

Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association (ADNA)

Questions & Answers

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What housing options are there Downtown?

While Downtown doesn't have single-family homes, it boasts a wide variety of apartment and condo projects, from skyscrapers to low-rises to converted factories to new construction.

A few of the apartment projects: City Plaza, Fairlie-Poplar Lofts, Freeman Ford Lofts, The Muse's, The William-Oliver.

A few of the condo projects: 123 Luckie, 90 Fairlie, Gordon Lofts, Kessler City Lofts, The Landmark, Peachtree Towers, Pioneer Neon Lofts, The Healey, The Metropolitan. Nearing construction are three additional major condo projects: Centennial Park West, Museum Tower and Centennial House.

Where do Downtown residents buy groceries?

Contrary to popular perceptions, Downtown residents have about as much access to grocery stores as residents in other neighborhoods. The most popular nearby supermarkets are the Publix supermarket at the intersection of Piedmont and North Ave and the Publix on MLK Drive near Morris Brown College, Atlanta University Center. In addition to this there is a mini-Kroger at City Plaza on Central Ave. across from City Hall. Downtown residents are also blessed with the sweet Auburn Curb Market on Edgewood Avenue, which offers a rich variety of fresh produce, meat, seafood, poultry, deserts, imported foodstuffs, and more. Columeria Taggiasca, the Italian market, is well-known throughout the city and many drive miles to buy there, while Downtown residents can just walk.

Is Downtown safe?

One of the most common misperceptions about Downtown is that it's very dangerous. The truth is, Downtown is pretty safe, with low crime statistics to prove it, but it's protected by several law enforcement agencies (city, state, federal and MARTA) and patrolled by the Ambassadors, the patrolling officers sponsored by the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District. There is a problem with aggressive handling and fights among street people. Recently the neighborhood has been working with local agencies to address remaining issues of public safety and crime.

How can I find out more information about Downtown living?

There are two great ways: 1) Come to neighborhood coffee Saturday mornings at Sacred Grounds, 123 Luckie Street or 2) Check out the web for sites like <http://www.atlantadna.org>, <http://www.centralatlantaprogress.org>, <http://www.fairliepoplar.org>, and <http://www.mikeschinkel.com/lofts/>.



The Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association (ADNA) is a non-profit neighborhood group primarily made up of Downtown Atlanta residents, but also including businesspeople and others in Atlanta committed to making Downtown a strong, vibrant neighborhood.

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Downtown is where Atlanta began. It's where the city grew up and where generations of Atlantans came to work, shop, and have a good time. As Atlanta makes its way into the 21st Century, Downtown remains at the hub of it all -- and what better reason is there to *live* Downtown?

"More than \$3 billion in development is underway in Downtown in a series of projects that are moving the center-city toward a goal of an international, seven-day-a-week, 24-hour city. "

Central Atlanta Progress
<http://www.centralatlantaprogress.org>

It began with the Olympics, with people moving into the center city and live the sort of urban lifestyle found in other cities across the country and around the world.

It's a lifestyle where you look out the window and there are skyscrapers, where major events take place right in your backyard, only your backyard is the city street.

Instead of spending Saturday morning mowing your lawn, you hang out drinking coffee with the neighbors or go running around Centennial Olympic Park.

Downtown is a place where your car can often stay in the garage. You can walk around the neighborhood and take care of your errands or find a place to have a drink. MARTA is there to take you virtually any point in the city, with several train stations, including Five Points, serving the neighborhood, and dozens of buses running in all directions. And if you do need to drive somewhere in town, Downtown is never very far from anything.

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How long has ADNA been in existence?

The association began informally around 1997 when Downtown residents began to meet for coffee and started realizing that they had a real community with some common interests. As more and more people moved into the area, and especially once there were more homeowners living in condos, the group became more organized and by 1999 there were regular meetings. In 2002 the group gained 401-c-3 non-profit status as the Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association.

What area does the neighborhood association include?

ADNA includes the area of the central city bounded the highways to the south east, and northeast, plus and number of blocks northwest and west of Centennial Olympic Park. ADNA's area includes the Downtown business district, Peachtree Center, Georgia State University, most federal, state, county and city offices, Underground Atlanta, CNN, Philips Arena, the Georgia Dome, Centennial Olympic Park, Woodruff Park, and 6 MARTA transit stations (Garnett, Five Points, Peachtree Center, Civic Center, Omni/CNN/GWCC/Philips Arena, and GSU).

What are some of the activities of the association?

Primarily activities and goals of the Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association:

- Monthly Meetings (second Tuesday)
- Distribute Downtown and DNA news (via email listserve, web site, and more)
- Communicate with other organizations and local government
- Foster interaction and friendship between Downtown residents and businesses
- Promote Downtown as a place to live
- Improve quality of life Downtown
- Encourage businesses, services, entertainment, and other activities Downtown.

How do you become a member of the association?

Membership applications are available on the ADNA web site, <http://www.atlanatadna.org>. Basic ADNA Membership is \$25 for one person in a household, \$40 for two people in same household. Benefits of membership includes ADNA voting rights on neighborhood issues and regular neighborhood newsletter and email updates.

How can I find out more about the Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association?

Visit our web site at <http://www.atlantadna.org> or email us at downtownatl@hotmail.com.

Where can I find information about riding MARTA Downtown?

Two great web sites. One is MARTA's, <http://www.itsmarta.com>, and the other is by a downtown resident: <http://www.metrogirl.com/metropolitan/marta/>.