



# ADNA Monthly Newsletter

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## Do you like to have a good time?

The special events team is looking for people to help organize social gatherings. This includes everything from our monthly happy hours to sporting and cultural events to book clubs and dinner gatherings. If you are interested in helping out contact Chris Raffield at [chris@mergeatlanta.com](mailto:chris@mergeatlanta.com) or 404-285-8266

The 2005 Atlanta Downtown Festival and Tour was another huge success. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, donated, sponsored, bought tickets, or simply showed up! We nearly doubled our attendance at the combined event to about 4,000 people – and we tripled the amount of revenue we made last year!

The weekend began with a fabulous Kick-Off party in the Fashion Ballroom at America's Mart. The event was attended by neighbors, artists, musicians, festival sponsors, and politicians alike. We had live music and great food. A good time was had by all! During the event, we announced that the Chair Award – given for outstanding volunteerism during the previous festival – will now be named the Maria Balais Founder Award. This award was presented to Chris Ciovacco for all of his outstanding efforts in 2004. Chris was truly surprised, humbled, and of course hilarious as he accepted his well-deserved award. Who will win the prize for 2005? Attend next year's Kick-Off Party and find out!

The 2005 Tour featured 14 units around Downtown. There were 4 in the Healey, 3 at the William Oliver, 2 at the Metropolitan and one each at 90 Fairlie, 123 Luckie, Museum Tower, Centennial Park West, and the Giant. Tour participants saw everything from a newly gutted and renovated loft to a multi-million dollar penthouse to a one bedroom bachelor pad with a view! Next year we hope to have more building participation. Please watch the

website ([www.atlantadna.org](http://www.atlantadna.org)) and come to the meetings to find out when we'll begin accepting loft tour submissions for 2006. Many thanks to the buildings and participants who opened their homes for us this past year!

Festival-goers were treated to a fantastic array of musical talent on two stages as well as an artist's market with over 80 booths! There was truly something for everyone. Probably the most popular spot on the site was our beer tent! Sweetwater brew flowed all weekend long for hot and thirsty patrons! Look for next year's Festival to be better than ever as we "grow up" and feature a juried artists' market...that means that all artists must be pre-approved by our team of judges before they can participate. This will bring our Festival to a higher level of quality than almost every other festival in and around Atlanta! Next year will be very exciting. Keep an eye out for more surprises for 2006...

Thanks again from the 2005 co-chairs – Maria Balais, Beth Haynes, and Jen Henderson. A great many thanks comes from our steering committee members as well. This group of neighbors works very hard and deserves a great big thanks from the neighborhood as well!

Planning for next year has already begun...for information on how you can participate, please contact Beth Haynes at [Bethhaynes@mac.com](mailto:Bethhaynes@mac.com) or Jen Henderson at [Jhenderson@biltmorecomm.com](mailto:Jhenderson@biltmorecomm.com)

## Woodruff Park and Woodruff Park Bark Park

### Play in the Dirt Day

Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Beginning at 8 AM

Come out this Saturday to help spread mulch and other garden activities as we continue to improve one of our great downtown parks. We will also begin getting the dog section ready for use. If you are interested in helping out contact Chris Raffield at [chris@mergeatlanta.com](mailto:chris@mergeatlanta.com) or 404-285-8266

## Downtown Dweller Happy Hour

Friday, June 24 @ Sidebar,  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join ADNA Guest Host **Jamie Henderson** at his favorite spot in downtown Atlanta...you guessed it...**Sidebar!** If you haven't had a chance to check out the expansive new addition to their space, this is the time to do it! Bring your competitive self because there are some pool tables and of course, air hockey! Your first drink is free, compliments of Sidebar...but please remember to show our servers and bartenders some love for their hospitality! We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions please send an email to [jennifer@downtownatl.com](mailto:jennifer@downtownatl.com).

## Sidebar

### 79 Poplar Street

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Introducing a **Saturday Shopper's Brunch** at our very own Sweet Auburn Curb Market, located at 209 Edgewood Ave.

The Curb Market invites you to come by between 9am and 12-noon on Saturdays, starting June 11, for its very unique version of a weekend Brunch.

Several of the Market's restaurants have joined together to offer a tantalizing variety of authentic cultural cuisines.

### Selections include:

A traditional fare of bacon, eggs and grits; Spicy south of the border Mexican style burrito; a true Southern specialty of Shrimp and Grits;

A made to order Crepe-- Moroccan Style; Pancakes topped with the Market's very own fresh fruit; and more.

