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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



Seasons of Change in Avondale Estates: A Reflection on Summer and a Preview of What's Ahead

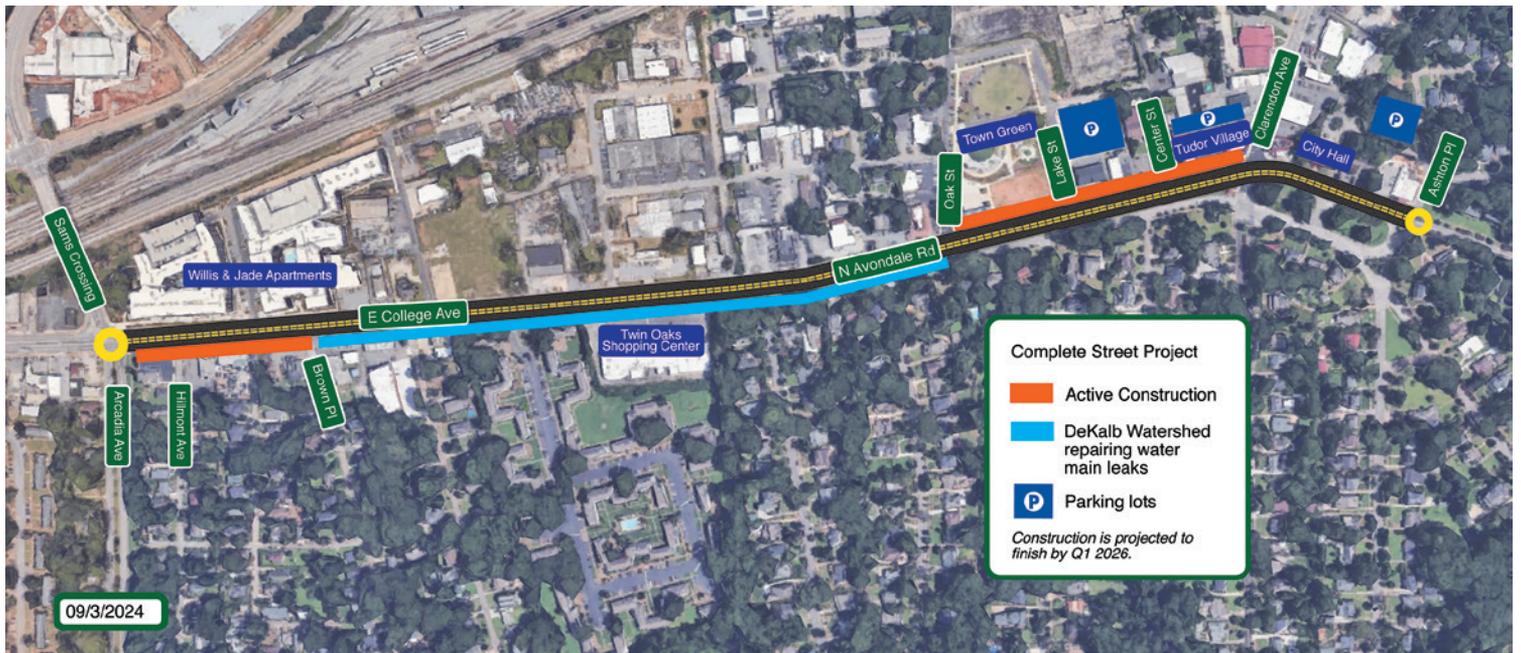
As we head into September, I've been reflecting on the fun we had this summer and thinking about the exciting fall season ahead. This past summer was a memorable one. Our parks and public spaces were filled with laughter, music and the energy of residents coming together to enjoy all that Avondale Estates offers. From the Sunday farmers market to the lively concerts and neighborhood gatherings, these photos capture the essence of a season well-lived.

As we transition into fall, there's much to look forward to. The cooler air and turning leaves bring with them a new set of opportunities for connection and celebration. Our city has numerous events highlighting the best of Avondale Estates—from our beloved fall festivals, including Avondale Ale Day and Stompfest, to the Avondale Elementary 5k and Fun Run and the return of the Weekend Wind Down Concerts on the Town Green—we're excited to share these events and new community initiatives with you.

I invite you to take a moment to enjoy these memories and join us in the coming months as we continue to build a community that thrives in every season. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to Avondale Estates, there's something for everyone to enjoy this fall. Let's make it another season to remember.







Construction Updates

Construction often brings unexpected changes—whether detours, shifting timelines, or temporary road closures. While these adjustments can be inconvenient, they’re a necessary part of progress. With several construction projects underway in the community, it’s important to stay flexible as plans evolve. Staying adaptable and patient during this process helps ensure the projects are completed smoothly and that the community not only emerges with better infrastructure but also more connectivity.

The most recent wrinkle in the plans came when the construction team discovered an unexpected water line with a leak at Brown Place while working down the south side of E. College/N. Avondale. Work in this area had to stop while DeKalb County Watershed made the repairs. To keep the project on budget and on schedule, the city’s construction team relocated to the north side of N. Avondale Road in front of the Tudor Village. Their ability to adapt and overcome challenges has been crucial to ensuring progress continues despite shifting plans. The city appreciates the community’s patience.

