

NEWSLETTER

April 2026



Message from Councilor Sonja Smith

As spring begins, April brings a renewed sense of energy, growth, and opportunity across District 8. With longer days and warmer weather, it's the perfect time for us to come together, refresh our neighborhoods, and continue building a stronger community.

This month also marks an exciting milestone for our office as we prepare to send out our very first district-wide mailer. This is an important step in strengthening communication and ensuring residents stay informed about the work happening on their behalf, as well as the resources and opportunities available throughout District 8.

We're especially looking forward to our upcoming Spring into Clean, Neighborhood Clean-Up Day, where residents, families, and partners will join forces to beautify our community. This event is more than just a clean-up—it's a reflection of our shared pride and commitment to the places we call home. We invite everyone to come out, get involved, and be part of the positive impact.

Spring is a time of progress, and together, we are planting the seeds for a stronger District 8.

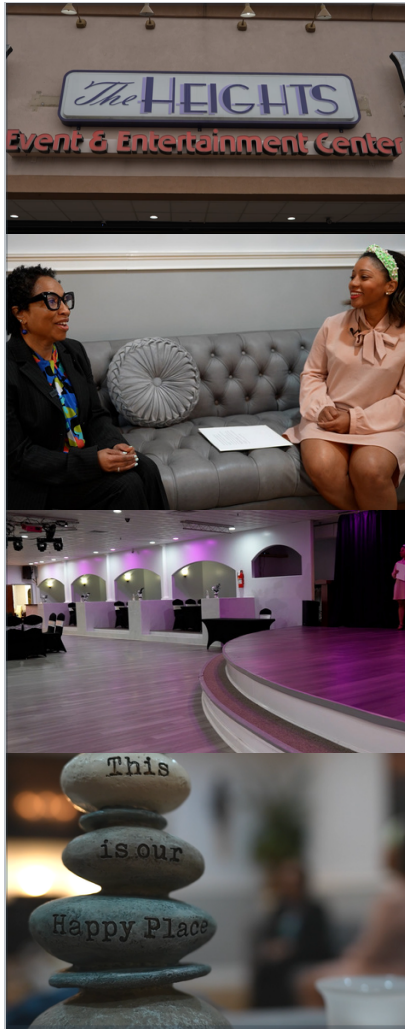
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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT THE HEIGHTS

The Heights Event and Entertainment Center – a premier event venue right here in Birmingham's District 8 – is designed to bring unforgettable moments to life.

Located in the heart of Birmingham's Belview Heights neighborhood, this newly renovated venue is bringing energy, opportunity, and celebration to Avenue I.

More than just a venue, The Heights represents continued investment and revitalization in District 8—transforming a once-vacant space into a hub for community gatherings, celebrations, and economic growth.

Support local. Celebrate local.
Build community.

Check out the [video](#)

LEGISLATIVE & COUNCIL ACTIVITY

March 3:

Following a public hearing, the Council approved a 180-day moratorium on new data center developments in the City.

- There are several key exceptions. The suspension of permits does not apply to developments that have already formally begun the permitting process with the City; and it does not apply to data centers that operate under the 20-megawatt threshold outlined in the ordinance.
- Currently, there are two projects that are exempt – the expansion of DC Blox and the new development of the Nebius AI Factory on the Lakeshore Parkway Corridor.

The Council approved a package of items allocating grant funds from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration to be used for “cradle-to-career” pipeline development.

- The roughly \$3.2 million in federal grant funding will be used to help expand access to affordable, high-quality childcare and help new entrepreneurs start childcare businesses within the city.

March 10:

Lighting on Bush Boulevard under I-20/59 will soon be repaired following the approval of an interlocal cooperation agreement between ALDOT and the city.

- The \$200,000 agreement will fund the lighting project and maintenance along this right-of-way in District 8.

The Council passed a pair of resolutions for the city to host several collegiate sporting events: two SWAC football games at Legion Field and the 2027 NCAA Division II Track and Field Championship at the CrossPlex.

- The first SWAC football game will be held at Legion Field on August 26, 2026. The second SWAC game and the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships will be held in 2027.

March 24:

The Council approved a \$50,000 agreement with the World Dodgeball Association Ltd. for the city to host the 2028 World Cup.



CONDEMNATION LIST

ENSLEY HIGHLANDS

- 1508 31ST ST ENSLEY
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35218



Scan the QR code to view the latest updates on
Capital Projects and the Garbage Collection
Schedule.

