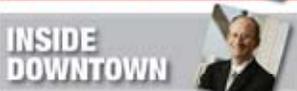




# WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN

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## New Policies Downtown

Plans for a vibrant 24-7 center city environment with a mix of uses.

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## Downtown Office Market

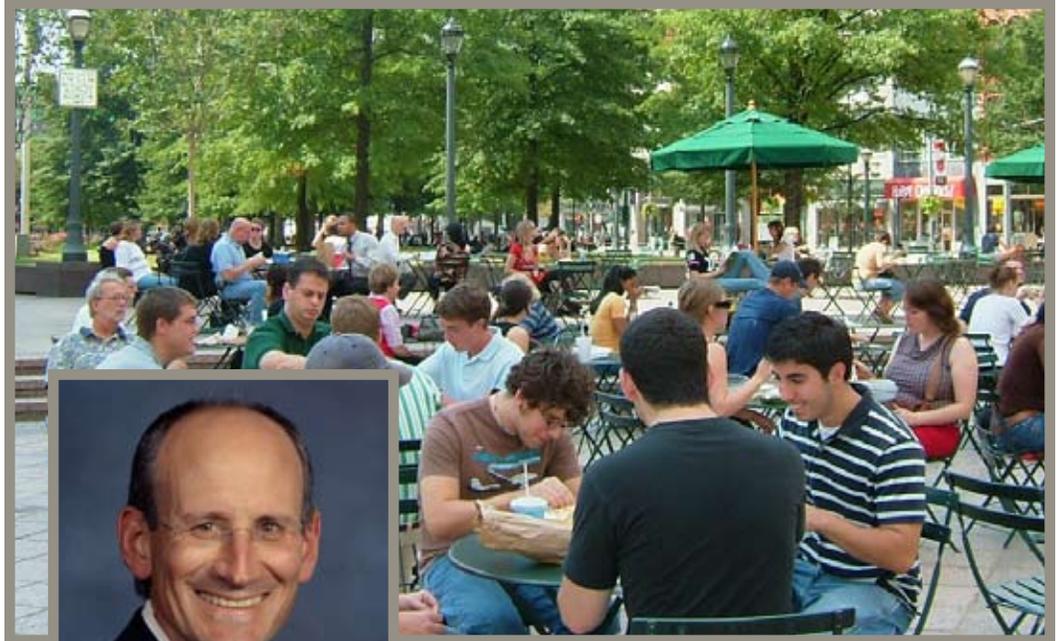
Downtown's office market did remarkably well in 2007.

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## Georgia Dome Getting a New Look

Fans traveling to the Dome this season will see some big changes.

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## A message from our President:

### *Welcome to our spring newsletter.*

Even given the force of a 130-mph tornado, things in Downtown Atlanta haven't slowed down appreciably. While some of our streets have been closed for safety reasons, Downtown is open for business.

We've got lots of news to share on many fronts that impact our neighborhood. Here are some of the highlights:

Woodruff Park is poised for an exciting new phase of growth. There's a master plan that includes many new improvements – new food vending possibilities, architectural design changes, plus a host of other amenity upgrades to make the park even more user-friendly.

With the growth Downtown has seen in new restaurants (roughly 2 per month since last year), our visions for a Downtown Dining District are moving a step closer to reality.

And as many of you found during the tornado-related street closures, our Transportation Management Association's Navigator e-newsletter is a handy tool to keep your travels on track.

Work continues on capital projects like the second phase of Ivan Allen, Jr. Boulevard, the commercial growth magnet of Downtown's new roadways.

As the weather has warmed, there are special events everywhere you turn in Downtown – SunTrust Lunch on Broad, Wednesdays in Woodruff, Turner First Thursdays, the Woodruff Park Reading Room and the perennial sell-out, Downtown Atlanta Restaurant Week.

So take a look inside and catch up on everything that is happening in Downtown.



## Get Connected!

The Downtown Connects Card brings you the opportunity to experience the best Atlanta has to offer at a discounted price! Whether you're a Downtown resident, out-of-state visitor, or simply traveling in from the suburbs, the card enables you to enjoy the rich variety of Downtown offerings.

