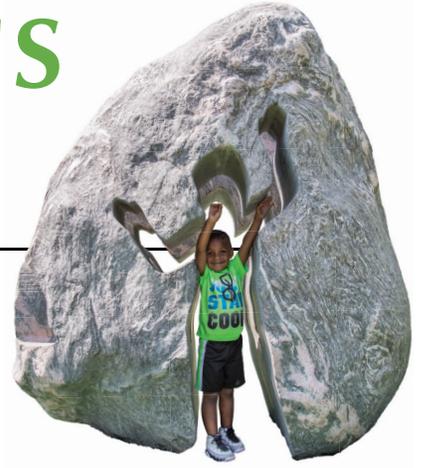


ABERNATHY GREENWAY OPENS

CELEBRATING OUR NEW PARK

Find out what park visitors have to say about it. - Pages IV-V



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SUMMER IN THE CITY

RESIDENTS FLOCK TO NEW ATTRACTIONS

It's been said that the pen is mightier than the sword, but when it comes to reaching for a true symbol of strength, I grab a pair of scissors!

Since becoming mayor, I've had the pleasure of using those mighty shears to mark the opening of businesses small and large, and "cut the ribbon" on a new park for the city. The opening of Abernathy Greenway Park brought together elected officials, the project team, and hundreds of members of the community to join in the celebration. There is much going on within Sandy Springs, and it is an exciting time in our City's growth.

As I mentioned during the opening for Abernathy Greenway Park, when we do something, we do it right, we do it well, we do it first class, and we do it world class. If you were one of the 10,000 plus who joined us for the second

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annual Stars and Stripes Fireworks Celebration, I think you'll agree, we set the bar high for our community.

Doing it well, right and world class is also the goal as we continue in the

process of developing the City Center, our City's heartbeat. For those who attended our special-called Council

specifically to the City Center project.

I firmly believe the City Center project is the most important set of



The second annual Sandy Springs Stars and Stripes Fireworks Celebration attracted more than 10,000 attendees.

meetings in July, you received, along with the Council, briefings regarding opportunities for a performing arts center within City Center. We know from the Master Planning process, there is a lot of support for such a facility. But determining what that should look like, what functionality is needed, how it is programmed, and importantly, how we pay for it, requires more than a cursory glance. That's why we took the time to hire a consultant to help guide us in the process. If you have not attended these open meetings, we've made the reports available on a website devoted

decisions we, as a Council and a community, will make since the startup of the city. We are creating our City's center. We need and deserve a place we can be proud of, where "community" happens. That's not to say we aren't currently gathering. If you attended any of the Heritage Sandy Springs Concerts by the Springs this summer, community is alive and well. Not an ounce of the grounds were left exposed, as our community filled the area to take in the outdoor concerts. Our Farmer's Market continues to grow, and our parks are filled. Community

is happening. In the weeks ahead, I expect to see many familiar faces for Leadership Sandy Springs' Movies by Moonlight. I'm told there's a great song on stress relief I'll want to hum after watching one of the films (Frozen).

Sandy Springs is a city on the move. As I mentioned, I have made good use of the ribbon shears since becoming Mayor. And from the activity in our planning and building divisions, development growth is on the way up within the business sector. We're excited to see the buzz of activity. However, transportation has been, and will continue to be a top priority. We are also mindful of the need to ensure that with growth comes the necessary infrastructure to support it.

It is an exciting time for Sandy Springs. As you peruse the attached pages, you'll get a glimpse of the happenings around the City. Stay connected. If you're not on our e-newsletter list, sign up. Like us on Facebook. Let us know what you think.

- Mayor Rusty Paul

City Center Website:
SandySpringsCityCenter.com

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CITY WANTS YOUR INPUT ON RETAIL FOR CITY CENTER

With plan development still in early stages, the City wants to gain the community's input on their thoughts about retailers desired for City Center. To capture that wish list, the City has created a short, four-question survey, which can be found at

SandySpringsCityCenter.com/Retail. Input from the community will go directly to the planning team, and used as businesses are targeted to fill the retail space in the City Center project.



Community members review excerpts from the performing arts center feasibility study during a City Center development public information open house held on July 24, 2014.

