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Welcome to the City of Sandy Springs! I am glad you're here. You are joining 98,000 other residents who make this Georgia's sixth largest city and the second largest in the metro area. This guide details many things you will need to know to make you at home in our dynamic city. I'd like to share with you some impressive facts about your new city:

- The City of Sandy Springs is home to more than 3,700 businesses resulting in almost 57,000 private sector jobs within the City.
- Sandy Springs has more Fortune 500 corporations per capita than any other city in the U.S.; UPS, NewellRubbermaid and First Data are headquartered in the City.
- The City is home to many international businesses including six Consulates, six Bi-lateral Chambers of Commerce and two Trade Offices. The Consulates include Colombia, Czech Republic, India, Netherlands, Nigeria and Spain. In addition, Australia, Czech Republic, Israel, The Netherlands and South Africa all have Chambers of Commerce and Hong Kong and Thailand have Trade Offices in Sandy Springs.
- More than 58 percent of Sandy Springs residents have a college degree or advance degree, which is 30 percentage points above the national share of 27.5 percent.
- The City has received numerous accolades including ranking fourth in CNNMoney's list of Best Places to Live, and Forbes' list of America's Top 25 Towns to Live Well.

I am sure you will find your new city to have an abundance of wonderful restaurants, shopping opportunities, outdoor activities, historic sites and impressive parks. Again, I am glad you are choosing to make Sandy Springs home, and I hope you find this guide helpful.

Sincerely,

Eva Galan

Mayor Eva Galambos, Ph.D. City of Sandy Springs





## ANIMALS/PETS

Sandy Springs loves our pets and animals. Fulton County facilitates our Animal Control.

- (404) 794-0358
- www.fultonanimalservices.com

## CABLE TV

There are several providers of cable TV in Sandy Springs.

- www.comcast.com
- www.directv.com
- www.chartercabledeals.com
- www.att.com

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### Sandy Springs/Perimeter Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Sandy Springs/Perimeter Chamber of Commerce is to promote the unique identity of the Sandy Springs and Perimeter business communities via open communication, local leadership, mobilizing resources and garnering support for projects to enhance this city's competitive position in metro-Atlanta, the state and the Southeast. The Chamber hosts a multitude of networking events including, Bagels & Business, Networking @ Noon, Coffee & Contacts and many other events.

- (678) 443-2990
- www.sandyspringsperimeterchamber.com/



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## **DRIVERS' SERVICES**

#### Licenses

One must apply for a Georgia driver's license within 30 days of becoming a Georgia resident. All Customer Service Centers can transfer an out of state license to a Georgia license. A few Customer Service Centers in the Metro Atlanta area (Atlanta-Capital Avenue, Decatur, Lithonia, Locust Grove, North Cobb and Lawrenceville) offer appointments to transfer an out of state license to Georgia. The Georgia Department of Driver Services issues driver's licenses for all residents of the state.

- 8610 Roswell Road, Suite 710 Sandy Springs, GA 30350
- (770) 551-7371 or (678) 413-8400
- www.dds.ga.gov/

#### Tags

A new resident moving to Georgia needs to register or renew a motor vehicle application. The applicant must provide a photo ID, proof of insurance and a current emissions certificate



(when applicable). Renewal must be done by the applicant's birthday. If a new resident to Georgia moves into the state after his/her birthday, proof must be provided in order to be exempt from taxes for the current year.

#### Motor Vehicle License Tax Division

- North Fulton Service Center 6075 Roswell Road NE, Suite 300 Atlanta, GA 30328
- (404) 730-6100
- For questions concerning emissions testing, please call (800) 449-2471.
- http://motor.etax.dor.ga.gov



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## **EMERGENCIES**

For Police/Fire/EMS emergencies, call 911. For nonemergency police and fire service, call (770) 730-5600.