The free program provides more than 100 special offers and discounts at attractions, restaurants, hotels, stores, and museums throughout Downtown Atlanta.

Central Atlanta Progress offers this card to highlight Atlanta's assets while strengthening customer loyalty at Downtown businesses.

### Card Features

- Free of charge to both cardholders and merchants.
- Available to a large targeted audience, including Downtown workers, students, residents, and tourists.
- Entitles cardholders to discounts at Downtown businesses including attractions, restaurants, hotels, retail stores, and service providers.
- The Downtown Connects card is the only such promotion targeted specifically at the Downtown Atlanta area.

The card is available at [www.DowntownConnectsCard.com](http://www.DowntownConnectsCard.com), or it can be picked up from the following distribution sites:

- Ambassador Force Information Booth
- ACVB Visitor Centers
- Participating Venues
- Atlanta Hotels



## Policies for a Vibrant Downtown

The Imagine Downtown plan envisions a vibrant 24-7 center city environment that is home to a mix of uses that support pedestrian activity and human interaction. To fully achieve this vision, CAP/ADID focuses on more than just 'bricks and mortar' projects, but also advocates for the update, the adoption and the enforcement of City of Atlanta policies to support this goal. CAP/ADID is currently working collaboratively with the city government on the following issues:

### ***On-Street Valet Parking***

Atlanta City Council and Department of Public Works staff are currently fine tuning the language of a proposed new ordinance that would allow the city to permit and regulate the use of public streets for the pick-up and drop-off of passengers at valet services at hotels, restaurants and residences. The ability to operate a curbside valet service is a substantial benefit and sometimes an absolute necessity to a viable hospitality and dining district Downtown.

### ***Public Space Vending***

The City of Atlanta is in the final stages of contract negotiations with a large national retail development and operations company to take on the management of the City's public space vending program. This public-private partnership will transform the appearance and merchandise diversity of street vending throughout the City with an initial focus on Downtown.

### ***Sidewalk Dining***

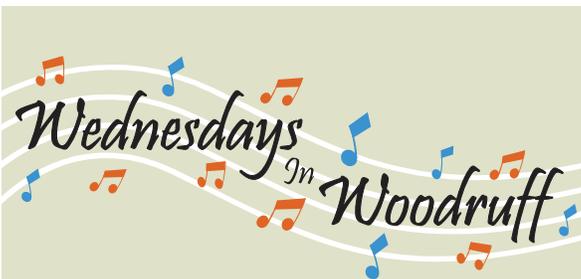
Atlanta City Council and Bureau of Planning staff are finalizing the details of an ordinance to permit and regulate sidewalk dining. Recognized as an amenity for restaurants and cafes, sidewalk dining areas are also a lively and inviting component of enjoyable and walkable streets.

**If you have questions or would like more information about any of these initiatives, please contact Jennifer Ball at Central Atlanta Progress.**



# Monument and Tribute to Andrew Young

Central Atlanta Progress held a ceremony on April 14th to dedicate the Andrew Young Tribute at Walton Spring Park. Four years in the making, the Tribute honors Andrew Young's journey from minister to Mayor of Atlanta to international statesman. The project was conceived and funded by lifelong friend and Aaron's founder Charles Loudermilk, and led by Central Atlanta Progress. The Tribute includes an art piece by Atlanta sculptor Curtis Patterson, a bronze statue by North Carolina sculptor Johnpaul Harris, and a redesigned park by the Atlanta office of EDAA. The design of the park tells the story of Young's life and his contributions to Atlanta, the United States and the world as a minister, civil rights leader, Mayor, United Nations Ambassador and Olympic visionary.



During April and May, Wednesdays in Woodruff, the lunchtime concert series in Woodruff Park, entertained lunchtime crowds with acoustic, soul and spoken word acts from 12-1pm each Wednesday. The programming is a partnership among Central Atlanta Progress, the Metro Atlanta Arts & Culture Coalition and the Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Office of Cultural Affairs. Stay tuned for Wednesdays in Woodruff's fall season in September and October.



