



ADNA Monthly Newsletter

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Spring is here, and downtown Atlantans are looking forward to the sunshine and activities that the season brings! Centennial Park is hosting Wednesday WindDown starting in April, and the first Saturday Family Fun Day will be this month! Check out the ADNA website for all the activities around our area.

The **2005 Downtown Festival & Tour of Lofts** is just one month away: May 14-15. We're looking for plenty of volunteers! Get out and support your neighborhood! See our volunteer section for all the details.

Contact me at deboday@yahoo.com with news and views for our newsletter.

Deb Day
VP Communications, ADNA

THANKS to our downtown neighbors for the wonderful response to the call for lofts to showcase in the **ADNA TOUR OF LOFTS!** We have over 15 terrific places to tour. The committee appreciates your enthusiasm - this is sure to be the best year ever!

Tickets for the **ADNA TOUR OF LOFTS** went on sale April 1. Go to the ADNA website at www.atlantadna.org and click on the link. They are also available at the Container Stores at Peachtree and Piedmont and at the Perimeter Mall. They will also be available at VSA arts of GA in the Healey Building on the day of the tour. Advance tickets \$15.

Tickets for the **V.I.P. Party** will be available at April and May meetings. The party will be held at the Americas Mart ballroom on Thursday May 12. Tickets: \$20. Contact Beth Haynes at Beth.Haynes@TheatricalOutfit.org

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

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

ARTISTS - sign up for the **DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL** - go to the website and click on the festival logo

We need volunteers to assist at the ticket tables for the **2005 Tour of Lofts**. Volunteers will staff the tables in four-hour shifts at VSA arts of GA. Please contact adnacomunications@yahoo.com

Centennial Park is looking for **volunteers** to host spring and summer activities. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Tinker at 404.223.4412.

THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN!

Baseball season started April 8 at Turner Field. Is anyone interested in getting a group together to catch a game? Let me know - contact adnacomunications@yahoo.com

Thanks to **MURRELL'S** for hosting our March Happy Hour. Mike Murrell was a gracious host, offering wine and appetizers, along with buy-one-get-one-free dinner coupons. Murrell's is a great addition to our neighborhood!

APRIL'S HAPPY HOUR IS A PUB CRAWL! MEET AT ALLEY CAT IN KENNY'S ALLEY AT 7:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005.

ALLEY CAT will be providing appetizers - we'll head out at 7:30 to board the MARTA to check out clubs outside of our area, and to distribute flyers advertising the **2005 ADNA TOUR OF LOFTS AND DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL**

Come out and join us! It'll be a lot a fun!

WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN

INMAN PARK SPRING FESTIVAL from April 22-24

SWEET AUBURN STREETFEST May 7-8

THE FOREIGNER at the Balzer Theater through April 24

MUSIC AT NOON - Live performances by dance and musical groups at Centennial Park, Tuesdays and Thursdays April 6-27

WEDNESDAY WINDDOWNS - at Centennial Olympic Park 5:30-8:00 p.m. April 6-September 28

BEACH VOLLEYBALL is coming to Woodruff Park May 14-15. For more information go to www.atlantadowntown.com

FOCAL BOOK SALE Friends of Central Atlanta Library Spring Book Sale will take place at the Library on June 2, 3, and 4. Hours to be included in the May newsletter.

CASTLEBERRY HILL ART STROLL will take place Thursday, April 14, 7-11 p.m. Check out the participating galleries and businesses at www.castleberryhill.org

THEATRICAL OUTFIT BENEFIT

For four years now many of our downtown neighbors have helped make **Theatrical Outfit's Spring Benefit and Auction** a BIG success by volunteering to work the event.

It's that time of year again and we're hoping many of you can help out once again.

The event is **Saturday, April 23**, from 7-11 pm at the **International Ballroom of the Omni Hotel** (new North Tower). Swanky new location, new format and new day of the week should make this a GREAT party.