By Law, all monitored alarm systems must be registered with the City. To register your alarm system, visit:

www.sandyspringsga.gov/Alarm

## **FEDERAL SERVICES**

#### **The Internal Revenue Service**

- 401 W. Peachtree St. NW Atlanta, GA 30308
- i Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- (404) 338-7962
- www.irs.gov

#### **Social Security Administration**

- 401 W. Peachtree St., Suite 2860 Atlanta, GA 30308
- i Monday Friday, 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., except Federal holidays
- (800) 772-1213
- www.ssa.gov

#### **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

- 1700 Clairmont Road Decatur, GA 30033
- (800) 827-1000
- www.va.gov

## GARBAGE

The City of Sandy Springs does not provide trash collection services for residents. Residents must contract with private collection services for garbage pick up. For a list of approved solid waste and trash collectors, please check the City's website.

www.sandyspringsga.gov/community/approved-solid-wastehaulers





## GAS

#### **Georgia Public Service Commission**

Depending upon their location, natural gas customers in Georgia can purchase gas from one of three types of providers: an investorowned local distribution company, a natural gas marketer or a municipal gas system.

http://www.psc.state.ga.us/gas/gas.asp

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

#### **Fulton County Health Department**

The mission of the Fulton County Health Department is to promote, protect and assure the health and wellness for the people of Fulton County.

www.fultoncountygahealth.gov

## HOSPITALS

Sandy Springs is home to forty percent of available hospital beds in the metro Atlanta area with three nationally recognized hospitals located here.

#### **Children's Healthcare at Scottish Rite**

At Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, we know that children's bodies, diseases and injuries are different from those of adults. Every patient receives specialized diagnosis, treatment and support, with the equipment to match—whatever a child's shape or size. Children should be cared for by pediatric doctors, nurses and specialists who understand these differences.

- 1001 Johnson Ferry Road NE Sandy Springs, GA 30342-1600
- (404) 785-5252
- uww.choa.org

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#### **Northside Hospital**

Voted "Atlanta's Most Preferred Hospital for All Healthcare Needs" for 16 consecutive years, Northside Hospital offers a full range of services and has become an abmbassador of women's health issues.

- 1000 Johnson Ferry Road NE Sandy Springs, GA 30342
- (404) 851-8580
- www.northside.com

#### Saint Joseph's Hospital Atlanta

Saint Joseph's Hospital is a leader among Georgia health-care providers, respected for its expertise, innovation in health-care delivery and quality of care. The 410-bed acute-care facility is recognized as one of the top specialty-referral hospitals in the Southeast. Saint Joseph's Hospital is a part of the Emory Healthcare System.

- 5665 Peachtree Dunwoody Road NE Atlanta, GA 30342
- (404) 851-7001
- www.stjosephsatlanta.org





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## LIBRARY

The Atlanta-Fulton County Library System serves the residents of Sandy Springs with a local library located at:

- 395 Mount Vernon Highway N.E. Atlanta, GA 30328
- (404) 303-6130
- www.afplweb.com

## MAPS

www.sandyspringsga.gov/Maps-Plats

### PARKS: CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS PARKS

#### Abernathy Greenway

i Opening 2014.

#### **Abernathy Park**

254 Johnson Ferry Road

#### Allen Road Park

5900 Lake Forrest Drive

#### **Big Trees Forest Preserve**

- 7645 Roswell Road
- www.bigtreesforest.com

#### Heritage Green

- 6075 Sandy Springs Circle
- www.heritagesandysprings.org



#### Hammond Park i This park features a variety of attractions including,

- gymnastics, a soccer field, tennis and basketball courts and playground areas.
- 705 Hammond Drive

#### **Lost Corner Preserve**

- Dalrymple and Brandon Mill Roads
- www.friendsoflostcorner.org

#### Morgan Falls Overlook Park

- i This 30-acre award winning riverside park includes picnic pavilions, playground, restrooms, boat dock, hiking trail, swings and scenic views.
- 450 Morgan Falls Road

#### **Ridgeview Park**

5200 South Trimble Road

#### Sandy Springs Tennis Center

- 500 Abernathy Road
- (404) 303-6182





### PARKS: NATIONAL PARK SITES

#### Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area

Today the river valley attracts us for so many reasons. Take a solitary walk to enjoy nature's display, raft leisurely through the rocky shoals with friends, fish the misty waters as the sun comes up or have a picnic on a Sunday afternoon. Experience your Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

www.nps.gov/chat

#### **East Palisades National Recreation Area**

East Palisades is located in Sandy Springs right on the Fulton/ Cobb County border. The park offers amenities such as hiking, fishing, viewing wildlife and picnicking.

www.nps.gov/chat/planyourvisit/unitdirections.htm

#### **Island Ford National Recreation Area**

Island Ford is on the Chattahoochee and is the location of the Park Headquarters and Visitor Contact Station. It also has some great trails. You can stroll along the river for about a mile and might catch a glimpse of a deer or fox when walking along the hills that line the river in this section of the park. There is also a canoe launch where one can stop mid-float to see the Visitor Contact Station or have a picnic.

www.nps.gov/chat/planyourvisit/islandford.htm

### PROPERTY TAXES

All property owners in the City of Sandy Springs pay property taxes to Fulton County, the Fulton County School System and the City of Sandy Springs. Property tax bills are issued from the Fulton County Tax Commissioner's Office.

