



# NEWSLETTER

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## Latest Town Hall Brings City Staff to City Residents

As part of its commitment to providing a transparent government and serving its residents and visitors, the City of Powder Springs hosted its third quarterly town hall of 2024 on Aug. 29 at the Ford Center.

Following a welcome from the Mayor and City Council, attendees had the chance to meet city department heads and supporting staff members to learn more about their specific operations and latest initiatives, and to ask questions.

Those who attended the town hall

"virtually" by watching it on Facebook Live heard directly from city department leaders as they were interviewed by communications support staff. In between these interviews, viewers could catch important info shown via a PowerPoint presentation.

In-person attendees had a chance to ask the mayor and council questions at the end of the meeting, with the livestream capturing the dialogue.

For those who missed our latest town hall, it can be streamed by visiting <https://city.powdersprings.tv/>, which also has streams of previous city council meetings and other events, including previous town halls. To see future meetings as they are streamed live, visit <https://www.powdersprings.tv/>.

## UPCOMING TOWN HALL MEETINGS

**Nov. 21, 2024  
and**

**Jan. 23, 2025**

**Ford Center  
4181 Atlanta St.  
7 p.m.**





Your input will help the City make better decisions for everyone in the community.

Do you have one minute a month to help make Powder Springs better?

Make your voice heard on important issues—FlashVote makes sure your feedback is anonymous. It's free, fast, and fun—you'll get a short 1-minute survey every few months and see full survey results within 48 hours.

<https://www.flashvote.com/powdersprings>

## Fall/Winter Sanitation Schedule Alterations

**There will be no yard waste collection the following weeks:**

Nov. 11, 2024	Dec. 30, 2024
Dec. 2, 2024	Jan. 6, 2025

### Thanksgiving Holidays, Nov. 28-29, 2024

- No yard waste will be collected Dec. 2.
- Thursday's route (Nov. 28) will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 2. Friday's route (Nov. 29) will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 3, along with Tuesday's normal route. Any trash not picked up on Monday and Tuesday will be picked up through the remainder of the week.

### Christmas Holidays, Dec. 24-25, 2024

- No yard waste will be collected Dec. 30.
- Tuesday's route (Dec. 24) will be picked up on Thursday (Dec. 26) along with Thursday's normal route; any trash not picked on Thursday will be picked on Friday. Wednesday's route (Dec. 25) will be picked up on Friday (Dec. 27); Friday's normal route will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 30.

### New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2025

- No yard waste will be picked up on Jan. 6.
- Wednesday's route (Jan. 1) will be picked up on Thursday (Jan. 2), along with Thursday's normal route. Any trash not picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Friday. Friday's route (Jan. 3) will be picked up on Monday (Jan. 6).

## City Hall Construction Continues Toward Early 2025 Opening

City residents, business owners, and future arrivals to our city will be served starting next year by a new City Hall at the former site of our Municipal Court.

The two-story facility on Jackson Way Extension between Oak View Drive Extension and Pineview Drive and across the street from Thurman Springs Park, is set to open in early 2025, allowing our Municipal Court and city departments to return to downtown.

Among the latest work on the facility was the pouring of the second floor on Sept. 9.

Other key milestones on the project will be shared on the city's social media channels, and you can expect an update on the project in January in our first quarterly newsletter of 2025 — our 2024 Year End Newsletter.



## Second-Ever Class of City's Youth Council Gears Up for a First-Class Year

After a successful inaugural year, the city's second-annual class of its Powder Springs Youth Council saw its members take their oath of office during the City Council's Aug. 19 meeting. The Youth Council's members, who range in age from 14 to 18, hail from McEachern High School.

The goal of the Powder Spring Youth Council is to promote the development of productive citizens and informed community leaders by providing opportunities for youth in Powder Springs to engage in volunteerism, service, education, and initiatives that allow them to learn about local government, to represent and articulate the needs of the community's youth, and to participate in the development of positive solutions.





## OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS

THE CITY IS USING JUSTFOIA TO PROCESS OPEN RECORD REQUESTS. TO USE THIS SERVICE TO SUBMIT AN OPEN RECORDS REQUEST, VISIT CITYOFPOWDERSPRINGS.ORG AND FIND THE JUSTFOIA LINK IN THE HELP CENTER TAB AT THE TOP OF THE WEBPAGE, OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



## Election Day for Federal, State, County Offices Nov. 5

In-person advance voting for federal, state and county offices in Cobb begins Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 12 locations across Cobb County, with the closest for city residents being the Ron Anderson Recreation Center, 3820 Macedonia Road in Powder Springs. Advance voting will continue weekdays and Saturdays through Nov. 1, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with a handful of county locations (including the Boots Ward Recreation Center at 4845 Dallas Highway) also offering Sunday voting on Oct. 20 and 27 from noon to 5 p.m.

