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City Manager's Monthly Report

October 2026

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PARKS

Highlights:

- Truck or Treat sensory tent hosted by Calm Connect Co. welcomed 20 families and received much positive feedback. Staff is exploring options for future partnership at City events. The event greeted 3,300 visitors and was supported by 22 sponsors.
- 50 survey responses received thus far for teen programming needs. Survey was created by a local 8th grader who is actively working with Parks and Rec to determine activities and availability for future teen programs. First program date is December 18 at the N. Shallowford Annex.

Recent and Upcoming Events:

- November 10: "Kirby" Unveiling at Donaldson-Bannister Farm
- November 11: Veterans Day Ceremony
- November 13: Family Photos with Santa
- November 14: Adaptive Movie Night
- December 1: Holiday Lights Opening Night
- December 1: Letters to Santa and Letters for Seniors programs begin
- January 19: MLK Day of Service

Accolades and Happenings:

- America 250 Liberty Tree Planting with Spalding Garden Club was held October 22 at Fire Station 12. The event featured special guests, Mt. Vernon Sons of the American Revolution, and a ceremonial October Glory Maple planting.
- "Woodland Wonders" temporary sculpture exhibit opened at Dunwoody Park on October 27. Guests can view 21 larger-than-life nature themed sculptures throughout the park and Nature Center grounds, now until Spring of 2027.

Department Items:

- Preservation treatment of four large specimen trees is scheduled for November at Homecoming Park. The treatment is meant to encourage additional root growth ahead of future construction.
- Springwood Park public input meeting tentatively scheduled for December 8 at Campus 244. Location details and survey website to be announced in early November.
- Overseeding complete at Brook Run Park, Peachtree Middle School, Dunwoody Cultural Arts Center, Georgetown Park, and Donaldson-Bannister Farm. Secondary seed application is scheduled for Peachtree Middle School in mid-November.

Data:

- Adaptive Parents Night Out welcomed 25 children.
- Most popular Facebook post was Girls Who Walk program promotion with 119,400 views; most popular Instagram post was goat pumpkin eating with 3,500 views.
- City Staff and outside contractors completed 60 internally and citizen generated work orders.
- Howling Halloween photoshoot raised $400 for the Brook Run Dog Park Association.

- 41 students participated in Rush Union's "Just Ball" program at Peachtree Middle School.
- RIPCORD at Stage Door Theatre welcomed 881 attendees and PROOF saw 246 auditioners.
- 47 rentals across three park pavilions and 65 meetings/programs at the Annex.
- Dunwoody Community Garden Harvest team collected 36 lbs. of food, for a year-to-date total of over 2,100 lbs. donated to Malichi's Storehouse.
- Dunwoody Preservation Trust's Farm to Table event welcomed a full-capacity crowd of 75 guests.

POLICE

Highlights, Accolades and Happenings:

- October 6, 2026, 8am-10am, **Coffee with a Cop** community event, Target.
- October 8, 2026, 6pm-8pm, **Pizza with Police** community event to kick off National Faith and Blue Weekend, Brook Run Park.
- October 14, 2026, Officers participated in Vanderlyn Elementary's **Walk to School Wednesday**.
- October 20, 2026, Officers **visited Austin Elementary students** to read to them and teach them about Halloween Safety.
- October 23, 2026, 11am-2pm, **Community Care Day** at Chick-fil-A. 15% of sales were donated towards DPD's Christmas for Kids campaign.
- October 24, 2026, 10am-2pm, DPD hosted a **DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** at headquarters; collecting expired and unused drugs from residents for safe and responsible disposal.
- October 26, 2026, 11am-11:30am. Officers participated in the **Read with a Cop** program at Dunwoody Library.
- October 29, 2026, 5pm–7pm, Officers distributed **See & Be Seen safety reflectors** to kids who attended the Truck or Treat event at Brook Run Park.

Recent and Upcoming Events and Classes:

- October 26 – November 24, 2026, **Holiday Food Drive** continues to support our community this holiday season by collecting donations of nonperishable food items to benefit the Community Assistance Center (CAC). Donations can be dropped off at DPD Headquarters and other collection locations throughout the city.
- November 17, 2026, 8am-10am, **Coffee with a Cop** community event, Crema Espresso Gourmet, Dunwoody. No agenda. No speeches. Just a chance to get to know our officers, ask questions and enjoy some coffee.
- December 5, 2026, 2:00pm, **Yoga for a Cause** community event, Yonder Yoga (Dunwoody) benefiting DPD's Christmas for Kids program. Visit: Infrared Hot Power Yoga | Yonder Yoga to sign up.
- December 11, 2026, 11am-1pm, Target (Dunwoody). **Free Child Safety Seat Check** event.

