



District 11

Annual Report

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS

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Welcome

Dear Neighbors,

“It always seems impossible, until it is done.” -Nelson Mandela

There have been countless experiences in my life in which I could think upon this quote, and believe that these words were spoken for just such a time. While in the midst of fighting what often seemed to be insurmountable obstacles, I have found it most difficult to envision victory. But with each hurdle jumped and milestone surpassed, I am reminded that to stay the course is truly the only way that success is ever achieved. It is with that same determination that I continue to work with each of you toward creating the community that we all hope and deserve to have.

As Atlanta thrives, it has become increasingly important to wave the banner of communities outside of the geographic core of the city. Many neighborhoods have been revitalized, some reclaiming a heritage, and others reinventing themselves. I truly believe that the future of Southwest Atlanta lies between the two. There is an incredible legacy within our community. It is the place that titans of business, government, athletics, and entertainment have now called home for generations. More importantly, it is and has been the place that honest, hardworking, ordinary people have chosen to raise their families.

But as I think of our community, I am reminded of what promise Vine City held for my family five generations ago, and the struggles it now faces as a community today. Simply put, our history may serve as a guide, but it will not suffice as a plan for the future. We as a community must think holistically about what is needed for us to continue on a path towards sustainability. That means that every corner of our community must be ripe for review and when necessary, reinvention. From the education opportunities available to our children, to streetscapes, businesses, and even social services available to those in need,



we must take inventory of what we are doing right, and where necessary, accept responsibility for what has been done wrong.

I am reminded that there are people like Mr. Clarence Killian, a longtime resident, across our community, who have stayed the course, and rightly deserve to have their neighborhoods reflect the hope and promise that it did so many years ago. This note was recently sent from Mr. Killian to members of my staff and the Department of Public Works:

Thanks for following through so quickly... the sidewalk...has been repaired....wheelchair bound residents [can] now travel more safely without going into the street...also, with the new streetscape completion in the Greenbriar area, it may approach the area appearance that I knew 42 years ago when I moved over here...Thanks to all...

So much great work has been done, but there are miles to go. Improving our community will be hard work, and may often be an unpleasant and thankless experience, but I truly believe, in the end, our neighborhoods will be better for it. I am up for the challenge but it cannot be done without you.

Remember, “It always seems impossible, until it is done.”



EDUCATION

Beecher Hills Elementary School Scholars Traded Good Grades for Cool Wheels



Just in time for the 2014 summer break, high-performing students from Beecher Hills Elementary School received free bicycles in recognition of their academic performance and/or perfect attendance record during the 2013-2014 school year.

The student bicycle giveaway was part of a joint effort between the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition and Councilmember Bottoms to promote bicycling as part of an active, healthy lifestyle for children and to encourage families in Southwest Atlanta to enjoy their community stretch of the Atlanta BeltLine.

Students selected for the bicycle giveaway ranged from 1st to 5th graders who had achieved a stellar academic year or maintained perfect attendance during the school year.

“We were pleased to offer the students their very own bicycle to enjoy along the BeltLine,” Bottoms said. “We want students to correlate high achievement with high rewards. We also want them to know that being active is important to their overall wellbeing. With the newest addition of the southwest stretch of the Atlanta BeltLine, students and their parents have a new opportunity to enjoy their community while experiencing the rewards of education in their everyday lives.”

The bicycle giveaway also consisted of a three-day bike safety training seminar presented by the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition.

The bicycles were donated by The Atlanta Bicycle Coalition and the Office of Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms. Additional support was also extended from a local Atlanta-area Target store in Atlantic Station.



EDUCATION

Reading is Still FUNdamental at Fickett Elementary School!



Councilmember Bottoms celebrated *Read across America Day* by visiting and making pop-up books with the students of Fickett Elementary School. During her visits, author Cathleen Smith Bresciani joined her and read “Sassafrass Jones and the Search for a Forever Home” to the school’s third graders.

The councilmember and Bresciani visited the school in recognition of the 17th installation of *Read across America Day*, a nationwide literacy program sponsored by the National Education Association. Fred Schneider, front man of the music group The B-52’s, also made a special appearance during one of the visits to Fickett Elementary. Schneider’s iconic voice can be heard narrating the audio version of the celebrated children’s book.





Councilmember Bottoms joined Path to Health and Mercy Care to host an information and enrollment session on health insurance options available through the Affordable Care Act.

