



# NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Town Hall Set for April 19

Learn more about the city's progress and upcoming happenings at our second quarterly town hall April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in-person at the Ford Center and online via Zoom. Seating at the venue will be limited.

### Important links

City Council meetings are live-streamed at [powdersprings.tv](https://powdersprings.tv). To watch previous meetings, head to [city.powersprings.tv](https://city.powersprings.tv).

Read highlights from the latest council meeting by visiting [cityofpowdersprings.org/Archive.aspx](https://cityofpowdersprings.org/Archive.aspx) and finding the City Council Action Item Recap section.



The app is now live and can be downloaded onto both Apple and Android devices via the App Store and Google Play, respectively. Search for "Powder Springs" and look for the app featuring the city's waterpump logo. A video on how to use the app can be found at [cityofpowdersprings.org](https://cityofpowdersprings.org).



## City To Continue Residential Growth

Powder Springs City Council members at the March 21 meeting greenlit three residential developments in their unanimous approval of rezoning requests, including one following an annexation of about 33 acres.

The largest residential project will consist of up to 105 single-family homes on nearly 38 acres at Austell Powder Springs Road, Dugger Drive, Smith Drive and Frank Aikin Road. About 4 acres of the development were already within the city, with the remaining portion of the land now expanding the city limits. Council members approved the annexation request related to the development before going on to approve overall rezoning of the total tract to the Planned Unit Development-R (PUD-R) category; the city portion of the land was previously zoned residential while the county portion had included both residential and general commercial zonings.

A PUD-R rezoning was also approved for 4385 Walton St. Previously zoned under the R-15 residential category, the approved zoning change will allow for construction of 12 townhomes.

Another 70 residences, consisting of 42 townhomes and 28 detached homes, were given the go-ahead to proceed on an estimated 11.5 acres at 5592 Powder Springs Dallas Road. The project's developer will contribute \$70,000 to improve a right-turn lane onto C.H. James Parkway as part of the approved stipulations.



# Upcoming Events

**April 2-18:** Easter Egg Quest, dawn to dusk each day, downtown and in Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater. Ernest the Easter bunny has hidden 50 over-sized wooden Easter Eggs for kids and families to locate. Be sure to take a pic with your favorite egg! Share your pictures of your favorite egg, and be sure to tag us on social media, too #PSEggQuest

**April 9:** Spring Chicken Run 5K and 1-mile fun run, 7 a.m. at Thurman Springs Park.

**April 9:** Spring into Spring, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., downtown Powder Springs. Grab something tasty for lunch, enjoy the shops, and dance to the music as we celebrate spring! Food, music, petting zoo, and more!

**May 5:** National Day of Prayer, 6:30 p.m., Check website for details.

**May 13-15:** Second-annual "Bringing the Sea to The Springs" Seafood Festival in Thurman Springs Park, 5-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Seafood, artists and craftsmen and more. Bands to perform throughout the weekend on the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater stage.

**May 26:** Family Movie Night, 8 p.m., Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater

**May 30:** Memorial Day Ceremony, noon, Powder Springs Veterans Memorial at Powder Springs Library

**June 4:** Bark in the Park, 9 a.m. to noon, Linear Park

**June 16:** Picnic in the Park, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thurman Springs Park.

**June 18:** SpringsFest, 1 to 9 p.m. in Thurman Springs Park. Live performances, face painting, food trucks, stilt walkers, bouncy houses, beer and wine, and more!

**June 19:** Juneteenth Unity Celebration and Walk, Thurman Springs Park.

**June 23:** Family Movie Night, 8 p.m., Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

**June 25:** Sounds of the Springs concert featuring "Shot Thru The Heart" Bon Jovi tribute band, 7:30 p.m., Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

**June 30:** Picnic in the Park, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thurman Springs Park.

**July 4:** Powder Springs 4th of July Celebration, 6 to 10 p.m., Thurman Springs Park.

**July 14:** Picnic in the Park, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thurman Springs Park.

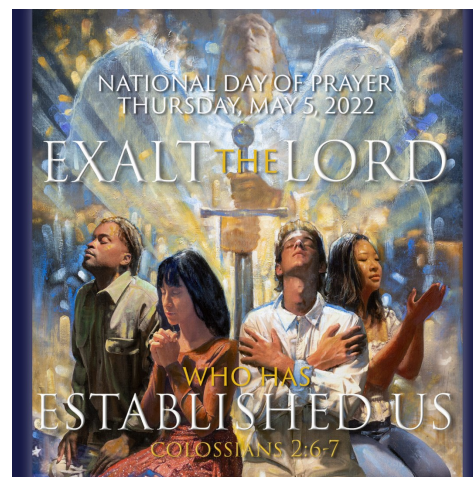
**July 21:** Family Movie Night, 8 p.m., Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater

**July 23:** Sounds of the Springs concert featuring The Tony Howard Show band, 7:30 p.m., Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

**July 28:** Family Game Night, 6:30 p.m., Thurman Springs Park

**July 30:** Back-2-School Bash, TBA

For additional details and more events happening this Spring and Summer, visit [cityofpowdersprings.org](https://cityofpowdersprings.org). Let us help Get a Spring in Your Step!





