
WESTVIEW NEIGHBOR

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Remembering the Past. Creating the Future.

SUMMER 2016

9TH ANNUAL WESTVIEW SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

The Westview neighborhood is excited to be hosting the ninth annual Westview Summer Solstice Celebration! The festival will feature an afternoon of food, parade, music, art and games.

FOOD: Are you ready to sample a taste of Southwest Atlanta Beltline Neighborhoods? On the day of the event purchase your "passport" and taste what our grill masters have created! Passports are \$10. The "passport" will allow you to sample the different foods (chicken and pork) plus a drink. Once you have tasted all the different categories submit your vote for "the best of...".

GRILL-OFF COMPETITION: Do you have the "Best of the Beltline BBQ?" Come out and prove it in the Westview grill-off! The application fee is only \$55 until June 3, 2016, and \$75 thereafter! Individuals, organizations and restaurants are all allowed to participate. \$100 worth of prizes and bragging rights go to the winners of the contest! Competitors are responsible for set up and breakdown of grill and all related items. To sign up please visit website listed at the end of the article.

MUSIC: Music will keep visitors entertained.



2015 "Best of the BeltLine BBQ" grill-off participants.

WESTVIEW SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

ARTIST MARKET: Local artisans and non-profits will have booths in our market. To sign up as a vendor please visit website listed at the end of the article.

PARADE: Parade led by KIPP Atlanta Collegiate Sounds Of Royalty.

KIDS: Interactive arts & crafts to keep the kids entertained.

ADULTS: We'll have game tournaments going on during the festival, including bingo, dominoes and bid whist.

THINGS TO BRING: Camping chairs, an appetite, money for the grill-off and vendors, sunscreen, friends and smiles.

INFO ONLINE: <http://www.westviewatlanta.com/westview-summer-solstice-celebration/>

Proceeds benefit Westview Community Organization.



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

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: FRANKLIN'S LAWCARE SERVICES

Thomas Wheatley

Sometimes you need a helping hand to tackle summertime lawns that grow out of control. Luckily there is a budding business led by Zion Franklin, a 16-year-old student who has lived in Westview since 2009, that can help.

Since 2011, Franklin's Lawncare Services has been cutting blades of grass throughout the neighborhood for a reasonable rate. We spoke with Zion, who attends school at KIPP Atlanta Collegiate, about his enterprise and future plans.

How did you get involved in landscaping?

I got into mowing lawns when my older brothers and I wanted to earn money but remain positive. We all chipped in to get a lawnmower to start our own business. Then we started making flyers and walking around, asking people if they needed any yard work done. We raised lots of money so we kept the business going every year since 2011.

What are your rates like?

I charge reasonable prices for great yard work so I am definitely not expensive. I also offer deals to mow frontyards and backyards in the Westview area.

How many yards have you mowed?

I have served more than 100 customers ever since we started. But I have about 24 regular customers every two weeks.



Name: Franklin's Lawncare Services

Owner: Zion Franklin

Located in Westview since: 2011

Hours: Call for availability and scheduling. Home: 678-933-8542, Cell: 770-912-8059

How many employees are involved in the business?

I used to work with a team of my two brothers but they have gotten older so they don't really participate in the business. They are now enrolling in college. I am the caretaker of the lawns in Westview.

What do you enjoy about the work?

I enjoy the work I do. I absolutely love it and I am fully engaged when I work. I always make sure the customers are 100 percent satisfied before I leave the job.

What advice would you give other young entrepreneurs who want to start a business?

Always keep a business plan, advertise to build your number of customers, respect your customers, do quality work, and finally have fun.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I see myself having already graduated from the University of Georgia and starting to practice to become a zoologist in the world of biology.

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Steffi Langer-Berry

As we are approaching the beginning of summer, Westview is abuzz with development activity. On the residential front neighbors are seeing many houses being renovated, for sale signs popping up, and new neighbors moving in.

