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Please note: The beautiful picture of the Lake Avondale tree on the November/December "News from the City" cover was shot by Linda Coatsworth.



Photo credit: Dot Paul. THE COMMUNITY AGAIN CAME TOGETHER FOR A MAGICAL NIGHT OF NUTCRACKER DANCES, CAROLS BY THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND A VISIT FROM SANTA AT THE TOWN GREEN TREE LIGHTING ON DECEMBER 8.

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From the City Manager

By Patrick Bryant, City Manager

Welcome to 2026, Avondale Estates! 2025 was a big year in Avondale—so many major accomplishments and exciting new developments. I’m really proud of the work we have done this past year, and it all stems from the intentional planning and continued efforts of so many people. I invite you to read about the City’s major 2025 accomplishments (pages 6-7) and learn about the new planning efforts, including updating the Downtown Master Plan (page 9), that will need your input as we plan the future of our great city.

I also want to share an article we provided in the Best of Decaturish edition. This article gets to the heart of why I believe our businesses, organizations and gathering places (shout out to the Town Green for two awards!) received so much recognition. We continue to celebrate an authentic, unique Avondale that puts people first. So much opportunity is on the horizon—opportunity for growth, improvement and renewal. I look forward to working together in 2026 to continue to build on the City’s success.

We don't just dream about the future—we build it.

Best of Decaturish Article for Avondale Estates

For 100 years, Avondale has been shaped by people who saw what was possible and made it happen. Maybe we should be surprised that a 1.2-square-mile city could



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Photo by Hector Almador

boast just shy of 50 winners and runners-up in the Best of Decaturish awards, but it just reaffirms what we already know. It’s all about the people—the folks who live here, run shops, own businesses and choose to spend time in our little corner of the world.

The neighborly spirit flows through our city. Wave hello or stop to chat, and you’ll experience the fabric of this place. We’ve built a place that brings people together. Every block party, festival or casual brew invites connection. Nothing is blooming here by accident.

The shops and restaurants that line our streets are part of what makes Avondale unique. We believe great communities and great businesses grow together, and we thank the local owners who’ve chosen to invest in our city and be part of our story. Whether it’s a family restaurant that’s been serving neighbors for years or a new shop bringing fresh energy downtown, we invite you to see how Avondale shines.

Avondale isn’t trying to be something we’re not. We’re simply creating the best place we can for people to thrive and live well. We invite you to explore.

Raise a Glass

Learn why Avondale Estates was named Best Small Town Beer Scene by USA Today for four of the past five years. Avondale has plenty of ways to quench your thirst. From small batch breweries to cozy spots mixing craft cocktails, you'll find the perfect place to sip, unwind and enjoy.

Home to Great Art

Creating a vibrant arts community, more than 60 creatives and resident artists call downtown studios home. The Avondale Arts Center, the headquarters of the Avondale Arts Alliance, serves as a gallery and gathering space for our community, and Garage Door Studios and Fiber Parts offer classes, supplies and local art.

Dine Around the World

From international treats to comforting favorites, our local restaurants, cafés and bakeries are serving up a wide variety of unique dining options. Eat local and let Avondale's flavors sweeten your day.

Catch Up on Some Tunes

Avondale always has a soundtrack. In addition to weekly local bands at our breweries and outdoor concerts at the Town Green, don't miss shows at Commune, our high-end listening room, and our historic Avon Theater. Year-round music keeps our city buzzing. Gather your people and let the music set the mood.

Explore Avondale

Whether you're a longtime local or just discovering our charming downtown, we invite you to take a stroll, shop, grab a coffee, bump into friends, grab a bite and raise a glass. From our fabulous Sunday farmers market to numerous great patios, there are plenty of reasons not to be a stranger.

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Avondale Estates 2025 Summary of Accomplishments

In 2025, the City of Avondale Estates made significant progress across infrastructure, development, public safety, environmental stewardship and community engagement. Here are a few of the major highlights.

Planning & Development

Development activity continued to accelerate, with over 310 permits issued and 25+ Historic Preservation projects reviewed. Major redevelopment projects included:

- **The Dale:** Interior buildouts for six commercial spaces in a 24,000 sq. ft. building on the Town Green and streetscape improvements.



- **Avila/Hedgewood Developments:** Advanced planning for 18 acres of redevelopment with ~800 single-family and multifamily units.



- **Overlook Senior Housing:** Facilitated annexation, zoning and permitting for 66 affordable senior apartments.
- **Wellroot Family Services Campus Conversion:** Supported annexation, zoning and ongoing reviews for new offices and affordable units.

Public Works, Parks, Stormwater & Transportation

- **North Avondale/East College Complete Street:** \$10+ million federally funded project on schedule for early 2026 completion.
- **Lanier Gardens:** Multi-use trail connections designed.
- **Dewey Brown Plaza & Fletcher Park:** Plaza restoration and landscaping upgrades planned;



park drainage improvements, playground, and regenerative stormwater features completed.

- **Traffic-calming measures reduced speeding:** Dunwick Drive stormwater improvements completed; 400 linear feet of new sidewalk installed.
- **Environmental Initiatives:**
 - Launched regenerative landscape plan, staff training and ecological best practices,
 - Earned Green Leaf Community designation and applied for Bronze Certification,
 - Installed EV chargers at the Town Green,
 - Achieved Bee City USA designation,
 - Ran curbside composting pilot via a \$323,800 USDA grant, and
 - Completed tree canopy study and GIS asset mapping.



Utility Coordination

Monthly coordination with DeKalb County streamlined permitting and minimized conflicts for projects, including US 278 Water Main Replacement, PASARP Gravity Sewer Renewal, and Scott Boulevard Phase III Water Main Replacement.

