



ADNA Monthly Newsletter

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HAPPY MARCH! Downtown ATL has survived another winter, including a February ice storm that shut down the city for the weekend.

Now, spring is just around the corner! Check out our website downtownatl@hotmail.com for the latest happenings and opportunities. There's going to be a lot going on in our neighborhood.

While you're at the website, check out the online Community Forums. This is a unique opportunity to stay informed, share your views, and interact with the 2005 ADNA Board of Directors. We value your opinion and would like the chance to serve you!

Let me know what you'd like to see in upcoming issues of our newsletter. Share your views, events and opportunities.

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Applications are now being accepted for the **H. Lamar Willis Public Service Scholarship**. Graduating seniors from Atlanta public or private high schools who plan to attend an accredited community college or university and who are residents of the City of Atlanta are urged to apply.

The scholarships are designed to provide financial assistance to those who have shown ability, aptitude, and a promise of useful and active citizenship.

Applications can be secured from high school guidance counselors, online at www.hlamarwillis.com, or by writing to The Honorable H. Lamar Willis, Atlanta City Council, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. The application deadline is **Friday, April 15, 2005**.

Scholarship awardees will be announced at an awards dinner on a date to be determined. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Councilman H. Lamar Willis at 404-330-6041 or via E-mail at hlwillis@atlantaga.gov

WE NEED YOU—AND YOUR HOME—FOR THE 2005 TOUR OF LOFTS!

We're looking for neighbors who are proud of their home! Here's a chance to show off your loft or condo to over 2,000 people. ADNA is sponsoring the **2005 TOUR OF LOFTS** in conjunction with the **ATLANTA DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL** on May 14-15.

If you would like to showcase your home, submit two high quality images and a short paragraph describing your residence to my attention at:

*250 Park Avenue West, NW
 Unit #806
 Atlanta, GA 30313, or
deboday@yahoo.com*

Be sure to include your phone number and email address. Your notice of interest must be received no later than March 15, so we can schedule a time to preview your residence with our judges. If you have any questions, please call me at 770-639-5940.

Previous hosts have expressed how much they enjoyed opening their homes to the public. All hosts receive complimentary Festival t-shirts, Tour tickets, postcards and are invited to the Festival & Tour VIP Party, prior to the tour.

TICKETS FOR THE TOUR will be available at the **BALZER THEATRE** by April 1, 2005.

DOES ANYONE KNOW? One neighbor wrote: "I heard a rumor that the NASCAR Museum was being built beside the World of Coca Cola. Can anyone tell me if that's true?"

If you know, send Deb Day an email at ADNAcommunications.com.



Thanks to The Mark for hosting a great Happy Hour on Friday, February 25. More than 50 neighbors came out to the elegant club for drinks and socializing.

The Mark has a new program, "Risky Business", which is an after-work cocktails set beginning at 6pm on Wednesdays through Fridays. Presented by STARBUCKS Liqueurs.

OUR MARCH HAPPY HOUR is Friday, March 25, from 6-8 p.m. at **Murrell's** on Walton Street, across from Muse's.

HAPPY HOURS are held on the last Friday of every month. Check out the website, www.atlantadna.org for locations.



THANKS TO AMERICASMART for hosting our January Community Meeting. We were treated to delicious refreshments, and VP Virginia Gorday personally guided us through an extended tour of the facility. The ADNA appreciates AmericasMart's dedication to Downtown.

WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AT UNDERGROUND ATLANTA
 Saturday, March 19 - 1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CAP/ADID MEETING
 Wednesday, March 30 at 8:00 a.m.
 We have lots of great news about Downtown and invite you to be a part of our success. This year's Annual Meeting will celebrate Downtown's unprecedented growth. Find out first-hand about plans for the latest developments that are changing the face and character of our Downtown community. Info and tickets: www.centralatlantaprogress.org

TURNER'S FIRST THURSDAYS ART WALK: – Downtown's Popular Gallery Walk. First Thursday of every month – 5-8 p.m. Next First Thursday: April 7.

SUMMER AND SMOKE at the Balzer Theatre March 1-20 – A Tennessee Williams play. Cast of excellent actors, including Tom Key.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE CIVIL WAR IN SIERRA LEONE at VSA arts of GA March 1-April 22

AMERICAN CRAFT SHOW at the Georgia Dome - March 18-20

MAR 22: THE CITY OF THE FUTURE

Come listen to experts share information on the importance of a strong arts and culture community to the long-term health of a city.

Enjoy a dynamic panel discussion and debate on the issues and opportunities facing Atlanta as it strives to become a stronger arts center. Come be a part of this important dialogue through your questions and insights.