Workload/Activities (highlights):

- **Flock Alert/Arrest - Perimeter Ctr West:** Officers received a wanted person Flock hit on Perimeter Center West. The vehicle was located parked and unattended in a nearby business parking lot. The driver/offender soon returned to the vehicle and was taken into custody without incident. The City of Duluth PD Warrant was confirmed and she was transported to DeKalb Jail. The vehicle was impounded and driver cited for no insurance.
- **Traffic Stop/Flock Arrest -Ashford Dunwoody RD/Perimeter Ctr N:** Officers received a Flock alert in reference to a warrant attached to the registered owner of a white Tesla (GA tag) being wanted in reference to a Strongarm Robbery out of Atlanta Police Dept. The vehicle was traveling east on Perimeter Center West toward Ashford Dunwoody Rd. The vehicle was in the turn lanes for northbound Ashford Dunwoody Rd. After the vehicle turned onto Ashford Dunwoody Rd a traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle at the intersection of Ashford Dunwoody Rd at Perimeter Center N. The driver was ordered out of the vehicle first and was detained. The front seat passenger was also ordered out of the vehicle. After he was detained and his identity was confirmed the warrant for Robbery was confirmed. During the investigation the driver provided a false name and DOB to officers. The information she provided returned to an actual person. Once her true identity was learned, it was discovered that she also had a warrant for her arrest out of Warner Robins for Failure to Appear as well as having a suspended driver's license. Warner Robins advised that the warrant was valid, however we were outside of their 50-mile radius. A hold was placed on the vehicle at the request of APD.
- **Flock/Recovered Stolen Auto - 350 Perimeter Ctr N. (Hartley Apts):** Officers received a BOLO from Brookhaven PD for a stolen vehicle. Flock showed the vehicle last in the area of Perimeter Ctr. N/PCE. Officers searched the area and located it parked in the Hartley parking garage unoccupied. The vehicle was confirmed and recovered.
- **Flock Alert/Arrest - 4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd (Perimeter Mall):** Officers responded to a Flock Safety alert on a vehicle connected to a felony shoplifting at the mall several weeks earlier. Officers stopped the vehicle as it entered the mall parking lot and identified the driver, who had an active felony shoplifting warrant out of Dunwoody. The subject was arrested without incident.
- **Flock Alert/Arrest - 500 Ashwood Pkwy (Publix):** At 1610 hours, an LPR alert identified a vehicle associated with an active Norcross PD warrant. A STEP officer conducted a traffic stop in the Publix parking lot and confirmed the registered owner was the wanted subject. The subject was taken into custody without incident.

Data:

- See Crime Stats Comparison report (2025-2026 Crime Stats through September 2026): Crime Comparison | City of Dunwoody

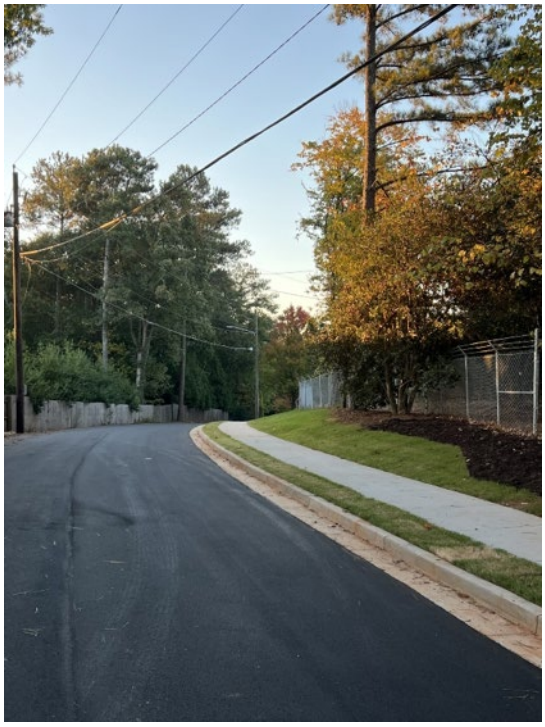
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PUBLIC WORKS

Highlights:

- Ridgeview Road Sidewalk- Project completed. Trees to be planted this winter.
- Mount Vernon Road at Tilly Mill Road- Contractor mobilized and clearing began.



Completed Sidewalk on Ridgeview Rd

Upcoming Events:

- Wayfinding Sign Installation
- Google Fiber is beginning buildout in Verdon Forest and Dunwoody Knoll neighborhoods.