The concrete pipes stacked along the side of the road are hard to miss. Though not always visible above ground, many infrastructure improvements are underway in the first phase of the project. These stormwater pipes will manage flooding and pooling along the corridor. In addition to stormwater improvements, this project also includes relocating gas lines. All underground utilities must be installed before any above-ground improvements, including sidewalks, driveways, curb cuts, etc., may occur.

Check the city’s website to keep up with the current areas of work and the schedule for completion. The schedule will be updated every other week unless there is an unexpected change to the schedule or the area where the team works. If a change occurs, the website will reflect that change.



Open for Business

While work is in progress, please note that all businesses remain open. Please continue to support them.



As construction continues, please avoid blocking intersections and entrances to local businesses. Keeping these areas clear ensures smooth traffic flow and helps local shops remain accessible to customers.

Downtown Parking

The parking spots in front of the Tudor Village along N. Avondale are temporarily inaccessible. Parking remains available behind the Tudor Village and all public parking spaces throughout the city, including the public lots behind City Hall and the Avondale Arts Center at the Town Green.



Complete Street Features and Benefits

- ▶ Three 11' traffic lanes, including a turning lane, preserve existing roadway capacity while adding safety improvements.
- ▶ A continuous, connected sidewalk system to access residential and commercial areas, including:
 - ▶ a 10' path for pedestrians and bikes on the north side and
 - ▶ 5' sidewalks on the south side
- ▶ New pedestrian and vehicle lighting.
- ▶ Landscape buffer (typical 5' strip).
- ▶ Center median (typical 11').
- ▶ Road repaving and restriping.
- ▶ Replaced and upgraded traffic signals.
- ▶ Upgraded underground utilities and repaired leaking water mains.
- ▶ Improved mobility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists, including pedestrian/bike crossings.
- ▶ Redesign intersections to increase functionality and safety.

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Shop Local Throw Down Underway

The Shop Local Throw Down is underway, and the competition is fierce! In July, 292 receipts were turned into captains. Thanks all who supported the city's local businesses.

The race is tight, but five teams were in the lead at the beginning of August. Team 5 led the pack, closely followed by Team 4, Team 9 and Team 10.

It's easy to participate. Compete with your neighbors to support local businesses. The team with the most quarterly receipts will receive a downtown party to celebrate the victory.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

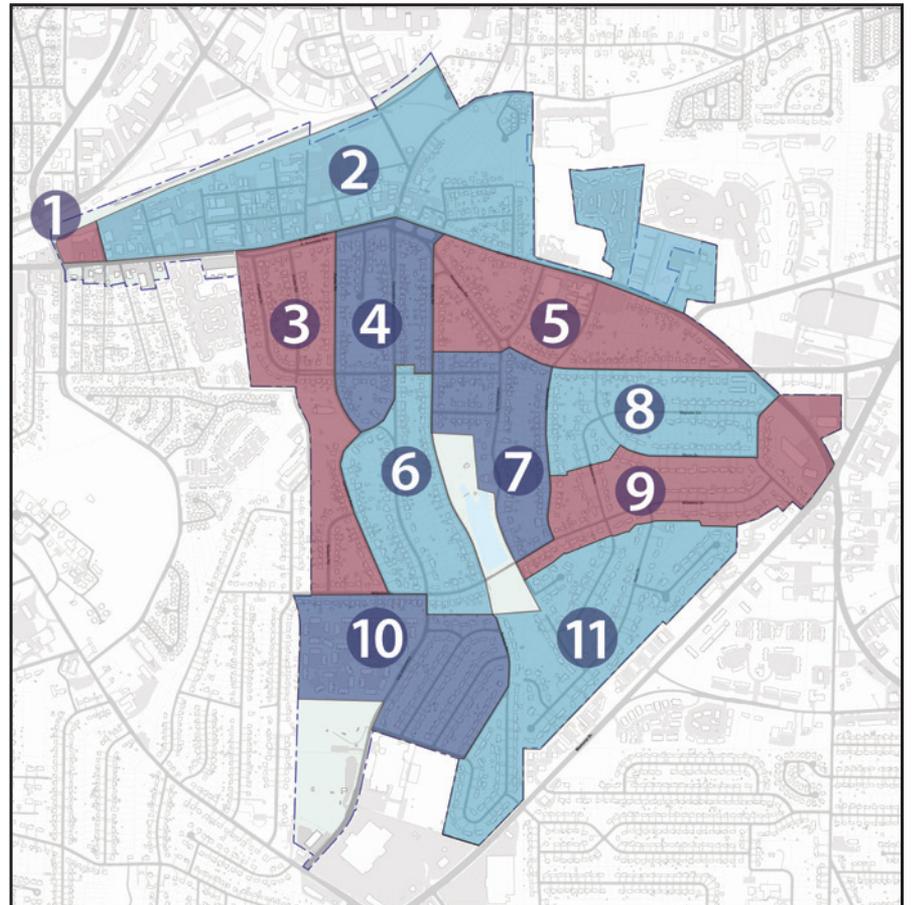
- ▶ **Rally the Team:** Find your team on the map.
- ▶ **Spend Locally:** Frequency is rewarded — save those receipts.
- ▶ **Submit Receipts:** Give receipts to your team captain.
- ▶ **Enjoy Monthly Promos:** Be on the lookout for giveaways and specials.
- ▶ **Win Big:** Each quarter, the team with the most receipts wins a party at a downtown business!

