

Athens-Clarke County STORMWATER NEWS

April 2021



2D Art by 5th grade student
Arrow Callahan

K-12 Student Art on Display

Looking to be inspired by environmental works of art created by local youth? Look no further than the Green Life Art Exhibit at the [Lyndon House Arts Center](https://www.accgov.com/lyndonhouse) [<https://www.accgov.com/lyndonhouse>]. The exhibit officially opened on April 1 and remains open through the month of April. The Lyndon House (located at 211 Hoyt Street) is open to visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM - 8 PM, and on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 AM - 5 PM.

The Green Life Art Contest is an annual art contest geared towards K-12 students that falls under the larger umbrella of the Athens-Clarke County [Green Life Awards](https://www.accgov.com/6316/Green-Life) [<https://www.accgov.com/6316/Green-Life>]. Organized by several ACCGov divisions focused on environmental education and sustainability, the Green Life Awards recognize environmental leaders in our community, and the art contest has been a piece of this program for over 10 years.

This year, the theme for the contest was "Renew, Reinvent, and Rejoice," encouraging students to illustrate how we all can renew our commitment to the environment, reinvent ways to live a green life, and rejoice in environmental successes. Over 70 entries were submitted from public, private, and home schools. Winners were selected in several categories, including 2D, 3D, and digital artwork, photography, poetry, and video.



3D Art by 11th grade student
Conner Allen



Photograph by 3rd grade student
Hugh Kane Hill



2D Art by 4th grade student
Paloma Morales-Matthew

Help

Mark Your Calendars: Roll Out the Barrels 2021

**ROLL OUT
THE BARRELS**



Our annual Roll Out the Barrels event was one of the many fundraisers cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19. We are excited to announce that we plan to host a modified silent auction style event during May 2021, with virtual bidding and chances to check out the barrels in-person at locations around Athens.

Interested in snagging a one-of-a-kind painted rain barrel for yourself? Keep an eye on www.rolloutthebarrels.org for more information and updates in the coming weeks. All proceeds from this event support the Athens-Clarke County Green Schools Program, which assists schools with environmental education and improvement efforts.



Athens-Clarke County Flood Maps Changing

New flood hazard maps for Athens-Clarke County are ready for public review. The preliminary maps are the result of a multi-year project to develop accurate and detailed digital flood maps for the Upper Oconee Watershed, based on data from the latest mapping and modeling technologies. They are being released by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) under the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in cooperation with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Residents and businesses will want to be aware of how the maps are changing, and how changes may affect new construction and rebuilding decisions, as well as requirements for flood insurance. Property owners are encouraged to visit Georgia's [Virtual Flood Risk Open House](https://www.georgiadfirm.com/VOH/) [https://www.georgiadfirm.com/VOH/] to better understand the project and changes. The Virtual Flood Risk Open House provides information relevant to the proposed changes in flood risks in Athens-Clarke County, as well as an opportunity to connect with floodplain management experts.

In-person virtual meetings are available by appointment only and can be reserved on the website, via the ["Connect with Us"](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/f856e94dde7a4d8892f6422cda2b55cc/page/page_5/) [https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/f856e94dde7a4d8892f6422cda2b55cc/page/page_5/] page of the Virtual Flood Risk Open House. Appointments for property owners in Athens-Clarke County will be held between April 19 and April 30, 2021. **These appointments must be reserved between March 29 and April 14, 2021.**

To learn more about the preliminary maps, see what areas will change, learn what the insurance options are, and find the schedule for related community meetings, visit www.georgiadfirm.com.

Upcoming Events

Green Thumb Lecture Series: Herb Gardening
Wednesday, April 21, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Online via Zoom

Join Athens-Clarke County Extension online for a free, educational webinar about herb gardening. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. Register by April 20 at www.accgov.com/gardening [http://www.accgov.com/gardening] to be emailed the Zoom link.

2021 Athens-Clarke County Green Life Awards
Thursday, April 22, 6:00 PM
Online via Facebook (www.facebook.com/terrapinbeerco)

The annual Green Life Awards ceremony will take place virtually this year on Thursday, April 22 at 6:00 PM. Join Terrapin Beer Co. and local environmental

organizations as they recognize sustainability superstars within our community. Tune in live on [Terrapin's Facebook page](#) [<https://www.facebook.com/terrapinbeerco>] to help honor these deserving individuals, schools, and businesses.

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