
WESTVIEW NEIGHBOR

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Remembering the Past. Creating the Future.

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PRESERVE HISTORIC HOMES, SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT

Chad Carlson

The homes on Ontario, South Gordon, Westwood, Stokes, and Rogers were built in the 1910s and 1920s in what is called the Craftsman Style. The hallmark of this style is the multi pane over single pane window.

Today's wood is cut after only 20 years or so of growth. Old growth wood, that which original windows in Westview are made of, from the early 1900s is much denser and of much greater quality than today's wood so it is adverse to rot, and in almost every instance underneath that cruddy paint and rotted glazing is wood in perfect condition!

One of the arguments used for window replacement is energy efficiency. In fact, heat rises - 80% of heat loss is through the attic. It takes nearly 40-50 years to recoup any energy efficiency gained by putting in new windows. What's more, a \$75 dollar storm window over an original window provides equal the energy efficiency of a replacement window which costs hundreds of dollars. For a better return on investment, instead put 8 inches of blow-in insulation in your attic.



Home where original windows were replaced with plastic windows

Replacement windows are made of toxic plastic. The typical life span is 20-25 years; and you have to replace the whole window, not just the glass like you can with an original window. Most important, original windows retain the unique historic beauty of your home. Historic resources are a catalyst for economic revitalization. Compromising their integrity by removing their original windows results in the house looking like many other homes in the metro area, taking away that which makes our neighborhood unique.

Storm windows can be purchased at any of the Home Centers. Some on-line businesses also sell custom made *interior* storm windows that are held in place by magnets. If your original windows need restoration, simple tutorials on how to restore your original windows are available on the internet. It takes some time, but it is surprisingly easy and much cheaper than buying new windows. In addition, there are numerous businesses in Atlanta that will restore your windows for you at rates comparable to window replacement.



Home where original hardwood windows remain in tact

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

HOLIDAY DINNER

Kendal Carey

The Westview Community Organization Holiday Dinner has always been a delight for me. I enjoy the neighbors coming together to celebrate the best time of the year. Having the crew at Fire Station 17 host the annual event is a wonderful opportunity to let these men and women know how much we appreciate them in the community. Since Westview does not have a community center the fire station would be the logical choice to have this celebration.

A great thing to look forward to at this event is the different dishes people bring. I have tasted mac and cheese done a completely different way from what my mother fixed me and my six brothers and sisters. I personally look forward to who is going to bring the best cranberry sauce. I think a special thanks should be given to Scott Smith for preparing the turkeys that have been an annual staple at this event. I can remember two neighbors talking and judging the different holiday cookies that people bring.

The meaning of the season comes out at this event. This event will give you a chance to get reconnected to a fellow neighbor that you last saw at the Westview Summer Solstice Celebration. Several times I can remember people who were

down on their luck stopping by for a meal. Having somebody get a meal when they need one is the real reason for this season. It brings out the best that is in you.

We are about one month from this year's holiday dinner. So think of what you can bring to this event. Who will have the best casserole? Who will amuse people with their dessert? Who will not get a chance to sample their own cranberry sauce? Who will cook those down home slap your mamma biscuits? I hope to see your wonderful face at this year's last community event.

HOLIDAY DINNER INFO

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2014

Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: Fire Station #17, 1489 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.

Details: The Westview Community Organization will sponsor a turkey for the get-together. Neighbors are asked to bring a side dish to contribute.



Westview business-sponsored Halloween candy stroll and festivities

WESTVIEW VILLAGE

Have you visited the shops in the Westview Village lately?

Businesses along the Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd. commercial node (near the intersection with Lucile Avenue) recently formed a Business Committee, which is part of the Westview Community Organization.

The shops offers a variety of merchandise and services to visit and enjoy!