Public Safety & Municipal Court



- Upgraded body cameras and in-car cameras with the newest Axon models,
- Completed over 60 code complaints with a focus on compliance,
- Participated in career development training, including
 - Chief Executive Training Program through GACP and Executive Certification obtained by Deputy Chief Branch,
 - career development certifications through GA POST by numerous officers,
- Implemented new software to track better internal documents and an early warning system for officers,
- Participated in the National Faith and Blue event with New Hope Gospel Church to strengthen ties with our community and houses of faith.
- Chief Hess was elected 4th Vice President of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) by his peers, and
- Municipal Court managed monthly citations and adopted improved processes, with the Court Clerk receiving the 2025 statewide Clerk Mentor of the Year award.

Business Growth & Economic Development



Downtown welcomed 16 new businesses, including Enzo Izakaya, Weithaus Baby & Home, Pool Turtle, Cremalosa, Birdi Dental, Mint Mobile Detail, Billy's and Reformology Pilates. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) promoted Shop Local campaigns, low-interest business loans, and support for the Avondale Arts Alliance.

- Distributed \$61,000 in micro-grants to businesses affected by nearby construction.
- The Dale loan accelerated development and will generate reinvestable interest revenue.
- Allocated TAD funds to support street grid construction for 18 acres of new development (~800 units).
- Approved the first bridge loan to help a locally owned business secure its own property.

Marketing & Communications



- Launched the first-ever citywide branding initiative.
- Produced weekly e-newsletters, six magazines, business spotlights and expanded social media engagement.
- Supported city traditions: Fourth of July, Holiday Tree Lightings, Easter Egg Hunt.
- Downtown events flourished: Avondale Ale Day, Wine & Art Walk, Weekend Wind Down Concerts, and Shakespeare performances.
- Promotional strategies, including the popular "Barrel People," maintained foot traffic.
- The new DDA Dish blog and annual report with video messages highlighted district businesses.

Finance & Administration

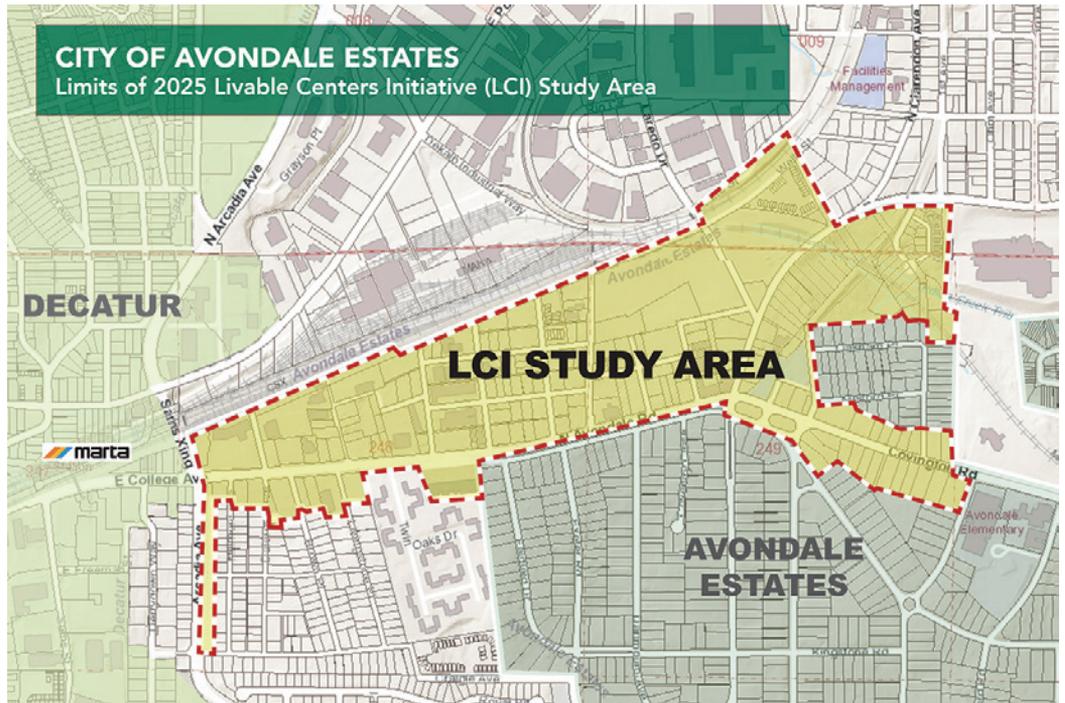
- Secured \$5.6 million in new grants over 18 months, exceeding the entire 2024 operating budget.
- Maintained a balanced budget, received a clean 2024 audit, and modernized accounting software.

Downtown Master Plan Update/LCI Study Coming

In 2026, Avondale Estates will embark on a Downtown Master Plan update/Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study. The study is funded by a grant of federal transportation funds administered by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) with a local fund match. Proposals to assist the City with public engagement and preparation of the plan are due from interested consulting firms on February 2.

The 2014 Downtown Master Plan (DMP) has been a crucial roadmap for Avondale's downtown revitalization, and 37 of the original 41 recommendations have been addressed. Like all plans, the Downtown Master Plan must evolve. The 2026 plan will build on the 2014 plan's success, incorporate supplemental studies and policies adopted since, and provide a clear path forward in collaboration with developers, city organizations and regional agencies. This updated plan will include an urban design framework outlining land uses, design standards, and actionable recommendations for policies, programs, and partnerships to achieve broader goals, which specifically include:

- A multimodal transportation network with pedestrian, bicycle and transit connections through downtown and to regional facilities, along with a parking strategy,



- Housing strategies that build on momentum, ensuring current projects—over 1,000 new multifamily units—are quality developments integrated into the walkable fabric of downtown, including affordable housing and market-rate units,
- A sustainability plan incorporating a "green lens" into city policies, enhancing stormwater management, increasing the tree canopy, promoting energy conservation and recycling, and
- A placemaking and public art plan that crowdsources ideas, creates whimsical experiences, identifies public art locations, and establishes a process for decision-making.

The City will work with the consulting team identified in the request for proposals to pair the newly devel-

oped Downtown Master Plan Update/LCI study with a separate but coordinated Comprehensive Development Plan update produced with the help of ARC. Both plans will have a completion date of October 2026, coinciding with the comprehensive plan deadlines set by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the ARC.

