



## Recreation and Parks

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1. The City has 27 parks and protected green spaces totaling more than 270 acres.
2. There are playgrounds and/or walking trails at seven of the City parks. Park ambassadors are scheduled and available at park locations to assist users in the afternoons and on weekends.
3. The City has a dog park, located at 100 Morgan Falls Rd., which includes fenced areas for large and small dogs.
4. There are tennis courts at three City parks offering free play tennis, lessons and competitions. (Hammond Park, Sandy Springs Tennis Center, and Abernathy Park). There are 11 City parks that have rental facilities available.
5. Your City Recreation and Parks Department has 10 full-time professionals and more than 40 part-time employees providing recreation programs and supervising parks.
6. The department provides afterschool sports and enrichment programs during the school year at elementary schools located throughout the City along with youth and adult athletic and leisure programs offered year-round.
7. The Sandy Springs Gymnastics Center offers a full range of recreational classes and has an enrollment of 800 students.
8. The City offers paddleboard, canoe and kayak watercraft rentals at Morgan Falls Overlook Park during the summer months.
9. Lost Corner Preserve offers community garden plots.
10. The Recreation and Parks Department's program registration office is located at the Hammond Park Gymnastics Center at 705 Hammond Dr. You can view program and facilities information online at [sandyspringsga.gov/recreation](http://sandyspringsga.gov/recreation)



## Fire Rescue

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1. Sandy Springs Fire Rescue has the 14th busiest non-transporting fire unit in the country. (*Source: EMS World Magazine, 2013.*)
2. Sandy Springs uses Quick Response Vehicles to get to incidents faster and reduce wear and tear on larger fire apparatus.
3. More than 70% of the 911 responses by Sandy Springs Fire Rescue (SSFR) are medical. SSFR personnel took part in more than 10,500 man hours of medical training in 2014.
4. The City of Sandy Springs currently has an 18.6% cardiac arrest survival rate based on Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) data. The national average is 8.3%.
5. SSFR inspects and installs infant and child safety seats for the City's residents with its nationally certified car seat technicians.
6. Fire apparatus are equipped with animal oxygen masks.
7. Sandy Springs is one of only 56 fire departments in the State of Georgia and one of 1,998 in the country to receive a Class 3 rating.
8. As of October 2015, SSFR has conducted more than 2,692 community events with more than 289,422 people participating. (*Source: Firehouse Activity Reports*)
9. The Fire Marshall's Office is charged with annually inspecting approximately 3,100 buildings containing more than 4,900 businesses.
10. At the current rate, the Fire Marshall's Office processes and reviews more than 800 sets of plans annually for new and renovated developments, buildings and fire protection systems.



# Police Department

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1. Sandy Springs Police Department (SSPD) is a full-service agency with uniform patrol, criminal investigations, special investigations (vice and narcotics), street crimes unit, traffic enforcement, K-9 unit, community affairs, police reserves, criminal intelligence, training, administration, property and evidence, court security and prisoner transport.
2. SSPD has 128 full-time officers, 14 part-time officers, and 19 civilians.
3. Between 2007-2014, Part 1 (violent) crimes have been reduced by 24%.
4. In 2014, the Criminal Investigations Division averaged 90 assigned cases per week.
5. SSPD's Street Crimes Unit (SCU) was created in 2013 to address specific crime trends.
6. Training classes offered to citizens in the community include the Citizen's Police Academy, Law Enforcement Explorers program, Firearms Safety Class, Women's Self-Defense class, and Teen Driving class.
7. In 2014, SSPD built a state-of-the-art physical fitness training facility funded from drug asset forfeiture monies.
8. The Citizens on Patrol (COPS), a volunteer citizens unit, started in 2011 and consists of more than 40 volunteers who patrol in three marked COPS cars.
9. The Traffic Response Vehicle started in 2014 and handles traffic-related incidents throughout the City.
10. In 2014, the Traffic Unit initiated 5,602 traffic stops, made 230 DUI arrests, and issued 1,520 warnings.
11. SSPD is part of the North Metro S.W.A.T. team with the cities of Johns Creek, Dunwoody, and Brookhaven.



# Economic Development

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1. Economic Development is the smallest department in the City: 1.5 people.
2. Since 2012, our staff has assisted 59 businesses which decided to locate in Sandy Springs.
3. Our most important clients are our existing businesses – we have met with 50 so far in 2015.
4. Smallest business assisted: 2 employees.
5. Largest business assisted: 1,500 employees.
6. The City has an incentive program for projects that generate at least \$1M in capital investment and at least 15 new jobs to the City.
7. Since the incentive program was adopted by City Council in 2012, 11 projects have been approved for the incentive program. Total jobs: 10,300. Total investment: \$326M.
8. Forty percent of metro Atlanta's hospital beds are located in Sandy Springs (Northside, Children's HealthCare of Atlanta, Emory-St. Joseph's Hospital).
9. More than 3,700 businesses currently call Sandy Springs home.
10. The five largest private employers in the City are IBM (3300 employees), Cox Communications (2,163), Cisco Systems (1,690), United Parcel Service (1,770), and Airwatch (1,400).



