East Point Historical Society

East Point History

From Convenient Location to Modern Destination

Since its creation 125 years ago, East Point has been known for its location. Established in 1887, the City of East Point rapidly grew because of its position at the most eastern point along the Atlanta & West Point railroad, situated opposite from West Point, Georgia.

The City of East Point, which started with only 16 families in 1870, steadily grew throughout the century as an inviting place for local industry. In 1880, a saw mill, distillery, post office, school and two churches sprang up, attracting more residents.

DID YOU KNOW?

East Point has the second steepest concrete cycling track in the country at the Dick Lane Velodrome — the only Velodrome in Georgia.

Within 10 years, the city of East Point experienced its first housing boom. A major portion of property along East Point Avenue was developed by 1890.

Main Street/Highway 29 was completed in 1892, despite protests from early settlers who thought one thoroughfare, Newnan Road, was sufficient. Today, Main Street remains one of East Point's most popular roads and is home to many annual events, dining options and growing businesses.

The original three buildings on Main Street are currently occupied by thriving businesses. What used to serve as the lifeline of the city more than 100 years ago is now popular for strolling and grabbing a great meal at a local restaurant.

Historic City Hall

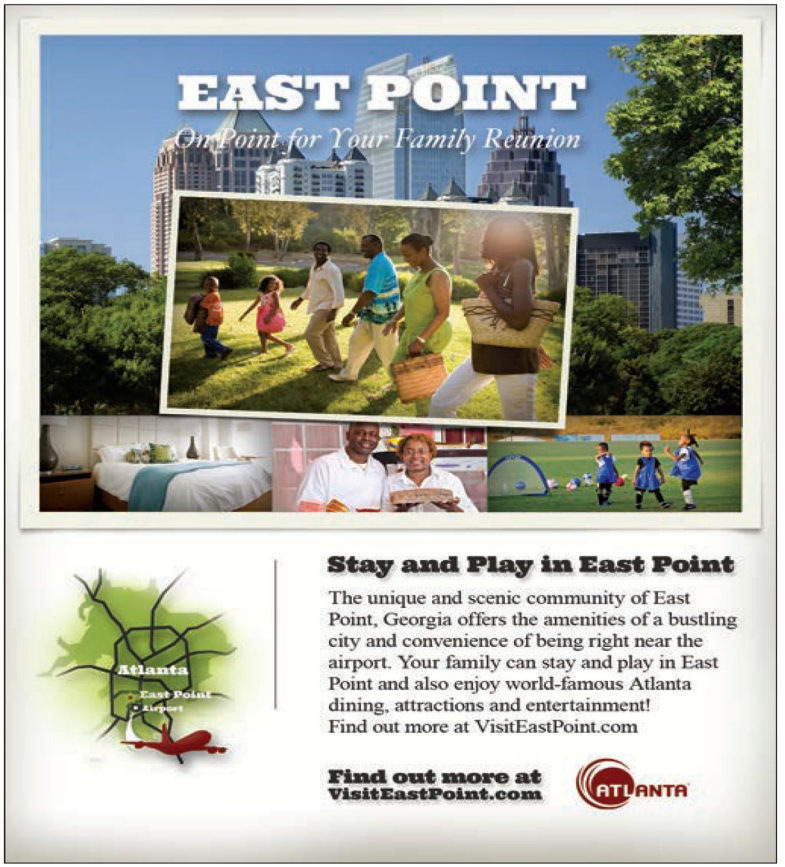
East Point is dedicated to expanding its commercial areas and neighborhoods, and preserving historic neighborhoods such as Jefferson Park, Conley Hills and Frog Hollow.

One popular development in East Point is the Dick Lane Velodrome. Inspired by a group of residents and city officials who visited the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, this bicycling track was one of the only two velodromes in the United States at the time of its construction in 1974.

The Velodrome served as an Olympic training facility for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games.

From Olympic facilities to world-class transportation, this 125-year-old city has grown to be a key location for travelers throughout Atlanta. Its historic charm and growing developments are just a few reasons why East Point is a hidden jewel in metro Atlanta.

Dick Lane Velodrome



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