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Food Truck Thursday

Brook Run Park 5-9 p.m.

Spirits for Spruill

Spruill Center for the Arts Live music, food, spirits 6 p.m. Tickets via spruillarts.org

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Art in the Park

Dunwoody Nature Center

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FREE First Saturday

Dunwoody Nature Center 11 a.m.

10

Food Truck Thursday

Brook Run Park 5-9 p.m. 12 Volunteer Day Brook Run Park 9 a.m.-noon

Walk With A Doc

Brook Run Park 9 a.m.

Dunwoody Community Garden Master Gardener Session—Bees

Brook Run Park Barn 11 a.m.

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Household Hazardous Waste Recycling

Georgia State University Dunwoody Campus 1-4 p.m.

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Food Truck Thursday

Brook Run Park 5-9 p.m.



All members of the community are invited to participate in Dunwoody's Volunteer Day on Oct. 12. Meet at Brook Run Park to assist with a rock painting art installation and general park clean up, or along the Dunwoody Trailway at 50 Perimeter Center East to help plant trees. Sign up via dunwoodyga.gov.

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Truck or Treat is a favorite
Halloween event. Held the final
Food Truck Thursday of the
season, the family-friendly event
will feature a costume contest,
music, food trucks and more.

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FREE Friday Night Hike
Dunwoody Nature Center
6-8 p.m.

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Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild Presentation - Loom Maintenance

North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center, 10 a.m.

24

Truck or Treat Food Truck Thursday

Brook Run Park 5-9 p.m.



Pumpkin-Carving Class Dunwoody Nature Center 6-8 p.m.

Open House

Spruill Center for the Arts 5-8 p.m.

Halloween Pic in the Park & **Community Bike Ride**

Brook Run Park 6 p.m.

Boy Scouts' Halloween Festival

Donaldson-Bannister Farm 3-9 p.m.

November

FREE First Saturday

Dunwoody Nature Center 11 a.m.

Apple Cider Days

Donaldson-Bannister Farm: History Alive, Village Fest, Twilight Tour of Stephen Martin historic cemetery



Walk With A Doc

Brook Run Park 9 a.m.

Dunwoody Community Garden Master Gardener Session— Overwintering Plants

> Brook Run Park 11 a.m.



Veterans Day Service

Brook Run Park Veterans Memorial 10 a.m.



The first-ever Winter Wonderland comes to Brook Run Park Dec. 7 with ice skating, a movie and holiday fun! Your \$10 ice skating pass includes one hour of skate time and skate rental. Enjoy holiday music performances, food trucks, jump with "Bouncy," the world's tallest inflatable snowman and take your picture with the Coca-Cola Polar Bear! Stick around after the rink closes for a B at the Movies Holiday Night, featuring "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" at dusk.



Dunwoody salutes veterans and current military personnel at its annual Veterans Day Ceremony. All members of the community are invited.

Holiday Artists Market Opening Night

Spruill Gallery 6-9 p.m.

History Alive

Donaldson-Bannister Farm 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Chattahoochee **Handweavers Guild -Primitive Originals**

North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center, 10 a.m.

Meteor Shower and Backyard Campout

Dunwoody Nature Center 4 p.m.

> "A Nice Family Gathering"

Opening night Stage Door Players

Light Up Dunwoody

Cheek-Spruill House 3-6 p.m.



December

Wreath-Making Class

Dunwoody Nature Center 6-8 p.m.

Painting with a Purpose

Donaldson-Bannister Farm 6-8 p.m.

Winter Wonderland

Brook Run Park 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

FREE First Saturday

Dunwoody Nature Center 11 a.m.-noon

Walk With A Doc

Brook Run Park 9 a.m.

Fuel your tummy where you fuel your tank









L-R: Chevron owner Sonny Vitmani opened Fresh Bites in January; Chef Marcello Tigist prepares cheesesteaks, burgers and more Monday through Saturday at the convenience store's made-to-order counter; Osmaida Torres and Melissa Orozco prepare authentic Mexican breakfast and lunch daily at BP's Taquito Express; Taquito's owner Chris Murphy will also open a new concept in the Winter's Chapel Road Shell station this fall.