Homestead Exemption—To qualify for a homestead exemption, you must own and occupy the property as your legal residence as of January 1 of the current tax year. There is no deadline to apply; however, to receive the exemption for the current year,

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applications must be filed by March 1. Applications filed after March 1 will be considered for the following year. For additional information on eligibility or the proper method of applying for an exemption, you may call the Tax Assessors' Office at (404) 224-0102.

- (404) 730-4000
- www.fultoncountytaxes.org

## RECYCLING

Recycling services are available at the Morgan Falls Recycling Center. A variety of items are accepted; check the website for details.

- 470 Morgan Falls Road Sandy Springs, GA 30350
- www.kssnfb.org

## **SCHOOLS**

#### **Private Schools**

Independent schools in Sandy Springs provide an excellent variety of educational choice from preschool through 12th grade; and all are co-educational. There are more than 40 private schools in Sandy Springs.





#### **Public Schools**

Founded in 1871, the Fulton County School System is one of the oldest and largest school districts in Georgia. With a focus on student achievement and a commitment to continual improvement, Fulton County has earned a reputation as a premier school system. This long history of excellence is evidenced by the many state and national honors bestowed on Fulton County's schools, staff and students. Sandy Springs has six elementary and two middle and two high schools. North Springs Charter High School, which is a dual magnet program, and Riverwood Charter High School which has an International Baccalaureate proram, have both been recognized as AP Honor Schools in recognition of their Advanced Placement programming and testing results.

- (404) 768-3600
- www.fultonschools.org

### TOURISM

#### **Sandy Springs Hospitality and Tourism**

Sandy Springs Hospitality and Tourism provides vistors with a wide variety of information on what to do and where to go in Sandy Springs. Check out their website for a multitude of travel brochures and information.

- 6065 Roswell Road, Suite 210 Sandy Springs, GA 30325
- (866) 511-7742
- www.visitsandysprings.org



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### TRANSPORTATION

#### Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport

Sandy Springs is a metro centerpoint of two of the most traveled arteries in the Southeast and is just about a 40 minute drive to the airport. Hartsfield-Jackson bears the proud distinction of being "the world's busiest passenger airport." The airport has long been known as a major connecting hub serving destinations around the globe.

www.atlanta-airport.com

#### **Georgia Department of Transportation**

The Georgia Department of Transportation plans, constructs, maintains and improves the state's roads and bridges; provides planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit and airports; provides airport and air safety planning; and provides air travel to state departments. GDOT also provides administrative support to the State Tollway Authority and the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority.

- (404) 656-5267 or 511 for traffic information
- www.dot.state.ga.us

#### State Road and Tollway Authority

State Road and Tollway Authority is the organization that operates Georgia's toll roads. With its charter, it also serves a valuable and vital role as one of the financing arms for State transportation agencies.

www.georgiatolls.com

#### MARTA

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority is Atlanta's stateof-the-art public transportation system. MARTA's mission is to provide customers with the highest level of safe, clean, reliable and affordable transportation. There are three rail stations in Sandy Springs and numerous bus stops.

www.itsmarta.com





## VOTING

The Fulton County Voter Registration Office handles voter registration for the entire county. You must be registered to vote in an election and must be registered as a resident within the area in which you intend to vote. In addition, you must be registered 29 days prior to the election date.

www.sandyspringsga.gov/Vote

## WASTEWATER—SEWER

The Water & Sewer Billing and Collection Division of Fulton County manages the sewer accounts for residents in North Fulton County.

