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Summer Begins with a New Splash Pad at Perkerson Park



On May 19, Atlanta BeltLine officials, City Parks and Recreation Commissioner George Dusenbury, [Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd](#), and residents from the Capitol View neighborhood, opened a splash pad at [Perkerson Park](#). The splash pad, designed for children of all ages, features the artwork of [Maria Artemis](#) in a series of granite boulders that form a fountain which doubles as seating. Funding for the splash pad came from the [Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation](#) through the [Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs](#). [Read more.](#)

Better Fitness is a Walk in the Park



Supported by a grant from the [Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation](#) and [Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation](#), [Georgia's State Park](#) system has teamed up with the [Georgia Association of Physician Assistants](#) to make healthy living a bit more fun. Through the new "Rx for Fitness" Program, physician assistants can prescribe healthy hikes in the great outdoors, and patients can turn in their "prescriptions" for free park passes. "Rx for Fitness" is part of the State Park system's new [Tons of Fun Fitness Challenge](#) that encourages citizens to use outdoor recreation as part of their regular exercise. [Read more.](#)

Gov. Deal Launches SHAPE Statewide



Gov. Nathan Deal launched [SHAPE](#), a major statewide initiative to address the problem of obesity, calling it "one of the greatest challenges we face." The program combines efforts of [state agencies, businesses, health care organizations, the philanthropic community and Atlanta professional sports teams](#) to promote physical activity and improve nutrition in schools, along with wellness policies in childcare programs. SHAPE also involves state parks and emphasizes locally grown food through the State Department of Agriculture. [Read more.](#)

Announcements

- [Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation Awards \\$188,000 in Grants to Improve Youth Fitness](#)
- [Delray Beach PGA TOUR Superstore Awards \\$5,000 to The First Tee of The Palm Beaches](#)
- [Three Local Farmers Markets Lead the Way in Reducing Plastic Waste](#)
- [Atlanta Falcons and Polar Provide High-Tech Boost to Governor's Health Challenge](#)
- [U.S. Soccer Foundation Teams Up with Falcons Youth Foundation and Boys & Girls Clubs](#)

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