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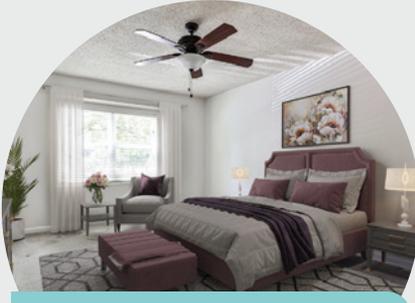


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Families and friends view the fireworks from the Town Green. View more images from the city's festive Independence Day on page 18. Photo Credit: Isadora Pennington

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Purpose

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

Dear Avondale Residents:

It was wonderful to see all of you having such a good time during our Fourth of July celebration. What a turnout! Hopefully, everyone got their fill of candy during the morning's parade and did not let sugar belly get in the way of having an awesome day at the pool. I am also grateful that Mother Nature was kind enough to allow for what I think was the best fireworks show to date. How about that grand finale? As we navigate through the back half of summer and prepare to go back to school, I want to talk about some of the exciting projects we are working on and ask for your patience as we progress.



Photo Credit: Isadora Pennington

Please allow me to level with you. Avondale Estates is transforming. We have changed the way we provide sanitation service, changed the way we police, and now we are changing the way we travel. I truly believe this change is for the better, but I am not blind to the reality that change is difficult. We all have our routines and our expectations. I have my own, and I certainly become uncomfortable when they are affected by things outside of my control.

Knowing progress can be challenging, I ask for your patience during this transformation. Reducing the number of travel lanes on Highway U. S. 278 while adding wide sidewalks for walking and biking is a major construction effort. Navigation through Avondale Estates during this construction period will be difficult. Travel times will be impacted, and some motorists will attempt to detour using residential streets. We have plans to address these concerns with tactical calming measures that will attempt to deter most of that traffic and keep the traffic that does occur from exceeding speeds dangerous to other motorists and pedestrians. The Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) and the staff are considering feedback as we determine the next steps. Thank you to all who attended the open house, reviewed the plans, and commented online and at meetings. Please view *page 12* for more information on the plans, and feel free to share your thoughts with the BOMC and me.



We have an experienced team working to ensure the impacts of these projects are kept to a minimum. Even if it takes a little longer to wind your way through the city, keep in mind that our businesses are still open and eager to serve the community. I encourage each of you to patronize them as often as you can and participate in our Downtown Development Authority's "Shop Local Throw Down." Throughout construction, the DDA will throw the winning team a party each quarter. So, shop at our businesses, keep those receipts, and get them to your neighborhood team captains so that you have the bragging rights!



I truly appreciate the closeness and comradery of our residents and know that we will get through these growing pains a stronger and as a more sustainable city. And, before you know it, we will have a gorgeous new commercial development in front of the Town Green that will be home to new shops and restaurants. If you have any questions about any of the projects I have written about, please do not hesitate to ask the BOMC or me. We are happy to provide you with the information you need to feel comfortable with the changes these projects will bring. This is an exciting time for the city of Avondale Estates, and I am honored to go on this journey with you.

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Putting People First – North Avondale Complete Street Project

Construction has finally begun on North Avondale Road and East College Avenue. On June 6, the city of Avondale Estates hosted the groundbreaking ceremony for the North Avondale Complete Street Project at the Town Green Market Pavilion, and construction began on June 24. This major transformation will create a more walkable, bikeable, safe and attractive corridor that will connect the community and encourage downtown development.

The project spans from Sams Crossing to Ashton Place. It includes a landscape buffer, center median, pedestrian/bike crossings, a reduction from five lanes to three, road repaving and restriping, and replaced and upgraded traffic signals (see details below in the Features section).

The new design will be more efficient, attractive, safer and more accessible for cyclists and walkers. Creating a better place means better opportunities, and research shows that changing the corridor from a place that people drive through, to one that they drive to, will improve economic vitality for local businesses.



The Mayor and Board of Commissioners were joined by IP Construction, Dave Deiters, chair of the Avondale Estates Downtown Development Authority, City Manager Patrick Bryant and Assistant City Manager Shannon Powell at the groundbreaking for the complete street project. Photo credit: Isadora Pennington



Complete Street Project Plan

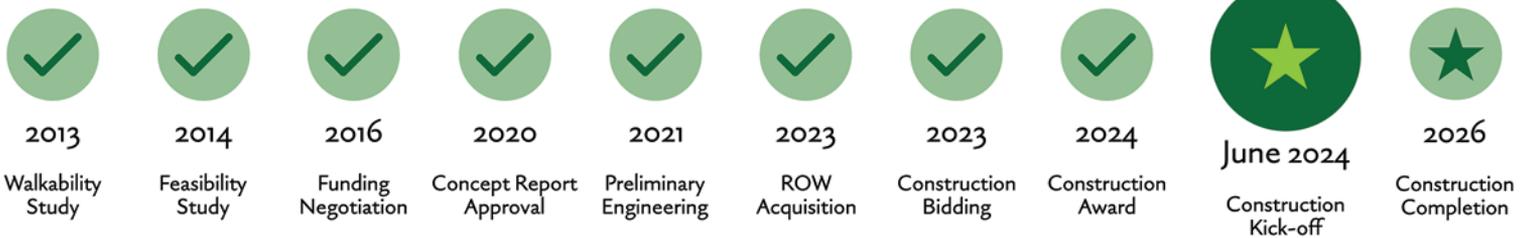
Creating Changes Will:

- ▶ Slow motorists to provide safety for pedestrians and cyclists and allow businesses to capture drive-through traffic.
- ▶ Preserve existing roadway capacity while adding safety improvements and pedestrian enhancements.
- ▶ Build a continuous, connected sidewalk system to access residential and commercial areas.
- ▶ Provide connectivity from downtown to the Avondale Estates MARTA station.
- ▶ Redesign intersections to increase functionality and safety.

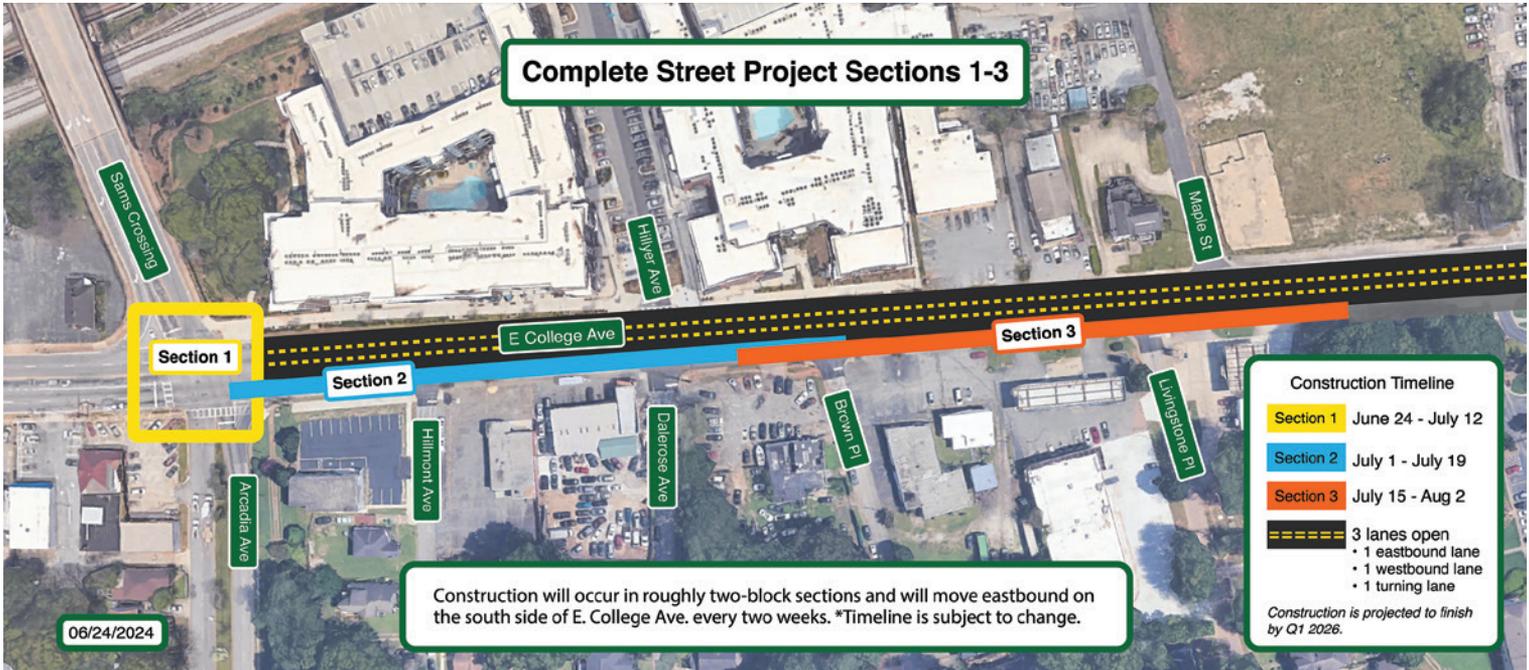
Timeline for Project

This project's roots reach back to 2004 when the corridor was identified as part of the city's downtown plans. The project stayed a priority in the updated 2014 Downtown Master Plan with much input and leadership from

the community. Projects on state routes with federal funding are complicated, and the process for obtaining approvals involved many professionals across several organizations. The project is projected to be completed in early 2026.



Complete Street Project Phasing Plan



Construction started at Sams Crossing the week of June 24. Construction will move eastbound on the south side of East College Avenue to Ashton Place where it will turn around and proceed westbound on the north side of the street back to Sams Crossing. Construction will be completed in two-block sections.

Complete Street Features

- ▶ Three 11' lanes, including a turning lane
- ▶ 10' path for pedestrians and bikes on the north side
- ▶ 5' sidewalks on the south side
- ▶ New pedestrian and vehicle lighting
- ▶ Landscape buffer (typical 5' strip)
- ▶ Center median (typical 11')
- ▶ Pedestrian/bike crossings
- ▶ Road repaving and restriping
- ▶ Replaced and upgraded traffic signals

Thanks to the Project's Funding Sponsors

This project would not be possible without the support of the following organizations:

- The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has provided technical assistance, encouragement, and critical funding, including more than \$8 million for the project.



- The Livable Centers Initiative (LCI), an ARC program started 25 years ago, helps transform communities in the Atlanta region. Prior to the LCI program, streetscape projects like the one the city is embarking on didn't get funding because they weren't big enough. They were the responsibility of local governments, and there wasn't enough money from local dollars alone. The funding that came through ARC was tied to the city's LCI downtown master plan.



- The State Road and Tollway Authority, or SRTA, awarded the city a \$1.5 million grant. As a small city, this grant was critical to overcome the financial gap that would have prevented this project.



- The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), a key partner in the project, provides funding, design review, and project management for the road, also known as Highway U.S. 278. Over the project's life, dozens of people representing different departments have worked on it and continue to be involved in its funding, accounting, tracking, and monitoring.



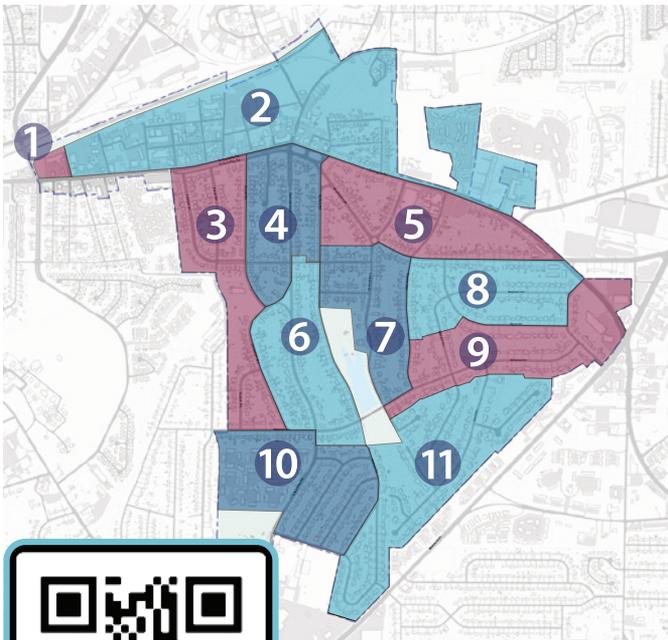


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Transformation of the North Woods

The final stabilization of the North Woods uses different grass types than often seen. The blue seed sprayed throughout the site is hydroseed and uses a seeding process that includes a seed mix, water, fertilizer, and mulch. This process allows for a native seed mix to be applied to the site but will take longer to establish than a typical contractor mix. A riparian seed mix including native grasses like Virginia wild rye (*Elymus virginicus*) and big bluestem (*Andro-*

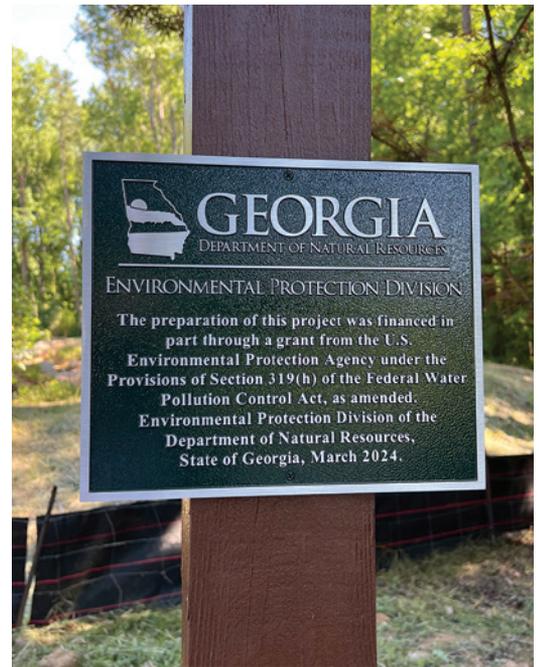
pogon gerardii) mixed with native wildflowers like Joe-pye weed (*Eupatorium fistulosum*), wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*) and narrow-leaved or swamp sunflower (*Helianthus angustifolius*) will be used. The native riparian seed mix is more drought resistant, requires less maintenance, reduces erosion and increases wildlife habitat.

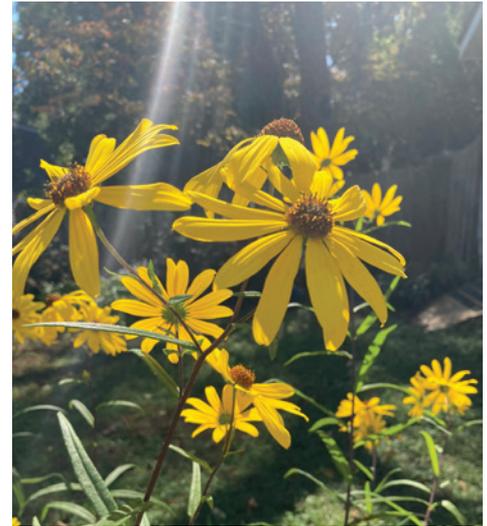


Kristin Moretz, capital projects construction and maintenance director (far left in black), leads a tour of the rain gardens and North Woods at the groundbreaking.



Mayor Jonathan Elmore was joined by commissioners, city staff and partners at the North Woods ribbon cutting.





Left to right: Joe-pye weed, wild bergamot and swamp sunflower will be some of the native flowering perennials included in the riparian seed mix used in the North Woods.
Photo credit: Ellen Powell

Additional rip rap and modifications will be made to the rain gardens to prevent stagnant water from collecting. Until stabilization occurs, sediment will continue to build on top of the rain gardens, affecting the engineered soil. Once stabilization occurs, the final sediment will be removed, and the engineered soil mix will be “fluffed,” drastically improving the infiltration. These steps, along with water uptake from the plants and native grasses, will control any concerns about mosquitos. Rain gardens, when complete and properly

maintained, don't have stagnant water and will not need mosquito control.

The silt fence, which is the black mesh and rebar fencing surrounding the construction site, will be removed when the stabilization throughout the area has reached over 75% density. This fence is an erosion control measure that allows water to pass but does not allow sediment to enter the woodland area or Cobbs Creek. Keeping a silt fence installed until stabilization is established will protect the creek and conservation area.



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Traffic Calming Pilot Strives to Improve Safety

A common concern among Avondale Estates residents is feeling unsafe due to the speed of cars on city streets. The city has considered using police to address the issue; however, every traffic study conducted over the past ten years has shown that drivers rarely exceed the posted speed limit. When they do, it is seldom more than ten miles an hour over the speed limit required by Georgia law to allow officers to issue tickets. Therefore, traditional policing will not effectively solve the problem. Even though drivers may not be breaking the law, cars moving at the posted speed limits can still pose safety risks and make pedestrians and cyclists uncomfortable—a valid concern that should not be dismissed.



To increase safety, reduce speeds, and deter cut-through traffic in the neighborhoods, the city has developed a traffic-calming plan for the neighborhood. Traffic calming measures aim to reduce driving speeds by narrowing a driver's field of vision, prompting them to be more attentive and mindful of their surroundings. The proposed Traffic Calming Plan includes recommendations from the design team and input from the community workshop.

Testing Solutions

The city is considering launching a pilot project that will target South Avondale Road and Kensington Road using inexpensive materials that can be easily removed. This pilot project will allow the city to test traffic-calming measures in the short term before making a permanent investment or expanding them to other areas of the city if they prove effective.

South Avondale Road and Kensington Road have been prioritized for several reasons:

- ▶ More concerns have been raised on these corridors than others,
- ▶ They are ideal for bike routes, and
- ▶ They are natural cut-through streets and are more likely to experience higher traffic volumes during construction projects in downtown Avondale Estates.

Timeline

The pilot's target start date is no later than early fall, contingent on the availability of a contractor and approval by the BOMC. Once the pilot is completed, the BOMC will consider additional traffic calming measures based on costs, impact and timelines.

Traffic-Calming Elements in the Pilot

PAINTED CHICANES:

an artificial narrowing or turn on a road.

WAVE DELINEATORS:

a visually appealing separation method for bike lanes and street lanes.

BOLLARDS:

a short post used to divert traffic from an area or road.

NEUTRAL-COLOR PLANTERS:

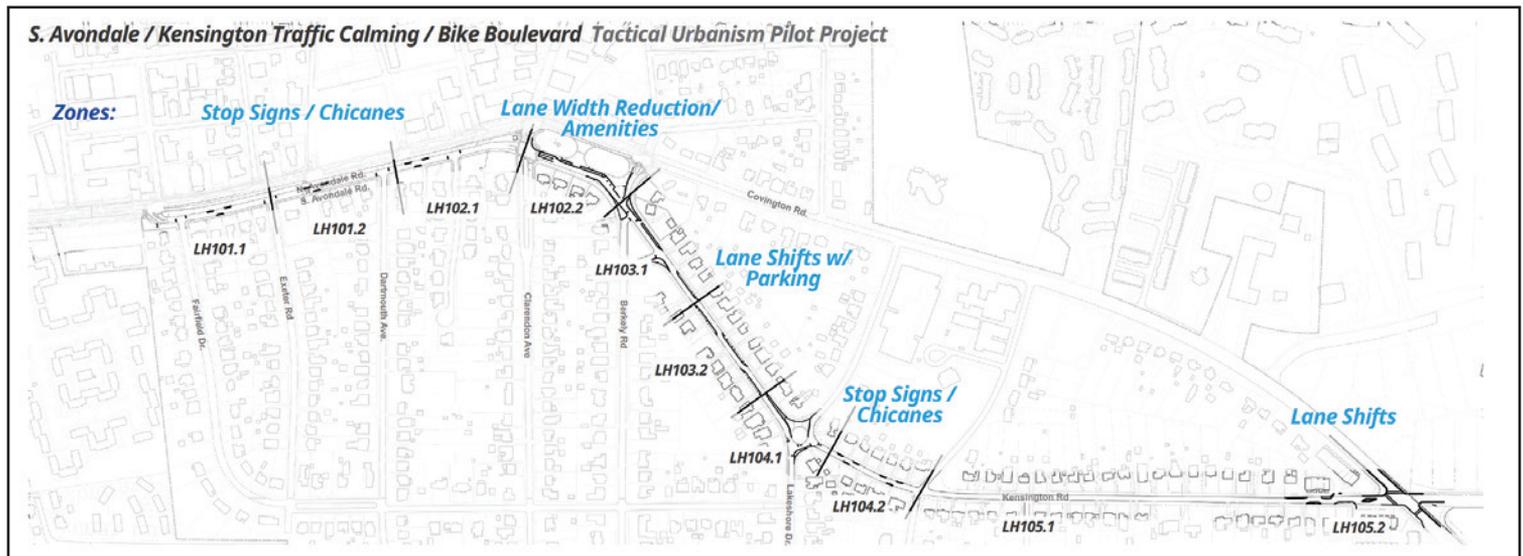
A limited use of planters will be positioned in strategic locations.

STOP BARS AND SIGNS:

Thick white lines on the road at stop signs act as barriers and indicate whether a driver is in the intersection. Additional stop bars and more visible stop signs will be added in key locations.

KENSINGTON CIRCLE RENOVATION:

The traffic circle's configuration and direction of travel will remain the same. Paint will narrow the travel lanes and stop signs will be added to facilitate easy and safe pedestrian use.



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Residents

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3. Compost is shared with garden partners.



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



News and Updates

Stay Up to Date on Construction and Road Closures in the City



Numerous ongoing construction and road projects are occurring in the city, including DeKalb County Watershed Management projects replacing water mains and sewer lines. Details of each project can be found on the city's Construction and Road Closures page. The city will post biweekly updates about projects as information is received from the outside organizations managing them.



All businesses will remain open during the construction period. Please make a point to support the city's businesses.

Questions or concerns about the work should be directed to the responsible parties.

Ongoing projects include:

North Avondale Complete Streets Project

Impacted roads: East College Avenue, Sams Crossing

DeKalb Watershed Scott Boulevard Water Main Replacement-Phase III

Impacted roads: Maple Street, E. College Avenue between Maple Street and Livingstone, Livingstone Street and Brown Place

DeKalb Watershed PASARP 5 Gravity Sewer Renewal Project

Impacted roads: Berkeley Road south of Wiltshire to Banbury Cross, and Banbury Cross to Memorial Drive, Wiltshire Drive, Dunwick Drive, and Hess Drive

The Dale Construction Adjacent to the Town Green

Impacted roads: Lake Street and North Avondale Road.

Save the Date: National Night Out

August 1 at the Town Green Market Pavilion

Join the Avondale Estates Police Department at the Town Green on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. to kick off the start of a new school year with a special demonstration on the science behind ice cream from Avondale's new ice cream shop N7 Kream Lab. Free ice cream will be offered while supplies last. Stay tuned for more details.



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

Millage Rate Remains the Same

The Board of Mayor and Commissioners unanimously voted Thursday, June 27 to maintain the millage rate at 9.55 mills.

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Fourth of July Celebration Delights

The city's Fourth of July kicked off with a spirited parade led by Mayor Jonathan Elmore and Commissioner Graham Reiney. The Patriotic Brigade comprised of decorated bikes and wagons rolled next, followed by the scouts and the Wasted Potential Brass Band. Residents gathered to see dancers, stilt walkers, festive golf carts, Ghostbusters, Paw Patrol and Lightning McQueen. Local businesses Banjo Coffee, Village Music and Swinks Tattoo Emporium added to the festive event. The parade concluded with the city's Public Works and police vehicles. Thanks to all the residents and community members who participated and enjoyed the parade. The city would like to give a special shout out to the Avondale Woman's Club for volunteering to hand out water to participants.

The celebration continued at the Town Green in the evening. Families and friends gathered to enjoy music, hula hoop contests, jugglers, stilt walkers, and delicious food and dessert. As the sun set, the fireworks lit up the sky, making it a spectacular end to Independence Day.

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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.

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COT Band – (Hispanic Heritage Month) Latin fusion and Caribbean rhythms.

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.

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Avondale Woman's Club Welcomes New Executive Board

The 2023-2024 membership year was very successful for the Avondale Woman's Club (AWC). The four seasons garden flags fundraiser was particularly profitable. Proceeds were donated to Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, Furnish with Love and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The club has always been service oriented. Many members have volunteered numerous times and hours at various nonprofit organizations in the surrounding area and have been acknowledged for their dedication.

On May 23, the installation of the new executive board was held in the beautiful garden at the home of Susan Merritt. Newly elected officers are:

- ▶ **President:** Susan Merritt
- ▶ **First Vice President/Membership:** Roxane Conticello
- ▶ **Second Vice Presidents/Programs and Speakers:** Lisa Shaw and Susan Riley
- ▶ **Treasurer:** Wendy Meulemans
- ▶ **Recording Secretary:** Jessica Reese
- ▶ **Corresponding Secretary:** Karina Hatcher

The AWC is looking forward to the 2024-2025 session. To learn more about the club, please contact Roxane Conticello at 678-449-8337. The first meeting will be on September 26 at 11 a.m. in the American Legion Post 66 on Covington Hwy.



The AWC aims to provide a warm and welcoming environment for all women of the Avondale Estates area and foster members' personal growth through learning and service to the community.

Avon Garden Club Member Receives Esteemed Honor

The DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs recently confirmed what Avon Garden Club (AGC) members already knew—that Ruth Olson, a long-time, dedicated club member, is a legend! On May 30, Ruth was inducted into the federation's "League of Legends" during a meeting at Callanwolde on Briarcliff Road in Atlanta.

Ruth and her husband Eric moved to Avondale Estates in 1973, where they raised five daughters. Today, Ruth and Eric are proud grandparents and great-grandparents. Throughout their time living in Avondale Estates, Ruth and Eric have been actively involved in community, civic and church endeavors.

Ruth's active involvement with the AGC continues from when the founders were active participants to today. Most recently, Ruth presided over the club's installation of officers in May 2024.

Ruth has served in all leadership roles of the AGC, including vice president and president (1986-1987). Ruth was instrumental in the annual pancake breakfast, the club's major fundraiser which is still going strong after 40 years.

In the club's nominating application to the federation, fellow club members emphasized Ruth's kindness, thoughtfulness, cheery outlook and the joy she brings to every activity and gathering.



The DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs is composed of 17 DeKalb County garden clubs and three plant societies. The League of Legends was instituted in 2017 to honor long-standing garden club members and their contributions to their respective clubs.



Avondale Estates Garden Club Hosts Tour

The biannual Avondale Estates Garden Club (AEGC) Secret Garden Tour was a great success, with perfect weather, hundreds of guests, dozens of volunteers and five families who worked for months preparing to open their gardens for the tour. Guests strolled through garden gates into private gardens immaculately groomed for the tour.

This event was one of the club's main fundraisers. Proceeds from the Secret Garden Tour and other AEGC fundraisers benefit organizations such as the Avondale Estates Elementary School Foundation, the Cherokee Gardens Library at the Atlanta History Center, the Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Fund and the Dunwoody Nature Center.

A special thank you to this year's sponsors Coyote's Mexican Grill, Eco Gardens LLC, Finders Keepers Consignments, Carol Reimer, Dearborn Animal Hospital and Brock Nix.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 6, 2026, for the next chance to peer behind the gates of some of the most elaborate gardens in Avondale Estates at the Secret Garden Tour.



Gardens Clubs Mark Memorial Day

Memorial Day marks more than the official beginning of summer. Much more importantly, it sets aside a time for every American to pause, remember and honor men and women who gave their lives in service to this country.

Each year, the Avon Garden Club and the Avondale Estates Garden Club join in a ceremony at the city's Blue Star Memorial Highway marker to honor the occasion. The two garden clubs alternate years creating a wreath for the marker and planting flowers in the ground beneath it.

On May 24, members of the AGC placed a wreath on the city's Blue Star Memorial Highway sign in front of City Hall. City Commissioner Lisa Shortell, AGC President Frank Mullens, and AEGC President Patricia Calcagno addressed the gathering. AEGC members planted red, white and blue flowers at the base of the marker.

The ceremony in Avondale Estates is part of the Blue Star Memorial Project of the National Garden Club in which garden clubs around the country take part in similar ceremonies.

Garden Clubs Celebrate Garden Week

Fresh Flower for City Hall

When National Garden Week arrives in the first week in June, members of the Avondale Estates Garden Club do their best to share the joy of gardening with as many neighbors as possible, especially their friends at the Avondale Estates City Hall.

This year, club member Karen Liebert collected fresh flowers from club members' gardens around the city and designed a large flower arrangement for the lobby of City Hall. Giving a new meaning to "locally grown," Liebert added a sign to the arrangement to indicate that all the flowers were grown by club members within the city limit of Avondale Estates.

AEGC's immediate past president Peggy Burgess joined Liebert at City Hall for the flower presentation.



Pictured (left to right): Peggy Burgess and Karen Liebert.



Flower and Friends Celebration

On June 6, the Avon Garden Club hosted the "Flowers and Friends" event at the Willis Park Pavilion. The event was the highlight of the club's week-long National Garden Week celebration, which ran from June 2 to June 8. The city of Avondale Estates' Greenspace crew and volunteers of Gardeners for the Common Good joined the celebration. The celebration also included a plant swap, where attendees could take a new plant home with them.

After being "greeted" by a tall and friendly scarecrow, attendees were officially welcomed by club President Frank Mullins, who expressed gratitude for their successful efforts in beautifying Avondale Estates.



Avon Garden Club Garden of the Month



May: 46 Wiltshire Drive, home of Anne and Kevin Dunn



June: 3049 Majestic Circle, home of Marjorie and Nic Andersson

Avondale Estates Garden Club Yard of the Month



May: 3222 Majestic Circle, home of Wendi Sams and Mike Babcock



June: 18 Lakeshore Drive, home of Ramos and David Jones



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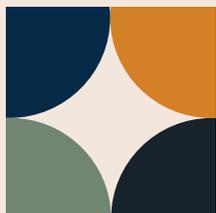


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