SAVOR SANDY SPRINGS

Local restaurateurs and community leaders are banding together to make the city a prime destination on the metro Atlanta food map. The initiative, sponsored by the Sandy Springs Restaurant Council — was born out of a partnership between the Sandy Springs/Perimeter Chamber of Commerce and Sandy Springs

Hospitality and Tourism. Plans are under way for a Restaurant Week along with other events designed for “foodies” and those who feed them! Please “like” their Facebook page to make sure you don’t miss out on any of the delicious fun!



BACK TO SCHOOL

AVOID BECOMING THE VICTIM OF THEFT

The temperatures may still say summer, but A—as in August—spells back-to-school for our kids. According to the National Crime Prevention Council, statistics show that young people ages 12 to 17 are far more likely to be victims of property crimes than adults, and most of the crimes occur on school grounds. Want to ensure that your child's personal property goes home in his backpack and not in someone else's? A few common sense do's and don'ts:

Don't Bring Valuables To School – if you don't absolutely need it at school, leave it at home. Keep only as much cash as you need for one day.

Don't Call Attention To Your Valuables – Sharing a cool ring tone or app on your smart phone may not be so smart after all – especially for someone who'd like to have a phone just like yours. Same with portable music players. Also, don't brag about how much your new sneakers cost!

Don't Leave Valuables Unattended – If you have to leave your belongings unattended while you grab lunch in the cafeteria, or get up from your desk in the library, ask a friend to keep an eye on your things.

Do Secure Your Locker At All Times – Make sure your locker shuts tight at the top, middle and bottom, always keep it locked, and don't share your combination with anyone.

Do Protect Valuables That You Leave In Your Car – If you drive to school, never leave valuables in plain view inside your car, even if you keep it locked. Put them in the trunk or at least out of sight.

If you are the victim of property crime, report the theft immediately to school authorities, your parents and the police. Be sure to provide as many details as possible. Prompt reporting is an important factor in recovering stolen items and in catching the thief.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Sandy Springs is on the move, continuing to attract new businesses and new residents, while still trying to maintain its community-focused appeal. With the recent announcement of Carter/Selig as the proposed Master Developer for phase one of City Center, the community will begin to see plans for what Mayor Paul has called “the heart and heartbeat” of Sandy Springs.

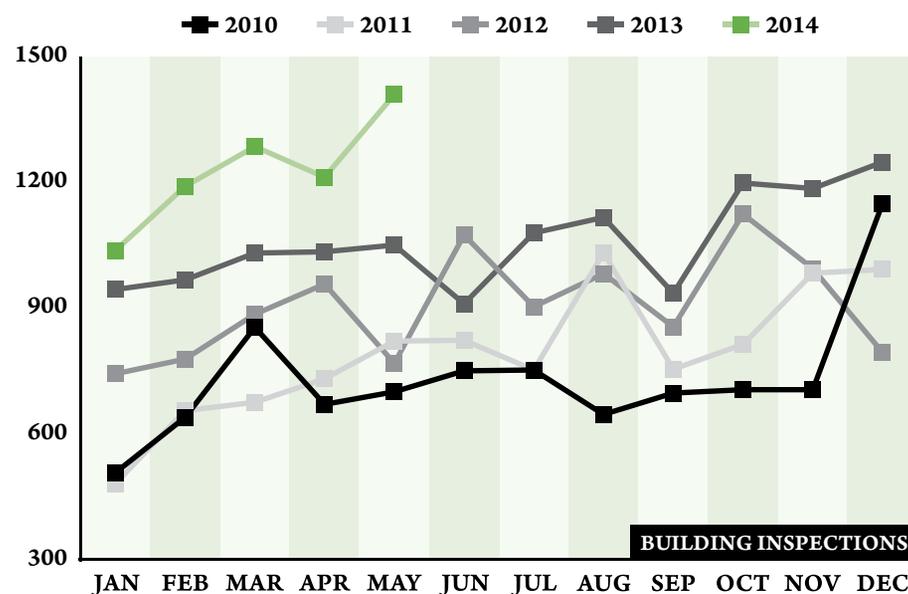
In the City Center area, Kaplan Residential and George S. Morgan Development Company announced plans to begin construction on a 203-unit luxury mid-rise, mixed-use community at One City Walk. This project will include 8,000 square feet of street-facing retail space, along with a rooftop deck with skyline views.