We need about 20 people to act as table monitors, runners and other jobs during the course of the evening. As always, you are invited to partake in the great food, beverage and entertainment that the evening offers.

If you can help out, please e-mail Beth.Haynes@TheatricalOutfit.org at your earliest convenience. If you are planning to attend the event as a paying guest, thank you for your support. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 678-528-1500 or www.theatricaloutfit.org.

CAP/ADID Town Hall Meeting, April 22, 2005

As fast as things are happening in Downtown Atlanta, we'll help you catch up on a variety of information at our upcoming CAP/ADID Town Hall Meeting set for Friday, April 22, 7:30 a.m. at the Ritz-Carlton in Downtown. Main topics: the future of Woodruff Park; the Atlanta Streetcar Feasibility Study; public safety; and an exciting new Downtown event coming in May to Woodruff Park. Think sand, sun and volleyball! RSVP to Richard Orr at richorr@centralatlantaprogress.org by Wednesday, April 20.

JOIN TWELVE OF ATLANTA'S TOP BUSINESSWOMEN FOR TEA

Join Secretary of State Cathy Cox, Star 94's Emcee Vikki Locke, and more **Sunday April 24th** for the **2nd Annual Sip-osium**.

What: 2nd Annual Sip-osium
When: Sunday, April 24th from 2 pm-4 pm
Where: Ritz Carlton- Downtown Atlanta
Cost: Early Registration: \$85 before April 15; General Registration: \$100

Nurture your mind, body and spirit as top female entrepreneurs and businesswomen in Metro Atlanta come together. This priceless experience will leave you with inspirational thoughts on how to take care of yourself while building an empire and living your dream.

There will also be a silent auction with art from Manami Art:
www.manamiart.com.

WWBD (What Would Brian Drink?)

Brian is a 5-year resident of downtown who ALWAYS picks the best wines. We talked him into sharing some of his favorites in a monthly column.

As the weather turns warm and summer is just around the corner, my taste in wine starts to change along with the season. I sure love all those big juicy California Cabs. And don't even get me started on my new passion for all things Shiraz. But all things have their time and place and right now Sauvignon Blanc offers up a good transition from the more heavy fare of winter.

Some of the best are from our friends down under, with 2002 and 2003 offering great depth and flavor. Here are my recommendations:

From New Zealand

Konrad & Co. Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2003 \$13 - \$16

Has a nice fresh tangy/apple-lime flavor and a bright finish. Don't serve this too cold, it works best with just a brief chill.

Highfield Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2003 \$15 - \$18

Lots of fruit flavor with predominant green apple. A lush full, round wine.

Jackson Estate Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2004 \$18 - \$20

Big and tart. Herbal with grapefruit and guava flavors. Again, not too cold on the serving. Or better yet, try it with a good chill and then when it warms to about room temperature. An amazing difference.

Enjoy.

Meet the 2005 ADNA Board

ADNA Board terms are 2 years. This year's Board includes 4 members in the second year of their term and 5 in the first year of their term. We hope that this column will inspire other Downtown residents to Board service. Elections are held each November.

This month we feature **Jennifer Henderson, VP of Finance (and Co-Chair of this year's Downtown Festival & Tour of Lofts)**:

Where did you live prior to moving downtown? How long have you lived downtown, and what were your reasons for moving here?

My husband, Jamie, and I lived in Midtown Atlanta, then the suburbs of Birmingham, then Ansley Park. We moved downtown because we love the fact that everything we like to do, see, eat, visit is within walking distance or MARTA distance! We've been Downtown for about 4 years now! And we LOVE not driving a car on the weekends!

Tell us what excites you about the downtown area.

The potential for anything and everything!!!

What is your vision for the downtown neighborhood, and can ADNA assist in that vision? What role will you play in fulfilling the vision?

I envision a friendly, walkable city where there is lots of live entertainment, galleries, restaurants (cheap and not so cheap), shopping, grocers, and PEOPLE! The ADNA can help to make that happen simply by being visible and by being loud! We all need to do our part to express our desires to politicians, business leaders, and visitors alike (esp. those from midtown and beyond!).