## u p c o m i n g EVENTS

**Fourth Saturday Family Fun Day**  
Centennial Olympic Park  
April-September

**Wednesdays in Woodruff**  
Woodruff Park  
April-May & September-October

**Music at Noon**  
Centennial Olympic Park  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, April-September

**Wednesday WindDown**  
Centennial Olympic Park  
April-September

**SunTrust Lunch on Broad**  
Fairlie-Poplar District  
Fridays, May 2-September 26

**Atlanta Dream Season Kickoff**  
Philips Arena  
May 23

**Atlanta Jazz Festival**  
Woodruff Park  
May 24-26

**Screen on the Green**  
Centennial Olympic Park  
May 29, June 5, 12, 19 & 26

**Culinaire**  
World of Coca-Cola  
June 4

**Peachtree Road Race Finish Line**  
Atlanta Civic Center  
July 4

**4th of July Celebration**  
Centennial Olympic Park  
July 4

**Atlanta Pride Festival**  
Atlanta Civic Center  
July 4-6

**National Black Arts Festival**  
July 18-27

**Downtown Atlanta Restaurant Week**  
Presented by Bank of America  
July 21-27



## BIKEFEST A Success for Downtown Bikers

The Downtown Transportation Management Association (TMA) and the Atlanta Bicycle Campaign (ABC) teamed up this spring to provide an array of resources for commuter cyclists and those new to bicycling.

One such event was the first annual BIKEFEST 2008. On Wednesday, May 14th\* BIKEFEST 2008 played host to an array of bicycle vendors, advocates, and supportive partners to showcase everything from free bike tune ups, tips on new equipment, and how-to's (including: how to put your bike on a MARTA bus) to reviews of bicycle and pedestrian policies.

The Downtown TMA and ABC designed this event, which was open to cyclists as well as non-cyclists, to encourage people to not only bike for fun but also to ride their bikes to work whenever possible.

May is National Bike Month so stay tuned for more events and partnership promotions provided through the Downtown TMA and ABC.

For more information, visit:  
[www.AtlantaDowntown.com](http://www.AtlantaDowntown.com)



## Rail Quiet Zone

While out and about Downtown have you heard the faint sound of a train whistle that reminds you of Atlanta's railroad roots? These horns were not so romantic or reminiscent to businesses, residents or visitors who work, live and stay near railroad crossings in the Luckie-Marietta District where trains were required to sound their horns as their tracks intersect Downtown streets. The loss of sleep and long pauses in meetings and lunches are becoming a memory now that a Rail Quiet Zone has been created at these busy crossings.

In 2005 in response to communities requesting relief from unwanted horn noise, the Federal Railroad Administration adopted an initiative to allow local communities to create Rail Quiet Zones at railroad crossings that meet specific safety criteria. Downtown stakeholders near the noisy crossings became aware of this program and worked with their neighbors, the City of Atlanta Department of Public Works, the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Railroad Administration to make their dream a reality – a neighborhood without disruptive train horns.

The Downtown Atlanta Rail Quiet Zone focuses on the rail crossings at Park Avenue West and Baker Street near the Omni Hotel at CNN Center and STATS restaurant. After careful review and evaluation, along with updated roadway striping and rail crossing signage at these locations, the crossings were deemed safe enough for motorists so that effective April 1, 2008, trains are not required to sound their horns as they approach the crossing. While a train operator always reserves the right to use their horn if the situation or conditions require it, the rails are now much quieter due to the collaborative efforts of the neighborhood.

The successful creation of the Rail Quiet Zone would not have been possible without the support and dedication of the City of Atlanta Department of Public Works, Central Atlanta Progress members Legacy Property Group, Turner Broadcasting System, the Omni Hotel at CNN Center, the Georgia World Congress Center and Congressman John Lewis and his staff.



# Automatic Public Facilities

In an effort to address the need for public restrooms, the City of Atlanta has installed five Automatic Public Facilities throughout the City. The installation of these facilities will benefit all who live in, work in and visit Atlanta.

