

DUNWOODY DIGEST

WINTER/SPRING 2019

**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

**BROOK RUN
PROGRESS**

**TREE CITY
USA**

**SWEET
DECADE**



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

January 5th: Free First Saturday - "New Year, New Beginnings Hike," Dunwoody Nature Center, 1-2pm

January 12th: Walk with a Doc, Brook Run Park, 9-10am

January 12th: DCGO Master Gardener Talk - "Companion Planting," Barn at Brook Run Park, 11am-12pm

January 12th: Chiefs Futbol Club Free Play, Brook Run Park Baseball Fields, 10-11:30am

January 16th: Happy Brew Year Class, Dunwoody Nature Center, 7-8pm

January 18th: Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild Artist Talk featuring Denise Kovnat - "Echo Weave and Turned Taquete," North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center, 8-9pm

January 19th: Chiefs Futbol Club Free Play, Brook Run Park Baseball Fields, 10-11:30am

January 19th-21st: Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild "Extended Parallel Threading Loom" workshop with Denise Kovnat, North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center, 9am-4pm

January 21st: 3rd Annual MLK Jr. Day of Service, Brook Run Park, 9am-12pm

January 25th: "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" opens, Stage Door Players, 8pm

January 26th: Chiefs Futbol Club Free Play, Brook Run Park Baseball Fields, 10-11:30am

February

February 1st: Chiefs Futbol Club Spring Rec League begins

February 2nd: Free First Saturday - "Birds," Dunwoody Nature Center, 1-2pm

February 9th: DCGO Master Gardener Talk - "Tomatoes," Barn at Brook Run Park, 11am-12pm

February 9th: Walk with a Doc, Brook Run Park, 9-10am

February 13th: Galentine's Day Class, Dunwoody Nature Center, 7-8pm

February 15th: Georgia Arbor Day, Brook Run Park, 10am-12pm

February 15th-18th: Great Backyard Bird Count, Dunwoody Nature Center, 10am

March

March 1st: Chiefs Futbol Club After School Soccer begins

March 2nd: Free First Saturday - "Dr. Seuss's Birthday," Dunwoody Nature Center, 1-2:30 pm

March 8th: Friday Night Hike, Dunwoody Nature Center, 7-8pm

March 9th: DCGO Master Gardener Talk - "Soil Building," Barn at Brook Run Park, 11am-12pm

March 9th: ECOExplorer, Dunwoody Nature Center, 10-11am

March 9th: Walk with a Doc, Brook Run Park, 9-10am

March 22nd: Friday Night Hike, Dunwoody Nature Center, 8-9pm

March 22nd: "Secrets of a Soccer Mom" opens, Stage Door Players, 8pm

March 30th: DCGO Rain Barrel Building Workshop sponsored by Keep DeKalb Beautiful, Barn at Brook Run Park, 11am-12pm

**Want to be the first to know about city events?
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city's website, www.dunwoodyga.gov!**

BROOK RUN PROGRESS

The Dunwoody City Council is moving ahead with transformational improvement plans at Brook Run Park. In December, the council unanimously approved a \$7.58 million construction project.

“This is the biggest project we’ve taken on to date,” said Eric Linton, Dunwoody City Manager. “Our citizens have been waiting a long time for this. A year from now, you’ll be very proud.”

Construction will begin in late March and last throughout 2019. But important amenities will remain open, and popular events will continue to be held at Brook Run Park.

Lemonade Days will be back on April 24th-28th. Some event and ride locations may be slightly different, due to construction in the back of the park.

All Brook Run Park facility rentals will end after Lemonade Days for the remainder of the year.

The Brook Run Playground will remain open and accessible throughout construction. Food Truck Thursdays will also go on as in years past.

The Dog Park and Brook Run Trail will remain open as well, with the possibility of intermittent closures. The City will post updated information on any closures to the City’s website and social media channels.

Key components of the project:

- A great lawn with a performance stage, terraced seating, expanded levels of open space, restrooms, and an upgraded event pavilion
- Two multi-sports fields with a concession stand, overlook plaza, improved parking, restrooms, and an added entrance from Barclay Drive
- A new covered picnic pavilion area, new restrooms, and additional parking
- A nine-hole disc golf course

“This project is the result of an enormous amount of public input and two park master plans,” said Brent Walker, Dunwoody Parks Director. “We’re finally ready to start putting in the amenities that the public wants.”



MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX

- Two Artificial Turf Fields
- Restrooms and Concessions
- Underground Detention
- Playground
- Spectator Seating Areas



PARKING LOT/PICNIC AREA

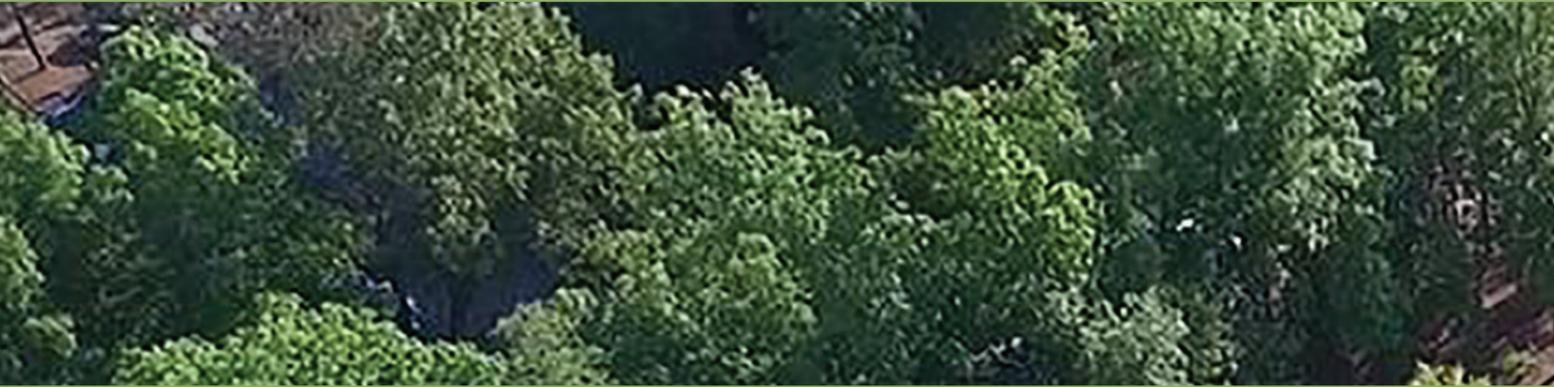
- Picnic Shelter
- Restroom Building
- Additional Parking
- Pedestrian Connectivity



GREAT LAWN

- Large Rental Pavilion
- Bandshell and Amphitheater
- Open Event Lawns
- Pedestrian Connectivity
- Practice Field

TREE CITY USA



For the past seven years, the City of Dunwoody has enjoyed being recognized as a Tree City USA. The national program requires communities to meet four core standards of sound urban forestry management:

1. Maintaining a tree board or department
2. Have a community tree ordinance
3. Spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry
4. Celebrate Arbor Day

Dunwoody actually spent more than \$4 per capita on urban forestry in 2018. The funds covered tree plantings and the pruning of trees on City properties and rights of way. The money also paid for the removal of dead trees under the City's control, when necessary.

The City of Dunwoody has a "no net loss" policy for all trees on City property. Any tree that is removed is replaced one for one within a year.

"Trees are incredibly valuable to our ecosystem," said Amanda Corr, Arborist



for the City of Dunwoody. "The people of Dunwoody are proud of the trees and want to protect them. They help clean our air, reduce the heat island effect, increase property values, and serve as a habitat to wildlife. Trees also make our community look aesthetically beautiful."

