

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY

# DUNWOODY

## digest

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2022

**Celebrate community**  
July 4th parade is biggest and best



**INSIDE:** Exercise and socialize | New eats | Stormwater rate update



Dunwoody's Fourth of July Parade is Georgia's largest Independence Day parade. The 2022 theme, "Parade of Stars," is a tribute to veterans, teachers, Mayor and Council Members, business owners, and everyone who makes Dunwoody great.

Chaired by Penny Forman and Matt Weber, the parade is set to step off at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 4, from the corner of Mt. Vernon and Jett Ferry Roads. The 2.7-mile route travels west on Mt. Vernon Road and along Dunwoody Village Parkway. Spectators are encouraged to bring chairs, picnics and flags.

This year's parade grand marshal will be former Dunwoody City Council member and former parade co-chair Pam Tallmadge.

Started as part of the bicentennial celebration in 1976, the first parade route began at Georgetown Shopping Center. It was discontinued after several years, but was resurrected in 1991 with the news of the end of the Gulf War, and has continued ever since.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUNWOODY?

## July

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**Pics in the Park: "Black Panther"**

Outdoor movie at Pernoshal Park

4

**Dunwoody July 4 Parade**

Mt. Vernon Road to Dunwoody Village  
9 a.m.

**City Hall closed**

9

**"Composting Dos and Don'ts"**

Master Gardener Talk  
Dunwoody Community Garden & Orchard

**Groovin' on the Green**

Sassfolk  
Brook Run Park Amphitheater

14

**"Progressions"**

Spruill Gallery exhibit through Sept. 3

16

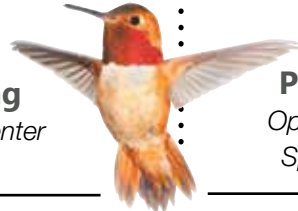
**History Alive: "Two Very Different Vietnam Combat Tours"**

Donaldson-Bannister Farm

23

**Summer Birding**

Dunwoody Nature Center



**Dunwoody Farmers Market**

presented by the Dunwoody Homeowners Association  
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - noon

**Saturday Volunteer Day**

Dunwoody Nature Center  
July 9 | August 13 | September 3



**Harvest Days**

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.

The Dunwoody Community Garden's fruit and vegetable collection for the pantry at Malachi's Storehouse

## August

5

**Pics in the Park: "Lilo & Stitch"**

Outdoor movie at Pernoshal Park

6

**Plein Air Art Class**

Dunwoody Nature Center

13

**Groovin' on the Green Back-to-School Bash**

Josh Gilbert Band  
Brook Run Park Amphitheater

**"Saving Ornamental Seeds"**

Master Gardener Talk  
Dunwoody Community Garden & Orchard

18

**Pop-up in the Plaza**

Open House & Happy Hour  
Spruill Center for the Arts



**FREE First Saturdays**

Dunwoody Nature Center  
July 2 | August 6 | September 3



**Merit Badge Opportunities**

Dunwoody Nature Center  
July 16 | August 27 | September 17

20

**Summer Birding**  
Dunwoody Nature Center

28

**Plant Walk and Workshop**  
Dunwoody Nature Center

29

**"Good Cup/Bad Cup: Last Call"**

Exhibit opening  
Hallway Gallery  
Spruill Center for the Arts

## September

5

**City Hall closed**

9

**Butterflies and Brews**  
Dunwoody Nature Center



10

**Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event**  
City Hall  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**"Blueberries and Figs"**  
Master Gardener Talk  
Dunwoody Community Garden & Orchard

**Groovin' on the Green**  
Family Truckster  
Brook Run Park Amphitheater

10-11

**Butterfly Experience**  
Dunwoody Nature Center



**Chattahoochee Handweaver's Guild**

Club meeting:  
September 16

11-17

**Back to Spruill Week**  
Spruill Center for the Arts

15

**Pop-up in the Plaza**  
Open House & Happy Hour  
Spruill Center for the Arts

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**History Alive**

Donaldson-Bannister Farm

**Dunwoody Wine Stroll**

Pernoshal Park

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**Atlanta Celebrates Photography**

Opening night  
Spruill Gallery  
Exhibit through Oct. 29



23

**Friday Night Hike**

Dunwoody Nature Center

23 & 24

**Farm-to-Table Dinner**  
Donaldson-Bannister Farm



**Food Truck Thursdays**

presented by the Dunwoody Homeowners Association

Brook Run Park  
Every week, 5-9 p.m.