Nearby City Center, Ackerman & Co. and H.J. Russell & Co. recently formed a joint venture with Cousins Properties Inc. to create Abernathy 400, a mixed-use development zoned for 570,000 square feet of office with plans for a retail and hotel component, providing the flexibility to create a

full-service corporate campus.

On the south side of the city, JLB Partners has begun clearing land in preparation of its multi-use development, which will include 630 new

for new and existing businesses continues to rise, along with ribbon-cuttings for new businesses. As you can see by this chart, 2014 is off to a stellar start with continued growth.



apartments, as well as office and retail space. The first retail tenant, Sprouts Grocery, was announced earlier this year.

The number of building inspections

And there are numbers adding up to good news for working women. In a recent report on NerdWallet.com, an online financial analysis resource, Sandy Springs was named one of

the Best Cities for Women in the Workforce. Placing second nationally in their small cities category, Sandy Springs was recognized for its proximity to Atlanta, solid growth in recent years, and a high medium salary for female workers, combined with a relatively low cost of living.

While growth is exciting, measured development is important. At a special called meeting on July 23, 2014, the City Council voted to implement a 60-day moratorium on the acceptance of development permit applications for multifamily uses on parcels that are currently zoned C-1 or C-2 (commercial). The moratorium is to give city staff time to review current zoning and propose any needed changes to make sure that growth, in particular along the Roswell Road corridor, aligns with the 2027 Comprehensive Plan, the City Center Master Plan and the Livable Communities Update. Recommendations are expected to be presented to the City Council in late August.

Coming 2014 on the I-285 Top End Perimeter

Variable Speed Limits and Speed Limit Increase

SPEED LIMIT 65

Variable Speed Limit (VSL) electronic signs slow down traffic ahead of congestion due to incidents or bad weather to reduce stop-and-go traffic and collisions. This low cost, cutting edge technology is coming to the top end of I-285 (north of the I-20 interchanges) this September, along with a speed limit increase to 65 mph. Learn more online at dot.ga.gov/VSL.

ABERNATHY GREENWAY

THE NEWEST PARK IN SANDY SPRINGS OPENS

Under a cloudless blue sky and a hint of fall weather blowing in the breeze, the ribbon was cut opening the City's newest park! Mayor Paul called the Abernathy Greenway Park, "an amazing jewel" that's perfect for his younger constituents. Founding Mayor Eva Galambos also spoke offering insights on how a road-widening project sparked creative planning. She thanked key partners the City had along the

way that shared the vision, including Senator Johnny Isakson and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Natalie Dale, representing GDOT, acknowledged the project was a longtime in the making, and joked that would be right on time for GDOT. Councilman Graham McDonald, who represents the Park's district, gave respect to the councilmen who came before him, Rusty Paul and Chip

Collins, for spearheading the efforts.

Also acknowledged for their efforts were the members of the community committee, representing the surrounding neighborhoods, who worked throughout the project with the City. Members of the Sandy Springs Conservancy and Arts Sandy Springs recognized Northside Hospital for their role in providing a grant, which made the Playable Art possible for the park.

The 6.6-acre linear park, located on Abernathy Road between Wright and Brandon Mill Roads, includes a plaza, patio, gardens, lighted trails, playgrounds and playable art designed to delight visitors of all ages; recreation options that will appeal to either the casual stroller or an active toddler!

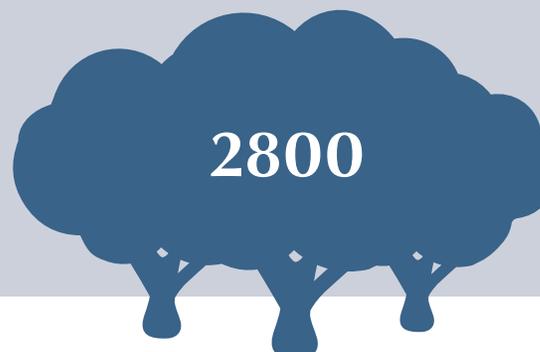
Abernathy Greenway Park is open every day from 8 a.m. to dusk.



