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ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF VERGE OFFLINE

As a crown jewel City of the South, East Point boasts its own individuality and charm while offering residents and visitors the convenience, variety and energy of a major metropolitan city. East Point is home to a mix of races, cultures, ethnicities, and generations as well as businesses both large and small. It is a City that embraces tradition, while accepting change to keep up with the latest trends and technology. It's viewed as a place that continues to evolve as it reinvents itself, and establishes a brand as a city that is both quaint and on the cutting edge.

That in mind, we decided it was time to develop a name for this newsletter going forward that reflects the essence of what East Point is, and what it is moving toward becoming. The name VERGE we feel encapsulates that. It has a direct association with East Point, as it is a synonym for point. Furthermore, each letter in the name embodies the character of our great City:

Vigorous

Enterprising

Resilient

Global

Emerging



Welcome to **VERGE**, a new informational news source that provides articles on East Point Government happenings. You have the convenience and ease of enjoying two versions of the publication: VERGE Offline and VERGE Digital. VERGE Offline is a monthly publication that will be distributed as an insertion in utility bills. VERGE Digital will be issued via email at various times each month. Please send your name and email address to verge@eastpointcity.org if you are interested in being added to VERGE's distribution list. We appreciate your readership.



FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED EQUIPMENT

More than \$15,000 of firefighting equipment has been awarded to The East Point Fire Department by SSC Industries. The chemical manufacturing company based in East Point undertook the project in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for violation of Section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Among the equipment received were face pieces with microphones, an Incident Command Board, combination ladders and a thermal imaging camera. The equipment was received in January at which time an SSC spokesman stated the company "appreciates all the actions the East Point Fire Department takes to keep the community safe."

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37TH ANNUAL SICKLE CELL ROAD RACE/WALK AND EAST POINT HEALTH FEST

Runners and Walkers will take to the streets of East Point for the 37th Annual Sickle Cell Road Race/Walk Saturday, April 9, 2016. The 7k Run and 4k Walk will step off from Tri Cities High School, starting with the Run at 9:00 a.m., fol-

lowed by the Walk at 9:15 a.m. New this year will be the East Point Annual Health Fest, joining the event. Now in its 11th year, the Health Fest, is hosted by the East Point Fire Department, and will provide a variety of free health screenings, and feature a car show, a Kids Zone, Music, Entertainment and free food. A parade will kick off the event at 10:30 a.m., led by this year's Parade Health Marshal, WSB-TV Reporter Mark Winne. The Health Festival will follow from 11 a.m. To 3 p.m. at Tri Cities High School and along Bulldog Alley. Get ready for a day of food, fun, health checks, and more.



BASICS OF PLANNING, PERMITTING, INSPECTIONS, LICENSING

Ever dreamed of starting a business in the City of East Point? The Department of Planning and Community Development wants to help. A "How Do I," symposium is planned to teach the basics of planning, permitting, inspections and licensing. There will be two sessions with the first occurring Tuesday, March 29, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In WARDS A & B at **(continued on page 2)**



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the Jefferson Recreation Center located at 1431 Norman Berry Drive, in East Point. The second workshop for WARDS C & D, will take place Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church located at 2670 Hogan Road in East Point. Registration is not required, and there will be giveaways as well as a grand prize drawing at each session.



2016 Senior Health and Wellness Expo

SPRING INTO HEALTH

To help you achieve your goals of getting and staying in shape, East Point Parks and Recreation in partnership with Landing Tracts presents the Senior Health and Wellness Expo: *Spring Into Health*. The event is scheduled Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Park Recreation Center located at 1431 Norman Berry Drive in East Point. The program is free and designed for individuals ages 55 and over. Persons interested can register at www.seniorwellness.eventbrite.com. Come enjoy health screenings, giveaways, refreshments, entertainment, a scavenger hunt, and lunch!



8 @ 8 CORPORATE BREAKFAST MEETINGS A NEW WAY OF DOING BUSINESS

The City Manager's Office along with the Department of Economic Development are hosting a series of Corporate Business Breakfast Meetings, called 8 @ 8. It's an opportunity for the Business Community to meet with the City Manager and Department Heads from Economic Development, Customer Care, Planning and Community Development, Public Works, Police as well as Fire to hear and address issues of concern, and to come up with solutions on how the City can collaborate through public/private partnerships, and connect with businesses. The meetings take place monthly, with eight businesses invited at a time on a rotational basis.



The Citizens Police Academy classes will commence April 12, 2016, and continue each Tuesday for nine weeks from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The program is designed to acquaint citizens with Police Operations and training while raising Community awareness about policing, and promoting harmony within the Community. The course of study is much the same as that of the regular Police Academy Program. However, citizens graduating from the course **will not be police officers**. Topics covered will be Crime Prevention, Drug Enforcement, Criminal Investigations, as well as Firearm Safety. The Academy will also include a ride-along with police officers. Graduation will be held Tuesday evening, June 14, 2016. To register, contact Detective Donna Bridges at (404)559-6282 or email dbridges@eastpointcity.org. Information is also available on the website at www.eastpointcity.org under Police Department.



Congratulations



East Point's Director of Water and Sewer, Steve Jackson, has won the 2016 American Public Works Association—Georgia Chapter Water Resources Manager of the Year Award, for excellence in Leadership, Innovation and Customer Service.

AUCTION OF SURPLUS GOODS

The City of East Point will be conducting online auctions of surplus goods beginning Friday, March 18, 2016. The auctions will be hosted by **GovDeals** (www.GovDeals.com), and will be open to the general public. Items to be auctioned during the first round will include various types of vehicles, including Fire Apparatus. At a later date, other items such as office furniture, computers, monitors, and miscellaneous public works items will be added.

Registration to participate in the auctions may take up to 48 hours. Therefore, interested parties are encouraged to register early. Visit www.GovDeals.com for more information. Click "Register" in the red banner across the top of the page, or call 1-800-613-0156 for assistance. A link to **GovDeals'** web page can also be found on the East Point City website at www.eastpointcity.org. Information regarding arrangements to view auction items, as well as opening bid prices can be found as well [at www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com).