## City Businesses Among 'Best of Cobb' Honorees

Several Powder Springs businesses were named in March to Cobb Life Magazine's "Best of Cobb 2022." This annual listing solicits nominations from readers in a variety of categories and then asks readers to vote on their favorite nominees.

We scoured the 130-page issue and the 240-plus categories to find our local winners, and we had several, some of which took honors in multiple categories.



- Blades Lawnmower Shop - Second Place, Lawn Equipment category
- Governors Gun Club - First Place, Sports Bar; First Place, Socially Distanced Dining category; Second Place, Brunch category; Second Place, Business Lunch category; Third Place, Family Amusement category; Third Place, Steakhouse
- Hand-Me-Up's - Second Place, Consignment Store
- Liz By Design Photography LLC - Second Place, Photographer
- PearTree Home Florist Gifts - Third Place, Florist
- Rooted Trading Co. - First Place, Local Bicycle Store; Second Place, Sporting Goods Store
- South Cobb Arts Alliance - Second Place (tie), Nonprofit
- Whitlock Cleaners - First Place (tie), Dry Cleaner

The City wants to share on social media photos and award announcements of any businesses or individuals within the city that brought home honors from the annual contest, including any we may have missed. To get your win(s) celebrated by the city, email Jon Gargis at [jgargis@cityofpowdersprings.org](mailto:jgargis@cityofpowdersprings.org).

## 2023 FISCAL BUDGET DATES

The city's preliminary fiscal year 2023 budget will be presented to the public during the April 19 town hall, with council members scheduled to discuss it at their April 27 work session. The draft budget will be presented at the May 2 council meeting.

Additional budget-related dates.

**May 10:** Budget Open House, 10 a.m. at 7 p.m.

**May 11:** City Council receives proposed budget at work session

**May 16:** First public hearing with reading of ordinance and budget

**May 19:** Budget Open House, 6 to 8 p.m.

**June 1:** Budget discussion at council work session

**June 6:** Second public hearing with reading of ordinance and budget adoption

**July 1:** Adopted fiscal 2023 budget takes effect



### New Faces

You may notice or have already noticed a few new faces across our city operations.

Visitors and callers to City Hall will meet Jennie Mayes, our full-time receptionist. Also within City Hall is Velda Babiak, our full-time IT manager.

Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs has brought on Tiffany Lawless to serve as Event Coordinator, who is looking forward to coordinating exciting and fun-filled events to celebrate all the wonderful things Powder Springs has to offer.

Helping to keep our community safe and secure are new additions to the Police Department: Officers Christopher Bass, Arren Knuth, and Paul Philpot, along with the department's new executive assistant, Tracey Provitt.

## Keep Those Yards in Check

Powder Springs Code Section 10-21 says: "Every person or entity owning or occupying improved or unimproved property within the city shall at all times maintain such property in a clean and sanitary condition which shall include, but not be limited to, keeping the property free from all waste, litter, trash, dead animals and rubbish of every nature and kind. In order to prevent the property from becoming a breeding ground for vermin and other types of pests **the property shall also be kept free of weeds, underbrush and high grass more than eight (8) inches in height.**

If you receive a code violation warning notice related to this or other matter, you must correct the violation by the date shown on the notice. If you are unable to correct the violation within the time given, call the Quality of Life Officer to discuss the violation. Only one Warning Notice for a particular violation will be issued within a 12-month period. Repeat occurrences of the same violation within the 12-month period will result in immediate issuance of a citation.



A citation is a summons to appear before the judge at City Municipal Court. You are required to appear at court on the date and time shown on your citation. If you have any questions, contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 770-943-1616, x203.

## Sanitation Bills Due May 16

The City of Powder Springs bills quarterly for sanitation and lights. Payments must be made by May 16. If accounts are unpaid at that time, sanitation carts will be picked up and returned once the account is paid in full. The balance will include a return-cart fee. Please mark your calendars to pay your bill before May 16.

Upcoming dates to remember:

- Good Friday (April 15): Friday routes will be collected on Monday, April 18. No yard waste collection the week of April 18. Yard waste collection will resume Monday, April 25.
- Memorial Day (May 30): No yard waste collection the week of May 30. Yard waste collection will resume on Monday, June 6.
- Independence Day (July 4): No yard waste collection the week of July 4. Yard waste collection will resume on Monday, July 11.

## New City Service Locations

Several city departments began operating in their new locations the week of Dec. 20. See below for these new locations.



City Hall is now located at 4426 Marietta St.



Municipal Court is at 4181 Atlanta St. in the Cultural Arts Center



Community Development is operating out of the Papa Morris Building,



For on-site payments for sanitation, establishing sanitation service, or tax payments, residents should go to the Powder Springs Police Department, 1114 Richard D. Sailors Parkway.

Thank you for your patience as we operate out of these temporary new spaces.