



GreenFest 2018

April is here which means [GreenFest](http://www.accgov.com/greenfest) [http://www.accgov.com/greenfest] is upon us! Join ACC Stormwater and other organizations in a community-wide celebration of Earth Day throughout the month of April. We have a stack of events that provide opportunities for improving our environment and helping our community. Check them out here or visit our [GreenFest Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/AthensGreenFest/?ref=settings) [https://www.facebook.com/AthensGreenFest/?ref=settings] for more details.

If you would like a printed calendar of events to hang up in your office, please email stormwater@accgov.com. Feel free to share with your friends!

Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful's Ramp Up for Spring Cleaning

During April's GreenFest and the Great American Cleanup, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful encourages citizens to get outside and cleanup our roadways. They are looking for volunteer groups to do one-time cleanups of roads or Loop 10 ramps and have tools to help! Call 706-613-3501 x309 or visit [keeppathensbeautiful.org](http://www.keeppathensbeautiful.org) [<http://www.keeppathensbeautiful.org>] to submit a tool request.

ACC Stormwater's "Water Logged" Geocaches

ACC Stormwater encourages all geocachers to get out and complete their "Water Logged" geotrail around Athens. These stormwater-themed caches are meant to show how stormwater moves from street to stream. Log all five caches on the trail in the month of April and win a prize! Email stormwater@accgov.com to claim.

Rethinking Annuals for Your Garden

Thursday, April 5, 2:00–3:30 pm, State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Don't dismiss warm-season annuals when there are so many great ones to choose from and our growing season stretches from April to November! Horticulturist Mike Sikes and landscape architect Connie Cottingham will tell you about their favorite annuals for sun or shade, deer or drought, and massing or containers. We will cover a few annuals for cooler months too. \$12 per person, and registration is required. Register [here](http://botgarden.uga.edu/event/rethinking-annuals-garden/) [<http://botgarden.uga.edu/event/rethinking-annuals-garden/>].

Exotic Birds and Reptiles on Planet Earth

Saturday, April 7, 10:00–11:30 am, State Botanical Garden of Georgia

At 10:00 am, Roy Hodge from Exotic Paradise in Atlanta will educate and entertain family members with his menagerie of exotic animals. Discover amazing animal adaptations and learn about conservation concerns of many different animals including cockatoos, parrots, spectacled owls, monitor lizards, anacondas, boa constrictors and more! \$5 per person or \$15 for families (kids under 2 are free).

Plantapalooza

Saturday, April 14, 8:00 am–2:00 pm, Multiple Locations

Plantapalooza is three simultaneous plant sales in Athens: at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, UGA's Horticulture Club, and the Trial Gardens at UGA. There will be a variety of traditional and unique plants, plus access to horticulture professors, garden curators, and Master Gardeners to answer your questions. Visit [botgarden.uga.edu](http://www.botgarden.uga.edu) [<http://www.botgarden.uga.edu>] for more details.

Earth Party

Sunday, April 15, 1:00–6:00 pm, Creature Comforts Brewing Company

In partnership with the UGA Office of Sustainability, Creature Comforts is proud to present a kick-off celebration for Earth Week (through Earth Day, 4/22): EARTH Party! EARTH Party will be a one-day-only, outdoor art show featuring environmental artwork in a variety of media including painting, illustration, and sculpture. Food will be available for purchase, and music will be on site from Louis Romanos Funky Trio from 2:30 - 5PM.

GreenFest Environmental Awards Ceremony

Thursday, April 19, 5:30–8:30 pm, Flinchum's Phoenix in Whitehall Forest

Several local organizations and government agencies will be presenting awards to individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made a positive impact on the environment of Athens-Clarke County over the past year. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Call 706-613-3512 for more information.

Super Shredder Saturday

Saturday, April 21, 9:00 am–12:00 pm, CHaRM Facility

The Lindsay Group will provide secure destruction of sensitive materials for FREE and ACC Recycling will recycle the shreds. Area residents and small businesses can shred up to 2 boxes of documents for free, and additional boxes can be shredded for \$5. The Lindsay Group also offers hard drive destruction for \$25 per hard drive. Cash only. For more information, call ACC Recycling at 706-613-3512.

Spring Bird Ramble

Sunday, April 22, 8:00–10:00 am, State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Come join the Oconee Rivers Audubon Society for a morning bird walk at the Garden. Look and listen for our spring migrants. First time birding? No

problem. ORAS members will help you spot and identify the feathery creatures. All birding levels are welcome. Meet in the main parking lot and bring binoculars!

Free Gardening Class Series: Totally Tomatoes

Wednesday, April 25, 6–7:30 pm, Athens-Clarke County Library

Join the Athens-Clarke County Extension for an informative class on growing tomatoes. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. Email atedrow@uga.edu to register.

UGA's Office of Sustainability Semester in Review

Thursday, April 26, 11:00 am–1:00 pm, Special Collections Library

The Semester in Review celebrates small and large actions that create a culture of sustainability at UGA. Students engaged in sustainability coursework and research are invited to share their work with others. Office of Sustainability Internship projects are highlighted through short, engaging presentations followed by lunch, networking and a poster session.

20th Annual River Rendezvous

Saturday, April 28, 9 am–3 pm, Sandy Creek Nature Center

Help collect water samples to determine the health of our streams in Athens or attend the children's activities from 10 am to 1 pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided! Contact the Upper Oconee Watershed Network at info@uown.org or visit [uown.org](http://www.uown.org) [<http://www.uown.org>] for information.

April Full Moon Hike

Sunday, April 29, 8:00–9:30 pm, State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Come see the garden come alive at night! Bring family and friends of all ages along to enjoy the mysterious world of nature at night! Be prepared to hike up to 2 miles on our wooded trails and in the garden. If you have young children or infants, a backpack carrier is suggested. \$5 per person or \$15 for families. Register online at [botgarden.uga.edu](http://www.botgarden.uga.edu) [<http://www.botgarden.uga.edu>].

2018 Grand Opening of the West Broad Farmers Market

Saturday, May 5th, 9:00 am–1:00 pm, West Broad Market Garden

Join the Athens Land Trust for flavor, family, and fun as they kick off this market season with fresh food, cooking demonstrations, and the Annual May Day Alumni Celebration. Come support local business and get fresh for less with SNAP/EBT.

Georgia River Network's Trash to Art Contest

Are you participating in a river or lake cleanup in Georgia this year? If yes, then this contest is for you! Georgia River Network is having a RIVER TRASH CLEANUP to ART CONTEST on September 8, 2018 during their Weekend for Rivers Conference and River Celebration Award Dinner Party. They are encouraging as many participants as possible to submit artwork they create from trash that has been found at river clean-ups. All ages are welcome to submit entries. There is no cost to register and the contest will award first to third place prizes! If you would like to sign up as a contestant or have any questions, please contact gwyneth@garivers.org or call 706-549-4508.

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Notice Dumping?

Call the Stormwater Hotline at 706-614-1282 if you see someone dumping into a storm drain or notice flooding due to clogged drains or pipes.

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