

## Kirkwood Comes Together in the Wake of Irma

As a result of Tropical Storm Irma on September 11, our neighborhood suffered the loss of several large trees, damage to homes and cars, road closures, and – not least – downed power lines. While Irma didn't cause nearly the destruction it had as a hurricane in the Carribean, the following days were nonetheless a frustrating and challenging time for many.

In the true spirit of community, residents looked out for each other. Once the lights were on in the downtown district, local businesses became gathering places for "refugees" seeking a warm meal and entertainment. Neighbors offered help to clear debris, ice, showers, space to work, outlets to charge phones, and more as electricity was restored to different areas and life slowly returned to normal.

Atlanta City Councilmember Natalyn Archibong said, "I am very proud of the patience shown by the residents, business owners, and



their employees as several entities worked diligently to restore power, remove downed trees from streets, and keep us all safe.

"I would like to extend my gratitude to City of Atlanta departments: Public Works, Forestry Division, Watershed Management, and Atlanta Emergency Preparedness," she continued. "In addition, Georgia Power, Alabama Power, Appalachian Power, Sumter South Carolina Power [sic], Georgia Department of Transportation, were tireless in their efforts to assist the constituents of District 5."

On September 18, legislation sponsored by Archibong was adopted that approved the establishment of a trust fund to allow the city to receive and disburse monetary and nonmonetary donations for relief for victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. For more information, contact her district office at 404-330-6048 or the mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness at 678-492-3948.

Hurricane season runs through November 1. While coastal residents face the most danger from a tropical

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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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## Looking for Help to Start or Grow Your Business?

Once again, Emory University has partnered with the East Lake Foundation to offer the Start: Micro-Entrepreneur Accelerator Program (Start:ME) supporting the most promising microentrepreneurs in the East Lake and Kirkwood communities.

This 14-week program offers the business training, mentorship support, and early-stage financing that promising entrepreneurs need to develop viable and sustainable microbusinesses. When successful, these microbusinesses (which employ between 1 and 4 employees) not only generate income for entrepreneurs and their families, but also build neighborhood vitality.

Start:ME has helped 68 early-stage microbusinesses in the Clarkston community since 2013, and 46 in Atlanta's East Lake and Kirkwood neighborhoods since 2015. Between 15 and 20 entrepreneurs will be chosen to participate in an intensive skills-based program, meet and work with a panel of banking experts, and be mentored by a carefully selected group of business leaders and peers. The program features a grant pool of \$10,000 that will be invested in top businesses, enabling the most promising entrepreneurs to receive working capital at the end of the program. The entrepreneurs themselves select who receives these funds.

The program runs January to April and is now accepting applications from promising micro-entrepreneurs. Find out more by attending an upcoming information session. Additionally, business professionals and successful entrepreneurs are also welcome to attend sessions to learn about volunteer mentorship opportunities. Interested entrepreneurs can RSVP for these information sessions and complete applications online at startmeatl.org

> October 5, 6:00-8:00 PM Drew Charter School

October 17, 6:30-8:30 рм Toomer Elementary School

October 25, 6:00-8:00 PM Villages of East Lake

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## Hands On Atlanta Day

Join your neighbors and other volunteers from around Atlanta to help remove litter and, depending on the location, remove invasive plants and spread mulch around trees. KNO's sites include Clay Cemetery, DeKalb Memorial Park, Gilliam Park, Kirkwood Urban Forest, and Walker Park.

Wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Tools and gloves will be provided. Kids as young as 10 can participate with an adult.

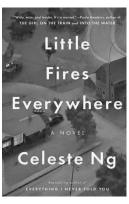
#### Saturday, October 7 • 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

To sign up, visit **volunteer.handsonatlanta.org/search**. Enter "Kirkwood" as the keyword, "30317" in the ZIP code field, and "10/7/2017" as the date. Then click on a location for details.

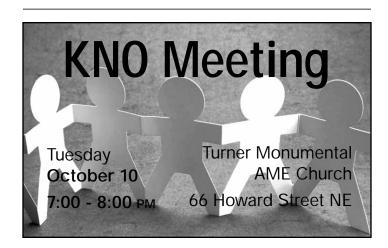
### **October Book Club Pick**

This month's book will be *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng (*Everything I Never Told You*), a riveting

novel that traces the intertwined fates of the pictureperfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives. It explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood – and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.



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## This Year's Wine Stroll an Over



Thank you to the hundreds of people who attended and participated in the 11th annual Wine Stroll to make it possible! It couldn't have happened without an amazing group of volunteers and some very generous sponsors!

The annual fundraiser of the Kirkwood Business Owners' Association (KBOA) helps to not only organize, promote, and beautify the business community in Kirkwood, but to also raise positive awareness and build a stronger business network within Kirkwood and surrounding communities.

