



# NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR

### QUARTERLY TOWN HALL SET FOR AUGUST

The City of Powder Springs' third town hall of 2025 will be held **Thursday, Aug. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m.** in the Ford Center. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will also be livestreamed on the city's Facebook page.

### HEARINGS TENTATIVELY SET FOR MILLAGE RATES

The City proposes to keep its millage at the current rate of 9.5 mills. It will hold three public hearings this month prior to adopting the millage rate at a July 21 council meeting. The public is invited to attend the hearings at the Patricia C. Vaughn Cultural Arts Center at 4181 Atlanta St. on the following tentative dates and times: **July 7 at 7 p.m., and July 21 at noon and 6 p.m.**



### CITY LEADERS HELP MARK FIRST OF 175 PLANNED JOBS IN NEW INTERMODAL FACILITY

City leaders and company officials taking part in the May 27 ceremony marking the opening of the 20 West Intermodal facility made it clear that the event was more than just a mere ribbon cutting.

"Today, we're not just cutting the ribbon — we're celebrating a major milestone for the city and the county," Powder Springs Mayor Al Thurman said during the event. "With the opening of this

brand new, 347,000-square-foot logistics center, we are marking the largest single investment in Powder Springs' history — \$50 million. And the creation of new, local career opportunities that will benefit our residents and economy for years to come."

An estimated 175 jobs are expected to be located at the facility off Highway 278 and Lewis Road once fully occupied. About 40 of those working there will be employed by DP Wagner, the first tenant



of the intermodal facility. The company days earlier officially began its operations at the Powder Springs site.

DP Wagner is a consumer products and fulfillment company providing third-party distribution for select products. The company is a leader in the manufacture and distribution of private label drywall patch kits, and a distributor of other products for major retailers throughout the country.

"We were over in South Fulton, and we knew we needed a large facility to accomplish what we wanted to do in the business world," said Jeff Hope, general manager of DP Wagner. "We looked at numerous facilities all over Atlanta, and found this building, and frankly, it stood out above the rest. It had great access, it had a great street name – Innovative Way. ... How can you not be on a street named Innovative Way in a city called Powder Springs?"

Marsellas Williams, Economic Development director for the City of Powder Springs, called DP Wagner's arrival and Tuesday's ceremony "the beginning of something that will create real impact for our city."

Williams applauded the efforts of Native Development Group and those of its principal, Joe McGorrey, for helping to bring the project to life.

"These are careers, opportunities, and futures being built right here in our backyard," Williams said. "This isn't just a win for Powder Springs — it's a regional asset, and it started with your team's commitment to doing something big and doing it right."

City officials previously took part in the groundbreaking ceremony for 20 West Intermodal in October 2022. The City Council as part of its 2021 approval of the developer's annexation of the majority of the development's acreage placed 27 stipulations on the project, with many aimed at minimizing impact to residents in the area. Had Native not pursued annexation with Powder Springs, it could have pursued development without being bound by any stipulations.

A second tenant coming to the facility this year is a significant distributor of restaurant food and supplies. The company currently has 70 employees in its current facility that is relocating from the Fulton Industrial market. The company's use of the facility will be aimed at serving the Georgia/Florida markets, and it expects to be fully operating by the end of 2025.

"This," Thurman said, "is the kind of transformation and growth we've been working towards in Powder Springs — strategically sustainable and local impacting."



## POWDER SPRINGS' FINEST HONORED

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At the May 19 meeting of the Powder Springs City Council, Police Chief Lane Cadwell recognized officers who continue to go above and beyond the line of duty.

Cadwell presented **Sgt. Cheatham-Seay, Detective McClendon, Sgt. Racine and Officer Dilbeck** with Life Savers Awards. These officers used their CPR training and knowledge to save the life of two individuals. **Lt. Cipriano** was recognized for his commitment to service, recruitment and exceptional leadership.

Please join us in congratulating and applauding the amazing service offered by these committed officers!

*From left to right : Sgt Racine, Officer Dilbeck, Detective McClendon, Sgt Cheatham-Seay, and Lt. Cipriano*





## NEW CITY HALL TO OPEN IN AUGUST

The City of Powder Springs is expected to officially be handed over its completed City Hall later in July, with its doors and parking deck opening to the public on Aug. 11.

The two-story City Hall, being built along Jackson Way Extension between Oakview Drive and Pineview Drive and across the street from Thurman Springs Park, will allow our Municipal Court and most city departments to return to downtown. (Parks & Recreation, Police, and Public Works will remain in their respective current facilities.)

**When operations resume in August**, three-hour parking for City Hall will be available around Thurman Springs Park, with the parking lot on the corner of Jackson Way and Oakview Drive restricted to court parking on court days.

