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A Message from Atlanta City Councilman C.T. Martin



Atlanta City Councilman
Councilman C.T. Martin

I would like to bring warm greetings to the residents of district 10. This year will bring new and exciting events as well as monumental changes for the City of Atlanta. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information, inspire involvement, and make things work better in this great city. As always, my door is open to you and I welcome your thoughts and comments on any current or projected issue which may come before the Council.

In fiscal year 2011 the Atlanta City Council made strides on the redistricting of the council districts and implementing reapportionments as a result of the Census 2010 findings. Redistricting after a Census report is due to the increase of population

and the need to reapportion the number of residents for a better balance of population in each district.

The discussions about the city's retirement plan resulted in landmark decisions which resulted in major steps toward pension plan reform. Because the pension budget affects resources that impact the workforce and their families, it was important to balance these critical issues with the need to build a plan that was sustainable. That said, I commend Mayor Reed, his administration and my fellow City of Atlanta council members who worked diligently to resolve and move us forward to a more promising future.

Thank you for your trust and the confidence that allows me to proudly serve each of you. I look forward to continuing to build our relationship and to strengthening our district in 2012 and beyond. If anything is ever needed, please feel free to contact me at (404) 330-6055 or at cmartin@atlantaga.gov.

Sincerely,

C. T. Martin

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District 10



District 10 Attends Senior Citizen Ball

The 2011 Forever Young red carpet ball was held at the Marriott Marquis on October 17, and gave senior citizens, ages 60 and older, a chance to strut their stuff.

Four bus loads of seniors from District 10 attended the City of Atlanta's Senior Citizens Ball. The annual event honors Atlanta seniors for being shining examples of integrity, leadership and enduring love.

More than 4,000 people enjoyed an evening of entertainment and dancing.



ADAMSVILLE RECREATION CENTER HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Over 100 District 10 constituents came out to the Adamsville Recreation Center on February 21 for an open house.

Residents got a chance to view several of the new programs for after school students, adults, seniors, and teens – as well as some of the aquatics, athletics, and fitness programs the facility offers.

Adamsville's Centers of Hope is a state-of-the-art sports and recreation center that recently received a \$50,000 grant from Maxwell House Coffee during the company's national "Drops of Good" online campaign. Adamsville was one of 10 local Rebuilding Together Atlanta projects that competed for the grant money. Funds were used to renovate the facility, to invest in

infrastructure projects at the center, and to make it more eco-friendly.



CITIZENS GIVE INPUT ON NEW CITY COUNCIL BOUNDARY LINE

The Atlanta City Council held a series of public hearings on the City of Atlanta's redistricting process.