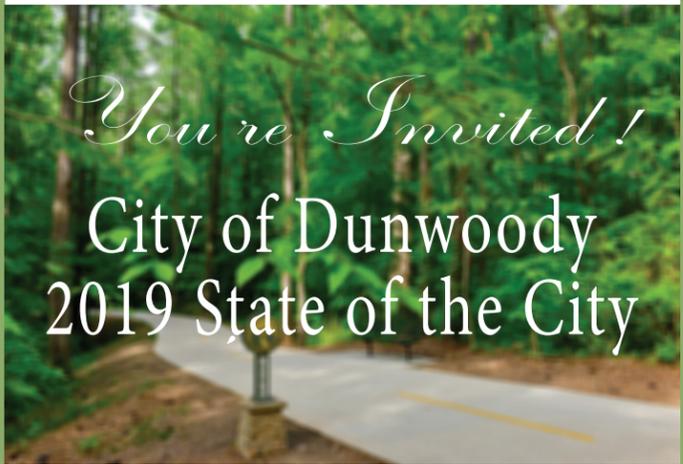
Dunwoody will celebrate Georgia Arbor Day on Friday, February 15th, with a public planting at Brook Run Park at 10:00 a.m. Representatives from Trees Atlanta, Dunwoody Parks & Recreation staff, members of the City of Dunwoody Sustainability Committee, and volunteers will join forces for the planting.

Dunwoody recognizes Georgia Arbor Day on the third Friday of February. It's earlier than National Arbor Day, which is celebrated the last Friday in April each year.

"We celebrate and plant earlier in Georgia because the ideal planting months in this part of the country are October through February," Corr added. "The ground temperatures are lower, yet still warm enough to promote root growth, and trees have an opportunity to focus their energy below ground and establish roots while the above ground growth is dormant."

In 2018, the Arbor Day celebration included the planting of a tree at the new City Hall. In addition, 100 trees were planted at Brook Run Park.

"As we continue to redevelop, it is imperative that we integrate trees into the built environment," said Richard McLeod, Dunwoody Community Development Director.



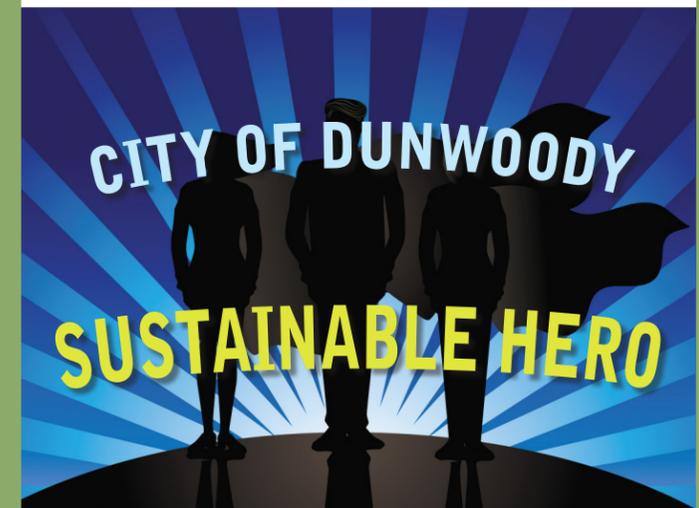
You're Invited!
City of Dunwoody
2019 State of the City

Please join Dunwoody Mayor Denis Shortal at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia on Thursday, April 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the 2019 State of the City!

Thursday, April 11, 2019 | 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Ravinia (Ravinia Ballroom)
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody
6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. State of the City - Mayor Denis Shortal
Parking at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia parking deck is complimentary.



Do you know a Dunwoody citizen or business that could be considered a **Sustainable Hero**?

Visit **Connect Dunwoody** to make your nomination and to learn more about the eligibility requirements:

www.connectdunwoody.com

Nominations open February 2019.



GREEN SAVES TIME

Traffic lights can be tricky in a real emergency. If the light is red, emergency vehicles lose precious time moving slowly and carefully through the intersection. But a pilot program and partnership between the City of Dunwoody and DeKalb County could make a big difference.

The Glance Priority and Preemption System by Applied Information is designed to give fire trucks the green light when responding to a 911 call. It makes it easier and safer for emergency vehicles by bringing all other traffic safely to a halt.

Special preemption equipment has been installed in two trucks at DeKalb County Fire Station 18 on Barclay Drive behind Peachtree Charter Middle School. Corresponding equipment has also been placed inside the signal cabinets at two intersections: Peeler Road at North Peachtree Road and Tilly Mill Road at North Peachtree Road.