A&L Barber and Beauty Shop
Barber Loft
D Cafe
hairNirvana Salon and Spa, Inc.
Infinity Hair Salon
Keep it Wet Carwash

Rhythm of Ink
Secrets Boutique
Top of the Line
V+S Salon
Westview Pizza Cafe

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Steffi Langer-Berry

The Westview Community Organization's Development Committee has been kept busy during the second half of 2014 as many development-related activities in Westview and southwest Atlanta are abuzz.

Infrastructure Bond Referendum

The City of Atlanta has determined that a \$1 billion infrastructure project backlog currently exists. In an effort to address at least part of the backlog they are proposing a \$250 million bond. In June and September citizens were able to provide input on which projects they would like to address in their neighborhoods. City Council will vote on the final list before voters head to the polls in March 2015 to approve or reject the bond.

Members of the Westview Community Organization showed up in numbers to let their voices be heard and encourage city employees and council members to include projects outlined in the Westview Master Plan (adopted by City Council in 2011). Requested priority projects included streetscape and sidewalk improvements along Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd. (near Lucile Avenue) in the Westview Village, along Cascade Avenue, along Langhorn Street, and along Beecher Street.

Atlanta BeltLine

Westview is seeing a lot of activity related to the Atlanta BeltLine.

In 2013 the Atlanta BeltLine was awarded a federal \$18 million TIGER V grant, allowing them to combine the grant with private funds to move forward with the construction of a \$43 million trail in southwest Atlanta. Over the course of 2013 and 2014 the Atlanta BeltLine held public meetings where citizens were able to provide input regarding the Westside Trail.

The trail, which will run from Washington Park to Adair Park, will be similar to the popular Eastside Trail and will feature a 14-foot wide concrete multi-use trail, pedestrian lighting, security cameras, landscaping, retaining walls, 14 access points, and important infrastructure required for the future transit component.



Westview residents at Infrastructure Bond Referendum meeting

Mayor Kasim Reed, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. and the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership held a groundbreaking ceremony in Adair Park on November 12th, which marked the kick off to the two-year trail construction period.

Additionally, planning meetings for the transit portion of the Atlanta BeltLine project took place in September and October. The meetings covered various options for the train to connect to either the West End or Oakland City MARTA stations. Per the Strategic Implementation Plan the Atlanta BeltLine transit construction in SW Atlanta is set to begin before 2018.

Historic Gordon Street Presbyterian Church

The historic Gordon Street Presbyterian Church at the corner of Ralph David Abernathy Blvd and Stokes Avenue has gone through a number of foreclosures over the last several years, sitting empty for long periods of time.

The former church will now see a breath of fresh air as Kim King Associates has acquired the building and is in the process of renovating it. The former Sunday school building will be turned into office space, bringing further economic development into the Westview neighborhood.

The King family has close ties back to the West End/Westview area. As a child, Kim King grew up a block south of Westview on Westhaven Drive. He was a Georgia Tech football star in the 1960s before starting his development firm, King King Associates. After losing a battle with leukemia, his children, who now run King King Associates, started the Kim King Foundation, which provides educational support and opportunities for children in the greater West End area.

WESTVIEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

Rebecca Cater

For November and December you can join the Westview Community Organization for \$30 and receive a Westview sticker AND Westview t-shirt (supplies are limited). That's a savings of four dollars!

Already have a t-shirt? Join the Westview Community Organization for \$20 and get a free Westview sticker!

Join through the Westview membership page:

<http://www.westviewatlanta.com/community-organization/membership/>

or send payment to:

1540 Rogers Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30310

----- cut 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

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

Every Saturday: Westview Community Garden Workday @ 1439 South Gordon Street, 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, November 20: Westview Pizza Night @ 1550 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, 6:30-8:00pm

Saturday, November 22: Sweetwater Hike, Meet @ 1471 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, 12:00pm

Monday, December 1: Westview Community Organization Meeting @ 1471 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, 7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, December 10: NPU-T Meeting @ 1444 Lucile Ave, 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday, December 13: WCO Holiday Dinner @ Fire Station 17, 2:00-5:00pm

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

WESTVIEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm, 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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