- Water & Sewer Billing and Collections Division 141 Pryor St. SW, Seventh Floor Atlanta, GA 30303
- Main Customer Service Line: (404) 730-6830
- https://waterbilling.fultoncountyga.gov

### WATER

The Atlanta Department of Watershed Management provides water services to the City of Sandy Springs' residents, businesses and wholesale customers.

www.atlantawatershed.org



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## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS & EVENTS

# ACT3 PLAYHOUSE & PRODUCTIONS

Act3's mission is to "inspire performers, support positive values and enrich the arts community by producing professional-level performances." Located in Sandy Springs Plaza behind Trader Joes, Act3 provides theatrical entertainment to Sandy Springs. For tickets and to see list of upcoming shows, visit:

www.act3productions.org/

### **ANNE FRANK EXHIBIT**

Just off Roswell Road in the heart of Sandy Springs, the Anne Frank Exhibit displays more than 600 photographs telling the story of a young Anne Frank and the history of the Holocaust. Free admission.

www.annefrankexhibitsandysprings.org

### FARMERS MARKET

From April through October on Saturday mornings, Sandy Springs Farmers Market provides access to local vendors for fresh food, located at 235 Sandy Springs Circle.

http://sandyspringsfarmersmarket.com/



## HERITAGE SANDY SPRINGS

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Heritage Sandy Springs is a nonprofit organization that builds community through preserving and promoting the historic and cultural identity of Sandy Springs. Heritage Sandy Springs manages and operates Heritage Green, the four-acre park in the heart of Sandy Springs and home of the original springs; the Sandy Springs Society Entertainment Lawn, and the Heritage Sandy Springs Museum. Heritage Sandy Springs enriches the quality of life for Sandy Springs residents and visitors through cultural, historical and educational opportunities.

http://www.heritagesandysprings.org/

### LEFONT SANDY SPRINGS

Lefont Theaters was started in 1976 with the opening of Atlanta's legendary repertory cinema, The Silver Screen. Today, Lefont Theatres continues its excellence at the Lefont Sandy Springs Theater.

http://www.lefonttheaters.com/index.asp

### TOWN TURTLES

The Town Turtles of Sandy Springs, a public art exhibit, was one of the most successful fundraising projects for The Sandy Springs Society. Designed by Jack Elrod, the box turtle was selected as the form because it is indigenous to the area.

 http://www.sandyspringssociety.org/Turtle-Map. pdf



#### ARTSSPRING ARTSSPRING

Each spring, 30 days are dedicated to promoting the Arts in Sandy Springs with sponsored events.

□ http://www.artsandysprings.org

### **CONCERTS BY THE SPRINGS**

Concerts by the Springs is an annual series of free outdoor concerts, open to the public. The series is held at Heritage Green, on The Sandy Springs Society Entertainment Lawn, 6110 Bluestone Road. Scheduled on Sunday evenings throughout the summer, the series features unforgettable performances with a variety of popular music.

http://www.heritagesandysprings.org/Concerts-by-the-Springs/

## SANDY SPRINGS CYCLING CHALLENGE

Global Imports Cycling Challenge is held each May as part of the USA Southeast Crits Series. Taste of Sandy Springs is also featured on the sidelines of the cycling route for championship enthusiasts to enjoy local restaurants.

http://sandyspringschallenge.org/

### ELEGANT ELF

The premier shopping fundraiser for The Sandy Springs Society, Elegant Elf is held every November and features more than 80 vendors.

http://www.sandyspringssociety.org/elegant-elf.html

## SANDY SPRINGS FESTIVAL

Each year, more than 25,000 attendees gather at Heritage Green to shop the street-lined booths with more than 600 artists, crafters and vendors, and enjoy good times with music, food and fun.

http://www.sandyspringsfestival.com/



## **AREA ATTRACTIONS**

## ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

This peaceful oasis includes 30 acres of gardens, an urban forest, wildflower trails, the Dorothy Chapman Fuqua Conservatory and 10,000-square-foot Fuqua Orchid Center. The Garden also offers year-round special events, exhibits and educational workshops.

www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org

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## ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER

This attraction features 32 acres of gardens and wildlife trails and includes the 1840s Tullie Smith Farm, the 1928 Swan House mansion and Swan Coach House restaurant.

www.atlantahistorycenter.com

### CENTENNIAL OLYMPIC PARK

This 21-acre site was one of the most popular spots in Atlanta during the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. Today, year-round programming featuring concerts, family activities and artists' markets make the park a gathering place for Atlantans and visitors alike. The park features the world's largest Olympic Ring fountain.