From event profits, the KBOA funds the annual budget and implements beautification and marketing projects within the business districts of Kirkwood.

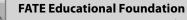
It also donates to local nonprofit and civic organizations that need funding for specific projects in the following calendar year. Each group must have a 501(c)3 nonprofit designation with the IRS and reside within the NPU-O planning unit of the City of Atlanta.





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### Teen Homework Help Hour

#### Mondays, 4:00 PM

Middle and high school students can show proof of school enrollment and an active AFPLS library card to receive up to 10 pages of free homework prints. Ages 13-18.

### **Teeny Tiny Tots Story Time**

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

Join us as we build successful readers through language development, listening, and social skills. Move, sing, hear stories, and meet other preschoolers from the neighborhood. Ages 6-36 months.

### Teen Read Week Library Competition

Tuesday-Saturday, October 10-14

Pick up a reading log for a chance to win a free lesson from Scratch DJ Academy! Ages 13-19.

### **Basic Banking**

Monday, October 23, 6:00 PM

Join the professionals from BB&T to learn the value of having a checking account, how to establish credit, and the different types of accounts and tools to help you save money. *Registration required.* Ages 16+.

### **Teeny Tiny Social Play**

Tuesday, October 24, 4:00 PM

Join us as we build successful readers through language development, listening, and social skills. Move, sing, hear stories, and meet other preschoolers from the neighborhood. Ages 6-36 months.

### School's in Session

#### Thursday, October 26, 4:30 PM

Did you know your library card allows you to access free homework help resources? Register for this 30-minute class to learn how to use Tutor.com and Testing and Education Reference Center. *Registration required*. Ages 12+.

Call or visit the library for more information and to register for events.

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## Halloween Can Be Tricky Around Home Safety

### by Duncan Cottrell

As Halloween approaches, kids get giddy over the costumes that they'll wear and the treats they'll receive. Parents, on the other hand, understandably get weary about the costumes, those treats, and the safety related to children traipsing around after dark.

Only on Halloween do we throw standard safety precautions out the window:

- We happily open our doors to total strangers.
- We don't think twice about people we don't recognize.
- We signal that we're away from home or not paying

attention to what's going on outside by turning the porch lights off.

However, with a little planning and a securityconscious eye, you'll be able to enjoy the evening with peace of mind.

To minimize the chance of injury to a trick-or-treater or aiding unwanted entry into your home, take a look around outside. Lock away heavy lawn furniture, so it can't be tripped over or used to break doors or windows. Put all ladders behind locked doors. Keep pets inside.

If you're going to be away during prime trick-or-treating time, consider setting lights on timers and leaving a TV on a news station to simulate conversation. Plan to use the porch-light-off signal for "no candy here"? Leave all the outdoor flood lights on instead.

Even when you welcome trick-or-treaters, keep the door closed and locked, and check the peephole before you open it with candy for them. It's risky to assume that every knock or doorbell ring will be a harmless child, especially as the night goes on.

Notice the difference between a costume and a disguise. A 4-foot Captain America on your doorstep is probably not a threat. A 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-foot zombie with a torn T-shirt, jeans, and little or no makeup could very well be one.

Adjust your security cameras for the night so you can capture activity on the front porch or on the street outside your home. Set your security alarm. If something triggers it, the little goblins on the street may be scared, but it will also drive off the dangerous "monsters" who plan to take advantage of Halloween's cover.

Halloween can be great – and safe – fun for families and for the neighborhood.

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## **Dealing with Storms**

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storm or hurricane, those of us who live further inland have the possibility of strong winds, heavy rain, and inland flooding. Archibong's office offered tips for dealing with these types of situations.

### Make a plan.

Your family may not be together when a storm or other trouble strikes, so you'll want to get everyone on the same page for what to do. Make sure each person knows where you're going to meet, important phone numbers, and alternate ways to get in touch.

#### Assemble a kit.

Gather your essentials

well in advance. You may have to leave at a moment's notice. You may need to survive on your own without utilities for several days. The Department of Homeland Security has ideas for what to include at www.ready.gov/ build-a-kit.

#### Stay informed.

Being aware of what's happening – with the weather, with first responders, with other officials – before, during, and afterward may make all the difference when seconds count. Sign up for a local emergency alert system such as the City of Atlanta's NotifyATL, ReadyGeorgia, or local news alerts. When the electricity goes out, Georgia Power recommends keeping your doors and windows closed, as well as your freezer. Your home can hold on to its inside temperature for as long as 48 hours. Frozen food is good for two or three days in a well-filled freezer.

Turn off or unplug appliances that don't need to be on as soon as power comes back. If several appliances start at once, it may overload circuits. Things that get hot could pose a fire hazard if you're not there to shut them off, or you don't remember they were on.

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