**GARBAGE,
RECYCLE & BULK
TRASH
SCHEDULES**



**CAPITAL
PROJECTS**





APRIL 2026

Birmingham, AL

The Mobile Wellness van is focused on one goal: making good health simple. With this mobile unit, Live HealthSmart Alabama brings comprehensive health screenings—at no cost—to your community. We identify what your body needs to stay healthy and show you how to make positive lifestyle changes. If any of your numbers are out of normal range, we'll recommend the next steps in your healthcare journey. In just 15-minutes, you'll know your numbers for height, weight, BMI; blood pressure; cholesterol, blood sugar; and other health risks. Check the schedule above to see when we will be in your neighborhood.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, April 2nd	10:30 am - 2:30 pm	Vice Hill Community Center 3127 43rd Ave No.
Friday, April 3rd	1 pm - 5 pm	Greater New Beginning Church 1501 Ave L Ensley
Monday, April 6th	10:30 am - 2:30 pm	Spring Gardens 201 Spring Gardens Rd
Wednesday, April 8th	10 am - 2 pm	Fairfield Housing Comm. 5420 Ave F
Saturday, April 18th	8 am - 12 pm	6th Ave Baptist Church 1101 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.
Wednesday, April 22nd	10 am - 2 pm	East Ensley Library 900 14th Street Ensley



@LiveHealthSmartAL



Live HealthSmart Alabama



uab.edu/livehealthsmartal

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2026 summer

Join us this summer for educational and interactive learning opportunities for students who are curious about food, farming and the culinary arts!

As one of our most popular sessions, we've added a second week of Kitchen Champs to our summer lineup so even more students can enjoy this fun, hands-on culinary experience!

PLANT TO PLATE | June 1 – 5 | *rising 2nd – 5th grade*

KITCHEN CHAMPS | June 8 – 12 | *rising 2nd – 5th grade*

GROWING FORWARD | June 22 – 26 | *rising 2nd – 5th grade*

KITCHEN CHAMPS | July 6 – 10 | *rising 2nd – 5th grade*

CULINARY MASTERS | July 13 – 17 | *rising 6th – 8th grade*



NOW HIRING!

LIFEGUARDS

**SUMMER POSITIONS
AVAILABLE**

- Competitive Pay
- Certified Training Provided
- Flexible Hours



APPLY TODAY!

For more information contact Teri Sewell

205-254-2189

Please leave your name and number.



Applications for Spring
ARE NOW OPEN.
APPLY TODAY!

TOPIC SESSIONS COVERING:



*Birmingham:
Past, Present, and Future*



*Public Safety Strategies
& Updates*



*Understanding
Birmingham's Infrastructure*



*Serving Birmingham:
Path to leadership*



*Neighborhood
Revitalization &
Opportunity for All*

**SPRING SESSION
STARTING SOON!**

Academy of Civic Engagement (ACE) is a City of Birmingham initiative with the central goal of getting residents directly involved and engaged with their local municipal government. ACE is a city-wide leadership initiative aimed at bringing everyday residents together for a deeper understanding of how the city is working for them and how they can plug into a variety of opportunities. Participants will tour City Hall and have direct engagement opportunity with city leadership.

**To apply, fill out an application at
www.birminghamal.gov/ace**

Spring 2026 ACE Class Schedule

Orientation: Thursday, April 9 - 2026 **Class Dates:** Thursdays, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM April 16, April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14
Graduation Ceremony: Thursday, May 21, 2026

Reinvest

BIRMINGHAM

Neighborhood Welcome Series

Hear About Reinvest. Meet the Team. Share What Matters.

Pratt

Neighborhoods:

- Central Pratt
- North Pratt
- South Pratt
- Sandusky
- Smithfield Estates
- Thomas

Monday, March 30
6pm - 7:30pm

Thursday, April 9
6pm - 7:30pm

Pratt Public Library

Pratt Public Library

Learn more at
leo.birminghamal.gov

Food & Refreshments provided

RSVP at
bit.ly/RWS26

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Smithfield

Neighborhoods:

- College Hills
- Graymont
- Smithfield
- East Thomas
- Enon Ridge

Tuesday, April 7
6pm - 7:30pm

Legion Field Press Box

Tuesday, April 14
6pm - 7:30pm

A.H. Parker High School

Food & Refreshments provided

Learn more at
ieo.birminghamal.gov

RSVP at
bit.ly/RWS26



MOVING IS THE KEY!



**1
MILE**

**RUN OR
WALK**

Lace Up for Fun and Fitness at
Our Run/Walk Initiative!

Location →

LEGION FIELD
400 GRAYMONT AVENUE
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35204
GATE 17

THURSDAY

► **2 APRIL, 2026**

11:30AM

WALKING SCHEDULE

- APRIL 2ND - HALF MILE
- APRIL 7TH & 9TH - HALF MILE
- APRIL 14TH & 16TH - ½ MILE
- APRIL 21ST & 23RD - 1 MILE
- APRIL 28TH - 1 MILE
- APRIL 29TH - 1 MILE (CITY HALL)



**1
MILLA**

**CORRER O
CAMINAR**

¡Átate los cordones para divertirse y
mantenerse en forma en nuestra iniciativa de
correr/caminar!