Visit Shop Local Throw Down to find your team captains, their emails and details about the competition. Search the Google map for your team and see what businesses are in the Central Business District.



TEAM CAPTAINS

- Team 1 – Malcome Phillips
- Team 2 – Shelly Groves
- Team 3 – Josh Norris
- Team 4 – Nancy Darden & Lynn Thompson
- Team 5 – Erica Sheidler
- Team 6 – Julie Fleming
- Team 7 – Connie Bryans
- Team 8 – Cricket Beach
- Team 9 – Ernie Ahlquist
- Team 10 – Liz deGoursac
- Team 11 – Billy Elek



Special September Promotions

To say thank you for participating, the DDA has some extra treats for you this September. Receive these discounts and special offers while you shop local.



Rent with Ronald Sachs in September and Save

Have you been wanting to learn a string instrument? Now's a great time to start! To support our local business, Ronald Sachs Violins, the DDA is covering their cost on a promotion for the first 15 residents to take advantage of their special rental rates in September. Purchase a \$70 accessory kit and receive two months free rent on a violin or viola (one month free for cello or bass) courtesy of the Avondale Estates Downtown Development Authority. Mention you saw this ad to get the discount.



Buddy Up for a Free Drink!

Construction might be tough, but getting a free drink for your buddy is easy! Join the Avondale Estates Downtown Development Authority for Hard Hat Happy Hour at Anansi Cocktail Lounge—buy a drink, and your friend's first one is free. Swing by after work and help support the local scene while you kick back with some great company. Cheers to good times and local love!

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6-8 p.m.

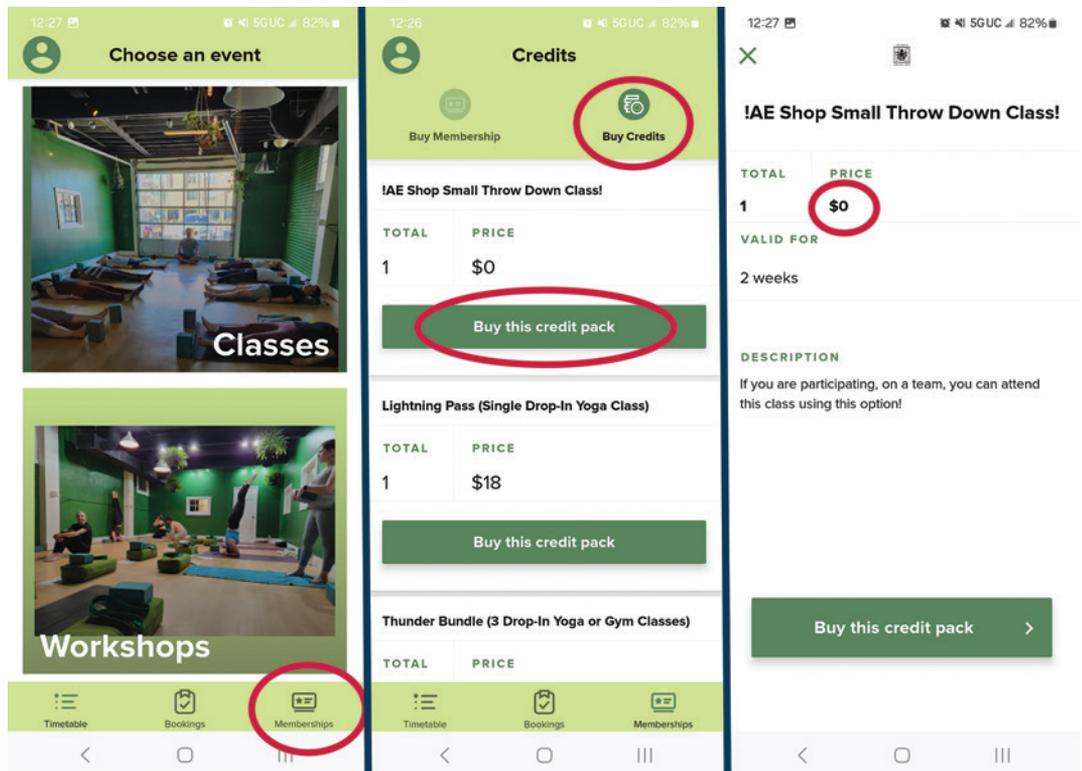
- ▶ Bring your buddy to Anansi Cocktail Lounge, 2700 E College Avenue, Suite 4000.
- ▶ Buy a Happy Hour Drink and the second drink is on us.
- ▶ First come, first served. Limited to the first 30 guests with a friend.

Traffic Got You Stressed? Try Yoga

The first 100 neighbors who haven't tried a class at Anurati Yoga at 2753 E College Avenue can give it a go for FREE through September.

- ▶ Create an account with Anurati Yoga
- ▶ Choose "Buy Credit" Option and choose "AE Shop Small Throw Down Class"
- ▶ "Buy" credit (for \$0) and schedule your first class
- ▶ Participants must register for a class. Limit to one class per person.

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Curbside Compost is Heating Up

A year-long curbside composting pilot program kicked off in August. After three weeks of service, the program has diverted 5,144 pounds of food scraps from the landfill. Thanks to the many residents who have requested bins, almost 400 of the 750 available spots have already been taken. But there's still time to get a food waste bin. Residents with curbside sanitation pickup can register with CompostNow for the free curbside composting pilot program.

