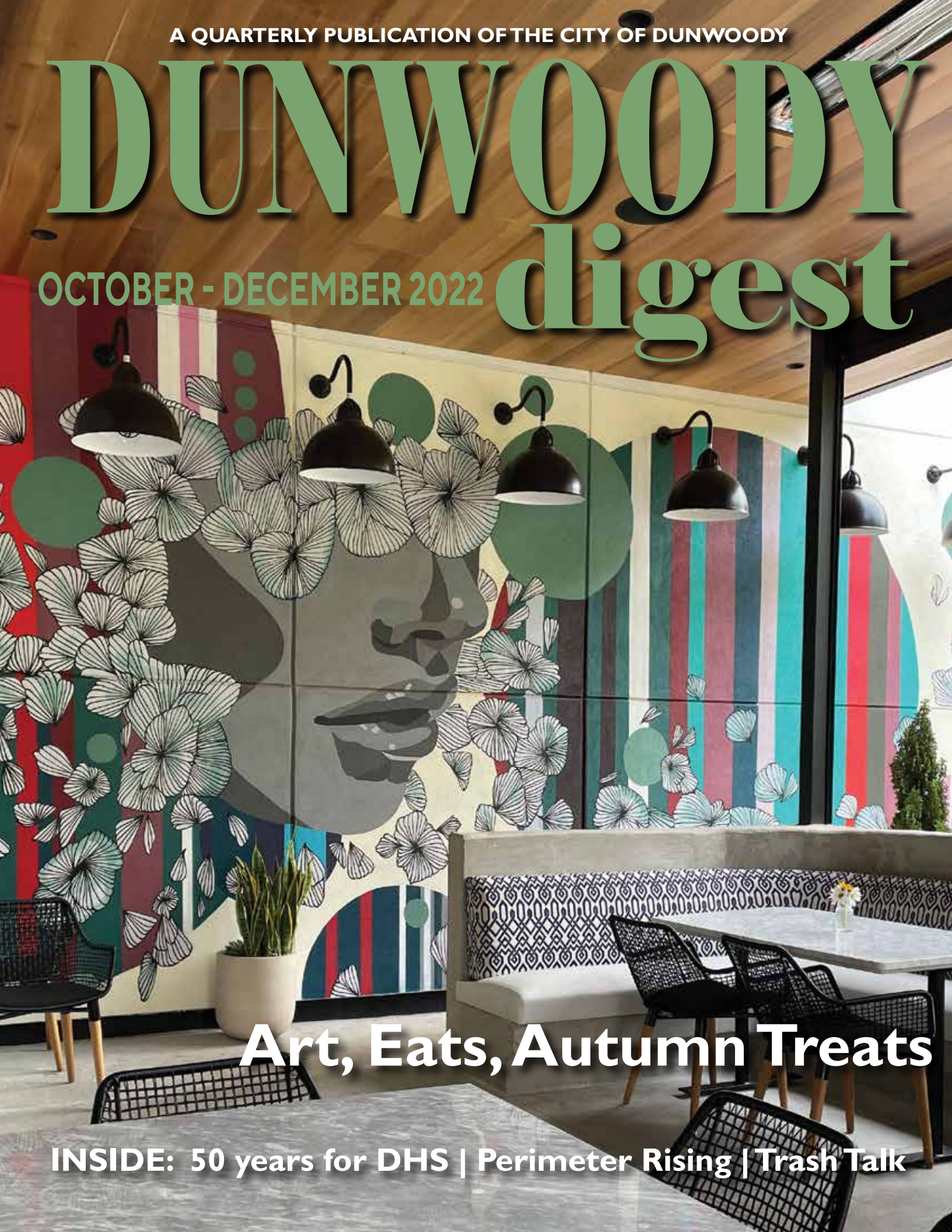


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# DUNWOODY

## digest

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022



**Art, Eats, Autumn Treats**

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You're going to love what you find here.



