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***A NEW ERA OF LEADERSHIP***  
Redmond Jones Brings Bold Vision  
and Direction to East Point.

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**Rico Wade**

*"The Path to Success Through Hard Work"*  
For over 20 years, Rico Wade has been a prominent figure in the Atlanta music scene. As the co-founder of the Dungeon Family, he has mentored and supported countless artists, including OutKast, Goodie Mob, and Lil' Jon. Wade's vision and leadership have shaped the sound of Atlanta hip-hop and R&B. His dedication to the community and his commitment to excellence have made him a role model for many. Wade's legacy is a testament to the power of hard work, perseverance, and a bold vision.





# WELCOME REDMOND JONES EAST POINT'S NEW CITY MANAGER



Rico Wade Ceremony with Mike Harris, Fulton County City Commissioner

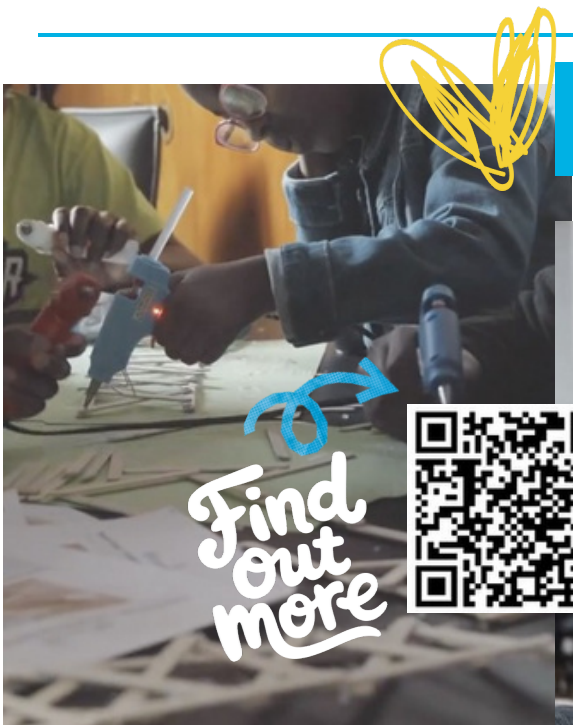
## WE'RE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE REDMOND JONES WHO WILL HELP GUIDE OUR CITY FORWARD!

With over 25 years of leadership experience in cities like Las Vegas, Fort Worth, and Iowa City, Mr. Jones brings expertise in urban planning, policy development, and community engagement. As former Deputy City Manager in Iowa City, he specialized in community development and organizational alignment.

Mr. Jones is committed to working collaboratively with the mayor, council members, city employees, and residents to achieve the shared vision for East Point. His focus on sustainable growth and quality of life improvements will help drive our community forward.

Looking ahead to 2025, he's prioritizing economic development, infrastructure enhancements, and increased community engagement to build upon East Point's strong foundation.

**Join us in supporting Redmond Jones as we work together toward an even brighter future for our city!**



## EAST POINT STEM CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

This summer our young engineers showcased their creative bridge designs while learning valuable teamwork skills. Meanwhile, our 6-8-year-old scientists explored chemical reactions and inventions, creating explosive Elephant Toothpaste experiments that amazed everyone! East Point's STEM Camp continues inspiring future innovators through hands-on learning and fun!



# RICO WADE MONUMENT

## UNVEILED

Hip-hop legend Rico Wade was honored with a permanent monument on May 9 at Headland and Delowe drives. East Point Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham led the ceremony, joined by hip-hop icons including Ray Murray, Patrick 'Sleepy' Brown, Big Boi, and members of Goodie Mob. In attendance were Councilwoman Sharon Shropshire, Chantal Francois from the East Point CVB, and Fulton County Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. Wade's sons unveiled the tribute as crowds chanted "Reek!" for the producer who helped launch OutKast and shaped Atlanta's music legacy.

## EAST POINT STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham, the 34th Mayor of East Point, continues her people-focused leadership as she serves her second term through December 2025. Under her stewardship, East Point has emerged as a model for inclusive municipal governance, earning recognition as both a "City of Civility" by the Georgia Municipal Association and a "Welcoming City" through the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

## MAYOR DEANA HOLIDAY INGRAHAM CHARTS COURSE FOR CONTINUED GROWTH AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Mayor Ingraham has prioritized environmental justice by implementing new zoning codes requiring industrial buildings be at least one mile from residential areas, addressing over a century of environmental inequity.

The city is part of a coalition that received a \$50 million federal grant for a 31.5-mile multi-use trail to reconnect communities previously divided by transportation infrastructure. Additionally, through Atlanta's Station Soccer initiative, the city is developing mini soccer fields near MARTA stations to provide youth with safe recreational spaces.







# JANICE DRIVE INTERSECTION PROJECT BEGINS

## Construction through December 2026

The City of East Point will realign Janice Drive to improve safety at the Washington Road intersection. Work starts May 27, 2025, and finishes December 21, 2026.

