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## Sandy Springs inaugural lantern parade is Saturday, June 18

Sandy Springs will host its inaugural Lantern Parade on the night of June 18. Themed “Take It to the River,” the mile-long parade will have residents carrying homemade lanterns walking down Morgan Falls Road to the Overlook Park, where live music and performances will be staged.



A turtle-shaped lantern floating on the Chattahoochee River in a recent test run for the June 18 Sandy Springs Lantern Parade. (Special)

A series of lantern-making workshops for residents to prep for the parade is slated for June 7-11.

Similar parades have been a hit in Decatur, Atlanta’s BeltLine and Grant Park. The Sandy Springs version is produced by the creator of those parades, Chantelle Rytter, who also will lead the lantern-making workshops.

The Sandy Springs parade will have local touches, including lanterns shaped like turtles, one of the city’s mascot animals. Parade organizers also will place a 25-foot-long lantern made to look like an albino alligator in the Chattahoochee River.

Anyone with a lantern will be welcome to walk in the parade, which starts at 9 p.m. June 18, and anyone is welcome to watch (flashlights recommended). Rolling closure of the street will begin at 8:30 p.m. Return shuttle service will be available.

The parade will begin at North Springs United Methodist Church, 7770 Roswell Road.

For more information, see [eventbrite.com/d/ga-atlanta/lantern-parade](http://eventbrite.com/d/ga-atlanta/lantern-parade).



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