



ATLANTA DOWNTOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE
ATLANTA DOWNTOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

2006 is drawing to a close, and the ADNA is looking for members to run for the 2007 ADNA Board. To qualify you must be a member of the ADNA. If you are interested, please contact Whitney Rusert at whitney.rusert@gmail.com

**SPECIAL OFFER FOR ADNA
MEMBERS FROM THE WHOLE
WORLD THEATRE**

ADNA Ticket Special: Call our reservations line at 404.817.PLAY during normal box office hours and say the phrase "I love living downtown!" to receive 2 tickets for the price of 1 to any Friday Night Improv Show (8:00pm or 10:30pm) through August 31, 2006. Must make reservations to redeem. Not valid at the door. Subject to normal reservation procedures and availability. Cannot be combined with other offers.

**GOING ON AT TRIPLE PLAY IN
KENNY'S ALLEY**

Texas Hold Em Poker on Thursdays... sign up at 7:30pm. Fridays & Saturdays Karaoke at 9pm

Also for Downtown Neighborhood Association members here is an internet coupon for 25% off any food purchase!!!

www.tripleplayatl.com/coupon-dna.html

**THEATRICAL OUTFIT OPENS
THEIR 2006-2007 SEASON !**

In an Atlanta Premier, Theatrical Outfit presents "The God Committee" which opens September 6 and runs through October 8, 2006. Don't miss the opportunity to see this drama that looks on as a committee of doctors and professionals decide on the next heart transplant recipient as a donor heart is being rushed to a New York hospital. Billed as "ER meets Twelve Angry Men," this gripping story addresses some tough ethical questions in real time. Performances are Wednesday through Saturday nights (7:30pm) with matinees on select Saturdays

and every Sunday (2:30pm). Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 678-528-1500.

**PLEASE WELCOME MARIA
BALAIS AS OUR NEW PRESIDENT
OF THE ATLANTA DOWNTOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Maria has served on our board for two years and has graciously stepped in to fill Jay Tribby's shoes for the remainder of 2006.

Maria has always been an active member of the downtown area and we are thrilled to have her as our leader!

**ADNA JULY COMMUNITY
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: SoMAR !
By Jay Tribby**

On July 13, over 60 people showed up for "An Evening South of Marietta"—surely something of a record for a July Community Meeting. Approximately 50% of the attendees were residents from south of Marietta, most of them attending their first ADNA meeting.

Our South of Marietta neighbors put on a show for us: a PowerPoint presentation on their part of the neighborhood, with the classiest visuals this side of a Steve Jobs' presentation for Apple, followed by a terrific walking tour of the South Central Business District, including a pilgrimage to the Morsberger Group's new 200+ condo conversion of the old Bank of America building on Mitchell.

At the end of the evening, residents of the Kessler Lofts hosted us for a glass of wine atop their new rooftop patio. The views from the patio may be the best and most expansive of any Downtown condo building.

**ATTENTION: PEACHTREE STREET
DETOUR**

Believe it or not, Peachtree Street in front of the Five Points MARTA station is actually a bridge. It is decades old and in need of replacement. To accomplish this reconstruction beginning **July 23, 2006** the following road closures and detours will be in affect for approximately two years:

1. **Peachtree Street** between Marietta/Decatur and Alabama Streets will be closed entirely to all vehicular and foot traffic.
2. **Peachtree Street** between Alabama Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive will be

closed to vehicular traffic, except local access

3. **Forsyth Street** between Marietta and Alabama Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic, except buses. This block will be buses only.
4. **Forsyth Street** between Alabama Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic, except local access

Detour signs will be in place for vehicles and pedestrians, but we at Central Atlanta Progress wanted to give you a heads up and a Downtowner's summary of how to get around.

Vehicles planning to continue on Peachtree Street...
Southbound should follow the detours on Park Place and Pryor Street to MLK Jr. Drive
Northbound should follow the detour on MLK Jr. Drive to Spring Street to Marietta Street

Vehicles simply moving through Downtown should avoid Peachtree and Forsyth and use alternate routes including
Southbound along Courtland Street or Centennial Olympic Park Drive
Northbound along Piedmont Avenue, Central Avenue/Peachtree Center Avenue

Pedestrian routes will be maintained one block away from Peachtree Street in either direction - along Broad Street and Forsyth Street to the west and Pryor Street to the east.

The Five Points MARTA Station will remain open and fully functional. Some bus routes that pick up and drop off at or near the station will be modified. Please check with the transit operators for more details.