**Nature Lover's Book Club**

Dunwoody Nature Center  
September 19



**Paint Like Bob Ross**

Dunwoody Nature Center  
July 24 | August 21

## City Meetings

**Dunwoody City Council Meetings**

JULY 11

JULY 25

AUGUST 8

AUGUST 22

SEPTEMBER 6 (Tuesday)

SEPTEMBER 19

Dunwoody City Hall

Mondays

6 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings**

JULY 7

AUGUST 4

SEPTEMBER 1

Dunwoody City Hall

Thursdays

6 p.m.

**Planning Commission Meetings**

JULY 12

AUGUST 9

SEPTEMBER 13

Dunwoody City Hall

Tuesdays

6 p.m.

**Dunwoody Development Authority Meetings**

JULY 21

SEPTEMBER 15

Thursdays

5 p.m.

**Sustainability Committee Meetings**

JULY 14

AUGUST 11

SEPTEMBER 8

Thursdays

8 a.m.

**Dunwoody Art Commission Meetings**

JULY 5

AUGUST 2

SEPTEMBER 6

Dunwoody City Hall

Tuesdays

7:30 a.m.



**D**unwoody's Parks and Recreation team is looking for your ideas for names for three future park properties. The parks are located on Perimeter Center East, Roberts Drive, and Vermack Road. But before you start brainstorming, you'll want to be aware of the city policy for the naming of city parks, recreational areas, streets, roads, and facilities. The policy is designed to guide name recognition and establish a uniform application.

This is where you come in. We invite you to email your ideas to [parks@dunwoodyga.gov](mailto:parks@dunwoodyga.gov). Parks and Rec will consider all ideas and create a list of top choices to present to the City Manager. The City Manager will then make a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for final naming decisions. There is no specific timeline, but don't delay. We want to hear your great ideas. And be sure to specify the park for which you're proposing a name.

Under the policy, names should enhance the sense of community and ensure that parks are easily identified and located. Public participation and input are also encouraged in the naming policy.

Here are additional considerations for names:

- Geographic location
- An outstanding feature of the area
- Commonly recognized subjects of historical significance such as event, person, group, culture, or place
- A person or group that significantly contributed to the acquisition or development of the park or facility
- An individual who provided exceptional service in the interest of the city or community
- If naming after a person, that person must be deceased for a minimum of five years, but the Mayor and Council can make an exception and waive the time requirement



# Throwing shade



The City of Dunwoody is joining the Trees Atlanta Front Yard Tree Planting Program. The goal is to plant up to 40 shade trees in front yards across Dunwoody.

"This is a great program to further our goal of protecting and building up Dunwoody's tree canopy," said Dunwoody Community Development Director Richard McLeod. "This will also give residents a greater sense of ownership in Dunwoody's urban forest."

Trees Atlanta, a nonprofit organization committed to the care and replenishment of metro Atlanta's urban forest, will manage the processing of tree requests and coordinate with homeowners for the selection, placement, and installation of up to two front yard trees per home through this program.

"Since starting the front yard tree program in 2017, we've placed more than 2,000 trees in front yards across metro Atlanta," explained Judy Yi, director of marketing for Trees Atlanta. "We appreciate the City of Dunwoody for expanding its efforts to protect and plant trees through the Front Yard Tree program."

In April, the Dunwoody City Council voted to commit \$10,000 to the program, so there is no cost to property owners. Planting will begin in October 2022 and continue through March 2023, if necessary.

The new trees must be planted on private property within 35 feet of a right-of-way.



**Help grow Dunwoody's canopy. Free shade trees will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration begins August 1.**

Front yard locations allow mature trees to provide shade onto public areas. After planting, property owners shall be responsible for watering and maintaining the new trees.

