



# DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER

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## DISTRICT 9 TACKLING CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Council Member Moore is proud to announce the addition of **Dustin R. Hillis**, a District 9 & Riverside Neighborhood resident, to her staff. Dustin will be focusing on Code Enforcement, which the constituents have voiced as a top concern, & other quality of life issues. Felicia recruited Dustin after noting his success with getting properties complied in their Riverside Neighborhood. As a result of his effort, the open complaints now number around 10, which is down from a high of 60. Dustin was also appointed in fall 2014 to serve on the City of Atlanta’s Code Enforcement Commission. This body seeks to improve Code Enforcement in the City and is co-chaired by city  
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2167 Main Street-before



2167 Main Street-after

## NORTHWEST LIBRARY AT SCOTTS CROSSING GRAND OPENING



The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new **Northwest Library at Scotts Crossing** took place on Thursday, July 9, which numerous residents of District 9 came out to celebrate the grand opening. Northwest Library, located at 2489 Perry Boulevard, is



25,000 square-ft wide and it includes a public art display, entitled Northwest Atlanta Globe that sits in front of the library. The globe, created by Atlanta artist **Allen Peterson**, is a cast aluminum orb that sits eight-feet high, and depicts locations and events that took place in the Northwest Atlanta Community. The library also provides space for children, teens, business start-ups, and a meeting room which seats 120 people. For more information about the Northwest Library, visit their website at <http://www.afpls.org/northwest-branch6>.

# DISTRICT 9 COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS

## COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP ALONG COLLIER ROAD

On Saturday, April 11, **Hannah Solar, Hankook Taqueria**, and several other businesses collaborated to host a phenomenal cleanup in honor of Earth Day along Collier Road. Not only was the cleanup successful in de-littering the street, but the volunteers were able to create a path under the bridge, which allows travelers to walk the path, and not be forced to walk in the street.

## ANNUAL SPRING SCRAP TIRE DRIVE

Council member Moore's Bi-Annual Spring Scrap Tire Drive was a huge success! With the assistance of community members, the city of Atlanta **Department of Corrections, Department of Parks and Recreation** and the city of Atlanta **Department of Public Works**, we collected over 3,000 tires throughout District 9. The tires were recycled by **Liberty Tire**, which is also located in the district. Constituents look forward to the Scrap Tire Drives each year, and each year it gets bigger and better.



## Community Building Coalition of Northwest Atlanta (CCNA) Northwest Drive Community Clean-up

With a combined effort from neighbors, the Department of Corrections, the office of Council Member Moore and the constituents of NPU-G had a very successful cleanup along Northwest Drive. Not only do cleanups bring communities closer, but cleaning your community helps ensure your neighborhood thrives. One very impactful benefit of the cleanup was that an old sewer drain on Northwest Drive was de-littered. The drain was previously backed-up with leaves, limbs and debris which caused a large puddle of water to form along Northwest Drive.

For help in scheduling your neighborhood clean-ups, contact Keep Atlanta Beautiful at (404) 249-5853, or you may contact my office at (404) 330-6044.



## District 9 Car Seat Give-A-Way/Animal Rabies Shot

Council Member Felicia Moore and staff put together a huge collaboration to provide residents throughout the city of Atlanta with a car seat give-a-way and free animal rabies shot this past May. The free rabies shots were provided by **Save Our Pets** and the car seats were provided by the **State of Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety**. The event was held at **Word of God Ministries**, located at 2175 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway.

Over 70 pets received free rabies shots, dog/cat food and doggie treats. The **Atlanta Police Department, Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Atlanta Fire Rescue** all partnered together to place over 50 children in new car seats. Many of them either had outgrown their previous car seat or did not have a car seat. The event featured fun and games provided by **Peach State Gamers** and face painting by **Norman Whaley**. **Morehouse School of Medicine** was also in attendance to provide free health screenings. A second Safety Seat Checkup was held on October 3, at 820 James Jackson Parkway and about forty families received car seats.



## DISTRICT 9 JAZZ DAY IN THE PARK

The residents of District 9 gathered in Grove Park for the fourth Jazz in the Park on May 2, 2015. The festival featured spectacular performances by several community choirs, which included the **Agape RAG-Time Choir, Manor at Scott Crossing Senior Choir, and Best Academy Middle School Chorus**.

Jazz musicians, dubbed as the "District Nine Divas" included **Gwen Hughes, Beverly "Guitar" Watkins, Mary Raindrop, and Tamara "Tammy" Harper**, all performed at the festival and did not disappoint. The performers engaged the crowd, entertained the audience and unequivocally gave awesome performances. Please stay tuned for future events happening in District 9.



(Continued from page 1) **Council Member Mary Norwood** of Post 2 At-Large, and **Council Member**



2565 Paul Avenue - before

**Joyce Shepherd** of District 12.

Since beginning as Code Enforcement & Special Projects Assistant to Council Member Moore in February 2015, Dustin has conducted a survey of every neighborhood in the district and began following over 450 Code Enforcement cases, most of which are blighted, open & vacant properties with absentee owners. He follows the

cases from beginning to compliance, including attending court dates and In Rem Review Board hearings. Just in the few months Dustin has been on staff, over 120 properties have been complied through voluntary compliance, municipal court, or the city's In Rem Process. In District 9 alone, 30 blighted properties were demolished by the city in fiscal year 2015. So far in fiscal year 2016, 10 properties have been demolished in the district and 25 more have been ordered.