An ADA-compliant pedestrian entrance will be

available on the park side of City Hall. Drivers requiring handicap-accessible parking will need to use the top level of the parking deck behind City Hall starting on Aug. 11.

**To access the parking deck when it opens in August**, drivers will need to take Oakview Drive north and turn left onto Pineview Drive. Pineview Drive and the parking deck are not accessible from Jackson Way as it is a one-way street. Once on Pineview Drive, visitors to City Hall should take the first left for the parking deck's lower level; only those requiring ADA accessibility may park in the deck's upper level, accessed by taking the second left.



After parking, follow the sidewalk to the entrance — go right if you are visiting Community Development and needing a permit or have a zoning question, or go left if you are going to court, paying your utility bill, need to see administrative staff or have a question for the receptionist.

A grand opening and public open house for the new City Hall is set for Saturday, Sept. 27. Event time and other details will be forthcoming.

## WHY HAS MY SANITATION BILL INCREASED?

On July 1, rates for sanitation years, public works departments Monday brush and limb pickup, services increased to \$34 per month. and private garbage disposal drop-off recycling on weekends companies around the country and the Reside With Pride bulk have been short staffed. The trash pickup, which is held twice

The increase is needed to cover only way to ensure the City hires annually during customers' higher costs across board. To and retains drivers and collectors is by offering attract and retain drivers and collectors, the City has increased competitive salaries. In recent years, public benefits. Also increasing are salaries and Current fee rates would not works departments and private disposal costs paid at private cover projected operating and garbage disposal companies facilities, along with fuel prices. capital costs over the next 10 years, and shortfalls not covered around the country have been short staffed. The only way to Service levels will remain as is, by the city's Sanitation Fund, the ensure the City hires and retains with curbside trash pickup fund would be depleted by the drivers and collectors, the City frequency remaining unchanged end of Fiscal Year 2026. has increased salaries. In recent and the city continuing to offer



# UPCOMING EVENTS

All events held at Thurman Springs Park.

- July 4:** 4th of July Celebration, 6-10 p.m.
- July 9:** Powder Springs Marketplace, 5-9 p.m.
- July 10:** Family to Park Movie, 6:30 p.m.
- July 24:** Family to Park Movie, 6:30 p.m.
- July 26:** Sounds of the Springs Concert Series, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 13:** Powder Springs Marketplace, 5-9 p.m.
- Aug. 23:** Sounds of the Springs Concert Series, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25:** Brown Bag Lunch Concerts, noon-1 p.m.
- Sept. 10:** Powder Springs Marketplace, 5-9 p.m.
- Sept. 27:** Sounds of the Springs Concert Series, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 7:** National Night Out, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 8:** Powder Springs Marketplace, 5-9 p.m.
- Oct. 11:** Hispanic Heritage Fiesta, 4-9 p.m.
- Oct. 18:** Fall Festival Trunk-or-Treat, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Locations and details can be found at [cityofpowdersprings.org](http://cityofpowdersprings.org).

## CITY EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR CONTINUED SERVICE

The City of Powder Springs is blessed to have a number of employees who continue to provide their expertise to their duties, and who proudly serve our residents and visitors.

Please help us recognize these seven employees for reaching at least five years of service:

- John Brown, 37 years and 11 months
- Lane Cadwell, 25 years and 10 months
- Jackie Major, 20 years and 10 months
- Dee Chappell, 20 years and 9 months
- A.J. Eakley, 20 years and 4 months
- Diane Brooks, 5 years and 7 months
- Curtis McClendon, 5 years and 3 months

We're glad we have these and many other great employees giving their best day in and day out!



## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The city will kick off this month our fifth-annual "Sounds of the Springs" Concert Series in Thurman Springs Park. All three of the series' concerts — scheduled for the fourth Saturdays in July, August and September — are free and open to the public.

Opening the series with royal flair on July 26 will be Prince tribute group Marshall Charloff & The Purple xPeRleNCE. Their vision is to deliver Prince's music on the highest level, played live and untracked by skilled musicians, while paying respectful homage through costuming and likeness.

Bringing the party to Powder Springs on Aug. 23 will be Platinum Band, a high-energy group that will keep the audience singing along to everything from jazz to hip hop, and everything in between. And on Sept. 27, attendees will step back in time to the golden era of rock 'n' roll with the electrifying sound of the Troubadour Project, a legendary band that effortlessly captures the essence of the '70s rock genre.

All concerts will start at 7 p.m., but those who arrive early can enjoy DJ Bingo starting at 6 p.m.

For more information, visit [cityofpowdersprings.org](http://cityofpowdersprings.org).