

# The Valley Weekly

"If it could only be like this always – always summer,  
always alone, the fruit always ripe ..."  
- Evelyn Waugh

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## DoD's Top Tech Officer to Be Sworn-In

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center is the scheduled venue for the June 23 swearing-in ceremony for Michael Douglas "Mike" Griffin, the former NASA administrator recently confirmed as Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

The Madison, Ala., resident's new role places him as the Department of Defense's Chief Technology Officer. Griffin will be responsible for the research, development, and pro-



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otyping activities across the DoD enterprise and

is charged with ensuring technological superiority for the DoD.

Further, he oversees the activities of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Missile Defense Agency, the Strategic Capabilities Office, Defense Innovation Unit Experimental, the DoD Laboratory enterprise, and the Under Secretariate staff focused on developing advanced technology and capability for the U.S. military.



## North Huntsville Industrial Park Site of \$750M Facebook Data Center

Facebook announced it will invest \$750 million to build a data center on 340 acres in North Huntsville Industrial Park. Once construction is finished, the data center will employ approximately 100 people.

The company considered numerous locations across the country for the new data center and says it chose Huntsville for its quality of life, pro-business environment, and talented and available workforce.

Mayor Tommy Battle says Facebook's announce-

ment is another endorsement of Huntsville's reputation as a hotspot for technology.

The City Council gave unanimous approval May 24 for Facebook's project entity, Starbelt LLC, to purchase the 340 acres for \$8.5 million in North Huntsville Industrial Park.

"This is another major step in increasing access to jobs in North Huntsville," said Devyn Keith, District 1 Councilman.

Facebook proudly notes its commitment to use 100 percent renewable energy and said a key partner in this project is the Tennessee Valley Authority.

## Golf Tournament to Aid Fight Against Cancer

The "I Fight Against Cancer to Win" Charity Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Friday, July 27, at the Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville.

The first-ever tournament is sponsored by the non-profit Patricia Haley Foundation organization. The Foundation is

dedicated to providing free and professional support services to cancer patients with limited resources. Additionally, thanks to the generous support of local and national businesses, the Foundation is also able to provide high-quality wigs and breast forms for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

The Charity also provides transportation services to cancer patients. Because appointments are imperative for treatment, rides are offered to and from physicians, therapy, chemotherapy and other providers.

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## North Huntsville Cleanup Re-Scheduled for June 23

Originally scheduled for April and postponed due to severe weather, Councilman Devyn Keith has announced the confirmed date for the North

Huntsville Cleanup.

The new date is Saturday, June 23. The neighborhood cleanup supplies will be distributed from Jemison High School start-

ing at 9 a.m.

The Solid Waste Disposal Authority will also be on hand to collect household hazardous waste (think old paint, computers, televi-

sions, car batteries, used motor oil, lawn care chemicals and household cleaning chemicals).



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# Washington in One Minute



Here are the happenings in and around Washington, D.C., this week:

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The big issue this week in the House will be immigration. House Speaker Ryan narrowly averted a rebellion by GOP moderates last week by working out a deal to vote this week on 2 immigration proposals: (1) House

Judiciary Chairman Robert Goodlatte's hardline conservative bill and (2) a more centrist bill, which includes a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, \$25 billion for the border wall, a curb on family immigration and an elimination of the diversity visa lottery. Most observers doubt that either bill will pass the House. The Senate will complete action on the FY2019 defense authorization bill

and then likely move to take up the House-passed package of 3 appropriations bills (the Energy & Water, Military Construction, and Legislative Branch appropriations bills). Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) has reportedly gathered the 20 necessary signatures on a discharge petition to get a vote this week on the House-passed \$15 billion rescission bill, which includes \$7 billion from the Child Health Insurance Program.

2. On Tuesday, President Trump addressed the National Federation of Independent Businesses' 75th anniversary celebration and hosted King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain at the White House. On Tuesday night, he went to Capitol Hill to meet with

House Republicans to discuss immigration strategy. On Wednesday, he traveled to Duluth, Minn., for an evening campaign rally. On Thursday, he and Mrs. Trump hosted the annual picnic on the South Lawn for Members of Congress.

