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The City Newsletter was created for the purpose of providing a written medium for regularly sharing information from City Hall. It is a vehicle for the Board of Mayor and Commissioners and the City Manager to share information relevant to issues discussed, actions taken, and plans made by the Board of Mayor and Commissioners, to share newsworthy information about our residents and businesses, and to provide a calendar of scheduled City events.

# From the City Manager



**by Patrick Bryant**  
City Manager

In late January, I shared recommended changes to the public works program with the Board of Mayors

and Commissioners (BOMC) that included outsourcing solid waste and recycling services. Since that time, city staff have been hard at work sharing how these changes would provide a financial benefit for both the city and its citizens while still continuing high-quality services for the Avondale Estates community. Hopefully, you've been able to follow along through the numerous communications channels, including mailers delivered to homes, the city's website, social media, BOMC meeting recordings on the city's YouTube channel, and the weekly email E-News. But I wanted to share a short recap of where we stand to keep you up to date.

Last fall, the city issued a request for proposals (RFP) to determine the most cost-effective and efficient way to manage the city's solid waste disposal. I want to recognize Marcel Jackson, director of Public Works, who brought his past expertise to the development of the plan. The proposals showed contracting with an outside vendor would provide cost savings while maintaining high-level quality services for the city.

It's important to note that the cost of providing our current sanitation program is not fully covered by the sanitation fee. However, if the BOMC accepts the staff's recommendation, the sanitation fee will be reduced and completely cover sanitation services. Changes to the way we deliver sanitation services will allow the remaining Public Works staff to focus on non-sanitation tasks that the city hasn't had the resources to address. The city is also considering hiring a landscape company to handle more complex landscaping tasks that require specialized expertise. The good news is that all these changes can be accommodated within the



adopted operating budget while reducing the costs to households.

Let me share some key takeaways:

- ▶ Homeowners will see a reduction of approximately \$220 annually in their sanitation fee.
- ▶ Solid waste pickup will move to once a week, and recycling will remain once a week.
- ▶ Bulk pickup will be outsourced to the new company, and fees will decrease significantly.
- ▶ The city will still provide the same yard waste pickup service.
- ▶ Commercial businesses will still have multiple sanitation service options.
- ▶ The city will retain ten positions in the Public Works department, allowing them to shift focus to other much-needed public works tasks.
- ▶ Current staff not retained by the city will have the guaranteed option to work for the sanitation contractor, who has pledged to offer compensation packages starting at \$17 per hour.
- ▶ All these services will come under the current amount allocated for them in the 2024 adopted budget.

Discussions on this topic continue with the BOMC as we work through the details with the service provider. You'll find more details on

financing, logistics and staffing on **pages 6-7** of this newsletter. I invite you to scan the QR code below to review the details of the proposed plan within the frequently asked questions on the Public Works Project web page ([www.avondaleestates.org/2489/Proposed-Changes-to-the-Public-Works-Pro](http://www.avondaleestates.org/2489/Proposed-Changes-to-the-Public-Works-Pro)). And if you're not already subscribed to the city's weekly email newsletters, I encourage you to do so by scanning this QR Code entitled E-News.

While I know change can be hard, I find it immensely rewarding to work on the intricate puzzle of crafting financial improvements and streamlining operations for our city. It's not just about balancing budgets; it's about creating efficiencies that enhance the overall well-being of our community.



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# Creating Efficiencies and Savings in Public Works

On January 24, 2024, the Board of Mayors and Commissioners (BOMC) heard recommendations from City Manager Patrick Bryant on proposed changes to the public works program, including contracting solid waste and recycling services to a third party. This past fall, the city requested proposals to determine the most cost-effective and efficient way to manage the city’s solid waste disposal. The proposals showed contracting with an outside vendor would provide cost savings while maintaining high-level quality services for the city.

Marcel Jackson, director of Public Works, was instrumental in developing the plan along with the city manager to create efficiencies within the department. “We’ve been diligently working on a solution for the past year, and we believe this plan will pay dividends for the long-term fiscal health of the city and our ability to sustain ourselves as a beautiful functioning community,” noted Bryant.

The cost of providing the current sanitation program is not fully covered by the sanitation fee. However, if the BOMC accepts the staff’s recommendation, the sanitation fee will not only be reduced but will completely cover the costs of sanitation services. Changes to the delivery of sanitation services will allow the remaining Public Works staff to focus on much-needed non-sanitation tasks. The city is also considering hiring a landscape company to handle more complex landscaping tasks that require specialized expertise.

For Jackson, the changes are welcome. In fact, Jackson started discussing how to bring a more sustainable, fiscally responsible model to the city with Bryant when he first began in 2020. Before coming to Avondale Estates, he helped lead a similar change to outsourced services in Montezuma, Georgia. “Change can be uncomfortable when you don’t know what to expect. But I’m confident this is the right thing to do to provide citizens the best bang for their buck,” said Jackson.

Jackson says the Public Works staff will work side-by-side with the contractor to ensure a smooth transition. “We’ve spent many hours working to create a solution that fits within the city’s budget and resources while keeping the high quality of solid waste services that the city’s residents have come to expect. This new proposal is a win-win for the residents and our team. We take pride in our work for the city and are excited to focus on items we’ve been unable to address,” explained Jackson.



## Financial Savings for City and Households

### Fits Within the City Budget

The proposed changes fit well within the adopted 2024 budget. Here’s the breakdown.