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

Georgia-Pacific Auditorium
133 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Seats are \$30 prior to Thursday, March 17th and \$35 after that time.

Register online today at

www.btobmagazine.com/events

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **The Balzer Theatre** is looking for ushers and people to help with light administrative tasks. Contact Beth.Haynes@TheatricalOutfit.org
- **The 2005 Festival & Tour** is looking for volunteers to make the 2005 Downtown festival the best ever. Contact jennifer@downtownatl.com
- **VSA arts of GA** needs lunchtime Gallery Greeters M-F. Contact Jay.Tribby@VSAartsGA.org
- We're looking for musicians for the **Downtown Festival** to be held on May 14-15. If you're interested in showcasing your talent, please contact susan.roe@mindspring.com



SPRING INTO VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AT CENTENNIAL OLYMPIC PARK!

Our largest and most internationally known neighborhood Park is in need of volunteers for a host of spring and summer activities.

To join in the fun, contact Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Tinker at 404.223.4412. Check out the website, too: www.CentennialPark.com

Here's just a few of the opportunities available:

- Fourth Saturday Family Fun Day- Every fourth Saturday from April through September, Centennial Olympic Park hosts an afternoon of fun for the entire family

including street performers, interactive displays, touring shows, and kids' activities. Volunteers help children make crafts, turn the Park's sidewalks into an artist's canvas by using chalk, lead chess games using a giant chess board and large scale playing pieces, provide information about the Park, hand out flyers and schedules, staff a tent for musicians and performers, and sell Park merchandise from a mobile cart.

- Wednesday WindDown Concert Series - Every Wednesday, April through September, the Park features a live concert by some of the best national and local music acts. Volunteers sell Wednesday WindDown t-shirts and register concertgoers for Regulars Cards. Concerts: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- On The Bricks Concert Series - Every Friday for twelve weeks from June through September, the Park will be hosting the 5th annual On The Bricks concert series. National recording artists featured weekly. Volunteers needed to clean up, set up, and break down.
- Landscaping/beautification projects - These projects are held the second Saturday of each month from April through September and range from planting shrubbery and flowers to weeding and mulching. Volunteers meet in the Visitor Center at 9 a.m. and finish around noon. The Park supplies bottled water, gloves, and tools.
- Information Desk Attendant position - The Information Desk is located in the Visitor Center. Volunteers greet guests and visitors to the Park from all over the world. They answer questions, provide information, and sell Park merchandise. The volunteers receive training during an orientation. Shifts are flexible. Open Monday through Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For volunteers 18 and older.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Instead of dreaming about packing heat in Downtown Atlanta, wouldn't it be nice if Georgia's legislators armed themselves with knowledge about it?

On February 11, the AJC ran a story on GA House Bill 193, which would allow anyone with a concealed weapons permit to bring a handgun into a restaurant.

In the story, Rep. Bobby Franklin of Marietta spoke in support of the law. To feel safe Downtown, he said, guests of our good neighbor the Ritz-Carlton deserve the right to carry a handgun as they "walk a couple of blocks to a restaurant."

Ironically, just two days earlier, 50 Downtown residents had walked those same blocks to attend our February Community Meeting at AmericasMart. I wasn't aware that any of them felt the need to keep a pistol close at hand that evening.

It's hard to reconcile Rep. Franklin's Downtown with the one in which I live and work every day. I think most people who live Downtown feel as I do. And I think our perceptions more accurately match the reality as recorded by the Atlanta Police Department. The most statistically significant crimes Downtown are not those against people. Car break-ins are the predominant expression of criminal activity in our area, and the APD is working systematically to reduce them.

I'm not sure which group has the toughest job in reducing ignorance about Downtown: the APD or the ADNA.

I'm pretty sure I know which group has the most fun challenging those perceptions every year! The 2005 Downtown Festival and Tour, which takes place May 14-15, promises to be the best ever! Please attend the event, invite your friends, and consider supporting the Festival financially as a member of this year's Host Committee. For more about the Host Committee, contact me at 404.406.5296 or Jay.Tribby@VSAartsGA.org. By associating your name with the Host Committee this year, you'll send a strong message to everyone who attends the Festival that, when it comes to Downtown Atlanta, you prefer packing knowledge to packing heat.

**Jay Tribby
2005 President, ADNA**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12
ADNA COMMUNITY MEETING**

An Evening with Lisa Borders
President, Atlanta City Council
Atlanta City Hall 6-8 p.m.
Includes a tour of City Hall