## What is an Automatic Public Facility (APF)?

*An APF is a pre-fabricated restroom with electrical and plumbing equipment that is set in place and tapped to existing City utility services.*

## How much will this initiative cost?

*The total cost of installation and two year maintenance of all five APFs is \$1.5 million.*

## Is this money coming from the City's general fund?

*No. The funds are a part of the Atlanta Development Authority's Homeless Opportunity Fund, which will assist the City in ending long-term homelessness.*

## Where are the facilities located?

- Atlanta City Hall – 55 Trinity Avenue
- Atlanta Fire Station #4 – 309 Edgewood Avenue
- Atlanta Fire Station #21- 3201 Roswell Road
- Piedmont Park – 1345 Piedmont Avenue
- Woodruff Park – 91 Peachtree Street

## Will the facilities stand out in the communities they are located?

*No, the facilities are state-of-the-art stainless steel with high quality fiberglass ceilings, and ceramic tile floors that will add unique character to the communities in which they are placed.*

## What about the hygienic implications of these facilities?

- The seats are automatically sanitized after every use
- There are integrated sensor operated basins (soap, water and air dry)
- There will also be periodic cleaning cycles with sanitizing solutions. The entire facility will be cleansed based upon a time schedule programmed by the City.

## Who will be responsible for maintenance of these facilities?

*All maintenance will be handled by Public Facilities and Services, Inc. which will include cleaning, management, service, maintenance and monitoring for two years.*



# Woodruff Park Reading Room

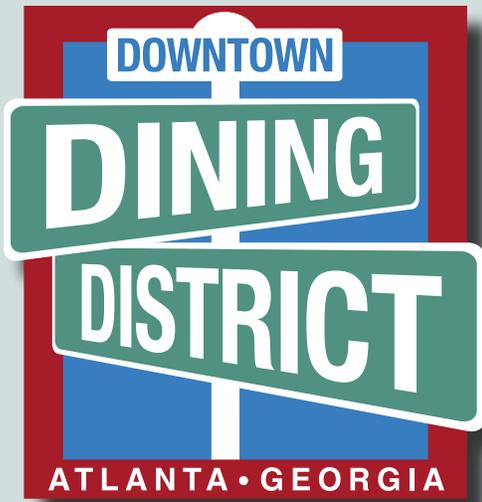
The Woodruff Park Reading Room is an open-air reading room at the north end of Woodruff Park. In partnership with the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library, carts are stocked with a selection of books, periodicals and newspapers, with readings and programs at lunchtime. Movable furniture creates an intimate environment. The programming, publications, and environment of the Reading Room are available to everyone for free, without any need of cards or identification.

## Hours:

Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
*The Reading Room will close in bad weather and for special events.*

We are fortunate to receive donations of the periodicals, books, and newspapers that fill the shelves of the Reading Room. **To donate, contact Cooper Holland at 404-658-5980.**





There are approximately 45 fine dining establishments, 60 casual restaurants and 125 spots where you can grab quick bites in Downtown Atlanta, and the list is still growing. New restaurants open monthly and add to the variety of dining options in Downtown.

Pretty soon, you'll hear about a new initiative that CAP/ADID has taken on the Downtown Dining District a branding campaign to position Downtown Atlanta as a premier dining destination in the metro Atlanta region and highlight the diversity of culinary experiences Downtown has to offer.

CAP/ADID will be producing a map and directory of all the restaurants, information on special promotions and events, signage to identify the Dining District, and profiles of executive chefs and special dishes.

## Downtown's Newest Restaurants

- Au Bon Pain
- Café Circa
- e Street Grill
- Edgewood Corner Tavern
- Fleur des Lis Creole Eatery
- Lamplighter Café
- Landmark Diner - University Commons
- Maxim Prime
- Olympia Prime
- Peasant Bistro
- Room
- Stats
- Stella Neighborhood Trattoria



## Hilton Garden Inn

Downtown Atlanta's newest hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn, opened in March to great excitement. Legacy Property Group's 15-story development overlooks Centennial Olympic Park and is adjacent to the Georgia Aquarium. The hotel includes 242 guest rooms, 7,360 square feet of meeting space, a 670-space parking garage, and Downtown's first commercial helicopter pad. This summer, Georgia's first Legal Sea Foods (Boston's award-winning seafood restaurant) will open in the Hilton Garden Inn. Also coming soon are Johnny Rockets and an upscale, rooftop restaurant and bar.



