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Over the last 14 years, many people in the Kirkwood community have helped to build the Spring Fling into what it is today. This year's festival, Tour of Homes, and 5K would not have been possible without the tireless dedication and hard work of our volunteers and our sponsors.



I would like to give a big shout out and thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time this year ... We literally can't do this without you! While I can't thank everyone individually who helped us out this year in this limited space, I would like to recognize a few key people who made this year's festival happen.

If you run into any of the people listed on page 7, please thank them!

In addition to promoting Kirkwood and getting us all together as a community, the Kirkwood Spring Fling, Tour of Homes, and 5K also raise the

majority of the money that KNO uses to improve our parks, green space, schools, business district, and public safety. Thanks for supporting the festival and the neighborhood!



Sincerely, *Carl Holt* Kirkwood Spring Fling Festival Chair 2016 www.kirkwoodfling.com kirkwoodsf@gmail.com

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Kirkwood Neighbors' Organization (KNO) is a racially and economically diverse civic organization devoted to the revitalization of Atlanta's historic Kirkwood community.

KNO meets on the 10th of each month at 7 pm at the Turner Monumental A.M.E. Church, 66 Howard Street NE.

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Ten Minutes with: Jay Carlson of Clue Town Books

The puzzle maker behind the popular Atlanta scavenger hunt series looks forward to selling his titles during festival season in general and the Kirkwood Spring Fling in particular.

How long have you lived in Kirkwood?

I moved to Decatur blindly from Tallahassee when I got out of college. I was young and looking for a cheap place to live, and of course now I feel lucky I landed intown instead of in Alpharetta or something. From there I moved on to Edgewood, where I lived for over a decade. But my wife and I, plus our two kids and dogs, were bursting at the seams in our 2/2, less-than-1000-squarefoot house, so three years ago we moved to Kirkwood.

How did Clue Town Books get started?

Growing up I would read the daily newspaper and there would always be the puzzle and the word jumble. In my mind I made this connection that whenever you make some sort of periodical, there needs to be games involved. So when I started my zine, *The Plug*, I put in a games section, and though no one else seemed to care much about it, I still



kept doing it. Then when I switched to online issues, I developed an online scavenger hunt where you start at a URL and as you solve puzzles, you are led to more pages. As I got better at designing games, I decided to try my hand at a larger scale experience and in September of 2012, Clue Town books began. The first two titles were Piedmont Park and Oakland Cemetery and until we moved to Kirkwood, our living room was full of tubs of books. Now we have a basement.

Which is good since you have so many more titles. Was the Downtown Kirkwood book available at your booth at

the Spring Fling this year?

Yes, it was! I am not just saying this because I love to live and work in Kirkwood, but the Spring Fling is one of my best festivals. The first year I did 13 festivals, but now I have it locked down to 8. From a vendor standpoint, the festival is put together well, where everything is centralized with vendors set up around the perimeter. There are a lot of opportunities for people to stop by and browse and hangout and the chance for repeat foot traffic probably contributes to it being my best one-day festival in terms of sales and makes it a really fun day.



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East Atlanta Events

by Henry Bryant

Saturday, June 11 • starts 10 am Battle of Atlanta "Frontlines" tour

Hear stories of the men who fought in the battle on July 22, 1864, that changed course of U.S. history. The easy walk of about an hour and a half takes you along the frontlines and surrounding areas where troops were on the move. Advance tickets are required; purchase until June 10 at **www.batlevent.org**. Space is limited.

Saturday, June 18 • 3:30 to 5:30 pm Meet the Artist reception

Artist Janice VanCronkhite's art celebrating love, faith, hope, and the beauty and bold-spiritedness of life is already on the wall at the East Atlanta Library and will be through July 15.



photo by Stephanie Howard

Congratulations to Atlanta Butt Society, 2016 Blue Ribbon BBQ Cookoff champs!

Clean Sweep!

Atlanta Butt Society beat out a record-high 16 other contestants in all three categories of this year's Blue Ribbon BBQ Cookoff at the Kirkwood Spring Fling: Best Chicken, Best Pork, and People's Choice. They took home unique custom-made trophies crafted by Mill & Forge.

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Summer Learning and Reading at the Kirkwood Library

by Andaiye Reeve, Kirkwood Library Branch Manager

At 10 am on Wednesday, June 8, get ready, get set, get in the game and exercise your mind at the Kirkwood Library Summer Reading Kickoff! The event will feature the Bessie Branham Recreation Center Cheerleaders, a tai chi demonstration by the DeKalb Senior Center, story time, a Zone 6 community safety talk, a family crossword puzzle challenge, and more.

Health and wellness will be the focus for library programs and workshops from June through July as part of a wider summer learning Contact the Kirkwood library for dates and details **404-377-6471**

Check the online calendar of events or Access newsletter www.afpls.org

initiative. Thanks to sponsors and volunteers such as the Kadampa Meditation Center, the Atlanta Police Department, and the John's Creek Environmental Campus, topics will include meditation, neighborhood and online community safety, and the water treatment process. The Friends of the Kirkwood Library will provide programs on diabetes and caring for your heart.

Kids will get the chance to:

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tors from Generation in Focus

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Future-focused "Atlanta City Studio" Design Lab Launches

Mayor Kasim Reed, Department of Planning and Community Development Commissioner Tim Keane. and Jamestown LP CEO Matt Bronfman joined city leaders and community stakeholders on May 23, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Ponce City Market to celebrate the opening of the Atlanta City Studio. It is the first pop-up urban design laboratory focused on shaping the future of city neighborhoods. The event provided the public with its first opportunity to meet the City Studio project team and experience the space, which includes rotating exhibits about Atlanta neighborhoods and innovative urban design concepts. The studio will also serve as a way to connect Atlanta's diverse communities.

"The City of Atlanta is experiencing unprecedented growth, and the creation of the Atlanta City Design Studio will be critical to assisting us in planning for our City's future," said the mayor. "We intend to give Atlanta residents and stakeholders from all across the city the opportunity to share their ideas and interact with our team, which will help us make the City of Atlanta the best possible place to live, work and realize your dreams."

The Atlanta City Studio will remain at Ponce City Market for six months, after which it will relocate twice per year so residents across the City can experience the interactive and innovative concept.

It is designed to serve as a space for incubation and collaboration where visitors, residents, design professionals and curious urbanists can connect. The pop-up space be staffed by a team of City planners, architects, and transportation professionals and will host lectures, book talks, film series, open forums, urban art presentations, and other neighborhood and design components.

"This is as much about people as it is design," said Keane. "The Atlanta City Studio will help manage the design elements of our changing city experiences, and community engagement and involvement will be an integral part of this process."

"At Jamestown, we are constantly looking for ways to improve the fabric of the cities we invest in with projects like Ponce City Market that reinvigorate neighborhoods and provide opportunities for jobs and community," said Bronfman. "Working with the City of Atlanta has always been crucial to the success of Ponce City Market and we are excited to continue that partnership."



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