Both plans will be produced with significant community participation and input. Please plan to participate in the production of the plan in the months of April through September. Participation details will be finalized with the selected consulting team and publicized in the spring. The goal is to have meaningful participation and input throughout the community, so please plan on being involved!

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Avondale Estates Centennial: A Community Celebration in the Making

The City of Avondale Estates is gearing up to celebrate a monumental milestone—its centennial! Beginning in August 2026 and concluding in January 2028, this once-in-a-lifetime celebration will honor our rich history, vibrant community and shared vision for the future. Planning is already underway to ensure a citywide, coordinated commemoration that engages residents, businesses and organizations. We need your input and ideas! Please provide your thoughts by scanning the QR code to take the public survey so we can gather ideas, gauge interest and recruit volunteers eager to help bring this historic celebration to life.



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Communications and Branding

To unify and amplify our efforts, city staff are developing a cohesive centennial brand and communication strategy. Banners, a shared logo, a dedicated webpage, a master calendar of events, social media assets and business window clings are all a part of the vision to ensure that every celebration and partner activity shines under the centennial banner.

Organizing Committee & Subcommittees

An organizing committee will guide planning and execution from the first quarter of 2026 through early 2028. Subcommittees will focus on items such as signature events, organizational engagement, commemorative projects and city events integration.

Signature Events & Themes

The Centennial event committee will lead citywide celebrations that align with momentous founding dates. Some very fun ideas have already been suggested, such as a Roaring Twenties-themed party, a lantern parade, a picnic and concert, and the Taste of Avondale. Make sure to complete the survey and provide your ideas for consideration.

Community Participation, Commemorative Projects and Event Integration

Local organizations, schools, and businesses will be invited to participate in centennial activities, incorporating recognition into their existing programs or develop something new. If you are a part of an organization, start thinking about how you would like to mark this occasion. A commemorative committee will explore permanent tributes to create lasting connections to our community's story.

Centennial recognition will be woven into annual City-sponsored events such as the Fourth of July parade, Holiday Tree Lighting, Weekend Wind Down concerts, and Downtown Development Authority activities, ensuring every event celebrates our 100-year milestone.

This centennial is more than a celebration; it's an opportunity to honor our past, celebrate our present, and inspire our future. Together, we will make Avondale Estates' 100th anniversary unforgettable!

Timeline for the Creation of the City

- **August 25, 1926:** The General Assembly of the State of Georgia approved an act to create the Avondale Estates City Charter. This act documented the structure of the charter, the timeline and the process for the City's creation.
- **September 20, 1927:** The Ordinary of DeKalb County called for a Referendum election on this date in which all persons who were "bona fide residents of legal voting age within the proposed corporate limits of the proposed City of Avondale Estates" voted to adopt or reject the charter. The charter was adopted.
- **November 1, 1927:** On the first Tuesday in November, 1927, the first board of commissioners and mayor were elected.
- **January 1, 1928:** The charter for the City of Avondale Estates took effect, and the first mayor and commissioners "took and held office."



Bike Avondale

Cyclists, rejoice! New bike racks have been installed throughout Avondale Estates to make it easier than ever to pedal to favorite local spots.

Whether grabbing coffee, shopping, or meeting friends, you'll now find more convenient places to park your bike securely. These additions provide convenient, secure parking for residents and visitors traveling by bicycle.

The City was one of five recipients of a 2025 GM on Main Street Grant, powered by General Motors and Main Street America. The program awarded five \$60,000 grants to nonprofit organizations and municipal government entities near GM facilities and to a tribal community within the Main Street network to implement innovative transportation initiatives in their local districts.

The grant supported the installation of 25 leaf bike racks in high-traffic areas near popular local businesses, public spaces and bike lanes. Nine locations also feature wayfinding and information signage, with unique info tailored to each location. A QR code on each sign links to a Google map which provides valuable details, including the locations of additional bike racks, connections to regional bike paths such as the PATH Stone Mountain Trail, as well as info on great places to eat, shop and explore in Avondale.

The initiative aligns with the City's commitment to promoting a more connected and sustainable community.



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City Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

On the 40th anniversary of the first observed King holiday, the city honors the legacy of Dr. King and reflects upon what we can do individually and together to create a better community.

City Hall will be closed on this day of reflection, learning and service. No yard waste pick-up will occur on Monday, Jan. 19. All city services will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 20.



Welcome New Commissioners at Swearing-in Ceremony

MONDAY, JAN. 5, 5:30 P.M.
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The Board of Mayor and Commissioners is holding a Special Called Meeting



on Monday, Jan. 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to swear in the City's newly appointed commissioners, Luis Suazo and Lyda Steadman, to their four-year terms. The public is invited to attend.

Thanks to all outgoing commissioners, Lisa Shortell and Lionel Larette, for their years of service and contributions to the City.

Congrats to City Staff

Congratulations to staff members on their recent training and recognition, which builds skills and excellence that benefit our City.

In November, Deputy Chief JD Branch attended the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Chief Executive Training Program (CETP). The course is designed for new and aspiring police chiefs and is taught by current and retired chiefs of police from across Georgia. Topics include leadership, risk management, budgeting, hiring, human resources and community engagement. The 60-hour course spans eight days.



After completing the CETP course and 120 hours of executive development training, Deputy Chief Branch earned his Executive Certification from Georgia POST on November 25, 2025.

Kudos also go to the City's court administrator, Marcella Shaw, who received multiple awards at the 2025 Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council annual conference. In addition to her annual certification, she was named Mentor of the Year for the organization and was acknowledged for her exemplary service as a board member to the community and membership.



Bring One For the Chipper

Still working on New Year's resolutions? Here's an easy one to check off the list.



Recycle Christmas trees by placing them on the curb now through Friday, Jan. 9. Public Works will pick up the trees to mulch for the city's playgrounds, dog park and green spaces.