# New to the city?

We've got you covered with new welcome bags full of things you'll want to get settled.

Where's the library? Who do I call if my water goes out? How do I stay on top of Dunwoody's most important news? Does the city have public tennis courts?

You'll find the answers to all these questions, plus a handy notepad and a tote bag. The welcome bags are free to new residents. Just complete the website form via [dunwoodyga.gov/welcome](http://dunwoodyga.gov/welcome) and we will prepare your bag for pickup.

Welcome to Dunwoody. You're going to love what you find here!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUNWOODY?

## October is Arts and Culture Month

[createdunwoody.org/arts-and-culture](http://createdunwoody.org/arts-and-culture)

### October Sept. 30 - Oct. 16 "Ordinary Days" Stage Door Theatre

**1**  
**Hispanic Heritage Celebration & Arts and Culture Month Kickoff**  
Pernoshal Park

**1-2**  
**Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild**  
Daryl Lancaster Hybrid Workshop

**2**  
**Electronics Recycling**  
St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

**8**  
**"Shade Gardening"**  
Master Gardener Talk  
The Barn at Brook Run Park

**Groovin' on the Green**  
"Elton Live: The Ultimate Tribute"  
Brook Run Park  
6 - 9 p.m.

**Food Truck Thursdays**  
presented by the Dunwoody Homeowners Association  
 Brook Run Park  
Every week through Oct. 27  
5 - 9 p.m.

**Chattahoochee Handweaver's Guild**  
Club meetings:  
October 15 | November 19 

**15**  
**Spirits for Spruill**  
Spruill Gallery

**20**  
**Edge City 2.0 Open House**  
Dunwoody City Hall  
5 - 7 p.m.

**22**  
**Halloween Farm Festival**  
Donaldson-Bannister Farm


**27**  
**Truck or Treat**  
Brook Run Park  
5 - 9 p.m.

**28 - 30**  
**"Zombie Prom"**  
Stage Door Theatre

**30**  
**Plein Air Art Class**  
Dunwoody Nature Center

**FREE First Saturdays**   
Dunwoody Nature Center  
October 1 | November 5 | December 3

**Fall and Winter Birding**  
 Dunwoody Nature Center  
October 22 | November 12 | December 17

**Dunwoody Farmers Market**   
presented by the Dunwoody Homeowners Association  
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - noon  
Brook Run Park

## November

**5**  
**Audubon Bird Walk**  
Dunwoody Nature Center


**11**  
**Veterans Day Ceremony**  
Brook Run Park  
10 - 11 a.m.

**12**  
**"Pruning"**  
Free Master Gardener Talk  
The Barn at Brook Run Park

**Apple Cider Days**  
Donaldson-Bannister Farm

**16**  
**Holiday Artists Market Opening Reception**  
Spruill Gallery  
Market opens through Dec. 23

**19**  
**History Alive**  
Donaldson-Bannister Farm

**Friday Night Hike**  
 Dunwoody Nature Center  
October 14 | October 28

**Saturday Volunteer Day**   
Dunwoody Nature Center  
October 8 | November 12 | December 10

**Bike Walk Dunwoody**   
October 16 | November 20

**19-20**  
**Fall Backyard Campout**  
Dunwoody Nature Center

**20**  
**Light Up Dunwoody**  
Cheek-Spruill House  
5 p.m.

## December

**1**  
**Holiday Lights Opening Night**  
Brook Run Park  
4 - 8 p.m.


**2 - 18**  
**"Twas the Night Before Christmas"**  
Stage Door Theatre

**10**  
**Holiday Tasting at Holiday Artist Market**  
Spruill Gallery

**14**  
**Holiday Trunk Show**  
Spruill Gallery

**Rush Union Soccer**   
3x3 Tournament  
October 8

Fall Rush Cup Tournament  
November 12 - 13

**Sunset/Fireside Yoga**   
Dunwoody Nature Center  
October 3 | November 15 | December 11

## City Meetings

**Dunwoody City Council Meetings**  
OCTOBER 10  
OCTOBER 24  
NOVEMBER 14  
NOVEMBER 28  
DECEMBER 12  
Dunwoody City Hall  
Mondays  
6 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings**  
OCTOBER 6  
NOVEMBER 3  
DECEMBER 1  
Dunwoody City Hall  
Thursdays  
6 p.m.

