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**Avondale RiverFest to Benefit Black Warrior Riverkeeper on Saturday July 21
*Free Live Music Event at Avondale Brewing Company from Noon to Midnight***

Birmingham – On Saturday, July 21, noon to midnight, Avondale Brewing Company will host “Avondale RiverFest” to benefit Black Warrior Riverkeeper, a nonprofit organization protecting the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. Free to the public, Avondale RiverFest will feature live music on the brewery’s new backyard stage. Avondale Brewery is located at 201 41st Street South and now includes a large outdoor area.

Festival organizer StompBox Medium has booked several excellent bands for July 21, including Adventure the Great, Blüprint, Fire Mountain, John and Jacob, The Poison Kitchen, Possum, Ryan O’Connor & the Renegades of Folk, Stuart McNair & Friends, and more.

Guests age 21 and older can purchase a variety of Avondale beers at the brewery’s new outdoor bar. Crestwood Coffee Company will be selling delicious food at the brewery’s recently expanded outdoor area, while artists and organizations promote their local efforts at outdoor booths. 10% of all beer and food proceeds will be donated to Black Warrior Riverkeeper. StompBox Medium continues to accept applications for artists and vendors through an online form at: <http://stompboxmedium.wufoo.com/forms/z7x3x5/>.

The Black Warrior River watershed provides approximately half of Birmingham’s drinking water, including all of the water that Avondale Brewing Company uses to brew their beer. [The brewery’s owners have publicly implored the University of Alabama to refuse to lease or sell property for the proposed Shepherd Bend Mine](#), which would discharge pollutants 800 feet from the Birmingham Water Works Board’s Mulberry Fork intake facility. Throughout the event, Black Warrior Riverkeeper will provide information and displays about the Shepherd Bend Mine and broader efforts to promote clean water, public health, wildlife habit, and recreation.

“It is exciting to see a local business grow so quickly while supporting its community and water supply,” said Charles Scribner, Executive Director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. “We appreciate Avondale Brewing Company’s efforts to help us protect the river and Birmingham’s tap water from the Shepherd Bend Mine.”

To view an aerial photo by Nelson Brooke, Black Warrior Riverkeeper, showing Birmingham Water Works Board’s Mulberry Fork intake facility (top), the Black Warrior River’s Mulberry Fork (middle) and the proposed Shepherd Bend Mine site (bottom), visit: http://www.blackwarriorriver.org/images/BWWB_MulberryIntake.jpg

To view the Avondale RiverFest poster and sponsors, visit:
<http://www.blackwarriorriver.org/images/avondale-riverfest-final.jpg>

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Black Warrior Riverkeeper (blackwarriorriver.org) is a citizen-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. A member of Waterkeeper Alliance, Black Warrior Riverkeeper was the Alabama Environmental Council’s 2007 Conservation Organization of the Year and the American Canoe Association’s 2008 Green Paddle Award winner. Nelson Brooke, Riverkeeper, won the Alabama Rivers Alliance’s 2010 River Hero Award. In 2011 the Black Warrior became one of America’s [Most Endangered Rivers](#) due to current and potential coal pollution. For more information about the event or the cause, contact Charles Scribner at (205) 458-0095 or cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org.