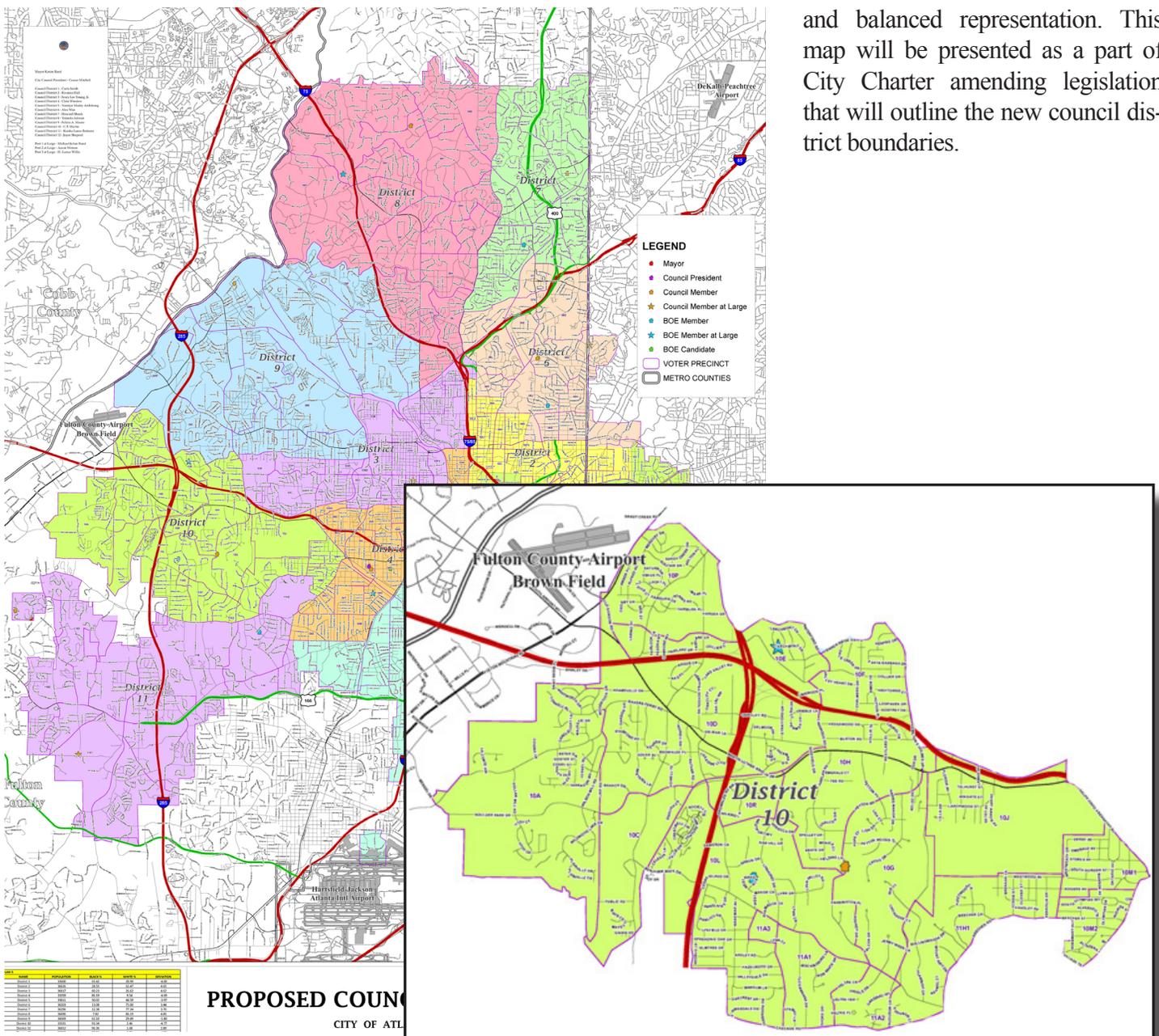
To view the latest plan (Map # 5), please visit our website at <http://citycouncil.atlantaga.gov/REDISTRICTING.htm> or contact the Office of Municipal Clerk at (404)

330-6771 or at municipalclerk@atlantaga.gov.

Every 10 years, based on U.S. Census results, the City of Atlanta and cities across America re-draw representative district boundary lines to preserve the constitutional right of one person/one vote of its citizens. Based on the

2010 Census results the Atlanta City Council is seeking to maintain a balance of populations by creating 12 Council districts of 35,000 persons each (+ - 5%).

To achieve this goal, the Atlanta City Council has been reviewing a variety of maps and will ultimately select a single map in January which will ensure that Atlanta's citizens have fair and balanced representation. This map will be presented as a part of City Charter amending legislation that will outline the new council district boundaries.



Councilman C.T. Martin Hosts Townhall Meeting on November 10

Atlanta City Councilman C.T. Martin hosted a community town hall meeting on November 10 at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

Councilman Martin was joined by top city personnel who discussed code enforcement issues, crime reduction, sanitation, street paving needs and initiatives, water bill disputes, and the upcoming transportation tax (SPLOST).

“This neighborhood town hall meeting brings City Hall to the community in an effort to inform citizens about important city issues and district related legislation,” said Martin.

The town hall meeting featured a question and answer session to address other concerns.