**Planning Commission Meetings**  
OCTOBER 11  
NOVEMBER 8  
DECEMBER 13  
Dunwoody City Hall  
Tuesdays  
6 p.m.

**Dunwoody Development Authority Meeting**  
NOVEMBER 17  
Thursday  
5 p.m.

**Sustainability Committee Meetings**  
OCTOBER 13  
NOVEMBER 10  
DECEMBER 8  
Thursdays  
8 a.m.

**Dunwoody Art Commission Meetings**  
OCTOBER 4  
NOVEMBER 1  
DECEMBER 6  
Dunwoody City Hall  
Tuesdays  
7:30 a.m.



When I say 'Wildcat,' you say 'Pride.' Wildcat. Pride. Wildcat. Pride...

# Since 1972

## Dunwoody High School celebrates milestone

Dunwoody High School is marking its 50th anniversary and inviting the whole community to be part of the year-long celebration. To kick it off, Principal Tom Bass spent 50 hours (give or take) on the roof of the school, drawing attention to this milestone.

"We are planning a transformational year," Bass said in one of the many videos posted on social media. "We love this Wildcat nation. We're all about this community, and we're keeping our focus on the three A's – academics, arts, and athletics."

### HISTORY



Dunwoody High School opened its doors in 1972, becoming the second high school in Dunwoody at a time when the community was growing fast. In 1988, DHS merged with Peachtree High School, keeping the Wildcat as the mascot but trading crimson and gold as school colors for the red, white, and blue of Peachtree. Six elementary schools and one middle school feed into DHS, which has more than 15 sports for both boys and girls and more than 50 clubs supported by faculty sponsors.

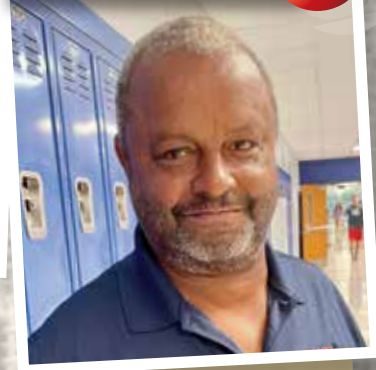
### SWEETHEARTS



Treavor Scales and Brianna Wood are high school sweethearts who recently tied the knot. "At our wedding, we had a solid contingent of Wildcats, including three bridesmaids and four groomsmen, which is a testament to how much love and connection this school fostered," Treavor said. The newlyweds were "just friends" until Treavor worked up the nerve to ask Brianna out by giving her a note outside the gym in 2007. "I was leaking confidence at the time," he confessed. But she said yes then and again when he proposed. Both were outstanding athletes at DHS. Today, Treavor hosts "Braves Live" and "Hawks Live" for Bally Sports.

Another DHS love story started with a note. Steve Fortenberry, a DHS alum and teacher, looked across the cafeteria and locked eyes with fellow teacher Anne Slifer. He later left a note in her teacher's mailbox that read, "Will you go out with me? Yes. No. Maybe. Check a box." She checked yes, and they secretly dated for a while before tying the knot in 2002. Steve still teaches at DHS and founded the Academy of Finance. The couple has two children: Joe is a junior at DHS, and Lucy graduated in 2021.

### FAVORITES



Chauncey Arceneaux is the lead custodian at DHS and a favorite among staff and students. "He has a servant's heart," said Steve Fortenberry. "He loves these kids and takes care of them."

Chauncey began working for DHS in 1979 and received the DHS Lifetime Achievement Award from the DHS Community Association in 2021.