For more details and a map of the closures and detours visit the Georgia Department of Transportation's project website: www.dot.state.ga.us/specialsubjects/roadconstruction/peachtreestbridge/index.shtml

Questions about the construction project and the detours can be directed to Mark McKinnon with the Georgia Department of Transportation at mark.mckinnon@dot.state.ga.us

Questions about options for getting around Downtown can be directed to the Downtown Transportation Management Association at smilton@centralatlantaprogress.org

DOWNTOWN THIS MONTH

Every Wednesday through September, enjoy the new weekly lunchtime event series - **Wednesdays in Woodruff** presented by Starbucks. August entertainment includes the cast from Agatha's, A Taste of Mystery and the YarisWorks Roadshow extravaganza. >>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

Every Wednesday **The Mark** welcomes the city's top jazz musicians for "LIVE", an authentic jam session led by Director of Jazz studies at GSU, Gordon Vernick. >>www.themarkatlanta.com

Introducing the first annual **Atlanta Downtown Design Excellence Award**, which will recognize newly created Downtown spaces that demonstrate excellence in design. Awards will be presented in four categories: Restaurant/Bar * Retail Store * Lobby * Building Exterior. Online submissions accepted **July 1 through August 15**. Winners will be announced at Downtown Development Day in November. www.atlantadowntown.com/ADDEA.html

Mayor Franklin and the City of Atlanta invite you to apply for **The Inner City 100**, to be published in INC. Magazine's May 2007 issue. Each year, the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) and INC. Magazine call for nominations and select the fastest-growing from among the applicants. The winners are determined based on revenue growth over a five-year period (2001-2005 for the 2007 list). To see if your company fits the criteria, please visit www.icic.org. The deadline for applications is September 13, 2006.

CAP Position Available - Director, Downtown Transportation Management Association. Please check out

www.centralatlantaprogress.org for details

MEET THE BOARD

Chris Raffield was born and raised in south Georgia. He moved to Atlanta in 1993 to attend Georgia Tech, where he graduated with a degree in Industrial Engineering in 1998. While in school Chris never imagined himself moving downtown, "most of the buildings we live in did not even exist as housing options," said Chris. "Watching how downtown has changed in the past 13 years, has been amazing."

After graduating from Georgia Tech, Chris worked for Siemens in their sales and marketing department for factory automation. In 2000, Chris resigned his position and began working on his graduate degree at Mercer University. While at Mercer, Chris met his wife Erin and they were married in the summer of 2002. In 2004, Chris graduated from Mercer with his Master of Divinity.

In the summer of 2004, Chris and Erin moved from Stone Mountain into the William Oliver Building on Peachtree Street to start a ministry that would reach out to the spiritual needs of the downtown community. Chris currently works as a software implementation consultant for a company based in Alpharetta. He spends most of his weeks on the road where he is able to experience other cities and hopefully gain ideas that he can bring back to help make our community even better.

When Chris is in town he enjoys being involved in neighborhood activities, hosting a Bible study that meets in his home on Sunday night, spending time outside riding his bike, running and walking his dog, Buzz.

For the past year, Chris has served as the Vice President of Finance for the ADNA Board. He also just finished serving his first year as a co-chair of the Atlanta Downtown Festival and Tour.

Chris is excited about the commitment that downtown residents have to community involvement and neighborhood improvement. "It is great to see people volunteer their free time to help improve their neighborhood and build community with their neighbors," said Raffield. "It will be nice to look back in ten years to see the improvements of which we have all been a part."

MORE TIPS ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT

contributed by Glade Johnson

In the last Advantage Report, we discussed five steps for protecting yourself from identity theft. In this issue, we will offer several more suggestions for safeguarding your identity. It is interesting that 80 percent of victims of Identity Theft have no idea how it happened.

1. The internet is a major source of information for thieves. Beware of links to phony websites that purport to need to confirm information to verify bank account information, social security numbers, etc. If you wonder if it is legitimate, call your bank, or whomever the website purports to represent, and ask them directly. Sometimes these websites are offering great deals, and people have always been suckers for something that sounds too good to be true.
2. These same thieves may contact you by telephone. Again, don't respond with personal information. Hang up, call the party they purport to represent, and verify.
3. Use special passwords on credit accounts, not your mother's maiden name. That is too easily obtained.
4. In the telephone book, either just list your first initial and last name, or us an unlisted number. If you now show your full address and name, you can call the phone company and have it changed in the next edition.
5. Regularly monitor your credit report. Check it at least once a year. Learn how to review it and carefully look it over to be sure it is correct, and that something is not on there that shouldn't be. You can review your credit report for free at several internet websites, including Annualcreditreport.com.
6. Some banks and other businesses offer a credit protection service that you can subscribe to, that will notify you of any changes to your credit report. Some of the credit reporting agencies themselves offer such a service.
7. If you spot something that isn't right, notify the creditor or creditors immediately. You will also want to notify the three major credit reporting agencies, Equifax, 1800-525-6285;

Experian, 1-888-397-3742; and
TransUnion, 1-800-680-7289.