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Pullman Forest Alliance Seeks to Protect Tree Canopy and Stream with Community Land Trust

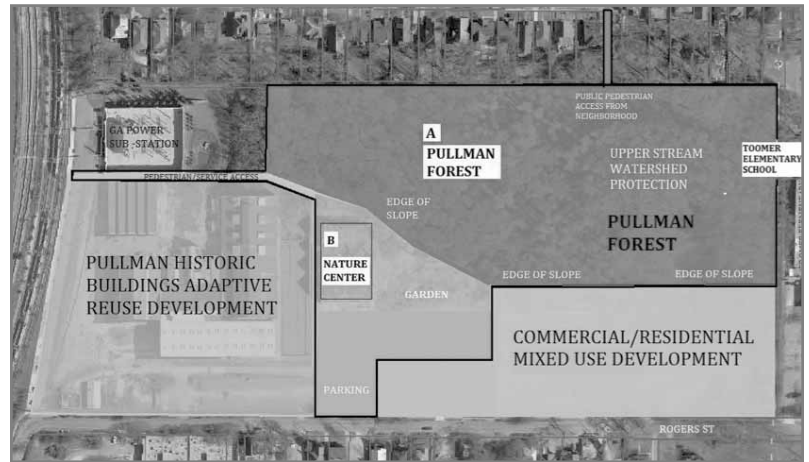
Pullman Forest is the last large unprotected forest and upper stream area in historic east Atlanta. But the property it's located on will be sold in 2017. The bid process on the land will end by April 4, leaving little time to preserve this natural resource and the possibility of providing rich educational and recreational opportunities for our community.

Pullman Forest Alliance is a group of conservation-oriented organizations, neighborhoods, and citizens seeking to develop a land trust to preserve the urban forest at the Pratt-Pullman Yard. The proposed community land trust comprises a 10-acre woodland, a nature center, and an urban garden.

The intent of the alliance is to demonstrate to those bidding on the property that this type of regenerative and inclusive mixed use is what the surrounding community wants to see as part of the development of the Pratt-Pullman Yard. The Pullman Forest Alliance wants to position itself as a key partner with the developer that wins the bid. Pullman Forest LLC will contribute funds toward the cost of the land in the trust, as well as providing restoration, program activities, and long-term management of the forest.

The main portion of the land trust would be a 10-acre forest preserve (A in the map above) to protect the upper stream watershed and forest canopy. There would be public access for passive recreation and interpretive programs. The Wylde Center and Trees Atlanta would facilitate the forest restoration. The Wylde Center would also operate a nature interpretive center (B), with a one-acre urban garden and garden center, open to the public for forest- and garden-based programs.

The Kirkwood Neighbors' Organization (KNO) and the



neighborhood organization that represents the Edgewood community, Organized Neighbors of Edgewood, have voted to support this initiative. Meetings to discuss the opportunity to save and protect this forest will be held in the coming weeks.

Stay up to date at www.facebook.com/PullmanForest

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Kirkwood

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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All KNO and NPU-O meetings & neighborhood events

KBOA Provides Networking and Marketing Opportunities

The Kirkwood Business Owners' Association (KBOA) was established in 2007 to promote the growth, stability, and profitability of the Kirkwood Business District. Since its inception, KBOA has played a strong role in attracting businesses to make up what is now a vibrant downtown Kirkwood.

All storefront and home-based businesses within the neighborhood are welcome to join the non-profit organization, a unified voice for the local business community. Each member business gets one vote on matters concerning the development of business within KBOA boundaries, such as liquor licenses, parking issues, and public safety. Non-voting associate memberships, for businesses located outside of Kirkwood, are also available.

General meetings are 11:00 AM
on the third Tuesday of the month
at the Kirkwood library, 11 Kirkwood Rd. NE.

To discuss membership, please contact
membership chair Dan Wingate (The Pullman).



