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From the Editor



Good Living

When my husband, Mike, and I lived in Dunwoody, there was so much to do. In fact, we'd often trek back down to the neighborhood once we'd moved because there was plenty we hadn't had the chance to try yet. Today, that's an understatement. New, fun things are on every corner, tenfold. In each unique little pocket of the community (**Jett Ferry to Georgetown to Perimeter, the Dunwoody Nature Center** and more), there's an event celebrating the area's rich culture, a festival educating families on pollinators and ecosystems, live music and good food nourishing both body and soul—and that's really just skimming the surface. It's a mecca

of good living, and I am excited to share a lot of it with you in this issue!

That certainly includes **the businesses that you and your community nominated and voted as the Best of Dunwoody**. From doctors and wellness services to home improvement professionals, restaurants and more, starting on page 14, these are the people you trust with the things that matter most. Meet the entire 2026 class at atlantabestmedia.com, and get ready to start exploring!



Dunwoody is also full of interesting people doing big, noteworthy things. On page 13, we share our conversation with local entrepreneur **Jany Brown**, who launched Belated Goods to share her passion for gift-giving with the community. Read her story and get inspired to give.

Have you discovered something new in Dunwoody? I'd love to hear about it. In the meantime, enjoy our picks for fun things to do over the next few pages—and there's even more online. Let's dive in together to explore everything this neighborhood has to offer!

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Jennifer Colosimo, editor

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Owner of Belated Goods, **Jany Brown** shares how she turned her passion for gifting into a career that impacts the community, both near and far. Read about it on page 13.



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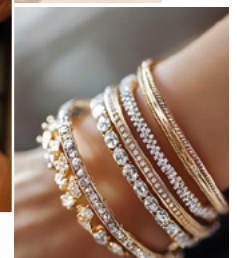
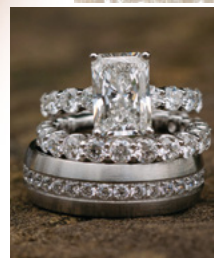
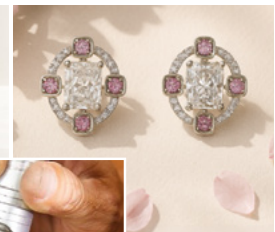
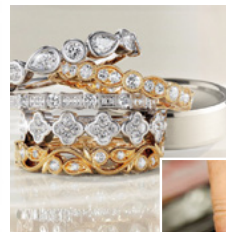
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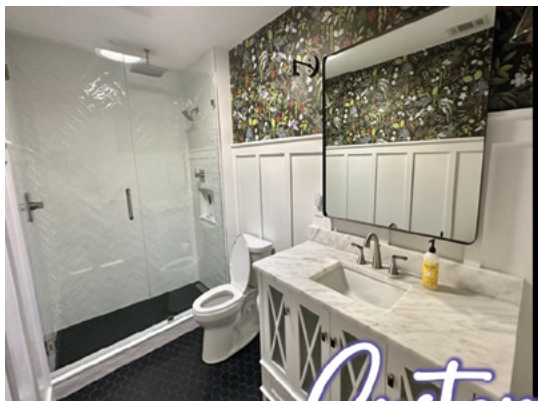


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Hood Winks

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Add a little more art to your life at **Dunwoody Gallery**, a pop-up-turned-permanent destination showcasing original work by a dozen local talents, including Manty Day, Jenny Kalmin and Malu Tan. **Browse rotating exhibitions, attend opening receptions and artist events** or get personalized help selecting the perfect piece for your home through its Art Agenda services. 5496 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., dunwoodygallery.com



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See Dunwoody from a new perspective with **Treetop Quest** at Brook Run Park. **Climb, zip and explore daring heights** as you navigate aerial obstacles beneath the Dunwoody tree canopy. 2341 Peeler Rd., treetopquest.com/dunwoody

Step into retro fun at **Good Vibes Ice Cream Shop & Soda Pop** and indulge in **homemade ice cream, gooey brownies and handcrafted fizzy sodas** with a generous scoop of classic arcade game nostalgia. 5503 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., goodvibesicecream.com

Put your teamwork to the test at **Game Show Battle Rooms**, where you step into a private game show set and **tackle fast-paced challenges** (and maybe earn bragging rights by the end of the night)! 4550 Olde Perimeter Way, Ste. 402B, gameshowbattlerooms.com/atlanta

Unwind with a rejuvenating couples' escape at **Woodhouse Spa**. **Release tension side by side with a Swedish massage** during the Couples Retreat, then extend the indulgence with an advanced facial or revitalizing body treatment. 4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd., woodhousespas.com

Clink cocktails at **CT Cantina & Taqueria's Mini Hour**. From 2-5pm, **nosh on fun-sized menu items** (think mini street tacos or tostadas!) and sip yummy half-priced drinks. 244 Perimeter Center Pkwy. NE, Ste. 1, cttacos.com/events/mini-hour



Calendar of Events

Make a day or a night of it! Check out these fun places with family and friends.

AUGUST

AUG. 12

Dwarf Goat Sound Bath

Brook Run Park

11am-Noon

\$40

Settle into a guided meditation session that includes GGA Dwarf Goat Yoga's therapy goats.

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AUG. 22

Crafternoon

Spruill Center for the Arts

Noon-4pm

Free

Bring an art project to work on at this open studio session for artists of all mediums.

spruillarts.org/mec-events/crafternoon



SEPT. 13

6th Annual Latino Hispanic Cultural Celebration

1220 Ashford Crossing

4-7pm

Free

Celebrate Latino and Hispanic heritage with live performances, traditional attire, hands-on demonstrations and more.

createdunwoody.org/lhcc



OCT. 29

Truck or Treat

Brook Run Park

5pm

Free

Enjoy a festive Halloween outing with the kids, complete with food trucks, live entertainment and trick-or-treating.

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SEPTEMBER



SEPT. 12-13

Butterfly Experience

Dunwoody Nature Center

10am

\$15 and up

Interact with native butterflies, learn about birds of prey, meander through nature paths and enjoy more of this favorite annual festival.

dunwoodynature.org/events/butterfly-experience

OCTOBER

OCT. 3

Explorefest

Williamsburg Shopping Center

10am-2pm

Free

Explore Dunwoody's Jett Ferry area with a Battle of the Bands, interactive passport challenge, shopping local businesses and other family-friendly activities.

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Game Night

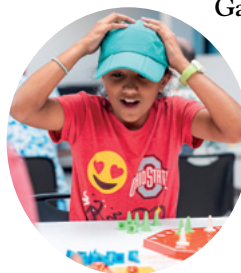
Donald-Bannister Farm

5-10pm

Free

Play board games while meeting neighbors in a relaxed community setting, sponsored by the Dunwoody Preservation Trust.

dunwoodypreservationtrust.org/gamenight



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Create Dunwoody's **Latino Hispanic Cultural Celebration** is special because it brings people together through music, food, dance and shared traditions in a way that feels joyful, welcoming and deeply connected to community. **It gives residents and visitors a chance to celebrate the richness of Latino and Hispanic cultures** while experiencing the energy and diversity that make Dunwoody such a vibrant place." — Rosemary Watts, Executive Director, Create Dunwoody

my Food Faves

Tried and true or new to you

Carbonara Trattoria's Traditional Carbonara is the ultimate Italian comfort dish—one they love so much, they named their restaurant after it! This version features perfectly al dente spaghetti tossed with savory pancetta, sweet onions, creamy egg, fresh parsley and a generous dousing of pecorino and Parmesan cheeses for a velvety, irresistible bite. 5499 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., carbonaratrattoria.com



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At **Bar{n} booze {n} bites**, they make happy food. It's about coming together and hanging out. Opt for the Smorgasboard of meat, cheese, veggies and dips, or choose a classic, like pigs in a blanket with peppadew mustard and classic grilled cheese with tomato soup. Our favorite, though, is the **Apple, Bacon And Brie Flatbread**. It's a pillowy soft dough that gets topped with these star ingredients and drizzled with herbs and oils for a crowd pleaser you can't beat. 5521 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., barndunwoody.com



Sink your teeth into the bold and smoky **Carne Asada Tacos** at **Agave Bandido**. These handhelds feature tender, flame-grilled steak tucked into warm corn tortillas that come topped with tangy pickled red onions, crunchy radish, fresh cilantro and a creamy chimichurri aioli. 120 High St., Ste. 200, agavebandido.com

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LIKE GRANDMA USED TO MAKE — GRANA'S MEATBALLS

Why choose one when you can have them all? Sink your teeth into **Grana's Meatball Flight**. It comes with six perfectly seasoned, melt-in-your-mouth meatballs, each finished with distinctive bold flavors like whipped ricotta, currant mostarda, basil, black truffle jam, chili aioli, crispy sage and more. 1210 Ashford Crossing, granaatl.com

“Grana is more than just a restaurant. Grana is the respect I owe to my family for all the years of recipes and culture that were instilled in me at a young age. The table is always full because that was my grandmother's love language. Watching her kids and grandkids all eat together is what truly made her happy. The food was never fussy and the service always came with a side of attitude, but the table was always full, just like everyone's heart at the table. Food is meant to be shared with the people you love, so the next time you come in, let your damn hair down a little, close your eyes and if you're lucky you'll feel my grandma serving you the best meal of your life.”

