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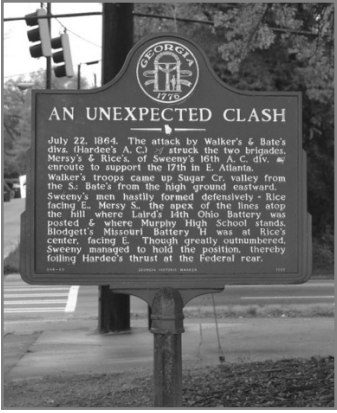
## Tour Recognizes Clashes of History All Around Us

by Brian Green

On July 22, 1862, Confederate Commander William H.T. Walker emerged from thick woods to cross Sugar Creek near what today is the intersection of Glenwood Avenue and Wilkinson Drive at Kirkwood's southernmost tip. His brigade's night-long march along rough trails and through forest was intended to surprise Union troops encamped nearby.

Instead, Union snipers surprised him, and Walker became one of the first casualties of the Battle of Atlanta.

Nearly 100 years later, on Aug. 30, 1961, two courageous African-American women were among the first students to integrate a Georgia school, Atlanta's Murphy High School (now Alonzo Crim), just up the hill from where the Battle of Atlanta began. The nonviolent desegregation of Kirkwood's schools was a proud moment, helping to seal the reputation



Buckeye Bill on CivilWarTalk.com

Marker at Memorial Drive and Clifton Street.

of Atlanta as "the city too busy to hate."

The historical importance of that moment, however, was lost on many of the neighborhood's white residents, who fled for the suburbs to avoid integration. The effects of that difficult transition still linger.

Local historian Henry Bryant, who has been giving tours for more than 20 years, skillfully told the complex story connecting these two events during the Civil War to Civil Rights tour on June 17. The easygoing 90-minute

walk included marked and unmarked monuments to both Civil War and civil rights clashes, along with highlights of Kirkwood's historical ironies.

For example, Commander Walker's doomed mission was foiled in part by the unexpected presence of Terry's Mill Pond, a 35-acre lake where I-20 now sits. Long after that lake disappeared, residents would close another body of water, a public pool located in DeKalb Memorial Park, rather than allow its integration. Today, that's the site of a flourishing community garden, open to all.

As Kirkwood continues to change, many of its newer residents may be unaware of the neighborhood's rich and sometimes fraught history, or of its importance to America's Civil War and civil rights stories. Bryant's organization, BATL, strives to connect residents and visitors to southeast Atlanta's past and present as a literal and figurative battlefield. It offers a tour every month. The next are on July 22 (the anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta) and August 26.

For more information, visit [www.batlevent.org](http://www.batlevent.org)

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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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## Bibliophiles Unite!

by Sarah Assalti

Tired of only discussing that book on Good Reads? Want to meet and connect with your neighbors?

Kirkwood now has a book club! The goal is to bring together neighbors and dig into the themes and ideas in all types of books. Everyone is welcome, and specific titles will be chosen by members of the club.

The inaugural meeting is July 20 to discuss Liane Moriarty's *Big Little Lies*, a darkly comedic tale of murder and mischief in the tranquil beachfront town of Monterey, Calif. A miniseries based on the book recently aired on HBO starring Reese Witherspoon, Nicole Kidman, Shailene Woodley, and Alexander Skarsgård.

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## Meet the Artist



professor is a multidisciplinary artist whose work since the early 2000s has explored the interrelationships between land, memory, and human activity.

**Saturday, July 22**  
**3:30-5:30 PM**

#### East Atlanta Library

Wine and refreshments will be served.

**Thursday, July 20**

**7:00 PM**

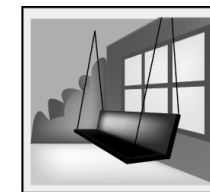
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Photographer Jeff Beekman presents a free slide talk about the images from his Civil War battlefields series, currently on display at the East Atlanta Library, as well as some of his more recent works.

