



EastEnd Neighbors

Promoting Communication And Collaboration

**East End
Neighbors Meeting
Tuesday
May 25
7 PM**

Mt. Welcome Baptist
Church, 581 Parker Ave.
30032 (lower building)

Featured Speaker:

◆ DeKalb Commissioner
Larry Johnson

◆ State Representative
Stacey Abrams

And:

◆ Dekalb Police South
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rise, East Lake Terrace,
Garden Valley, Martin
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Mill & Villages of East
Lake.

**Mark your calendars for
the next meeting on
Tuesday, May 25
at 7pm.**

*"When you have the choice to
be kind or to be right, always
choose kind." Wayne Dyer*

EEN Member Helps Haiti Rebuild *by Kalin Thomas*

As I watched in horror as Haiti crumbled under the earthquake in January, I thought what can I do to help? Many people in Atlanta and all over the country donated clothing, food, water and other supplies; but there were some people who actually went to Haiti to help. One of those people is our own East End Neighbors (EEN) member, Joanna Pritchard. Joanna is a community health advocate and helped form the Glenwood Pedestrian Safety Initiative – now a committee of EEN. She was in Port-au-Prince from March 2 to May 8 working with the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Since she was not back in Atlanta before this newsletter was published, I decided to pull from an email she sent to me.

Joanna worked in Haiti in the 1990's, and after the January 2010 earthquake she called a friend there to see if she could help. IOM has worked in sustainable community development in Haiti for years, and now also has a leadership role in refugee resettlement. Much of the work is funded by USAID dollars. IOM needed additional staff in the Port-au-Prince office to support their expanded activities and to let exhausted staff members take some leave time. "It's an honor to be back here and be part of this work in Haiti," said Joanna. She added, "I love Haiti and it will be

hard to leave." Here is an excerpt from an article she wrote ...

"I stay inside my office night and day to help get as many projects underway as possible in my short time here. And it protects me against the dreadful reality of the situation. If I open myself to the destruction it gets into my body and fills me with a despair that dissolves my concentration. So much that was good, [has been] destroyed: lives, homes, families, hospitals, churches, schools, records, government offices. Those 50 lines on my project sheet that say "rubble removal" all represent schools that collapsed. I stare at the list. The words are bitter. This city, this country did not have spare resources to lose...But between flashbacks, grief, and moments of melancholy, Haitian people are determined to get on with rebuilding, to cling to the progress, which has unfathomably become more of a lifeline than before."

To read the entire article, go to our website
<http://eastendneighbors.blogspot.com>

Invitation to Read With Your Neighbors

The Olmsted Book Club would like to invite our East Lake neighbors to join us. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month. No RSVP is necessary, just show up.

For those of you who are new to the club, bring a side dish or dessert (and wine) to share. The host will provide the main dish and drinks. Social hour is 7:00 - 8:00 PM and book discussion is 8:00-9:00 PM. The discussion is very informal and you don't have to contribute to the discussion if you prefer to just listen.

Upcoming books: May 12th: Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent

June 9th: Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain & The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum

We will be reading the new Stieg Larsson book, The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest, in July if the American publication is out by then.

If you have any questions or need the location of our next meeting please contact Mary Ellen at

[johndeloache@comcast.net](mailto: johndeloache@comcast.net) .

Community Leader N. H. Scott



Mr. Nathaniel Herbert Scott, III, a leader in the East End area for many years, passed on in February. We remember his many years of service to the community, especially in helping to improve the park on Tilson Road that was named for him in 2003. He was a member of the Mark Trail Community Leisure Citizens Advisory Board from 1975 through 1997, serving as chairperson 1976-1986 and 1993-1997. He was actively involved in the support and advocacy of a new swimming pool, a new classroom for the recreation center, and many other park improvements. Mr. Scott joined New St. John Baptist Church when he moved to Decatur, and later became a member of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church. His niece, Ms. Estella Scroggins, lives in Martin Heights (also known as Delphine-Barberrie).

Mr. John Whitaker, President of East End Neighbors, was a good

friend of Mr. Scott, as they worked together for the good of the community over the years: "He was very involved, an asset to the community. We are much better off for him. He was a good liaison with county officials. He got roads paved. He was a very hard working family man, politically involved. He looked out for our community. He made sure that our commissioners & the CEO were accountable."

Another East End Board member, Mrs. Pat Green, said "He was a fine neighbor. He was a strong advocate for children & for the community. On any issue that came up, he was involved in it. He worked closely with Commissioner Jacquelyn Scott. He was always busy for others. He would come to your door and ask for people to come out to the Commission meeting. He loved this community. Even at the nursing home in his last years, he took on the role of greeter until the day he died. He was a respected mentor to many."



From the Editor

As the spring turns into the summer, here is a new issue of your neighborhood newsletter, and a new meeting of the East Ends Neighbors Association. In this issue we pay tribute to one of the leaders of our community who passed recently, we hear from one of our neighbors who went to help in Haiti (another of our neighbors, Marty Colliers, spent several weeks in the Dominican Republic working with Habitat for Humanity's relief effort), and in lighter news, we have a report of the East Lake Farmers Market's Collard Greens cookoff.

Have a good summer, neighbors. Laurent Oget

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Social Justice & Diversity Committee Works on Foreclosures, MARTA funding *by Bert Skellie*

The East End Social Justice & Diversity Committee has begun a series of meetings on community issues that we can work together on. At our last meeting, Milt Tambor of the Fighting Foreclosures Coalition told us how we could help with putting pressure on banks to stop foreclosures in our area.

At our next meeting on June 7 at 7 PM we will learn about efforts to get funding for MARTA (at Bethel Baptist, 1890 Second Ave 30032). We will also be holding regular social gatherings bringing together our diverse community. For more information contact Bert Skellie at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-378-5883.