Proposed 2024 Public Works Personnel Costs	
\$743,629	= Total costs to retain ten positions
<b>-\$ 40,000</b>	= Personnel costs allocated to Stormwater Fund
<b>-\$ 150,000</b>	= Personnel costs allocated to the Sanitation Fund to retain yard waste services
<b>-\$ 120,000</b>	= Estimated costs of landscaping contract
<b>SUBTOTAL: \$673,629</b>	<b>(within the 2024 operating budget)</b>
<b>-\$ 23,000</b>	Potential savings if eliminate facilities janitorial services contract
<b>TOTAL: \$650,629</b>	<b>(total impact on the General Fund)*</b>
*Total amount of funding available for non-sanitation public works personnel in the 2024 General Fund = \$681,402	
<b>NOTE: The total costs come to \$30,773 under budget.</b>	

### Reduces Residents Fees

Moving to the new service structure will give homeowners an annual savings of approximately \$220. Here is the breakdown of the costs to households:

Proposed Fees for Residents	
<b>SOLID WASTE COSTS</b>	<b>ANNUAL PROPOSED COSTS/SAVINGS TO RESIDENTS</b>
<b>Costs Per Household for Solid Waste Pickup (performed by contractor)</b> \$ 8.24 (monthly solid waste) \$ 5.00 (monthly tipping fee to DeKalb landfill) \$ 8.72 (monthly recycling) = <b>\$21.96 month cost/\$263.32 annual cost</b>	
<b>YARD WASTE COSTS</b>	<b>TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS TO RESIDENTS</b> \$263.52 (Arrow solid waste) \$109.76 (city yard waste) <b>\$373.28 (annual sanitation fee)</b>  <b>SAVINGS TO RESIDENTS</b> \$596 (current annual fee) -\$373 (proposed annual fee) <b>\$223 (annual savings per household)</b>
<b>Annual Costs of Yard Waste Pickup (performed by the city)</b> \$150,000 (annual operating yard waste cost) +\$ 30,000 (capital yard waste cost used to replace yard waste vehicles and equipment) = <b>\$180,000 Total Yard Waste Cost</b>  <b>Cost Per Household for Yard Waste Pick Up (performed by the city)</b> Total yard waste cost of \$180,000 divided by the total number of households (1,640) = <b>\$109.76 (annual cost per household for yard waste)</b>	

### Business Fees Remain Constant

Local businesses will continue to be able to opt-in to commercial solid waste disposal as part of their annual business license renewal. The contractor has proposed multiple commercial options and will perform the solid waste pickup for the businesses. Businesses may contract for a three-day or five-day pickup, which will remain very close to the current price for one-day or four-day service. An option for recycling services will also be available.

**Logistics - How Will it Work**

- ▶ Solid waste pickup will change to once a week.
- ▶ Recycling pickup will remain once a week and accept the same materials: aluminum, flattened cardboard, paper products, and plastic containers labeled 1-5 or 7.
- ▶ Yard waste pickup will be done by city staff.
- ▶ The contractor will provide bulk pickups, and the costs for residents will decrease from \$50 for a request to \$16.12.
- ▶ Residents who cannot bring their trash receptacles to the curb for pickup may apply to maintain back door pickup with the contracted vendor.
- ▶ The contractor will issue a 95-gallon solid waste receptacle to each household and a recycling receptacle.
- ▶ Households that cannot fit all their waste in one trash receptacle will be able to pay the contractor for additional receptacles to meet their needs.
- ▶ If approved, changes would go into effect in mid-May.

**Public Works Staffing**

- ▶ The city intends to retain ten positions in its Public Works department, which will focus on public works tasks outside of sanitation pickup, including stormwater maintenance, planting, pruning, roadwork, sidewalk work, tree work, stormwater work, event support, facilities management, and odd jobs.
- ▶ Current staff who are not retained will have the guaranteed option to work for the sanitation contractor if they pass a drug test. The sanitation contractor has pledged to offer compensation packages starting at \$17 per hour.
- ▶ Outsourcing the landscaping services will enable the city's greenspaces to be serviced with more expertise, consistency and horticultural skill.



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## City Receives Grant to Pilot Curbside Composting

Residents will soon be able to reduce the waste they send to the landfill through an easy, curbside compost pilot program. The city of Avondale Estates was awarded \$323,800 through a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Composting and Food Waste Reduction cooperative agreement to partner with CompostNow, DeKalb County Super District 6 Commissioner Ted Terry, Food Well Alliance and Roots Down on this first-of-its-kind program in Georgia to pilot curbside composting at city households.

“The city is honored to collaborate with such strong partners to advance our collective interest in building a greener future,” said Avondale Estates Mayor Jonathan Elmore. “I am proud of the work our city is doing and appreciate the USDA support of this important initiative.”

CompostNow brings thirteen years of experience running a successful doorstep collections program to the project and will be responsible for curbside collection, compost distributions and metrics tracking.

The compost will be shared between local nonprofits Roots Down and Food Well Alliance. Roots Down will distribute the compost to edible gardens at local DeKalb County public libraries. Food Well Alliance will provide finished compost to Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) farmers through the Food Well Alliance’s Farm Resource Center. The initiative has set a goal to have 750 households participate over 12 months. The awarded funds will support the delivery of an estimated 15 yards of compost to eight different farms and 15 to 10 libraries.

“At CompostNow, we are working hard to bring composting to as many communities as possible. Composting keeps valuable food scraps out of landfills and builds healthy soils locally. We believe this program will lead to important insights to help scale programs like this one across

DeKalb County and beyond,” said David Paull, Chief Impact Officer of CompostNow.

DeKalb County Super District 6 Commissioner Ted Terry is interested in developing a viable curbside compost program that can be replicated in other municipalities in DeKalb County. This pilot program will simplify residential composting, increase waste diversion from the landfill, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and support local BIPOC growers and edible gardens in less affluent DeKalb County communities by using compost to create healthier soils, reducing the need for fertilizer and increasing the rainwater absorption of the soil.

“Food waste is the single most common material in our landfills and is responsible for significant methane emissions. The more we can divert from the waste stream, the better for our people and our environment,” said Commissioner Terry. “The USDA grant for composting and food waste reduction awarded to Avondale Estates is a shining example of what communities can achieve when they prioritize sustainability and environmental resiliency, and I truly believe that this project can serve as a blueprint for our entire county’s journey towards improved sustainability.”

The USDA’s cooperative agreements, which are funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, are part of the USDA’s broad support for urban agriculture. Avondale Estates was awarded one of only 38 cooperative agreements nationwide to support innovative, scalable waste management plans to reduce and divert food waste from landfills. The city anticipates work on the program, including signing up residential participants, will begin this summer.

# Many Ways to Celebrate Earth Day in Avondale Estates

Since 1970, America has celebrated Earth Day on April 22 to draw attention to rising environmental concerns and to inspire action on local, national and global levels. Over 40 years later, the original message behind Earth Day is as urgent as ever. Check out the numerous activities in Avondale Estates the weekend before Earth Day to celebrate while making a difference.

