

State Denies City's Ability to Nominate Pratt-Pullman Yard for Historic Protection

On Aug. 15, 2016, the Atlanta City Council unanimously adopted legislation seeking historic nomination for the buildings located in the Pratt-Pullman Yard. In keeping with that legislation, the city's Urban Design Commission sent a notice of intent to nominate the Pullman Yard for landmark buildings/site status to the Georgia Building Authority (GBA), who owns the property on behalf of the state of Georgia.

Unfortunately, the GBA's legal counsel sent a letter to the city stating that the state "does not acknowledge the City's legal authority to nominate the property for historic or landmark designation." Consequently, the Urban Design Commission pulled the item from its Nov. 9 agenda.

The state has preempted the city in its efforts to mark this site as landmark or historic, but that does not mean that we should stop advocating for the preservation of these buildings. Mayor Kasim Reed, the state of Georgia, and the larger community are all aware that the residents of Kirkwood want to have the buildings that are located on this site protected and preserved. And any future developer must be made aware of this fact.

Councilmember Natalyn Archibong is dedicated to this issue. She is working with the city's planning commissioner

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from RailGA.com

The property on Rogers Street, which has had several uses over the past 100+ years, has just been put on the market for sale by the Georgia Building Authority.

and the mayor to ensure that the best interests of the Kirkwood neighbors are taken into consideration as the state decides the future of Pullman Yard. Her office will update the community as more information becomes available.

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Kirkwood Neighbors' Organization (KNO) is a racially and economically diverse civic organization devoted to the revitalization of Atlanta's historic Kirkwood community.

KNO meets on the 10th of each month at 7 pm at the Turner Monumental A.M.E. Church, 66 Howard Street NE.

Everyone is welcome!

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Artists' Co-Op Relocates to Downtown Kirkwood

by Riki Bolster

If you loved Cabbagetown Clay and Glass Works, you'll love Atlanta Clay Works!

This non-profit cooperative of 12 artists formerly known as Cabbagetown Clay and Glass Works served its surrounding neighborhoods for 15 years, creating a place for clay artists and students to develop and produce art.

To keep up with the expanding needs of intown communities, the cooperative found a larger gallery and studio space in Kirk-



The former Cabbagetown Clay and Glass Works has moved and changed their name — but not their art. The space on Howard Avenue is now a gallery, co-operative studio, and classroom.



wood, not far from their previous location. ACW is located at 42 Howard Ave. (just behind Valero, south of Hosea Williams Drive) in the Kirkwood village.

"Our new home will give us the space to host events like Empty Bowls, which benefit other non-profits," said Devanie Schilpp, co-op president. "We also hope to plan new initiatives like art therapy for veterans, as well as activities such as neighborhood Pinch Pot Socials, Date Night by Clay evenings, and of course, offer classes and workshops in wheel throwing, handbuilding, and kids classes." ACW is open for business Tuesday through Friday, 12:00–6:00 PM, and on weekends, 10:00–6:00 PM. Or, if the buying mood strikes you outside these hours, please call 678-778-7082 so an artist can meet you. Gift certificates are available as well.

Their Grand Opening and Holiday Sale kicks off Dec. 2 from 5:00 to 10:00 PM with food, drink, and lots of fresh, handmade pottery perfect for holiday giving.

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"Bravo!" for FATE's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

by Ashley Adamo & Jennifer Kraften

Fred Armon Toomer Elementary's 10th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on Nov. 12 was an amazing success! The school had a wonderful turnout and raised approximately \$8,000.

The event was possible thanks to the PTA organizers headed by Emily Max, Tabetha Motes, Andrea Bastek, and all of the volunteers and attendees.

Thanks also go to each of the local businesses that donated items for the auction, as well as Kirkyard Public House, which



donated the food items for

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the spaghetti dinner, and Taproom, which sponsored the coffee station.

FATE is happy to report that it recently received acknowledgement for having the highest increase in attendance rate at an APS elementary school for two months in a row.

The staff attributes those gains to its focus on quality instruction, supportive community, and the FATE 5 Attendance Club. Each student with five or fewer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 3 1:00 – 4:00 рм

Garden Work Day with SoulShine. All community members welcome!