Once registered, participants receive an email with detailed information, and a seven-gallon bin will be dropped off at their home. Wednesdays are collection days, and participants place the compost bin at the curb by 7 a.m. where CompostNow empties it.



How it works.



1. Throw your food scraps in the container provided by CompostNow.



2. CompostNow empties your container at the curb each week.



3. Compost is shared with garden partners.



4. Together, we nourish the planet with nutrient rich soil and keep food waste from the landfill.

What materials are accepted?

CompostNow can take more than a backyard compost pile because the compostables are processed at an industrial-scale facility.

Acceptable items include:

- ▶ All food scraps cooked or raw (veggies, fruit, dairy, fish, meat, and small bones)
- ▶ Coffee grounds and filters
- ▶ Egg shells and paper egg cartons
- ▶ Flower arrangements
- ▶ Household plants and soil
- ▶ Items labeled BPI Certified Compostable
- ▶ Loose tea
- ▶ Paper towels and napkins

- ▶ Paper (not shiny or glossy)
- ▶ Pet food
- ▶ Pizza boxes

Not only will participating residents reduce waste sent to the landfill, but the compost created will be distributed to local Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) farmers and community gardeners in DeKalb County by Food Well Alliance and to the edible landscapes at DeKalb County libraries through Roots Down.

This pilot program is made possible through a \$323,800 U.S. Department of Agriculture Composting and Food Waste Reduction cooperative agreement. The city is partnering with CompostNow, DeKalb County Super District 6 Commissioner Ted Terry, Food Well Alliance and Roots Down.

About 28% of the average household waste stream in America is compostable



Residents, Sign Up Now. Check out the FAQs and program details and learn what can be composted.



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**La Vaughn Belle
Come Ruin or Rapture**

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Detail of La Vaughn Belle, *Storm* (how to imagine the tropical as monumental-as in when people turn into trees), 2023. Charcoal, ink, acrylic, glitter with cuts and burns on paper mounted on 100% cotton. Image courtesy of the artist.



Welcome New Businesses

The Avondale Estates Downtown Development Authority and the city of Avondale Estates welcomed two new businesses to the city with ribbon cuttings in August:



GALETTE BAKERY, 110 N. AVONDALE RD.

Enjoy fresh, hand-made pastry, bread, drip coffee and cold brew. All the French American-style baked goods are made in-house and freshly baked at Avondale’s historic Tudor Village.



AVONDALE PHYSICAL THERAPY, 6 N. AVONDALE RD.

The group specializes in orthopedic rehabilitation, sports physical therapy, and pain management, focusing on restoring mobility, enhancing performance, and ensuring long-term health and wellness for adolescents, adults, and seniors.

Help welcome these new businesses to the city.

Skip’s Celebrating 45 Years Serving Chicago-style Classics

October 18, 5:30-8:30 - Avondale Estates Town Green and Skip’s

Come celebrate 45 years of Chicago-style goodness at the Town Green with Skip’s Chicago Dogs. Enjoy hot dogs, chips and soft drinks at a discounted price, as well as snacks and desserts. The first 200 customers will receive free t-shirts. Bring the entire family for an evening of great food, music, face painting and more.



In 1977, Leo Shababy and son Leo “Skip” Shababy Jr. moved their families from Chicago to Atlanta, the land of sweet tea and BBQ. Combining a hard work ethic, family values, and a passion for quality food, the duo set out to bring the great taste of the “Windy City” to Atlanta. In 1979, Skip’s Chicago Dogs was introduced.

Starting in an old 600-square-foot produce building, Skip’s began with a simple but unique menu. Italian beef sandwiches and Chicago-style hot dogs drew people from miles around.

In 1990, the business had outgrown its tiny space. Skip moved the operation to a parcel directly behind the current location and began demo work on the original brick-and-mortar. The location added 800 more square feet to accommodate the booming venture.

Eight months later, Skip’s moved into its new and improved building and added new menu items such as Philly Cheesesteaks, Chicago’s Pizza Puffs, and the explosive Spicy Chicken Cheesesteaks. It’s been an Avondale Estates fixture ever since.



Fall Weekend Wind Down Concerts

The Weekend Wind Down concert series returns to the Town Green this fall in September, October and November. The events are free to the public and food and beverages will be available for purchase.

community’s rich history, culture, heritage and diversity.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15: 5-8 P.M.

COT BAND - Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off this year with the Weekend Wind Down Concert on Sunday, Sept. 15, featuring the Latin fusion COT Band, salsa dance lessons, and a variety of Hispanic foods from Avondale’s own Santo Cantina + Cocina and the Peruvian food truck Freakin’ Incan.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13: 5-8 P.M.

NATTI LOVES JOY - Feel the island joy and reggae vibes.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3: 4-7 P.M.

BLUE VELVET - Atlanta - All-female blues band.

Music will begin an hour after the event starts.

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 to celebrate the Hispanic

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 business hours.





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Be prepared to vote in the upcoming General Election – choose one of three ways to cast a vote:

- ▶ Absentee voting,
- ▶ Advance voting, and
- ▶ In-person voting on election day.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. Polls will be open at City Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Additional election dates

- ▶ Oct. 7: Deadline for voter registration and change of address.
- ▶ Oct. 15 - Nov. 1: Advance voting
- ▶ Oct. 25: Last day to request an absentee ballot.
- ▶ Nov. 5: Election day in-person voting at City Hall between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Visit dekalbvotes.com for detailed information about voting options, early voting locations and sample ballots.