## Renaissance Walk

In February, another 161 housing units opened in Downtown at the Integral Group's Renaissance Walk at Sweet Auburn development. Located on Auburn Avenue, the luxury condominiums incorporate historic facades from former structures on the site into a newly constructed building. The units' expansive windows provide impressive views of the skyline, and the amenities exceed those of most condominium buildings. The 30,000 square feet of retail on the street level will include Crescent Moon, Peaberry Exchange Coffee Shop, Smoothie King, and Sweet Auburn Bistro.

# Downtown Office Market

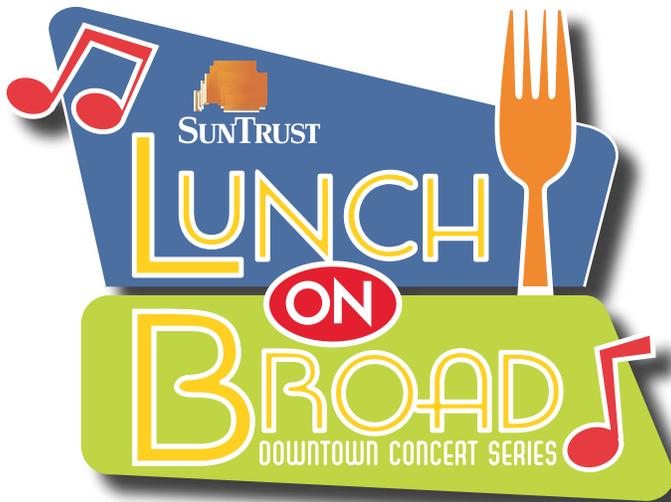
In 2007, Downtown's office market did remarkably well. Not only did the office space absorption swing to the positive side, the signs look even better for the future, according to the most recently released figures by Dorey's. In just one year, Downtown Atlanta's net absorption has gone from - 212,972 sq. feet to a + 428,516 sq. feet, which is a positive swing of 641,488 sq. feet.

"From almost a quarter of a million in the hole, to close to a half a million on the positive side - that kind of market momentum is enough to raise people's eyebrows." said A.J. Robinson, President of Central Atlanta Progress.

According to Robinson, the huge swing is like adding two completely leased-up buildings about the size of the Southern Company headquarters at 30 Ivan Allen Plaza.

Robinson went on to say that leases under discussion might even make the next period of office absorption figures even better. "There are some deals that are working that are not reflected in the most recent 2007 figure. That could lead to an even better story on the horizon for Downtown."

It looks like A.J. will be right. Although preliminary reports released in March 2008 predict the first negative quarter in the metro area as a whole since 2003, Downtown appears unfazed as the submarket continues to boast positive absorption in 1Q 2008. Major upcoming move-ins including Cushman & Wakefield and Cooper Carry, which should keep the absorption positive for the remainder of the year.



## 2008 SunTrust Lunch on Broad Line Up:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5/2: Tammy Allen              | 8/1: The Steven Charles Band |
| 5/9: Z.O.N. 3                 | 8/8: MaCuba                  |
| 5/16: Dee Lucas               | 8/15: Rio Negro              |
| 5/23: The Sid Wolf Band       | 8/22: Gordon Vernick         |
| 5/30: Flutist Brandon Marceal | 8/29: The AM/PM Band         |
| 6/6: Breeze Kings             | 9/5: Serenata                |
| 6/13: Jennifer Perry Combo    | 9/12: Shanta                 |
| 6/20: MADOCA                  | 9/19: Goapele                |
| 6/27: Havana Son              | 9/26: The Ghosts Project     |
| 7/4: No Concert               |                              |
| 7/11: Adam's Township         |                              |
| 7/18: Day's Ahead             |                              |
| 7/25: Cassavetes              |                              |

Back for its 7th year, SunTrust Lunch on Broad will enchant crowds from around the city. Every Friday, May through September, you can enjoy a taste of Downtown on Broad Street from 12-1:30 p.m. Revel in live music like bluegrass, salsa, jazz and R&B while you dine with coworkers and friends. Bring a bag lunch or taste the delights from Broad Street's eateries and join us!