"It's a fun place to work, and the people at the top recognize you and appreciate your hard work," Arceneaux said.

### PRANKS

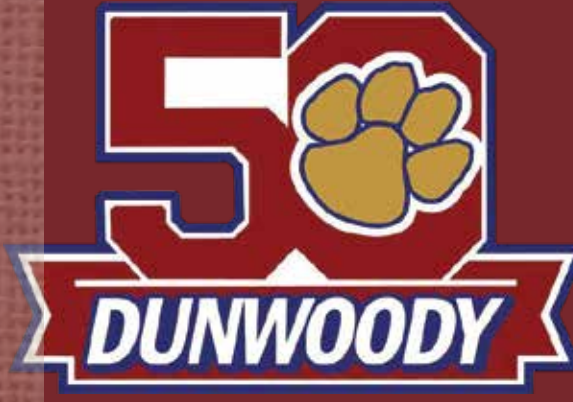


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There are two senior pranks from the early days of DHS that became the stuff of legends.

In 1977, students rented a cherry picker, then used it to lift dozens of tires and stack them on the school's flagpole under cover of darkness one night. Despite a neighbor waking up to the commotion, the group finished in time to make a clean getaway. The prank left a slight but permanent lean in the flagpole that you can spot to this day. Not to be outdone, six friends hatched an even more elaborate prank the following year. One night, they disassembled parts of a 1968 Renault, hoisted it to the roof of the school, then dropped it in the DHS courtyard, where they reassembled it. The next day, no one could figure out how it got there or how to get it out, short of cutting it up and carrying it out of the school in pieces.

"Fortunately, things are different today," said Principal Bass. "Seniors come to us to plan their pranks so they can have fun without getting in trouble."



## The Plan

Mark your calendars: Dunwoody High School is planning three big community events during this anniversary year.

- **Friday Night Lights**  
November 4, 2022: celebrate Wildcat sports past and present
- **'80s Party**  
February 4, 2023: a night of community fun with 80s music and fashion
- **50th Anniversary Gathering**  
April 15, 2023: honor the past and look to the future

Facebook & Instagram: @Dunwoody50th

Donate & find more information:  
[www.dunwoodyalumni.org/dhs50/](http://www.dunwoodyalumni.org/dhs50/)



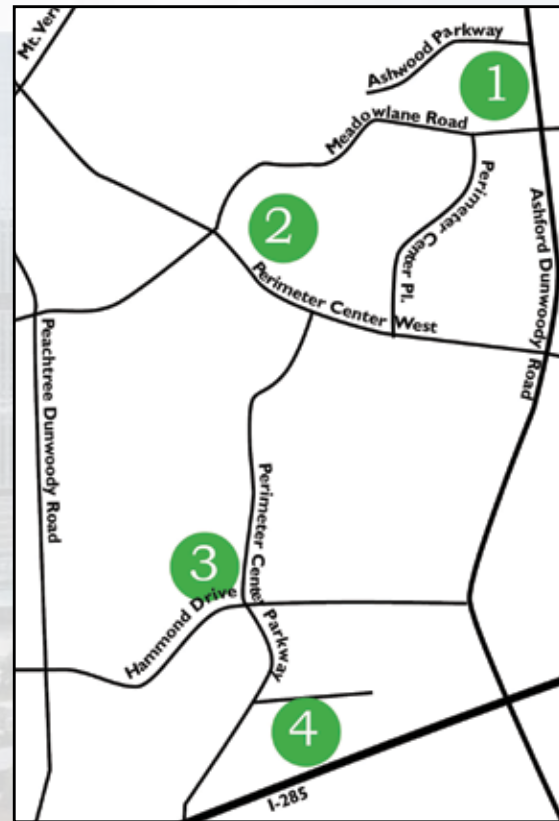


# New horizons

It's easier than ever to keep up with new developments in Dunwoody. We've added a new Economic Development microsite to the city's website, complete with up-to-date details of each project. Scan this code, or visit [dunwoodyga.gov/ecodev](http://dunwoodyga.gov/ecodev)



**1 Perimeter Marketplace NOW OPEN**  
Retail shopping center anchored by Publix. The 68,077-square foot center includes local and national tenants. Now open: Joint Chiropractic, Chopt Creative Salads, Restore Hyper Wellness, First Watch, Panda Express, Solidcore, Chicken Salad Chick. Coming soon: QuikTrip, Super Chix, more.