"Trees are good for the environment, help prevent erosion and beautify our community," said Dunwoody Mayor Lynn Deutsch. "I look forward to seeing the benefits of this partnership grow."

Dunwoody property owners interested in being part of the program must submit an online application, which will be available starting August 1 via [www.dunwoodyga.gov/frontyardtree](http://www.dunwoodyga.gov/frontyardtree). Trees will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis.



## SPRING 2022 NEW BUSINESS RIBBON CUTTINGS

1. The Joint Chiropractic is located at 4718 Ashford Dunwoody Rd.,
2. Sankranti Indian Kitchen is located at 237 Perimeter Center Pkwy.,
3. Chopt Creative Salads is located at 4724 Ashford Dunwoody Rd.,
4. Solidcore is located at 4712 Ashford Dunwoody Rd., and
5. Functionize Health and Physical Therapy is located at 5054 Nandina Lane.



# Social movement

## Get social and keep moving with Dunwoody's running, walking, biking clubs

Exercise creates endorphins, and endorphins create happiness. So what does joining one or more of Dunwoody's groups that exercise together create? Indeed, the opportunities, the benefits, the friendships and the fun are endless.

In Brook Run Park, the **Ausomewalkies**, founded by Ash Dudley, now includes almost 30 members who meet to make friends and walk along the park's meandering trail.

Established to introduce and bring together area adults with autism, the group has been meeting monthly for more than two years and has become a means for growing friendships among members and the family members who support them.

"We meet solely to encourage communication, build friendships,

and to promote health," said Dudley, who was diagnosed with autism as an adult.

The walks along the Brook Run Park trail have brought together friends who might have otherwise never found one another.



"Now that we have become friends, some of us will get together to play video games," said Justin Bentley.

More, many of the parents, siblings and caregivers have found a common bond, and have also become friends. The chance to exercise as a group is an added bonus for all.

For more information on Ausomewalkies, please contact Ashley Dudley at ashypoo.ad@gmail.com.

**Run the Wood**, a group of running enthusiasts, typically meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month for a three-mile run or run/walk through Dunwoody that begins on Nandina Lane.

"We run the trails and streets or the track at Dunwoody High School," said Lauren Sok. "And sometimes we will end our run in the park off of Roberts Drive and enjoy a relaxing yoga session together or do brunch with friends. Other times, we'll do an evening run and drop into Moondog Growlers for a quick beer."

Founded by Sok and Lindsey Amerson, the group is open to all levels of runners and typically averages 8-10 members per run. Runners gather at 7:30 a.m. at Sok's Functionize Physical Therapy office at 5054 Nandina Lane to begin.



Members stay abreast of upcoming events via a members-only Facebook page. Those interested in joining are invited to request membership via the group's Facebook page called the Dunwoody Road Runners.

**Bike Walk Dunwoody** is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to making it safer, easier and more attractive to walk and bike for fun, fitness, and transportation. The group's monthly Dunwoody Community Bike Ride is a 4.5-mile loop on the third Sunday of each month, March through November. Open to riders of all levels, the loop begins and ends at Village Burger on Dunwoody Village Parkway. Bike safety lessons are reviewed prior to each ride, and helmets are required.

"We want to encourage people in Dunwoody to get out of their cars and give bicycling a chance," said Jason



Metzger, one of the volunteers of Bike Walk Dunwoody. "Why not ride your bike to the Dunwoody Farmers Market or Groovin' on the Green? It's all about family-friendly options and choice."

Learn more at [www.bikewalkdunwoody.org](http://www.bikewalkdunwoody.org).

### around dunwoody

IDEAS WERE FLOWING AT THE EDGE CITY 2.0 POP-UP EVENT ON PERIMETER CENTER EAST ON A SUNNY SATURDAY IN APRIL. GUESTS PROVIDED IDEAS AND FEEDBACK ON THE INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS USED TO VISUALIZE THE FUTURE OF PERIMETER CENTER. LEMONADE DAYS AND THE DUNWOODY ART FESTIVAL BROUGHT OUT GREAT CROWDS AND SMILING FACES. DUNWOODY CELEBRATED ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH WITH AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC, DANCE AND CULTURE. FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS RETURNED TO BROOK RUN PARK ON MAY 5. THE SEASON RUNS THROUGH OCTOBER.