Bye-bye, roller dogs. Hello, foodie favorites.

All across the country, gas stations are upping their food game to capitalize on the consistent traffic and quick, smaller-meal tastes of younger consumers. The latest food service trend has reached Dunwoody, too, where customers are finding quality, fresh-to-order eats, as well as tables and chairs to enjoy their meals right inside local convenience stores.

"I've told all my friends about it, and now they're hooked, too," said Jamie Ruark, a big fan of Taquito Express located inside the BP station at the corner of Mt. Vernon and Chamblee Dunwoody Roads. Ruark, who grew up in Dunwoody and is now raising his family here, takes every opportunity to share his passion for the great Mexican food he discovered several years ago. "It's authentic Mexican food. I want them to be successful."

His favorite is the al pastor, a spicy combination of pork and pineapple. It's one of more than a dozen meat and fish options that are prepared by seasoned chefs into dishes that include quesadillas, tacos, nachos, tamales and empanadas at Taquito Express.

Owned by David Kwon and former food truck proprietor Chris Murphy, the food counter is open for breakfast each morning at 6 a.m. with a full array of breakfast tacos and juices. The restaurant is open Monday through Friday until 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Murphy runs 15 Atlanta area gas station restaurants including a second Taquito's location in Dunwoody at Chamblee Dunwoody and I-285.

Murphy's cooking staff is made up of three women who have cooked traditional Mexican food all of their lives. "They have true passion for their work, and take great pride in every aspect of the menu, right down to their fresh-made salsas and traditional Mexican hibiscus and mango teas," he said.

Just a half block away, Fresh Bites in the Chevron on

Chamblee Dunwoody Road at Dunwoody Village opened in January and is serving breakfast, plus made-to-order burgers, Philly cheese steaks, fries, quesadillas, tortas, milkshakes and more. The restaurant, with indoor and outdoor seating, is open Mondays through Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chef Marcello Tigist honed his craft at restaurants across the country, including Woody's CheeseSteaks in Midtown. He is especially proud of his unique recipe cheesesteak sauce that he offers on the side of the hot, melty sandwiches filled with peppers, mushrooms and onions.

Fresh Bites' breakfast menu often brings lines stretched out the door for the morning's bacon, two kinds of sausage, eggs, hot biscuits and freshsqueezed orange juice.

"I'm usually there three days a week," said Harold Kelly, a resident of Ashford Center Parkway and long-time Dunwoody resident. "They have the best biscuits in the world."

Dunwoody Chevron owner Sonny Vitmani managed a

similar concept in Tennessee before purchasing the Dunwoody store. Like Murphy, he recognized from the beginning that a clean and tidy presentation would be critical for enticing customers and proving that great food could come from a gas station.

"We hired a consultant during the restaurant's build-out to ensure that we were able to set up and maintain the highest standards of hygiene," Vitmani said. "We installed the same kind of system that is used in five-star restaurants."

A third, wildly popular Dunwoody gas station restaurant, Big Dave's in the Shell station at 5020 Winters Chapel Road, had lines of customers who loved their cheesesteaks, but the restaurant ultimately outgrew its location. Owner Derrick Hayes closed the location in July to reopen two new stores in Atlanta and Chamblee.

Murphy from Taquito's will open a new concept in the location this fall. Called Macadoo's Diversity and Comfort Food, the menu will feature fried fish, wings and collard greens with urban, Hispanic and African influences.

RESTAURANT Mew and coming soon to Dunwoody!





Parkwoods 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Rd. Open 6:30 am-11 pm

Parkwoods brings bold flavors and a timeless atmosphere to Perimeter Center with Southern comfort classics and culinary-inspired cocktails that change with the seasons.

Menu suggestions:

Skillet cornbread, poached Atlantic salmon salad, fried chicken with braised collard greens, red eye gravy, sopping biscuit, strawberry upside down cornmeal cake

NOW OPEN: Backyard at Parkwoods

An outdoor beer garden,
Backyard at Parkwoods is
Dunwoody's perfect hangout.
You'll find local craft beers,
cocktails and shareable snacks
served in a relaxed outdoor
patio setting—ideal for
whiling away a sunny Atlanta
afternoon.