If you miss the pickup, bring trees to the lower parking lot next to the Town Green at the corner of Lake Street and Franklin Street between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Jan. 10. Do NOT drop off trees before Jan. 10!

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION. Trees will not be collected this year at the usual mulching site of Berkeley Rd. and Wiltshire Dr.

Remember:

- Artificial trees cannot be chipped.
- Trees must be free of all artificial materials, nails and staples, or they cannot be chipped.
- Trees placed on the curb after Friday, Jan. 9, will not be chipped.
- Trees dropped off at the chipping site after Saturday, Jan. 10, will be considered illegal dumping.

For thirty-five years, the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation has held Bring One for the Chipper events at more than 120 sites statewide mulching over 6 million trees.

Celebrate Georgia's Arbor Day Feb. 20

In collaboration with the Avondale Estates Garden Club and the Georgia Forestry Commission, the city will plant an approved tree from the city's tree ordinance on the verge on Georgia's Arbor Day, the third Friday in February. Check the city's website and social media channels for details on the event. Winter is the perfect time to plant a tree in the yard - consider adding to the city's tree canopy.

See more from the Avondale Estates Garden Club on Page 31.

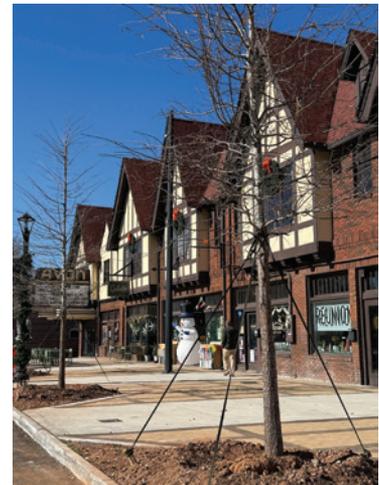


Complete Street

The North Avondale Complete Street Project is wrapping up final touches. The paving is complete. Trees are being planted, lining N. Avondale Road and E. College Avenue. Medians are being installed, with landscaping to follow.

The transformation of our City's main street is almost complete on time and on budget.

Thanks to our businesses and residents for your patience through construction for the last 18 months. We can't wait to wrap up the project in early 2026 and celebrate.



Reminder: Remove the Lights and Decorations on the Trees in the Verge

Trees on the verge (the area between the road and sidewalk) are owned and maintained by the city. While decorating them with lights and ribbon is permitted and enjoyed during the holiday season, please remember to remove these decorations by Jan. 11. Lights and other decorations left on these trees after this time will be removed by Avondale Estates Public Works crews. Removed lights and other decorations will not be saved for retrieval.

Compost Accomplishments

Despite a pause in collection, residents pulled together some impressive stats from the past year's Curbside Composting Pilot Program. Funded by a USDA grant and supported by local partners, the Avondale Estates Community Composting Program empowered 545 households to come together to divert more than 133,000 pounds of compostables from the landfill.

Finished compost will be returned to DeKalb County growers and libraries through grant partners Food Well Alliance and Roots Down this spring.

Avondale Estates Curbside Impact Report

Impact to date:		Date:	12-8-2025
136,415 lbs.	Methane avoided	14,187 lbs.	
diverted from the landfill!	CO ₂ equivalent*	354,679 lbs.	
#starvelandfills	Equiv. miles not driven	398,217 miles	
#bulldsoils	Equiv. cars parked for 2 wks	900 cars	
544	Tomato potential	255,778 tomatoes	
participants	of compost created	17,052 plants	

*In a landfill food waste decomposes in the absence of oxygen and produces methane, which is 25x more powerful as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, yet in the US 95% of food scraps are going to the landfill.

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Thank to those who participated in the pilot and for showing what's

possible when a community comes together to reduce waste.

North Woods Live Staking and New Sign

This fall, city staff planted live stakes of Elderberry and Silky Dogwood in the North Woods rain gardens and along eroded areas of Cobbs Creek. Once inserted into the soil, these woody cuttings which look like twigs will develop extensive root systems, helping sediment stay in place and reducing erosion. Additionally, these native plants help filter pollutants, shade the stream and provide food and habitat for native wildlife. (pictures on the right)

A new sign has been installed at the North Woods rain gardens explaining how the rain gardens help manage stormwater runoff while supporting wildlife and native habitat (below).



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DDA 2025 Microgrant Program Provides \$60k to City’s Businesses

The Avondale Estates Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has awarded its third round of microgrants, bringing the total amount distributed through the program to \$60,000 in 2025. Through three rounds of funding, more than 30 local businesses have received financial support to strengthen and enhance their operations.



The DDA launched its microgrant program earlier this year to support eligible brick-and-mortar businesses with business enhancements. The program provides up to \$2,000 per business to invest in physical improvements, equipment or marketing efforts.

In October 2025, the DDA voted to provide an additional \$16,000 in funding for the microgrant program, allowing for a third round of awards.

The following businesses received the most recent microgrants:

- Across All Ages
- Arepa Mia
- Consorti Custom Concepts
- Finders Keepers Furnishings
- Joyful Jarra
- Mint Mobile Detail
- Pine Street Market
- Reformology Pilates
- Second Life

The DDA remains committed to supporting local businesses and fostering a vibrant, thriving downtown through strategic investment and partnership.