- ▶ **Electronics Recycling, Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. - noon.** Keep electronics out of the landfill. City residents can safely recycle used electronics, monitors, smartphones and more for FREE with eWaste ePlanet. Stay tuned for details.



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- ▶ **Avondale Estates Farmers Market, Sunday, April 21, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Support local farmers and vendors and get the freshest, in-season produce and products that haven't traveled around the world to get to your plate.



- ▶ **Weekend Wind Down Concerts Return, Sunday, April 21, 5-7 p.m.** What better way to celebrate Earth Day than with bluegrass at the Town Green with The Mosier Brothers & Friends?



## Arbor Day Tree Planting

In collaboration with the Avondale Estates Garden Club (AEGC), the city celebrated Georgia's Arbor Day on Friday, Feb. 16 by planting a native water hickory (*Carya aquatica*) at Willis Park. Redbone Nurseries provided this year's tree which was planted in honor of the deceased AEGC members Jennie Leatherbery and Joanne Derriero, and deceased spouses of AEGC members Jerry Ragsdale and Ron Osborne. Cyprus, redbud and swamp oak tree saplings were provided to attendees by Dave Long from the Georgia Forestry Commission.

## 40 Years as a Tree City USA

For the 40th consecutive year, Avondale Estates was named a Tree City USA for its impressive tree coverage and commitment to urban forestry. The recognition was awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation which runs the Tree City USA program to celebrate towns and cities like Avondale Estates that are invested in growing their urban canopy. The Arbor Day Foundation partners with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters to encourage tree expansion in urban areas.

Additionally, for the fourteenth time, Avondale Estates received a Growth Award. The Tree City USA Growth Award is presented by the Arbor Day Foundation to participating Tree City USA communities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement during the calendar year.

This year, the city qualified with its updated tree inventory, tree planting projects, reuse of mulch from the Bring One for the Chipper program in city parks, land stewardship activities such as the North Woods project, and assisting the Avondale Estates Garden Club with their biannual Tree Walk. The Georgia Forestry Commission defines cities that receive this award as going “...above and beyond the requirements for urban forestry programs.”

Thanks to all the many volunteers and community members who continue to make Avondale Estates a great place for trees.

Winter is the perfect time to plant a tree in the yard – consider adding a tree from the city’s tree list to the city’s tree canopy. Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.



## North Woods Project Phase Two Continues

The second phase of the North Woods stormwater project includes the creation of three rain gardens that will filter pollutants and improve the water quality in Cobbs Creek and Lake Avondale. As part of the project’s sustainable design, this phase includes the installation of gabion baskets, a versatile tool enhancing the performance of rain gardens. Gabion baskets are mesh containers, typically filled with stones, used to stabilize soil, prevent erosion and manage water flow.

When incorporated into rain gardens, gabion baskets control erosion, promote water infiltration, retain pollutants, offer structural support and enhance aesthetic appeal. In addition, gabion baskets contribute to the ecological vitality of the rain gardens. While the trees, native plants and engineered soil are working to remove pollutants and decrease runoff, the gabion walls are another important element in the rain garden design.

### Gabion Baskets Benefits

- ▶ **Prevent Erosion:** The weight of the stones in the baskets anchors the soil, preventing it from being washed away during heavy rain, preventing erosion, especially in areas prone to runoff.
- ▶ **Water Filtration:** As stormwater enters the rain garden, it percolates through the gaps between the stones within the gabion baskets, creating a porous barrier allowing gradual absorption into the soil below. This process helps to recharge groundwater supplies and reduces the risk of surface runoff and flooding.
- ▶ **Retain Sediment and Pollutants:** As water passes through the porous, stone-filled baskets, debris and contaminants are trapped, preventing sediment and pollutants carried by stormwater runoff from reaching downstream water bodies. This natural filtration process improves water quality and protects the local ecosystem.
- ▶ **Provide Structural Support:** By reinforcing the sides of rain garden features such as swales, berms and terraces, gabion baskets help maintain the integrity of these landscape elements, especially during heavy rainfall or soil saturation periods.
- ▶ **Create Visual Appeal:** With proper planning and design, gabion baskets can be incorporated as decorative elements, enhancing the overall aesthetic of the rain garden.

The installation of gabion baskets is expected to be completed by early April. To learn more about the North Woods project, visit [www.avondaleestates.org/2463/6708/North-Woods-Project](http://www.avondaleestates.org/2463/6708/North-Woods-Project).



*The installation of gabion baskets has begun at the North Woods rain gardens.*

# Taking Action to Protect Water Quality

## Detect and Report Illicit Discharge

By Kristen Moretz

The city, like all municipalities, is required to have a Phase 1 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to discharge its stormwater runoff. This permit protects waterways from harmful pollutants, sediment, debris, trash, yard waste and other substances that degrade water quality and harm fish and wildlife. Rain falling on pervious surfaces becomes stormwater runoff when it cannot infiltrate the ground. In heavy rain, lawns can be a source of stormwater runoff, carrying fertilizer and pesticide residue and bacteria from pet waste.

The MS4 permit includes approval of a five-year Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) that the city uses to report on yearly progress. The plan includes street cleaning, enforcement of construction and site development ordinances, inspections and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure, and public education. Public education and involvement in preventing stormwater pollution are critical elements of the MS4 permit.

During a rain event, it is important to remove any debris or harmful substances from yards, driveways and streets that could be carried by stormwater into creeks and streams, degrading water quality and harming wildlife. In dry weather, harmful pollutants can enter the stormwater system from an illicit discharge.

Locating, detecting and correcting an illicit discharge is a part of the permit requirement, and community members can play a role. Continue reading to learn how to identify and report an illicit discharge.

### What is An Illicit Discharge?

The Environmental Protection Agency defines an illicit discharge as any discharge to the MS4 that is not composed entirely of stormwater except for discharges allowed under a federal permit or for waters used for firefighting operations.