**2 Ashford Lane NOW OPENING IN PHASES**  
A revitalization of the property formerly known as Perimeter Place, Ashford Lane is a mixed-use town center combining shops, restaurants, offices and residences surrounding a 70,000-square-foot central lawn. Opening soon, the Lawn at Ashford Lane will serve as a signature gathering space for outdoor dining and music. More restaurants opening soon: Grana, Superica, Paris Baguette and Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams.

**3 High Street PHASE I IN DEVELOPMENT**  
High Street is a mixed-use development that will bring a unique urban experience to Dunwoody with retail, office and residential components. Phase I: 150,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, 600 luxury apartments, 90,000 square feet of loft offices and 222,000 square feet of existing office space. A perfect blend of work and play, High Street Atlanta will serve as a meeting spot for those working on campus or nearby. Puttshack, a mini-golf bar, was announced as one of High Street's first tenants.



Dunwoody's Perimeter Center area is red-hot with new development. Look for lots of new restaurants, services and entertainment options — all just around the corner.



**4 Campus 244 NOW IN EARLY PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT**  
A 12-acre campus featuring a five-story workspace located on the former Gold Kist property. Campus 244 will feature 380,000 square feet of office space, generous terraces, a boutique hotel, dining, retail and unique wellness features throughout. CT Cantina and Taqueria is the first restaurant to sign on for this project.



## SUMMER 2022 NEW BUSINESS RIBBON CUTTINGS



1. Sweetgreen, 123 Perimeter Center West; 2. Alloy Personal Training, 5473 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd.; 3. Restore Hyper Wellness, 4706 Ashford Dunwoody Rd.; 4. Batteries Plus, 4706 Ashford Dunwoody Rd.; 5. Panda Express, 4724 Ashford Dunwoody Rd.; 6. Heyday, 123 Perimeter Center West; 7. Chicken Salad Chick, 4706 Ashford Dunwoody Rd.; 8. Dunwoody Direct Primary Care, 1730 Mt. Vernon Rd.; 9. North Italia, 4600 Ashford Dunwoody Rd.; and 10. Academy Sports and Outdoors, 130 Perimeter Center West.







# Music, romance, light-hearted fun, and heavy-hitting drama Stage Door's Season 49

Stage Door Theatre's new season is designed to broaden the appeal of live theater in the heart of Dunwoody.

"Season 49 provides an entry point for everyone in our community and beyond," said Executive Director Justin Ball. "We've lined up family-friendly shows, a new Christmas tradition, a feel-good musical, a romantic comedy, and a heavy-hitting drama. These are shows never seen before in Dunwoody."

In addition to its mainstage productions, Stage Door is launching a new Spotlight Series to highlight the works of local artists and other arts organizations. For Season 49, the spotlight will begin with Dad's Garage, a comedy improv group based in Atlanta, and will expand throughout the season to other groups. The series will include a collection of Saturday performances throughout the season.

Young performers will also have a prominent role in Season 49 through Stage Door's Performing Arts Academy with productions by the Junior Company (ages 6-10) and Senior Company (ages 11-18). "Our youth program is going gangbusters," Ball explained. Established in 2021, the Academy's summer camps enrolled 203 students, up from 64 the year before.

"Stage Door has a new mission to create an intimate and inclusive home where shared stories and human experiences are celebrated," Ball added.

Season 49's mainstage productions run from Sept. 30 through May 28. Tickets are available online, or through Stage Door's box office.