3. On Monday, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) led a large group of Democratic lawmakers on a visit to the U.S.-Mexico border in San Diego, where they visited a facility housing immigrant children who were separated from their parents under the Trump Administration's "zero-tolerance" policy. On Saturday, GOP Sens. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) and Susan Collins (R-ME) sent a letter to the Homeland Security and Health and Human Services Departments asking for the Trump Administration to explain its policy of separating families who are

lawfully seeking asylum at the border.

4. Supreme Court watchers again tuned in at 10:00 a.m. Monday for more end-of-term opinions from the Court, possibly including the much-anticipated decision in the congressional gerrymandering case, Gill v. Whitford.

5. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross was scheduled to appear twice on Capitol Hill this week: before the Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday to discuss Trump's current and proposed tariff actions, and before the House Armed Forces Subcommittee on Strategic Forces Friday. NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine and Gen. John Hyten, commander at U.S. Strategic Command, also planned to testify at the Friday space situational

awareness hearing.

6. On the higher education front, the House Republican Whip Team took a count of its caucus last Tuesday evening and determined there is insufficient support for bringing the PROSPER Act (H.R. 4508), to the floor at this time. The legislation, introduced by House Education & Workforce Committee Chairwoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC) and widely opposed by the higher education community, would reauthorize the Higher Education Act.

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## Lifestyle Blogger Launches Online Boutique

by Reggie D. Allen

After years of blogging about shopping on a dime, Shalae Morgan is expanding her empire. This time as an entrepreneur.

Morgan is the founder of A Lifestyle You Can Afford, an online boutique geared toward the fashion-forward millennial. The store, which opens its cyber doors later this month, is the long-anticipated passion project for the Rocket City Native, who most might recognize as the woman behind Thrifting Huntsville. Per TH's website, the lifestyle blog focuses on the hottest fashion, celebrity looks for less, wardrobe styling, saving and thrift shopping.

Morgan caught the fashion bug at a young age, taking style quips from her trendy grandmother. After years of refining and polishing, the blogger found her own sense of panache that didn't break the bank. The self-taught fashionista hopes that her boutique breaks the stigma of shopping for second-hand clothing.

No stranger to a good deal, Morgan wanted to extend her fashion savviness to those looking to up the wardrobe without emptying their wallet. It only seemed befitting to create a platform for her loyal followers and aspiring "thrifiers" to have access to the same deals that she has.

"I'm a saver at heart," Morgan said in an e-mail interview. "So, when strategizing to start a business, I decided to merge my two loves: reselling fashion and saving money by launching ALYCA on Poshmark. You can purchase brand name goods in excellent condition that are typically found in a mall store."

The boutique's inventory boasts gently used items from J. Crew, Nike, Adidas and The Limited without the high price tag. Morgan said most items won't exceed \$20.

"That's a bargain ... especially with millennials," Morgan joked. "We don't like to be repeat offenders with fashion, so to purchase it at lesser value is a win."

ALYCA officially launches on June 29, but will host a virtual FaceBook party on the 28th.



## Valley Mourns Death of Educator

The Tennessee Valley community is mourning the recent death of gifted educator and pianist, Dr. Henrene Smoot.

Smoot was also among the distinguished "Elders" honored by the Rosetta James Foundation for her contributions to her community and profession.

The Spelman and Julliard graduate's teaching career began at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Miss., where she headed the chemistry department for two years. She has



taught at Alabama State University in Montgomery, A.H. Parker High in Birmingham, The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa), Oakwood University, UAHuntsville, and

Alabama A&M University. She retired as professor of mathematics at Alabama A&M and UAHuntsville after 30 years of "distinguished" service.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., she founded and directed the Chase Music Studio in Huntsville.

## Bulldog Club to Meet at AAMU

The Bulldog Club of Alabama A&M University will hold its annual breakfast meeting on the campus on Saturday, June 23.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the AAMU campus.

## Huntsville City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

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## From the Editor

Ahhh ... Flip Flops!

