



# HERITAGE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP A BIG SUCCESS!



Participants of the May 2010 Clean-up!

Thanks so much to you all that participated in this year's community clean-up. Participants cleaned up all the entrances to Heritage Valley as well as Fairburn Road and the highway underpass that runs along Mt. Gilead. Neighbors filled 2 dumpsters as well as over 20 bags of lawn refuse.

Afterwards residents enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs compliments of members of the Heritage Valley Community Club and were treated to smoothie's compliments of Planet Smoothie of Ansley Mall. The event was a wonderful opportunity to meet neighbors, so if you didn't participate this year we will definitely look for your family at next year's event. A special thanks goes to the City of Atlanta for supplying the dumpsters as well as Keep Atlanta Beautiful for supplying materials.



### A LETTER FROM COUNCILWOMAN KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS.

Dear Neighbors,  
It has been an honor to serve District 11 on the Atlanta City Council. As you can imagine, my first few months in office have been quite busy, and filled with many meetings and discussions with our community and City partners about ways in which we can work together to improve District 11. Here are just a few things that we have been able to accomplish thus far:

- **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**-We had a very successful, and well attended, **District 11 Town Hall** meeting at Ben Hill United Methodist Church. Several top City of Atlanta officials were in attendance, and provided a synopsis of their departments, as well as addressed community concerns. Mayor Kasim Reed was also in attendance and had a lengthy Q & A session with the District 11 residents.

- **April 17**-The District 11 office joined with volunteers from The Buckhead Church to assist the **Bonnybrook Neighborhood** in their annual community clean-up effort. We raked and bagged leaves in several different areas of the neighborhood, as well as cleaned up vacant lots in the community.
- **June 5**-City Council District 11 joined forces with the **Ben Hill community** for their annual community clean-up. We chopped kudzu and raked and bagged leaves, as well as picked up trash from several areas in the community. Our hands hurt for days following the clean up! ☺
- **June 25**- The City Council approved the new budget, which included funding for fire coverage from the Fulton County Fire Department for areas of Southwest Atlanta. Currently, certain portions of the District 11 are without adequate fire coverage. This new partnership will not only save Atlanta taxpayers money, but it will also ensure that fire response times within the District conform to national recommended standards.
- **July 8** - Council District 11 partnered with NPU-P for a tour of the area. Over 30 residents and representatives from various City departments toured the areas, and then met to discuss solutions and next steps for resolving issues facing the community

#### Upcoming Events

- **July 31 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** - The District 11 office is teaming with the Future Foundation and the Greenbriar Mall to present our Back to School Event "Still Standing, Still Strong" at Greenbriar Mall. Participants will include Kaiser Permanente providing free health screenings and Cascade Library providing families an opportunity to register for library cards. There will also be parent workshops, a kid zone, a community resource fair, a fashion show, and celebrity guests. We will also give away 750 backpacks and school supplies to students of all ages.
- **August 14 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** - I will host a TAD/Economic Development seminar at Ben Hill United Methodist Church. Please join us to receive information on the Campbellton Road TAD, economic development opportunities, home financing information, and much more.

I look forward to working with each of you to continue to improve our community.

Best,  
Keisha Lance Bottoms  
Atlanta City Council, District 11

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**HERITAGE VALLEY FOOD, CLOTHING AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVES COMING THIS SUMMER SO GET READY!!**

One concerned resident of Heritage Valley has Atlanta's less fortunate on her mind. Leanne Patterson is organizing clothing, food, and school supply drives this summer so as you are cleaning cupboards and closets this summer please keep these upcoming events on your mind look for more information to be taped to your mailbox as the event draws near. Contact Leanne Patterson @770 771-3828 or at [sailing2thelimit@yahoo.com](mailto:sailing2thelimit@yahoo.com) for more information related to any of the events below.

- July
  - Heritage Valley Clothing Drive
  - Supporting those in Need -
- August
  - Heritage Valley Summer Food Drive
  - Supporting the Atlanta Community Food Bank -
- September
  - Heritage Valley School Supply Drive
  - Supporting Heritage Valley Students -

**Heritage Valley Community Club to Participate in 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hands on Atlanta!!!**



Hands on Atlanta Day is coming to Heritage Valley on October 2nd, 2010! Join our community clean-up and light landscaping with both residents and Atlanta area volunteers. If you are a senior citizen (55+) and would like a team of enthusiastic volunteers to help clean or landscape your home on Hands on Atlanta Day, please contact Brina Hargro 404.626.9359.

[www.handsonatlanta.org](http://www.handsonatlanta.org)

**\*\*\*\*\*Vendor Highlights\*\*\*\*\***

- 1) If you or your family are in the Piedmont Park area this summer make sure you visit Planet Smoothie and tell them Heritage Valley appreciates them. Planet Smoothie graciously donated smoothies to all residents at our last clean-up!

**Planet Smoothie** Ansley Mall  
 1544 Piedmont Ave, Ste 301  
 Atlanta, GA 30324  
 (404) 541-9124

- 2) If you are in need if lawn care service call:



**Shawn Lawn Service**  
 404 909-9288  
 10% Senior Citizen Discount

**Rain Barrel Workshop!**



Department of Waste Management offers Rain Barrel Workshops on the following dates cost is \$40 donation and the barrel is yours to keep!! This would be a great workshop for residents to attend so we can keep our neighborhood looking wonderful during water restrictions. For More Info: 4/546-1262.

**Place:**  
 655 Green Street  
 Atlanta, 30318

**Dates:**  
 July 28<sup>th</sup> 10am -12  
 Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm  
 Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am 12

**Come see what Heritage Valley Community Club is Doing!!**

Did you think that our neighborhood was not active? If so you had better ask somebody or better yet join the Heritage Valley Community Club we are working constantly on your behalf to make the neighborhood in which we live a better place, don't let past stereotypes or experiences determine the future. New members join every year so why don't you? Our continued success and future depends on your participation and payment of dues!

**2010 Primary Elections**



**Primary Vote -July 20, 2010**

*Please check to see if your voting prescient has changed if you voted at Therrell High School by calling: 41730-7072*



**Upcoming Events**

- **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** Neighborhood Planning Unit-P (NPU-P) Monthly Meeting, 7 pm Ben Hill Christian Church, Sunset Drive at Kimberly Road SW.
- **September 25<sup>th</sup>** Heritage Valley Community Club monthly meeting 12noon . Ben Hill Recreation Center.

**Summer Recess!!!**



**\*\*\*\*The hardworking members of the Heritage Valley Community Club will recess for the month of July and August so there will be no monthly meeting. Our next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in September @ 12noon at the Ben Hill Recreation Center hope to see you there!**

**Doris Buster-Birch- President**