Department Items:

- 2026 Paving has been completed except for Chamblee Dunwoody Road north of Roberts Drive which is pending DeKalb's completion of the water main.
- Goats have begun Fall season grazing in the city's stormwater detention ponds.
- Completed sign replacement in Mill Glen, Withmere and Wyntercreek neighborhoods.
- 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 25% complete.
- Mount Vernon Path Phase 2: right-of-way and easement acquisition is 20% complete.
- Google Fiber completed installation in Wynterhall Phase 1. Work continues in the remainder of Wynterhall, Spalding Estates, North Point, Dunwoody Club Forest, and Redfield.
- DeKalb County Watershed began water main replacement in Lockridge Forest.
- Completed 35 street, sidewalk and stormwater work orders in October.
- Processed 46 utility permits in addition to permits associated with Google Fiber's buildout.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Highlights:



- Began work with risk management to design evacuation route signs for city buildings; this work will save thousands compared to estimate for an outside vendor
- Designed Holiday HQ mailer, arrived in mailboxes in early Nov.
- Worked with Atlanta Magazine to coordinate special section for December issue
- Adapted Holiday HQ branding to full-page ad in Atlanta Magazine for special section
- Jennifer & Kathy attended the Georgia Communicators Conference organized by the Georgia Municipal Association
- Woodland Wonders ribbon-cutting: press release, social media, video
- Chief Carlson and Councilman John Heneghan presented to the DHS Youth City Council

Coming Up:

- Holiday HQ – November & December
- #GreatDunwoodyCleanup: Nov. 14
- Youth City Council special panel planning – Jan. 13
- Atlanta Magazine special section - December

Department Items:

- Press releases: Dunwoody to hold Veterans Day Ceremony, Dunwoody unveils "Forest Forms: Woodland Wonders," Volunteers are invited to join the #GreatDunwoodyCleanup
- Graphics: Pizza with Police, Early voting, Mt. Vernon project map, Kudos storm response, Bulky trash, Drug takeback, This week in Dunwoody, Fall Back, Halloween, calendar ads for Rough Draft and Dunwoody Crier
- Videos: Broadway at Brook Run (2), Dunwoody 101, Liberty Flag, Woodland Wonders unveiling, Lifeline adoption
- "Inside Dunwoody" for November focused on Holiday HQ
- Created and shared 5 weekly issues of D-news and the monthly Dunwoody VIPS report

October 2026 Data:

- October 2026 Dunwoody Stories Report
- Issued 4 press releases; Received 7 media inquiries; Created 16 graphics; Created 6 videos with 46K views; 1,776 Facebook views for 2 City Council meetings
- Top posts: (Facebook) Welcome School of Rock; (Instagram) Broadway at Brook Run; (LinkedIn) Dunwoody 101 graduates

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Highlights:

- The City Council approved the rezoning application for the second phase of High Street. That phase will include three commercial buildings facing Perimeter Center Parkway.

Upcoming Events:

- The City Council will conduct a second read on a text amendment for an extension of the City's entertainment districts on November 16, 2026.
- The City Council will hold a work session on the draft Unified Development Ordinance on December 7, 2026. The ordinance is the second phase of the Direction Dunwoody project and will implement the Comprehensive Plan.
- Campus 244 has received its Development of Regional Impact (DRI) approval from the Atlanta Regional Commission. The zoning application for Phase 2 will likely be heard at the December 8, 2026 Planning Commission meeting.

Accolades and Happenings:

- The City has received the Tree City USA Growth Award to honor communities that exceed expectations of tree care and community engagement.
- The Sustainability Committee organized a Green Speak event on October 29, 2026. 26 residents attended and learned about regenerative landscaping.
- The City has issued land disturbance permits for the new Coopers Hawk restaurant at Perimeter Village and the new Saints + Council restaurant at Perimeter Mall .
- The City has received land disturbance permit applications for the new townhouse subdivision at 1200 Ashwood Parkway and the new pickleball courts at the MJCCA.
- Code enforcement staff has completed an apartment sweep at the two High Street apartment buildings.
- The Department approved the construction of Dunwoody High School's Seacrest Stadium.

Data:

- The Department received 110 permit applications in July and has issued 91 permits.
- The valuation of all permits issued in July 2026 was $7.9M.
- The Building Division has completed 347 inspections.
- The Code Enforcement division conducted 52 initial inspections including 9 vacant properties, received 93 new complaints and brought 49 cases into compliance.
- The Code Enforcement division removed 140 signs from the right-of-way.
- The staff issued 43 code enforcement warnings and 1 citation.
- The Department conducted 197 erosion control inspections and 1 stop work order.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Highlights:

- Toured Info's new headquarters at Campus 244 with regional economic development partners. Info 220 has 220 employees at the Dunwoody Hub and plans for future growth.
- Attended the Arts DeKalb Unveiling Ceremony of the "Cows Are Coming"

Upcoming Events:

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

Department Items:

- Attended business and community meetings: Panelist at the Metro Atlanta Redevelopment Summit, Dunwoody Marketing Alliance Meeting, Dunwoody Development Authority Board Meeting, Vibe After Five, Village Merchants Alliance, Perimeter Chamber Board Meeting, Metro Atlanta Community Partner Dinner, Leadership Perimeter Board Meeting, Toured Canton Art Walk with Parks and Rec., TiE Atlanta, and ACCESS Georgia Board Meeting.
- Attended Ribbon Cuttings: Dogwood Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Clinic and Kirby the Cow Sculpture.

