

NEW WAYS TO #DINEINDUNWOODY

WHY 5 RESTAURATEURS CHOSE DUNWOODY

DUNWOODY DIGEST

APRIL - JUNE 2019

WHAT'S GOING UP?

DUNWOODY POLICE TURN 10

Main Dining Room of Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- 4th: *Secrets of a Soccer Mom* (Dramatic Comedy), Stage Door Players, Runs through April 14, 8pm
- 5th: DCGO Spring Plant Sale, Greenhouse at Brook Run Park, 9am – 5pm
- 5th: Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild Artist Talk with Deb Essen, N. DeKalb Cultural Arts Center, 6-8:30pm
- 6th: DCGO Spring Plant Sale, Greenhouse at Brook Run Park, 9am – 5pm
- 6th: Free First Saturday - Hiking 101, Dunwoody Nature Center, 1pm
- 6th: Backyard Campout, Dunwoody Nature Center, 4pm
- 6th-7th: Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild “Supplemental Warps” workshop with Deb Essen, N. DeKalb Cultural Arts Center, visit <http://chgweavers.org> for registration
- 7th: DCGO Spring Plant Sale, Greenhouse at Brook Run Park, 9am – 5pm
- 12th: Friday Night Hike and Earth Day Activities, Dunwoody Nature Center, 7pm
- 13th: Dunwoody Earth Day Stream Cleanup, Nancy Creek Tributary**
(details at www.dunwoodyga.gov)
- 13th: Dunwoody Earth Day Paint Recycling and ECOExplorer, Dunwoody Nature Center, 8am-1pm**
- 13th: Walk With A Doc, Brook Run Park, 9am
- 24th-28th: Dunwoody Preservation Trust 20th Annual Lemonade Days Festival, Brook Run Park.** Visit <http://dunwoodylemonadedays.org/> for daily hours
- 27th: Monarchs and Margaritas & Mules, Dunwoody Nature Center, 6pm

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city's website, www.dunwoodyga.gov!

May

- 2nd: Food Truck Thursdays begin with a special celebration of Dunwoody's 10th Anniversary, presented by DHA, sponsored by the City of Dunwoody, Brook Run Park, 5pm**
- 4th: Dunwoody Farmers Market, Brook Run Park, Saturdays through September, 8:30am-12pm
- 4th: Free First Saturday – Bees, Dunwoody Nature Center 11am-12pm
- 6th – 16th: Chiefs Futbol Club Open House Sessions, Pernoshal Park
- 9th: Food Truck Thursday, presented by DHA, sponsored by the City of Dunwoody, Brook Run Park, 5pm
- 11th: Walk With A Doc, Brook Run Park, 9am
- 16th: Food Truck Thursday, presented by DHA, sponsored by the City of Dunwoody, Brook Run Park, 5pm
- 18th: History Alive Program, Donaldson-Bannister Farm, 9:30-11am
- 18th: Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild Artist Talk with Glyn & Will Ruppe-Melnyk, N. DeKalb Cultural Arts Center, 10am-12:30pm
- 18th: Summer Concert Series, Dunwoody Nature Center, 7-9pm
- 18th: Kids to Parks Day, Brook Run Park Event Field, 5-9pm**
- 23rd: Food Truck Thursday, presented by DHA, sponsored by the City of Dunwoody, Brook Run Park, 5pm
- 24th: *Ain't Misbehavin'* (Musical Revue), Stage Door Players, Runs through June 16, 8pm
- 27th: Memorial Day Tribute, Brook Run Veteran's Memorial, 10am**
- 30th: Food Truck Thursday, presented by DHA, sponsored by the City of Dunwoody, Brook Run Park, 5pm