# PREPARE YOUR *tastebuds*

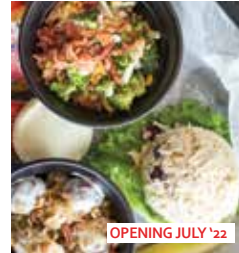
**DUNWOODY RESTAURANTS  
NEW AND  
COMING SOON**



**First Watch**  
Perimeter Marketplace\*  
  
Second Dunwoody location for the daytime cafe serving breakfast and brunch  
**Menu suggestions:**  
Bananas Foster French Toast



**Chopt**  
Perimeter Marketplace\*  
  
Creative salads and dressings to satisfy every palate  
**Menu suggestions:**  
Pick from a wide selection of salad classics, warm bowls and light favorites



**Chicken Salad Chick**  
Perimeter Marketplace\*  
  
A twist on a delicious classic: Made-from-scratch chicken salad plus soups, sides and desserts.  
**Menu suggestions:**  
12 varieties plus seasonal favorites



**Sweetgreen**  
123 Perimeter Center  
  
Fresh, plant-forward, earth-friendly food  
**Menu suggestions:**  
Chicken Chimichurri, Crispy Rice Bowl, Buffalo Chicken Bowl, Garden Cobb



**La Fondita Taqueria**  
5020 Winters Chapel Rd.  
  
Authentic Mexican delights with Tex-Mex options. Quick and casual.  
**Menu suggestions:**  
huaraches, tostadas, five flavors of tortas plus tacos, burritos and lunch specials



**Panda Express**  
Perimeter Marketplace\*  
  
Authentic American Chinese cuisine  
**Menu suggestions:**  
Original Orange Chicken, Honey Walnut Shrimp with a side of Chow Mein and Super Greens

\*Ashford Dunwoody Road at Meadow Lane

Take an interactive tour of Dunwoody's public art



## Follow the pins

Dunwoody's public art scene is growing, and now there's an easy way to take it all in. Use your mobile phone or computer to log on to [www.dunwoodyga.gov/findart](http://www.dunwoodyga.gov/findart) to find an interactive map with details of a current collection of 19 art installations in public places and commercial areas. Most are easy to access as you stroll through Dunwoody; others are a little trickier.

Corten Steel Sphere by Ivan McLean at Park Center



The Commuters by Neka King at Dunwoody MARTA Station



Sculpture at Crown Pointe



Wooded Walk by Maureen Engle, located at Spruill Center for the Arts



Bookmark the page so you don't miss new pieces – including Grounded Growth, an inspired bike rack coming to Brook Run Park.

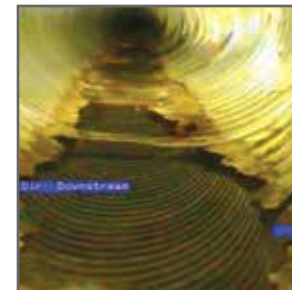
Dunwoody's stormwater utility fee is going up this year in line with the Municipal Cost Index and the rising cost of construction materials.

## STRICTLY Stormwater

Using American Rescue Plan funding, the City of Dunwoody recently added a part-time project manager to the Stormwater Department to accelerate the replacement of aging stormwater pipes.



Public Works Director Michael Smith, Stormwater Project Manager Javier Sayago, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Dale Harris, Stormwater Utility Manager Carl Thomas, Staff Engineer Cody Dallas



A look at stormwater pipes in Redfield before and after cured-in-place pipe rehabilitation.

The city spends more than \$1 million annually replacing or lining failing stormwater pipes connected to the public right-of-way. Nearly all the failing pipes are corrugated metal pipes that have rusted out due to their age. The pipes were designed to have a service life of 25 years, and many of the pipes in Dunwoody were installed more than 40 years ago.