On the commercial and neighborhood level there are equally many projects in the works:

- **Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District:** The Westview Community Organization, Westview Commercial District Association, and the City of Atlanta's Office of Planning held a series of three public meetings providing residents the opportunity to give input about desired uses for the rezoned district along Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd. (between Cascade Ave. and Laurel Ave.). In June the draft legislation is anticipated to go through the required process of being presented to City Council, the neighborhood association, and Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU-T) before it will be officially adopted.
- **Atlanta BeltLine:** The Atlanta BeltLine is making progress with the construction of the Westside Trail. Recent developments include concrete wall work on the western edge of the corridor. The underground storage tanks at 1385 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd. have been removed, and a demolition permit is soon anticipated for the building to eventually make room for a ramp and entry plaza. At the April Westview Community Organization meeting the general body voted against the demolition of the building, instead requesting a solution to build the ramp while coming up with an adaptive reuse of the old service station building.
- **Infrastructure Bond Implementation:** The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has been working with the City of Atlanta on designs for the repaving/ restriping of Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd. In the meanwhile, the City of Atlanta has recently designated the Atlanta BeltLine as the contractor to design and implement the sidewalk work in the Westview Village.
- **Westview Cemetery Path:** The PATH Foundation has constructed a walking/biking trail along the Westview Cemetery, which connects the end of the Atlanta BeltLine West End/Westview Trail with West Ontario Ave.



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Shop & Dine with the Locals

Every 4th Friday 5:00pm - 9:30pm
Shop & Dine with the businesses in the
Westview Commercial District
along with local farmers & artisans.
May - September

* May will be May 20 based on Holiday.
More info: westviewcda@gmail.com



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community garden at 1439 South Gordon St. is in full swing. After its demolition in 2015 the garden has to be started anew. Volunteers have cleared the land and started planting crops for the season.

Volunteer: Join the Garden Committee every Saturday from 10:00am-2:00pm.

Donate: Help the community raise the funds necessary to pay off the garden loan! Approximately half the funds have been raised thus far. To make a donation please visit:
www.gofundme.com/westviewgarden

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Jay Scott

The following is a guide to help Westview make the most of the Atlanta Code Enforcement and Public Works process.

The Bureau of Code Compliance is responsible for the inspection and enforcement of residential and commercial properties that violate the Atlanta Housing Code, Graffiti Ordinance, and/or Commercial Maintenance and Industrial Code. Properties are inspected for violations such as:

- decayed/damaged leaking roofs,
- holes in flooring (both inside and out),
- broken window glass; flaking/peeling paint,
- units not supplied with water or adequate heat,
- rodent infestation or unsanitary conditions,
- overgrown, littered vacant lots,
- junk/inoperative vehicles,
- graffiti,
- electrical hazards,
- open and vacant structures,
- dilapidated buildings.

Three ways open to submit a violation for action by Zoning:

1. Phone: (404) 330-6190
2. Print and Fax: Print and fax code violation form (on Atlanta.gov) to (404) 658-7084
3. Email: codesrequests@atlantaga.gov

Report potholes and other potential roadway and sidewalk hazards to ATL311.com or Call 311.

As your community Zoning and Building Codes contact, I can always use help around Westview surveying for code violations, downed road signs, road damage, and damaged sidewalks. Volunteers are also needed to perform quarterly survey of the neighborhood, make phone calls and take notes on the responses of the city officials to specific cases, update the Master Survey sheet via computer and attend meetings! Put on your Westview shirt, and show support when I visit the offices of Public Works, Code Enforcement, or the NPU on Code related issues.

To volunteer contact Jay Scott:

Westview Neighbors Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/732742620099661/

Email: WCOZoning.Codes@activist.com

Phone: (404) 618-5574

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, June 4: Brunch @ D Cafe, 1540 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, 9:00am-2:00pm

Monday, June 6: Westview Community Organization Meeting @ 1471 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, 7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, June 8: NPU-T Meeting @ KIPP STRIVE Primary, 1444 Lucile Ave, 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday, June 11: Westview Summer Solstice Celebration @ Westview Village, 12:00-8:00pm

Monday, June 20: Westview Commercial District Association Meeting @ D Cafe, 1540 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, 7:00-8:00pm

Sunday, June 24: 4th Friday Keep It Local @ Westview Village, 5:00-9:30pm

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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

Sanitation/Public Works:
(404) 330-6333

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