Need Help Preventing Foreclosure?

Some numbers to call (HUD-approved counselors):

Ace Development Corp 404-627-5920
 ATLANTA URBAN LEAGUE, INC 404-659-1150-6578
 CCCS OF GREATER ATLANTA 800-251-2227
 GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM 404-206-5175
 RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES 404-525-4130-15
 SUMMECH CDC 404-527-5465
 TYLER PLACE CDC 404-545-3056
 CATHOLIC CHARITIES 770-429-2369-3
 ATLANTA LEGAL AID SOCIETY 404-377-0701-237
 DEKALB METRO HOUSING COUNSELING CENTER 404-508-0922-101
 GREEN FOREST CDC 404-486-6759
 DEKALB HOUSING AUTHORITY 404-270-2600
 NACA (NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE CORP OF AMERICA) 404-377-4545
 URBAN HOPE CDC 404-601-7990
 METRO FAIR HOUSING SERVICES, INC. 404-765-3985

Collard Greens Cookoff at the East Lake Farmers Market *by Laurent Oget*



A few blocks from our neighborhood, at the corner of 2nd avenue and Hosea Williams, and for the second year, the East Lake Farmers Market is open every Saturday morning. They started the season this year, on May 1st with their first collards green cookoff. 12 cooks, professional and amateur were offering their greens to be tasted by a jury of professional and the general public. I was there and tasted the 12 different preparations, who were all very good. The winner of the Peoples Choice Award was Ms Adrienne Howard, shown in this picture receiving her award from Doug Williams who organized the event.

Did you know ?

- ◆ **The East End Neighbors Board Election is May 25.** Nominees for the East End Neighbors Board are Pat Green, Walter Lee, Clyde Mitchell, Shirley Sapp-Davenport, Bert Skellie, Velma Speakman, John Whitaker and James Wilson. We can add at least two more nominees for a total of 10 members. Please come out and nominate yourself or a neighbor at our next meeting.
- ◆ **New Imam Mansoor Sabree** of the Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam invites us all to come to the July 4 "I Love my Family Day" at the Masjid Courtyard (560 Fayetteville Rd SE Atlanta, Georgia 30316). Please call 404-378-1600 for more information on this fun event.
- ◆ **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** is seeking volunteers and donors to help senior citizens in our area with emergency household repairs. If you would like to help organize these projects or make a financial contribution, please contact Mr. James Wilson at jwilso67@bellsouth.net or call 404-202-2976.
- ◆ **EEN news needs your help!** Do you like getting this newsletter? We need more newsletter delivery volunteers, especially to organize a group of streets. We need more reporters to write articles, and we need an advertising manager. Call 404-378-5883 to sign up!

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Calendar of Events

- ▶ Jun 7- Mon, 7:00 PM Social Justice & Diversity, Bethel Baptist Church 1890 2nd Ave, #404-378-5883
- ▶ Jun 8- Tues, 6:30 PM Terry Mill Neighbors, Fire Station No. 6, 2342 Flat Shoals Rd SE, Atlanta, GA 30316, 404-378-9484
- ▶ Jun 15 - Mon. 7:00 PM East Lake Terrace Nb Assn at Mt. Welcome Baptist #404-477-4358
- ▶ Jun 19 – Sat. 9:00 AM Hike leaves from Bethel Baptist, 404-378-5883
- ▶ Jun 22 - Tues. 7:30 EEN Board at Mt. Welcome Baptist 404-378-5883
- ▶ July 4- Sun, I Love My Family Day, Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam, 560 Fayetteville Rd, 404-378-1600
- ▶ July 6 - Tues. 7:00pm Glenwood Pedestrian Safety Initiative, East Lake YMCA 2nd floor Conference Room, #404-371-8966.
- ▶ July 12- Mon, 7:00 PM Social Justice & Diversity, Bethel Baptist, #404-378-5883
- ▶ July 13- Tues, 6:30 PM Terry Mill Neighbors, Fire Station No. 6, 404-378-9484
- ▶ July 17 – Sat. 9:00 AM Hike leaves from Bethel Baptist Church, #404-378-5883
- ▶ July 20- Mon. 7:00 PM East Lake Terrace Nb Assn at Mt. Welcome Baptist #404-477-4358
- ▶ July 27 - Tues. 7:30 EEN Board at Mt. Welcome Baptist #404-378-5883
- ▶ Aug 1 - Next EEN Newsletter deadline. Please support our advertisers.
- ▶ Aug 3 - Tues. 7:00pm Glenwood Pedestrian Safety Initiative, East Lake YMCA 2nd floor Conference Room, #404-371-8966.
- ▶ Aug 17- Mon. 7:00 PM East Lake Terrace Nb Assn at Mt. Welcome Baptist #404-477-4358
- ▶ Aug 21 – Sat. 9:00 AM Hike, Bethel Baptist Church, #404-378-5883
- ▶ Aug 24 – Tues 7:00 PM EEN Quarterly meeting @ Mt. Welcome Baptist Church #404-378-5883

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Happenings At The Grove

Men’s and Women’s Conference May 20 & 21

Women’s Day May 23

Summer Camp Starts May 24

Men’s Day May 30

Frank Jones Memorial Scholarship Awards Gale

June 12

Graduates Recognition Sunday

June 13

Community Dinner and Movie

June 24

July is “Sabbatical Month”

ALL MEETINGS CANCELLED

Annual Church Picnic and

Back to School Distribution

Aug. 14

96th Church Anniversary and

Homecoming

Aug. 15

Annual Church Revival

Aug. 16 – 18

Youth and Children’s Day

Aug. 23

Worship and Teaching Opportunities

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

Tuesday: TNT – WORD (Bible Study)

12 Noon and 6:15 PM

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