



DISTRICT 10

# UPDATE

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## Greetings!



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed, because I believe an informed people are an empowered people. Our goal is to provide you with the latest updates and resources that matter most to our community. You can also receive an electronic version.

In this newly updated newsletter, you'll find news, information and the latest Council legislation that directly impacts your daily life. We've also included valuable resources to help improve your quality of life. Plus, don't miss the "Around The District" section, where we'll feature snapshots of the people, places, and faces that make our community special.

As we approach the upcoming General Election for president of the United States, I want to stress the importance of registering to vote and making your voice heard. Voting is a powerful tool in shaping our future, and I encourage everyone to participate in the process.

I remain your humble servant,

Councilmember Andrea L. Boone  
District 10

## Councilmember Boone and Atlanta Falcons tight end Kyle Pitts provide aid to Fairburn Rd. families



On July 22, Atlanta Councilmember Andrea L. Boone and Atlanta Falcons tight end Kyle Pitts teamed up to support families displaced by an apartment fire at 320 Fairburn Rd., SW. The morning event saw Pitts and Boone deliver new furniture to the affected families, with the furniture generously donated by the Kyle Pitts Foundation.

This initiative was part of a broader effort to aid the displaced families, involving multiple organizations, including Unity Network and Counseling Center, Inc., Mayor Andre Dickens' Office, NPU H, The Path Church, City Takers and others. Together, these groups provided essential resources to help families transition back into furnished housing following the devastating fire.





## Council approves \$2M donation for eviction-diversion program

At its July 1 meeting, the Atlanta City Council approved a \$2 million donation to the city's eviction-diversion program. Sponsored by Councilmember Andrea L. Boone, the legislation directs the funds to the nonprofit Star C Corporation, which will continue assisting low-income families at risk of eviction. This move comes as housing costs rise, leaving many Atlanta families vulnerable to losing their homes.

Since its inception, the eviction diversion program has already expended over \$1.56 million, preventing the eviction of more than 220 families. With more than 500 additional households awaiting assistance, the newly approved funds will bolster efforts to prevent further displacement and homelessness. Additionally, the city has launched the Housing Help Center to connect residents with affordable-housing resources and legal support while ensuring housing-code violations are addressed.

"This is what the people have clamored for, and I am happy we are responding to their needs," said Boone.

## 'Blight Tax' aims to crack down on absentee property owners

The Atlanta City Council, in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, introduced legislation to create a new "Blight Tax" aimed at tackling neglected properties contributing to blighted conditions in the city's neighborhoods. The ordinance would grant the city's municipal courts the authority to impose substantial tax penalties on owners of blighted properties, encouraging them to either remediate or redevelop these sites. The legislation ensures that occupied properties are exempt, preventing the displacement of residents.

The proposed Blight Tax would allow the city to raise tax bills on specific neglected properties by up to 25 times the current rate, with the possibility of tax reductions, once the properties are improved and put back to productive use. This initiative is part of a broader strategy by the city to address substandard housing and hold negligent property owners accountable, building on previous efforts, such as the launch of the city's Housing Help Center and other housing-support programs.

### **KEY LEGISLATIVE ACTION BY THE COUNCIL THIS SUMMER**

A resolution authorizing a \$250,000 donation to the Atlanta Police Foundation to support the Community Safety Housing program, which provides up to \$850 monthly subsidy payments for in-city residency for Atlanta's first responders (24-R-3707).

An ordinance authorizing the creation of an Assistance for Persons With AIDS Trust Fund to supplement the federal Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS program and transferring \$250,000 into the fund (24-O-1344).

An ordinance to fund the Atlanta Legacy Business Program, which supports businesses operating for 30 years or more and contributing to the city's history, culture and identity (24-O-1372).

A resolution calling for a \$3.2 million grant agreement, on behalf of the Department of Watershed Management, to provide plumbing assistance to low- to moderate-income water and wastewater customers, as part of the City of Atlanta's Care and Conserve Program (CCP) (24-R-3858).



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## *Touring APD's Mounted Patrol Unit*

*On Aug. 26, Councilmember Boone, chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, led a tour of the Mounted Patrol and K9 Facility at the Atlanta airport. The eye-opening visit showed councilmembers how this important component of the Atlanta Police Department helps keep people safe.*



## ***Development underway in District 10: Councilmember Boone, Mayor Dickens lead groundbreaking of new youth center on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive***

June 18 was an exciting day for the Promise Center groundbreaking! This new youth center is dedicated to preventing teen crime and us empowering our young people with resources and opportunities. We're dedicated to building a safer, brighter future for our community!

