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THE POINT

EXPLORE REVERB!

Our new citizen engagement initiative aimed at recapping and resounding news important for a thriving community!





REIMAGINE REVERB: CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMON POINTS OF INTEREST



From stories that relay the state of the city, to announcements of exciting community events that are the highlight of the summer; get updates on transportation projects, economic development, public works, water resources, and community outreach programs all right here.

THE HEARTBEAT AND PULSE OF EAST POINT

Because you are the heartbeat of our city, Reverb is dedicated to amplifying your collective voice by keeping our hands on the pulse of the community. Through Reverb, we aim to create a vibrant and interactive community where residents can easily stay informed, involved, and thrive.

For more information about Reverb, please contact communications@eastpointcity.org

EAST POINT GETS AN UPGRADE! SENATOR OSSOFF VISITS EAST POINT WATER MANAGEMENT



Photo Credit: Daniel Schwartz

We were honored to host Senator Jon Ossoff at our East Point Water Management facility. During his visit, Senator Ossoff proposed a new bill aimed at preventing future water infrastructure crises in our community. The legislation focuses on securing funding and resources to upgrade and maintain our water systems, ensuring residents receive reliable and safe water services. This initiative is part of Senator Ossoff's broader commitment to infrastructure improvements across the state.

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WATER RESOURCES

MUNICIPAL OPTION SALES TAX UPDATES

To date, the Water Resources Department has completed \$5.5 million in capital improvements and repairs to better serve the community:

- Water Line
- Sewer Line
- Storm Water
- Water Treatment Plant Renovations

MOST refers to the Municipal Options Sales Tax, which was an East Point Referendum that passed with 69.98% of residents' votes during the General Primary Election held on May 24, 2022. This referendum approved a one-cent sales tax allocation for 5 years that will provide an estimated \$30 million to fund critical water and sewer improvements throughout the city.

CITY OF EAST POINT NEW NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMMUNITY RANKING

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Over 1,500 communities participate nationwide. The city of East Point is one of 54 communities out of 535 municipalities in Georgia that participate in this program.

In CRS communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community's efforts that address the three goals of the program:

- Reduce and avoid flood damage to insurable property
- Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program
- Foster comprehensive floodplain management

The City of East Point has maintained a CRS of 7 since 2013, which provides a 15% reduction in flood insurance to our residents. I am pleased to announce our advanced CRS of 6. This ranking will provide a 20% reduction in flood insurance to our residents (all policies and renewals after October 1, 2024).

2023 DRINKING WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT AVAILABLE

East Point Water Resources Department presents to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report. Included are details about our drinking water source, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your drinking water. The 2023 Drinking Water Report is provided in the utility bill or available on the City of East Point Water Resources webpage at [Water & Sewer - City of East Point, Georgia](https://www.eastpointcity.org/Water-Sewer).



If you have any questions or concerns regarding the attached Annual Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report, please call (404) 270-7189 or email water_sewer@eastpointcity.org.

COMPLETION OF WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (GEFA)

The City of East Point Water Resources applied for and received funding for the following projects:

- \$2 Million - Water Line Replacement- Complete in FY2024
- \$2 Million- Sewer Line Replacement
- \$1.5 Million- Ben Hill Reservoir Rehab



FIRE HYDRANT WATER LINE LEAK DETECTOR SENSOR PHASE 2 INSTALLATION

I am pleased to announce Phase 2 of the Fire Hydrant Leak Detector Sensor Program. This year, the Water Resources Department completed the installation of 120 sensors (total of 244 sensor installations). These sensors can detect small leaks that lead to water loss events or water main breaks. The sensors send alerts to staff via email and text alerts to signal possible repairs or loss of water pressure.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

To All Residents, We would like to inform you about a scheduled road closure on Ale Circle at Washington Rd due required to complete the Ale Circle Realignment Project. We understand that this may cause some inconvenience to your everyday travels, and we seek your kind understanding and cooperation.

For this purpose, the following sections of the road will be closed during the specified dates: Road: Ale Circle at Washington Road Start Date: Monday, July 8th 2024 End Date: September 30, 2024 (approximate) Motorists are advised to take the alternative routes which will be marked with signages. Assistance will be provided by the local traffic police should there be any confusion regarding the detours.