BUSINESS MIXER
Thursday, March 16 2017

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- Think & Explore
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- Design & Create
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March Break Camp
March 17, 2017
Destination Ireland Campers will celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Gaelic and Green Day!! (all campers should wear green.)
Irish food tasting: Irish Bangers & Mash with Cottage Pie.

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March & April Spring Break Camp
March 27-31, 2017 (Decatur City Schools)
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Historic Learning Is Happening at Toomer

by Jennifer Kraften

FATE celebrated Black History Month with art projects, special foods and daily musical selections in the cafeteria, and quotes read over student morning announcements.

The celebration culminated with a “Day at the Apollo” talent show on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Students shared songs, dances, poetry, and other talents to an enthusiastic audience of student, staff, parents, and community members. Participants had the opportunity to touch the “stump” before sharing their talent. Everyone learned about the Apollo Theater’s long history of developing and showcasing great artists.

Inspirational Inky

On Feb. 15, students and staff were treated to an inspiring visit by local legend and motivational speaker, Inky Johnson. The former FATE student returned to take pictures with some of his former teachers and speak to an all-school



FATE’s principal Ashley Adamo and former FATE student Inky Johnson, after an inspiring all-school assembly on Feb. 15.

assembly about setting goals and feeding our dreams.

Outstanding Students

In February, the 283 remaining members in the FATE Five Attendance Club were given “Attendance Rocks!” bracelets and invited to dance and enjoy a treat at the last Blow Pop Party.

These students have five or fewer absences this school year.

Last month, FATE

honored some of its most principled students.

- PreK: Ayah, Solomon, and Ethan
- Kindergarten: Theo, Skylar, Tamesha, and Ella
- 1st grade: Caleb, Qadar, and Mason
- 2nd grade: Maliyah, Kalil, Eve, and Caliyah
- 3rd grade: Brandon, Kalob, and Alison
- 4th grade: Audrey, Chase, and Alex
- 5th grade: Jamiya and Akia M.

Sports

The first girls basketball

Playworks Healthy Play Day

Saturday, March 25

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to be a part of this community-building event! Join students and families for free food, free games, and free fun! The day will include games and contests on the Toomer Elementary field, surrounded by “vendors” who will share information about their business or organization — and some will have giveaways.

If you’re interested in attending as a vendor (at no charge), please contact Coach C at desiree.carson@playworks.org for more details!.

team will play its final game on Thursday, March 2. The league is developmental so students aren’t keeping score. Nonetheless, the improvement over the weeks the 11-member team has now been playing together is astounding. The personal and skills-based growth has been strong. Each player has displayed amazing sportsmanship, charismatic leadership, positive encouragement, and glowing self-confidence on the court.

FATE hopes to see the same results in the upcoming co-ed volleyball league.

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Spring Fling: Neighborhood Festival Turns 15

by Kristine Lucas

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Kirkwood Spring Fling. During its history, the festival has attracted thousands of attendees to the neighborhood's expanding community.

The annual event began in 1999 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Kirkwood's founding. After a hiatus, the event returned in 2002 as a neighborhood tour of homes and a small festival aimed at raising money to repair and replace playground equipment at Bessie Branham Park.

The Early Years

Doug Wood, one of the

event's founding committee members and the man who named the festival, described the first Spring Fling and shared the experiences of its organizers:

"It was a sunny, windy day as we had tethered balloon rides in the park that had a hard landing," he said. "We had two streets closed, Delano and Kirkwood, around the park. The music went from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and we didn't pay for musicians. It was a struggle to get food vendors and media attention."

During the festival's first 10 years, Wood said, "You knew most of the people that attended. They were either



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friends from other neighborhoods or neighbors. It was a large social event, where you went from conversation to conversation."

Growth Brings Benefits

The small neighborhood event has grown to feature live bands, over 100 artist booths, a 5K race, a tour of homes, beer tents, food trucks, and a spectacular kids' area with Atlanta professional sports teams represented.

But although the festival has grown, its theme hasn't: Promote Kirkwood as a place to live. And for that reason, proceeds benefit Kirkwood Neighbors' Organization (KNO) projects.