Additional community meetings are planned throughout District 10. For more information call District 10 Council Office at 404-330-6055.



City of Atlanta now offers residents peace of mind through Service Line Warranty Program

The city of Atlanta has announced the launch of the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program, which could save residents thousands of dollars in unexpected repair costs for broken or leaking sewer and water lines.

Administered by Utility Service Partners (USP), Inc., the NLC Service Line Warranty Program allows homeowners the opportunity to obtain a low cost warranty that will provide repairs for a low monthly fee, with no deductibles or service fees. The work is performed by licensed, local plumbers who will call the customer within one hour of filing a claim. The repair is performed professionally and quickly, typically within 24 hours. USP provides a personally staffed 24/7 repair hotline for residents, 365 days a year.

More than 8,000 city households have signed up for the program.

“We are pleased to partner with the National League of Cities and Service Line Warranties of America to offer

our residents greater peace of mind regarding the costs of broken or leaking water or sewer lines,” said Mayor Kasim Reed. “No one wants to be hit with an unexpected and expensive repair bill. This program will help mitigate some of the risks homeowners across the city often face.”

Many residents become frustrated when they are told that the city is not responsible for a service line repair, said Atlanta City Councilmember C.T. Martin.

“The homeowner must contract with a plumber and pay the repair costs if the damage occurs between the city’s main pipe and the water meter or the connection to the home,” Martin said. “These repairs are not always covered by homeowners insurance.”

The NLC Service Line Warranty Program, which is administered by Utility Service Partners, Inc. has been embraced by cities across the country including Milwaukee.

The program is offered at no cost to the City of Atlanta, and no public funds are used to promote the program.

“We are pleased to partner with the City of Atlanta in bringing peace of mind to homeowners in Atlanta through an affordable service line warranty program,” said Brad Carmichael, Vice President of Business Development for Service Line Warranties of America. “We think Atlanta residents will be pleased with our features and benefits, including 24/7 repair service using local, certified technicians. This keeps dollars in the local economy, an important benefit in these tough financial times.”

To learn more about the program and costs visit www.utilitylineprotection.com.



Atlanta City Council Cracks Down on Vacant Properties

The Atlanta City Council passed an ordinance to amend the Atlanta housing code by requiring registration of vacant property. More specifically, the legislation states:

- Outlines that the owner(s) must register empty structures with the Office of Code Enforcement
- Provides definitions and explanations of “vacant” properties within the City of Atlanta
- Provides for the payment of an annual registration and/or renewal fee of \$100 or \$250 (\$250 only accessed if the property is in current violation of the housing code)

Within the city limits of Atlanta, there are buildings and structures that are vacant and may pose a threat to the safety and security of citizens. Vacant buildings cause deterioration and instability in neighborhoods and may lead to hazards like fire, accidents, or other calamities. Ordinance 10-O-1457 addresses these concerns by providing guidelines for a new registry of vacant property. Owners have until April 1, 2012 to register.



Free Prescription Discount Cards Available for Atlanta Residents

Did you check your most recent water bill? This month, it provides more than a read out of the amount of water you've recently used or a request for a payment. Did you know that there is the opportunity for a free prescription discount card included? Yes, you read that correctly – you can get a free prescription discount card in your WATER BILL.

This initiative was launched last fall by the National League of Cities in hopes of getting the word out to citizens about this opportunity to save an average of twenty percent on medications – especially for citizens who do not have medical insurance or those who have medical insurance but need medication not covered by their insurance. Why would prescription drug companies include their application in

a water bill? The City hoped that this innovative strategy would help to increase the accessibility to the program. Since this program started in January 2009, cities that have taken part have saved their cities and citizens over 3 million dollars. Though it isn't where we'd imagine the forms to come from – it's a welcome sight.

If you have misplaced your application and are interested in getting a discount card you can call (toll free) 1-888-620-1749 or visit: www.caremark.com/nlc.