June

- 1st- 3rd: Chiefs Futbol Club Academy Tryouts, Pernoshal Park
- 1st: Dunwoody Farmers Market, Brook Run Park, Saturdays through September, 8:30am-12pm
- 1st: Free First Saturday – Family Concert, Dunwoody Nature Center, 11am-12pm
- 1st: Summer Concert Series, Dunwoody Nature Center, 7-9pm
- 6th: Food Truck Thursday, presented by DHA, sponsored by the City of Dunwoody, Brook Run Park, 5pm
- 8th-15th: Dunwoody Restaurant Week
- 8th: Groovin' on the Green Kickoff Concert, Pernoshal Park, 6-9pm**
- 8th: Walk With A Doc, Brook Run Park, 9am
- 9th: Wine and Reading Playwright Series, Dunwoody Nature Center, 2-4pm
- 13th: Food Truck Thursday, presented by DHA, sponsored by the City of Dunwoody, Brook Run Park, 5pm
- 15th: Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild Meeting, N. DeKalb Cultural Arts Center, 10am-12:30pm
- 15th: Summer Concert Series, Dunwoody Nature Center, 7-9pm
- 20th: Food Truck Thursday, presented by DHA, sponsored by the City of Dunwoody, Brook Run Park, 5pm
- 22nd: Pics in the Park, Brook Run Park Event Field, dusk
- 22nd-23rd: Summer Backyard Campout, Dunwoody Nature Center, 4pm-9am
- 27th: Food Truck Thursday, presented by DHA, sponsored by the City of Dunwoody, Brook Run Park, 5pm
- 29th: Summer Concert Series, Dunwoody Nature Center, 7-9pm

Several big construction projects are underway in and around Perimeter Mall.

“The Perimeter Center is in demand right now,” said Michael Starling, Economic Development Director for the City of Dunwoody. “Property owners are trying to maximize their footprint. They’re filling in the suburban fabric with denser, more walkable, urban features.”

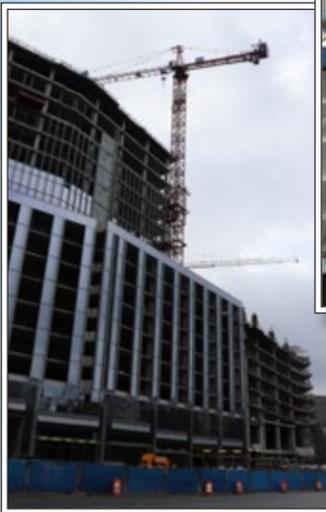
Twelve24

Twelve24 is the new 16-story office tower under construction in the Southwest corner of the Perimeter Mall parking lot, next to the Dunwoody MARTA station. Insight Global, a national staffing company, has announced plans to relocate its headquarters here from Brookhaven. A new Hyatt Place Hotel will soon break ground behind Twelve24. It will be nine stories with 177 rooms. The plans include an elevated outdoor terrace level between the two buildings and an elevated walkway to MARTA. The office building and hotel are expected to open in 2020.



“These projects are transit-oriented and mixed use, which is the right kind of development for Perimeter Center,” Starling stated. “Upscale restaurants and retail are also part of the plan.”

Park Center



The State Farm campus is officially known as Park Center. Easy access to MARTA was a key reason for State Farm’s move to Dunwoody. Phase I of the new regional hub opened in 2016 on Hammond Drive. Construction on Phase II is well underway and consists of two office towers on top of a single parking deck with street level retail. At 22 stories, the second building will be one story higher than the first and is expected to be completed by the end of this year. The third building will be 18 stories and should be complete in early 2021.

Park Center is considered the largest corporate office project in metro Atlanta’s history. Phase I is connected to the Dunwoody MARTA station by a privately constructed platform and the next two buildings are connected by a pedestrian bridge over Perimeter Center Parkway. Public transportation wasn’t the only attraction. State Farm also wanted a location close to restaurants, shops, housing, hotels and good school districts.

WHAT’S GOING UP?

WHAT’S COMING?

High Street



Located on 40 acres across from the Dunwoody MARTA station on Perimeter Center West, construction of the mixed-use “High Street Atlanta” is slated to begin in late 2019. Plans have been on the table since before Dunwoody became a city, but North American Properties (NAP) gave the project a kick start by signing on as the real estate partner in November. NAP developed Avalon in Alpharetta and redeveloped Atlantic Station.

Park at Perimeter Center East

Grubb Properties is planning a mixed-use development with nearly three acres of green space, including a 12-foot-wide multi-use trail. The project covers almost 20 acres on Perimeter Center East, where parking lots cover most of the area now. The plan calls for about 500,000 square feet of new office space, 12,000 square feet of retail and 900 condo units in four towers. One building currently on the property would be replaced.



Perimeter Mall Restaurants

Two restaurants are planned to be built on three acres in the Northeast corner of the Perimeter Mall parking lot, at the corner of Ashford Dunwoody and Perimeter Center West. California-based Lazy Dog Restaurant and Bar has signed on to the project. A second restaurant has not been announced.