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# Successful Spring Fling Was Cut Short by Rain

by Sarah Assalti

On Saturday, May 20, Bessie Branham Park filled with music, art, and food as neighbors from all over Atlanta enjoyed the Fling. The annual celebration was cut short, however, when a severe thunderstorm ripped through the festival grounds with dangerous winds and lightning around 5:00 PM, shutting down the music, children's area, and other festivities three hours earlier than the scheduled wrap-up. The day started much more auspiciously at 8:00 AM with an enthusiastic crowd for the 5K. More than 5,000 people – some as young as

3 years old – participated in the race, which had a slightly different route than previous years. (Results can be found at [runsignup.com/Race/GA/Atlanta/KirkwoodSpringFling5k](http://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Atlanta/KirkwoodSpringFling5k).) Fortunately, the 5th Annual BBQ competition was also held earlier in the day. Festival-goers enjoyed tasting more than a dozen different dishes from pros including the Pullman and Atlanta Butt Society as well as neighborhood amateurs. Celebrity judges Andrew Anselmo, Jerry Slater, and mayoral candidate Kwanza Hall chose the overall winners for both pork and chicken.

From shirts to soap, over 100 artists and community booths – including such neighborhood favorites as ClueTown books and Boney Sweet Treats – lined the streets around the park. Atlanta Funk Society and others before them on the stage pleased the crowd. Sadly, Little Tybee and later performances were scrapped due to the weather.

Beers from Second Self Beer Company, based in Atlanta, were featured this year. Also in the beer tents were Sweetwater's Goin' Coastal IPA, Terrapin's Sound Czech pilsner, and the always popular Spring Fling sangria. "The white sangria was some of the best I ever tasted," said Morgan Calhoun Feinstein.

Teaniese Davis, president of the Kirkwood Neighbors' Organization, praised the dedication of the volunteers. "What makes Spring Fling special is that it's volunteer-run. Residents dedicate so much of their time to planning and running the



Chris Felkey noted, "There were some good new beverage options" (courtesy of Second Self) at a water station along the 5K route.

event. It's a huge undertaking, and we owe them a big thank-you."

The Spring Fling committee, composed of veterans and rookies, began sorting out the details of this event last December, from the much-loved kids area and tour of homes to the more mundane but still necessary garbage pickup.

Planning for the 2018 Spring Fling will get underway in late 2017.  
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# Turning Wine into Good Works

Kirkwood, Edgewood, and East Lake nonprofits encouraged to apply for funding

by Emily Wimbush




The Kirkwood Wine Stroll is indeed a fun way to spend a Friday evening in the fall. But there's more to this annual ritual than getting tipsy with neighbors. The goal of the fundraising event is to raise positive awareness and build a stronger business network within Kirkwood and its surrounding communities. From its profits, the Kirkwood Business Owners' Association funds its annual budget, donates to local nonprofit organizations, and implements beautification and marketing projects within the business districts of Kirkwood. KBOA is now seeking applications from nonprofit and civic organizations for funding of specific projects in 2018. Groups must have a 501(c)3 designation

from the IRS and be based within the NPU-O planning unit of the City of Atlanta. Donations are subject to the success of the 11th Annual Kirkwood Wine Stroll, so organizations which are designated to receive awards are required to have a presence at the event and to assist with volunteer recruitment and marketing.