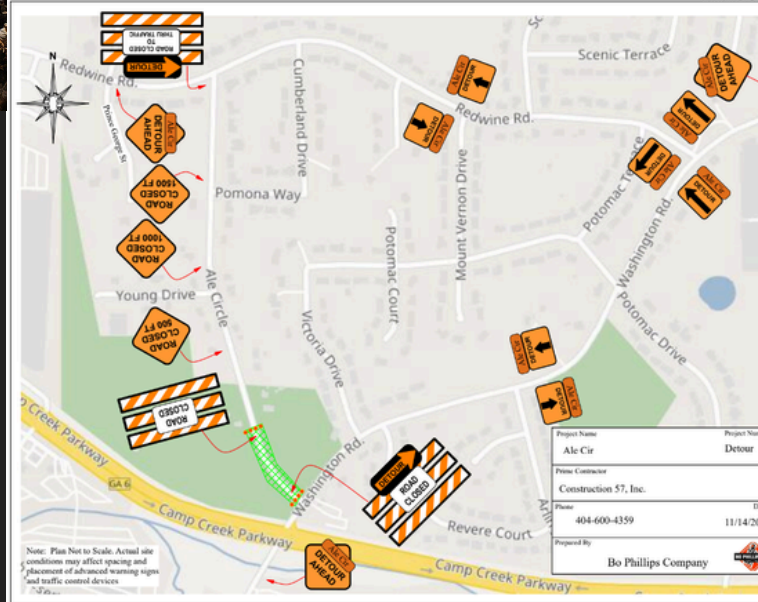
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Transportation Division Manager
Department of Public Works

ROAD CLOSURES: ROAD: ALE CIRCLE AT WASHINGTON ROAD

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If you need any further information, please feel free to contact the Project Manager at transportationdivision@eastpointcity.org or at (404) 270-7116.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN IN THE POINT

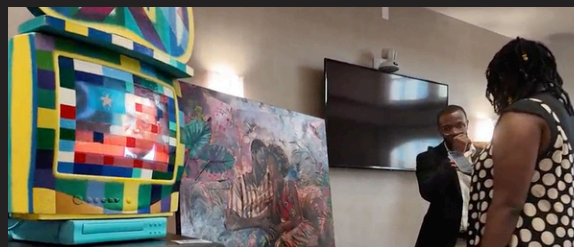
At the beginning of Spring we kicked off the 6th Season of the Wednesday Wind Down concert series In The Point. It was a tremendous success, bringing together residents for an evening of relaxation, music, and community spirit. The event saw a fantastic turnout, providing an excellent opportunity for neighbors to connect and enjoy the city's offerings. Events like these not only foster community bonds but also boost the local economy by supporting small businesses. We are excited to announce Amazon as this year's sponsor.



JUNETEENTH

A DAY OF UNITY AND CULTURAL APPRECIATION

East Point, Georgia, commemorated Juneteenth with vibrant celebrations, including educational programs, cultural performances, and local vendors. The Black Art Family Reunion brought forth community through Art, Dance, Food, and Music. It was a joyous occasion that highlighted the rich cultural heritage and unity of the East Point community.



POST-EVENT RECAP: DRAG DOWN SOUTH 2024



Photo Credit: Alexandria Amos

What an incredible time at Drag Down South 2024! This night was filled with pride, celebration, and pure entertainment. The performances were fabulous, and the community spirit was truly inspiring. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made it a night to remember. East Point proudly supports Pride Month, showing our commitment to inclusivity and celebrating our diverse community.



“...THERE WAS PRIDE, UNITY, AND FABULOUS ENTERTAINMENT.”



SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR RECAP

The Small Business Symposium, an annual Business Retention and Expansion Program (BRE), successfully educated current and potential East Point businesses about various programs, financing products, and other valuable resources. The event featured multiple panels of experts from state and local agencies, providing essential information for local businesses.



TEACHER BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The donation **deadline is July 15th**. Please **drop off your contributions at East Point City Hall**. Help us ensure every teacher has the supplies they need to kickstart the academic year successfully. Your donations will directly support our dedicated educators, allowing them to provide the best possible learning environment for our students.



STUDENT BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

Join us on Saturday, **July 27, 2024, from 9 AM to 3 PM at Sykes Park, 3224 Dodson Drive Connector**, for our Back to School Supply Giveaway. Additional pick-up locations include **East Point Police and Fire Stations**.

Let's come together as an East Point community to ensure every child starts the school year prepared and confident. Support our educators and students as we gear up for a successful new school year!



INTRODUCING THE REAL EPTV TEAM



YOUR SOURCE FOR CITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

The Office of Communications is your central hub for public information, emergency messages, and media relations. Our team circulates news releases through various media outlets and fosters balanced reporting of East Point news that you care about the most.

Pictured from left to right: Kodi Austin, Michael Dimock, Jeri Garrison, Tariq Edwards, & Mike Hall.