The public forum, which was visited by the Honorable Ambassador Andrew Young and Senator Max Cleland, featured on-site insurance professionals who offered information and assistance to help make the open enrollment process stress-free.

“I was delighted to do my part to assist President Barack Obama in providing access to affordable health coverage. More than 10 million Americans have gained access to healthcare coverage since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act. However, there are millions more who are eligible but not yet enrolled. There is a lot of misinformation out there on the Affordable Care Act. By collaborating with Path to Health and Mercy Care, I was able to offer constituents an opportunity to speak face to face with knowledgeable representatives who could thoroughly explain their healthcare options and the steps needed to get coverage,” said Councilmember Bottoms.

The information and enrollment session was held at the Andrew & Walter Young YMCA in December, allowing residents an opportunity to get enrolled before the expiration of the 2015 open enrollment period.



Councilmember Bottoms proudly joined the City of Atlanta Department of Human Resources, Sisters by Choice, Inc. founder Dr. Rogsbert Phillips-Reed, MD, and the WNBA’s Atlanta Dream in presenting a Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

During the luncheon, breast cancer survivors shared the stories of their courageous battles and encouraged women in the audience to regularly monitor their health because early detection saves lives.

Councilmember Bottoms also presented two proclamations, one formally recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month



in the City of Atlanta. The second proclamation was presented to Dr. Rogsbert Phillips-Reed in honor of her efforts to raise awareness about breast cancer throughout the community.



Community Health & Wellness

Beecher Hills Breaks a Sweat



Community Improvements

Niskey Lake Bridge/ Culvert

Project Completed



Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms partnered with Young at Heart Wellness, LLC and the Atlanta BeltLine to offer free fitness and aerobics classes to residents in District 11 and the City of Atlanta.

The free fitness series, titled “10 Again,” is taught by “Dr. Oz Fitness” winner Leslie Magnum and consisted of slow and fast-paced movements designed to increase the heart rate.

The classes are held every Saturday and residents can participate by simply showing up at the newly opened Southwest BeltLine Trail behind Beecher Hills Elementary School.

Just as First Lady Obama encouraged America with “Let’s Move!” District 11 residents motivated Atlanta.

Now “LET’S GET FIT!”



Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms, The City of Atlanta’s Department of Public Works, and the Department of Watershed Management successfully completed construction of the new Niskey Lake Bridge/Culvert Replacement Project.

Replacing the previous bridge, which was damaged in 2013, the new Niskey Lake Bridge and Culvert will prevent future flooding of the surrounding neighborhood and homes and curb the pollution of the lake by silt and debris which have been washed out by the dilapidated bridge.

Thanks in great part to the community’s voices and the resulting comprehensive study which revealed the root of the issue, the Niskey Lake Bridge/ Culvert Replacement Project makes our neighborhood’s city infrastructure safer and more accessible to pedestrians and vehicles, alike!





Community Improvements

"Zero Waste" was in Stone Hogan Park



Zero Waste Weekend was a great success as Councilmember Bottoms worked alongside local businesses and residents to clean up Stone Hogan Park. The community event provided local youth with an opportunity to serve their community and contribute to keeping Atlanta waste-free.



Community Improvements

John A. White Park Pool Makes a Great Splash in Southwest Atlanta



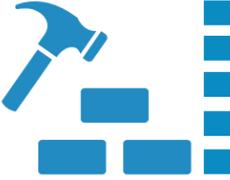
Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor Kasim Reed, Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Amy Phuong, civil rights activist Dr. Walter Young, and members of the Southwest Atlanta community celebrated the re-opening of John A. White Park Pool, the City's newest pool and bathhouse complex.

John A. White Park Pool, which underwent reconstruction in the Fall of 2013, reopened with an impressive array of spray features, water slides and a zero-depth entry pool zone, which makes it ADA accessible.

The new pool complex also offered shade umbrellas and a newly constructed bathhouse with large individual and family changing rooms.

The community pool upgrades were part of the City's investment of more than \$1.6 million to modernize local recreational facilities. The completion of the John A. White Park Pool revamp officially made this neighborhood destination one of the "coolest" places in Atlanta!





Community Improvements

John A. White Golf Course Reopened



Councilmember Bottoms joined the grand re-opening of the John A. White Golf Course, which celebrated marked improvements made to the community gem. Upgrades included a complete renovation, the restoration of the course to nine holes, the rebuilding of bridges, and the installation of paved cart paths.