The project will:

- Realign Janice Drive to connect with Candlewood Drive SW
- Install a new traffic signal
- Add sidewalks for pedestrian safety
- Reconstruct driveways and resurface roads

## Areas Affected

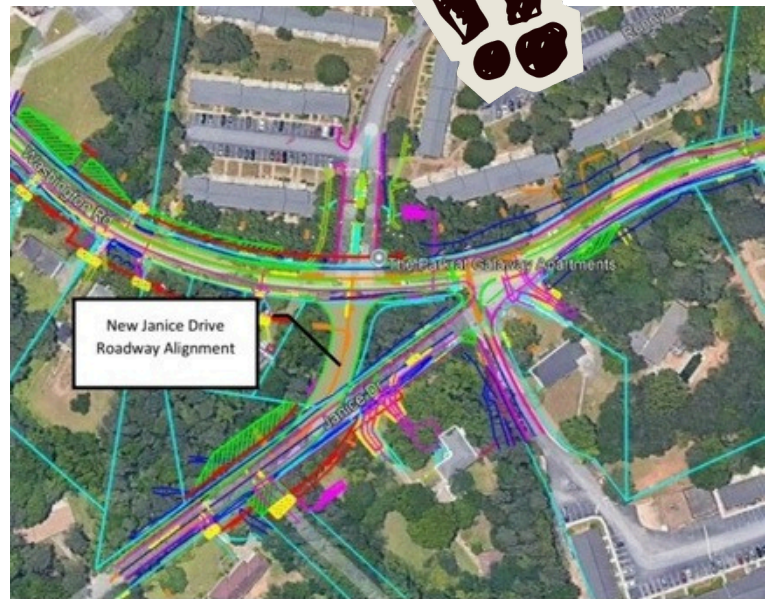
Washington Road: St. Mark Lutheran Church to 300 feet north of Janice Drive  
Janice Drive: Pelot Drive to Washington Road.

## Traffic Impact

Expect road and lane closures throughout construction. Add 5-10 minutes to travel times. Two weeks' advance notice will be provided for major closures.

Stay Updated

- Visit [eastpointga.gov/transportation/](http://eastpointga.gov/transportation/)
- Email [transportationdivision@EastPointCity.org](mailto:transportationdivision@EastPointCity.org) For Inquiries: Contact Public Works at 404-270-7090.



# EAST POINT WATER TESTS 100% CLEAN FOR PFAS

## City exceeds EPA requirements two years ahead of schedule

Our 2024 water testing detected zero measurable PFAS levels in the city's drinking water supply.

**What This Means:** PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are chemicals that have raised health concerns nationwide. While the EPA doesn't require PFAS testing until 2027 and solutions until 2029, East Point set an ambitious goal to meet these standards by 2025 – and we've exceeded expectations.







WEDNESDAY  
**WIND DOWN**  
IN THE POINT



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## EAST POINT'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

EastPoint's "WednesdayWindDown In The Point" brings live music to Downtown Commons **every Fourth Wednesday from 5pm to 9pm.**

The weekly event has featured notable performers including Evelyn "Champagne" King, Raheem DeVaughn, Big Boi, Goodie Mob, Too Short, 8Ball & MJG, and R&B group SWV.

The community gathering offers residents a chance to unwind midweek with good music and neighbors under the stars. From classic R&B hits to Southern hip-hop legends, the diverse lineup showcases both local Atlanta talent and national touring acts. The outdoor venue creates an intimate atmosphere where families and music lovers can enjoy quality entertainment in a relaxed setting, making it a highlight of East Point's weekly social calendar.





# YOUR CITY COUNCIL

BUILDING BRIDGES, SERVING NEIGHBORHOODS,  
STRENGTHENING EAST POINT TOGETHER



34th MAYOR  
Deana Holiday  
Ingraham



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Sharon Shropshire



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Watch LIVE Council Meetings  
1st and 3rd Mondays at  
6:30PM

EVENTS



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Shean Atkins



WARD B  
Carrie Ziegler



WARD C AT-LARGE  
Starr Cummings



WARD C  
Tremayne Mitchell



WARD D AT-LARGE  
Joshua Butler, IV



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ACTIVE LEADERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE





# THE NEXT GENERATION SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## JOHN BUNDRAGE

Tri-Cities High School junior interns with Water Department John Bundrage is gaining hands-on experience this summer through East Point's Next Generation Summer Internship Program. The motivated junior is working across multiple divisions in the Water and Sewer Department. **What He's Learning** John is training in water quality testing, meter installations, environmental compliance, and administrative operations. This comprehensive experience is preparing him for future careers in environmental and public health fields.



*The Next Generation Summer Internship Program connects local students with real-world professional experience in city departments.*

## COMMUNICATIONS INTERNS



**DON WELLMAN, RISING SENIOR**

The Communications Department welcomed two talented students this summer for real-world experience in digital media and community engagement. Both interns have gained experience with professional photography, social media content creation, and community engagement techniques.

Don Wellman Jr., 17, from McIntosh High School, has been developing camera skills and creativity while learning about the city. "East Point is like a community where opportunities are waiting to be found," says Don.



**RYAN SMITH, RISING SENIOR**

Ryan Smith, also 17 and from Druid Hills High School, has been working with professional equipment and social media operations. The internship has strengthened her communication skills while showing how real-world projects come together.

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