# Information Technology

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1. IT supports eight separate facilities throughout the City.
2. The team maintains more than 550 computers and servers with more than 500 users.
3. The Department handles infrastructure, data security and technology needs of all staff that work within City Hall.
4. The team has responded to 4,600 service ticket requests since January.
5. IT blocked more than 100 serious hacking attempts in October 2015 alone.
6. Two-thirds of our staff live within five miles of City Hall, and the IT Director has lived in the city for nine years.
7. Our Technology Security Officer worked in the White House as a Systems Administrator.



# Communications

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1. Communications serves as the in house agency, providing public relations and marketing for all departments within City Hall, including Police and Fire.
2. We serve as multi-platform journalists, developing stories, pitching stories, and placing stories in traditional and social media.
3. Extending our brand journalism from our zip codes, to zip codes around the world, we have arranged local visits by foreign delegations, not only for our sister cities in China and now Israel, but have hosted guests from Czech Republic, Finland, France, Holland, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Turkey, and Qatar.
4. We oversee Call Center operations, developing a web-based knowledgebase enabling real-time sharing of news and information with our Call Center representatives.
5. We maintain the City's website, which contains 600 pages, 545 images, and 4,248 documents.
6. Our graphic artists have produced 59 collateral items thus far this year.
7. We talk to hundreds of neighborhood representatives each year, helping answer questions and provide guidance on city issues.
8. We produce all of the City's events, a weekly report, monthly report, quarterly report and annual year-in-review.
9. Three of our five staff members are Sandy Springs residents.
10. One of our staff members is a new graduate of the Citizens Fire Academy (and trained in CPR). Our entire staff is National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) trained.



## Public Works

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1. More than eight private companies combine to provide Public Works services to the City.
2. The Department is divided into four units: Transportation Services, Capital Improvement, Stormwater Services and Field Services. The staff of 31 full-time and two part-time employees also provides on-call emergency services for after hours issues.
3. Public Works has paved approximately 189 miles of road.
4. The team has inspected 798 streets, filling small potholes along the way.
5. The Department has received more than 2,553 work order requests from residents this year.
6. Public Works has in its care:
  - More than 300 centerline miles of local roadways
  - 9.6 centerline miles of state routes (SR 140 and 9)
  - 30.7 centerline miles of interstate (I-285 and GA400)
  - 126 traffic signals
  - 38 CCTV cameras
  - 39 radar feedback signs
  - 18 flashing yellow beacons
  - 14 vehicle approaching beacons
  - 24 school zone beacons
  - 27 miles of fiber optic cable
  - 21 bridges (local streets)



# Community Development

1. The Community Development department prepares analysis and helps the City plan for the future: responsible for the Comprehensive Plan, the Consolidated Plan (housing plan), City Springs and other Master Plans (smaller area studies), and green space planning.
2. The department enforces the City's codes including: zoning, streetscape, stormwater, development and building codes. Code Enforcement addressed nearly 1,500 cases to date in 2015. The main complaints: property and landscape maintenance.
3. Community Development reviews construction and design plans and conducts inspections of ALL residential and commercial building and development (if you have to use a bobcat on your project, you will be seeing us).
4. In 2012 we had approximately 1,900 site inspections; we will complete around 3,200 by the end of December.
5. In 2009, we had 8,600 building inspections – we expect upward of 17,000 through December.
6. The Permit Desk generated approximately \$2.8 million in fees in 2015.
7. The Permit Desk serves on average 30 – 50 customers a day on various issues from permit approvals / intake to greeting customers with meeting appointments with staff.
8. Our professionals have degrees in Engineering, City and Regional Planning, Construction Management, Urban Design, Public Administration, Landscape Architecture, Criminal Justice, Law and Architecture.
9. Revitalization Sandy Springs' General Manager in the 1990's was John Cheek, an architect, who now serves the City as part of our plan review and special projects staff.
10. Environmental officers and arborists James Sanders and Michael Barnett have worked with the City since its inception.



# Finance

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1. The finance department is tasked with managing all of the City's fiscal affairs.
2. Average number of invoices processed per month: 794.
3. Average number of payments sent out per month: 482.
4. Average dollar amount of payments processed per month: \$7,678,358.
5. The department issues approximately 83 requests for bids/proposals per year.
6. Approximately 5,700 business licenses issued per year through the revenue office.
7. Five members of our team are Notary Publics.
8. Four members of our team are Sandy Springs residents.
9. The Finance Department has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since the City's creation.



# Court

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1. Nearly 240,000 cases have been heard since 2006.
2. The court hears nearly 25,000 cases each year.
3. The court has five appointed judges.
4. An average of five court sessions are held each week.
5. It is one of only three contracted Municipal Court Clerk's offices in the state of Georgia.
6. The City does not have its own jail. The Pickens County Jail is used for incarceration.
7. The average revenue amount per ticket to the city in 2014 was \$159.