

WESTVIEW NEIGHBOR

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Remembering the Past. Creating the Future.

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2013 REVIEW

Ayana Gabriel, President

Hello Westview! The Westview Community Organization (WCO) is excited to re-launch the *Westview Neighbor* newsletter. We want the newsletter to share important information about what is happening in the neighborhood. We also hope this newsletter keeps our community connected.

The newsletter is one of the many projects of the WCO. I want to share some of the accomplishments of the WCO from 2013.

Spring: Our Beautification Committee maintains many triangles throughout the community by mowing the grass and planting flowers. The triangles are maintained all year, but the spring is when the flowers bloom! Take a look next time you pass by the Willard & South Gordon, South Gordon & RDA, or Stokes & Ontario triangles.

The Youth Committee co-sponsored a Spring Break trip to Albany, GA for 10 youth. The youth learned about the Civil Rights Movement in Southwest Georgia, met local leaders and spent a lot of time in the pool! Finally, the Litter Committee sponsored several clean-ups of the portion of the Atlanta BeltLine Trail that runs through the neighborhood. Our portion of the trail was voted the "Best Urban Hike" by newsletter *Creative Loafing*.

Summer: On June 22, 2013 the WCO sponsored the fifth annual Summer Solstice Festival. This annual neighborhood festival brings hundreds of people from all over the city to our neighborhood. The festival features a grill-off competition between southwest Atlanta neighborhoods. This year the festival was covered in the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution*.

Our Development Committee keeps track of all development happening in our area. This past summer we had



The Annual Community Holiday Party at Fire Station 17

many development projects make progress in Westview. Construction was completed on the second charter school in Westview, KIPP STRIVE Primary. WCO was honored at the ribbon cutting ceremony. In August the Atlanta BeltLine Southwest Connector Trail opened. Westview residents can get to the trail at the end of Westwood and Rogers Avenue. Finally, the WCO successfully petitioned the Atlanta City Council to ensure that land needed to build Enota Park was acquired. Enota Park is a BeltLine park that will be located in Westview. ***Continued* →**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Zone 4 Police: (404) 756-1903
Pothole Posse: (404) 768-4653
Code Enforcement: (404) 330-6190
Sanitation/Public Works: (404) 330-6333
Fulton Tax Assessor: (404) 612-6440
Watershed Management: (404) 658-6500
Housing Authority: (404) 892-4700

In Case of Emergency Dial 911!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 22nd - Community Garden Seed Starting Workshop @ 1439 South Gordon St, 12pm

Monday, March 3rd - Westview Community Organization Meeting @ 1471 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd, 7-8pm

Wednesday, March 12th - NPU-T Meeting @ 1444 Lucile Ave, 7-9pm

Do you have a story you would like to write about? Let us know: info@westviewatlanta.com.

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The WCO also sponsored a special safety meeting at the August community meeting. City council members, Zone 4 police and code representatives attended the meeting. Our Safety Committee regularly communicates with local officials about crime in our area. The Safety and Special Events Committee also hosted our annual National Night Out on August 6th.

Fall: Every year we have multiple clean-ups sponsored by the Special Events Committee. Our biggest clean-up is in the fall. Ten bags of trash were collected in the November.

clean-up. Fall is also an active time in the Westview Community Garden, which is located at 1439 South Gordon Street. Last year the Garden Committee sponsored a rain barrel workshop where neighbors learned how to use and assemble rain barrels. Every participant received a free rain barrel.

Winter: A Westview Angel Tree, sponsored by the Youth Committee, collected presents for needy children in the community. Big Apple Inn, located on RDA, housed the tree. Winter is also the time of our annual Holiday Potluck Lunch sponsored by the Special Events Committee. The lunch happens at Fire Station 17.

WESTVIEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

Your WCO Executive Committee and neighbors are actively involved in maintaining the neighborhood garden, sponsoring clean up days, representing the neighborhood at NPU-T meetings and having a voice at city hall. Your membership in the WCO helps sponsor ongoing community efforts.

Westview Community Organization members can pay annual dues in person (cash or check) at meetings or online at <http://www.westviewatlanta.com/community-organization/membership/>. The annual fee per household is \$20.00.

You can also mail your check payable to "Westview Community Organization" to:

Westview Community Organization
1540 Rogers Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30310

The block with the most members by March 31st will win a WCO sponsored block party!

----- tear here and return with your dues -----

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Circle any volunteer areas where you are interested:

Summer Solstice, Newsletter, Block Captain, Development, Beautification, Public Safety, Membership, Special Events, Youth, Code Enforcement, Community Garden

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

WESTVIEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7pm, Calvary United Methodist Church, 1471 RDA Blvd.

- President** – Ayana Gabriel
- Vice President** – Octavia Vogel
- Secretary** – David Cater
- Assistant Secretary** – Josef Fischer
- Treasurer** – Claudia Hicks
- Assistant Treasurer** – Abbey Henderson
- Parliamentarian** – Sherry Bailey
- Chaplain** – Jamie Fischer

- Development Committee** – Patrick Berry & Steffi Langer-Berry
- Special Events Committee** – Kendal Carey
- Public Safety Committee** – Darrick Young
- Zoning and Code Enforcement Committee** – Bruce Williams
- Beautification Committee** – John Davis
- Membership Committee** – Rebecca Cater
- Youth Committee** – Jamie Fischer
- Garden Committee** – Abbey Henderson

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