



City Manager's Monthly Report

September 2026

PARKS

Highlights:

- Two additions will be added to this year's Truck or Treat event: a sensory tent hosted by Calm Connect Co. and a costume swap, organized by the National Honor Society.
- The Homecoming Park playground steering committee reviewed proposed concepts and selected a final design.

Recent and Upcoming Events:

- October 10: Groovin' on the Green finale with Slippery When Wet and HeyDreamer
- October 22: Broadway at Brook Run
- October 25: Blessing of the Pets and Howling Halloween Photos
- October 29: Truck or Treat
- November 1: Goat Pumpkin Eating Contest
- November 11: Veterans Day Ceremony
- December 1: Holiday Lights Opening Night

Accolades and Happenings:

- First Ride & Seek Public Art Bike Tour is sold out! Staff will lead residents along the Dunwoody Trailway to visit five Art in the Park sites. A waitlist is available on Rec Connect.
- "Busy Bee" sculpture ribbon cutting was held September 10 at Windwood Hollow Park.

Department Items:

- Brook Run Memorial Plaza sidewalk repairs began last week of September. Repairs include improving ADA accessibility and removing trip hazards.
- New StoryWalk, "When Pumpkins Fly," was installed with the Friends of Dunwoody Library.
- Kickoff meeting held for Springwood Park with design firm. Site evaluation is complete, with design concepts expected in the coming weeks in preparation of a future public input meeting.
- Additional trail lighting installation between Pernoshal Park and Brook Run Park is complete. The full trailway between Brook Run Park and Georgetown Park has also been re-stripped.

Data:

- 40 facility rentals across three park pavilions
- Estimated attendance of 2,000 at September Groovin' on the Green
- Estimated attendance of 150 at inaugural Park(ing) Day event
- New All in One tennis program welcomed 12 participants to the first session
- Top Instagram post was Eagle Scout labyrinth project with 11.2K views
- 140 park assets identified on new internal app created with GIS. App will house all asset information across the entire parks system to track quantities, maintenance performed, as-builts, and more.

POLICE

Highlights, Accolades and Happenings:

- September 8, 2026, 8am-10pm, **Coffee with a Cop** community event, Nordstrom (Perimeter Mall)
- September 11, 2026, Officers partnered with Crunch Fitness Perimeter for a 110-flight, 2,071-step **Stair Climb Challenge** in remembrance of the 25th Anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy.
- September 16, 23, 30, **Citizens on Patrol training** at Sandy Springs PD.
- September 21, 2026, Officers participated in Dunwoody Library's **Read at the Library** event.
- September 28, 2026, 9am-11am, **Free Car Seat Check Event**, Target.
- September 29, 2026, Officers participated in **Dunwoody's Unhoused Outreach** project.
- September 29, 2026, Chief Carlson and officers joined forces with DeKalb District Attorney Sherry Boston to participate in the **National Store Walk** at Perimeter Mall to foster a united front against retail crime.
- October 1, 2026, officers partnered with Mellow Mushroom to host a **Community Care Day** event, where 15% of sales were donated towards DPD's Christmas for Kids campaign.
- Community Outreach officers participated in three **Neighborhood Watch meetings** during the month of September at various locations.

Recent and Upcoming Events and Classes:

- October 8, 2026, 6pm-8pm, **Pizza with Police** community event, Brook Run Park (Great Lawn Pavilion)
- November 17, 2026, 8am-10am, **Coffee with a Cop** community event, Crema Espresso Gourmet, Dunwoody.

Workload/Activities (highlights):

- **Structure Fire - 4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd (Cheesecake Factory):** A dumpster in the rear of the service corridor caught fire and was fully engulfed upon officer's arrival. The drone was dispatched and gave an almost immediate view of the fire. Officers arrived and coordinated the traffic flow for DeKalb Fire and AMR. No injuries were reported.
- **Loiter/Prowl - 4867 Ashford Dunwoody Rd:** Officers responded to the listed location in reference to a suspicious male who was seen on camera trying to get into apartments by trying doorknobs to see if any of the apartment doors were left unlocked. The male was located walking south on Ashford Dunwoody Rd. After video footage was reviewed it was determined that officers were out with the same male and he was placed under arrest. The male also has a history in Dunwoody from last year where he was located at Azalea Gardens checking doorknobs and sleeping in vacant apartments.