The reopening of the John A. White Golf Course is a big win for local golf lovers, but also for the city as a whole. The First Tee of Atlanta, whose mission is to positively impact the lives of Atlanta's young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf, has called John A. White Park its home since 1998. Through a partnership with Georgia Power, The First Tee National Schools Program is used in physical education classes in 18 Atlanta elementary schools. High school students also practice their

golf skills on the course. During the summer months, more than 300 students from Camp Best Friends attend free golf camps on the course every year.

The reopening of the John A. White Golf Course and the commemorative celebration was made possible through the support of Argos, Billy Fuller Golf Design, Chick-fil-A, City of Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation Authority, City of Atlanta Office of Parks, Holder Construction Company, KB Industries Inc., MARCH Foundation, The Mayor's Office of Constituent Services, Narwhal Capital Management, Norman & Emmy Lou Illges Foundation, and PGA TOUR Design and Construction Services.

Quality recreation and improved access to education—now that's what we call a hole-in-one!



Community Improvements

Neighbors Joined Together to "Fight the Blight"



In recognition of Earth Day 2014, Councilmember Bottoms hosted community residents and friends for District 11's inaugural "Fight the Blight Day."

Volunteer teams took to the streets with a focus on the Campbellton Road corridor and surrounding areas as part of the community cleanup effort.

Acknowledging that abandoned and neglected properties are a major eyesore in Southwest Atlanta, Councilmember Bottoms is working to prevent such properties from becoming magnets for illegal dumping and presenting health risks to the residents who live nearby.

"We came out to revitalize and reclaim our neighborhood," Bottoms said. "The Campbellton Road corridor and surrounding areas are in our communities, in our backyards, and we will continue to work to make them clean and safe."





Community Improvements

District 11 Issues Take Top Priority at Annual Town Hall Meeting

Constituents gathered once again for the annual District 11 Town Hall Meeting, where they had a chance to talk with and hear from Councilmember Bottoms and other top city officials.

Officials from the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Code Enforcement-Housing Code Department, Department of Watershed Management, Atlanta Fire-Rescue Department, Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta Workforce Development Agency and others were all in attendance. They each provided updates on their work and priorities across the city, focusing on initiatives in and impacting District 11 in particular.

"I always look forward to hearing the concerns and priorities that residents have for our city," Councilmember Bottoms said. "We have made great strides in improving areas such as public safety and code enforcement, and that is a direct result of the input that I receive from the residents in my community. The city officials who attend our district town hall meeting take the community feedback to their offices and use it to help shape policies and practices that will improve our collective quality of life in the City of Atlanta. This annual town hall meeting is one of my favorite times of the year, because it is a true example of the city working together."




Community Improvements

Do Your Part to Fight Crime in Atlanta: Call Crime Stoppers



Crime Stoppers Greater Atlanta engages the entire community-citizens, media and law enforcement-to work towards making communities safer by identifying the people committing crimes and getting them off the streets. Crime Stoppers offers a \$2,000 reward for the arrest and indictment of individuals for certain crimes.

If you have information on criminal activity, please call the **Crime Stoppers** tip line at 404-577-TIPS (8477).



Community Improvements

City Council Takes Monumental New Steps Towards Restoring Blighted Communities and Distressed Properties



Community Improvements

The Danforth Road, Greenbriar Parkway, and Headland Drive Streetscape Improvement Projects Are Complete



“Blighted properties become a breeding ground for crime and public safety issues,” said Councilmember Bottoms. “I was pleased to support the efforts of my colleagues on City Council as they addressed these issues head on so we can work towards a cleaner and safer Atlanta.”

More than 300 residents and stakeholders attended the City of Atlanta’s Code Enforcement Summit. The meeting, which was presented by members of the Atlanta City Council, walked attendees through the process of restoring distressed properties and highlighted the importance of community involvement in reporting blighted property issues.

The summit focused on a variety of code enforcement issues from open, dilapidated, and vacant structures to illegally dumped tires, rooming houses, and more. In an

effort to address violations throughout the city, the Code Enforcement Division of the Atlanta Police Department has developed a priority list of blighted properties that are to be demolished or cleaned and closed based on public safety concerns and the physical condition of the structures.

The Atlanta City Council voted to amend the 2015 Budget to include additional funds for the remediation of blighted properties throughout Atlanta by appropriating \$4,695,000 for blight remediation.



