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Newsmakers // Opportunities // New Developments in Tourism

CVB Annual Meeting is Oct. 24

Have you RSVP'd?

Wednesday, October 24
The Classic Center
Breakfast: 8:30 AM
Program: 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Come for:

Athens Tourism Updates
Hospitality Awards
Full Buffet Breakfast
Guest Speaker: Lisa Love
GDEcD, Tourism Division



Lisa Love, guest speaker

Welcome, Alvieann Chandler!



The CVB is excited to welcome **Alvieann Chandler**, our new Communications Specialist. Alvieann has a journalism degree from the University of Georgia and has written for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, the *Coastal Courier*, *Liberty Life* magazine and *Radiant Health* magazine. She also has a background in digital communications through work with the University of Georgia's department of Development & Alumni Relations. Alvieann's first day was September 24, and she's already hard at work on the CVB's social media calendar for the remainder of 2018 through 2019, as well as preparing for a press familiarization tour from the Midwest Travel Journalists Association, scheduled for Nov. 4-5. Contact her at:

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Athens Hotel Boom Continues

Athens' newest downtown hotel is in its final stages of construction and should be open by the end of the year. CVB and Classic Center staff members took a tour of the 130-room **Homewood Suites by Hilton**, located behind The Classic Center, on Oct. 4. We know guests will fall in love with the spacious suites, full kitchens, Firefly Trail and UGA Campus views, extraordinary patio for socializing, as well as complimentary hot breakfasts and weekday evening socials.



Hospitality Newsmakers

Congratulations to Athens **Ciné**, recipient of a 2018 Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities, in recognition of its contributions to the sustainability and growth of the arts and humanities. **Pamela Kohn** (r, in the middle with Governor & Mrs. Deal), executive director of Ciné, accepted the award on behalf of the organization.



Several Athenians are among *Georgia Trend's* newest 40 Under 40 list. **Janet Geddis**, owner of **Avid Bookshop**, is on the cover of the magazine, and was recognized in addition to **Drew French**, founder and president of **Your Pie**, and **Laura Whitaker**, executive director of **Extra Special People**.

Don't Miss Out! GDEcD Product Development Grant



**Tourism Product Development
Resource Team Grant
Funding Request 2018-2019**

Athens-Clarke County is now eligible for grants through the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) Office of Tourism Product Development (TPD), thanks to our completion of a Music Tourism TPD review and report. TPD Resource Team Grant applications are now open and will be due Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018. More information and the application packet are available at www.MarketGeorgia.org. [You may be asked to register your email in order to view-download.]

Athens in the News

- "The South's Best Food Cities 2018," [Southern Living.com](http://SouthernLiving.com)
- "#1 College Football Town in America," HeroSports, August 30, 2018
- "Best Places to Retire in Each State,"
"Athens is a perennial favorite," Forbes, Aug. 28, 2018
- "Spotlight on Athens, Georgia," LoveExploring, September 3, 2018

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