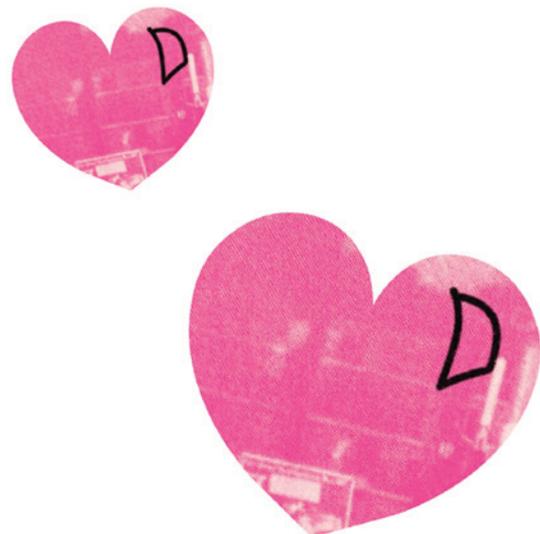
Congratulations to Avondale Estates’ Best of Atlanta Winners

Congratulations to Joyful Jarra and Skip's Chicago Dogs for winning Best of Atlanta awards in Atlanta Magazine. Joyful Jarra, Avondale’s newest zero-waste refillery station, took home the Best Sustainable Expansion award, with longtime Avondale favorite Skip’s won the prize for Best Hot Dog in the Reader’s Choice Eatery Category. We’re so proud to have you here in Avondale.



Let’s Celebrate Galentines

Look out for the pink balloons throughout the City’s businesses on Friday, Feb. 13. Grab your gal pals and hit the town! It’s Galentine’s Day in Avondale Estates. Stroll around the city and enjoy fun drinks, specialty menus and exclusive discounts. Participating businesses will have pink balloons outside. More details to come.



Welcome New Businesses

Help welcome three new businesses that opened in the City this fall.



Birdi Dental

70 N. Avondale Road, Suite 205
birdidental.com

Birdi Dental brings advanced training and compassionate care to the heart of Avondale Estates. Led by Dr. Jalpa Birdi, the practice pairs cutting-edge dental expertise with a gentle, down-to-earth approach designed to make every visit comfortable and stress-free. Whether you're due for a routine cleaning or seeking comprehensive care, Birdi Dental, also open in The Dale, is focused on helping patients feel confident and at ease.



Cremalosa

70 N. Avondale Road, Suite 180
www.cremalosa.com/gelato

Cremalosa brings handmade, small-batch gelato to Avondale Estates, crafted daily using classic Italian techniques by owner and local food writer Meridith Ford. Each scoop puts a Southern spin on tradition, inspired by the cakes, cookies, and candy bars she grew up loving. From family outings to date nights and everything in between, Cremalosa is serving up smiles one scoop at a time. Now open at The Dale, stop by for gelato, boozy shakes, or a sweet treat worth savoring.

Pepper Roost

2827 E. College Avenue
pepperroost.com

Pepper Roost brings bold flavor and serious crunch to Avondale Estates with its chili-fried chicken served hot and crispy with an Asian-inspired twist. Expect fiery spices, savory umami, and crave-worthy combinations that range from sweet and tangy to intensely spicy. Pair your chicken with an ice-cold beer, handcrafted cocktails, or sake, and you've got a meal worth lingering over. Dine in, grab it to go, or order delivery and turn up the heat.



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Regen RX Therapy

2700 E. College Avenue
regenrxtherapy.com

Regen RX Therapy is an anti-aging and wellness clinic offering personalized treatments to help you look and feel your best. From PRP and BOTOX to a range of restorative services, their experienced team focuses on tailored care and thoughtful results. Whether you're looking to refresh your look or support your overall wellness, Regen RX Therapy invites you to book a consultation and explore what's possible.

Turns Out We're Kind of a Big Deal

Congrats to all our businesses!

76 Nominations, 49 Winners, 1.2 Square Miles of Character that Can't Be Copied



COMMUNITY

- Best Hair Stylist: **Naomi Bartolacci - Like Butterflies** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Locally-owned Business: **Galette** ▪ **Winner**
Garage Door Studio ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Non-profit: **Second Life** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Park: **Town Green** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Pilates/Yoga Instructor: **Ivy Ledford, Reformology Pilates** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Place to Work: **Galette** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Realtor: **Leigh Lynch - Homegrown Team** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Woman-Owned Business: **Galette** ▪ **Winner**
The Lost Druid ▪ **Runner Up**

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Best Asian Food: **Vietvana** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Bakery: **Galette** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Breakfast/Brunch: **Rising Son** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Brewery/Brewpub: **The Lost Druid** ▪ **Winner**
Wild Heaven Beer ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Coffee Shop (Local): **Banjo Coffee** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Hot Dog: **Skip's Chicago Dogs** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Ice Cream: **Cremalosa** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Lunch Spot: **Little Hippo** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Mexican Food: **Santo** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Patio Dining: **Arepa Mia** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Salad: **Kafenio Avondale** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Takeout Food: **Little Hippo** ▪ **Runner Up**

MEDICAL

- Best Pharmacy (Local): **Avondale Pharmacy** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Physical Therapy: **Avondale Physical Therapy** ▪ **Winner**

RECREATION

- Best Art Lessons/Studio: **Garage Door Studio** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Date Night Hotspot: **Anansi Cocktail Lounge** ▪ **Winner**
Commune ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Farmers Market: **Avondale Estates Farmers Market** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Music Lessons: **Mister John's Music** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Performing Arts/Theater: **Avon Theater** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Place for Girls Night Out: **Anansi Cocktail Lounge** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Place for Kids to Have Fun: **Town Green** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Wedding Venue: **The Lake House at Avondale Estates** ▪ **Runner Up**

SERVICES

- Best Graphics & Printing Shop: **Minuteman Press Decatur** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Hair Salon: **W. Roy Salon** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Heating & Air Services: **Ace & A HVAC & AC Repair** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Landscaping Services: **Shades of Green Permaculture** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Pet Supply/Boutique: **City Dog Market** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Signs & Graphics: **Minuteman Press Decatur** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Tattoo Studio: **Swinks Tattoo Emporium** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Tree Service: **Gill Tree Care** ▪ **Winner**
Arborguard ▪ **First Runner Up**

SHOPPING

- Best Antiques Store: **Mother Lode** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Art Gallery/Retailer: **Garage Door Studio** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Boutique Shop (local): **Garage Door Studio** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Consignment Store: **Second Life** ▪ **Runner Up**
- Best Flower Shop: **Pop Up Flowers** ▪ **Winner**
- Best Furniture/Home Decor: **Finders Keepers Furnishings** ▪ **Winner**

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Get to Know Billy Elek

By Helen Oliviero

Billy Elek, a longtime Avondale Estates resident, recently made a major career change that brings together his past and present, his love for Avondale Estates – and a really good sandwich.