An illicit connection is the discharge of pollutants or non-stormwater material into a stormwater system via a pipe or other direct connection. Examples include:

- ▶ dumping of motor fluids,
- ▶ household hazardous waste,
- ▶ grass clippings,
- ▶ leaf litter,
- ▶ industrial waste,
- ▶ restaurant waste, or
- ▶ any other non-stormwater waste.

### How do you identify an illicit discharge or connection?

Some things to look for:

- ▶ makeshift pipes or hoses that lead to a storm drain or body of water,

- ▶ stains,
- ▶ unusual odors,
- ▶ structural damage to streets or gutters, and
- ▶ abnormal vegetative growth in nearby lakes and streams.

### How do you report an illicit discharge?

All residents, businesspeople, or general users of city facilities are encouraged to report any problems they see or experience with stormwater facilities and infrastructure.

To report illicit discharge, contact Code Enforcement or Kristen Moretz (404-823-2427, [kmoretz@avondaleestates.org](mailto:kmoretz@avondaleestates.org)).

# Funding Secured for Complete Street Project

By Assistant City Manager Shannon Powell

Great news! The North Avondale Road and East College Avenue complete street project is moving forward. It's always exciting to see areas undergoing transformations that make them more accessible and attractive to residents and visitors alike, and this is no exception. Construction bids were received in December of 2023, and IP Construction was the lowest bidder.

The city has been working with partners at the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Atlanta Regional Commission to finalize contracts and find money to cover the gap between currently identified funds and the final costs. The Atlanta Regional Commission has identified those additional resources and is set to ask for approval of those funds in early April. If everything goes according to plan, construction will begin in June 2024.

Equally as important, the city is taking steps to mitigate the impacts of construction and is committed to providing real-time information about schedules and plans throughout construction. Additionally, the city and the Avondale Estates Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will launch a



“Support Your Local Businesses Campaign.” It is important for neighbors to be intentional about patronizing Avondale businesses during this time. Meanwhile, the DDA is exploring ways to reward frequent visitors. It certainly takes a team effort to get through construction and reap the benefits of a stronger community. Stay in touch for ways to help.

## Safety Tips for Tax Season

Historically, tax season results in an increased number of social security identity scams. Here are some basic signs of common scams used to compromise a victim's identity and defraud victims of their money.

- ▶ Scammers will often email or call, but recently there has been a rise in text scams attempting to get identifying information.
- ▶ In emails, scammers will employ logos of the company or federal agency they are falsely representing.
- ▶ Scammers will often identify as an employee or law enforcement from a federal agency, like the Social Security Administration, FBI or Secret Service.
- ▶ Often, they will mention that there is an issue with an account or that an individual's information was used in the commission of a crime.

- ▶ They will ask for personal identifiers to confirm personal account information.
- ▶ Scammers will often create pressure to take immediate action to fix the problem, and at times threaten their victims with legal repercussions if action isn't taken immediately.
- ▶ They will ask for some type of payment, often in the form of a gift card, prepaid debit card or cryptocurrency.

Hang up or delete texts and emails without opening them if contacted in this manner. Report the scam to the agency being misrepresented if possible.

Remember, federal and local law enforcement agencies will never contact an individual via phone or email demanding any type of payment.



## Code Enforcement Aims to Protect City's Character

Code enforcement plays a critical role in maintaining the character and safety of communities. Though most individuals abide by regulations and rules, some may be unaware of codes or choose to ignore them. City codes are designed to address issues such as overgrown properties, unsecured buildings, stormwater violations, zoning and sign regulations, and failure to obtain necessary permits. The code enforcement team ensures that people are aware of and comply with regulations, which helps protect the quality of life for all residents.

The city is proud to introduce the newest members of the code enforcement team, Detective A. Powdrill and Tommie Patterson. These two professionals will work closely with the police department, planning and zoning, and public works to ensure that local codes and ordinances are followed. As a team, Patterson and Powdrill will conduct routine inspections, educate property owners and residents on code requirements, and respond to citizen code violation complaints. In addition, the city has updated its code violation form to allow residents and businesses to report potential violations not caught by the code team.

### Common code violations include:

- ▶ **Weeds, junk and debris:** Dead limbs and branches left in the yard, appliances or furniture left on the property, garbage or debris accumulated on the property, inoperable vehicles or vehicles with expired tags parked on the roadway, overgrown yards (grass taller than 6").
- ▶ **Failure to obtain a sign permit or violation of the sign ordinance:** Affixing signs to utility poles or trees, yard signs advertising services without a permit, or placing any signs in the right of way (public property).
- ▶ **Failure to apply for a fence permit:** Installation of any fencing requires a permit. Fences are prohibited in the front yard of any residentially zoned lot. Residential fences and walls shall not exceed six (6) feet in height. The finished side of all fences shall face the abutting property and public right-of-way.
- ▶ **Failure to apply for a building permit or violation of building codes:** New construction, alterations, or repairs that exceed \$300, including roof and driveway replacements and any work that is disturbing dirt, require stormwater to be retained on-site.
- ▶ **Broken windows.** Windows are expected to be kept in good repair. Broken windows that have been broken for 30 days or more are in violation of code.

The city aims to assist property owners in understanding and meeting the required standards without being penalized. If there are any questions or uncertainties, the staff are available to provide support. For code enforcement contact information, visit our website: [www.avondaleestates.org/2431/Code-Enforcement..](http://www.avondaleestates.org/2431/Code-Enforcement..)

For code enforcement information, scan the QR code or visit [www.avondaleestates.org/formcenter/service-request-forms-3/property-code-violation-43](http://www.avondaleestates.org/formcenter/service-request-forms-3/property-code-violation-43).



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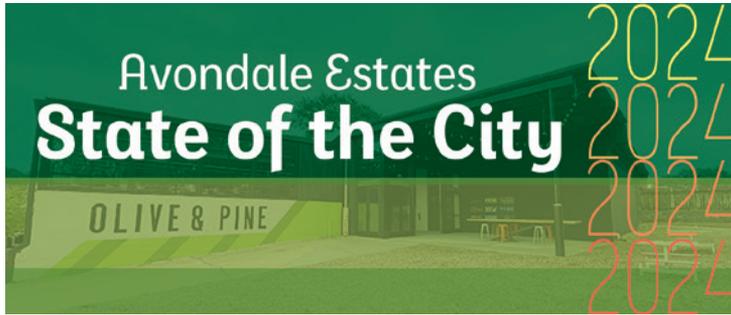
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# News and Updates

## Save the Date: State of the City on March 21



The city invites the community to join Mayor Jonathan Elmore and the city commissioners Thursday, March 21 at 6 p.m. at Olive & Pine at 6 Olive Street for the 2024 State of the City address. Stay tuned for more details.