Crowne Pointe

Plans are in the works to add about 8,000 square feet of new restaurant space in the undeveloped portion of Crowne Point Plaza.

“A vibrant Perimeter Center is good for Dunwoody residents. It drives our economy,” Starling added. “A strong commercial tax base helps us keep residential taxes low.”

NEW WAYS TO

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Nancy's Pizzeria

Nancy's Pizzeria is home to Chicago's original stuffed pizza, assembled just like a pie with toppings and cheese stuffed between two layers of golden, crunchy crust. The fifth Nancy's in Georgia opened in the Perimeter Village Shopping Center (4705 Ashford Dunwoody Road) in January. "Nancy's Stuffed Pizza is a pizza delicacy that needs to be enjoyed by all, not just Chicagoans," said Dunwoody Franchisee Yves L. Dominique. "We hope the Dunwoody location becomes a new go-to for local pizza lovers and look forward to becoming part of the community."



Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse

Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse features hand-cut steaks, modern takes on fresh seafood and a floating wine cellar with more than 1,200 selections. The restaurant, which opened in September, is located at the forefront of the new Park Center development at Hammond Drive and Perimeter Center Parkway (236 Perimeter Center Pkwy NE, Suite 120). "We have been warmly welcomed by the Dunwoody community and look forward to continuing to welcome our neighbors who work, live and visit the area," said General Manager J.D. Morning. "The difference in Dunwoody is the people. We firmly believe in celebrating life in restaurants and providing a place for the community to do so."



HOBNOB Neighborhood Tavern

HOBNOB Neighborhood Tavern offers tavern fare with a Southern flair and one of the most comprehensive bourbon lists in the Southeast. The new restaurant in Dunwoody's Perimeter Place (1221 Ashford Crossing) is HOBNOB's third location in metro Atlanta. "We are thrilled to bring our passion for people and service to the Dunwoody community," said Owner Sean Yeremyan. "HOBNOB is truly a neighborhood joint. We're here to build relationships with our guests and provide a comfortable, communal spot they can always count on for friendly service and a quality meal."



Porter Brew & Cue

Dunwoody's first brewery, Porter Brew & Cue BBQ and Brewery, is locally owned by father and son team Win and Allen Porter. Located in the Shops of Dunwoody (5486 Chamblee Dunwoody Road), this is the third Atlanta-area brewery by Allen. He's a self-taught, award-winning brewmaster who will feature an assortment of crafted beers, including an Australian IPA called "Taz Downunder," Sweet Hopped NE IPA, his easy-drinking Cream Ale and namesake "Porter" dark beer. "Our mantra is family, good food and friends" said Allen, who brought in Charles Washington, former pitmaster of Grand Champion BBQ, to "oversee the magic in back."



Zinburger Wine & Burger Bar

The menu at Zinburger Wine & Burger features made-to-order gourmet burgers, hand-spun shakes and floats, decadent pies and 25 wine varieties. The new Dunwoody restaurant (4555 Ashford Dunwoody Road) is the second Zinburger in the Atlanta area. It opened in September. "Dunwoody is a great location for Zinburger," said Rick Barbrick, president & CEO of The Briad Group, which owns Zinburger. "Our upscale, boutique burger concept fits well with the market and we're happy to offer the community another location to gather with family, friends and co-workers."



Save the Date

Dunwoody
Restaurant
WEEK

JUNE 8-15, 2019
8TH ANNUAL

DUNWOODY POLICE

TURN 10

The Dunwoody Police Department officially took over for DeKalb Police a decade ago, at midnight on April 1, 2009.

“I will always remember being lined up in our patrol cars in front of Police Headquarters. At midnight, we turned on our blue lights and went to work,” said Dunwoody Police Chief Billy Grogan. “There were people in the dark at the corner cheering us on. I’ll always cherish that moment.”



Chief Grogan was hired four months prior, when Dunwoody officially incorporated in December 2008. He was tasked with building a department from scratch, with no personnel, no police policies, no patrol cars, no uniforms and no equipment. A total of 500 people applied to be Dunwoody police officers. Forty officers made the cut. Today the department has 62 officers, with a total staff of 76 people, including civilian employees.

“I am blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve the wonderful citizens of Dunwoody who have been supportive of both me and the department all of these years,” Chief Grogan said. “The Mayor and Council have always provided their encouragement and supported the needs of the department. I’m glad I work in a department where we can have fun, serve our community together and lift each other up when needed.”

