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ADNA MEMBERSHIP

The strength of the Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association relies on participation by the community members it serves; therefore, we strive to increase membership. Are you a member of the ADNA? Yes, no, not sure? Watch for 2006 membership data to be posted on the website soon.

What is the process for becoming a member? It's very simple. Attend three or more ADNA monthly community meetings during the calendar year. Complete the sign in sheet each time so the membership team has a record of your attendance. That's it! Welcome aboard if this is your third meeting in 2006. If you are a carry-over member from 2005, we thank you for your participation. To maintain your membership in 2006 you should also attend at least three monthly meetings and complete the sign in sheets.

Attendance by Month

June=46
May = 109
April = 41
March = 51
February = 53
January = 74

Attended 3 or more meetings to establish 2006 membership = 41

- 2005 members who have renewed membership for 2006 = 27
- 2006 new members = 14

The opinions expressed in the newsletter are those of the individual writers and not the ADNA as a board

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Attended 2 meetings = 26

Attended 1st meeting in June = 3
(all were not 2005 members)

Total on roster = 210



Tooley's Trolley provided the transportation for downtown neighbors to participate in the Salute to America Parade on July 4th

June 13 ADNA Community Meeting Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta

Submitted by Whitney Rusert

ADNA Board President Jay Tribby welcomed 46 ADNA members and guests to Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta in Museum Tower. Visitor/member introductions followed. Jane Turner, Imagine It! director, gave a brief history of The Children's Museum and explained their vision to communicate and reach schools and families on important issues in a playful and entertaining format. The current exhibit on environmental issues addresses Atlanta's informal title as the Asthma Capital of the South.

Live performances, storytimes, and play-acting serve to enforce important concepts to an 8 year old and younger clientele. The geographic area they serve is only restricted to how far a field trip can travel and return in a day; suburban moms are taking advantage of the indoor playground aspect and opportunity to socialize.

Community outreach includes an "Imaginator Program" of performers who visit hospitals and schools.

The museum is a non-profit with memberships, contributions and earned revenue keeping it running. Rentals for special events (cocktail parties, fundraisers) contribute as well. Visitors to the museum have exceeded expectations by 15% since the opening of the Georgia Aquarium, an encouraging number given the reduction in scheduled school field trips due to fuel prices. Imagine It! has indicated that it likes its location and has no intention of moving.

The next exhibit for the museum will be a joint venture with Hands On Atlanta called "Little Hands, Big Difference" and will highlight the benefits of community service. A raffle was held and the winner received 4 museum passes.

Pablo Henderson introduced the ADNA's Start It Up program and encouraged everyone to visit the ADNA website to join or initiate a new club or activity that would promote their downtown interest. He needs people who can make and distribute posters promoting this new venture and can be reached at Pablo@the.markATL.com.

Chris Ciovacco introduced representatives from the Hilton Hotel who requested the ADNA's support of a zoning variance to allow for an overhead walking bridge connecting the Hilton and Marriott Marquis hotels. This would enable their hotels to act in concert to compete with GWCC (and other cities) on convention space without compromising pedestrian safety. Issues that were raised by residents were addressed:

- Variance is needed to cross public (street air)

space (the city receives "air rights" rental income)

- Construction time was not expected to impact traffic because much would be prefabricated.
- The bridge would be available to non-guests only on a limited basis (due to security issues.)
- Previous efforts to educate and secure pedestrian safety were unsuccessful (estimated 191 pedestrian incidents last year including one fatality.)
- Crosswalks were not allowed by the city due to the proximity of the Connector exit ramp at Courtland.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to endorse the ordinance variance to allow the pedestrian bridge.

The next community meeting will be held on July 11 and will focus on the South Central Business District and residences. Due to the length of the meeting the scheduled tour was cancelled but guests who wished to stay and play at the museum were encouraged.

July 24-30, 2006 Downtown Atlanta Restaurant Week is Back! During the week of July 24-30, 2006 enjoy fabulous 3 - course dinners at some of Downtown's finest restaurants. Downtown Atlanta Restaurant Week is presented by Bank of America.

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Steve Kamishlian and Maria Balais enjoy drinks and appetizers at the top of the Westin at last month's Happy Hour.

Check the ADNA website or look for your evite for the July happy hour!

July 14-23, 2006 Experience the dance, music, film, theatre, visual and literary arts of the African Diaspora during the **National Black Arts Festival** (NBAF). Downtown venues include the APEX Museum, the Auburn Avenue Research Library and the Museum of Design. [>>www.nbaf.org](http://www.nbaf.org)

Every Wednesday through September, enjoy the new weekly lunchtime event series - **Wednesdays in Woodruff** presented by Starbucks . July artists include the cast from True Color's *Rejoice!* and vocalist Melanie Massell. The programming for July is arranged through the Metro Atlanta Arts & Culture Coalition. [>>www.atlantadowntown.com](http://www.atlantadowntown.com)

Every Friday through September, enjoy **SunTrust Lunch on Broad**. Soak up the sounds of local musicians and enjoy the company of friends and co-workers on your lunch break. From noon - 2 pm in the heart of Downtown Atlanta's Historic Fairlie-Poplar District. [>>www.atlantadowntown.com](http://www.atlantadowntown.com)

Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the Olympic Games

The only official Centennial Olympic anniversary celebration is at Centennial Olympic Park Saturday, July 15, 2006 - showing appreciation to all that made the Centennial Olympics a success. Volunteers, Olympic athletes and a number of musical guests will help celebrate the historic anniversary. The Celebration begins at 7 p.m. and will conclude after a 9:30 p.m. fireworks display.

The 1996 Olympics had a lasting impact on the city of Atlanta and confirmed the city's status as an international destination. The 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Centennial Olympics is an opportunity to share the legacy

with future generations, as well as to give thanks to those who volunteered during the Centennial Olympics. The volunteers that worked so hard will have the opportunity to come together ten years later and relive the emotion of the Centennial Olympic Games. Guaranteed to be a very moving event, the 10th Anniversary of the Centennial Olympics is one celebration you won't want to miss.

In conjunction with the Celebration in the Park, the Atlanta History Center is launching their Centennial Olympic Games Museum earlier the same day. The festivities begin Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Atlanta History Center, with special guests from the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) joining Mayor Shirley Franklin for the official ribbon cutting.

Check www.centennialpark.com for the artist lineup and other information or call 404.222.PARK.



Downtown neighbors enjoy happy hour at 191 Club. For membership information contact the club.

AUGUST COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30-8 PM

"An Evening at the Historic Sweet Auburn Curb Market"

Downtown resident and Market Manager Pam Joiner is planning a wonderful evening for us. Mark your calendar now!