### Featured Businesses Include:

Auntie Pastos	Hunky Dory
Christian Science Reading Room	Michael's Deli
Dua Vietnamese Noodle Soup	Reuben's Deli
Ginseng Chinese Cafe	Rosa's Pizza





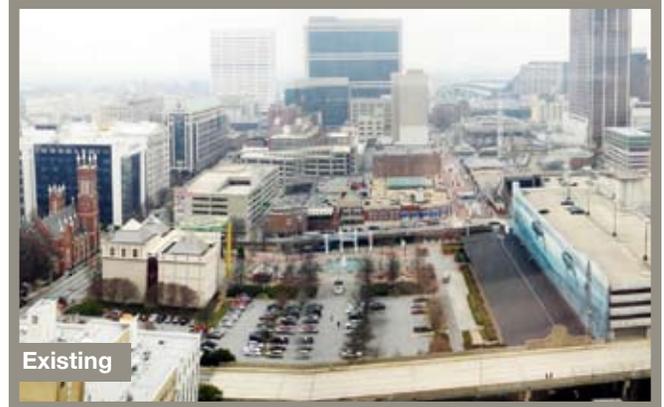
# The Green Line

Since its release in November 2007, the Green Line plan has been met with tremendous enthusiasm. This energy and interest has translated into momentum toward implementation. The Green Line is a dynamic, forward thinking framework plan for redevelopment of the heart of Downtown Atlanta. Stretching from the state Capitol area to Philips Arena, the plan is dominated by a linear greenspace of plazas and parks ringed by pedestrian-friendly development. Integral to the success of the plan is increased multimodal connectivity around the Five Points MARTA station.

During a March meeting, the key property owner stakeholders within the Green Line area agreed to serve as a Steering Committee to guide and encourage execution of the plan recommendations. Central Atlanta Progress and the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District's involvement with the plan will continue as a catalyst and convener for the Steering Committee. CAP/ADID will also take the lead in advancing the current conceptual documents toward more detailed plans, including cost estimates, identifying immediate opportunities for advancement and early victories, and raising funds to be committed to the project.

**Before** (Top Right)

View looking west from top of Sloppy Floyd Building (Courtland Street)



**After** (Bottom Right)

An expansive view of the Green Line



# DOWNTOWN ATLANTA RESTAURANT WEEK

DOWNTOWN ATLANTA



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CAP/ADID is pleased to announce the seventh annual Downtown Atlanta Restaurant Week will take place July 21-27, 2008. This event showcases the Downtown Dining District as a premier dining destination and highlights the diversity of culinary experiences that Downtown Atlanta has to offer.

Downtown Atlanta Restaurant Week is a dynamic mar-

keting initiative among Central Atlanta Progress, the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, Brand Atlanta and Bank of America to promote the scale and variety of Downtown Atlanta restaurant experiences to locals and visitors. Downtown Atlanta Restaurant Week seeks to position the Downtown Dining District as one of the top restaurant districts in the country, build awareness of Downtown Atlanta's many dining options, as well as stimulate business and revenue for restaurants throughout the Downtown area.

Guests will enjoy three-course, prix-fixe meals with the opportunity to select items for each course including an appetizer, entrée and a dessert. The menu price is \$25 per guest, excluding beverages, tax and gratuity. Each year a signature cocktail is created and served in each restaurant.

**Participating Restaurants**

- Avanzare Steakhouse—Hyatt Regency Atlanta*
- Azio Restaurant*
- City Grill*
- Dailey's Restaurant & Bar*
- Durango Steakhouse*
- E Street Grill—The Ellis Hotel*
- Fandangle's—Sheraton Atlanta Hotel*
- French American Brasserie*
- Grille @ 590—Renaissance Atlanta Downtown*
- Hsu's Gourmet Chinese*
- Luckie Food Lounge*
- Maxim Prime—The Glenn Hotel*
- Max Lager's American Grill & Brewery*
- No Mas! Cantina*
- Pacific Rim Bistro*
- Peasant Bistro*
- Pittypat's Porch*
- Prime Meridian - Omni Hotel*
- Ray's in the City*
- Room—Twelve Centennial Park*
- Sear—Atlanta Marriott Marquis*
- Spoon Thai Cafe and Lounge*
- Stats*
- Thrive*
- Trader Vic's—Hilton Atlanta*
- Tringali's*