As a child, flip flops were the shoes for summer. When we didn't have the money to buy flip flops, we made them. Back then, the flip flops were thick and sturdy. A pair of pink or yellow flip flops would last the entire summer. When the rubber divider between the toes came out, we glued or stapled it back together. We would wear them until the rubber wore through to the ground. If we were running in them and they broke apart, we'd keep running and abandon them just where they forsook us.

Yes, we could make flip flops from old shoes. We would cut the toes and backs out of worn tennis shoes and come pretty close. We were innovative and creative. I discovered last week that the third Friday in June is National Flip-Flop Day. So, naturally, I sported my black flip flops. Actually, I can hardly wait each year for winter and spring to pass so I can air my tingling feet that have been stuffed in shoes and boots since fall.

Flip flops come in all colors, and there's no excuse in the summer time to not expose your toes and enjoy the many styles and colors of contemporary flip flops. People have been wearing flip-flops

for thousands of years, with the earliest wearers dating back to ancient Egyptians.

Flip flops are gender and age neutral. Men, women, boys, girls and toddlers wear flip flops. Some of the designer brands of flip flops cost hundreds of dollars. Things that used to be so simple can now be complicated and expensive. Who could have imagined that designers would put letters on rubber flippers and people would pay hundreds for flip flops? Why didn't I think of that?

I still like flip flops. Actually, the cheap ones work for me. When they come out of the little round sockets, I toss them and return to one of the nature's best ways of life - bare feet. I love the feel of freshly cut grass, sand on the beach, plush carpets and clean floors. My Aunt Sarah Ann once owned beach property in Daphne, Ala. A Saturday or Sunday evening at the beach, running in the sand was one of life's wonderful pleasures.

This week, I wish for you much summer fun, concerts in the park, card games that go into the dawn to unseat the winningest pair, dancing to songs and sounds you enjoy, buying a pickle from the big jar on a counter top or a piece of chocolate from your favorite vendor, a walk in the park - barefooted, unconditional love for family and friends, and happy feet that are released in the summer heat to flip flops.



*Dorothy*

## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

When I read this scripture, it reminds me of my father, Pastor John M. Brown, who passed away seven years ago. My father was a great man of God. He also had a beautiful voice. I can remember him, every morning waking us up to the sounds of hymns and songs from the Spirit. So, the gift of song is one of the things that he



passed down to my brothers, my sister and me. As we honored Father's Day last week, I wanted to reflect on some of the things that fathers should pass down to their children.

The first thing is a heritage of faith. Since my grandmother was a believer, my Father was a believer, and now I am a believer. So, fathers should pass down this continuation of faith. Because there is strength in the continuation of the heritage of faith. Fathers should also pass down God's standards of excellence to live by. In other words, what you will say and what you won't say. What you will watch on television or the

Internet or what you won't watch. God has a standard that He wants us to live by, so fathers should let their children know what is acceptable.

Finally, fathers need to pass down character. We must have men of character who will stand for God in their homes. In 1 Timothy 6:11, it says "But you man of God pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness." When I think about my father, I think about these wonderful things that he left me. Now I have an excellent example to follow. That's what having a "Faith Heritage" is all about ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

## OU Breaks Ground for Fresh Produce Market

By summer 2019, Oakwood University officials hope to open a brand new venue where people can buy fresh fruits and veggies.

Last week, school leaders broke ground at the spot where they plan to

build Oakwood Farms Market along Adventist Boulevard.

Officials want the venue to be not only be a great place to purchase local produce and goods, but also a place to enjoy the day with family and friends.

The project will cost around \$3 million, paid via endowments and donations.

"This is a step out to invite the community into our farm, our land and what we do," OU farm manager Artis Sidney.

## Calhoun Theatre Presents "Doubt: A Parable"

Calhoun Community College's Theatre Department staged the intense hit, "Doubt: A Parable," with performances June 22-24, at the Alabama Center for the Arts.

"Doubt: A Parable" was written by John Patrick Shanley and was originally

staged off-Broadway at the Manhattan Theatre Club.

The play is set in a Roman Catholic school during the turbulent changes of the 1960s. The school principal, a stern Catholic nun, suspects a priest of an improper relationship with one of the male students.