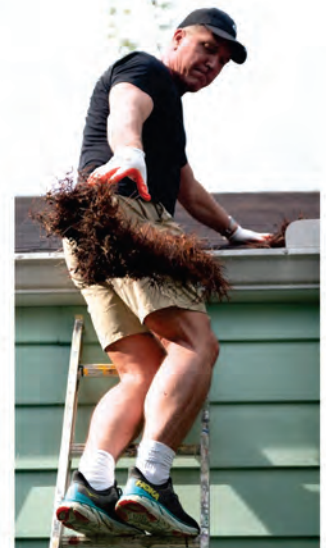




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## Helping seniors be **PROUD** of their **HOUSE**

On June 29, Councilmember Boone joined the Westview Community for the HouseProud Atlanta House Party/Senior Home Repairs! HouseProud collaborates with various organizations to enhance the lives of Atlanta residents. Volunteers assisted their neighbors with both internal and external home repairs and sprucing up, all to ensure seniors live comfortably and safely.





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## Camp Best Friends

*On July 16, Atlanta youth enjoyed a fantastic day at CT Martin Recreation Center and Camp Best Friends for Field Day! The day was packed with fun and games, including tug-of-war, swinging, volleyball and kickball. Kids also enjoyed a water slide. The Play Mobile was a hit, and Councilmember Boone was thrilled to welcome friends, neighbors and special guests for a an amazing day of community fun!*





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## ***Celebrating Atlanta Seniors in All White***

*What a spectacular day June 24th was at the All White Annual Affair! Sponsored by Councilmember Boone and Fulton Sheriff Patrick Labat, Golden citizens enjoyed a day of entertainment, delicious food, arts and crafts, dancing and more. It was a great fun day, celebrating Atlanta's amazing seniors!*



## ***National Night Out brings public safety and citizens together***



On Aug. 6, Councilmember Boone along with Mayor Andre Dickens and Georgia U.S. Rep. Nikema Williams joined police, fire and other safety officials for a night out with the community. Neighborhood groups across Atlanta participated in the annual National Night Out. The event helps foster community relationships and gives friends and neighbors a chance to get to know each other and know public-safety staff members. In addition to free food and fun, citizens received information on the resources available to help make their neighborhoods safe

## ***Food drive is huge success at Jackson Memorial***



Councilmember Boone gave back to the community by participating in the monthly food drive at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church July 26, during which families receive free bags of fresh groceries and other necessities.



 **Mark Your Calendar**

# Upcoming Events

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
*Every 1st and 3rd Monday*  
*at 1 p.m.*  
**City Hall**  
**55 Trinity Ave.**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**




 **ATL PARKS**

**COUNCILMEMBER ANDREA L. BOONE**  
& THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
INVITES YOU TO COME AND ENJOY

**FREE SWIM**

**EVERY SATURDAY**  
**11AM-3PM** *Lifeguard On Duty*

**C.T. MARTIN NATATORIUM**  
3201 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DRIVE SW  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA



**FLOODING ISSUES**  
**Sept. 26, 2024, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Calvary United Methodist Church**  
**1471 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.**  
**Atlanta, GA 30310**



# DISTRICT 10 RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Atlanta City Council 404-546-6030

**ATLANTA CITY DEPARTMENTS & SERVICES**

- Atlanta Fire Rescue Department 404-546-7000
- Atlanta Code Enforcement 311 or 404-546-0311
- Cultural Affairs 404-546-6815
- Erosion Control 311 or 404-546-0311
- Housing and Community Development 404-330-6390
- Illegal Dumping 311 or 404-546-3867
- Mayor's Office of Constituent Services 404-546-6023
- Missed Trash Pickup 311 or 404-546-0311
- Municipal Court 311 or 404-546-0311
- Buildings (Arborist) 404-546-6874
- Buildings (Permits) 404-546-6150
- Buildings (Zoning Enforcement) 404-330-6145
- Parks and Recreation 404-546-6745
- Potholes 311 or 404-546-0311
- Public Works/Sanitation 311 or 404-546-0311
- Sewage Problems 311 or 404-546-0311
- Sewer Operations 311 or 404-546-0311
- Streets and Sidewalks 311 or 404-546-0311
- Traffic Concerns 404-546-6501
- Watershed Management 311 or 404-546-0311
- Atlanta Workforce Department 404-658-9675
- Atlanta Housing Authority 404-892-4700
- Crime Stoppers Tip Line 404-577-TIPS
- Highways 511

**POLICE SERVICES**

- APD Zone 1 404-799-2487
- APD Zone 2 404-848-7231
- APD Zone 3 404-624-0674
- APD Zone 4 404-756-1903
- APD Zone 5 404-658-7830
- APD Zone 6 404-546-5700

**COUNTY SERVICES**

- Fulton County Health Department 404-612-4000
- Fulton County Animal Services 404-613-0358
- Fulton County Voter Registration 404-730-7072
- DeKalb County Animal Services 404-294-2996
  
- Fulton County Chairman Robb Pitts 404-613-2330
- Fulton Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman (District 6) 404-612-8222

**MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES**

- Atlanta Gas Light Emergency Hotline 770-907-4231
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society 404-524-5811
- Georgia Power Customer Service 888-660-5890



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