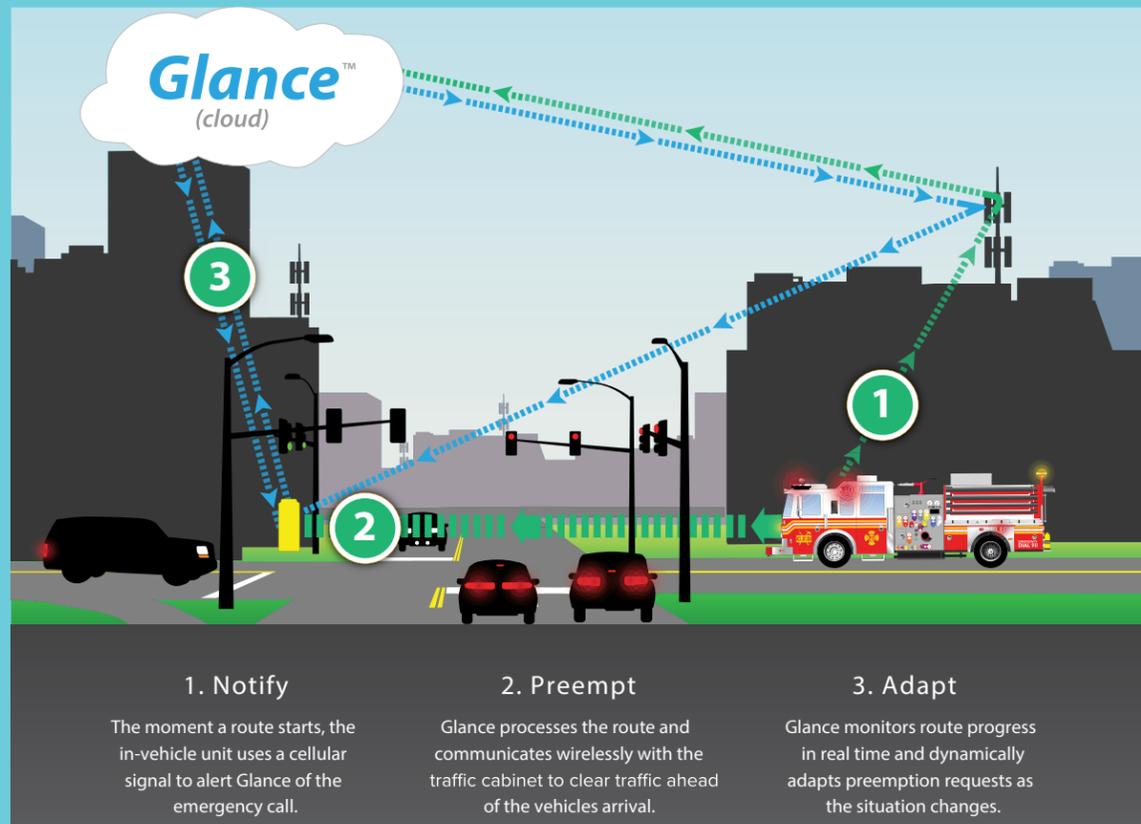
The system works by letting the trucks and signals essentially talk to one another using GPS and cellular technology. As a fire truck on an emergency call approaches the intersection, the equipment on the truck sends a message to the lights that it's coming. If the light is red, the signal will cycle through and turn

green in time to allow the truck to move safely through the intersection without slowing down or waiting.

"We are pleased that DeKalb County Fire Rescue has partnered with the City of Dunwoody to enhance safety at these busy intersections and reduce emergency response time," said Michael Smith, Dunwoody Public Works Director.

The City of Dunwoody paid for the signal cabinet equipment, which costs about \$5,000 per signal. DeKalb County picked up the cost of the truck equipment, which runs about \$2,500 per vehicle.

Dunwoody is planning to install the equipment at a couple of other signals in the Perimeter area soon. The City will analyze the impact of this pilot program in exploring whether it can be expanded further.



CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



Thanks to your generous donations, the Dunwoody Police Department helped more children than ever during "Christmas for Kids 2018." The 10th annual toy drive was a collaborative effort made possible with support from I Care Atlanta and Stage Door Players.