Friday, December 9 8:15 – 9:30 ам

Community Tour and Open House, for those with and without children. Learn more about the school and tour the buildings and grounds.

Thursday, December 15 5:30 – 7:00 рм

PTA meeting and holiday performance.

December 15–January 3

APS winter break. Students return Wednesday, Jan. 4.

absences is recognized weekly, has the opportunity to attend hallway dances, and is eligible for monthly prizes.

And in the news, CNN aired a story with Emily Max, highlighting FATE's inclusive playground just prior to Inclusive Schools Week, celebrated Dec. 5-9.

"From little seeds grow mighty trees."

Schedule a tour: 404-802-3450

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Advent Worship at Toomer Elementary

- Sunday, November 27 5:00 pm Sunday, December 11 5:00 pm
- Sunday, December 4 5:00 pm
- Sunday, December 18 5:00 pm

Longest Night Worship at 100 Rogers St NE

• Wednesday, December 21 - 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at Toomer Elementary

• Saturday, December 24 - 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship at 100 Rogers St NE

- 9:00 am Christmas Day Breakfast
- 10:00 am Worship at the ChurchHouse

Gathering and Serving at 100 Rogers St NE

- Sunday, December 11: Children's Pageant & Christmas Choir, 7th Annual Caroling & 3rd Annual Men's Chili Cookoff after worship
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Take a Battle Tour to Ring in the New Year

On Dec. 31, take a break from the holiday hubbub and go on a walking tour through an important piece of American history right here in our neighborhood. It's an easy stroll along the Union Army's front lines and in the surrounding area where the Confederates tried for a surprise attack.



This monument near East Atlanta, (decorated for Christmas) marks the place where Union Maj. Gen. James Birdseye McPherson, the highest ranking army commander in the Civil War, was killed during the Battle of Atlanta on July 22, 1864. You may know the outcome, but on this tour you'll find out how it happened and learn about the men who fought and died on a very hot day in July of 1864. Hear about the interesting history of this unique part of Atlanta from before and after the Civil War.

The tour starts at 11:00 AM in front of the coffee shop at the corner of Flat Shoals Avenue and Glenwood Avenue SE. It takes about an hour and a half, so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the tour and even brunch or lunch in

the Kirkwood or East Atlanta villages before ringing in the New Year later that evening. Advance tickets are required, available on the BATL website (see below).

Two more upcoming tours bring variety to the organization's schedule.

On Jan. 21, they're offering their popular Bicycle Tour of the Battlefield, a easy guided expedition on an 8-mile route visiting various sites. You'll need your own bike and helmet. Purchase tickets by Jan. 19.

In February, they are planning a Saturday woodsy hike to the Terry Mill Run, which played an important part in the Battle of Atlanta. The details are still being fleshed out and the date will be announced on their website.

Information about tours and tickets on the BATL website www.batlevent.org or call 404-377-6148



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Students Explore Biodiversity at Hawk Hollow

by Sarah Dasher

This November, the Wylde Center education staff was thrilled to welcome students from 4/5 Academy at Fifth Avenue to its Kirkwood greenspace, Hawk Hollow. Over the course of a week, every 4th grade class enjoyed a walking field trip to the site and participated in an environmental science program exploring biodiversity, including both native and invasive species in the area. These species are being rehabilitated with a focus on restoring native plant life.

Students took a guided hike through the woods to not only observe the devastating effect that invasive plant life can have on the Hawk Hollow ecosystem, but to also see how the ecosystem heals through the hard work of site coordinator Tamara Jones and

her volunteers.

The students explored native plant and animal life by playing "biodiversity



bingo" and through a study where they compared the variety of plant and animal life in two very different areas of the space.

The children discovered several examples of animal life, like salamanders, wooly bear caterpillars, a garter snake, and a brown decay snake that someone found at least once a day. They also played a version of flag tag that demonstrated how introducing just a few invasive species can drastically diminish the biodiversity of an area.

Both the students and Wylde Center staff had a lot of fun with this program. It was a great chance for these young ones to get outside, explore their neighborhood, learn concrete ways that they can support the overall health of their world, and have an engaging educational experience beyond the walls of their classrooms.





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