There is no voting Nov. 2-4, with Nov. 5 the final day to vote at voters' assigned polling places. Drop boxes for absentee ballots will be located in six advance voting locations (Boots Ward among them) and open only during voting hours; they may also be hand-delivered to the county's Main Elections Office during office hours until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5.

For more information, including the Vote by Mail application, visit [CobbElections.org](https://CobbElections.org) or call 770-528-2581.

The deadline to register to vote or to change one's address prior to the November general election is Oct. 7. Visit <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/> to register, view registration information on file, find poll locations and more.

Following a judgment by the Cobb Superior Court, Powder Springs residents and others living in Cobb Commission District 4 will not see the office on their ballots, as the results of the May primary were vacated and the general election contest for it canceled. A new primary and general election to determine the District 4 commissioner through 2028 will be held in the first half of 2025, with qualifying, election and possible runoff dates dependent on whether a runoff is required in December following the Nov. 5 general election. More details will be announced on [cobbcounty.org/elections](http://cobbcounty.org/elections).



Many of our events, whether city-wide or led by our valued partnerships here in the City of Powder Springs, simply could not happen without volunteers.

At events and festivals, it is often volunteers who are assisting with vendor and food truck check-in or providing information to visitors at the City Information Tent.

Keeping our parks and green spaces beautiful and litter free is a volunteer opportunity at every event.

At our larger events, greeters and parking lot attendants are essential to making a positive first impression for guests.

Learn more about becoming a volunteer by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://www.cityofpowdersprings.org/909/Volunteer-Opportunities>.

At the website are links to sign up for upcoming city events, as well as videos about how to be a successful volunteer at these or other events.



## Upcoming Events

For event locations and details please check the city website, [cityofpowdersprings.org](http://cityofpowdersprings.org).

- Oct. 1:** National Night Out, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 5:** Pick It Up Powder Springs, 9 a.m.-noon
- Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11:** Powder Springs Marketplace
- Oct. 12:** Shred Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Oct. 12:** Hispanic Heritage Fiesta, 4-9 p.m.
- Oct. 19:** Fall Festival Trunk-or-Treat, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Oct. 19:** One Book, One City: Tween Challenge, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9:** Chili Cook-off, noon-3 p.m.
- Nov. 11:** Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 a.m.
- Dec. 2 - Jan. 6:** Reindeer Scavenger Hunt
- Dec. 6:** Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, 6:30 p.m.

### City of Powder Springs App



Learn more about the city, communicate easily with city staff and elected officials, and help the city keep Powder Springs beautiful!

See a pothole? A street light in need of repair? Excessive trash? The Report An Issue option on the app is the place to go!

Download the app using one of these QR codes.





# You May be a Fit for a City Board, Authority or Commission

The Mayor and City Council appoint boards, commissions, and authority members. These include:

- Development Authority of Powder Springs
- Downtown Development Authority
- Keep Powder Springs Beautiful

- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission
- Powder Springs Youth Council



If you would like to be considered for service on a city board, authority, or commission, please complete the Board and Commission Application (found by scanning the QR code) and return it to City Hall officials stationed at the Powder Springs Police Department, 1114 Richard D. Sailors Parkway.

## Where Are We Located?

Most city departments are operating in locations spread across the city as construction of our City Hall continues. These locations are expected to remain in effect until the opening of the new City Hall in 2025.



## On-site Payments, Establishing/Canceling Service, & Homestead Exemptions

For payments of sanitation bills, establishing/canceling service, property tax payments & homestead exemptions, visit the Powder Springs Police Department at 1114 Richard D. Sailors Pkwy.

## Public Access to City

Located at the Powder Springs Police Department, 1114 Richard D. Sailors Pkwy

## Where Do I Go for City Services?

### Open Hours

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

Closed on City Holidays

## Drop Box Locations

24-hour drop box locations are outside the Police Department under the flags and at the bottom of the ramp at 4426 Marietta St.

## Municipal Court

Located at 4181 Atlanta St. in the Patricia C. Vaughn Cultural Arts Center (behind the Library), court dates and trials are on specific, scheduled Wednesdays, beginning at 9 a.m. On-site payments of municipal fines may be made weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Permits, Business Licenses, & Planning & Zoning

For permits, business licenses, and planning & zoning matters, please visit the Community Development Department in the Papa Morris Building at 4181 Atlanta St.



## The City of Powder Springs Upcoming Holidays

The City of Powder Springs observes 12 holidays per year. City offices will be closed for the remaining holidays in 2024.

**Veterans Day** - Monday, Nov. 11

**Thanksgiving and day after Thanksgiving** - Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** - Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25