For Season 49, Stage Door is offering four different subscription packages to see multiple shows at an

affordable rate. Go online to [stagedoortheatre.ga.org](http://stagedoortheatre.ga.org) or email [contactus@stagedoortheatre.ga.org](mailto:contactus@stagedoortheatre.ga.org).



Efforts are under way to improve sanitation service. You can help by knowing and practicing the proper disposal procedures.

# Let's talk trash

In light of today's challenging environment in hiring sanitation staff, DeKalb County has added additional resources to respond for increasing demands for service. In July, DeKalb County approved a one-year contract with Russell Landscape to assist with the collection of yard trimmings along five routes covering parts of Dunwoody, Brookhaven, Tucker, and Doraville. In addition, DeKalb has a long-term rental agreement for six non-CDL trucks to assist with recycling collection. These trucks are assigned to routes in Dunwoody, Brookhaven, and Tucker.

"If you try to purchase a new garbage truck, the wait is more than two years right now," DeKalb Sanitation Director Tracy

Hutchinson explained during a recent Dunwoody City Council meeting. "There's also a shortage of drivers with commercial driver's licenses (CDL), so these smaller trucks allow us to use current refuse collectors to respond more quickly."

DeKalb's collection streams include garbage, recycling, and yard trimmings. Dunwoody is served by the North Collection Lot, which has 44 routes.

"Garbage is our priority, but it's all important" Hutchinson added. "Our crews are working extended hours and extended weeks to keep up with demand."

DeKalb County uses automated side-loader (ASL) collection trucks to improve efficiency, reduce employee workplace

injuries, facilitate route optimization, and decrease labor, fuel, and operational costs.

For more information on any sanitation-related programs or services, call 404-294-2900 or visit [dekalbsanitation.com](http://dekalbsanitation.com), or follow the Sanitation Division on Twitter @DKalbSanitation.

### Did you know?

- Dunwoody has the highest participation in DeKalb's residential recycling program
- DeKalb Sanitation services 170,000+ households weekly, including more than 135,000 for recycling
- Garbage is transported to the county-owned Seminole Road Landfill - 23,000 tons/month
- Residential recycling is transported to Pratt Industries - 700 tons/month



## HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Place in secure, durable plastic bags prior to putting them inside the roll cart. No excess garbage is permitted outside roll carts; only county-provided roll carts will be serviced. The 95-gallon garbage roll cart is the standard garbage container. Property owners can request a second roll cart, which will require an increase in annual assessment fees. Visit [dekalbsanitation.com](http://dekalbsanitation.com) for more information.



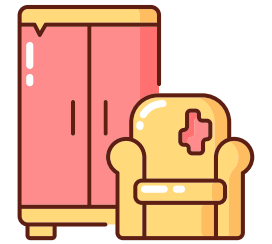
## RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Loosely placed in roll cart; visit [dekalbsanitation.com](http://dekalbsanitation.com) for a listing of acceptable materials; only county-provided roll carts will be serviced.



## YARD TRIMMINGS

Biodegradable bags or durable 20- to 40-gallon plastic or metal containers not exceeding 50 lbs.; no plastic bags; limbs and brush must be four feet or less in length and neatly stacked and bundled; large volumes or improperly prepared yard trimmings may require a special collection fee.



## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Fee required for special collections, including excess curbside garbage, improperly prepared yard trimmings, tree parts, commingled piles, automobile tires (up to four), and large quantities of unflattened boxes. Schedule payment and collection at [dekalbsanitation.com](http://dekalbsanitation.com).

