



# NEWSLETTER

## October 2025

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## WE'RE LISTENING! CITIZENS WEIGH IN ON LCI PLAN



This summer, we asked the question: "What improvements or opportunities would you like to see in the downtown immediately, in the short term and in the long term?" The ask was a part of our work to update our Livable Centers Initiative Plan.

The Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) is a grant program that incentivizes local jurisdictions, like our City, to re-envision their communities as vibrant, walkable places that offer increased mobility options, encourage healthy lifestyles and provide improved access to jobs and services.



The ARC board has allocated \$600 million through 2050 to fund transportation projects resulting from completed LCI studies.

Our city last updated its "Springs in Motion" LCI Plan in 2016, and gathering your — the public's — input has been crucial.

In mid-July, we held a kick-off open house that drew about 50 people, with attendees encouraged to provide input onsite, as well as to fill out the Community Input Survey, which citizens were invited to participate

in throughout the summer.

The survey closed Sept. 12 with 269 responses. On Sept. 9, the City hosted a Visioning Workshop at the new City Hall. Members of the community were invited to share their thoughts on the plan's goals, see exciting concepts take shape in real time, and tell the City staff and consultant team what matters most to them.

**We're not done yet, and we still need your help before we're finished.**

We invite those who were unable to attend our workshop to participate via an online forum. Visit



[www.springsinmotionlci.com/visioning-workshop](http://www.springsinmotionlci.com/visioning-workshop) (or scan the QR code) to download and view the Visioning Workshop boards that were shown at the Sept. 9 event.

Then, via the website, find links to give feedback on the plan's goals and its preliminary recommendations.

All of this feedback will be compiled and incorporated into a draft plan. City officials and our consultants have tentatively scheduled a Draft Plan Open House for Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, at City Hall, with the time to be determined. (Event details subject to change, but will be announced via the aforementioned communications channels.)



# PARK IMPROVEMENTS, STORMWATER REPAIRS AMONG FUTURE PROJECTS

Powder Springs residents and visitors — including those furry ones with four legs — will see in the coming months movement on several improvement projects.

**Powder Springs Park** remains slated for a dog park, new parking lot and restroom renovations as part of its second phase of work, with the previously completed phase including a new, larger pavilion. City officials anticipate a contract to be awarded to the winning bidder of the project in October. Stay tuned for updates!

**The Skate Park at Powder Springs Linear Park** is set to be improved with the addition of terraced seating along an embankment in the park. Design work is underway on the planned addition.

A roundabout at **Austell Powder Springs Road** at Marietta Street is in the concept phase, and a public information open house was held on Aug. 26 to solicit input.

Crash rates and injury rates indicate the need for improvements focused on reducing rear-end and angle crashes, particularly during peak afternoon hours. The proposed project would also enhance pedestrian and bicyclist mobility by incorporating a shared-use path that will seamlessly connect to the future shared-use paths along Austell Powder Springs Road and Lindley Road, ultimately linking to the Silver Comet Trail. This connectivity

will provide a dedicated and convenient route for both recreational users and commuters, further integrating the trail network within the community.

Feedback (and there was a lot of it!) was

also compiled from the comments made on several social media posts made on the proposal. The feedback will be assessed, revisions may occur to the proposed plan initially brought to the public, or the no-build alternative will be selected.

A roundabout at **Florence Road and Powder Springs Dallas Road** is in the design phase.

And work continues on an access road near Richard D.

**Sailors Parkway at Powder Springs Road and Forrest Hill Road.**

The City's Stormwater Department, meanwhile, will be using its on-call contracting services to assist in the excavation and repair of a sinkhole that opened in the Country Walk subdivision on Hollow Stream Trail. Last month, the council gave approval to a contract to S.H. Creel Contracting for \$43,806 to



determine the root cause of the sinkhole, perform necessary repairs, and re-establish the travel lane and stormwater infrastructure to normal operating condition. The department will then proceed with implementation of its nearly \$600,000 CIP stormwater repairs.

Be sure to follow our communication channels for updates on these and other projects.

## CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

*The City of Powder Springs observes holidays each year when its offices are closed. Upcoming holiday closures are:*

**1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of each month at 12:30pm**

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

**Thanksgiving and day after Thanksgiving** - Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28

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

## GET CITY NEWS VIA EMAIL

While we put together the printed newsletter you are currently reading four times a year, we also have a now weekly e-mail newsletter that highlights upcoming city events, public meetings, important city initiatives and more.

To sign up for the e-newsletter, scan the QR code, or visit [powderspringsga.gov](http://powderspringsga.gov), find and click the "Citizen Engagement" graphic, and on the next page find the link titled "Sign up for City of Powder Springs Newsletter."





## CITY ELECTIONS SET FOR NOV. 4

In-person advance voting for municipal elections in Cobb, including in Powder Springs, begins Tuesday, Oct. 14. Through Oct. 31, advance voting locations will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Advance voting will also be held on one Sunday — Oct. 26, from noon to 5 p.m.