Maxwell House Donates \$50,000 to Adamsville Recreation Center in Atlanta

Councilman C.T. Martin joins actress Julie Bowen of the hit TV series “Modern Family” and dozens of dedicated volunteers recently for the “Drops of Good: The Maxwell House Community Project.”

On Wednesday, July 20, the initiative made its way to Adamsville Recreation Center to present a \$50,000 prize that will go toward renovation. The facility serves the

predominately black Adamsville neighborhood and features athletic, cultural and artistic activities for the youth and senior citizens.

Asked about this amazing award, Councilmember Martin said, “On behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, I’d like to thank Jan Jordan with Rebuilding Together Atlanta and Maxwell House Coffee for selecting the Adamsville Recreation Center for

this noteworthy grant. I’d also like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who have dedicated their time and talents to help renovate the Adamsville Recreation center to the beautiful facility we all know and love. This recreation center is a cornerstone of this neighborhood and I am excited to see current and future generations have a wonderful place to come and enjoy.”



Atlanta Police Hold Community Meetings on Beat Redesign Plan

Throughout the months of February and March the Atlanta Police Department held a series of community meetings that were used to inform Atlanta's residents about changes to the six patrol zones. During these meetings, APD shared a study that they started over a year ago in hopes of maintaining its resources and improve its response time.

As a result of this study, the six zones within the city have been kept, despite the fact that some boundaries

have been shifted. Why shift them? The Department believes that shifting them will increase the number of beats – increasing visibility and improving response time. In the end, meeting the ultimate goal of all City services - better serving the citizens of Atlanta.

When asked why these meetings were held, Chief Turner said, "It's important for us to communicate our intentions to the public. My hope is that the citizens gained a better understanding of what we're trying to accomplish

and see the benefits that have and will result in a safer city for all of us.

City Councilmember C.T. Martin Hosts a Community Clean-up

Adamsville saw a cleaner neighborhood because of a community clean-up on April 9th. On that day, Councilmember C.T. Martin, Unity Network Counseling Center, The Home Depot and the Mayor's office of Constituent Services proudly teamed up to hold a neighborhood cleanup that worked hard for four hours to give Adamsville the spruce up it deserves.



Working with not one but two dumpsters, committed volunteers strove hard to clear the Adamsville neighborhood between Peyton Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. These volunteers and sponsors share a group vision that all people deserve to live in an area with a high quality of life. These dedicated volunteers put words into action – and made our Adamsville neighborhood cleaner.



Department of Solid Waste Services Unveiled new “3 n 1” Waste Collection Services

Recently, in an effort to improve “service delivery” the Department of Public Works unveiled and began a citywide weekly collection service. During this new weekly schedule, they collect all three common items – household garbage, recycling, and yard trimmings. This collection is being done by “quadrant”.

The Department of Public Works hopes that this new system will not

only be gentler on the environment, but perhaps most important to Atlanta’s residents – reduce missed pickups. In addition to this new system, the City has started providing residential street sweeping, scheduled bulk waste pickup, and solid waste education and enforcement. Recently, you should have begun receiving notices about your street sweeping and bulk waste pickup dates.

If you are interested in finding out the quadrant boundaries or days of pickup, please feel free to call the Customer Service Center at (404) 330- 6333 or email them at public-works@atlantaga.gov.



Film and TV Career Workshop Huge Success

Ever wondered what it would be like to have a career in film and TV? So did many others who attended the BEHIND THE SCENES: South Atlanta Film and TV Careers Workshop on March 26, 2011. From 9 am to 3 pm, participants were able to get a glimpse of what it was like to work in the film and TV industry. A huge success, this was an initiative of Community Jobs Task Force sponsored by the strong team of councilmembers – Joyce Shepard, Keisha Lance Bottoms, C.T. Martin, Carla Smith, and Cleta Winslow.