— Chef Pat Pascarella 



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Jany Brown

GIVING GURU • MOM • NATURE LOVER

By Jennifer Colosimo

Dunwoody entrepreneur, mom and yoga instructor Jany Brown founded Belated Goods on the idea that a meaningful gesture carries joy no matter when (read: how late) it arrives. Fellow busy and best-intentioned gifters everywhere, rejoice! Because giving is her love language, Brown curated Belated Goods with artisan-made items from around the world, offering 12 gifting personas—the spa enthusiast, the adventurer and more—or a unique mix-and-match gift. Each makes a tardy expression of gratitude a great experience instead of something stressful.

What do you believe makes gift-giving so magical?

Jany Brown: There is so much science around the positive side effects of expressing gratitude. Genuine gratitude strengthens bonds between people, and evidence shows that those connections improve our emotional well-being and even our longevity. Showing someone you care about them is the gift, no matter if it happens on time or not.

How have you seen Belated Goods make an impact in your community?

JB: I am constantly seeking out makers and artists who are shaping their communities for the better. We are proud to partner with Rubyzaar, a fair-trade business that works with tailors and weavers in Southeast Asia to create beautiful textiles and bags, and Buzzee, an Atlanta-based, female-led company that makes compact towels using recycled plastic. Part of our mission is to give a portion of our profits back to the communities we serve.

What advice would you give young entrepreneurs?

JB: Never stop learning. And never be afraid to fail. Failure is how we learn, and success is often just a series of failures. As Thomas Edison famously said, 'I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.'

What's the biggest challenge you've overcome since launching Belated Goods?

JB: Knowing where to start was the hardest part. Beautiful gifts and art are all around us, but I wanted Belated Goods to be a special experience from the moment it landed on someone's doorstep. Creating the signature Belated Goods box took over a year. Understanding the manufacturing and design process was new territory. None of this would have happened without surrounding myself with great people whom I trusted and who believed in what I wanted to create.

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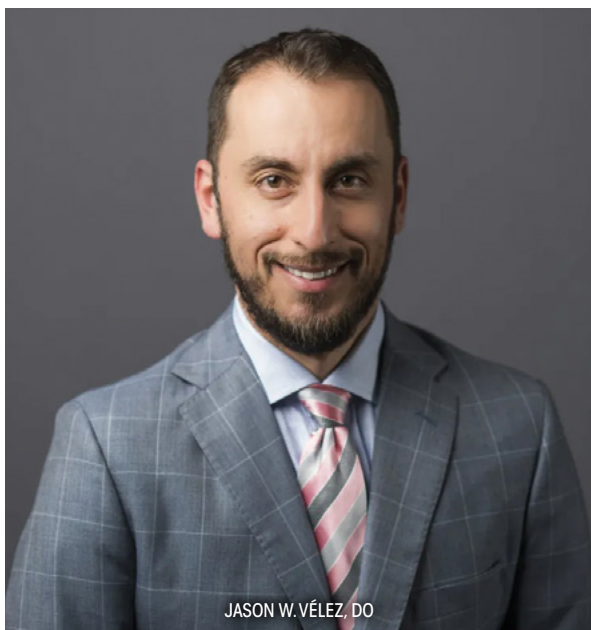


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resurgens.com/spine, 404.847.9999



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[mountvernoneyecare.com](https://www.mountvernoneyecare.com), 770.393.0003 ▶

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mountvernondentalgroup.net, 770.396.8061



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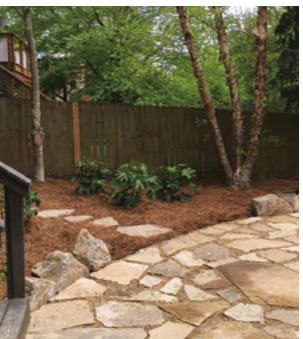
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2458 Jett Ferry Rd., backpackbuddiesatl.org



2

Share your time and creative skills with **Create Dunwoody** to help grow the city's arts and culture scene.

Volunteers **support events, exhibits, public art projects, outreach** and more to connect residents, local businesses and visitors through artistic expression. 301 Perimeter Center N., createdunwoody.org/volunteer



4

Join **The Sandwich Project** in addressing

food insecurity through a simple act of care: preparing and delivering fresh sandwiches. Volunteers **make sandwiches at host homes, pick up and deliver completed meals or donate fridge space** to support neighbors across the community with dependable food access. Various locations, thesandwichproject.org



“The Sandwich Project is built on the idea that small acts of service can make a big difference. **Since 2020, our volunteers have made more than 2.5 million sandwiches for neighbors facing food insecurity across Metro Atlanta.** Whether you are an individual, a family, a student group, a community organization or a company team, sandwich-making is a simple and meaningful way to serve together, have fun and see how quickly your effort can help meet an immediate need.”

—Christine, Volunteer,
The Sandwich Project



3

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