Georgetown Small Area Plan Open House – website, press release
- Organized staff holiday luncheon

Coming Up:

- Final design work for the 2026 Budget Book
- MLK Day of Service – Jan. 19
- Georgetown Small Area Plan Open House – Jan. 21

Department Items:

- Press releases: MLK, Jr. Day of Service, Georgetown Small Area Plan Open House
- Graphics: Dunwoody's hot zip code, Happy Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Merry Christmas, Fireworks rules, Dunwoody Digest promotions, Welcome 2026, Roadwork maps, calendar ads for Rough Draft and Dunwoody Crier





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- Videos: Council members at High Street Skate, Dunwoody Nature Center boardwalk tour, Spruill new sculptures, High Street Skate & Holiday Lights, Walk the boardwalk, "My Dream for our City," 2025 ribbon cuttings, Little girl skating, Holiday Lights extended
- [Inside Dunwoody](#) provided a preview of what's to come in 2026
- Created and shared 5 weekly issues of D-news and the monthly Dunwoody VIPS report

December 2025 Data:

- [December 2025 Dunwoody Coverage Report](#)
- Issued 2 press releases; Received 2 media inquiries; Created 14 graphics; Created 12 videos with 129K views; 2.5K Facebook views for 2 City Council meetings
- Top posts: (Facebook) Holiday Lights preview video; (Instagram) Village snowflakes video; (LinkedIn) Dunwoody Nature Center boardwalk tour

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Highlights:

- The Big Play Entertainment Center at Jett Ferry and Mount Vernon opened to the public in December. Final site development items are still outstanding.

Upcoming Events:

- The City Council will conduct a public hearing for a restaurant drive-through as well as modifications to existing zoning conditions for a mixed-use development at 84 Perimeter Center East during its January 12, 2026, meeting.
- Residents will be invited to share their preferences for the future development of Georgetown at a Georgetown Small Area Plan open house on January 21, 2026. The open house will be held at the Annex building at 4470 North Shallowford Road.

Accolades and Happenings:

- The City Council denied two special land use permit applications for drive-through restaurants in Perimeter Center during its two December hearings.
- The Planning & Zoning Division has started the process to scan its remaining physical zoning files. The goal is to have all files available in digital form.
- The Department onboarded the Nova staff on January 2nd. Nova Engineering and Environmental has won the contract to provide staff positions for the Community Development Department starting in 2026.
- We welcome David Ham as our arborist, Shane Peeples, site inspector and Barbara Hay as the newest members of community development.



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- Community Development would like to welcome Madalyn Smith, the senior planner, Allegra DeNooyer, planner, Donnie Sullivan, building official and Phil Serrian, the city engineer to join the Dunwoody team as staff members.

Data:

- The Department received 113 permit applications in December and has issued 98 permits.
- The Building Division has completed 432 inspections.
- The Code Enforcement division conducted 56 inspections including 7 vacant properties, received 27 new complaints and brought 48 cases into compliance.
- The Code Enforcement division removed 75 signs from the right-of-way.
- The staff issued 56 code enforcement warnings and 0 citations.
- The Department conducted 77 erosion control inspections, issued 0 notices of violation, and 2 stop work orders.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Highlights:

- Kicked off implementation of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) recommendations for Dunwoody Village with the Development Authority

Upcoming Events:

- January 15, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting
- February 3, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting
- February 19, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting
- March 3, Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting
- March 26, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting

Department Items:

- Attended business and community meetings: The Indus Entrepreneurs Atlanta (TiE) Monthly Meeting, Create Dunwoody Board Meeting, Access GA Foundation Board Meeting, Dunwoody Village Merchants Association, and Vibe After Five

Data:

- Conducted 11 Retention Meetings
- Conducted 9 Business Recruitment Meetings

FINANCE

Highlights:



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- Purchasing 101 training sessions were held on Tuesday, December 16 and Wednesday, December 17. There is 1 additional session scheduled for Wednesday, January 14.
- Finance staff, in conjunction with Communications, are preparing the FY2026 Approved Budget Book to be used in the application for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Presentation Award.
- Finance presented to City Council the results of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for both the internal and external auditors.
- The October 2025 Monthly Financial Update was published to the Finance webpage, as well as the updates to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) webpages.

Upcoming Events:

- The Fourth Quarter American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) report is due to the US Treasury Department by January 31.

Department Items:

- The second Defensive Driver training session was held on December 9, 2025.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Highlights:

- Our new GIS Manager, Dawn Abercrombie, started December 15.
- Ryan Riggs received the Employee of Distinction award.

Major Projects:

- SharePoint Migration – The scheduled completion date is Q2 2026
- Vendor Security Platform – final testing
- Public Works Respond App – project kick off
- Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) Refresh – final stages
- Starlink – final stages
- DocuSign – project kick off
- Central Square Freedom Project – pending final migration of Mobile Data Server (MDS)
- RoomAlerts – rollout
- Resiliency Plan – in process
- Phone Migration – testing first users
- Dunwoodyga.gov Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance – in process
- Council Chambers A/V upgrades – contract reviews

Department Items:

- Accounts Payable (AP) Automation – paused for Finance Dept



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- Government Management Information Sciences (GMIS) Accreditation – stage 1 completed
- Data Classification – paused due to workload
- What Works Cities Certification Assessment – paused due to workload

Data:

- The department had 186 helpdesk tickets opened in this period.
- The department closed 187 helpdesk tickets.
- The department hosted 14 zoom meetings during this period.
- There were 60 projects in process during this period.
- Currently, 164 users are being managed.
- There are 731 devices (198 - computers, 62 – alternate laptops, 77 - network devices, 134 – cell phones and tablets, and 260 desk phones) being managed.

CITY CLERK

Data:

- The City Clerk's Office processed 474 open records requests in the month of December.
- The City Clerk's Office processed 6 contracts during the month of December.
- The City Clerk's Office prepared all agendas, summaries, minutes, and associated procedures that were held during the month of December:
 - Two 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 December.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Workload/Activities:

- Court disposed of over 221 cases and 18 cases were reset.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Highlights:

- The City filled the Administrative Assistant I position.
- Human Resources completed the onboarding process for nine of the City Hall positions approved by Council to be converted from consulting positions in 2026. The other three positions will be onboarded on January 2nd.
- Human Resources rolled out the timeline and forms for the annual performance evaluation process for City employees.



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- Human Resources and the Wellness Committee partnered with the City's retirement broker to offer a retirement presentation for employees.
- Human Resources and the Wellness Committee hosted the Maintain Don't Gain wellness challenge for all staff members.

Upcoming Events:

- The Maintain Don't Gain wellness challenge will continue through the holidays into early January.
- Human Resources will administer the annual performance evaluation process, taking place in January and February.
- Human Resources is preparing for a compensation and benefits study that will begin in Q1 2026.