

CVNA Setting Big Goals for 2017

Greetings Neighbors! We hope 2017 is off to a great start for all of you. As a board, we look forward to actively connecting with community members, partnering with businesses and organizations, and collaborating with the City of Atlanta on behalf of Capitol View in a manner that keeps all parties engaged and accountable.

Our major points of focus for the year will be economic development, community engagement, and quality of life. We also want us, as a neighborhood, to have lots of fun!

There are some exciting activities already happening! Our March meeting will be focused on our senior citizens. It will be a day to show our appreciation to our elders and assist with matters most important to them, such as senior social opportunities, property tax advice, transportation assistance to meetings, and a host of other resources. While senior-focused, this meeting is for all. Neighbors will be able to provide ideas and feedback about the mural to be painted in our neighborhood. It is a great opportunity to learn some history about our neighborhood and forge new friendships.

Additionally, we are fortunate to have an approved Strategic Plan for Capitol View. We will work extensively with our Community Action Teams (CATs) to ensure initiatives and actions are aligned with the areas of focus outlined in the plan. Please know, we greatly welcome feedback from you. Feel free to contact us at any time with ideas and suggestions on implementing the Strategic Plan specifically and for Capitol View in general.

We hope that you will join us at
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Volunteers Needed To Help Build Community Cart



CVNA is seeking volunteers to help build and manage a cart similar to the one above.

Let's do some community building--literally! CVNA is seeking volunteers interested in helping to design and build a Neighborhood Cart which will be available for neighborhood events and--once we figure out the details--for the use of individual neighbors who may find it useful for their entrepreneurial endeavors!

The CVNA applied for and received

\$2,500 in grant funding from the Lakewood Amphitheater Finance Committee this past Fall. We would like to complete the building process this Spring.

No prior building experience necessary (but if you have skill or knowledge, that's GREAT, too!) Please contact Sarah Stein at sarah.ilene@gmail.com to express interest.

CVNA SEEKING COMMUNITY TEAM MEMBERS

Change is a comin', and the CVNA Strategic Vision Committee is working hard to ensure our community is inclusive and moving forward in a direction that benefits all. A Strategic Vision Plan, written by members of the CVNA Strategic Vision Committee, was approved at the February CVNA meeting. The plan identifies 6 areas of priorities: Community Sta-

bility & Inclusiveness; Economic Development; Community Building, Association Operational Effectiveness; Education & Learning and Safety & Quality of Life. These priorities now make up the CVNA's initiatives for 2017 and will be carried out through volunteer Community Teams. These teams need volunteers with all
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MLK JR Day Garden Service Project



Volunteers worked together to build an outdoor sink and two new beds in the Capitol View Community Garden on January 16. The service project was done in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The garden is located at the corner of Athens Avenue and Deckner Avenue. If you're interested in having a bed in the garden, please contact Councilwoman Joyce Sheperd's office for more details.



STRATEGIC VISION PLAN & COMMUNITY TEAMS

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manner of talents and time availability. Whether you can do a little or a lot, the neighborhood could use your help. A full copy of the Strategic Vision Plan is available via the

official CVNA page on Facebook as well as the Capitol View Neighborhood Residents' Forum group. If you would like a copy emailed to you, email president@capitolview.org to request one. Sign-ups for teams are

happening at the March meeting and are ongoing throughout the year. If you are unable to attend a meeting but would like to participate, please email info@capitolview.org to express your interest.

Are you invested in the future of our community? Ensure all voices are heard - Join a CVNA Community Team listed below today!

The Capitol View Neighborhood Association meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month at Metropolitan Library.

COMMUNITY STABILITY & INCLUSIVENESS

COMMUNITY BUILDING

EDUCATION & LEARNING

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ASSOCIATION OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

Input Needed For Community Mural

The corner of Metropolitan and Dill will be getting a face lift by way of a mural on the old Capitol View Masonic Lodge. Local artist Ashley Thomas (through Councilwoman Joyce Sheperd's office) secured a grant to complete the murals. Thomas, whose style is known for its bold colors, is a Sylvan Hills Resident and has completed several murals in and around Atlanta.

Thomas has not started on a concept for the mural but will be in attendance at the March CVNA meeting to gather feedback.

The artist is looking to draw inspiration from these questions-

- **What symbols do people feel represent the community?**
- **What concepts and ideas do people have about the community?**
- **What do the people and families of CV look like?**
- **Are there lines of poetry or quotes that encompass what CV is now or will be in the future?**

If you are unable to attend the next CVNA meeting, but would like to submit your input, please email secretary@capitolview.org.