What it takes to be a Dunwoody Police Officer?

The Dunwoody Police Department has a thorough hiring process to select applicants with the highest levels of integrity, courage and professionalism.

The officer application process includes physical agility testing. Applicants must be able to do the following: 18 continuous push-ups, 27 sit-ups in less than one minute, leap vertically to a minimum of 16.5 inches, run 1.5 miles in less than 15 minutes, 20 seconds and do a 300 meter sprint in less than 68 seconds. They’re also required to complete an extensive background investigation, computer voice stress analysis, interview with Chief Grogan, medical and drug screen and a psychological evaluation. You do not have to be a certified officer to apply. If selected, non-certified officers will go through a 10-week academy at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center Cherokee campus.

2018 Dunwoody Police Achievement Awards



OFFICER OF THE YEAR - Officer Bryan Castellanos

Officer Castellanos distinguished himself throughout the year in the areas of productivity, volunteerism, teamwork, work ethic, and dependability. In July, he arrested a group of suspects involved in a multi-state shoplifting ring, responsible for the theft of thousands of dollars in merchandise from several department stores.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - Crime Scene Technician Sybil Warner

Warner has been an instrumental figure in solving criminal cases for the Dunwoody Police Department for nearly 10 years. She is highly regarded by her peers and supervisors for her wonderful attitude and strong work ethic.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - Bailiff & Citizen on Patrol Jim Sturgis

Sturgis is a Dunwoody resident who has served as a volunteer Bailiff since the Dunwoody Municipal Court opened its doors in February 2009. He is also one of the inaugural members of the Dunwoody Police Department’s Citizens on Patrol team.

Melanie Howard of Dunwoody is grateful for nosy neighbors and the Yellow Dot program.

“They pretty much saved my life,” Ms. Howard said. In fact, Ms. Howard is the “first documented save” since the Georgia Department of Public Health began testing Yellow Dot in 2016. Dunwoody Police joined the program in September 2018.

Ms. Howard’s medical emergency started without warning on Christmas Day. Her neighbors began to worry when she didn’t show up for a party they were planning that night. They called and knocked on her door but didn’t get an answer.

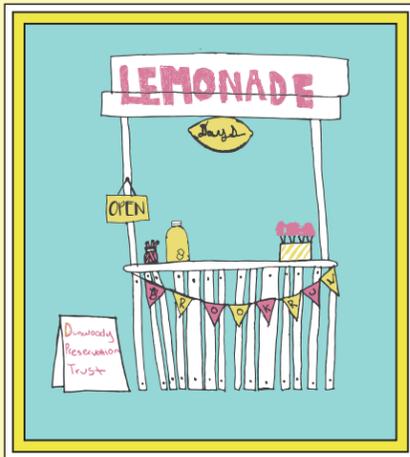
By the next day, neighbors grew so concerned that they called Dunwoody Police to ask for a welfare check.

“Our officers went to the home and saw a Yellow Dot sticker on the car,” said Dunwoody Police Sgt. Robert Parsons. “When they received no answer at the door, they went to the car and pulled out the Yellow Dot packet.”

The packet indicated that Ms. Howard was diabetic. It also included her medication and contact information for her family. Officers made their way into Ms. Howard’s home and found her unresponsive, suffering from a diabetic coma. They immediately called for medical help, and she was rushed to the hospital.

“I didn’t wake up until three days later,” Ms. Howard added. “The Yellow Dot made a big difference in how quickly they could take care of me and get me better.”





The LEMONADE DAYS Festival

celebrates its 20th anniversary this year with more family fun planned than ever before. It runs from April 24th to 28th.

How It Started

Lemonade Days started in 1999, the year after a devastating tornado struck Dunwoody and damaged many homes and trees. The Dunwoody Preservation Trust began the event to raise money and replant trees in the community and used the old expression “making lemonade out of lemons” to come up with the festival name.



Wildest Ride

The Nemesis 360 is back to turn more stomachs for a second year. Imported from the Netherlands, the Nemesis 360 spins, flips and inverts passengers from the ground up to nearly 80 feet in the sky. If that’s not your thing, the Lemonade Days festival midway will also include 30 other full-scale carnival rides. For children ages 2 through 10, Lemonade Days has an entirely separate area, away from the noise and activity of the crowded midway.

