



HOMEWOOD KEYNOTES

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Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta "Serve to Change Lives"
District Governor 6860 Harold Lewis "Market Rotary: Make it *SHINE*"

Today's Program



Our speaker today is Amanda Storey, Executive Director of the Jones Valley Teaching Farm. She will share with us how, in 2007, the Jones Valley Teaching Farm found its home on a 3-acre city block in the Central City neighborhood of downtown Birmingham. Jones Valley Teaching Farm established a new community garden and a farm center, broke ground on their first fields, and began to scale up their food and farm-centered programming.

In 2016, with an established history of field trip programming and collaboration, Jones Valley Teaching Farm pursued John Herbert Phillips Academy as their newest partner school. They hired an instructor fully dedicated to designing and delivering programs to the school's 900-plus pre-K–8th grade students, using the Downtown Farm Campus as a Teaching Farm and learning laboratory.

The southwest corner of the downtown farm campus hosts their community garden, which houses 38 raised bed plots, a tool shed, and a sheltered porch. Community gardeners lease their plots each year on a sliding scale, and Jones Valley Teaching Farm provides the seeds, seedlings, compost, tools, and garden supplies.

UpComing Dates

June 2nd: Our speaker will be Hunter Jewett. His is the story of a medical and ministry mission to Syria earlier this year.

June 9th: Susann Montgomery-Clark and Rod Clark will talk about domestic violence from a personal perspective, and Megan's Fund.

June 15th: The board of directors meets at 8:00 a.m. at the Homewood Public Library. All are welcome.

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