The city has identified four miles of pipes within the public right-of-way that have not yet failed but will likely require rehabilitation in the next five to ten years based on age and condition rating. Since 2009, repairs have been made to 6.4 miles of pipe in Dunwoody.

In addition to addressing city infrastructure needs, Dunwoody's stormwater team is committed to improving water quality by proactively managing rain runoff that flows through drainage networks into streams, creeks, and ponds. Ball Mill Creek is a great example and a clear success story. Running through Dunwoody Park at the Dunwoody Nature Center, Ball Mill Creek was once classified by the state as "impaired" due to high levels of fecal coliform bacteria.

"We identified sanitary sewer overflows as a source of trouble, and we worked with DeKalb County to stabilize nearby sewer lines," explained Stormwater Utility Manager Carl Thomas. "The EPA determined we reduced pollutant levels enough that Ball Mill Creek was removed as a source of concern."

To fund stormwater system maintenance and clean water initiatives, Dunwoody levies stormwater utility fees for residential and commercial customers. Stormwater utility fees are based on the impervious square footage of a given property. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, roofs, streets, and parking lots prevent rainfall from naturally soaking into the ground, creating additional surface runoff. The fees are competitive and tied to the Municipal Cost Index (MCI), which is designed to show the effects of inflation on the cost of providing municipal services. In 2022, the stormwater utility fee for detached, single-family, residential property owners will be \$89.51, which is up from \$80.77 in 2021. This is a direct result of the increase in the MCI and the rising cost of construction materials.

While the City works to keep pollutants out of local waterways, businesses and residents also play an important role. Here are some ways to help:

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**Don't dump anything down storm drains**
-   
**Clean up after your pet**
-   
**Don't pour fats, oils, or grease down the drain**
-   
**Create a rain garden**
-   
**Limit fertilizers and pesticides**
-   
**Inspect your septic tank**

# Got a Yellow Dot?



It could save your life

A yellow dot decal on your car or the main entrance to your home sends first responders an instant message.

In case of an emergency, police and medical responders are trained to check the glove compartment of your car, or your kitchen refrigerator, for important details about allergies, medical conditions and/or medications that would be important for your care.

Dunwoody is one of eight cities or regions in Georgia that participate in the Georgia Department of Health's Yellow Dot program. No registration is required. Residents who are 55 and over, or medically fragile, can request the free materials that include a folder for holding the completed forms and information, decals and a magnetic clip to help keep the materials in one place.

A few years ago, DPD did a welfare check on a Dunwoody resident when friends reported that she had not shown up for a holiday party. When she did not answer the door, a yellow dot decal alerted them to check the glove compartment of her car parked in the driveway. After reviewing her medical information, they made the decision to enter the apartment and found her in a diabetic coma. She was transported to the hospital where she remained in a coma for three days before making a full recovery. The Yellow Dot decal, quite likely, saved her life.

To request a Yellow Dot packet, email KC Tate at the Dunwoody Police Department at [katharine.tate@dunwoodyga.gov](mailto:katharine.tate@dunwoodyga.gov).

# DPD tackles growing drug crisis

Communities across the country are dealing with a troubling increase in drug overdoses and deaths. Recent numbers released by the National Center for Health Statistics show more than 107,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2021, which marks a record high. The City of Dunwoody also set a record last year with six overdose deaths.

The Dunwoody Police Department began tackling the problem in 2015 by equipping police officers with Naloxone, a prescription medicine that's used to reverse an opioid overdose. Naloxone is a proven lifesaver. Since 2015, Dunwoody Police have administered Naloxone to 49 overdose victims. Two deaths have been recorded after Narcan was deployed. Many victims required multiple doses to be revived.



Opioids include heroin and prescription pain medications such as morphine, hydrocodone, and oxycodone. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 80-100 times stronger than morphine. Because of its powerful opioid properties, Fentanyl is increasingly being sold in place of heroin or as an additive to increase its potency. Many users have no idea they're purchasing fentanyl, which can lead to overdoses.

"The fentanyl on the streets today is being manufactured in China and transported into the U.S. across the border with Mexico," said Dunwoody Police Chief Billy Grogan.