## Greenspace Manager Earns Certified Arborist Title

Congratulations go to Greenspace Manager Adrian Langston who became an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist this past February. To earn the ISA Certified Arborist credential, individuals must be trained and knowledgeable in all aspects of arboriculture and show a commitment to properly caring for and maintaining trees. This credential is internationally recognized and indicates a broad knowledge in tree biology, plant health care, safety practices, urban forestry, and other arboricultural subjects.



## Annual Business License Fees Due March 31

Business, trade profession or other occupation (including home occupations) operating within the city limits, must obtain a business license and pay an occupational tax prior to opening a business. Business licenses expire each year regardless of when the account was opened and must be renewed annually by March 31. To increase the speed and efficiency of license renewal, the city has moved to an online business license renewal form. Scan the QR code to get started.



Please reach out to City Hall with any questions at [licenses@avondaleestates.org](mailto:licenses@avondaleestates.org). The city values its businesses and thanks them for the services of the community.

## National Drug Take Back Day

**Saturday, Apr. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**City Hall, 21 N. Avondale Plaza**

The Avondale Estates Police Department encourages people to participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at participating locations including at Avondale Estates' City Hall. The DEA's National Take Back event provides an opportunity for all Americans to prevent misuse of prescription drugs that so often result in drug addiction and overdose.



## DeKalb County Water Main Replacement Project

The DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management's (DWM) Scott Boulevard Phase III Water Main Replacement Project that began in September 2023 will continue through April.

Streets that will experience partial closures or detours include:

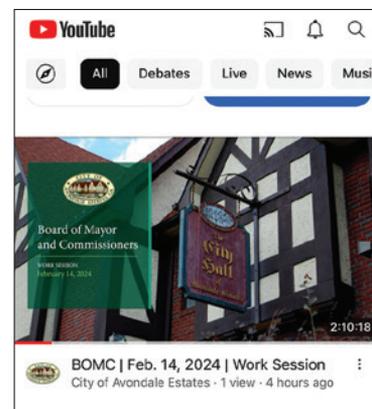
- ▶ Maple St. (Hillyer Ave. Will be used as an alternate route/detour)
- ▶ E. College Ave.
- ▶ Livingston Pl.
- ▶ Brown Pl.

Normal construction hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding major holidays. Expect an increase in construction-related noise and traffic during work hours.

All adjacent businesses will remain open and accessible during the construction period. Please continue to support the city's local businesses.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding this project to the DMW Project Information Line via email at [projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov) or by phone at 1-800-986-1108.

## Follow City News on YouTube



Community members can subscribe to the city's new YouTube channel @AvondaleEstatesTV, where they'll find recordings of BOMC meetings, presentations and other city videos.

## Avondale Arts Center Adds to Avondale's Creative Side



Picture at ribbon-cutting from left to right: AAA teen liaison Stella Holland, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Graham Reiney, AAA Board member Christy Costello, AAA Vice President Brittany Smith, Assistant City Manager Shannon Powell, AAA President Isadora Pennington, Mayor Jonathan Elmore, Commissioner Lisa Shortell, AAA past co-president and current board member Jen Singh.



The city of Avondale Estates is full of creative entrepreneurs and artists – it's one of the unique pillars that makes the city extraordinary. The city's art experiences and businesses attract visitors and enhance the overall quality of life in Avondale Estates.

On Saturday, Feb. 10 the Avondale Estates Downtown Development Authority (DDA) celebrated the opening of the Avondale Arts Alliance's new Avondale Arts Center at 84 N. Avondale Rd. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The DDA is excited to offer a brick-and-mortar space for the Avondale Arts Alliance to pilot the arts center. "We are delighted to partner with the Avondale Arts Alliance to create a space that highlights local artists, fosters a sense of community, and attracts people to our downtown business district," notes Dave Deiters, chair of the DDA.

The art show features a diverse collection of more than 100 artworks by 58 local artists, including paintings, drawings, collages, sculptures, interactive pieces, photography and more.



The Avondale Arts Center will be open to the public every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Avondale Estates Farmers Market through April 7.

Art is an integral part of the city's identity, and both the city and the DDA continually look for ways to lift up the city's artists and creative industries. In addition to collaborating on the Avondale Arts Center, in the past year:

- ▶ the city hosted six Weekend Wind Down Concerts featuring local musicians,
- ▶ the DDA provided funding for the Frühlingsfest spring festival, WigWag Arts Festival, Southern Surf Stompfest and Winter Wanderland,
- ▶ the city partnered with the Avondale Arts Alliance on an outdoor exhibit featuring local Latinx artists for Hispanic Heritage Month, and
- ▶ the city hosted artists' markets at the Town Green to support creatives in the film industry and the nearby Heck House art venue.



## Avondale Wine & Art Walk Returns May 11

The Avondale Estates Downtown Development Authority invites neighbors and visitors to sip, shop, walk and socialize while enjoying wine procured by the Purple Corkscrew and art curated by the Avondale Arts Alliance throughout the city's business district. Join us on May 11 from 3-7 p.m. as the retail shops and restaurants transform into wine-tasting destinations with art experiences to enjoy throughout downtown.

### Your ticket includes:

- ▶ Entry to the event
- ▶ A commemorative wine glass
- ▶ Wine tastings throughout the central business district
- ▶ Art and entertainment experiences throughout downtown
- ▶ Transportation throughout the event.

Tickets will be available online by mid-March.