To check voter registration, visit Georgia’s Secretary of State’s website, sos.ga.gov/elections.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The city will hold a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Dewey C. Brown Plaza across from City Hall. The ceremony will begin at 8:40 a.m. and include bell ringing by Peg Wyse at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. to mark the times the two World Trade Center towers were hit. Between each bell ringing, attendees will have time for silent reflection in memory of the thousands killed in the terrorist attack in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Join the city to honor those impacted by this tragedy 23 years ago and mourn fallen heroes.

Avondale Estates Garden Club members will work with Ms. Calcagno in advance of the ceremony to cover the grounds of Dewey Plaza with American flags.



Mayor Jonathan Elmore joined Avondale Estates Garden Club President Patricia Calcagno last year next to the wreath placed annually at the September 11 remembrance marker by the club.



Back-to-School Fun at National Night Out

The Avondale Estates Police Department kicked off the start of a hot new school year with some cool treats on August 1 at the Town Green. Avondale’s new ice cream shop N7 Kream Lab wowed the crowd with a special “Kool Klouds of Fun with Nitrogen” demonstration showing how to make ice cream with nitrogen. Not only did attendees enjoy a free sample of ice cream, but they got up close looks at the AEPD’s police vehicle and even got to challenge officers to cornhole.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live.

Chief for a Day

The Avondale Estates Police Department (AEPD) welcomed Vivian from The Museum School as Chief for a Day in August. After being sworn in, Vivian joined a roll call briefing and gave staff orders to keep the city safe.

Sergeant Preiss and Chief Vivian conducted vehicle inspections and learned what items officers carry daily. Officer Gladmon briefed Chief Vivian on traffic safety and enforcement and showed her how to use the LIDAR for speed detection.



The AEPD offers Chief for a Day as a fundraising item at the city’s local school auctions.



National Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
City Hall, 21 N. Avondale Plaza

The Avondale Estates Police Department encourages the community to participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day this fall. The Drug Enforcement Agency'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.

Fletcher Park Design Input

The city received a grant to improve Fletcher Park, focusing on increased accessibility, playground equipment upgrades, and drainage improvements. The city is working with the Greenspace Advisory Committee to host input sessions. Look for information on public input sessions starting in late September in the city's E-News and social media accounts.



Traffic Calming

After input from residents and two rounds of design, the city is moving forward with traffic calming improvements on S. Avondale Road and Kensington Road. The improvements were prompted by residents' concerns about pedestrian safety due to the speed of cars on city streets. Additions of crosswalks, stop bars, stop signs, chicanes, striping and vertical elements will be included in our pilot program to test solutions for allowing pedestrians to feel safer.

Residents can already see some traffic calming elements implemented, such as the speed limit being lowered from 30 mph to 25 mph on Kensington Road

and Clarendon Avenue. The city has been working with GDOT to approve the permits for the speed reduction on these key residential roads, and signage for the speed changes is occurring on these roads.

In the next few months, residents will begin to see the other elements installed, with the most notable changes occurring on Kensington and S. Avondale Roads.



Time to Hit the Dale Ale Trail

Avondale Ale Day returns on Saturday, Nov. 2 with live music, food and more than 100 diverse draft beers along the Dale Ale Trail, a one-mile path through the heart of Avondale Estates' central business district. Stops include Little Cottage Brewery, The Lost Druid Brewery & Distillery, My Parents' Basement and Wild Heaven Brewery. The city's award-winning and talented craft brewers have already begun creating three specially crafted beers made specially for the weekend.

Pick up a punch card at any one of the four locations along the Dale Ale Trail starting on Friday, Nov. 1 and earn a punch by purchasing a beverage at each stop along the way. Submit your completed punch card by the end of the weekend at any of the four locations to receive a free, limited-edition Dale Ale Trail pint glass designed by local artist Matt Leunig (available while supplies last).

Follow Explore Avondale on Facebook, Instagram or online at exploreavondale.org for updates.

September 2024

calendar of events



| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| Avondale Estates Farmers Market 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Labor Day (City Hall Closed) | Yoga at the Town Green 6-7 p.m. | | | | Waffle House 69th Anniversary |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Avondale Estates Farmers Market 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 6 p.m. | | Patriot Day - 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony 8:40 a.m. Board of Mayor and Commissioners Regular Meeting Work Session 5:30 p.m. | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Avondale Estates Farmers Market 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Weekend Wind Down Concert with COT Band 5-8 p.m. | Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. | Hard Hat Happy Hour at Anansi Cocktail Lounge 6-8 p.m. | | | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Avondale Estates Farmers Market 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | | | Board of Mayor and Commissioner Regular Meeting & Work Session 5:30 p.m. | | | Avondale Elementary Roadrunner Rally 5K and Breit Mile Fun Run 8:30 a.m. Southern Surf Stompfest! Noon-10 p.m. |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |
| Avondale Estates Farmers Market 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | | | | | | |

October 2024

calendar of events



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Yoga at the Town
Green 6-7 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah
Begins at Sunset

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

Voter Registration
Deadline for the
General Election

Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
6 p.m.

Downtown
Development
Authority Regular
Meeting 5:30 p.m.

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

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Yom Kippur Begins
at Sundown

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

Weekend Wind Down
Concert with Natti
Loves Joy
5-8 p.m.

Advance Voting for
the General Election
Begins

Sukkot Begins at
Sunset

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Skip's 45th
Anniversary
5:30-8:30 p.m.

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

Planning and Zoning
Board Meeting 6 p.m.

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

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Last day to request
Absentee Ballot
Application

National Drug Take
Back Day
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Halloween

Avondale Estates Farmers Market Keeps Growing

The Avondale Estates Farmers Market has successfully kicked off its first expansion of the 2024 market. With the support of the City of Avondale Estates, the Downtown Development Authority, and the surrounding community, the market has grown to more



than sixty vendors and expanded into the Town Green's stage area with additional vendors and live music for shoppers to enjoy. The market is committed to providing fresh, locally-grown produce to the community. At its core, it believes in supporting local farmers, promoting sustainable agriculture practices, and promoting locally sourced goods and services.

The market started more than ten years ago in the parking lot of Little Tree Studios, then migrated to the former bank at the corner of Oak Street and N. Avondale Road. My Parents' Basement was home to the market while it continued to grow and expand from local musicians, cold brew coffee (Banjo Coffee), artisan butchered meats (Pine Street Market), Jamaican cuisine (Marlees Street Eatz) and baked goods (Galette, Flour and Thyme). It's come full circle returning to its former spot on the corner of Oak and N. Avondale, now the Town Green Market Pavilion offering other local items from over sixty vendors - seafood, local pork and bison butchers, pottery, pre-made meals, sauces, pet treats, plant nursery items, and so much more!

Board members Jennifer Joyner, Lawson Wright, Melanie Wilder, Katy Workman, and Barry Adair are excited to see the market's expansion and cannot wait to see what the next year at the Town Green Market Pavilion brings. Thanks to all of the Avondale Estates Farmers Market supporters who have come weekly, seasonally, and for the past ten plus years! The Market could not have done this without you!



Southern Surf Stompfest! Returns to the Town Green

Surf's up! Get ready for a free, family-friendly day of surf music starting at noon on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Town Green.

When most people hear "surf music," they think of The Beach Boys, one of the most famous bands to come out of the birthplace of surf, southern California. But surf music is mostly instrumental, guitar-based music without vocals, and The Beach Boys only played a handful of true surf songs. Tunes many people know in the genre include Pipeline, Wipeout and Misirlou's theme from the 90's movie Pulp Fiction.

Surf music has grown over the decades to include various bands still recognizable as surf bands. It is a diverse, worldwide scene full of bands and people who play and listen to this music because they love it. This year's event will feature bands from California, Maryland, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia.

Who's the Ghouliest? Enter the Halloween Spirit Awards

It's the spookiest time of the year – who's ready to get their ghoul on? Enter your home or business in the annual Halloween Spirit Awards. Take a photo of your property decorated and submit your entry by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Your neighbors will be the judges.



Send a picture to compete in the following categories:

- ▶ Business Award
- ▶ Children's Appeal
- ▶ Most Creative
- ▶ Spookiest

Online voting will run from Wednesday, Oct. 23 – Sunday, Oct. 27.



Breathe, Stretch and Relax at the Town Green

Join Avondale Estates' Anurati Yoga Studio at the lawn in front of the Town Green stage for free yoga on the first Tuesday of September and October from 6-7 p.m.

- ▶ Tuesday, Sept. 2
- ▶ Tuesday, Oct. 1

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

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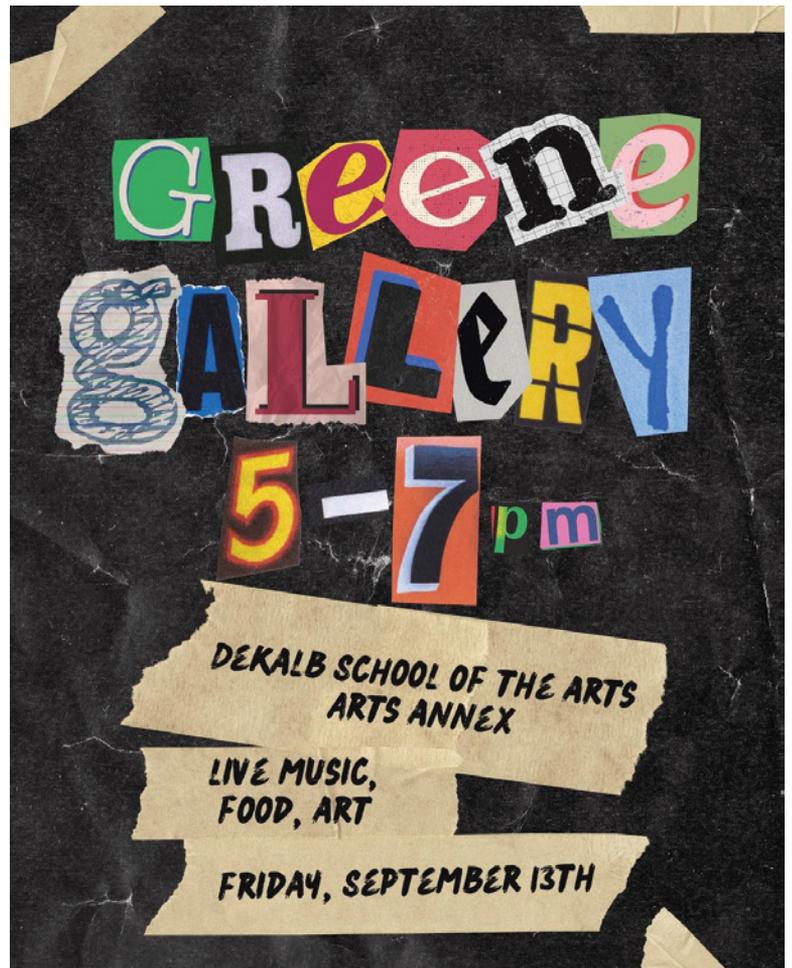
Lace Up and Shine “Breit” at AES 5k and Fun Run

Join Avondale Elementary School for the Roadrunner Rally 5K and The Breit Mile fun run on Saturday, September 28, 2024. This USA Track and Field certified 5K event offers a fantastic opportunity for participants to qualify for Atlanta’s renowned Peachtree Road Race and other prestigious races. The Breit Mile, held in honor of Coach Beth Breit, celebrates her legacy of inspiring countless students and community members to find joy in staying active. Join us for a day of fitness, fun, and community spirit to support Avondale Elementary School!

Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/AvondaleEstates/AESRoadrunnerRally> or scan QR code for information about race day, registration, race routes, sponsorship opportunities, donation options and more

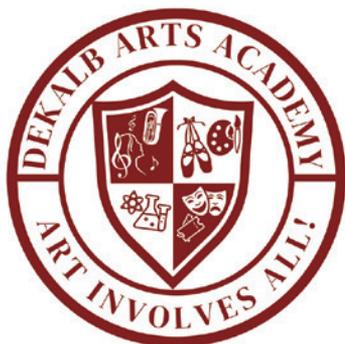
To register, donate, sponsor and/or volunteer visit www.runsignup.com/Race/GA/AvondaleEstates/2023AESBREITRUN.

For inquiries or additional information contact AES Roadrunners at aesroadrunners5k@gmail.com.



DeKalb School of the Arts Greene Gallery Fall Show

Join the students at DeKalb School of the Arts (DSA) at their Greene Gallery in the Art Annex on Friday, Sept. 13 from 5-7 p.m. The gallery will display artwork made and curated by students in 9-12 grade. Enjoy a performance by the DSA Jazz Band and food prepared and served by students.



DeKalb Arts Academy New Name, Same Cool School

DeKalb Arts Academy, formerly known as DeKalb Elementary School of the Arts, is a premier K-8 performing arts school that offers students a unique and immersive educational experience. Each day, students engage in a comprehensive curriculum that includes visual arts, orchestra, dance, band, chorus and drama. This creative environment fosters artistic expression and academic excellence. Residents of DeKalb County can join this vibrant community by auditioning or applying through the annual School Choice Lottery.

Stay tuned for opportunities for Avondale Estates residents to participate in community engagement programs and school sponsorship.

DRUID HILLS DASH

NOVEMBER 9, 2024

DRUID HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Run with the Red Devils and Support Druid Hills High School

The Druid Hills Dash is a 5K trail race through the scenic Lullwater Preserve and includes a one-mile Fun Run. Registration includes a t-shirt and bib with timing chip. Register before November 3, 2024, to save on registration fees and guarantee choice of shirt.

DHHS students can join a team to raise funds for their organization. Using the Win | Win program, students can have donations support their athletic team or student organization. 50% of the proceeds will

go directly to the student's chosen team or organization, and the remaining will be invested by the Druid Hills Education Foundation directly into academics, arts and athletics in Druid Hills.

Learn more at <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/90813/druid-hills-dash> or email druidhillsreddevildash@gmail.com.



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Avondale Estates Garden Club Hosts Open Meeting

Whether a master gardener or a newbie who wants to start gardening from scratch, join the Avondale Estates Garden Club at its open meeting on Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Lake House at 59 Lakeshore Drive.

The first meeting of the fall season is open to all prospective members. The program will include a get-acquainted session about the structure of the Federation of Garden Clubs and how local organizations fit into the national structure.

Founded in 1931, the Avondale Estates Garden Club is one of the oldest in the state. The club's first project was planting the Abelia hedge along North Avondale Road, with labor provided by workers from the New Deal's Work Progress Administration (WPA).

Current activities include the Secret Garden Tour every even-numbered year, during which the private gardens of several Avondale Estates homes are open to visitors. On odd-numbered years, the club hosts a tree walk starting from Lake Avondale, led by local arborists who discuss the various species of trees and lead tours through the historic part of the city.

Every spring, the club hosts a plant sale on the lawn of the Lake House, and hundreds of area residents pick out scores of locally grown and native plants to purchase for their gardens.



Meetings from October through May feature guest speakers who discuss aspects of gardening from America's native carnivorous plants, topics such as the Georgia Grasslands Initiative project and how to cut flower varieties that work in the Atlanta area across the seasons.

To register for a spot at the September meeting, text or email Club President Patricia Calcagno at 404-626-2103 or patriciacalcagno@bellsouth.net.

Avondale Woman's Club New Opportunities

Calling all ladies of Avondale. The Avondale Woman's Club (AWC) is kicking off another great year of sisterhood and service, and all women are invited. Members will enjoy monthly luncheons and programming centering around health and wellness. The AWC has monthly volunteer opportunities and fundraising projects available for member participation. The first luncheon takes place on Thursday, September 26 at 11 a.m. at the American Legion, Post 66, at 30 Covington Highway. Email Roxane.Coticello@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.



Visit the new website www.AvondaleWomansClub.net to learn about the AWC's history and discover the events planned for this year. The site also includes links to sign up for volunteer opportunities and place orders from past fundraising projects. Members look forward to seeing new and returning sisters soon.



The Lake House at Avondale

What is that beautiful and charming Tudor "house" crowning Lake Avondale? It is the Avondale Community Club also known as The Lake House at Avondale. Since the 1920s, the Lake House has been a landmark in Avondale Estates and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This Tudor-style lakeside retreat easily accommodates 100+ guests. The original purpose of this charming "house" was to provide boat storage and serve as a bathhouse at the lake. The Avondale Community Club became the center of the city's social and civic life, hosting club meetings, private celebrations and the town library. The club still hosts wonderful social events and has become a rental venue. To become a member or a renter for your next special occasion event, please visit <https://thelakehouseatavondale.com/> for more information.



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CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES
& HOLIDAY MARKET

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 15, 2024

Christmas Tour of Homes & Holiday Market

Plans are underway for the Avondale Estates Christmas Tour of Homes and Holiday Market on Sunday, Dec. 15.

The Holiday Market will be open from noon to 6 p.m., and the Tour of Homes will run from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Be a Christmas Angel by supporting the Tour of Homes. A \$50 donation includes:

- ▶ Name on ticket/poster/flyer,
- ▶ Sign in yard,
- ▶ Pre-tour party, and
- ▶ One (1) complimentary tour ticket.

Contact Kathy Delaney (see below) to coordinate check payments.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the following committee members:

- ▶ Christmas Tour: Margaret Lunsford,
404-388-9137, mplcvl@aol.com
- ▶ Holiday Market: Sally Walker,
404-308-9292, avondaleholidaymarket@gmail.com
- ▶ Sponsors: Connie Bryans,
404-408-9644, lbryans@bellsouth.net
- ▶ Christmas Angels: Kathy Delaney,
404-925-1743, kathy_tom@mindspring.com
- ▶ Volunteers: Lynn Thompson,
770-617-0617, benobo@bellsouth.net

For more information visit www.avondaletoursofhomes.com.

Avon Garden Club Garden of the Month



July: 1057 Hess Drive, home of Amy and Dan Waltzer



August: 3242 Wiltshire Drive, home of Jill Joyner and Mark Williams

Avondale Estates Garden Club Yard of the Month

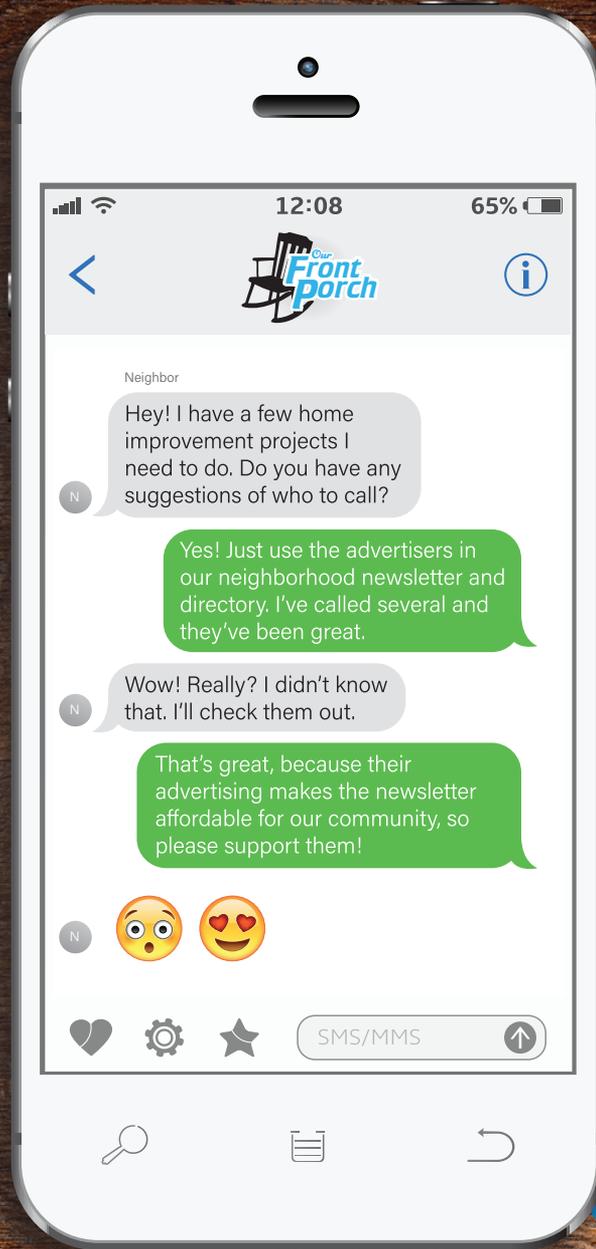


July: 51 Wiltshire Drive, home of Kathleen and Edwin Link



August: 1076 Clarendon Avenue, home of Joelle Easlick and Wojtek Ziniewicz





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