*arounddunwoody* IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL MORNING FOR DUNWOODY'S ANNUAL JULY 4TH PARADE. PRESENTED BY THE DUNWOODY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, IT'S THE LARGEST IN THE STATE. DUNWOODY OFFICIALS CELEBRATED STATE FARM'S 100TH BIRTHDAY AT THE COMPANY'S DUNWOODY HEADQUARTERS. DUNWOODY PARKS AND REC'S 'PICS IN THE PARK' AND 'GROOVIN' ON THE GREEN' CONCERTS BROUGHT CROWDS TO DUNWOODY'S PARKS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. "GROUNDED GROWTH," A PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION AND CREATIVE BIKE RACK CREATED BY ARTIST HUELANI MEI FOGLEMAN, WAS UNVEILED AT BROOK RUN PARK. OFFICIALS BROKE GROUND ON DUNWOODY'S NEWEST PARK TO BE LOCATED OFF PERIMETER CENTER EAST.





# DPD's new co-responder program offers mental health perspective



Meagan Wynn is a behavioral health clinician and part of the Dunwoody Police Department's new co-responder program. She is available to assist officers and provide follow-up on calls involving someone who might be struggling with a mental health issue. She can also help with substance abuse calls and homelessness.

Wynn has a master's degree in social work from Valdosta State University. "I am eagerly looking forward to collaborating with DPD and making a difference in the community," she said.

Earlier this year, the Dunwoody City Council unanimously approved a contract with View Point Health for the co-responder program, which includes additional emergency response after-hours, when needed. American Rescue Plan funding will pay for the program for the first three years.

"This program gives our officers access to an expert to help recognize and de-escalate situations while also providing important resources," said Dunwoody Police Chief Billy Grogan. "Another important tool is training. About 50 percent of our officers have attended Crisis Intervention Training, and 100 percent have completed Mental Health First-Aid."

# WELCOME New Police Recruits

## Brandon Everett Officer



**HOMETOWN**  
Queens, NY  
**EDUCATION**  
A.S., Criminal Justice  
**EXPERIENCE**  
New York City PD; DeKalb County PD  
*"Policing has always been my desire for as long as I can remember."*

## Taylor Mossman Officer



**HOMETOWN**  
Walton County, GA  
**EXPERIENCE**  
DeKalb County Police Department  
*"Once you begin a family of your own, it adds more to that gladiator inside you. Being a part of law enforcement gives you that opportunity to protect your surroundings and also help those who need protection."*

## Kimberly Stone Police Service Representative



**HOMETOWN**  
Lovejoy, GA  
**EDUCATION**  
B.A., Film and Video  
**EXPERIENCE**  
ChatComm 911 Operator and Dispatcher, Cobb County 911 Dispatcher  
*"I've enjoyed dispatching DPD for the last decade so I decided to see what it's like on this side."*

## Terrance Alexander Officer



**HOMETOWN**  
Chicago Heights, IL  
**EDUCATION**  
B.S., Criminal Justice  
**EXPERIENCE**  
U.S. Air Force; Skokie, IL PD; Georgia Tech PD; Richton Park, IL PD  
*"I've always wanted to let people know that there are good police officers that you can depend on."*

## Ernie Green Officer



**HOMETOWN**  
Las Vegas, NV  
**EDUCATION**  
Student, Florida Institute of Technology; B.A., Forensic Psychology  
**EXPERIENCE**  
Crossfit Coach; Victims' Advocate, 'The Refuge'  
*"I joined DPD to give back to others and make a difference in my community."*

## Carol Redd Police Service Representative



**HOMETOWN**  
Canton, GA  
**EXPERIENCE**  
Cobb County Police Department; GCIC Operator; Hartford Insurance  
*"My husband served as a police officer for 30 years, and I've always wanted to be part of a team that supports the officers. It is my desire to help make their jobs as easy as possible and to provide quality service to Dunwoody citizens."*

## David Stone Officer



**HOMETOWN**  
Dunwoody, GA  
**EXPERIENCE**  
Sergeant, Stone Mountain Police Department  
*"I grew up here. I saw the Dunwoody Police Department as a good fit for me. I want to be a positive influence in the community and make a difference in people's lives."*



**HISTORICALLY, UTILITY RELOCATION INVOLVED THE REPLACEMENT OR RELOCATION OF ONLY POWER, WATER, GAS, PHONE AND CABLE LINES.**

**TODAY, IT'S MUCH MORE COMPLICATED WITH TWICE AS MANY UTILITIES THAT NEED TO BE MOVED UNDERGROUND AND OVERHEAD.**

# Improving roads: It's a process

Utility relocation is the most time-consuming phase of public works projects today. The process often involves working with as many ten companies to move their lines above and below ground.