- **MARTA Bus Crash w/Injuries – N Shallowford Rd/Peachford Rd:**

Officers responded to an injury crash involving a MARTA bus. The bus left the roadway, traveled down an embankment, and struck a tree. Large branches from the tree subsequently fell onto five unoccupied vehicles parked in the Camden Dunwoody parking lot. The bus driver sustained serious injuries and was transported to Grady. Two passengers were also on the bus. One passenger was transported to Northside with visible injuries. The second passenger complained of injuries but declined transport. The roadway was closed from Peachford Rd to Cotillion Rd for approximately two hours while S&W worked to remove the bus. The bus's black box was recovered, and in-bus video appeared to show the driver falling asleep near the N Shallowford Road/Peachford Rd intersection before leaving the roadway and crashing. An officer was traveling in front of the bus and turned into the Annex just before the crash. She will follow up at Grady Memorial Hospital regarding the issuance of traffic citations to the driver.

- **Flock Alert/Wanted Persons Armed Robbery:** At 2246 hours a Flock alert was received for a dark grey Chrysler 300 bearing an Ohio tag traveling NB on Ashford Dunwoody at Hammond. There were no follow-up hits. The vehicle is associated with two subjects wanted by Cherokee County for armed Robbery of a business with a gun. The vehicle was discovered unoccupied on Perimeter Center N in the parallel parking spaces on the side of the Quinn Apartments. As of shift change, the vehicle was still unoccupied and day shift was advised.

Data:

- See Crime Stats Comparison report (2025-2026 Crime Stats through August 2026): [Crime Comparison | City of Dunwoody](#)

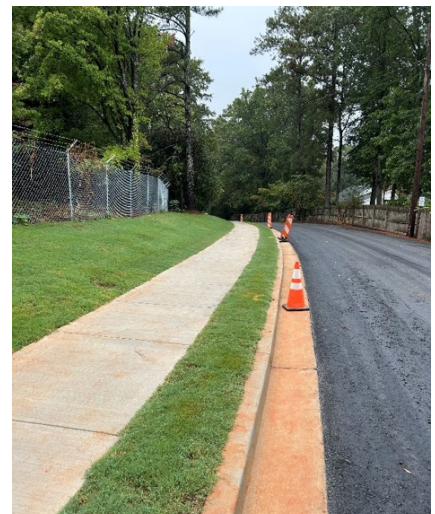
PUBLIC WORKS

Highlights:

- Ridgeview Road Sidewalk- Final paving is scheduled for early October.

Upcoming Events:

- Mount Vernon at Tilly Mill Road- Clearing and staking for utility relocation work is expected to begin in October
- DeKalb County Watershed water main replacement in the Lockridge Forest subdivision beginning in October.
- Sign replacement in Mill Glen, Withmere and Wyntercreek neighborhoods.



Sidewalk Construction on Ridgeview Rd

Department Items:

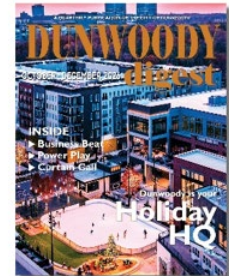
- Ashford Dunwoody Path Phase 2: right-of-way acquisition is 50% complete between Perimeter Center West and Meadow Lane Road.
- Peeler Road Path: right-of-way and easement acquisition is 50% complete.
- Happy Hollow Road Sidewalk: right-of-way and easement acquisition is 20% complete.
- Mount Vernon Path Phase 2: right-of-way and easement acquisition is 15% complete.
- Google Fiber completed installation on Harris Circle and Nerine Circle. Work continues in Wynterhall, Redfield and Ashford Chase.
- DeKalb County Watershed continues water main replacement on Chamblee Dunwoody Road and Spalding Drive between Redfield Road and Coronation Drive.
- Completed 35 street, sidewalk and stormwater work orders in September.
- Processed 22 utility permits.

COMMUNICATIONS

Highlights:

- Distributed the Fall 2026 issue of the Dunwoody Digest, posted social media promos
- Jennifer and Kathy earned an “Award of Excellence” for Resident Participation from 3CMA for Dunwoody 101
- Organized the Fall 2026 session of Dunwoody 101
- Designed a native plant brochure for Community Development and Public Works

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**Look for the Fall '26 issue
of the Dunwoody Digest**

Available now. In mailboxes and online.

