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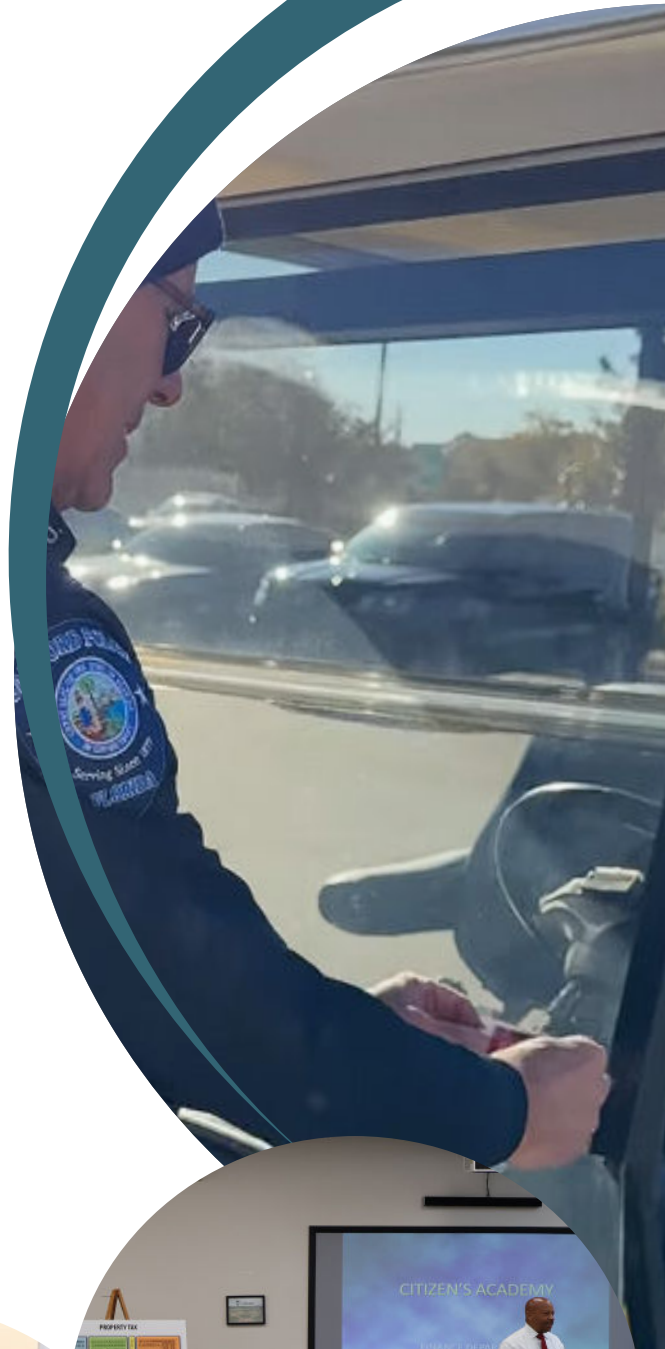
New Look New Fiscal Year

**Welcome to the new City of Sanford
Quarterly City Manager Updates. A
glimpse into Departmental
accomplishments over the last three
months.**

Each quarter follows the Sanford fiscal year calendar, for this issue the highlights cover the months of January 2026 to March 2026.

Additional updates and information can be found by visiting the public information dashboards. See links below.

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Development Services

Planning

Successfully completed the relocation of the Front Porch project to the Westside Center, allowing the transfer of the former site to support future development of the Goldsboro Museum.

Building

Selected an AI Company for sufficiency review. Now in procurement process

Code Enforcement

Two officers attended Level 1 F.A.C.E. Training

Business Tax & Licensing

Selected a third party vendor to help with identification and billing of businesses operating in the city.

Permitting Process Updates

Final Report from the consultant Raftelis is being collected and drafted.

Parks & Recreation

Parks & Grounds

Director Lisa Jones retirement was the major highlight of the quarter! Her service and dedication to the City of Sanford will be remembered and appreciated for years to come.

Recreation

The Museum hosted the Battle of Camp Monroe with a reenactment of the battle on the shores of Lake Monroe. Participants depicted the forces involved, demonstrated logistical challenges of warfare and campaigns in the era, and showed Seminole lifeways and culture to bring context and humanity to this foundational event in Seminole County History.

Recreation produced another Baseball Opening Day event with 1500 in attendance. Guest speaker was Tyrone Davis speaking on the importance of health and fitness. Commission Thomas threw out the first pitch and it was a fast ball strike down the middle.