Danforth Road

Greenbriar Parkway

Headland Drive

In 2012, the City of Atlanta began a significant streetscape improvement project on Danforth Road. The scope of the project included the installation of concrete American Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalks, driveway aprons, handicap accessible wheelchair ramps, curbing and gutters, decorative pedestrian lighting, guardrails and drainage and piping structures as needed. In June 2014, that project was completed along with the maintaining of the 4-way stop at the corner of Danforth Road and New Hope Road.

In 2013, Councilmember Bottoms held a series of community update events, where she met with neighborhood associations to keep them apprised of the progress of the

improvement project. One year later, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Department of Public Works and patience of and open communication with the residents of District 11, Councilmember Bottoms was pleased to announce the on-time completion of yet another community improvement project directly benefiting the residents of South-west Atlanta.

In addition to the Danforth Road project, streetscape improvement projects were also successfully completed on Headland Avenue and Greenbriar Parkway. Improvements included the installation of sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, public benches, trees and new landscaping.



Community Improvements

Cascade Parc Residents Grew Tired of the Tires: 10,000 Dumped Tires Hauled Away



Councilmember Bottoms joined the City of Atlanta's Office of the Solicitor to oversee the cleanup of Cascade Parc Subdivision. Cascade Parc had been the site of a large sum of illegal tire dumping.

After Councilmember Bottoms was notified of the dumping at Cascade Parc, contact was made with the builder and his counsel, as well as the development's realtor, to warn of the dangers of the tires. They were also provided with notice that they would be subject to citation if they did not complete remediation of the location. Upon receiving the warning and agreeing to the remediation plan, the builder began clearing the site.

"I'm pleased with the prompt response by our Office of the Solicitor and the development's builder. I am also pleased that this cleanup came at no cost to the city," Bottoms said. "Illegal tire dumping has been a pervasive problem across Atlanta for years. We will continue to aggressively pursue property owners who do not maintain a safe and healthy environment for residents of Southwest Atlanta."

A total of 54 truckloads of materials were removed from the site and approximately 10,000 tires were removed from the subdivision. Future plans to further protect the site are currently being discussed.



Family and Fellowship

Councilmember Bottoms Recognizes National Adoption Month



Adopted parents Derek (left) and Keisha Lance Bottoms (right) joined speaker Caroline Clarke (middle).

It was a family affair at City Hall as Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms joined the Department of Human Resources and local nonprofit, Families First, to present an Adoption/Foster Care Lunch & Learn for National Adoption Month in November.

The Adoption/Foster Care Lunch & Learn keynote speaker was Caroline Clarke, Executive Editor of Black Enterprise magazine and author of the book "Postcards from Cookie," which chronicles the story of her adoption. In the book, Clarke details her personal journey with being placed for adoption and later discovering that she is the granddaughter of Nat King Cole.



During the Adoption/Foster Care Lunch & Learn, Councilmember Bottoms also shared her personal experience with adoption. The mother of four adopted children remarked, "The love of family is one of life's greatest blessings." She continued, "It is often assumed that my four children were lucky to have been adopted by my husband and me, when in fact, it is my husband and I who hit the lottery of life. I cannot imagine our lives without our amazing children at the center."





Family and Fellowship Adams Park Gets Jazzy



Councilmember Bottoms, in conjunction with the Atlanta Jazz Festival, was pleased to present the return of the Neighborhood Jazz Concert. Taking place at Adams Park, local families and friends were treated to stellar performances by J.O. Wyatt (saxophonist), J. Henry (saxophonist), Tony Hightower (vocalist), Julie Dexter (vocalist) and the Mays-Young Jazztet, featuring students from Benjamin E. Mays High School and Jean Childs Young Middle School.

The Atlanta Jazz Festival is an annual musical showcase that celebrates jazz in venues throughout metro Atlanta. The festival exposes and entertains diverse audiences to the rich heritage of jazz.

The Neighborhood Jazz Concert brings the fun and flair of featured jazz artists right into Southwest Atlanta's backyard!



Family and Fellowship Community Favorite, Movies in the Park, Returned to Southwest Atlanta

Movies in The Park returned to District 11 and residents were once again invited to bring their folding chairs, blankets, and snacks to watch the silver screen under the stars.

The 2014 installment of the annual summer event was held in Adams Park, and the featured films were the hit movies, "Ride Along" and "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom."