The Duke 4685 Ashford Dunwoody Rd. Open M-W 11:30 am-1 am, Thurs-Sat 11:30 am-2 am, Sunday noon-midnight

Kings, Dukes and Peasants are welcome at The Duke, the latest in the Dunwoody Restaurant Group's British pubs. The Duke features an extensive bar and pub fare in a casual atmosphere appointed with English antiques.

Menu suggestions:

Bangers & Mash is traditional Irish Guinness sausage served on a bed of mashed potatoes and topped with carmelized onion and brown gravy. Appetizer menu features N.Y. Chicken Dip, Smoked Salmon Spread and Irish Spring Rolls. From the burger menu, try the Original Dunwoody Doozie, piled high with bacon, cheese, tomato and onion rings.





Four Fat Cows 2482 Jett Ferry Road Open Sun-Th noon-9 pm; Fri-Sat noon-10 pm

From-scratch ice cream from the highest-quality ingredients.

Menu suggestions:

You'll find ice cream, cupcakes and more — all with gluten-free, dairy-free and egg-free options.





Burger IM 4745 Ashford Dunwoody Rd. Open M-Sat 11 am-9 pm; Sun 11 am-8 pm

BurgerlM Dunwoody serves a variety of burgers with patty options including angus beef, dry-aged beef, lamb, turkey, chicken, salmon, falafel, and multiple vegetarian options. Available sides are fries, onion rings, sweet potato fries, and milk shakes.

Menu suggestions:

Try your burger in a potato bun, gluten-free bun, lettuce wrap, or topped on a salad!





Breakers Perimeter Mall

Open Sun-Thurs 11 am-11 pm, Fri-Sat 11 am-midnight

Breakers is 'breaking' the mold of traditional Korean BBQ by utilizing the highest quality meats, ingredients, technology and hospitality in a luxurious atmosphere. You'll find an extensive grill-your-own menu and a unique combination of fine-dining and traditional Korean BBQ.

Menu suggestions:

Beef and pork ribs, Chilean Sea Bass, Galbi Tang, Kimchi Jjigea, Lobster Tail, Beef Dduck Gal Bi

Nai Thai Cuisine



Nai Thai 5486 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. Open M-F Lunch 11 am -2:30pm; Dinner 5pm-10pm; Saturday 12:30pm-10pm;

Authentic Thai cuisine in an elegant and friendly atmosphere with options to please every palate.

Sunday 12:30pm-9pm

Menu suggestions:

Basil Rolls (gluten free), Chicken Satay (gluten free), Chilean Sea Bass with Thai three-flavor sauce, Classic Pad Thai Noodle

BREADWINNER Café & Bakery



OPENING November 2019

Breadwinner Shops of Dunwoody

Family-owned and operated since 2010, Breadwinner Cafe and Gourmet Market serves delicious soups, sandwiches, and salads daily (Monday-Saturday) made from only the freshest ingredients. *Recently featured on Atlanta Eats.*

Menu suggestions:

Chicken Pesto Panini, fresh California Turkey Wrap. Award-winning Turkey Chili, and famous Breadwinner breads are always available to round out your meal with a tasty treat.

Watch for website to include daily specials and one-click online catering!

Breaking bread, giving back: Malachi's Storehouse



Malachi:

From the Hebrew name meaning "my messenger" or "my angel"



www.malachisstorehouse.org

saac Williams (at left in dark blue) has worked in some of the finest kitchens in Atlanta, including the Ritz-Carlton and Hyatt Regency. But he's most proud of his work at Malachi's Storehouse in Dunwoody, where the kitchen can be a lifeline.

"It makes me feel great. I like helping feed people," Isaac said. "It keeps me motivated."

Like most of the volunteers at Malachi's Storehouse, Williams started as a client after falling on hard times due to a health crisis.