LANDSCAPING THE PARK

With more than 275 trees, 2,800 shrubs and 14,500 groundcover and perennials, the Abernathy Greenway Park is a gardeners paradise and an inspiration to anyone with a green thumb. This fall, the planting continues with an additional 1,800 flowering bulbs. The landscape of the park was designed to compliment the inviting and colorful designs of the playable artwork.

Looking ahead, the park will be further enhanced by the planting a spectacular daffodil garden. This initiative is in conjunction with the Daffodil Mile Project honoring and remembering those who are fighting cancer.



COMMUNITY THOUGHTS

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PARK?



“My younger son liked playing on all of the structures and poking his head through the walls, and my older son loved climbing through the stones and climbing up that big yellow structure. I like how beautiful it is, and there’s lots of things for them to climb on—and it’s challenging. The park’s a good addition to Sandy Springs.” – **Jamie Pecot** with 18 month-old son Carter



Kim: “We watched the park being built as we drove by. This is our first visit. We’re having a fun time, took pictures and even brought a friend.” **Jonathan:** “My favorite part about this park is the spider, you can climb, jump off and slide down the legs.” – **Kim Johnson** with two children **Kaitlyn** and **Jonathan** and friend **Alonzo Brown**



“We were just driving by on our way to a meeting, and we saw this park. We saw these cool-looking swings, and we thought, ‘we need to get on those swings; we’ve got to check out this park!’ After our meeting we came back, and now we’re swinging on these swings, celebrating our six months of marriage today.” – **Jordan** and **Jamie Heater**



“We’ve watched the park being built and the kids have been dying to come over here since it opened. I enjoyed sitting under the pavilion—it’s nice and cool. We brought our lunches over and ate in the pavilion and now I’m letting the kids play.” – **Alex Sessions** with his two children **Lauren** and **Ryan**



HAPPENINGS

MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT

August-September, 2014

Now in its 10th year, Movies By Moonlight returns, bringing back the nostalgia and fun of the outdoor cinema! Imagine a drive-in movie and a block party all rolled into one (and free!) Leadership Sandy Springs oversees this family-oriented, community outing. Family-friendly films are projected on a huge inflatable screen, along with family entertainment, food and community spirit! Each year, close to 5,000 Sandy Springs residents come

out to see this wonderful open air series.

Friday, August 22 - Frozen

Friday, September 5 - Despicable Me 2

Friday, September 26 - How to Train Your Dragon 2

In case of inclement weather on the day of the movie, please call 404-256-9091 for an update. Information will be posted around 6 p.m. the day of the show.



SANDY SPRINGS FESTIVAL

September 20-21, 2014

A community tradition for Sandy Springs since 1984, there is something for everyone at the Sandy Springs Festival. Virtually every kind of art imaginable is represented in the juried Artists Market, plus the Gas South Children's Park and Snyder's-Lance Teen Territory features huge inflatables, arts & crafts, a petting zoo, and face painting for all ages. The official start to the Festival is the annual Sandy Springs Lightning 5K/10K, the stages are filled with entertainment and all genres of music, and attendees can nibble on delicious bites throughout the weekend. Oh, and did we mention the annual Pet Parade? The Sandy Springs Festival is located at Heritage Green, in the heart of Sandy Springs!

24 HOURS OF BOOTY

October 4-5, 2014

24 Hours of Booty – This fan favorite bicycle race returns on October 4-5, 2014. 24 Hours of Booty will celebrate its fifth annual event in the metro area and host 500+ riders who will raise dollars (a goal of more than \$350,000) for cancer research and survivorship. The "Booty Loop" is located in the Mount Vernon Woods neighborhood. At the center of it all is "Bootyville," its own little city, which serves as the event headquarters during those 24 hours.



SSPD COMMUNITY CLASSES

The Sandy Spring Police Department continues its commitment to keeping residents and businesses owners safe by offering monthly safety classes covering a wide variety of topics. The classes are free and open to Sandy Springs residents and business owners.

Women's Self-Defense: Sept. 4 and Nov. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Sandy Springs Police Department - The Women's Self-Defense class teaches participants how to respond to a physical attack, and shares strategies to increase awareness.

Child's Safety Class: Sept. 25 and Dec. 18 from 6-8 p.m. at The Davis Academy - SSPD wants to help families keep their children safe and offers its Child Safety Class for children ages 8-12, including parent/guardian participation. The child safety classes cover bullying and child abduction prevention.

