



Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods

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Important Meetings

Zoning applications follow the City process below. The projects listed are not all the zoning items for that meeting. We encourage you to check the [calendar here](#) closer to the date of the meeting where you can review the "Agenda" and look for the yellow bar for "supporting files". Meetings are at City Hall.

1. Community Informational Meetings
2. Design Review Board - Tu, 9/11 & 9/25 at 9am
3. Planning Commission - Th, 9/20 at 7pm
Vote on JAS Parking Deck
4. Mayor and City Council - Tu, 9/18 at 6pm - Vote on adding a Circuit City to the Prado project

Info About Us

Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods (SSCN) is a strong and knowledgeable lobbying organization established to support all the neighborhoods of Sandy Springs. We have had and continue to have many successes that help assure that a high quality of life is maintained for the residents of our city.

Membership

If your Homeowners Association / Group has not joined SSCN for 2007, please contact Marlise Landeck at 404-257-0757 or email at MarliseLandeck@SandySpringsCouncil.org for membership information and forms.

Dear Mark,

Welcome to the Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods September Newsletter! We want to hear from you - tell us what you think and where we can help. **Please forward this email** to those in your neighborhood who want to keep up to date and/or want to get involved.

→ The Prado Project Grows - District 6

If you've been in the area of Roswell Road and I-285 in the last few months (and who hasn't), you've certainly seen the Big Dig at The Prado. While we're encouraged by Sembler's (the developer) sizable investment in this project, we are very concerned that it has morphed into another Regional Big Box Complex from what we had hoped would be a neighborhood village concept with "soul". The Prado could establish the new face of Sandy Springs and provide the impetus for other planners and builders to hone their craft on a model both functional and inherently pleasing to our Sandy Springs neighborhoods. Now, Sembler has proposed to add one more Big Box - a Circuit City which would be its fifth retailer of 20,000 square feet or more. The other large retailers are Target, Home Depot, Publix and Staples. This application goes before the City Council on September 18 at 6 pm. [full article](#)

→ Parking Deck for Glenridge Drive? - District 5

JAS, a company that has moved its headquarters from Italy to Sandy Springs owns 2 commercial buildings located next to the Post Office on Glenridge Dr. They have now purchased 2 single family homes located in the Tall Oaks neighborhood (north of their offices) and have an application to build a 3 story parking deck on the residential parcels with over 60 parking spaces (this number has changed from over 80). This business is trying to encroach into a single family neighborhood that is a protected neighborhood. Originally they were trying to build the parking deck on the back of the residential land but their latest attempt is to just change the zoning on the single family homes. The neighborhood is working hard to get this project denied due to the encroachment of the 3 story deck and the increased traffic it will create. They have asked SSCN to inform and engage other SS homeowners. The next City meeting is in front of the Planning Commission on September 20 at City Hall at 7 pm. If you have any questions or want to help out contact Alan Powell at AlanPowell@SandySpringsCouncil.org

➔ **Apartment Tower Proposal
Withdrawn - District 4**

Thanks to SSCN and heavy neighborhood opposition; an application for a 9 story apartment tower, office and retail rezoning appears dead with the applicant failing to close on the property as of Friday, August 31. The property on Peachtree Dunwoody just south of the North Springs Commuter Rail station is currently a Bed and Breakfast on 3 acres and sits on a steep slope bordered by Marsh Creek. The proposed project would have been a precedent setting higher density use for the area. The application was deferred by SS City Council for 60 days on August 21 where the Council requested further information on traffic.

Surrounding neighborhoods are willing to meet with new developers that have plans that are inline with the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan such as a high-end senior assisted living center. For more info contact SSCN Director Tochie Blad at TochieBlad@SandySpringsCouncil.org

Thanks for your interest in the City of Sandy Springs. We hope this newsletter will help us all keep connected and make our city the best ever!
Sincerely,

Your Friends at
Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods