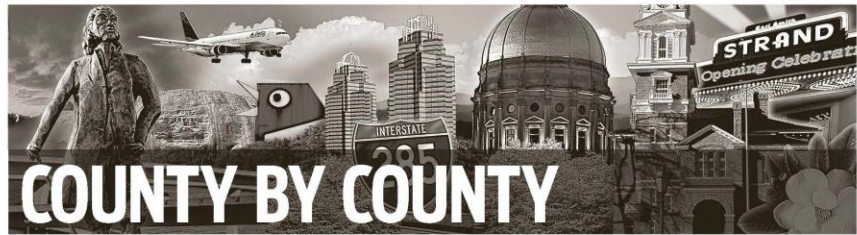


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## Atlanta

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### INTOWN

#### City acquires land for park expansion

The city of Atlanta has agreed to purchase 2.94 acres of land located at the corner of Piedmont Avenue and Monroe Drive for the historic expansion of Piedmont Park and the Atlanta Botanical Garden. The acquisition of the property was approved by the Atlanta City Council on May 21. As the city moves forward, the Department of Parks and Recreation will host a series of community meetings to incorporate public feedback into the design of the pedestrian trails, the trail connections and access to the Atlanta BeltLine, as well as the expanded Piedmont Park and Atlanta Botanical Garden.

The city will pay up to \$20.4 million for the property with a majority of funds coming from the TSPLOST, Atlanta BeltLine Inc. and the Department of Parks and Recreation. A philanthropic effort to raise \$80 million in private funds for the full development and expansion of Piedmont Park and the Atlanta Botanical Garden will be led by Carol Tomé, chair of the Atlanta Botanical Garden Board of Directors and chief financial officer of The Home Depot.

The property is currently operated as a retail development subject to commercial lease, whose income will be used to offset costs until each lease expires or terminates, and the expansion begins.

### Upcoming

**Eco Thinker: Interactive Steam Exhibits.** Through May 31, Roswell, Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Wilcox Road, Atlanta. \$6 for Child \$10 Adult. \$7 Seniors 65+ \$7 Students 13-18. Free CNG Members & Kids 2 and younger. Head outdoors to the Chattahoochee Nature Center for nature inspired tech and outdoor tinkler stations presented by Northside Hospital. There are five STEAM themed stations where you can experiment and explore the science of water. [www.chattahoocheecenter.org/special-events/special-exhibits/ecotinker-interactive-exhibits](http://www.chattahoocheecenter.org/special-events/special-exhibits/ecotinker-interactive-exhibits)

**Imaginary Worlds at Atlanta Botanical Garden.** Ongoing, Atlanta Botanical Garden, 1345 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta. \$21.95/ adult, \$18.95/ child, Free for 3 and younger. Take your toes to marvel at this collection of mega-landscaping. [atlantabi.org/visit/events/imaginary-worlds](http://atlantabi.org/visit/events/imaginary-worlds)



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### ATLANTA DOWNTOWN

## Battery firm hired to work on Underground Atlanta

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A major commercial real estate firm has been hired to help develop part of Underground Atlanta.

South Carolina developer WRS recently announced that JLL will market a 1.9-acre area, "Block One," of Underground Atlanta's four-block redevelopment, a news release said. WRS purchased Underground in March 2017.

Plans for Block One include residential, office, retail and a high density hotel. The area is along Peachtree Street at the north west corner of Pryor and Upper Alabama, and will have direct

tunnel access into MARTA's Five Points Station.

Scott Cullen and Mark Lindemann of JLL will oversee the marketing and developer selection for the property. The firm expects to see "global interest in this development opportunity," Lindemann said.

WRS' COO Steve Howe said JLL was on the company's radar "as the firm that could handle this type of project," citing its sales of a Georgia Power property to New City Properties as an example.

JLL, or Jones Lang LaSalle, is also involved with projects such as the Battery Atlanta in Cobb County, the Hurt Build-

ing in downtown Atlanta and the forthcoming Midtown Union development.

"We appreciate JLL's creativity and vision which makes them great partners to help us land the right operators for Block One," Howe said.

The city of Atlanta announced plans to sell the money losing Underground in early 2014. The property, once a happening bar and music scene in the 1950s, fell into blight and disrepair. A late-1980s makeover that turned Underground into a tourist-driven shopping mall fizzled out. It has largely been an underperforming mall since the 1996 Summer Olympic Games.

### NORTHSIDE ROSWELL

## Roswell to offer free CPR classes

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Getting instruction from a free class in Roswell could help you save a life.

The city's fire department is hosting two free CPR classes June 16. Both courses will be held at 7 at 8025 Holcomb Bridge Road.

Participants must be at least 12 years old. Participants must also be residents of Roswell.

The classes will be held at 9 and 11:30 a.m., and space is limited to 16 people per class. Instructors with the Roswell Fire Department will use curriculum from the American Heart Association's Family & Friends CPR course. This course is for individuals who want to learn CPR, but



Two free CPR classes will be held June 16 at Five Station 7 at 8025 Holcomb Bridge Road for residents of Roswell. PHOTO BY PRESS FILE

do not need a course completion card in CPR for a job. The course is ideal for teachers, students, parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life, the city says.

The course will teach the life-saving skills of adult hands-only CPR, child CPR with breaths,

adult and child automated external defibrillator use, infant CPR and relief of choking.

Skills are taught in a group environment using hands-on techniques. To sign up for the classes, visit the city's website at [roswell.gov](http://roswell.gov).

## Southside

South Fulton, Clayton, Fayette and Henry can get the latest updates and breaking news on Twitter: @ajcsouthside

### SOUTH FULTON

#### City launches 'community walk'

The city of South Fulton has launched Community Walk Wednesdays, a monthly activity focused on increasing access to city services, improved community relations and proactively addressing community issues, according to a press release.

The purpose of the first walk is to introduce the Cascade corridor to administrative leaders and identify key issues and concerns of the community. At the end of the walk, participants will listen to a roll call that lists issues or needs identified during the event. The city will publish a report shortly after the walk, that summarizes the problems, their status and what departments are responsible for resolution. The report will then be sent to each department or agency for follow up.

### SOUTH SIDE

#### Free summer meals available for students

The Community Walk Wednesdays team will follow up with the identified agencies in a 30, 60, and 90-day check-in period and will then update the community at each checkpoint period or until all issues have been resolved. "Every step we take as a city is a vital one. We are excited to launch this new initiative, increase our visibility in the community, and provide real time resolutions to current problems," said City Manager Odie Donald II. "Other walk participants include community organizations, merchant organizations, administrative personnel and residential stakeholders including Home Owner Associations." PAMELA MILLER FOR THE AJC

### Upcoming

**National Senior Health & Fitness Day.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Free. Fayette Senior Services, The Life Enrichment Center, 4 Center Drive, Fayetteville. This 25th nationally recognized day for older adults is held each May during Older Americans Month. On Wednesday, more than 100,000 older adults are expected to participate in local events at greater than 1,000 locations across the country. The day's goals are to promote the importance of overall health and wellness among older adults and showcase local businesses as they present and offer products and services to improve health for aging adults. Business registration is \$30/booth with Morgan Lanier at 770-769-8430 or [milanier@fays.org](mailto:milanier@fays.org). Fayette Senior Services membership information: 770-461-0813, email [info@fays.org](mailto:info@fays.org).

## DeKalb

Decatur, Dunwoody, Stone Mountain and others on Twitter: @dekalbnewsnow

### DECATUR

#### Commission approved Thankful Baptist project

On May 21 Decatur's commission approved zoning that paves the way for a small mixed use project on the east side parking lot of Thankful Baptist Church. Covering 1.15 of Thankful's total 3.7 acres, the project would include a four live-work town homes facing College Avenue, the ground floor having the option of a single proprietor type business. It also includes six residential only town homes facing Meade Road and three single family homes further south on Meade.

This final plan is a compromise between the city, the church and the Oakhurst community that surrounds it. The original proposal of 22 town homes was clamorously opposed by the neighborhood over several meetings last fall.

Weslee Knapp, president of Decatur based Keller Knapp Realty and a consultant to Thankful Baptist, said the church is taking bids from "four or five developers." There is no asking price, he said, but the church is in an area where similar tracts have sold for roughly \$1.5 million per acre.

Knapp said the church will use money from the sale to fund repairs, particularly on its chapel at College and Feld Avenue, which it hopes to rent out for special events like weddings.

Founded in 1882 Thankful is the second oldest black church in DeKalb County, moving to its current site in 1971. The church hit a high water mark of attendance from 1984 to 1992 when it routinely held two Sunday services, both packing the sanctuary that seats about 700. Today the church has roughly 250 on the rolls.

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### Upcoming

**Applications: New Arts Council for Avondale Estates.** Due by 5 p.m. Friday. Avondale Estates residents are invited to apply. The initial focus of the council will be to create a framework and plan to include the vision, mission, values and strategic objectives for the arts in Avondale Estates. Applicants should provide evidence and examples of any of the following:

- Professional arts organization experience with demonstrated ability to bring both financial and human resources to bear on behalf of an organization.
  - CPR experience working with successful teams. Awareness of personal strengths and the ability to work with various personalities, leadership styles and interests other than one's own.
  - Start-up, entrepreneurial experience with demonstrated ability in overcoming barriers with limited resources.
  - Experience in the development of an organizational strategic plan, vision, mission values and objectives with a framework for execution.
  - Community development and experience in crafting community initiatives.
- Applications are available at [AvondaleEstates.org/DocumentCenter/View/38](http://AvondaleEstates.org/DocumentCenter/View/38). Board Application and plan may be returned to Avondale Estates City Hall, 21 N. Avondale Plaza, Avondale Estates, GA 30002.