"It's wonderful to be front and center to watch this happen every year," said Lt. Fidel Espinoza, Dunwoody Police. "We've stayed in contact with many of the families who were with us in the beginning. Some of the kids are now in college and come back to visit us."

A total of 100 children were selected for the 2018 program based on need. They celebrated the holidays early with a special program hosted by Dunwoody United Methodist Church.

"We look forward to continuing the tradition in 2019," added Lt. Espinoza.

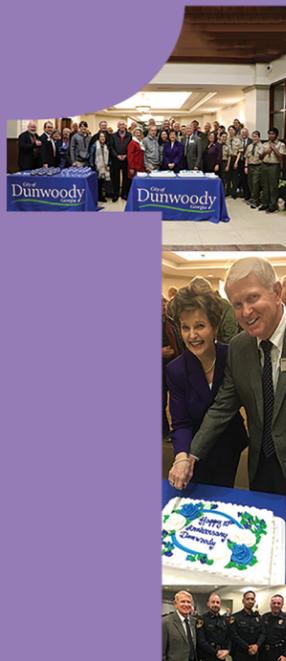
CITY OF DUNWOODY'S EMPLOYEE OF DISTINCTION 2018

Congratulations to David Ayers for being named the City of Dunwoody's Employee of Distinction for 2018. As a construction manager for our public works team, David has impressed city leaders, co-workers and the public with his positive attitude and dedication. Ayers is a contract employee with Lowe Engineers, LLC.



A DECADE OF CITYHOOD IS SWEET!

DUNWOODY SNAPSHOTS



The City of Dunwoody marked its 10th anniversary in December with a special gathering at City Hall. The City is planning another celebratory event in the springtime, so look for details on the City's website and social media channels soon. Thanks to the following special guests for joining us to cut our 10th anniversary cakes: Mayor Denis Shortal; Dunwoody Council Members Pam Tallmadge, Jim Riticher, Tom Lambert, Terry Nall, Lynn Deutsch, and John Heneghan; State Senator Fran Millar; State Rep. Tom Taylor; DeKalb County Commissioner Nancy Jester; Former Mayors Mike Davis and Ken Wright; Former Council Members Danny Ross, Doug Thompson, and Robert Wittenstein; and former Co-Chair of Dunwoody Yes! Bev Wingate. The City will continue to mark more special dates this year. April 1st, 2019 will mark the 10th anniversary of the startup of the Dunwoody Police Department. Police Chief Billy Grogan has been here since day one and led the creation of an elite and respected police force.



Truck or Treat



Groovin' on the Green Summer Concert



Welcome to Dunwoody, Cinco!



Sweet Celebration



Truck or Treat



City Council Meeting



City Council Meeting



Welcome to Dunwoody, Poké City!



Groovin' on the Green Summer Concert



Wine Stroll



Sweet Celebration



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4800 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Dunwoody, Georgia 30338

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UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

JANUARY

- January 1st: City Hall Closed
- January 10th: Sustainability Committee Meeting, City Hall, 7:45-9am
- January 10th: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, City Hall, 6-8pm
- January 12th: Walk with a Doc, Brook Run Park, 9-10am
- January 14th: City Council Meeting, City Hall, 6-8pm
- January 15th: Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 6-8pm
- January 21st: City Hall Closed
- January 21st: 3rd Annual MLK Jr. Day of Service, Brook Run Park, 9am-12pm
- January 28th: City Council Meeting, City Hall, 6-8pm
- January 29th: Dunwoody Volunteer Coordinating Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6-8pm

FEBRUARY

- February 7th: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, City Hall, 6-8pm
- February 9th: Walk with a Doc, Brook Run Park, 9-10am
- February 11th: City Council Meeting, City Hall, 6-8pm
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- February 15th: Georgia Arbor Day, Brook Run Park, 10am-12pm
- February 18th: City Hall Closed
- February 25th: City Council Meeting, City Hall, 6-8pm

MARCH

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WALK WITH A DOC! 

This FREE monthly exercise & education initiative takes place the second Saturday of each month from 9am-10am at Brook Run Park!

Mayor Denis Shortal
City Manager Eric Linton, ICMA-CM
City Clerk Sharon Lowery, CMC

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