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the monthly meetings, volunteer for community action teams, participate in events, and benefit from the outstanding agenda planned for this year! We thank you for your confidence in us to lead, to grow, and to show all of Atlanta that "The View" is great from here!"

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CVNA Meeting Recaps

January

The January CVNA meeting started with a warm welcome from the new board from 2017. The new board includes: Christie Peters, President; Jason King, Vice-President; Sagirah Jones, Secretary; Bob DeHaven, Treasurer and James Harris, Parliamentarian.

- Sgt. Cerul, the Zone 3 Day Watch Supervisor, provided a report from APD. In January, Capitol View had the lowest crime rate in the zone. Auto thefts were the prevalent crime for month. He informed residents about the "Clean Car" campaign, advising residents not to leave valuable items in their cars. Residents requested an alternative to calling 911 and increased visibility from APD.

- Mason West gave a presentation about the Nation's Builders Conference being held March 11, 2017. The event is free and open to the community. The conference teaches stakeholders of educational, civic, social, and economic organizations how to collaborate to transform their communities. www.nationbuildersconference.com

- Capitol View received a grant from the Lakewood Environmental Arts Foundation. The grant was awarded so that Capitol View can build a Community Cart for use by residents (sell goods). Sarah Stein is in charge

January Highlights

- CVNA Instated New Board
- Crime Rate Lowest in Zone 3
- Organizer of Nation Builder's Conference Asked For Community Input & Engagement
- Community Cart Team Asked For Volunteers
- 6 Initiatives of the CVNA Strategic Vision Plan Were Discussed

of the construction of the cart. Email sarah.ilene@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to help build the cart.

- The six initiatives of the Strategic Plan for Capitol View were reviewed and discussed. The vote to approve the strategic plan was moved to the February meeting to give people an opportunity to further review.

- James Harris provided an updated regarding the 352 University site. There will be meetings regarding the site in February and March.

February

Lynette Rummel from Councilwoman Joyce Sheperd's office provided updates about community events and activities.

o Code Enforcement Walk in Capitol View, 03/24/2017

o "Fight the Blight" Educational Symposium, 03/25/2017

o Earth Day Activities at the CV Community Garden, 04/22/2017

o Capitol View Neighborhood Cleanup, 04/29/2017

o Jazz in the Park (Perkerson Park), 05/20/2017

- There is a developer under a six-month contract to propose a development for the property at the southeast corner of University Avenue and Metropolitan Parkway (consisting of area from the tire shop to Jam Rock restaurant). The developer has to be finished with the planning process and present to CVNA within two months. Ms. Rummel also reviewed recommended permit conditions (permitted, special use, prohibited) for the Metropolitan Parkway moratorium. Contact Lynette Rummel [404.549.4967] for more information or questions about any of the events and activities.

- City of Atlanta Parks & Recreation Department will begin offering a food co-op at Perkerson Park. Participation is income-dependent. Contact the Parks & Recreation Department for more information 404.546.6788.

- There will be a Zombie Run (5K) at

February Highlights

- Investor proposing redevelopment of corner of Metropolitan and University
- Charter School Scouting Area for New Location
- Capitol View Strategic Vision Plan Approved
- Street Sign Toppers Approved
- New CVNA Membership Rate for Seniors

Fort McPherson on April 29.

www.zombierun.com

- Mark Sanders, Assistant Principal at Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School, is scouting the area for a location for Elevation Leadership Academy, a middle school charter school he will be opening in the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, contact Mr. Sanders at elevationleadershipacademy@gmail.com

- A vote approved the Capitol View Strategic Plan.

- A vote approved paying \$45 to NPU-X for 12 street sign toppers.

- Residents that need assistance with mortgage payment and foreclosure issues can contact the Home Defense Unit at Atlanta Legal Aid. They provide free legal aid to income-qualified residents and seniors over 60. www.atlantalegalaid.org 404.542.5811. Ask for our neighbor Sarah Stein.

- There is a new CVNA membership rate for our senior residents. Membership for residents 60+ years old is now \$10 (CVNA banner not included). We also have a Sponsor Your Neighbor program. Donate to a membership coffer to provide an honorarium to residents that need assistance obtaining member status in CVNA. Residents that receive the honorarium must commit to attend three (3) meetings within six (6) months. To donate contact treasurer@capitolview.org

SENIORS - Join CVNA for only \$10