



When called upon to advise an HOA the mission of Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods to “... enhance the quality of life in Sandy Springs.... identify common issues, achieve common goals, unify the community and encourage healthy, responsible development.” will always be the primary objective.

This year the City of Sandy Springs finds itself under a great many pressures from both local and regional growth. City transportation and infrastructure changes and improvements are being funded and executed through the projects identified and approved by the City Council as part of the T-SPLOST initiative. These projects were voted on by citizens and in many respects carried with them an expected outcome.

The City and many of its residents are now faced with the prospect of being highly impacted by Georgia Department of Transportation projects that bring with them a great air of uncertainty. The mitigation of the inevitable impacts of the I-285 and GA 400 lane additions and elevations are not a singular battle to be won for any one resident or one neighborhood. The broader picture of quality of life for the major transportation corridors must remain in focus for all involved. The ripple effects beyond those corridors must also be carefully examined to understand what actions will cause those effects and we must plan to minimize them.

Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods will work side by side with elected officials at every level to continue to exercise the mission surrounding quality of life. While the Georgia Department of Transportation appears to operate with some autonomy it is understood that a strong community voice in concert with that of State and local leaders can affect some change in the proposed infrastructure. We will continue to work to deliver a message to GDOT that SSCN, the neighborhoods and all affected residents will remain committed to advocating for changes in design that benefit them in the long run.

SSCN Board members will maintain open lines of communication with the neighborhoods as they endeavor to represent their concerns and will insure the community’s best interests are considered. Council of Neighborhoods will continue to carry out the overarching mission of unifying neighborhoods in addressing common issues surrounding development of all kinds.

Stay in touch with SSCN through our website and newsletters and encourage friends and neighbors to do the same. Attend the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting to hear from Deborah Silcox about how she and her peers in the Georgia State House are endeavoring to help protect your quality of life in Sandy Springs.

Thank you for your continued support. When you join Council of Neighborhoods your dues provide the support necessary so that our all-volunteer Board can devote its energy to the neighborhoods during times when it is needed most.

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