Through the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, you can buy **one meal for \$6.95** and the second meal is **half price!** Once your appetite is satisfied, take a walk through the Market to choose from a variety of items, including Fresh Seafood; Fruits and Vegetables; Home made cakes and pies; Ready for the grill shish kabobs; Jerk Chicken; Catfish hot off the grill; Pizza; Subway Sandwiches; and ...— Everything under one roof and a 3 minute walk from Peachtree Street.

Free Parking ~  
[www.sweetauburncurbmarket.com](http://www.sweetauburncurbmarket.com)  
 ~ (404) 659-1665 ~ 209 Edgewood Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30303 ~

**WWBD?**

**[What Would Brian Drink?]**

Whenever my family gathers together for birthdays, holidays or even just a casual dinner, there is always going to be some serious wine tasting. My nice just turned 14 and my brother-in-law was putting the finishing touches on his wine cellar, so it was time to bring out some big -ass wines and celebrate! Although we racked up a number of empties, here are some highlights...at least what I remember:

**California Chardonnay**

**Newton Unfiltered Chardonnay**

**Caneros 2002 about \$30-\$40**

By and far my favorite Chardonnay. So full and lush, a soft creamy mouthful of pear, pineapple and fig with just a touch of vanilla. Can't get enough of this baby.

**Newton Red Label Chardonnay**

**Caneros 2003 about \$20-\$27**

Not as rich as the unfiltered. Naturally fermented, nice and refreshing. Has a crisp rich finish...exotic fruit.

**Byrd-Cooper Chardonnay**

**Caneros 2002 about \$20-\$25**

A very close second to the Newton style of wines. A very creamy, buttery and full wine. The nose has a lot of citrus and pineapple. Serve just chilled...not too cold.

**Australia**

**Yalumba 1999**

**The Menzies Cabernet Sauvignon \$45 - \$55**

A world class cab! A big saturated, bright ruby red wine. Plenty of black-cherry, berries and licorice. Spicy fruit with a hint of fresh herbs. Just starting to drink well now and should evolve in the bottle for 10-12 years. Great value for this stature of cab.

Enjoy.

Watch **PBS** this month for "State of the Arts" featuring **Balzer Theatre at Herron's**, the new home of Theatrical Outfit. The episode will air on June 22 at 9:00 p.m., June 24 at 10:00 p.m. and June 26 at 3:30 p.m. and midnight. The episode will also feature Robert Spano of ASO, the Art of Making Chocolate, Glass Blowing and other interesting topics.

**LET US HELP YOU GET THE WORD OUT TO YOUR DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORS!**

Through our monthly newsletter, distributed in hard copy on the second Tuesday of each month as part of our Community Meeting, you can tell your neighbors about Downtown events and meetings that you're passionate about. Send submissions by the first Tuesday of the month to: [downtownatl@hotmail.com](mailto:downtownatl@hotmail.com)

Back by popular demand: This month, the ADNA resumes its practice of helping neighbors publicize news of upcoming neighborhood events and meetings via e-mail. We'll send e-mails out once a week or so. Please keep your submission brief and include contact info so that folks can follow up with you: [downtownatl@hotmail.com](mailto:downtownatl@hotmail.com)

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

For anyone participating in the ADNA's signature annual event, the Festival & Tour, it doesn't take long to notice that Downtown has an extraordinary pool of volunteer civic leaders.

Under the leadership of Co-Chairs Maria Balais, Jen Henderson, and Beth Haynes, the Festival & Tour has brought the neighborhood together in ways unimaginable just 4 short years ago!

One of the hallmarks of their leadership has been planning.

As spring turns to summer, the ADNA Board is already looking to our upcoming Board elections in November.

Over the summer and fall, we will host a number of informal informational sessions in hopes of recruiting folks for the Board. We are particularly interested in expanding the demographic and life experience base from which we draw Board members.

If you have an interest in serving the neighborhood by becoming active on the ADNA Board of Directors, or if you have questions about Board service, I'd love to hear from you!

You can reach me at 404.406.5296 or [Jay.Tribby@VSAartsGA.org](mailto:Jay.Tribby@VSAartsGA.org)

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 2005 President  
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**JULY 12 COMMUNITY MEETING AT NEW 24/7 GATEWAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS**

Atlanta's new one-stop facility for assisting the homeless opens next month. Please join the ADNA at its July 12 Community Meeting for a unique opportunity to tour the facility and meet Gateway Center Director Vince Smith.

Garnett & Pryor Streets  
 6:30-8:30 pm