## DOWNTOWN NAVIGATOR



As the aftermath of the March tornado in Downtown showed us, communication is key to tackling challenges. After the tornado, temporary and on-going street closures necessary for building repairs presented some obstacles for Downtown travelers – both those traveling by automobile and bus due to detours and redirected bus routes. Throughout the recovery period, the Downtown Navigator e-newsletters proved to be a valuable tool for distributing helpful information about road closures and construction – information essential for keeping Downtown businesses running smoothly. CAP/ADID and its Downtown Transportation Management Association (TMA) staff, along with the City, Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta Fire Department and area transit operators' staff, worked in partnership to make sure commuters had as much information as possible when planning trips into and out of the office during the weeks following the tornado. The Downtown Navigator e-newsletters were one conduit for the efficient relay of this information. Likewise, the Ambassador Force and Clean Team were critical in this process, providing “eyes and ears” on the ground, manning street and sidewalk closure points, calling in updates and informing travelers and pedestrians on the street of alternative routes and bus detours. Additionally, the Clean Team worked continuously to remove debris, glass and other hazardous materials from the sidewalks, streets and common areas to ensure safer commuting.

The Downtown Navigator will continue to update its stakeholders on construction, possible delays, detours, and shortcuts to help commuters and visitors have the best information possible to navigate Downtown as easily as possible.

**The Downtown Navigator e-newsletter is a free service that is available to anyone with an email address. To sign up for this newsletter and other informative newsletters distributed regularly by Central Atlanta Progress, visit [www.AtlantaDowntown.com](http://www.AtlantaDowntown.com).**

## Park Smart Downtown

Last year, the web-based, Interactive Parking Guide, a new feature to AtlantaDowntown.com, was created to provide valuable information for commuters and visitors interested in parking Downtown. A product of the Downtown Atlanta Parking Demand Management Action Plan, the Interactive Parking Guide has become a hit with both Downtown visitors and metro travelers alike.

Soon, more parking information will be available at your fingertips, literally. This spring CAP/ADID and its Downtown Transportation Management Association (TMA) will launch a supplemental brochure that will not only help those looking for a parking location but also provide an array of information about Downtown parking options, policies and helpful guidelines.

The brochure will feature information about on-street parking and public off-street lots and garages, as well as other options for getting around Downtown. The brochure will provide yet another tool to help commuters and visitors plan ahead to make their trip Downtown easy and convenient.

**The brochure is anticipated to be available the first of June and will also be posted electronically on AtlantaDowntown.com.**



## Design Details Matter

With the 2007 update and expansion of the Special Public Interest (SPI) district zoning regulations that govern the physical growth and development of Downtown, it was important that Downtown stakeholders have a voice in the application and interpretation of those new rules.

To achieve this involvement and participation, the SPI-1 Development Review Committee was created to advise the City, meet with applicants and provide feedback on development plans within the district. CAP/ADID manages and appoints members to the group. The 2008 appointees:

**Robert Glustrom, RCG Properties**

*Real estate or land development professional appointed by CAP*

**Dorthey Hurst**

*Property or business owner appointed by NPU-M*

**U. Henry Ikwut-Ukwa, Ph.D., MARTA**

*MARTA or other Transportation Authority appointed by such authority*

**Deborah Jensen, Cooper Carry**

*Architect, urban designer, or landscape architect professional appointed by CAP*

**David Prophitt**

*District resident appointed by the Central Atlanta Neighbors*

**Caleb Racicot**

*District resident appointed by the Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association*

**Ron Stang, Stevens & Wilkinson Stang & Newdow**

*District property owner, owner representative or business owner appointed by ADID*

**Rob Svedberg**

*District resident appointed by the Marietta Street Artery Association*

**Ramesh Vakamudi, Georgia State University**

*District institution appointed by CAP*



## Georgia Dome Getting a New Look

*Game day view will change inside and out*

Football fans traveling to the Georgia Dome this upcoming season will see some big changes at the home to the Atlanta Falcons – both inside and out.