City residents' closest advance voting location is the Ron Anderson Recreation Center, 3820 Macedonia Rd.

There is no voting on Saturday, Nov. 1, through Monday, Nov. 3. On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4, voters must go to their assigned polling location, open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The deadline to register to vote or to change one's address prior to the November general election is Monday, Oct. 6.

Also on the ballot are two statewide contests as part of the Georgia Public Service Commission special election.

Visit the My Voter Page on the Georgia Secretary of State's website at <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/> to find your polling place, the candidates on your ballot, and other voter information.

### Qualified Candidates for Nov. 7 General Election

**City Council Ward 1**  
Raja Antone (Unopposed)

**City Council Ward 2**  
Doris Dawkins (Incumbent/Unopposed)

**City Council Ward 3**  
Dwayne Green (Incumbent/Unopposed)

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## CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING? STREAM IT ONLINE

The City in recent years has expanded the number of meetings it livestreams in order to provide better access to residents and others.

Quarterly town hall meetings are livestreamed on the city's Facebook page, [facebook.com/cityofpowdersprings](https://facebook.com/cityofpowdersprings). Additionally, the quarterly town halls are also livestreamed on [powdersprings.tv](https://powdersprings.tv). That website is also where you can livestream City Council meetings.

City Council work sessions can be viewed on the Zoom videoconferencing platform, with meeting links found by visiting [powderspringsga.gov](https://powderspringsga.gov). There is no public participation at the work sessions, either in person or on the Zoom platform.

Planning & Zoning meetings are also accessible via the Zoom platform.

## FALL/WINTER SANITATION SCHEDULE ALTERATIONS

There will be no yard waste collection the following weeks:

**Nov 17, 2025**  
**Dec 1, 2025**

**Dec 29, 2025**  
**Jan 5, 2026**

### Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2025

No yard waste will be collected Nov. 17. Tuesday's cart route (Nov. 11) will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 12, Wednesday's route will be picked up on Thursday, Nov. 13. Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 14, and Friday's route will be picked up on Monday, Nov. 17.

### Thanksgiving Holidays, Nov. 27-28, 2025

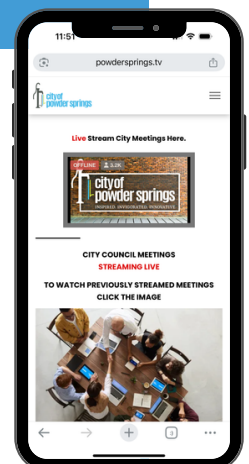
No yard waste will be collected Dec. 1. Thursday's cart route (Nov. 27) will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 1. Friday's route (Nov. 28) will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 2, along with Tuesday's normal route. (Note: Any trash not picked up on Monday and Tuesday will be picked up through the remainder of the week).

### Christmas Holidays, Dec. 24-25, 2025

No yard waste will be collected Dec. 29. Wednesday's cart route (Dec. 24) will be picked up on Friday (Dec. 26) along with Friday's normal route; any trash not picked for Friday's route will be picked up on Monday morning. Thursday's route (Dec. 25) will be picked up on Monday afternoon (Dec. 29); and trash not picked up from Thursday's route on Monday afternoon (Dec. 29) will be picked up on Tuesday (Dec. 30) along with Tuesday's route.

### New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2026

No yard waste will be picked up on Jan. 5. Thursday's cart route (Jan. 1) will be picked up on Friday (Jan. 2). Friday's route (Jan. 2) will be picked up on Monday (Jan. 5).



# NOW OPEN: OUR NEW CITY HALL

The City opened its new City Hall on Aug. 11. The two-story facility at 4483 Pineview Drive brought our Municipal Court and most city departments back under one roof at the downtown location.

Visitors to City Hall may park in the publicly accessible parking deck behind City Hall. To access the parking deck, drivers should take Oakview Drive and turn 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; those requiring ADA accessibility may park in the deck's upper level, accessed by taking the second left.

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



## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

For more info visit the city website, [powderspringsga.gov](http://powderspringsga.gov).

## RETIRING POLICE CHIEF CADWELL CAPS 26 YEARS IN CITY



City staff bid a bittersweet farewell last month to Police Chief Lane Cadwell, who retired after more than a quarter century with the city, and a 40-plus-year career in public safety.

Cadwell had led the Powder Springs Police Department since being named interim chief in early 2021 before officially becoming the department's leader after the City Council's unanimous approval of his appointment as chief that August.

After beginning his work with the city in 1999 as a part-time dispatcher for the Police Department, Cadwell went through the police academy in 2001 and began working as a part-time officer the following January. He went on to become a full-time officer and continue on in the department, with his tenure taking him through several divisions, including Uniform Patrol, Detectives, SWAT, and the Office of Professional Standards.

A proud resident of Powder Springs, Cadwell and his wife Melody have raised their family in the community he has long served and protected. His commitment to public service has clearly inspired the next generation — his daughter serves as a dispatcher, and his son is a paramedic.

Now looking forward to a new chapter, Cadwell says he is excited to spend more time with his family especially after the arrival of his first granddaughter.