Ubicación ➔

CAMPO DE LA LEGIÓN
400 GRAYMONT AVENUE,
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35204,
PUERTA 17

JUEVES

► **2 DE ABRIL DE 2026**

11:30 A. M.

HORARIO DE CAMINATA

- 2 DE ABRIL - MEDIA MILLA
- 7 Y 9 DE ABRIL - MEDIA MILLA
- 14 Y 16 DE ABRIL - ¾ DE MILLA
- 21 Y 23 DE ABRIL - 1 MILLA
- 28 DE ABRIL - 1 MILLA
- 29 DE ABRIL - 1 MILLA (AYUNTAMIENTO)



We are hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training where participants will learn essential lifesaving skills to help themselves, their families, and their community during emergencies.

In this hands-on course, you will learn:

- Disaster preparedness
- First Aid
- Fire Suppression
- Light Search & Rescue
- Basic Disaster Medical Operation



For more info:

Email:
Pubed@Birminghamal.gov

Phone: 205-254-6560

Every Tuesday
April 7, 2026 - May 26,
2026



ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL

KICKS OFF
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026
AT 6:00 PM
LEGION FIELD STADIUM

**OLD GRAY LADY
FLAG LEAGUE**

**SEASON IS 8 WEEKS
(APRIL - MAY)**



\$300
PER TEAM

Fee includes:
Registration fee
Referee fee
Championship awards

League fees are due April 1, 2026

NON-CONTACT 5V5
10 PLAYERS PER TEAM

For more info contact:
Devin Posey
DJPosey@birminghamal.gov

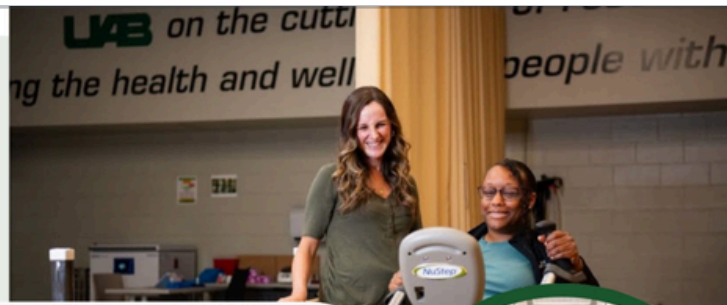


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creative idea
you're ready
to grow?

CO.STARTERS equips
Birmingham's artists,
makers, and entrepreneurs
with the tools, relationships,
and real-world insight
needed to turn vision into a
sustainable business.

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SPRING COHORT REGISTRATION OPEN NOW



AGING WELL HEALTH FAIR

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH
10 AM - 1 PM**

**Central Park Recreation Center
4700 Terrace Q Birmingham, AL 35208**

Join us for a **FREE** community event focused on healthy aging and staying active!

SCREENINGS TO EXPECT

- Blood Pressure
- Balance
- Functional Strength
- Fall Risk Assessment
- Vision Checks

All participants will receive a free wellness pack and health tips based on their screening results.



Registration is recommended but walk-ins are welcome!



Use the QR Code to register today!

UAB Occupational Therapy



UAB Physical Therapy

UNIVERSOUL CIRCUS

FUN

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM NIGHT
UNDER THE BIG TOP**

THU • APR 16 • 7PM

LEGION FIELD



2026 RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Specialty speakers include Regional Extension Agent Bronson Lubresky, Jefferson County Stormwater Education Coordinator Reilly Farrell, & Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District Coordinator Holly Killian

April 18 | 9 am - 12 pm | 701 25th ST N, Birmingham, AL



Learn about how to capture, store, and repurpose rainwater at your home and take home a ready-to-install 55-gallon rain barrel! Each registrant is limited to 2 barrels available while supplies last. The barrels are approximately 42" tall and 22" in diameter. Please ensure they will fit in your vehicle. **Please note that Barrels WILL NOT be stored after the workshop. If you do not take your barrel(s) home, they will be forfeited. Unfortunately, no refunds will be issued for the barrels not taken.**

- \$5--INCLUDES THE CLASS ONLY, NO BARREL
- \$43--INCLUDES THE CLASS AND A READY-TO-INSTALL BARREL WITH FIXTURES

2 Barrels will be given away as door prizes for those that attend the full length of the workshop!

Visit--> <https://gqr.sh/pg7f>

Contact Holly at jefferson@alswcd.org if you have registration questions.