Elek opened Billy's Avondale in June, setting up a charming little sandwich shop on Center Street, featuring locally sourced sandwiches packed with flavor. Inspired by Jersey and Philly-style sandwiches (but not cheesesteaks), each of the four sandwiches is named after some of Avondale Estates' historic streets – Fairfield, Exeter, Dartmouth and Berkeley.

Billy's Avondale features a picnic table wrapped in historical maps of Avondale Estates, along with framed black-and-white photographs that provide windows into this community's past, including a time when the Avondale pool featured a slide. He and his son, Liam, live on Hess Drive.

Where did your inspiration come from to open Billy's Avondale?

The idea has been in the ether for more than 20 years, with my (now) ex-wife and me kicking around an idea of a market. She is from New York, and I am from New Jersey, where they have these mom-and-pop type markets. The idea for Avondale Street names for the sandwiches actually dates back to this time. But it ended up taking a back burner for a long while.



BILLY ELEK IN FRONT OF HIS HOME ON HESS DRIVE. Photos by Helena Oliviero

All the while, I was in the fintech and/or banking space. It was a perfectly fine, normal career.

But there had always been two things for me in life: food and music, which had long been shaping my life. Back in 2006, three buddies and I even created a cooking show called "Tin Chefs," a take-off of the "Iron Chef" show. Our hook was real people in real kitchens.

And then about a year ago, it just made sense to me to start thinking about doing other things, and this started to take shape.

I traded texts with Billy Atchison (who, along with his wife, Chasidy, own Banjo Coffee). He brought me over to the space at 121 Center Street and told me the area in the

front is available. After that, it was just one foot after the other until it came into fruition. I could not be more grateful to them for this opportunity.

Rusty Bowers, owner of Pine Street Market, has also been a great guiding force and invaluable in my journey.

What is the creative process for the sandwiches?

Everything is inspired by the lasting memories of growing up in central New Jersey. The Fairfield starts it all off for me, and that's modeled after John's Roast Pork in South Philly. The Fairfield tugs at my heart because nobody is doing it that way down here. The bread I use comes from a bakery in South Jersey. For The Exeter, I use the eye of round cut of the beef, and that is the cut my mom would make for Christmas dinner.

On the first Sunday of the month, I make my mother's meatballs.

What's the key to a really good sandwich?

It's the care of ingredients, like the pork I use is from Pine Street Market, and I use locally sourced vegetables. The better the ingredients, the better everything.

How is the business going? It must be especially challenging with rising food prices.

It's just me. When people say I need to hire people, I ask, "What is not landing with you?" I have a number I need to hit, and this is the only way it will work.

My life is so much more fulfilled because I'm clearly an extrovert, and the people, the interactions I have,

truly, are a gift every day.

Seeing comments about how amazing the sandwiches are or someone wanting to hug me after eating one makes me emotional.

And you know, if this doesn't work out, and I have to do something else, at least I've given this a crack.

Your love for Avondale runs deep. What is it about this community that you fell in love with?

There's a phrase I use all the time, which is, 'there is a reason we all live here.'

It's the traditions. It's the relationships. I feel like I'm bringing it full circle with the shop.



BILLY ELEK CELEBRATED RUTLEDGE GROSS' 95 BIRTHDAY AT BILLY'S BY ADORNING THE SANDWICH SHOP WITH SEVERAL FRAMED PHOTOS OF GROSS AND SERVING A SPECIAL BATCH OF PIMIENTO CHEESE FOR THE OCCASION. GROSS MOVED TO AVONDALE ESTATES WITH HER FAMILY IN 1941.

Photo provided by Billy's Avondale



ALL SANDWICHES ARE NAMED AFTER NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS, INCLUDING THE EXETER, A POPULAR ROAST BEEF SANDWICH.

Photo provided by Billy's Avondale

Holiday Spirit Awards Winners

Avondale Estates really shines bright during the holidays. The Tudor Village is aglow, the verge trees along Berkeley are illuminated with white lights, and the homes in the neighborhood sparkle with holiday decorations.

Several homes and businesses went above and beyond in the annual Avondale Estates Holiday Spirit Awards. Congratulations to the 2025 winners:

Residences:

Children's Appeal

McElroy Family, 28 Clarendon Ave.



Avondale Elegance

Berrong Family, 1015 Hess Dr.

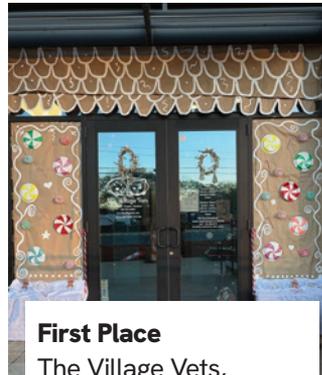


Sparkle and Pizzaz

Weaver-Kennedy Family, 84 Dartmouth Ave.

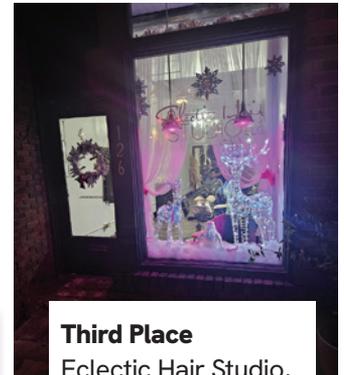


Business Awards



First Place

The Village Vets,
2740 East College Ave.
Unit A BLDG 1000B



Third Place

Eclectic Hair Studio,
126 N Avondale Dr.



Second Place - Avondale Pizza Cafe,
2823 East College Ave.

Thanks to all who participated and did their part to make Avondale Estates feel extra special around the holidays.