Armed with innuendo but no proof, she sets out to have the priest removed.

The extremely popular stage play was the winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for drama and a Tony Award recipient for Best Play.

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# TMCF Announces Boeing Gift to Assist A&M, HBCUs

Boeing has announced a \$6 million investment in the future technical workforce through a partnership with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF)—the nation's largest organization exclusively representing the black college community—to help build a robust pipeline of diverse, early career talent with Boeing.

"The support from Boeing is more than a gift," said Dr. Harry L. Williams, TMCF president and CEO. "It is the manifestation of a long-term strategic partnership that will change the trajectory of so many innovative, intelligent and deserving HBCU students at Alabama A&M University."

Boeing identified eight HBCUs with the top programs for engineering, business and information technology. The investment will fund scholarships, internships, on-campus

engagements and immersive "boot camp" programs that will introduce students to Boeing's culture and career paths.

The eight HBCUs in addition to Alabama A&M University are:

- Clark Atlanta University (Atlanta, Ga.)
- Howard University (Washington, DC)
- Morgan State University (Baltimore, Md.)
- Morehouse College (Atlanta, Ga.)
- North Carolina A&T State University (Greensboro, N.C.)
- Spelman College (Atlanta, Ga.)
- Tuskegee University (Tuskegee, Ala.)

The June 5 announcement builds on Boeing's ongoing investment in HBCUs.

To date, TMCF has awarded more than \$300 million in assistance to HBCUs.

## The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

**June 22**  
Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees Meeting  
Clyde Foster Auditorium  
College of Business and Public Affairs  
10 a.m.

**June 22-23**  
AAMU Alumni Association Retreat

**June 23**  
Bulldog Club Breakfast  
Ernest L. Knight Reception Center  
8 a.m. - Registration

Decorative Container Garden Designs  
Huntsville Botanical Garden  
Anderson Education Center  
classroom & Garden

Taught by Horticulture specialist Nikki Saur  
2-4 p.m.  
Member \$15, Non-member \$20

**July 1**  
Stand Up Live Huntsville  
Featuring "Bruce Bruce"  
Special Engagement  
7 p.m.

**July 7, 14**  
Basic Floral Design: An Introduction to Flowers and Form  
Huntsville Botanical Garden  
Anderson Education Classroom  
Instructor Mr. Mickey Jordan  
Lollar, B.S.Ed., M.A.  
Marketing Analyst, Surface Elements

Writing Instructor, University of North Alabama and the Helen Keller Library  
2-4 p.m.

**July 20**  
'Artsy Tots: Artful Koi Fish'  
Huntsville Museum of Art  
*Artsy Tots will introduce toddlers between the ages of 2 and 3 to art and to the museum through artful short stories, gallery play activities, and an art activity. The program helps with color recognition, fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and more!*  
Class fee is \$5 members/\$7 non-members (up to 2 adults/2 children). Fees are non-refundable. However, registration is transferable to another session.



**BIRTHDAY - June 22 - KATHERINE DUNHAM - Esteemed and talented choreographer, activist and educator. She was often called the "Mother of Black Dance" Katherine Dunham was born in Joliet, Ill. in 1909.**

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## Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

*Celebration of Life Service for DEACON WILLIE A. (B.K.A. "W.A.") RICE (b. 1925) will be Saturday, June 23, at 12 noon at First Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.*

*Funeral service for MR. GEORGE UMPHRIES (b. 1935) was held Friday, June 15, in St. Louis, Mo.*

*Funeral service for MR. JUAN RICKY DAVIS (b. 1957) was held Friday, June 15, at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road NW - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.*

*Funeral service for MRS. AUDRY ANN JOLLY BAKER (b. 1944) was held Wednesday, June 13, at Hurricane Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (155 Teague Road - Brownsboro, Ala.) with Pastor Gary Battles officiating.*

- Royal Funeral Home -

*Funeral service for MRS. HENRENE SMOOT will be announced at a later date.*

*Funeral service for MRS. GUSSIE MASTIN JACKSON (b. 1924) will be held Friday, June 22, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.*

