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SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: SECURITY LIGHTS

Mebu Barday

One of the security measures you can take to protect your self is to install security lights around your house. One on each corner of the house works the best. In addition, your porch and patio lights should be motion sensor lights. This is useful to you so when you come after dark it lights up for you to be able to find your keys.

There are a wide range of security lights available. Pricy (\$50.00 and up) but easy to install options are the solar powered security lights. When purchasing any of these lights there are a few things to keep in mind. First, consider the length of time the light will stay on after it is triggered. Solar lights usually have a shorter time available than the electrical ones. Depending on your preference you can have the electrical ones stay on for five to ten minutes. Note if you have many trees around your home then the sensor will trigger with slight wind. In that case, set it to the lowest "On Time" setting available.

Secondly, the sensitivity can be set to trigger from small animals, like cats, to an adult. The box will give you the range of sensitivity. This can be from 50 feet out from your light to 100 feet.

In consideration of range the lights are also marked with angle of coverage. Coverage of 240 degrees is good if you



Security light options.

are installing on corners of the house. 180 degree is good if you are installing on the sides of the house. To cover just the door area anything less than 180 degrees may work.

An extract from Free e-book on Security and Safety, "On Your Guard": <http://tinyurl.com/jc373pw>

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GARDEN FUNDRAISER

In 2015 the Westview Community Organization had the opportunity to purchase the land of the Westview Community Garden on South Gordon Street.

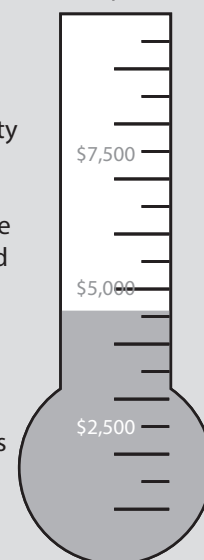
As part of the effort the community needs to raise \$10,000.00 to own the garden. Help us achieve the goal - we are almost half way there to own the land with \$4,575 raised thus far!

The community has grown everything from collard greens in the winter to tomatoes in the summer, as well as offering classes and teaching our youth about gardening.

DONATE:

<https://www.gofundme.com/westviewgarden>

Goal:
\$10,000



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: THE BARBER LOFT

Thomas Wheatley



The Barber Loft

1538 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.

Owner: Ronald Jones

Located in Westview since: 2009

Hours: Tue-Sat, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Not everyone can say they work a few blocks from their house. Fewer people can say they work in the neighborhood they have called home their entire life. Ronald Jones can. Since 2009, the owner of The Barber Loft in Westview Village on Ralph David Abernathy

Boulevard has overseen a three-man modern barbershop that puts as much focus on the community as its client's hairstyles. In addition to making sure men walk out with a clean cut, he has held annual turkey giveaways around Thanksgiving, provided free haircuts to neighborhood youth before the school year begins, and even taught some brave souls an ancient art: how to knot a bow tie.

Where are you from? I was born and raised in Westview. I've been there for the last 44 years. I live on South Gordon in the same house that I grew up in. I went to elementary and high school in Westview and West End. KIPP used to be called J.C. Harris. And I attended Brown High, which is now Brown Middle.

What are your memories of Westview as a child? Atlanta was very slow when I was growing up in the early 70s and 80s. I remember Westview being very family-oriented. Everybody knew everybody's first and last names and it was a great place to grow up. Most of the kids, after dinner and homework was done, would go up to J.C. Harris and play on the monkey bars. We had a big field where we could play touch football.

How did you get started as a barber? When I was in 11th grade I received a pair of Wahl hair clippers, just for personal grooming. I decided to give a couple of my brothers a

haircut. It turned out fairly nice (laughs). From that point, I knew I wanted to be a barber. After I graduated high school in 1989 I attended a barber college and got my first barber job immediately after. I opened up my first barbershop in 1993 in Cascade Heights. In 2009, I opened up The Barber Loft. It'd be fair to say this has been my only job since high school.

What do you love about your job? It's the conversations I get to have with the clients. It's talking to the young men in the community about education and the importance of making the right decisions in life, and just being in the community that I grew up in. Being around the people and conversations, just keeping the young guys on a straight path.

I'm often trying to do something for the communities. During the Thanksgiving holidays I've given away free turkeys to the communities. I'm always doing back-to-school free haircuts before the beginning of the school year. Just recently I helped pull one of the young men out of the neighborhood who was trying to make a change and gave him a haircut for a job interview. And he did get the job. A year ago I had a bow-tie teaching class (laughs).