New Lake Tree Shines

A new tree graced the platform on the lake this year, and this time, those nighttime holiday sparkles were powered by the sun. The City funded the new solar-powered tree and assisted with the impressive teamwork that goes into staging the beautiful holiday tree in Lake Avondale. Thanks to the Samford family, John and Kader Merritt, friends, and the Stratford crew for staging the tree with assistance from the public works team. It's always impressive to see this uniquely Avondale tradition come together each year.



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Avondale Estates Shines for Tour of Homes

Margaret Lunsford, Tour Co-chair

"Oh, the weather outside was COLD," but the homes were warmly decorated at the Avondale Estates Christmas Tour of Homes & Holiday Market! A variety of beautifully decorated homes represented many of the different architectural styles in Avondale Estates.

Alexander Larson opened his fully renovated 1959 ranch. What was once the garage is now the office, and in the rear of the home, walls were removed, a new hall was created, and two en-suites were added. The completely remodeled kitchen was expanded by removing a bathroom to add a breakfast room.

Two houses built in 1964 on Hess Drive were also on the tour. Pooja and Nathan Barrong shared their

Mid-century ranch, which has a full basement that was completely rebuilt after a tree fell on it over two years ago. Visitors loved the amazing choice of wall colors and exquisite wallpaper, the wonderful new kitchen, and the basement, complete with a family area and a guest suite...nice collection of bourbon as well.

Since moving into their Dutch Colonial home seven years ago, Morgan and Guy Andrews remodeled their kitchen with quartz countertops and shaker cabinets, renovated three bathrooms, and tripled the size of their concrete patio out back. The Andrews family had the largest collection of Christmas trees on the tour! Morgan began an ornament collection as a child and has

continued that tradition with their children, incorporating ornaments on trees throughout the house.

Betty Britton invited visitors into her fabulous condo, built in 1984 and renovated in 2024. In doing so, she converted the sunken screened porch into a sunroom by raising the floor and surrounding the room with windows. As a self-taught artist, Betty has painted for over 50 years and showcases her art not only in her studio but throughout her condo.

Lauren and Jim Novak showed off their third house in Avondale Estates, a spacious English Tudor built in 2017. Visitors loved their antiques and art, their fabulous kitchen and their amazing new pavilion, swimming pool and hot tub out back!



Dawn Diedrich and Joe Foley showed off their new home, completed in November, 2025. Highlights were the fabulous carpets, beautiful furnishings, the tile work, and the beautiful mural by Jen Singh, where she “brought the woods inside” complete with an owl and a fox. Christmas decorations included the complete Lennox “First Blessing” or nativity and vintage tinsel trees decorated with vintage family ornaments.

Shoppers crowded in to shop and enjoy a hot bowl of soup at the Holiday market. Vendors included many old favorites and a few new ones, selling handmade crafts, unique gifts, and delicious food items. We were especially thankful for the bright sunshine throughout the day!

We could not have the tour without all our sponsors and angels! A special thanks to all of them including:

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One of our Gold Sponsors, Finders Keepers Furnishings, also hosted our wonderful Pre-tour Party

Our committee for all their work in putting on the tour:

- Don Connelly
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- Wanda Belline
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- Jean Kingsbury
- Susan Stewart
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- Molly Mobley

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- Jen Topinka,

- Jane Cole,
- Adam Barton
- Scott Legg

‘Shuttle Bus Guys’ for guiding our guests on the tour buses:

- Ernie Ahlquist
- Bill Elek
- John Merritt
- Ted McElroy

‘Luminarians’ for putting luminaries at all the tour homes:

- Clark Lunsford
- Martha McDermott
- Kevin Moran

And thanks to the musicians who performed at various homes including the “Sistahs,” the “Flying Squirrels,” Peg Wyse and Ann Umbaugh, Allison Bombardier and friends, Juliana Botstein and Skylar Ebron, and a quartet from the DeKalb School of the Arts.

As I always say, “It takes a village... or a small city!” Thank you, Avondale Estates, and Happy New Year.

Avon Garden Club Tours Unique Therapy Garden



AVON GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS ARE GRATEFUL TO CO-FOUNDER RACHEL COCHRAN FOR INVITING THEM TO VISIT THE HEADQUARTERS OF TRELIS HORTICULTURAL THERAPY ALLIANCE (COMMONLY CALLED "TRELIS") IN DECATUR'S LEGACY PARK ON NOVEMBER 19.

Trellis is unique in that it is the only non-profit organization in Atlanta dedicated to providing therapeutic horticultural programs to adults who have experienced spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke, multiple sclerosis, and other complex neurological conditions. Trellis also serves veterans with mild brain injury and post-traumatic stress. Group programs are free and open to the public, unless they have been customized for organizations such as the Shepherd Spinal Center and the Veterans Administration.

Trellis headquarters encompasses an ability garden, a fully wheelchair-accessible teaching garden with raised beds; a community garden with 18 raised beds that rent for \$150 each annually; the "Nickerson Cottage," with an office, kitchen and indoor classroom; and an outdoor classroom/event space. Future plans for the headquarters include adding a reflection garden to provide a quiet space for meditation.

Rachel and the two other staff members, all of whom are certified horticultural therapists, described to club members the types of therapies available, which include not only gardening activities within the ability garden, but also extend to arts and craft sessions using natural plant materials from the ability garden and the property.

The visit concluded with tasty refreshments in the indoor classroom and the making of fragrant simmer pot sachets from natural materials.

Three club members returned to Trellis on December 10 to participate in a volunteer wreath-making session.

Garden Club Celebrates

Avondale Estates Garden Club (AEGC) celebrated the holidays with a purpose on December 6 by collecting more than \$600 for the Garden Club of Georgia's Dollars for Scholars program.



The club's board hosted a holiday luncheon, with board members preparing the food and decorating each table with holiday finery. Members were guests and were asked to drop cash into a big red stocking as a donation to the scholarship fund.

Tables reflected the season, with board members creating holiday-themed centerpieces and setting the tables with their holiday china and silver.