The 16-year-old stadium will receive \$20 million worth of maintenance, repair and upgrades this off season, including new seating inside the stadium and new colors outside the stadium. The work is the second phase of improvements at the Dome, which began last year when the Atlanta Falcons funded \$23 million to expand the Club Level, renovate all executive suites and upgrade the electronic signage in the building.

Phase II of the project began inside the building immediately after the 2007 football season ended and will continue through August. Interior renovations include replacement of 61,000 seats. Approximately 10,000 seats were replaced during the team's renovation of the executive levels last summer. Seats on the upper and lower level will be red, complementing the black seats on the mezzanine and executive levels.

In addition, the upper and lower concourses and entry gates to the Dome will receive facelifts. The Dome has three public concourses and seven entry gates. The areas feature restrooms, concessions and congregation points. The project will include replacement of all lighting fixtures, fresh ceiling and wall treatment, new graphics and updates in the lavatories. Additionally, the Dome's service centers located at each entry gate also will be updated.

The most visible change Atlantans will see is to the Dome's exterior, which will boast some familiar Falcons colors. The teal and mauve building will be washed, prepped and painted red, black and gray. The project expected to begin this week and will take approximately three months to complete. The pressure washing is an essential and integral step in the painting process and is not in conflict with local or state watering bans, officials confirmed.

The projects over the next year – as with the previous year – will be managed by Darden & Company, with TV&A as architects and Holder Construction as general contractor.

# Downtown Now - More Than You Can Imagine!

## Central Atlanta Progress/Atlanta Downtown Improvement District Annual Meeting • March 26, 2008 • Grand Ballroom, Hilton Atlanta Hotel

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### Awards

#### **Dan Sweat Award Winner**

Dr. Carl Patton, President  
Georgia State University

#### **Turner Downtown Community Leadership Award Winner**

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Real Estate Development,  
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Peachtree TV will present **Screen on the Green** in Downtown Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park with five consecutive Thursday evening films.

**2008 Viewing Schedule**

- 5/29: *Jaws*
- 6/5: *Big Momma's House*
- 6/12: *Chicago*
- 6/19: *E.T.*
- 6/26: *Footloose*

Food & Beverage: Come early to dine in one of Downtown's restaurants, pack a picnic or enjoy delicious food from local vendors. Alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into Centennial Olympic Park, however, you may purchase these items on-site.

No high-back chairs, glass, pets, or grills of any kind are allowed.

# Downtown Ambassador Force

The Ambassador Force® of Downtown Atlanta is here to assist those who visit, live, work and study in Downtown Atlanta. Whether you're a conventioneer or tourist, a resident or visitor, a student or a Downtown employee, the Ambassadors strive to make your experience pleasant and hassle-free.

**Street Smarts: Tips for staying safe Downtown**

Atlanta's Downtown is one of the safest among comparably sized cities. Thanks to a plentiful array of activities and events, there's always a steady stream of visitors. Nonetheless, we're not immune to the factors that cause crime. Please be mindful of your surroundings and follow these important safety tips:

- Stay alert and project confidence; walk with a purpose.
- Stick to well-lit, busy areas.
- Don't leave valuables, especially cell phones & laptops, unattended and in open view.
- Remove convention badges outside the meeting site.
- Don't give money to people who approach you on the street.
- Report suspicious behavior to the police or a Downtown Ambassador.



*In Their Words:*

## Andrew Young on Auburn Avenue

The Center for Civil and Human Rights Partnership released an original podcast to guide walking tours along Downtown Atlanta's historic corridor. Over the course of the 45-minute audio tour, former Atlanta mayor, U.N. Ambassador and civil rights leader Andrew Young shares personal experiences during the Civil Rights Movement while retelling some of the rich history of Auburn Ave. The free podcast is available to download at [www.cchrpartnership.org](http://www.cchrpartnership.org) or iTunes.com, or it can be accessed via phone by calling 404-921-0187 and pressing 1#. The Andrew Young Tour is the first of several planned podcasts. The "In Their Words" series is a creative way to revisit and learn about history. Future podcasts may include first person reflections of members of the student movement, the role of women in the Civil Rights movement, and the history of LGBT activism in Atlanta. "In Their Words" represents the innovative approach that the Center intends to utilize in sharing history and exploring current events.

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