City Clerk

Continued implementation process with the IT division to roll out electronic agenda memo submission software. This process will result in time savings for staff and less paper being used, another benefit to look forward to upon implementation.

Public Works

Fleet

Completed 526 Repair & Maintenance Work Orders including 224 Scheduled Preventative Inspection Services and 26 Emergency Roadside Services.

successfully consulted with City Departments in order to submit all 5-year Fleet CIP projected needs.

Began rolling out City-wide Telematics system, approximately 40% of City assets have devices installed.

Facilities

436 utility locates completed and 95 streetlights repairs completed.

Solid Waste

Submitted questions to Seminole County on second draft of new Interlocal Agreement with Seminole County, to include a substantial increase in cost for recycle processing fees.

Waste Pro contract renewal discussions.

Streets

Completed extensive concrete work-grinding and replacements in Crown Colony and Kaywood Subdivisions.

Staff completed training for asphalt and brush/woodchipper.

Public Works Continued

Stormwater

Street sweeping approximately 1,750 miles. Due to the overabundance of falling leaves obstructing roads and sidewalks several employees had to utilize extended hours/days to ensure roads were cleaned and maintained.

Pipe installation 550ft. on Park Ave. and 25th Place.

2nd Streetscape

The City's contractors continue to make strong progress and are currently completing electrical work, installing streetlights with festoon holders, and finalizing landscaping. The project remains on schedule for full completion before the end of May.

2nd Street Construction Status (from Sanford Avenue to Oak Avenue):

- Sanford Avenue to Palmetto Avenue: 93% Complete.
- Palmetto Avenue to Magnolia Avenue: 88% Complete.
- Magnolia Avenue to Park Avenue: 76% Complete.
- Park Avenue to Oak Avenue: 79% Complete.

Aero Ln Stormwater

Aero Lane and 5th Street stormwater project construction has begun and project is underway.

Utilities

Water & Sewer

Completed smoke testing on 40,000 Linear Feet of gravity sewer mains.

Submitted the loan application for \$19,166,503 for the DW5901C forgivable SRF loan.

Plants

Draft Design-Build Agreement for improvements to the Main Water Plant for 1,4 Dioxane and sent to Wharton-Smith for review and comment.

South Plant Projects: 1. Contractor sandblasted & painted generator. Installed run exercise programming for the generator. Cut Mill Creek field for the K9 dogs & police officers.

Administration

Line stops were installed by Range Line at 14th Street and Bell Avenue to complete emergency fire hydrant repairs following a fire incident.

The Saint Johns Regional Water Management Authority finalized their City of Sanford area Basin Management Action Plans (Sanford is within 3 different basins, Gemini Springs, Middle St. Johns and Lake Jessup) last summer. These plans require any wastewater treatment plant that produced reclaimed water for irrigation to be upgraded to advanced treatment by 2035 for nutrient reductions. The plans also require the city to begin notifying customers in 2026 that are adjacent to a gravity sewer and on a septic tank system that they have 365 days from the date of notice to connect to the city's sewer system. The city is required to maintain a list of the customers that have been notified and submit it to the district every 2 years.

Utilities Continued

1,4 Dioxane Update

Total SRF Grant Funding Increased to
\$55,765,755.00

Mayfair & Pulmosa Update

Sewer rehabilitation in the Mayfair neighborhood from January to June.

North Plant Update

Additional Project Updates ([click here](#)).

Repaired leak on the water line.

Customer Service Training

Customer Service currently will not be moving forward with the previously provided virtual/online training modules. The Director is exploring vendors who can provide in person training for staff.

Police Department

Investigations

Sanford Police Officers have arrested Zeidan Markel McKeever (D.O.B. 7/17/2006) in connection to a shooting in the parking lot of 7-Eleven. He was charged with Criminal Mischief and Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon. *

A third defendant, Jamarlon Lee Green (D.O.B. 8/04/1995), was identified and indicted by a grand jury in connection with the November 1, 2025, homicide of La-Don Ja Quan Williams. The grand jury indicted him on First-Degree Premeditated Murder, along with Moses Mitchell and Damarious Ditrell Cofield.

On February 20, 2026, the Sanford Police Department executed a search warrant in connection to drug activity in our community. The search warrant was executed in partnership with the following agencies: the Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, and Seminole County Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. Drugs and multiple firearms were seized.

Community Relations - Professional Standards

Hosted three great Coffee with a Cop Events at McDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, and Sam's Club.