We'll see you in the on-line produce aisle!

DOWNTOWN IS A HAPPENING PLACE:

Check out these excerpts from the **Atlanta Business Journal**, March 28/05 edition:

...Some of the biggest players in downtown Atlanta real estate are laying competitive concerns aside and uniting to sell downtown as a great place to do business. The formation of an informal 'downtown office coalition' encompasses many major property owners and Central Atlanta Process (CAP), downtown's de facto marketing arm....

..."We're right on the cusp of a lot of good things happening in this area"

...The vision is really to create an eclectic mix of cuisine at a more reasonable mid-range price point that is appealing to a wide variety of tourists, families, residents and employees...

...With the aquarium anchoring the area, ... the worst thing would be to provide tourists attractions without completing the experience with restaurants and shopping...

...Legacy Property Group has a vision for what's going on outside the building. It's called Luckie Marietta, a district on the northwest corner of Centennial Olympic Park brimming with restaurants, shops and more...the majority of the restaurants will be locally owned operations to give visitors a 'taste of Atlanta'...Legacy also plans to add ground floor retail in Centennial Park West condos...

...(it is) estimated there will be \$10 million worth of new developments in downtown Atlanta in the next three to five years...

... 'THE WHOLE COMPLEXION OF DOWNTOWN IS GOING TO CHANGE'....

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

You know you've hit middle age when you start waxing nostalgic about graduate school.

Actually, I'm looking back fondly on only one hour of each week from my grad school days—Saturday morning, when I lived for the Charles Village Farmers Market in Baltimore, MD.

Bounded to the east by Memorial Stadium, where the Orioles played before moving to their fancy digs at Camden Yard, and to the west by Johns Hopkins University, there was nothing fancy about the market. It lived in a parking lot for five hours a week, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

The concept was simple. Small farmers from surrounding towns came into the heart of the city once a week and sold fresh produce, flowers, and baked goods to local residents.

I'm sure the produce tasted great. What I remember most was that it was cheap, involved a direct transaction between food consumer and food producer, and drew me out into the open air for an hour of low-key socializing with neighbors.

As Downtown Atlanta nears the moment when, the demographers assure us, it will have the critical mass of residents to support a grocery store, could a Downtown grocery shopping experience be an active creator of a Downtown community?

This year, the ADNA has revived our online Community Forums in hopes of jumpstarting some of the community building work that a farmer's market or a community-focussed grocery store might eventually do.

If you have strong opinions about Downtown grocery options--or anything else for that matter--please share them online at www.atlantadna.org. From the homepage, click on the navigation bar entitled Community Forums.

MAY AND JUNE COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE

Tues May 10
Host: **Turner/CNN Center**
6-8 p.m.
Includes a behind-the-scenes tour

Tues June 14
Theme: Downtown and the World!
Host: **CARE USA**
6-8 p.m.
Includes briefings by CARE Southeast Asia staff on tsunami relief efforts and a tour of CARE USA



2005 Downtown Festival and Tour of Lofts

Saturday May 14th 2005 11 - 6
Sunday May 15th 2005 12 - 6

Downtown Festival & Tour

A two day event, featuring a walking tour of downtown Atlanta lofts, condos and live/work spaces, an artist market, children's activity area and live entertainment on two stages.

Tickets can be picked up on May 14 or 15 at the VSA Gallery,
Lobby of the Healey Building, 57 Forsyth St. Atlanta
Saturday, May 14, 2005 at 11:00 AM

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Price: \$15.00

Downtown Festival & Tour VIP Party

The kick off event for the Downtown Festival & Tour

Reservations will be held at the check in table at America's Mart the evening of the event.

Thursday, May 12, 2005 at 6:30 PM

America's Mart Fashion Theater

250 Spring Street, Bldg 3
Atlanta, GA 30303

Phone: (678) 528-1496

Price: \$20.00