

WHAT'S UP

DOWNTOWN

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Atlanta DNA gains importance in city

The Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) has become an officially recognized, incorporated organization and is now poised to become involved in the City of Atlanta's community-based planning process, working with NPU-M to shape the face of Downtown.

In addition, DNA has become increasingly involved in the city's political process and several City Council members, including Robb Pitts, Debi Starnes, and Doug Alexander, have attended DNA functions. This September DNA is planning a Town Hall Meeting to allow residents to connect with City officials.

DNA has also made connections with several other neighborhood organizations. In June we participated in a wonderful intown get-together hosted by the Sweet Auburn Curb Market.



For more information on the DNA, see our web site, <http://www.metrogirl.com/dna/> or email downtownatl@hotmail.com. To receive weekly updates on DNA affairs and Downtown happenings and issues, join the DNA email listserve by surfing over to <http://downtownatl.listbot.com> or sending an email to downtownatl@hotmail.com.

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August meeting at Barley's Billiards!

The second Tuesday of evening month, members of the Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association gather for a **monthly meeting**.

On **Tuesday, August 8, from 6:30 to 8 p. m.**, the DNA will meet for a social at **Barley's Billiards**, a new upscale billiards

hall and restaurant located Downtown at **338 Peachtree Street**, just a couple of blocks north of Peachtree Center. Barley's Billiards offers a high quality playing environment, pool clubs, a bar and a great sandwich menu. **For more information, call 404-522-2522.**

Make sweet music with help from Georgia State!

Do you enjoy music? Are you looking for music lessons? Want to join a singing or instrumental group? If so, you're in luck!

Neighborhood Music Schools (NMS), a division of the School of Music at **Georgia State University**, is a non-profit organization with a mission to bring musical instruction to Atlanta area students of all levels.

NMS offers wide range of affordable programs, from private music instruction (strings, woodwind, brass, piano, percussion, voice and guitar), partner instruction, children's programs, music education, and a chamber

music group.

Many of these programs, including the private music lessons, take place right Downtown at the Standard Building on Forsyth Street or on the GSU campus. **For more information, please call 404-651-1111 and ask about Neighborhood Music Schools.** A detailed information book is available.



ArtScape needs volunteers!

After a successful (if rainy) run last fall, the **Atlanta Arts Festival ArtScape** is coming back to Woodruff Park. Featuring 100+ artists from around the country, ArtScape is a urban arts markets featuring everything from folk art to fine photography to sculpture to contemporary pieces. **The festival runs Oct. 13-15.**

As with any large event, ArtScape needs volunteers. **Currently the festival in need of people to serve in the following areas:** market captain, load-in/out assistant, booth sitter, artist demonstration, hospitality, event

production, judge's assistant, children activities, and the information area.

To volunteer, call or email Dwight Guy, dwguy@gapac.com, 404-652-4221 or Carolyn Malone, cmalone@centralatlantaprogress.org, 404-577-0330.

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ArtScape
Oct. 13-15
Woodruff Park
Downtown Atlanta
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Other news from Downtown...

Downtown is hotbed of activity as always:

- The condos at 123 Luckie are open and new residents are moving in every day!
- Construction is proceeding on condos at The Healey, a magnificent neo-Gothic historic building on Forsyth Street.
- Several major residential developments are in the works for the north end of Centennial Olympic Park and construction is set to begin on Centennial Park West, next to the Embassy Suites Hotel.
- Turner announced plans for a major expansion in the area around the recently renovated CNN Center, including a new 25 story office tower and an expansion to the Omni Hotel.
- The 2000-2001 Signature Series at the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts will be bringing a lot of great performers Downtown — including the Klezmatics, the Mark Morris Dance Group, Ravi and Anoushka Shankar, and Branford Marsalis. For more information, call the Rialto Box Office, 404-651-4727 or see <http://www.rialtocenter.org>.
- Events calendar: <http://www.atlantadowntown.com>.