Coming Up:

- Holiday HQ planning
- #GreatDunwoodyCleanup: Nov. 14
- Woodland Wonders ribbon-cutting
- Youth City Council planning
- Atlanta Magazine special section planning
- Georgia Municipal Assoc. Communicators Conference: Oct. 28 - 30

Department Items:

- Press releases: Dunwoody releases Proposed FY2027 Budget, Dunwoody Municipal Court to offer amnesty, Beyond the headlines: KDC buildings, Dunwoody plans inaugural Ride & Seek Public Art Tour
- Graphics: Dunwoody Digest promo (x7), Court amnesty, Special called meeting, Sumac map, Car seat check event, Hello fall, Beyond the headlines, Alcohol license renewals, Yom Kippur, Cheeseburger poll, Award of Excellence, L'shanah tovah,

Choosing Dunwoody, Beyond Juicery welcome, Labor Day, EV Showcase, Police promos, Tell your story, calendar ads for Rough Draft and Dunwoody Crier

- Videos: Meadow lane lights, Community sendoff for Jonah, Rocket Man vs. Piano Man, Busy Bee unveiling, New bike lane paint, Park(ing) Day, Stormwater leaves
- [“Inside Dunwoody”](#) for October focused on the budget process
- Created and shared 5 weekly issues of D-news and the monthly Dunwoody VIPS report

September 2026 Data:

- [September 2026 Dunwoody Stories Report](#)
- Issued 4 press releases; Received 10 media inquiries; Created 17 graphics; Created 7 videos with 156K views; 2,222 Facebook views for 2 City Council meetings
- Top posts: (Facebook) Funwoody before and after; (Instagram) Community sendoff for Jonah; (LinkedIn) Chris Murphy Kudos

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Highlights:

- The City Council approved rezoning cases for a 33-lot townhouse subdivision at 4891 Ashford Dunwoody Road and a 3-lot subdivision on Spalding Drive during its September 28, 2026, meeting.
- The Community Development Department is getting close to bringing the new code rewrite for approval to the planning commission and the city council with public hearings at both of the boards.

Upcoming Events:

- The Planning Commission reviewed Phase 2 of High Street during its September 8, 2026 meeting. The City Council will hold a public hearing for the project on October 13, 2026.
- The Sustainability Committee will hold a Green Speak event on October 22, 2026 at the Dunwoody Nature Center. Residents can learn about regenerative landscaping.

Accolades and Happenings:

- The data center at 40 Perimeter Center East received permits for interior build out and demolition to modernize the existing facility.
- 480 residents attended and deposited materials for recycling during the annual household hazardous waste recycling event held on September 19, 2026 at City Hall.
- The City achieved Tree City USA certification for the 15th consecutive year.
- The City Council approved special land use permits for a drive-through clinic at Ashford Lane and for indoor pickleball courts at the MJCCA during its September 28, 2026 meeting.
- The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority (GTEA) have started the review process for the second phase of the Campus

244 development as part of the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review process. Once completed, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review the rezoning application.

Data:

- The department received 103 permit applications in July and has issued 122 permits.
- The valuation of all permits issued in July 2026 was \$22.1M.
- The Building Division has completed 386 inspections.
- The Code Enforcement division conducted 56 initial inspections including 9 vacant properties, received 62 new complaints and brought 22 cases into compliance.
- The Code Enforcement division removed 125 signs from the right-of-way.
- The staff issued 51 code enforcement warnings and 2 citations.
- The Department conducted 241 erosion control inspections and 1 stop work order.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Highlights:

- Attended the Georgia Perimeter Chamber & Leadership Perimeter DC Legislative Fly-In.
- Provided an economic development update to the Rotary Club of Dunwoody.

Upcoming Events:

- October 15, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting
- November 3, Dunwoody Arts Commission Meeting
- November 19, Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting
- December 1, Dunwoody Arts Commission Meeting

Department Items:

- Attended business and community meetings: Dunwoody Art Commission Meeting, Dunwoody Marketing Alliance Meeting, Dunwoody Development Authority Board Meeting, Vibe After Five, Village Merchants Alliance, Perimeter Large Employer Roundtable with Perimeter Connects, Create Dunwoody Board Meeting, Economic Development Partner tour of 64/66 Perimeter Center East, Dunwoody 101, Council Budget Retreat, Urban Land Institute Creative Development Council, and ACCESS Georgia Board Meeting.

Data:

- Conducted 20 Retention Meetings.
- Conducted 23 Business Recruitment Meetings.

FINANCE

Highlights:

- The FY 2027 Mayor and City Manager Proposed Operating and Capital Budget was published on Monday, September 28.
- The FY2027 Budget Retreat was held on Wednesday, September 30.
- The Internal Auditor continues to work on the audit of Dunwoody Senior Baseball.
- July 2026 Monthly Financial Update Report was published to the Finance webpage. Additionally, the ARPA and CARES webpages were updated with activity through July 30, 2026.