"Ride Along" is the laugh-out-loud comedy starring Ice Cube and Kevin Hart. Residents may have recognized several scenes throughout the film, as the main character Ben (played by Kevin Hart) rides along on a 24-hour patrol of Atlanta to prove himself to his girlfriend's brother,

top cop James (played by Ice Cube).

Not only was "Ride Along" filmed in Atlanta, but it was also produced by Atlanta resident and Hollywood producer, Will Packer.

"Movies in the Park enabled us to fellowship as a community and enjoy beautiful resources, like Adams Park, that we have in our own backyard," said Bottoms. "I am grateful that I've been able to keep this fun right here at home, and I was especially thrilled to be able to present a film that is so personal to Atlanta in so many ways."



If you missed the 2014 Movies in the Park, locate your lawn chair and be on the lookout for the 2015 showings and schedule.



Local, National & International Leadership
Atlanta Municipal Court Expands Operating Hours, Increases Efficiency



In response to legislation introduced by Councilmember Bottoms, the Atlanta Municipal Court implemented new docket times for its traffic, criminal, DUI, community court, and housing/code enforcement court divisions.

The Court is now open five days a week, with each of the Municipal Court judges conducting at least two court calendars, Monday through Friday. The Court will double – from two to four – the number of daily dockets held. Start times for the expanded court calendars are 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The Municipal Court of Atlanta is the busiest trial court in the state, processing more than 200,000 cases annually. The Court exercises jurisdiction over state traffic and select misdemeanor offenses, and local ordinance violations.

Councilmember Bottoms had long called upon the Court to expand its hours and in 2014 she introduced legislation that would

have reduced the Court’s funding if the hours of operation were not increased to five days a week.

Chief Judge Herman Sloan announced the changes were being implemented to more efficiently handle the cases that are annually docketed at the Court, anticipate increases in case load, and provide the level of service that the citizens of Atlanta deserve, without a compromise to fair and equitable administration of justice. Court Administrator Christopher Patterson added, “The Municipal Court is committed to ensuring the highest level of customer service for both our residents and visitors.”

“I am pleased that the Municipal Court Judges will now each conduct court calendars five days a week,” said Councilmember Bottoms. “More importantly, the public, officers, and attorneys should now see an immediate improvement in the level of service at the courthouse. Improvements should include shorter wait times and increased expediency in the handling of matters before the Court.”



Local, National & International Leadership
Councilmember Bottoms Welcomes U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx and the Highly Anticipated Atlanta Streetcar to Atlanta



Councilwoman Bottoms joined Mayor Kasim Reed to host U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx for a tour of the Atlanta Streetcar and the Atlanta BeltLine.

Secretary Foxx was interested in the progress of the Atlanta Streetcar, as the City of Atlanta received an \$18 million TIGER V grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the development of a 2.5-mile portion of the Atlanta BeltLine in the southwest corridor, similar to the Eastside Trail.





Local, National & International Leadership
Keisha Lance Bottoms Salutes Keisha Knight Pulliam for Her Work to Boost Girls' Self Esteem

Actress and children's advocate Keisha Knight Pulliam was presented with a special plaque of appreciation by Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms during Pulliam's 2014 summer program, Kamp Kizzy.

Kamp Kizzy works with girls between the ages of 11-16 from all socioeconomic backgrounds, races, religions and geographic locations to foster self-esteem, empowerment and motivation by daring them to "Dream big, Think big and Accomplish big." Pulliam's camp emphasizes the importance of physical, mental and spiritual wellness, in addition to teaching the power of words, thoughts, and actions.

At Kamp Kizzy, girls participate in a variety of activities including yoga, sexual health and hygiene workshops, team building exercises, body image workshops, creative writing, social media etiquette and vision board creation. The girls are also exposed to guest speakers who share their stories and valuable life experiences.

"Generations of Atlantans, and Americans, watched Keisha Knight Pulliam mature from girlhood to womanhood through our television sets for so many years," reflected Councilmember Bottoms. "The fact that Pulliam is now lending her celebrity and her experiences to help a new generation of girls develop into

strong young women with positive self-images and esteem is commendable, and is exactly the type of community participation that makes Atlanta great."



Local, National & International Leadership
Local, National and Global Gender Equality Challenges Raised During International Day of the Girl Observance



Councilmember Bottoms was honored to join CARE President and CEO Helene D. Gayle and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights for its observance of the International Day of the Girl, which raises awareness of issues concerning gender inequality around the world. As part of the Atlanta-based observance activities, Councilmember Bottoms participated in a panel discussion on political leadership and the protection of women and girls. "Joining the NCCHR in an open dialogue with our children is but one important step toward empowering girls to lead, and change the trajectory of our global community," Councilmember Bottoms said.