"Now more than ever, people depend on reliable internet connections and other utility services. Ultimately, the utility companies are responsible for relocating their lines and minimizing service disruptions, but the city puts a lot of focus on coordinating with them," said Dunwoody Public Works Director Michael Smith. "We appreciate the public's patience."

For public projects, utilities are responsible for the cost of relocating distribution lines, which are the smaller, local lines supported by shorter poles. If a project requires the location of transmission lines, which power the region from taller poles, governments bear the cost.

Two major public works projects are in the utility relocation phase right now:

### Georgetown Gateway

This project will enhance the visual appeal, walkability, and safety of Chamblee Dunwoody Road (CDR) from I-285 to the intersection at N. Shallowford Road by adding trees, wider sidewalks, and a shared-use path. The gas main relocation work has been completed for the entire project, and AT&T has lowered its duct bank at CDR/Old Spring House Lane. These are two significant utility milestones for the project. Additional utility work on the south end of the project continues.

### Chamblee Dunwoody Road at Womack Road Intersection Improvement Project

This project will improve the efficiency and safety of the intersection by adding a left-turn lane on Womack Road and removing the no-right-turn restriction by improving sight distance on Chamblee Dunwoody Road. Pedestrian improvements and road drainage improvements are also included.



**ON THE COVER**  
A public art initiative is making grand strides throughout the city with installations of murals at several Dunwoody locations. Pictured above, members of Dunwoody's Art Commission and City Council pose in front of a mural created by local artist Lela Brunet. The mural was commissioned by North Italia and can be found on the restaurant's outdoor patio. A mural was also recently installed at Panda Express; another is planned at Ashford Lane.

# PREPARE YOUR tastebuds

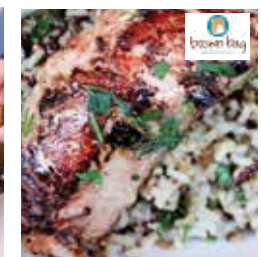
**Dunwoody restaurants new and coming soon!**  
Plus Valor Coffee, Halal Guys, Bangkok Thyme, Mikata, and more



**North Italia**  
4600 Ashford Dunwoody Rd.

Modern Italian dishes using only the season's best ingredients including pastas made from scratch daily, a chef's choice daily pizza, Squid Ink Mafaldine, braised short ribs, more.

**Menu suggestions:**  
Caprese Sandwich, Diver Scallops, Hanger Steak Tagliata



**Brown Bag Seafood**  
123 Perimeter Center West

Quick, casual and sustainable seafood for dine-in, take out or delivery.

**Menu suggestions:**  
Grilled Salmon Powerbox, Crispy Cod Sandwich, Lobster Roll Chowday, Grilled Shrimp Salad



**Morty's Meat & Supply**  
5509 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd.

A modern take on the meat + three with top-quality smoked meats, sides, and an eclectic sauce station; plus 24 taps and a mix of craft cocktails.

**Menu suggestions:**  
Brisket Burnt Ends Meatloaf; Smoked Salmon & Latkes; Pulled Pork



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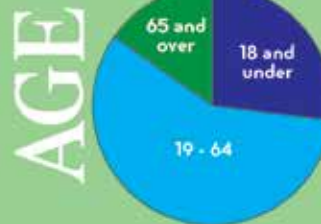
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**LAND**  
**13.3**  
square miles



**POPULATION**  
**50,901**  
estimate July 1, 2021

Median Household Income  
**\$96,470**



**3,967.7**  
population  
per square mile



**2.4**  
PERSONS  
per household