*Funeral service was held Tuesday, June 19, at the Royal Chapel of Memories for MR. CARLOS DEAN "SONNY" BAKER (b. 1950) with Reverend Willie Lewis Baker officiating.*

*A graveside service for MRS. PATRICIA FIELDS WALKER (b. 1937) was held at Northside City Cemetery on Monday, June 18.*

*Funeral service for DR. EARL W. MOORE will be held Sunday, June 17, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church (1303 Evangel Drive, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Debleaire Snell and Elder Richard Long officiating.*

*The family of BABY BRYSON JAMES BENSON (b. 2018) received guests Monday, June 11, at Royal Funeral Home.*

- Serenity Funeral Home -

*Funeral service for CRENA JOSEPH (b. 1941) will be announced at a later date.*

*Funeral service will be announced at a later date for MRS. NINA "DELOISE" HEARNE-HOPKINS (LANKFORD) (b. 1957).*

## Called 2 Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice  
Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

### What Do You Say About Yourself?

This was the question asked of John the Baptist by a curious cast of priests and Levites who had been sent by the Jews to ask him, "Who are you?" He was given an array of eloquent examples that he could

have tried to embrace, but instead, John's answer was, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness." Note that he said the voice, not a voice. This specificity removed speculation as to who he was in his own eyes.

The reason he was the voice and not a voice, was because his role had been prophesied by Isaiah. His purpose had been providentially and prophetically proclaimed. He knew where he fit in the eternal plan and purpose of God; which is all too often the missing link in the lives of the people



of God. Because of that, they miss their purpose and uniqueness and end up saying things about themselves that have nothing to do with purpose. They also accept the sayings of

others because they don't have their own story. The section of scripture that begins this series of questions reads, "Now this is the testimony of John." He knew who he wasn't and was and that was more than simply his name. His words about himself spelled out his purpose and when one knows their purpose, they can do these three things; answer the critics, alleviate a crisis, and accentuate the Christ. What do you say about yourself?

### Time to Have that Talk about Alzheimer's?

BPT - During Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month the Alzheimer's Association is offering tips to help families facilitate conversations about Alzheimer's and other dementias:



force the conversation. Take a step back, regroup and revisit the subject in a week or two.

For more information, visit [alz.org](http://alz.org).

1. Have the conversation as early as possible — Addressing memory or cognition problems early offers an opportunity to act before a crisis occurs.

2. Think about who's best suited to initiate the conversation — Consider a family member, close friend or trusted adviser.

3. Practice conversation starters — Be thoughtful in your approach.

4. Offer your support and companionship — Let them know you're willing to accompany them to the doctor.

5. Anticipate gaps in self-awareness — Be prepared to navigate confusion, denial and withdrawal.

6. Recognize the conversation may not go as planned — Unless it's a crisis, don't

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## Millennial Thought

by Josh Alex Baker

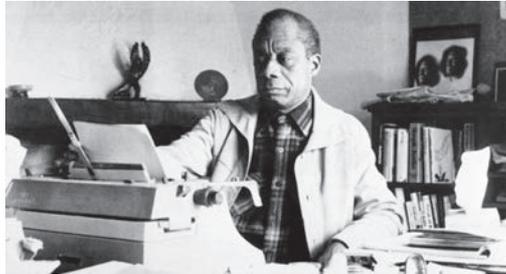
### Consume. Digest. Repeat.

As a poet, I witness an issue that plagues many creatives: writer's block.

During this time, inspiration wanes. Previous "gems" seem futile. The magic a writer was once able to create with language condenses to mush.

In pondering the idea of this "literary funk", I made an important revelation. Some days are here to allow you to consume inspiration. Other days are reserved for you to digest it. In a

microwave world, we have become accustomed to speeding through life. In many instances, we have been indoctrinated to take



the most expedient route versus the most efficient one.

When we encounter this block, we are very

well in a day of digestion. Sometimes, the reason we are unable to move on is because we are not done with the story we were previously telling.

Being "stuck" simply indicates that we must take a little more time to labor with what last inspired us.

Don't worry. If you're not a creative, you are not omitted from this truth.