2565 Paul Avenue-after

Moore and Hillis have also identified the blighted apartments at 1589 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway, NW. as the District's #1 Code Enforcement priority. This is a result of the blighted property being in such close proximity to Woodson Elementary School. The safety of children, parents, school faculty, and staff are important to us. Public Works has cut the overgrowth on the property as part of their cooperative effort with Code Enforcement. At the August 27th In Rem Review Board meeting, four of the five apartment buildings had demolition orders issued. Code Enforcement is in process of executing all the needed steps for demolition to occur in early 2016. The fifth apartment has been cleaned and boarded by the owner.

If you have any Code Enforcement concerns, contact Dustin at [drhillis@atlantaga.gov](mailto:drhillis@atlantaga.gov) or 770-313-0326.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICE OF PLANNING  
CITY OF ATLANTA DISTRICT 9  
NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT (NPU) INFORMATION**

NPU	Date / Time	Location	NPU Chair
C	First Tuesday @ 7PM	Trinity Presbyterian Church 3003 Howell Mill Road	Zack Gober <a href="mailto:zgober@lavista.com">zgober@lavista.com</a>
D	Fourth Tuesday @7:30PM	Agape Community Center 2351 Bolton Road	James Martin <a href="mailto:James.martin@me.gatech.edu">James.martin@me.gatech.edu</a>
G	Third Thursday @ 7PM	Fire Station #28 1925 Hollywood Road	Donna Stephens <a href="mailto:dvettestephens@gmail.com">dvettestephens@gmail.com</a>
H	First Thursday @ 7PM	Harriett Darnell Senior Center 677 Fairburn Road	Kathy Crawford <a href="mailto:kcrawford@adamsville.us">kcrawford@adamsville.us</a>
I	Third Wednesday @ 7PM	Adamsville Natatorium 3201 M. L. King, Jr. Drive	Theo Pace <a href="mailto:Theo.Pace@gmail.com">Theo.Pace@gmail.com</a>
J	Fourth Tuesday @7PM	Frederick Douglass High School 225 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive	Benjamin Dickerson <a href="mailto:bfdproperties@aol.com">bfdproperties@aol.com</a>

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED INTRODUCES THE WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM

The Department of Watershed Management will soon introduce the Water Supply Program, which will provide a reliable drinking water system for the next 120 years. The **Bellwood Quarry** will be converted into a 2.4 billion gallon water storage facility, and connect to the City's water treatment plant, located next to the Chattahoochee River, using a 10-foot diameter tunnel, which is over five miles long. This Water Supply Program will create jobs for the community, protect the environment and achieve other economic benefits. No date has been set for this project to begin. For more information, you may contact the Department of Watershed Commissioner, JoAnn Macrina at (404) 546-1292.

## INCENTIVES AND DISCOUNTS

**Senior Citizen Discount** – 30% discount on the water and sewer bills to seniors 65 or older, owner of your home or have a lease and an annual income of \$25,000 or less.

**Care & Conserve Program** – Provides bill payment and plumbing assistance to hardship customers. For more information on qualifying for the program, call Southeast Energy Assistance at 404-885-1877.

**Toilet Rebate Program** – Receive \$100 credit on water bill with the purchase and installation of EPA WaterSense-designated 1.28 gallon-per-flush toilets. You must own or rent a single-family home that was built before 1993, be current on your water and sewer payments to the City of Atlanta and a receipt of purchase.

For more information regarding the above incentives and discounts, visit [www.atlantawatershed.org](http://www.atlantawatershed.org)

## CITY OF ATLANTA RECYCLING PROGRAM

The City of Atlanta is accepting recycled electronics, styrofoam, tires, paper shredding, clothing, single-stream, and more every third Saturday of every month from 9 am to noon at the **Mall West End** located at 850 Oak Street, SE, Atlanta, 30310. For more information on the accepted materials, residential recycling, and upcoming events, visit the website at [www.atlantaga.gov/recycling](http://www.atlantaga.gov/recycling). You must be a resident of the City of Atlanta to participate.

## WHAT IS THE 911 FEE ON MY SOLID WASTE BILL?

The 911 fund has ran at a deficit for years and the monies collected did not cover the cost of operation. Therefore, the City has included this fee in the Solid Waste bill to collect the additional revenue to fund 911. The State Legislative just gave the elected officials the authority to impose the additional charge.

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*Dear Constituents,*

*Season's Greetings from the staff of District 9! We wish you a safe and happy holiday season. As 2015 comes to an end, we have crossed some huge hurdles and made some great accomplishments. The constituents of District 9 just proved that hard work, consistency and dedication pay off in the end. Together we are slowly, but surely, improving the quality of life in our district.*

*We must continue to encourage one another to get involved in community events, to make District 9 an even better place to reside.*

*As always, strive to attend your Neighborhood Planning Unit meetings and community meetings. If you are unsure what NPU you are a part of, contact the Planning Department at (404) 330-6145, or you may contact my office at (404) 330-6044 for more information.*

*Also, make sure my office has the most recent information regarding your neighborhood groups meeting dates, times, locations and leadership. And please invite me. I would love to attend your meetings to hear your concerns.*

*As promised, I will continue to do my part to help make District 9 one of the best districts in the city to reside, but I still need your continued support and participation.*

*Remember, we can accomplish anything if we continue to work together.*

*Sincerely,*

*Councilmember Felicia A. Moore*



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