The Community Relations Unit hosted multiple Tip a Cop events to support the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Events were held at Texas Roadhouse and both Publix locations. *

The Community Relations Unit hosted two Financial Wellness Workshops at the Dr. Velma H. Williams Westside Community Center and King's Reserve, providing residents with information on protecting themselves from fraud and identity theft.

The Community Relations Unit hosted a Gun Buy Back in an effort to remove unsafe or unwanted firearms from the community. Over 70 firearms were surrendered during the event.

Administration

Chief Smith swore in five new police officers in the first quarter.

There were no 287g requests for the quarter.

There are currently 11 sworn vacancies and no support staff vacancies.

*Police Department Quarter 1 is the same as Quarter 2 for rest of the City.

Police Department

Patrol

After seven years of capturing criminals and captivating hearts, K-9 Lil' Man has officially retired.

Sanford Police Traffic Unit hosted the Golf Cart Registration and Renewal event to assist our residents with golf carts in obtaining their safety inspection and registration.

The Sanford Police Department Motor Unit joined law enforcement agencies from across Florida and beyond to honor and remember the life and legacy of Seminole County Sheriff's Office D/S Matt Miller, while competing in the Matt Miller Police Motorcycle Skills Challenge.

Agency -Wide

Sanford Police Department hosted the annual Chief's Challenge 5k as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Every law enforcement agency in Seminole County participated resulting in over 140 runners.

Members of the police department participated in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. parade. Command Officers walked in the parade while many others assisted in traffic control for the event.

Members of the Police Department participated in the City of Sanford Holiday Parade of Lights. Members of the department drove vehicles in the parade, Command Staff walked, and many officers worked traffic posts, ensuring it was a safe and successful event.

Crime Stats

As of April 12, 2026, there was a reported 13% increase in Part I crimes year to date.

Fire Department

Hiring 6 new employees.

Down logistics position.

Completed 868 annuals, 369 new construction, 86 food trucks, 499 plans review.

21 smoke alarms installed, 875 citizens contacted with public education events.

3239 calls this quarter, 81% SFD unit on scene of calls in the City.

Station 40 Update

Station 40 is nearing completion with a revised opening date set for May.

Finance/IT

Accounting

Held 2027 Budget kickoff training February 10, 2026

Purchasing

Launched the new requisition work flow process.

Processed 53 PBA's; 11 sealed bids including CCNA solicitation processing 14 contracts, CMAR processing 19 contracts; and 4 informal solicitation. Processed review and approved 557 PO's and (8) emergency PO's.

Information Technologies

Completed Windows 11 migration on 500 computers.

Upgraded Internet circuits to 1gb for future demands.

Implemented 12 Modern Applications / Workflows.

Human Resources

Hosted a world cancer day event that raised money to support B.A.S.E. Camp an organization that provides assistance to families battling pediatric cancer in Central Florida.

Launched a revised employee newsletter, allowing an outlet for employees to share departmental events, achievements, and updates. This addition helps our staff stay informed and stay connected, Sanford HR continues to find ways to be a preferred employer.

Training Update

Various trainings have been conducted during quarter 2, but a reevaluation of the training program accessible for all employees is currently under review.

Community Development

CDBG

Completed all 2024 Housing Rehabilitation projects and advanced 2025 efforts with four projects awarded and inspected. Strengthened strategic partnerships with key community organizations, including Homeless Services Network, SALT Outreach Inc., Rescue Outreach Mission, Seminole County Community Services Department, and Habitat for Humanity.

Additionally, participated in the City of Sanford Vendor Fair and completed CDBG fundamentals training through the National Community Development Association, further enhancing program capacity and compliance

LIHEAP

Streamlined operations to one FTE while maintaining service delivery. Assisted 157 households with home energy support to sustain essential utilities. Additionally, provided crisis assistance to 236 households, including energy deposit support to restore service for new clients and prevent further hardship.

MBK

MBK engaged 20 youth in a spring break experience at an Orlando Magic game, providing exposure and enrichment opportunities. Additionally, MBK partnered with DJJ to host a Fatherhood and Faith Roundtable, fostering meaningful dialogue and mentorship within the community.

REEI

REEI unveiled the Goldsboro Commemorative Quilt at City Hall, celebrating the community's history and legacy. The event was well attended by community members, stakeholders, leadership, and included descendants of the William Clark family. The unveiling received positive media coverage, including a feature by WESH 2 News, highlighting the City's commitment to preservation and community engagement.

Community Relations

Participated in the City's Citizens Academy to provide an overview of departmental programs and services, strengthening community awareness and engagement. Additionally, delivered a departmental update to the City Commission, ensuring continued transparency and alignment with organizational priorities.



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