An outreach ministry of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Malachi's Storehouse serves more than 700 meals a week for those in need of emergency support.

Started in 1991, the all-volunteer nonprofit also runs a market-style food pantry and clothing closet every Wednesday. Last year, Malachi's Storehouse distributed 680,000 pounds of food to 36,000 people.

The majority of clients, 66 percent, visit Malachi's Storehouse only once or twice a year. Twelve percent visit seven or more times.

"I love this community. I feel a real connection to the people here," said April Toms, who started volunteering five years ago. "It has helped me learn that we are all one."

Malachi's Storehouse relies on private financial donations, grants and partnerships with other nonprofits, including the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Second Helpings, Helping Feed Atlanta, I Care Atlanta and Helping Mamas. Stores like Kroger, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and Costco donate food for the pantry.

Volunteers with the Dunwoody Community Garden bring fresh, organic produce from Brook Run Park, which is right across the street from St. Patrick's. Donations now exceed 3,000 pounds annually. The group also built raised garden beds at the church. Called the Garden of Eatin', it's tended by Malachi clients.

"It truly is farm to table," Toms added. "Our mission is to nourish the body and spirit. Everyone is welcome."





Taking root: Dunwoody's aeroponic gardens

n exterior courtyard, previously used as a smoking area at Dunwoody's Crown Pointe office complex, has been repurposed as a tower garden. Smoking on the courtyard is now prohibited, and the area has become a beautiful and popular spot for relaxing and unwinding during the work day.

In fact, aeroponic gardens are popping up in interior lobby spaces, sunny rooftops and courtyards all over Dunwoody, while harvests are being shared with area food banks, sold at office building fruit and vegetable markets, and as menu sustenance for local restaurants.

Like hydroponic farming, aeroponic gardens require no soil. The difference: The roots of hydroponic plants are maintained in water; aeroponic plants grow in air while an electric pumping system on the vertical tower drips and circulates water and nutrients as needed. Each tower can produce more than 75 pounds of produce each year.

While aeroponic gardening is not new botanists began experimentation in the 1920s and some of the science's greatest strides have come via Disney's Epcot Center and NASA—the business model for Atlanta-based Copiana is one-of-akind. Launched in March of 2018, the company leases, maintains and harvests the tower gardens. Staff members—also knows as Copiana's "produce whisperers," visit twice each week to plant, replant, measure pH levels and administer nutrients, harvest the produce, set up farmer's markets, teach classes on the technology, and more.

"We have installed more than 20 tower gardens," said Copiana CEO Jim McCutcheon. "The majority of them are in Dunwoody. The vertical earth-friendly design uses 90 percent less land and water than is normally required to grow produce."

With aeroponic gardens, 100 percent of the nutrients and water used is recycled in



Tower gardening is bringing **bounties** of leafy greens, herbs, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and fruits to **Dunwoody** sans soil, and in some unexpected spots.







The vertical towers can vary in design and height and can be placed inside or outside. A seven-stack tower, as shown above, can yield up to 75 pounds of produce each year with harvests every two or three weeks. Aeroponic garden installations in Dunwoody include Crown Pointe, Park Center, Three Ravinia and Sterling Pointe.

this closed-system technology. More, the pH-balanced ionic minerals and nutrients protect the plants to the point that very little or no pesticides are required to

keep the plants healthy. The tower-totable design can also cut out packaging, shipping and storage.

Supporting Dunwoody commuters since 1999

Perimeter Community Improvement Districts celebrate 20 years



Landscaping \$400K/year





Trail Projects \$5M/over 20 yrs Ashford Dunwoody Diverging Diamond Interchange \$1.5M





Streetscape Enhancements \$2M +





uring this 20th anniversary year, the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCIDs) are embracing new connections.

"I see a greater appetite for bringing together the commercial and residential sides of Dunwoody," said Ann Hanlon, executive director of the PCIDs. "The new pedestrian bridge is a big first step. I think as the Perimeter builds out, more people will want to be able to walk and ride their bikes there."