 **Local, National & International Leadership**
From Southwest Atlanta to South America, Councilmember Bottoms Works to Bring Home Foreign Investments



Councilmember Bottoms joined Mayor Kasim Reed and a delegation of Atlanta-based companies on a trade mission to Brazil. The trip was designed to encourage foreign direct investment in the metropolitan Atlanta region and to help local companies grow their business opportunities.

The Atlanta delegation also met with elected officials in both Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro to share best practices on sustainability, urban transportation and redevelopment, social inclusion, and sport diplomacy. The trade mission to Brazil had three primary objectives: 1) help Atlanta-based companies position themselves in the Brazilian market, 2) promote Atlanta to potential investors and 3) increase Atlanta's visibility on the global stage.

Other members of the delegation included fellow Councilmembers, as well representatives of Invest Atlanta, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International

Airport, the Metro Atlanta Chamber and the Brazilian American Chamber of Commerce. The Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University was also part of the delegation along with twenty other Atlanta-based companies.

The delegation participated in industry round table meetings, plenary sessions with influential city and regional government officials, and other business-to-business matchmaking opportunities coordinated by the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service.

Atlanta is uniquely positioned for trade with Brazil as Delta Air Lines has non-stop routes from Atlanta to Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo; Atlanta is home to the Consulate General of Brazil, which maintains a trade bureau; the State of Georgia maintains an international trade office in Sao Paulo; and the Brazilian American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeast U.S. is headquartered in Atlanta.

 **Proclamations & Recognitions**

Councilmember Bottoms issued City Proclamations to the following noteworthy individuals and organizations in 2014:



- **The White Dress Project** in Honor of Fibroids Awareness Month.



- **The Atlanta Retired Athletes** in recognition of the accomplishments and achievements of the original six black athletic directors in the Atlanta Public School System whose leadership and ingenuity have propelled the system-wide athletic program.



- **Circle of Friends, Celebrating Life Inc.** in recognition of their 20th anniversary of working to protect and empower women and girls for violence, physical abuse and sex trafficking.



- **Young Marines of the Marine Corps League** in honor of their efforts to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities.



- **Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy Lady Warriors** for making history as the smallest team in Georgia high school basketball to win a state championship.



- **Multiple Myeloma** in recognition of Myeloma Awareness Month.



- **Patrica Russell-McCloud** in honor of her work as an acclaimed author, leader, and motivator.

Councilmember Bottoms received awards and recognitions from the following organizations:



- **The Political Award from the Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta** was given to Councilmember Bottoms in recognition of her being a mother and in honor of her contributions and accomplishments as an African-American woman changing the political world.



- **The Atlanta Bicycle Coalition's Blinkie Award** was given to Councilmember Bottoms for her contributions to Atlanta's ongoing progress towards becoming a bicycle-friendly community. "I have a great deal of respect and admiration for the work the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition does throughout our city, and it is truly an honor to be recognized by them," Councilmember Bottoms said. "I am committed to doing all I can to continue to promote connectivity and further options for our residents to lead healthy and active lives."



- **Atlanta Parent Magazine** featured Councilmember Bottoms in its 2014 Mother's Day Issue. An article, "Moms Like the Rest of Us", highlighted well-known Atlanta moms. In addition to Councilmember Bottoms, Emily Sailiers of the Indigo Girls, Egypt Sherrod of HGTV, Nancy Grace of HLN, Asha Gomez of Cardamom Hill, Cynthia Bailey of Bravo, and Portia Bruner of Fox 5 were also featured.

Councilmember Bottoms Helps Raise Funds for the National Black Arts Festival



Councilmember Bottoms, along with her husband Derek Bottoms, was selected to serve as co-chair for the 2014 National Black Arts Festival Gala. The gala raises more than \$500,000 annually to celebrate and sustain the National Black Arts Festival's operations, programs and rich cultural legacy. They were joined by fellow co-chairs Mrs. Marci and Dr. Alphonzo Overstreet and Honorary Chairs Mrs. Carolyn and Ambassador Andrew Young. To learn more about the programs and performances of the National Black Arts Festival, please visit www.nbaf.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DISTRICT 11 NEIGHBORHOOD

Jazz Concert

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