Data:

- Conducted 26 Retention Meetings.
- Conducted 28 Business Recruitment Meetings.

FINANCE

Highlights:

- The Internal Auditor continues to work on the audit of Dunwoody Senior Baseball. Also, Finance staff held a kickoff meeting with the Internal Auditor for the next internal audit, which will include a review of City Council budget, expenses, and reporting.
- August 2026 Monthly Financial Update Report was published to the Finance webpage. Additionally, the ARPA and CARES webpages were updated with activity through August 30, 2026.

Recent and Upcoming Events:

- Upcoming Alcohol License Renewal Open Houses are Friday, November 6 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm, and Wednesday, November 18 from 7:30am to 9:00am.
- First Public Hearing for the 2027 Operating & Capital Budget will be held during the November 16 City Council Meeting.
- The next Audit Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16 at 3:30pm at City Hall.

Department Items:

- Notice to Proceed issued for RFP 26-04 Engineering Design Services for the Ashford Connector Path.
- The final firm was selected for Negotiations for RFQ 26-04 North Peachtree Road from Dunwoody Crossing to Barclay Drive PI 0021596, DeKalb County GDOT Project.
- Notice to Proceed issued for Proposal for Traffic and Speed Calming Solutions in the City of Dunwoody.
- Posted RFQ 26-07 Dunwoody Parks and Recreation Black History Month Murals.
- Posted IWQ 26-06 Park Design Concept Services Hidden Creek Park.
- Notice of Intent to Award issued for ITB 26-06 Police Department SWAT Garage.

TECHNOLOGY

Highlights

- Ginger instructed the Evolving with Technology class at GMA on Oct. 1st

Major Projects:

- Security migration: final stages
- SharePoint Migration – The scheduled completion date is Q4 2026
- Public Works Respond App – final stages
- UPS Refresh – final stages
- Starlink – final stages
- RoomAlerts – final stages
- Resiliency Plan – in process
- Phone Migration – on hold workload
- 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 – final stages
- AI Policy – training started
- IT Policy updates – separating procedures from policy
- IT Audit – submitted to audit committee
- Security Assessment – working with purchasing
- Phishing Security Migrations – kick off meeting scheduled
- Central Square Freedom Project – scheduled
- Accounts Payable (AP) Automation – paused for Finance Dept.

Department Items:

- GMIS Accreditation – stage 1 completed
- Data Classification – paused due to workload
- What Works Cities Certification Assessment – paused due to workload

- GIS Migration – kick off call scheduled
- Rave Panic reconfiguration – scheduled
- Cyber security training for staff – planning phase
- Cyber Safety Community Outreach program – planning phase
- Contract Management – beginning phase

Data:

- Tech support received 477 tickets during this period.
- The tech support resolved 463 tickets during this period.
- We resolved 3 potential early alert security complaints without incident.
- We received 50 responses to feedback requests, and all were positive reviews.
- The department hosted 9 zoom meetings during this period.
- Conducted 2 AI Policy Trainings and 1 Deepfake AI Trainings.
- There were 72 projects in process during this period.
- Currently, 170 users are being managed.
- There are 755 devices (207 - computers, 63 – alternate laptops, 78 - network devices, 147 – cell phones and tablets, and 260 desk phones) being managed.

CITY CLERK

Department Data:

- The City Clerk's Office processed 518 open records requests in the month of October.
- The City Clerk's Office processed 5 contracts during the month of October.
- The City Clerk's Office prepared all agendas, summaries, minutes, and associated procedures that were held during the month of:
  - 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 October.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Department Data:

- 893 citations filed. Disposed of over 618 cases and reset 30 cases.
- Amnesty 2026 for the month of October has settled over 30 cases in failure to appear status.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Highlights:

- Filled one Police Officer position.
- Collaborated with a vendor to prepare benefits enrollers for onsite employee meetings during Open Enrollment.
- Worked with the City's Human Resources Information Systems (HRIS) vendor to prepare for Open Enrollment.
- Partnered with the City's medical benefits carrier to set up funding contributions for the new Health Savings Account (HSA) plan.
- Provided employee education on the new HSA plan's optional investment features.
- Worked with the City's benefits broker to create a video communication for employees regarding benefits information for the 2027 plan year.
- Human Resources and the Wellness Committee hosted a healthy cookout and angioscreens and conducted a wellness survey for employee input on wellness programming for 2027.

Upcoming Events:

- Open Enrollment for the 2027 plan year will be held November 2nd-13th.
- The next edition of the employee newsletter will be published in early November.
- Human Resources and the Wellness Committee will administer the Maintain Don't Gain Challenge for all staff members, which will begin in late November.