Profits have been used for the Langford mural,

the Kirkwood bicycle fix-it stand, the Kirkwood mural on College Avenue, the Kirkwood Urban Forest, the Clay Cemetery, the KUF pedestrian bridge and pavilion, and the Coan Park Splash Pad, among others.

2017 Plans

This year the Spring Fling is growing even more to accommodate the large crowds, with more food vendors, beer tents, and artist booths to loop around an additional block surrounding Bessie Branham Park.

The 2017 Spring Fling planning committee is excited to roll out these additions and further showcase Kirkwood to surrounding neighborhoods and more city residents.



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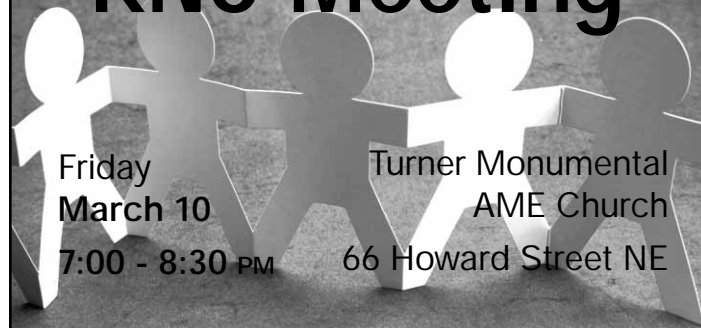
KNO Meeting

Friday
March 10

7:00 - 8:30 PM

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o Hawk Hollow to Play

by Tamara Jones

Dogs love to play in the creek, chase sticks, and relax in the sun at Wylde Center's Hawk Hollow garden. Though not a dog park, dogs are welcome anytime to visit the garden with their people friends.

And thanks to Lakeview neighbors, who raised funds from their porch crawl, there is a new dog waste station for owners to use to clean up after their pets.

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PATH Parkway at Georgia Tech Helps Transform Atlanta's Focus on Cars



rendering from PATH Foundation website

by Carl Holt

As work on a protected, two-way bicycle facility continues along the western border of Georgia Tech, we are reminded why we should design our environment for people and not cars.

Tech Parkway started out as a four-lane, divided road along Tech's western border. It connected commuter route Northside Drive with North Avenue and Coca-Cola's headquarters and linked the area to downtown. The roadway was a favorite cut-through for commuters to shave seconds off their drive. But this led to high speeds and dangerous conditions for students who walked and biked near the corridor.

Mayor Kasim Reed's promise to the citizens of Atlanta that it would become one of America's best bicycle cities sparked the plan to convert the southbound lanes of Tech Parkway into a two-way multi-use trail.

The PATH Parkway, as it's being called, will connect Northside Drive with Georgia Tech, Coca-Cola, the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, the Civil and Human Rights Museum, Centennial Olympic Park, and Downtown Atlanta. It adds another spoke to the PATH Foundation's plan to make Centennial Olympic Park the hub of a metro-wide multi-use trail system.

Projects like this are transforming Atlanta from the "poster child for sprawl" into a bicycle-friendly city. In 2016, *Bicycling* magazine named Atlanta one of the Top 50 Best Bike Cities, its first showing on the list.

With voters recently passing a 5-year TSPLOST and additional 0.5% sales tax increase to fund MARTA projects, Atlanta is showing the world that it is growing up and moving away from car-centric planning and development.

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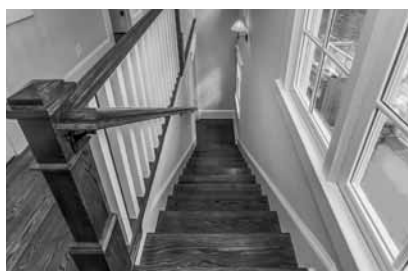
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Miss Ladybug to Create Kids' Garden in Candler Park

by Andrea Zoppo

After two years of offering a variety of family-fun programs across the tracks in the Candler Park neighborhood, Kirkwood's own Miss Ladybug and the Lake Claire Community Land Trust are recruiting families to join in the creation of a children's garden to encourage their curiosity, interest, and problem-solving in our natural world. It will be a launching pad for discovery and growth, and a safe place where children and families are invited to explore and learn the lessons of mindfulness, stewardship and wellbeing. As a living classroom within the Land Trust, the children's garden has the potential to create new art forms and young activists.