In April, Chief Grogan visited the Mexican border in El Paso as part of a meeting of the executive board of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program of the Drug Enforcement Agency. Dunwoody is part of the Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA, which aims to significantly reduce drug availability in its three-state area.

"Agents told us they're seeing a huge uptick in the amount of

fentanyl they're seizing at the border," added Grogan. "It's so powerful that one pill can kill."

Officers with the Dunwoody Police Department carry Narcan, a Naloxone product that's sprayed into the nose of an individual experiencing an overdose. Georgia law allows first responders to carry and administer this medication and provides immunity from civil and criminal liability when administered. The "Good Samaritan" component of the "Opioid Antidote and Overdose Prevention Act" also provides legal protections, both civil and criminal, to the overdose victim and the person who seeks medical assistance.

Narcan is available over the counter without a prescription.

You can identify an opioid overdose by a combination of three symptoms known as the Opioid Triad. The triad consists of:

- Pinpoint pupils
- Unconsciousness
- Respiratory depression

Keeping prescription drugs out of the wrong hands is critical. The Dunwoody Police Department has a Med-Return drug collection unit available in the second floor lobby. Bring expired, unwanted and unused medication for safe disposal anytime.



Dunwoody Chief of Police Billy Grogan joined other law enforcement professionals in El Paso.

# High Street underway



Foundation work and parking deck construction for High Street, the \$2 billion mixed-use development at Hammond Drive and Perimeter Center Parkway, is underway. The project will be developed in phases. In addition to the project's 222,000 sq. ft. of existing office space, the first phase will include 150,00 sq. ft. of retail, a 3/4-acre park, 90,000 sq. ft. of new loft offices and 598 apartment homes. With the final phase spanning 10 blocks, High Street is set to include Puttshack, an upscale mini golf experience; a unique water feature; bicycle-friendly streets and fresh dining options in a walkable, energetic hub for restaurants and entertainment.

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# WELCOME New Police Recruits

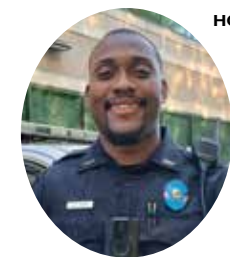
**Christian Dobbins**  
Officer



**HOMETOWN**  
Athens, GA  
**EXPERIENCE**  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
H.E.R.O. Operator

"My father, grandfather, great uncle, uncle and cousin were in law enforcement. I experienced their love for the profession and the impact they made on others."

**Michael Shaw**  
Officer



**HOMETOWN**  
Las Vegas, NV  
**EDUCATION**  
B.A. Sociology  
Georgia State University  
**EXPERIENCE**  
East Point Police Department

"I joined DPD to give back to others and make a difference in my community."

**Tymeeko Glover**  
Police Service Representative



**HOMETOWN**  
Walterboro, SC  
**EDUCATION**  
Attending Georgia State University, majoring in computer science  
**EXPERIENCE**  
Atlanta Municipal Court

"I am excited to move from courts to law enforcement and experience both sides of the equation."

**Adria Crum**  
Police Service Representative



**HOMETOWN**  
Atlanta, GA  
**EDUCATION**  
B.S. Political Science  
**EXPERIENCE**  
Insurance and underwriting

"My previous work in Dunwoody enabled me to witness all the great things that were being done in the community."

**Hailey Barrett**  
Police Service Representative



**HOMETOWN**  
Cobb County, GA  
**EDUCATION**  
Dunwoody High grad, Certificate in Military Intelligence  
**EXPERIENCE**  
National Guard

"My family is in law enforcement, and I participated in Dunwoody's Police Explorer program. I loved the professionalism of the department."

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Thirty-three Dunwoody streets will be paved in 2022, adding nearly eight miles of streets to the current 211 that will have been paved or repaved since Dunwoody became a city in December 2008. The City of Dunwoody website outlines past and future paving plans through 2023. Review via [www.dunwoodyga.gov/paving](http://www.dunwoodyga.gov/paving).



**MILES of Dunwoody Roads paved/repaved since cityhood**  
*\*scheduled*