The Dollars for Scholars fund provides grants to students in areas including agricultural education, ecology, entomology, and horticulture research, as well as forestry, landscape architecture and design, and historic architecture and preservation. All of the fields for grants support both the mission of AEGC as well as the mission of the Garden Club of Georgia.

For information about AEGC, contact President Julie Martinez at martinezjw@comcast.net.



Tree Planting Ceremony Coming Up in February

Mark your calendars for February 20, 2026, the third Friday in February, when the Avondale Estates Garden Club will partner with the City of Avondale Estates to celebrate Arbor Day in Georgia.

The event is earlier in Georgia than National Arbor Day to align with the state's favorable tree-planting season—November through March—so trees can be established before summer.

Look on the city's website for the time and location of the 2026 event and plan to join the celebration by attending the ceremony or planting a tree in your own yard.

Keep in mind that, according to the Arbor Day Foundation, in one year a mature tree will absorb more than 48 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and release oxygen in exchange.

Planting trees and encouraging conservation are important missions of the Avondale Estates Garden Club. In November, the club purchased overcup oak 50 saplings to give away following an Environmental Awareness seminar.

The garden club purchased the saplings, which are native to the Southeast, to encourage residents to both add to the city's tree canopy and learn how important trees are to the environment.

For more information go to the Avondale Estates web site at <https://avondaleestatesgardenclub.org/>



AVONDALE ESTATES GARDEN CLUB MEMBER SUSAN CARNEY WATERS PLANTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE CLUB'S ANNUAL PLANT SALE, COMING UP ON APRIL 18, 2026, TO COINCIDE WITH GARDEN WEEK IN GEORGIA.



ONE OF 50 OVERCAP OAK SAPLINGS GIVEN AWAY BY AVONDALE ESTATES GARDEN CLUB IN NOVEMBER TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PLANT TREES TO BOTH ADD TO THE CITY'S TREE CANOPY AND LEARN HOW IMPORTANT TREES ARE TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

AARJ's Sixth Annual Student Art Contest

The Avondale Alliance for Racial Justice (AARJ) is excited to announce its upcoming Sixth Annual Black History Month Student Art Contest. Local youth are invited to submit by Friday, Feb. 20, 2026. Student winners receive cash prizes, certificates, a framed copy of their art, and are honored at an Art Awards Ceremony.

The theme this year is "SANKOFA: Go back and get it! A Century of Celebrating Black History and Its Future." Students are asked to reflect on the 100 years of celebrating Black History, the celebration and preservation of Black culture and identity, how learning from the past can build a better future (Sankofa), and Afrofuturism.



WINNERS FROM THE 2025 COMPETITION SHOW OFF THEIR ARTWORK.

Come see the winners' art and celebrate the winners. The awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Museum School, 923 Forrest Blvd., Decatur, GA 30030. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Everyone is welcome! Winners will be notified in advance.

Who is eligible to submit art:
Students ages 5 to 19 who live in

Avondale Estates and students who attend the following schools: Avondale Elementary School, Dekalb Arts Academy, DeKalb School of the Arts, The Museum School, Druid Hills Middle School, Druid Hills High School, The Friends School, and the Waldorf School.

Submitting Art: Artists are encouraged to begin working on their art by MLK Day, January 19, 2026. Please submit a digital (scanned) photo of the original, two-dimensional art. Art can be paintings, drawings, digital art or photography. Original art should be formatted in a size compatible with standard framing of 8"x10", 11"x14" or 16"x20". We accept high-resolution files in JPG, PNG, or PDF format. To submit work, go to this entry link: www.tinyurl.com/AARJ26ART

Third Annual Blessing Baskets A Community Success

This year's Blessing Baskets event was an overwhelming success, thanks to the community coming together to help others in need. Each year, this event grows, and in its third year, it continued its upward trajectory with a 96% increase in donations. In all, 141 local families in need received a basket, enabling them to put a nice meal on the table and celebrate the season of giving.

Thanksgiving can be a stressful holiday for families experiencing food insecurity. The need for assistance this year was exceptional, with SNAP benefits at risk in Georgia. Local schools reported an increased



need, and with community support the needs of Avondale Elementary, The Museum School, and Our House, a local Decatur nonprofit supporting families transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficiency, were met.

The evening was a constant flow of baskets, many decorated for the season, filled with blankets, toys, household items, and table decorations. Local Avondale community members invited co-workers, friends and family to work together and make this the biggest event yet. Make plans to participate again in November 2026.

Blessing Baskets for Avondale is generously hosted by two local, woman-owned businesses - Susan Robertson, Realtor® | MBA, Keller Williams Realty Metro Atlanta, and The Lost Druid Brewery & Distillery.

Avondale Estates Garden Club Yard of the Month



NOVEMBER:

63 Wiltshire Dr., home of Bob and Susan Stewart



DECEMBER

10 Dartmouth Ave., home of Don and Kay Connelly

Avon Garden Club Garden of the Month



NOVEMBER:

3277 Wiltshire Dr., home of Lisa Coffey and Carol Ball



DECEMBER

3048 Majestic Circle, home of Jennifer Deweesey

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And a big "thank you" to the Atlanta Turtle Group for carefully guiding us through the home buying process.

We've already referred them to our dear friends Easter B., T. Fairy & Q. Pid. So, if you know of anyone who needs real estate assistance in the new year, please send them to my good friends at the Atlanta Turtle Group.

Happy New Year to all,
and to all a good night!

Mr. & Mrs. Claus



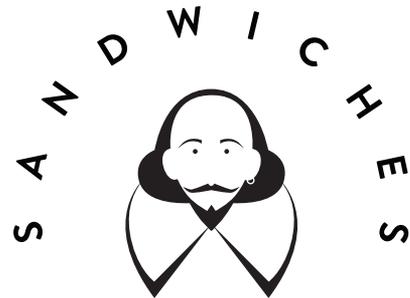
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