For A Great Cause

Lemonade Days is the only fundraiser for the Dunwoody Preservation Trust. Proceeds support the rehabilitation and maintenance of the historic 1870 Donaldson-Bannister Farm – a historic restoration partnership of the City of Dunwoody, DPT and the community. Last year marked the official opening of the Donaldson-Bannister House, which is the centerpiece of the Farm, as a public special-event and educational facility.

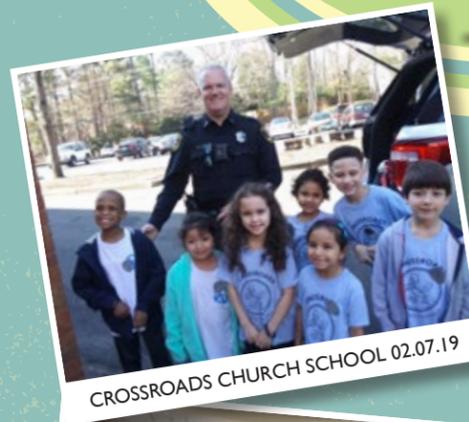


“Dunwoody Idol” began four years ago as a way to highlight young singers in the community. After auditions in March, ten finalists will move on to compete on stage during Lemonade Days on Saturday, April 27th. A panel of three judges will select the 2019 Dunwoody Idol winner and a runner-up. A crowd favorite will also be chosen by audience vote.



Dunwoody Idol

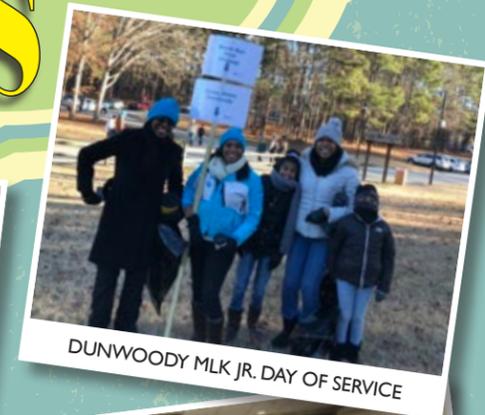
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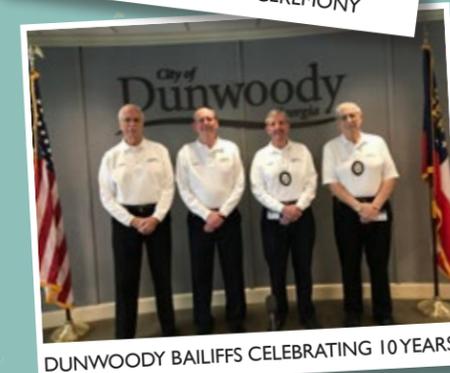
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DUNWOODY BAILIFFS CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



NEIGHBORS HONOR POSTAL CARRIER KEVIN ADDISON



FRIENDS GATHER AT PERNOSHAL PARK



WALK WITH A DOC



DUNWOODY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CITY COUNCIL



DUNWOODY MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

APRIL

April 1st: Dunwoody Police Dept. 10th Anniversary Open House, City Hall, 4pm

April 8th: City Council Meeting, City Hall, 6pm

April 9th: Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 6pm

April 10th: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, City Hall, 6pm

April 11th: Sustainability Committee Meeting, City Hall, 7:45am

April 11th: 2019 Dunwoody State of the City, Crowne Plaza Ravinia, 6-8:30pm

April 13th: Dunwoody Earth Day Stream Clean-up, Nancy Creek Tributary (details at www.dunwoodyga.gov)

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April 19th: City Administrative Offices Closed

April 22nd: City Council Meeting, City Hall, 6pm

April 24th-28th: Dunwoody Preservation Trust 20th Annual Lemonade Days Festival, Brook Run Park.

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April 30th: Dunwoody Volunteer Coordinating Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6pm

MAY

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May 6th: City Council Meeting, City Hall, 6pm

May 7th: Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 6pm

May 9th: Sustainability Committee Meeting, City Hall, 7:45am

May 11th-12th: Dunwoody Art Festival, Dunwoody Village Parkway, 10am

May 20th: City Council Meeting, City Hall, 6pm

May 27th: Memorial Day Holiday, City Administrative Offices Closed

May 27th: Memorial Day Tribute, Brook Run Veteran's Memorial, 10am

JUNE

June 6th: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, City Hall, 6pm

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June 19th: Alcohol License Review Board, City Hall, 9am

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!