The PCIDs contributed \$200,000 to the construction of the bridge between the Georgetown community and Perimeter Center East, which opened earlier this year. The organizations also pledged money for the Ashford Dunwoody Commuter Trail, which will run between Hammond Drive and Mount Vernon Road.

"It's such a cool time to be here," said Hanlon, who is also a Dunwoody resident. The PCIDs are made up of Perimeter property owners, like Hines, IHG and Perimeter Mall, that pay additional property taxes to help enhance transportation infrastructure and quality of life improvements for businesses, employees, residents and visitors in the Perimeter market.

"We're like the icing on the cake. We do the extra stuff to help so people can get in and out of the Perimeter more easily," Hanlon added. On an annual basis, the PCIDs spend about \$1 million to hire officers

for traffic control during the afternoon rush. The self-taxing districts also pay for landscaping, decorative lighting and illuminated street signs in the Perimeter.

The PCIDs have two boards: the Central (DeKalb) Perimeter CID Board and the Fulton Perimeter CID Board. Central PCID was established first in 1999. "Even back then, this area struggled with traffic," Ann explained. "Big property owners got together and decided they had to do something about it. The CID concept was revolutionary at the time."

Since then, the PCIDs have developed strong partnerships with the City of Dunwoody and other local, state and



The successful Diverging Diamond Interchange at Ashford Dunwoody Road and I-285 is the first of its kind in Georgia. Inset: PCIDs'Ann Hanlon with Dunwoody Mayor Denis Shortal at the opening of the Trailway Bridge.

federal officials and agencies. The PCIDs pushed for and helped fund the diverging diamond interchange at Ashford-Dunwoody Road and the Perimeter Center Parkway Bridge, known as the "Flyover Bridge." This year's budget is \$8 million.

"We operate from a regional perspective," Hanlon added. "So much has changed in the last 20 years. We want to help shape the change in the next 20."



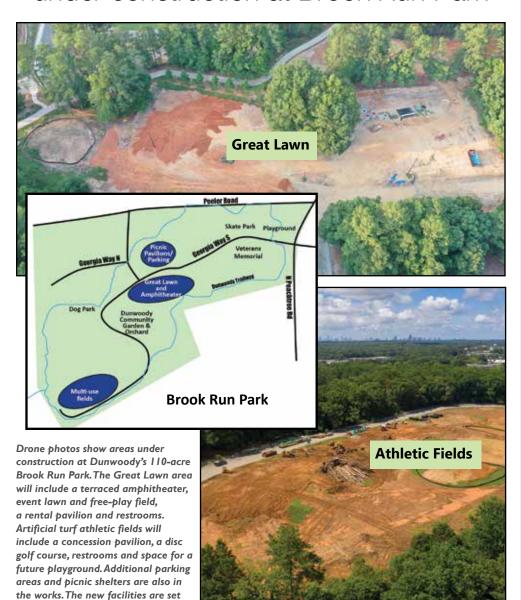




around durwoody THE LARGEST JULY 4 PARADE IN THE SOUTH, DUNWOODY'S FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WAS FILLED WITH SUNSHINE, MUSIC, MARCHING AND PATRIOTIC SPIRIT. LAWN CHAIRS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE BEGAN APPEARING MIDAFTERNOON ON JULY 3 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION.

Taking shape:

Sports fields, amphitheater, picnic areas under construction at Brook Run Park





Dunwoody Police Officer Nathan Daley is on the road to recovery with the help of sweets from all over the country.

Officer Daley suffered serious injuries in early August when he was dragged by a runaway driver onto I-285. Right after his release from the hospital, he taped a message for the community: "It does look as bad as it feels, but I will bounce back ten times stronger. I love you guys. Thank you so much for your support. I accept donations in the form of treats, cookies, chocolate chip cookies, cupcakes with sprinkles – vanilla or red velvet."