Made possible in partnership from Jefferson County Commission, Jefferson County Department of Health, City of Birmingham, and SWMA Inc.

Funding provided by CAWACO RC&D Council & Jefferson County Commission

3RD ANNUAL REGIONAL WELLNESS DAY

Saturday,
April 18, 2026
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Get Screenings & Information

- Breast exams
- Cervical exam
- Prostate exam (blood work)
- On site referrals for colorectal screenings, lung screenings, and mammograms
- Biometric Screenings:
 - Weight
 - Cholesterol
 - Blood Pressure
 - Blood Sugar

Birmingham CrossPlex | 2340 CrossPlex Blvd. | Birmingham, AL 35208

For more information:
coeinfo@uab.edu
205-975-0003

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O'Neal Cancer Center

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For Insider
Information



BIRMINGHAM PARK AND RECREATION

FLAG FOOTBALL

YOUTH LEAGUE

MAY 2 – JUNE 27, 2026

FOR BOYS & GIRLS
6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U

REGISTRATION
\$25 PER CHILD
MONEY ORDER OR CASHIERS CHECK

AT LEGION FIELD

Games will be played on Saturdays. We are accepting all boy teams, all girl teams, and co-ed teams.

SEASON WILL BEGIN ON
MAY 2, 2026

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
DEVIN POSEY:
DJPOSEY@BIRMINGHAMAL.GOV



SCAN QR CODE FOR
REGISTRATION FORM



*AGES 6 TO 12
YEARS OF AGE

SESSION 1 -
JUNE 8 - 26
SESSION 2 -
JULY 6 - 24

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

8:00AM -
3:00PM



\$150 PER SESSION
\$50 PER SESSION
FOR
BEFORE/AFTERCARE

REGISTRATION
FEE
\$50.00

*Centers for Summer Camp: Central Park - Ensley - East
Pinson Valley - Fountain Heights Don Hawkins - Inglenook -
M.L. King - McAlpine - Memorial - North Birmingham -
Roosevelt*

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CALL 205-254-2391



ESCANEE EL CÓDIGO QR PARA
OBTENER EL FORMULARIO DE
REGISTRO.



NIÑOS

*EIDADES DE 6 A
12 AÑOS

SESIÓN 1 - 8 - 26
DE JUNIO
SESIÓN 2 - DEL 6
AL 24 DE JULIO

8:00 A. M. -
3:00 P. M.



\$150 POR SESIÓN \$50
POR SESIÓN PARA
CUIDADOS
ANTES/DESPUÉS

CUOTA DE
INSCRIPCIÓN
\$50.00

Centros para campamentos de verano:

*Central Park - Ensley - East Pinson Valley - Fountain Heights
Don Hawkins - Inglenook - M.L. King - McAlpine - Memorial -
Norte de Birmingham - Roosevelt*

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN, LLAME AL 205-254-2391

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Monday, April 6th

- College Hills | 6p | Legion Field Lobby | 400 Graymont Ave, Birmingham AL 35204
- Central Pratt | 6p | Conference Call | 720-740-9732 | Access Code: 3488808

Tuesday, April 7th

- Fairview | 5:30p | Conference Call | 774-337-0703 | Access Code: 1125688
- Thomas | 6:30p | Greater St. Thomas | 153 1st Street Thomas, Birmingham AL 35214

Wednesday, April 8th

- Tuxedo Heights | 4:30p | Pratt City Library | 509 Dugan Ave, Birmingham AL 35214

Monday, April 13th

- Tuxedo | 5p | East Ensley Library | 900 14th Street Ensley | Birmingham AL 35218
- Ensley Highlands | 6p | Five Points West Library | 4812 Ave W, Birmingham AL 35208
- Rising - West Princeton | 6p | Rising - West Princeton Corporation | 1708 1st Ave West, Birmingham AL 35208

Tuesday, April 14th

- Belview Heights | 6:30p | Charles A. Brown Elementary | 4811 Court J, Birmingham AL 35208

Wednesday, April 15th

- Graymont | 4:30p | Smithfield Library | 1 8th Ave W, Birmingham, AL, 35204

Thursday, April 16th

- Central Park | Bi-Monthly schedule | Next meeting will be Thursday, May 14th, 2026

Tuesday, April 28th

- Bush Hills | 6:30p | Bush Hills Complex | 1030 4th Terrace West, Birmingham AL 35208

STAY CONNECTED!



@Councilor Sonja Smith



@Councilsonjasmith

Contact your D8 Neighborhood Representative



Bush Hills
Central Park
College Hills
Fairview
Rising-West Princeton
Tuxedo

(205) 572-7320



Belview Heights
Ensley Highlands
Graymont
Thomas
Tuxedo Heights
Central Pratt

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