



## Your BestLivingAtlanta® Newsletter

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## 2016 Atlanta Food & Wine Festival



The culinary scene in and around Atlanta has evolved into a world-class celebration of the history and culture of regional tastes, amped up with the flavors reflective of our diverse international population.

Highlighting our good fortune and introducing us to new food and cocktail trends, award-winning chefs and unique takes on southern regional cuisine, the 7<sup>th</sup> Atlanta Food & Wine Festival runs June 2-5 in Midtown.

Every year, my friends and co-founders Dominique Love and Elizabeth Feichter

curate new, entertaining experiences and opportunities to immerse oneself into the tastes and culture of the Southeast. This year, they will literally be creating a Vineyard in the City which will not only attract a lot of attention but will serve as the venue for wine classes and luncheons.

Throughout the weekend, attendees will be participating in tastings, entertainment, classes, fine dining and unique parties. 2016 promises to be the best yet for the internationally acclaimed AFWF!

For more information and tickets, please visit [www.atlfoodandwinefestival.com](http://www.atlfoodandwinefestival.com)

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## Neighborhood of the Month



### Sagamore Hills

Boasting big yards, good schools, convenience and quality classic homes, Sagamore Hills is a popular neighborhood for growing families. Amenities like swimming and tennis assure something for everyone.

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## Just What Season Is It?



Just a couple of weeks ago as we hustled off to school, we walked through a layer of yellow dust and had noted the coating on all of the cars passing by. The pollen was hanging in the air, reminiscent of light snow.

A week later, temperatures in the 90s and humidity rising made it feel as though we had missed a season somewhere along the way. And now I am wearing a sweater that I had to pull out of storage.

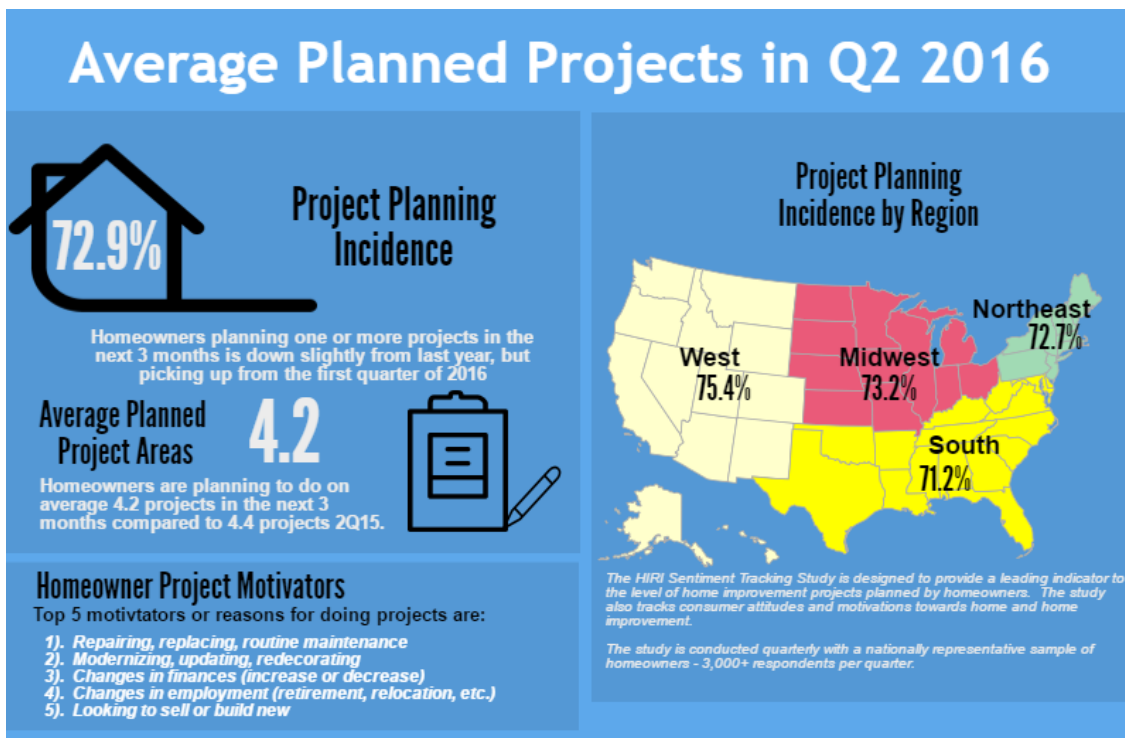
Atlanta in the springtime. I have lived in quite a few different places but only here does my [Nest thermostat](#) work double duty by running both the heat and the air conditioning in the SAME DAY!

Aside from ubiquitous allergies, I doubt you will hear many complaints about Atlanta in the springtime. Warm days, cool night, flowers and trees blooming make for a pretty nice place to be. But you already knew that!

Now get back to the yard work....before the summer heat.

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## Study Confirms Home Improvement Plans



A recently completed study from the [Home Improvement Research Institute \(HIRI\)](#) confirms that nearly three quarters of American homeowners are planning a home improvement project over the next three months as summer arrives.

And in a nod to Millennials, homeowners in their 30's with children are the largest group likely to be undertaking projects.

While outdoor projects tend to dominate the summer months, kitchen renovations are popular throughout the year. And the good news is that home improvement efforts tend to add value to your home. So take advantage of the opportunity to add a project or two, knowing that it is an investment that will pay off while you live there and when you get ready to sell.



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