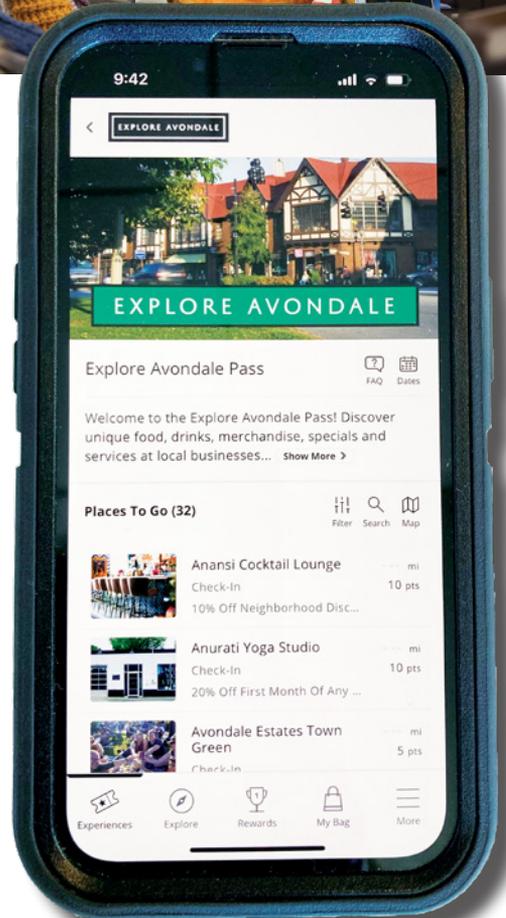


## Download the Explore Avondale Mobile Pass for Discounts and Prizes

Download the Explore Avondale Pass and discover unique food, drinks, merchandise, specials and services at more than thirty one-of-a-kind local businesses throughout Avondale Estates.

- ▶ Save with discounts at your favorite local businesses.
- ▶ Unlock prizes as you check in with your pass.
- ▶ Enter quarterly drawings for one-of-a-kind prizes.

The pass is FREE and easily delivered to your mobile phone via text and e-mail. Scan the QR Code to get started.



# Weekend Wind Down Concerts Return to the Town Green

The Weekend Wind Down concert series returns to the Town Green for its third year in April. Concerts will occur on the third Sunday of the month this spring. The free series will take a break in the middle of summer and resume in the fall. The events are free to the public and food and beverages will be available for purchase.

**Check out the lineup:**

**Sunday, April 21, 5-7 P.M. (Earth Day)** The Mosier Brothers and Friends (formerly Blueground Undergrass) tap into a unique blend of Americana, bluegrass, folk and rock.

**Sunday, May 19, 6-8 P.M. (Father's Day)** Lefty Williams Band, led by a multi-instrumentalist,

singer-songwriter and composer, brings funkified, southern rock-n-roll to the Town Green.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11: 7-9 P.M.** Do your rain dances because we're bringing back Rita Graham, a former Ray Charles Raelette and star of the blues musical film *We Are Kings*. She's a consummate singer's singer and one of the legendary women of jazz and blues.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 15: 5-8 P.M.** COT Band, Atlanta's favorite Latin band with a musical fusion of Caribbean Rhythms with elements of funk, pop and Brazilian beats, will be back to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 13: 5-8 P.M.** Feel the island joy with

reggae band Natti Loves Joy, three-time recipients of Atlanta's Peach Drop Awards as the most influential reggae band.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 3: 5-8 P.M. TBD**

Music will begin an hour after the event's start time.

The Town Green is located at 64 N. Avondale Rd., Avondale Estates, Georgia 30002. Parking is available on streets in the downtown district unless otherwise marked. Public parking lots are located off Lake St. and at City Hall. Please respect the city's businesses and do not park in their parking lots during their business hours.



# March 2024

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Farmers Market  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Historic Preservation  
Commission Meeting  
6 p.m.

Free Kids Music Class  
at the Town Green  
10 a.m.

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Daylight Saving Time  
Begins

Avondale Estates  
Farmers Market  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Downtown  
Development  
Authority Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

Board of Mayor and  
Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Work Session  
5:30 p.m.

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10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Planning and Zoning  
Board Meeting  
6 p.m.

First Day of Spring

State of the City

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24 & 31 - Avondale  
Estates Farmers  
Market  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Free Yoga at the  
Town Green  
6 p.m.

Board of Mayor and  
Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Work Session  
5:30 p.m.

Community Easter  
Egg Hunt at the Town  
Green 10 a.m. - noon

Spring Broadway  
Music Series at the  
Town Green  
6 p.m.

# April 2024

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Planning and Zoning  
Board Meeting  
6 p.m.

Electronics Recycling  
9 a.m. - noon

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Avondale Estates  
Farmers Market  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Earth Day Celebration  
and Weekend Wind  
Down Concert  
5-7 p.m.

Board of Mayor and  
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Regular Meeting and  
Work Session  
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6 p.m.



## Easter Egg Hunt at the Town Green

Join Gospel Hope Church for a Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Town Green on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. The church invites all to a morning full of fun-filled activities.

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!** To help with the logistics of this event, scan the QR code to register.



## Mister John's Music Brings Free Musical Events to the Town Green

Break out the picnics, blankets and lawn chairs – Mister John's Music is bringing multiple music options to the Town Green this spring.

### Free Kids Classes

Early childhood music classes boost brain functioning, motor skills and language development, but at Mister John's Music, positive social-emotional dynamics and shared experience are the focus. Get ready for magical music classes full of surprises set to favorite tunes from favorite artists on the following Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.:

- ▶ March 9
- ▶ April 13
- ▶ May 18

### Spring Musical Series

Who's ready for some showtunes? Mister John's spring concert series will showcase the music of classic Broadway composers and feature some of Atlanta's finest performers on the following Saturday evenings at 6 p.m.:

- ▶ March 30: Gershwin
- ▶ May 4: Rodgers & Hammerstein
- ▶ June 15: Sondheim

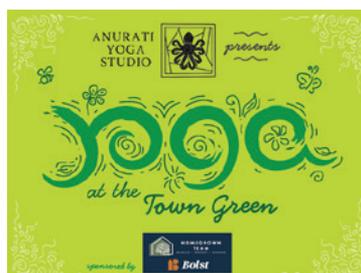


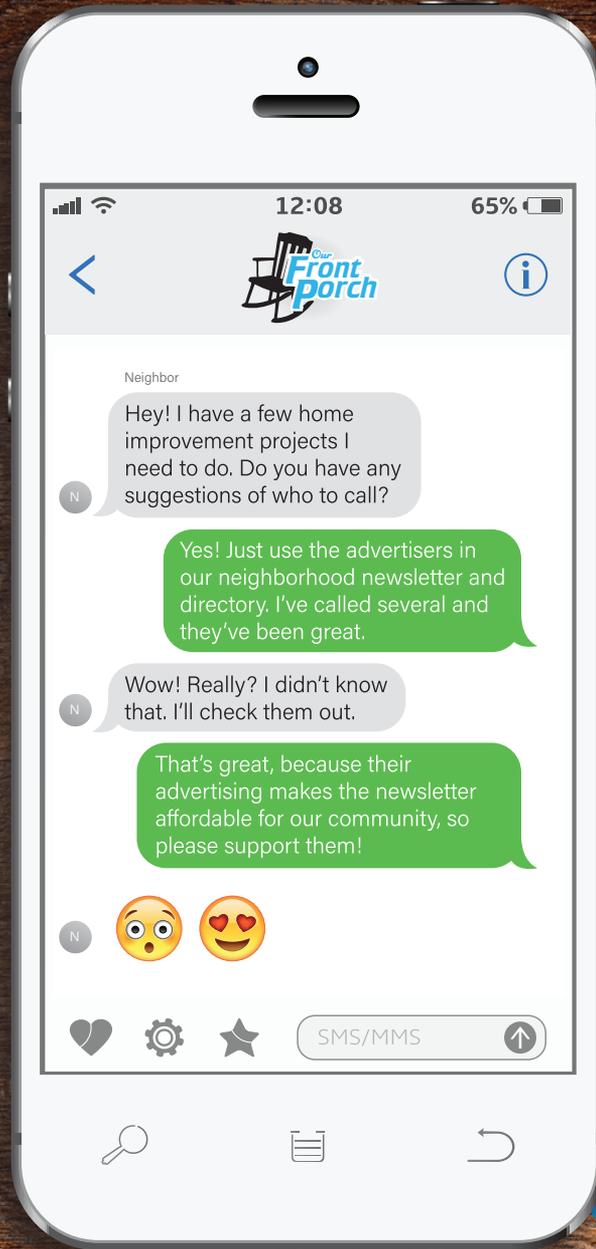
## Free Yoga Returns to the Town Green

Join Avondale Estate's Anurati Yoga Studio on the lawn in front of the Town Green stage for yoga on the last Tuesday of the month this spring – March 26, April 30 and May 28 – at 6 p.m.

Bring a yoga mat and a water bottle. No experience is necessary. Classes will be accessible to all levels.

Yoga on the Town Green is possible with generous sponsorship from The Homegrown Team Bolst.





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## Avondale Alliance for Racial Justice Accepting Art Contest Submissions and Sponsors

The Avondale Alliance for Racial Justice (AARJ) is hosting its fourth Annual Student Black History Month Art Contest to celebrate Black History Month. This year's theme is "African Americans and the Arts."

**Who Can Enter:** Any student (5 to 19) who lives in Avondale Estates or attends Avondale Elementary, DeKalb School for the Arts Elementary and High Schools, The Museum School, Druid Hills Middle and High Schools, The Friends School or the Waldorf School.

**Entry Deadline:** Sunday, March 10. Submit digital art copies online at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBxQhwQ\\_G5REG-YXBZ-faKb\\_nQqiKVzO9G9KWC3XxrSbgypTQ/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBxQhwQ_G5REG-YXBZ-faKb_nQqiKVzO9G9KWC3XxrSbgypTQ/viewform?pli=1).

**Sponsors:** Help support talented young artists by becoming a sponsor.

All art will be displayed online and winning pieces will be displayed at the awards ceremony. Winners will receive cash prizes to support their creativity. Sponsors are needed for this event.

View contest details and guidelines at [www.aa-rj.org/2024-black-history-month-art-contest](http://www.aa-rj.org/2024-black-history-month-art-contest). For more information, email [AARJleadership@gmail.com](mailto:AARJleadership@gmail.com).



## BOMC Recognizes World Cholangiocarcinoma Day

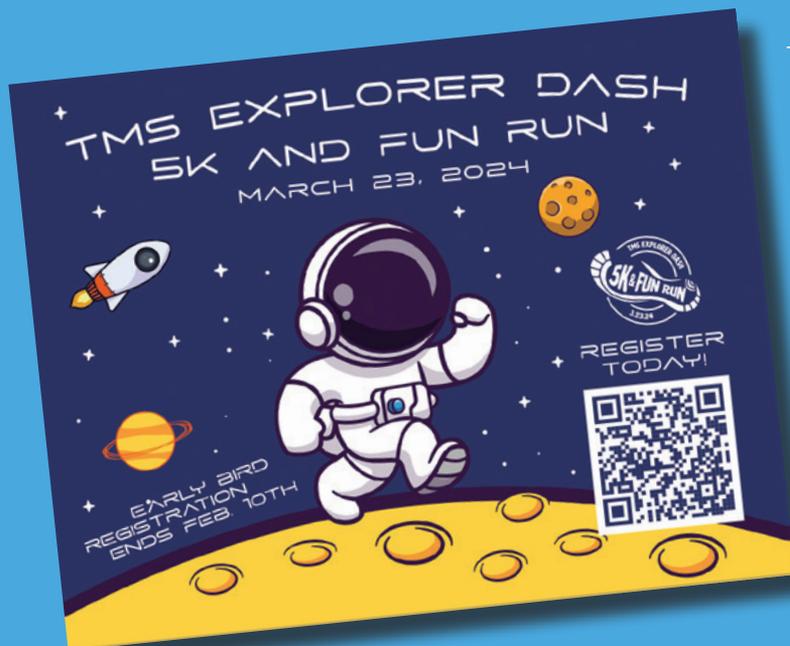
Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA), a rare bile duct cancer, affects around 10,000 individuals annually. On Wednesday, Feb. 14, the Board of Mayor and Commissioners approved a proclamation by The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation recognizing February 15 as World Cholangiocarcinoma Day to advocate for much-needed funding and promote education about the disease.