Many of us are moving through life and are finding ourselves stuck. Even amid consecutive successes, we might feel empty, unfulfilled, and disengaged.

It is not that greater does not exist beyond this point. It is that there is unfinished business in this portion of your story. Delve deeper, and digest.

### Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Mrs. Frances Jones Harris

Born in Helena, Ala., Frances Jones was the second oldest of 4 children. She and her late husband, Judge Harris, are the proud parents of three children; one son (DeLonzo of Huntsville) and two daughters (Kimberly Johnson of Austin, Tex., and Judise Lanier of Madison, Ala.). She is a blessed and doting grandmother, with two granddaughters and one grandson. Harris was born in Helena, Ala., to a locomotive engineer and a homemaker. She is a retired educator who taught mathematics at levels ranging from middle school to college for over 31 years. Reared and educated in Birmingham, Ala., Harris

graduated from Western-Olin High School. She also served as an associate reference librarian, Upward Bound math and science teacher and adjunct faculty member in mathematics at her alma mater, Alabama A&M University. She has volunteered and presented in-service educational and cultural workshops with the community and at the colle-



gate level for many years. From 1967 to 1969, Harris supervised students in the personnel department of the SHARP program at the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-

neers. She has also served as an advisor counselor in mathematics at Calhoun Community College in Decatur. An ordained Elder and Church Treasurer at Fellowship Presbyterian Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Gregory Bentley, she is a dedicated Christian and has served in various capacities in the church all of her adult life. Harris maintains

active involvement in a number of organizations, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; the Board of Directors of the North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation; and Fellowship Presbyterian Church, where she is working with other members to develop a new initiative, Project HOPE a 501c3 designed to provide Christian outreach to families and children.

She was a Charter member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women – Greater Huntsville Chapter. She is a self-motivated and seasoned professional leader in the local community and within her church. She enjoys traveling and has travelled around the United States to Alaska and has enjoyed several cruises with her family and friends.

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# Popular 'Jazz in the Park' Will Round out Summer 2018

Jazz in the Park-Huntsville (JPH) is rapidly becoming one of the hottest summer concert series in Huntsville-Madison County.

JPH is a collaboration between the City of Huntsville Office of Multicultural Affairs and Magic City Smooth Jazz in collaboration with local partners.

Magic City Smooth Jazz is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting cultural activities throughout the state through various styles of jazz in Alabama at no cost to the public.

Bernard Lockhart serves as executive director. Since its inception in 2008, Magic City Smooth Jazz has hosted 50+ free concerts

featuring 250+ artists and reaching 20,000+ patrons.

Previous performers have included a Who's Who of contemporary jazz favorites including: Marc Antoine, Cindy Bradley, Norman Brown, Down to the Bone, Eric Darius, Euge Groove, Jazz In Pink, Greg Karukas, Keiko Matsui, Marion Meadows, Lin Rountree, Marion Meadows, Vincent Ingala & Jonathan Fritzen.

Jazz in the Park-Huntsville is held every Sunday in September from 6-9 p.m. in Big Spring Park East, and the concerts are free to the public.

The 2017 JPH concert series was a smashing success, and each concert drew audiences of more



than 2000 attendees, who enjoyed an afternoon of high quality music by local and international jazz recording artists.

The 2018 concert series will be held September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, and JPH organizers have an awesome lineup of performances that will have everyone talking.

Learn more about the schedule and get regular updates on social media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at Jazz in the Park-Huntsville.

Four performers have committed to conducting music education work-

shops as part of their visits to Huntsville, in coordination with the Huntsville City Schools system.

The workshops will occur on the days following the main performances.

Through a partnership with Homegrown, LLC

on the 2018 Crush Wine & Food Festival, a jazz brunch and champagne tasting will be held on Sunday, September 30, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., featuring local saxophonist Alex Banks II and band. For information about this event, visit [www.homegrownhuntsville.com](http://www.homegrownhuntsville.com).

Please help share the word about this awesome community event.

For information about the schedule, sponsorship, volunteering, etc., contact Kenny Anderson at (256) 883-3993 or [kenny.anderson@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:kenny.anderson@huntsvilleal.gov).

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