Recent and Upcoming Events:

- Upcoming Alcohol License Renewal Open Houses are scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm, Friday, October 23 from 7:30am - 9:00am, Friday, November 6 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm, and Wednesday, November 18 from 7:30am - 9:00am.

Department Items:

- Notice of Selection of Finalists for RFQ 26-04 North Peachtree Road from Dunwoody Crossing to Barclay Drive GDOT PI 0021596, DeKalb County was issued.
- Notice to Proceed was issued for RFQ 26-02 Construction Management At-Risk-Services for Dunwoody Homecoming Park.
- Notice to Proceed issued IWQ 26-03 for Springwood Parks Design and Concept Planning Services.
- Notice to Proceed issued for IWQ 26-04 Brook Run Park Greenhouse Planning Concept Services.
- Notice to Proceed issued for ITB 26-04 Mt. Vernon Rd. Multi-Use Trail.
- Notice to Proceed issued for ITB 26-05 Wayfinding Signs to A1 Signs, Inc.
- Notice of Intent to Award issued for IWQ 26-05 ADA Handicap Ramp Replacement.
- Received eleven bids for ITB 26-06 General Contractor Services for Dunwoody SWAT Garage.
- Received four bids for ITB 26-07 Street Sweeping Debris Removal Services.
- Received two proposals for RFQ 26-05 Standby Skilled Trade Services.
- Received three proposals for RFP 26-06 CDBG Program Planning & Administration.

TECHNOLOGY

Major Projects:

- Helpdesk migration: complete
- Security migration: final stages
- SharePoint Migration – The scheduled completion date is Q4 2026
- Public Works Respond App – in progress
- UPS Refresh – final stages
- Starlink – final stages
- RoomAlerts – final stages
- Resiliency Plan – in process
- Phone Migration – phase 2 kicking off
- Dunwoodyga.gov ADA compliance – in process
- Council Chambers A/V upgrades – scheduled for December 2026
- Central Square Comm Dev – phase 2 awaiting schedule
- Central Square PD – final phases
- GIS Strategic Plan – under review
- AI Policy – completed, scheduling training
- IT Policy updates – separating procedures from policy, plan to complete for 10/26 council final review
- IT Audit – working with audit committee
- Security Assessment – awaiting contract for legal review
- Phishing Security Migrations – planning stage

Department Items:

- CentralSquare Freedom Project – pending final migration of MDS
- Accounts Payable (AP) Automation – paused for Finance Dept
- GMIS Accreditation – stage 1 completed
- Data Classification – paused due to workload
- What Works Cities Certification Assessment – paused due to workload

Data:

- The tech support received 463 tickets during this period.
- The tech support resolved 431 tickets during this period.
- We resolved 1 potential early alert security complaint without incident.
- We received 54 responses to feedback requests, and all were positive reviews.
- The department hosted 25 Zoom meetings during this period.
- There were 73 projects in process during this period.
- Currently, 169 users are being managed.
- There are 745 devices (200 - computers, 63 – alternate laptops, 77 - network devices, 145 – cell phones and tablets, and 260 desk phones) being managed.

CITY CLERK

Department Data:

- Processed 517 open records requests during the month of September.
- Processed 11 contracts during the month of September.
- Prepared all agendas, summaries, minutes, and associated procedures for meetings held during the month of September:
 - One Alcohol License Review Board
 - One Art Commission
 - One Audit Committee
 - Three City Council
 - One Development Authority
- 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

Department Data:

- 915 citations filed. Disposed of more than 515 cases and reset 38 cases.
- Announced Amnesty 2026 for the months of October and November. Mailed over 500 notices to defendants in failure to appear status.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Highlights:

- Annual training was provided to all employees on the City's EEO and No Harassment Policy.
- Published Total Compensation Statements for all employees reflecting new pay rates as of July 1st.
- Working with the City's benefits broker to create the 2027 benefits guide and additional employee communications for Open Enrollment.
- Working with a vendor to coordinate benefits enrollers to be present onsite during Open Enrollment.
- Worked with Medcom to create a Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account (LPFSA) plan for those who opt into the Health Savings Account (HSA) in 2027.
- Working with the City's Human Resources Information Systems (HRIS) vendor to prepare for Open Enrollment.
- Published a new edition of the employee newsletter.
- Human Resources and the Wellness Committee hosted a flu shot clinic, CPR/AED/First Aid training, and Let's Do Lunch.

Upcoming Events:

- In October, Human Resources and the Wellness Committee are planning AngioScreens, a financial wellness presentation, and a healthy cookout.
- Open Enrollment for the 2027 plan year will be held November 2nd-13th.