To help form and create the garden and develop environmental theater pro-

grams, nine events have been planned this year. They will include collaborative theater elements, environmental education, hands-on garden work, and a healthy delicious seasonal snack. These upcoming garden events will be held Sunday afternoons, 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

- **March 19:** Garden Designing and Beautification, with an equinox celebration
- **April 9:** Beautification Project and Spring Planting
- **June 4:** Summer Planting and Nature Crafts

Interested children are also invited to take part in a garden theater camp the week of June 26.

Together, we have the resources to create a magical space and programs that are dynamically engaging and sustainable. Miss Ladybug hopes many families will be inspired to get involved

early, so that this special garden and its programming may be guided in collaboration with local children.

In fact, you can submit a fun and unique name for this new space. Email your suggestions by April 1 to the address below with "Garden Name Submission" as the subject. Community voting will be held during the garden program on April 9. The name will be officially revealed on June 4. The family that submits the winning name will have the honor of placing the first garden gnome statue in the new garden.

Miss Ladybug and the Land Trust look forward to playing in the dirt with you soon!

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30-Minute Meditation

Wednesdays, Mar. 1-29,

6:00 PM & Mondays, Mar. 20 & 27, 12:30 PM

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Read Across America Day

Wednesday, Mar. 1

Celebrate Dr. Seuss by choosing one of his books to enjoy and read with Ms. Leilani in the library. Ages 3-12.

littleBits

Saturday, Mar. 11, 12:30 PM

Build a circuit by snapping together the bits with magnets.

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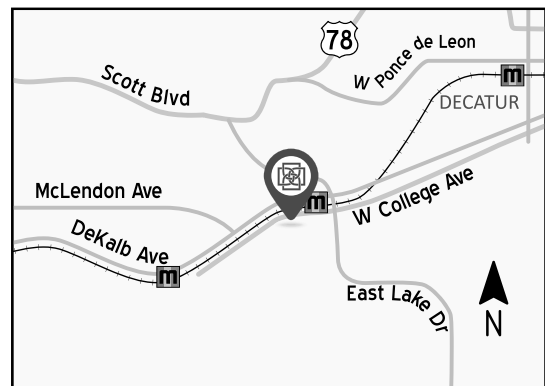


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Exhibition Explores Cross-Cultural Connections

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After finding acclaim across the country, Batya Tamar is bringing her work to East Atlanta Library in a one-woman show opening in mid-March. She has created mixed-media drawings and paintings on the intersections and cross-connections of culture in the Americas for over 25 years.

In addition to several galleries in Atlanta, Tamar has exhibited her work nationally and internationally in many solo, invitational, and juried group exhibitions, including the 10th Havana Bienale (2010), Wilmer Jennings Gallery at Kenkeleba in New York City, and the National Museum of Art in Accras, Ghana.

Tamar has been a resident of Atlanta for almost 15 years, and until recently, maintained her studio at The Arts

Exchange in Grant Park for 10 years. She is an experienced art educator who has taught all levels, from early childhood through college. She has also served on numerous nonprofit boards for arts organizations.

The opening reception, sponsored by the Friends of East Atlanta Library and Atlanta Fulton Libraries, is on Saturday, March 18, from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. Meet the artist, see a selection of her work, and enjoy refreshments with neighbors.

Tamar's art will be on display on the Gallery Wall in the library meeting room, which is open during regular library hours. To gain access, ask at the library circulation desk.



Surreal? Mystical? Supernatural? "La Sirene Rabbah" is one of Batya Tamar's pieces that will be on display at the East Atlanta Library beginning in mid-March. The opening reception is March 18.

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