- (404) 222-PARK (7275)
- www.centennialpark.com

### CENTER FOR PUPPETRY ARTS

The Center for Puppetry Arts is the largest organization in North America dedicated to the art of puppetry. An interactive museum, Puppets: The Power of Wonder, is the largest puppetry museum in the United States.

www.puppet.org

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## CHASTAIN PARK/ AMPHITHEATER/HORSE PARK

Chastain Memorial Park is a much loved and used park of 320 acres including: nine tennis courts, two baseball fields, 18-hole golf course, gymnasium with basketball court, weight facility and five ball fields, Chastain Arts and Crafts Center, Chastain Pool, Chastain Park, Chastain Stables, and PATH Foundation park trail: a 3.3-mile circuit for jogging, bicycling, walking.

www.buckhead.net/parks

## FERNBANK MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

At Fernbank Museum of Natural History, come face to face with the world's largest dinosaurs. Don't miss stunning traveling special exhibitions or the incredible five-story experience of an IMAX® film.

www.fernbankmuseum.org

### **GEORGIA AQUARIUM**

The world's largest aquarium, the Georgia Aquarium is home to more than 100,000 animals of 500 different species and eight million gallons of fresh and marine water with five galleries depicting different habitats.

www.georgiaaquarium.org

### THE HIGH MUSEUM

The High Museum of Art is the leading art museum in the southeast, where visitors can expect a broad, diverse selection of art comprising 19th-20th century American works, European paintings, decorative arts, African, African-American art, photography, modern and contemporary art.

www.high.org





## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

It was a swelteringly hot and clear Monday, June 27, 1864, when some of the heaviest fighting of the Atlanta Campaign of the Civil War occurred here. Interpreted here are the historic events where more than 5,350 soldiers were killed in the battle fought here from June 19, 1864 through July 2, 1864.

http://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/hours.htm

## MARGARET MITCHELL HOUSE AND VISITORS CENTER

Built in 1899 by Cornelius J. Sheehan, the two-story, single-family home on fashionable Peachtree Street was converted in 1919 into a 10-unit apartment building. It was here, from 1925 until 1932, that Margaret Mitchell lived in Apartment No. 1 and wrote her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, Gone With the Wind.

www.gwtw.org



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## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Just past noon on January 15, 1929, a son was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr., in an upstairs bedroom of 501 Auburn Ave., in Atlanta. It was in these surroundings of home, church (Ebenezer Baptist Church) and neighborhood (Sweet Auburn) that "M.L." experienced family and Christian love, segregation in the days of "Jim Crow" laws, diligence and tolerance.

http://www.nps.gov/malu

## PROFESSIONAL ATHLETICS TEAMS

The Metro-Atlanta area is fortunate to have several professional athletics teams located in downtown Atlanta:

#### Atlanta Braves Baseball

- www.braves.com
- **Atlanta Falcons Football** 
  - www.atlantafalcons.com

Altanta Hawks Basketball

www.nba.com/hawks

Atlanta Dream Soccer

www.wnba.com/dream

### **STONE MOUNTAIN**

Located on 3,200 acres of natural beauty, Stone Mountain Park features a wide variety of fun family activities and things to do. Amazing adventures await as you discover interactive children's attractions. Plus, you'll not want to miss dozens of fun annual events such as the Yellow Daisy Festival, Stone Mountain Christmas or the Indian Festival & Pow Wow. Stone Mountain is also home to the world's largest piece of exposed granite.

www.stonemountainpark.com

## WILLIAM BREMAN JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM

Through its exhibitions, publications and resources, this museum of the Atlanta Jewish Federation explores Jewish heritage in general and relates to other cultures and religions. It contains two permanent galleries and hosts special rotating exhibits year-round.

www.thebreman.org

## WORLD OF COKE

The World of Coca-Cola at Pemberton Place<sup>™</sup> in downtown Atlanta. See a 4-D movie experience, a fully operational bottling line and sample more than 70 Coca-Cola products from around the world.

www.worldofcoca-cola.com

## **ZOO ATLANTA**

Located in historic Grant Park, the Zoo features more than 200 species of animals from destinations, such as the African plains and Asian forests. The Zoo's landscape spans nearly 40 acres of lush greenery and forests.

www.zooatlanta.com



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