He was joking about the treats. But the response is no joke. People from Dunwoody and beyond have baked, bought and sent in everything on his list and more. Fortunately for the rest of the police department, he doesn't mind sharing.









around dunwoody SUMMER 2019 BROUGHT CROWDS TO DUNWOODY PARKS FOR THE "GROOVIN" ON THE GREEN" CONCERT SERIES AT DUNWOODY'S PERNOSHAL PARK. AT RIGHT, MEMBERS OF HINDU SWAYAMSEVAK SANGH SHARED YARN BRACELETS WITH DUNWOODY'S POLICE OFFICERS IN CELEBRATION OF RAKSHA BANDHAN, "UNIVERSAL ONENESS DAY" IN AUGUST.

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October is Arts & Culture Month

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conjunction with
National Arts &
Humanities Month,
Dunwoody's annual
Arts & Culture
Month brings
together the
city's diverse arts,
culture, and nature
organizations and
members.



Throughout October, Dunwoody residents and visitors will have the chance to experience special exhibits and activities highlighting the area's commitment to the arts. Participating organizations include the Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild, Dunwoody Fine Arts, Dunwoody Nature Center, Dunwoody Preservation Trust, Dunwoody Woman's Club, Marcus Jewish Community Center, Spruill Center for the Arts, Stage Door Players and the City of Dunwoody.

Dunwoody Parks & Recreation needs your help to create a rock painting art installation at Brook Run Park near Veterans Memorial. As part of Dunwoody Volunteer Day on Oct. 12, join Painting With A Twist from 9 a.m. to noon to create painted rocks that will be placed throughout the park and along the Dunwoody Trailway. Participants can also paint pumpkins to take home.













around dunivoody the city of dunwoody's public works department completed work on the intersection of MT. Vernon road and vermack/manhasset roads in august. Above, mayor shortal and members of city council celebrate with a saturday morning ribbon cutting and a donut giveaway to thank drivers and residents for their patience.

Next steps for Village Overlay district



community meeting held in late June set the stage for new zoning regulations in Dunwoody's Village Overlay district, which includes Dunwoody Village and the adjacent retail areas west of Chamblee Dunwoody Road. A packed house of citizens heard a presentation prepared by planning consultants from

TSW, and then participated in walking tours of the village and offered feedback on the development options presented.

Feedback and exchanged ideas have been used to create adaptations to the area's zoning codes. A second community meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 to finalize verbiage



and direction of the recommended new codes in preparation for review by Dunwoody's planning commission and council. Revisions to the existing codes are a necessary step in preparation of all future development. Less restrictive building and zoning codes will pave the way for development in the Overlay District as new permits are requested.

Make MENTAL HEAI a priority

NEW FOR FALL 2019: The Dunwoody Police Department is making mental health a top priority by offering Mental Health First Aid training for Dunwoody residents.

The eight-hour course teaches participants how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance-use disorders. The training offers skills needed to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance-use problem or experiencing a crisis.

The first class is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in Dunwoody's new North Shallowford Annex building located at 4470 North Shallowford Road.

Please contact Sgt. Robert Parsons at 678-382-6909 for more information or visit mentalhealthfirstaid.org.





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CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

Oct. 3: Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting

City Hall, 6-8 pm

Oct. 10: Sustainability Committee

Meeting

City Hall, 7:45 am

Oct. 14: City Council Meeting City Hall, 6-8 pm

Oct. 15: Planning Commission

Meeting

City Hall, 6-8 pm

Oct. 28: City Council Meeting City Hall, 6-8 pm

NOVEMBER

Nov. 7: Zoning Board of Appeals
Meeting

City Hall, 6-8 pm

Nov. 11: Veterans Day City Hall Closed

Nov. 12: Planning Commission

Meeting

City Hall, 6-8 pm

Nov. 14: Sustainability Committee

Meeting

City Hall, 7:45 am

Nov. 18: City Council Meeting City Hall, 6-8 pm

Nov. 28-29: Thanksgiving holiday

City Hall Closed

DECEMBER

Dec. 5: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

City Hall, 6-8 pm

Dec. 9: City Council MeetingCity Hall, 6-8 pm

Dec. 10: Planning Commission
Meeting
City Hall, 6-8 pm

Dec. 12: Sustainability Committee

Meeting

City Hall, 7:45 am

Dec. 24-25: Christmas holidayCity Hall Closed

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