What services do you offer? We offer razor shaves, haircuts, shampoos, and just about anything for male grooming. We carry Paul Mitchell products. It's got an old barbershop feel to it with a modern look.

What has been the most challenging haircut you've ever made? When the young guys started wearing mohawks was a challenge for me. I had to do some research. There was a mohawk with a design on the side. I went and got on YouTube. It came out good though! You would have never known that was my first one.

What is the most popular style? The temple fade. That's the most popular haircut in the shop. If you got 10 guys coming in, eight are getting the temple fade.

What do you love about your shop? First, it's so close to Downtown. Second is the way it feels. The Westview corridor and all those little shops kind of remind me of a country town with a big city look to it. I can walk out my door and visit with my neighbors five or six times a day. In between cuts I'll check with my colleagues.



Atlanta Streets Alive 2015 in West End.

ATLANTA STREETS ALIVE

Steffi Langer-Berry

Atlanta Streets Alive is coming to southwest Atlanta for the third year; however, the West End route of the past two years will be expanded to include Westview!

On Sunday, April 17, 2016, Atlanta Streets Alive will take place between 2:00pm-6:00pm. During those hours Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd. and Georgia Ave. will be closed to vehicles starting at Lucile Ave. in Westview, continue through West End, Adair Park, Mechanicsville, Pittsburgh, Summer Hill, and finally terminate at Cherokee Ave. in Grant Park. Residents will be able to get up close and personal with this normally car-centric route, and instead stroll, bike, and skate along the (temporarily) car-free street and participate in activities put on by neighborhood organizations and businesses.

For additional info visit: www.atlantastreetsalive.com

NEIGHBORHOOD ZONING

Steffi Langer-Berry

The Westview Community Organization and Westview Commercial District Association are hosting a series of meetings alongside the City of Atlanta's Office of Planning for residents to provide input about desired uses to be included as part of the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) rezoning efforts.

Meetings were already held on October 26, 2015 with a presentation by the city's Office of Planning, followed by a meeting on November 23, 2015, where attendees provided input about the desired boundaries of the district, as well as desired uses.

A third meeting will take place on February 16, 2016, at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy to go over the prior meeting's details and make any necessary last edits. Once the uses and district have been determined legislation will be written and introduced to City Council for a vote.



November 2015 Neighborhood Commercial zoning meeting.



People of the Way of Jesus COFFEE HOUSE

The People of the Way COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE is a community service and community effort. We are open because of donations, and offer coffees, teas, cocoa, Danish/biscotti in a community-created environment with Wifi and music.

In the heart of the community with a heart FOR the community... come and see...

Events:

- Wednesday Spoken Word/Open Mic 7:30-9pm
- First Friday Events 7-9pm

Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 6pm to 9pm
Saturdays 9am to 1pm
Sundays from 9am to Noon

Location: Historic Fire Station #17,
1384 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd. (at
Cascade Ave.)

MEMBERSHIP

Rebecca Cater

It's time to pay your 2016 Westview Community Organization (WCO) dues. Your membership in the WCO helps sponsor multiple community efforts including special events like the Summer Solstice Celebration Festival, National Night Out, and the Holiday

Luncheon. Dues support beautification of traffic islands and upkeep at the Stokes Avenue Community Park, clean-up days, as well as supports the Westview Community Garden on South Gordon. The WCO also prints this newsletter, pays for a P.O. Box, pays for meeting space, conducts historical research, represents the neighborhood at NPU-T meetings, and having a voice at city hall!

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

You can also support the WCO through purchasing Westview products including youth t-shirts (\$5), stickers (\$2) and Westview coffee mugs (\$8 through March; then \$10). House signs will be available in the spring for \$30.

Support the WCO today! Contact Rebecca Cater for more information at 678-350-6927 or info@westviewatlanta.com.



Summer Solstice Celebration 2015.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

WESTVIEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm, Calvary United Methodist Church, 1471 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 5: Brunch @ D Cafe, 1540 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, 9:00am-2:00pm

Monday, March 7: Westview Community Organization Meeting @ 1471 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, 7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, March 9: NPU-T Meeting @ KIPP STRIVE Primary, 1444 Lucile Ave, 7:00-9:00pm

Monday, March 21: Westview Commercial District Association Meeting @ D Cafe, 1540 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, 7:00-8:00pm

Sunday, April 17: Atlanta Streets Alive @ Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, 2:00-6:00pm

Saturday, June 11: Westview Summer Solstice Celebration @ Westview Village, 1:00-8:00pm

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Zone 4 Police: (404) 756-1903 Code Enforcement: (404) 330-6190

Sanitation/Public Works: (404) 330-6333

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