Firearms Safety Class: Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 from 6-9 p.m. at the Sandy Springs Gun Range. The class teaches basic shooting skills, storage, cleaning, liability, and gun nomenclature. Participants may bring their own pistol, ammo, and targets or can rent or buy them from the range. This class is open to residents and those who work in Sandy Springs.

For more information, contact Sergeant Ron Momon Sandy Springs Police Crime Prevention Unit at 770-551-6947 or rmomon@sandyspringsga.gov.



MMMMM... MEATBALLS ATLANTA MEATBALL FESTIVAL

September 14, 2014

Sandy Springs is home to the first ever Atlanta Meatball Festival. Foodies can join Chef Host Linda Harrell on Sunday, September 14 from 2-6 p.m. at Belle Isle Square (next to Cibo E Beve) to enjoy traditional—and some non-traditional—meatball recipes from Atlanta's best restaurants. Advanced tickets are \$40 and are on sale at

FreshTix.com. Tickets will be \$50 at the event. A portion of the event proceeds will benefit Open Hand, a charitable organization dedicated to helping people prevent or better manage chronic disease through Comprehensive Nutrition Care. For more information, please visit AtlantaMeatballFestival.com.



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GEORGIA POWER REBATE SAVING DOLLARS, MAKING SENSE

City Hall is shining a little greener these days. The City recently replaced existing lighting with light emitting diode (LED) fixtures. In addition to anticipated energy efficiency savings, the City has received an \$18,446 rebate from Georgia Power as part of its Commercial Energy Efficiency Program.

“We challenged the staff to be innovative in thinking about efficiencies and savings for the city. This small change will save the city money in the long term through lower utility bills, as well as contribute to our commitment as a Green Community,” said Mayor Paul.

In May, more than 2,500 fluorescent tubes were replaced with LED lighting throughout Building 500, which houses City Hall. The upgrade included 639 - T12 fluorescent fixtures with LED

lamps, 70 - T8 fluorescent fixtures with LED lamps and a retrofit of 32 exit signs to LED fixtures. In addition, 100 occupancy sensors were installed in offices and break room areas. Energy savings (kWh) for the city is estimated at 540,520 with energy consumption savings (kW - power) estimated at 105.672.

In 2012, the City retrofit 135 decorative pedestrian lights in the Main Street Overlay District utilizing Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Funds. The LED lamps lowered energy usage by approximately 50 percent, saving the City approximately \$12,000 over traditional lighting.

The City plans to continue with its retrofit program, with the Police Department next up for the LED retrofit.



CITIZENS ON PATROL (COPS) GRADUATION

Congratulations to the recent class of graduates from the City's Citizens on Patrol program (COPS). This popular program allows citizens, who have received advanced training, the opportunity to partner with the Sandy Springs Police Department, assisting at

traffic accident scenes to direct traffic; assisting Public Works by directing traffic at work sites; helping with traffic control at public events; and conducting home and property checks when the homeowners are out of town. An average week might look like this:

Citizens on Patrol (COP) volunteers provide 227 hours, including 135 patrol hours comprised of 26 patrol shifts, more than 24 hours donated in administrative roles for SSPD's community affairs, along with more than 40 residence checks and issuing eight

handicap parking violations. COPS volunteers attend the Citizen's Police Academy and then participate in a 10-week course. The next class session is full, but if you are interested, check back with the department for upcoming classes in 2015.



Mayor Rusty Paul and SSPD Chief Ken DeSimone present certificate to COPS Volunteer Dennis Wigbels, one of 37 graduates recognized.



Look for vehicles marked “Sandy Springs Police Citizen Patrol” to observe the great work these dedicated Volunteers do for the city.

IN THE CENTER OF FESTIVAL FUN



F·E·S·T·I·V·A·L
At Heritage Green • The Heart of Sandy Springs

Join Heritage Sandy Springs for the 29th Annual Sandy Springs Festival. Find unique art at the juried Artists Market, and be sure to visit the Gas South Children's Park for huge inflatables, arts & crafts, a petting zoo and face painting for all ages. Don't miss the fun!

Go to VisitSandySprings.org to plan your festival trip today.