Held at Atlanta Technical College’s Academic Complex and targeting community members in the south side of Atlanta, this workshop provided a glimpse into many of the

important jobs in the film industry. More specifically, jobs that we often don’t experience in front of the camera, but are key to the successful creation of a movie – electricians, carpenters, painters, set designers, make –up artists, location

scouts, grips and more. The goal of this workshop was to provide a networking platform with industry professionals and as a springboard for trained community members to obtain jobs.



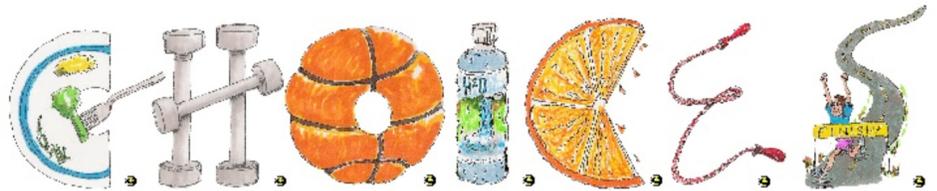
Councilmember C.T. Martin Lends Support to C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Inc.

Councilmember Martin proudly attended an event hosted by C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Inc. at the Adamsville Recreation Center on March 26, 2011. C.H.O.I.C.E.S. (The Center Helping Obesity In Children End Successfully) is a grassroots organization that was formed in April 2002. C.H.O.I.C.E.S. main goal is to provide a resource for both children and parents who have either been clinically diagnosed or are at risk for being diagnosed as obese. During this event, C.H.O.I.C.E.S. was presented a proclamation for their work in the community. With this proclamation,

the Center was noted for their innovative use of nutrition education, peer socialization, physical activity, and community activity to reach their goal of ending childhood obesity.

When asked about his attendance, Martin stated, "It's important that we support any program and event that

supports and promotes the health of this and future generations. As a leader in the community, living in a world of "fast food" and video games we need to work hard to participate in anything that promotes children getting out, being active, and making good nutritional choices".



PROGRESSIVE PEACE PLAN ANNOUNCED

August 16th was a historic day. On this day, The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and the Metropolitan Atlanta Violence Prevention Partnership held a press conference announcing a major initiative aimed at combating violence in six of Atlanta's metro counties – eventually hoping to spread it across the entire state of Georgia.

Part of the "21st Century Nonviolence Movement", elected officials and nonviolence pioneers unveiled this progressive Peace Plan that is aimed at coordinated efforts and programs to impact hundreds of thousands of citizens, inspiring them to combat conflicts in a peaceful manner. During this press conference, officials announced various events that were held

in and around Atlanta, eventually culminating in the recent bus convoy that travelled from Atlanta to Washington, D.C. for the unveiling of the National Martin Luther King Jr. memorial.



Martin Luther King III and Councilman C.T. Martin.

City of Atlanta Approves Comprehensive City Pension Reform Plan

Recently, Councilmember Martin participated in the sponsorship of a reform measure aimed at reforming the City's pension plan. Over the next 10 years, this reform will save the City and its citizens roughly \$200 million dollars. Over the next 30 years, it will save roughly \$315 million. The passage of this legislation was a cooperative effort

between the Mayor, the Council, and various union leaders.

Left unattended and without reform, the Pension fund would only continue to grow to a \$1.45 billion pension unfunded liability. This approval of the pension reform is an excellent example of all branches of government and key employee advocacy groups working together to reach an

agreement for the best of Atlanta and monetary health.



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at
watershedhelp@atlwater.com or call Customer Service at 404-658-6500.**

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Bureau of Permits	404-330-6150	Solid Waste Services	404-330-6333
Bureau of Housing	404-330-6390	Arborist	404-330-6150
Bureau of Code Compliance	404-330-6190	Traffic & Transportation	404-330-6501
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		Traffic Court	404-658-6940

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Atlanta Gas Light Emergency Hotline	770-907-4231
Atlanta Housing Authority	404-892-4700
Atlanta Legal Aid Society	404-524-5811
Atlanta Workforce Development	404-658-9675
Credibility	404-527-7630
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