Avondale Estates resident Richard Yelton, husband of former city commissioner Adela Yelton, passed away from this disease in 2023.

"Our family wants to help raise awareness of this aggressive cancer which has little to no symptoms until it reaches a late stage. We appreciate the work of the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation, the State of Georgia, and the city of Avondale Estates for helping to spread knowledge about the disease," said Adela Yelton.

Visit The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation at [cholangiocarcinoma.org](http://cholangiocarcinoma.org) to learn more about its mission to find a cure and improve the quality of life for CCA patients.

## Lace 'Em Up for The Museum School 5k



The Museum School's Annual Explorer Dash returns on Saturday, March 23. Be on the lookout for big and little runners on streets throughout the historic neighborhood between 8:30-10:15 a.m. The 5K is an Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race Qualifying Event. The USATF Certificate # is GA22052WC.

Come out to help cheer on the runners. The race starts and ends at The Museum School. Police will escort the runners and volunteers will be stationed along the route to ensure the safety of the runners and neighbors.

Clarendon Ave will be closed from Wiltshire Dr. to Kingstone Rd. between 8:30-9:30 a.m. for the 5K. Please see the attached Explorer Dash Race Routes and time of events.

There's still time to register for the race at [bit.ly/ExplorerDash](http://bit.ly/ExplorerDash).

Interested in volunteering? Email [explorerdash16@gmail.com](mailto:explorerdash16@gmail.com).



## Blessing Baskets - Community Building at its Core!

A huge thank you to the Avondale community for showing up and making the first annual Blessing Baskets event at The Lost Druid such a success. The goal was not only met, but exceeded its first-year goals.

Due to the community's overwhelming support, 49 local families were able to enjoy Thanksgiving and have a hot meal on the table. All families identified by Avondale Elementary counselors as needing assistance were gifted a basket to help make their Thanksgiving holiday a lot brighter. With a surplus of baskets, food insecure families at The Museum School were also recipients, as well as families at Our House, a local non-profit providing programs and services to families transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

With such a successful turnout and the need extending beyond the holiday season, another Blessing Baskets event will occur on Tuesday, March 26 at The Lost Druid. This spring event will benefit families in need at Avondale Elementary and Our House LLC.

Sign up at [bit.ly/AEBBEaster2024](https://bit.ly/AEBBEaster2024).

For more information, contact Susan Hawkins at [special007Susan@kw.com](mailto:special007Susan@kw.com) or 404-981-2881.

Blessing Baskets for AES is hosted by two local women-owned businesses: Susan Robertson Hawkins, realtor® and owner of Find Your Nest Homes, LLC, and The Lost Druid Brewery & Distillery.



## Avondale Estates Garden Club Plant Sale Set for April 20

**Saturday, April 20 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Lake House at 59 Lakeshore Drive**

Planting season is on its way! Avondale Estates Garden Club (AEGC) will have hundreds of plants at its third annual plant sale in mid-April.

Starting in 2021 when indoor fundraisers had to be cancelled, the plant sale was an immediate success and has grown each year. The sale coincides with Garden Week in Georgia, which is usually an ideal time for local gardeners to start digging in the dirt.

“We started in October, gathering plants to grow over the winter,” said Plant Sale Chair Deborah Levine and co-chairs Ann Umbaugh, Susan Carney and Peg Wyse. “We began again in earnest in February, propagating plants and storing them in members’ garages to get ready for the sale.”

The event is a huge team effort of garden club members, with volunteers dividing and cultivating plants from their gardens to contribute to the sale. In addition, the club purchases some plants wholesale, paying attention to ones that are popular here and likely to thrive in the local climate.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to help pick out plants and get them involved in gardening at an early age. Garden club members, including three master gardeners, will be on-site to assist customers.

The sale will be open rain or shine.

## AEGC Sustainability Series Continues

Join the AEGC on their free “Native Plants in Atlanta: What to Plant and Why They Matter” event on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Lake House, 59 Lakeshore Dr.

Selecting native plants from the hundreds of offerings at local plant centers can be daunting. Horticulturist and garden designer Ben Ackerley, former manager of Woodlands Gardens in Decatur, will discuss the importance of native plants in Atlanta and will

provide insights into choosing the right ones.

Ackerley discovered a passion for plants while living in Cincinnati, Ohio and studied horticulture at the University of Cincinnati.

This program is part of periodic presentations on environmental responsibility presented by AEGC.

## Display Your Spring Theme Garden Flag

Spring is in the air! It's time to show neighborhood pride while giving back to the community with the colorful spring-themed garden flag!

Custom designed by a local artist exclusively for an Avondale Woman's Club fundraiser project, these beautiful four-season garden flags feature the iconic Avondale Estates clock tower.

The flags are 12" x 14" double-sided and come with a 37" wrought iron stand.

- ▶ \$60 + tax: a pack of 4 flags
- ▶ \$75 + tax: a pack of 4 flags with a stand

To purchase the garden flags, go to [avondale-womans-club.square.site/](http://avondale-womans-club.square.site/). Be sure to click on the other featured items as well.

All sales proceeds go directly to charitable organizations in the Avondale Estates area.

### A Walk to Memory Lane

During the Jan. 25 meeting, members took a decades-long stroll through the 67-year

Avondale Woman's Club history. The club took root in June 1957 when a group of civic-minded women realized a need to address various concerns in the community.

Memorable discussion points from 1957-1997 highlighted many awards and accomplishments, the members' dedication to service and fundraising efforts achieved. Albums of the club's history were displayed along with original membership books from 1958-1961 and a 1979 Woman's Club cookbook.

Members dressed in attire reflecting various decades, indulged in a delicious 1957 luncheon, and won prizes in a "Purse Scavenger Hunt."

For more information about the Avondale Woman's Club or to become a member, email Jill Joyner at [jilljoyner@gmail.com](mailto:jilljoyner@gmail.com) or call Jane Royall at 404-376-7778.



## Avondale Estates Garden Club Yard of the Month



**January:** 2 Clarendon Place, home of Emily Pritchett

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## Avon Garden Club Garden of the Month



**February:** 60 Clarendon Ave., home of Joyce Garrett

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