**Application submission deadline: July 18**  
Announcement of awards: August 15  
Wine Stroll: Friday, Sept. 22, 7:00-10:00 PM  
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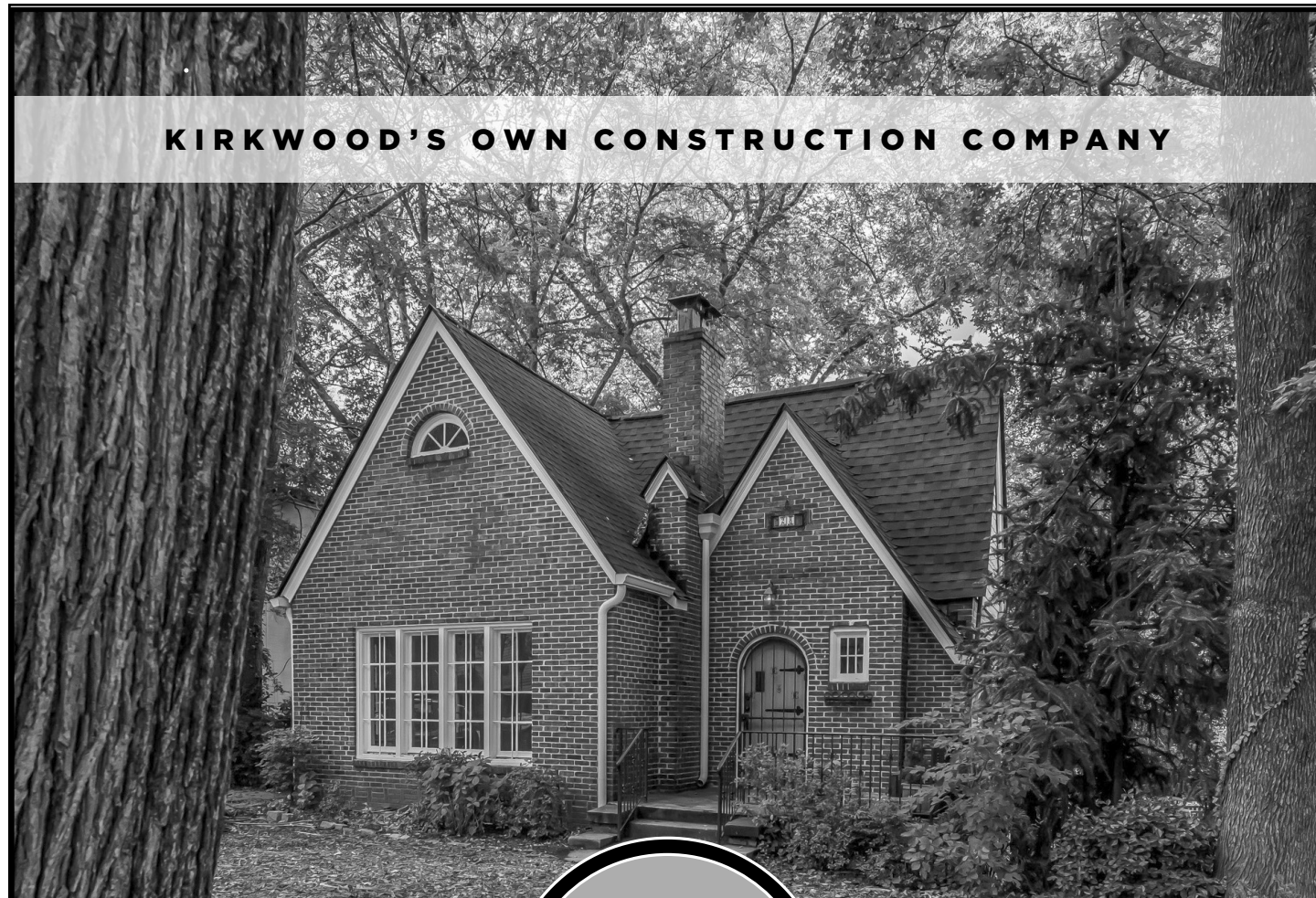


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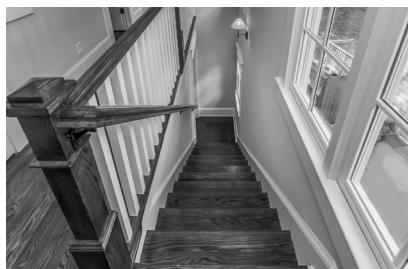
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## Toomer/Whitefoord Partnership Solidifies as Staff Gets Ready for Next School Year

by Jennifer Kraften and  
Sydney Ahearn

School is out for our amazing students, but the work continues for FATE's administration and staff. The building is being renovated with a few updates and room changes, and many of our teachers are attending trainings in technology and the International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

All Primary Years Programme teachers receive professional development in IB's approaches to teaching and learning from certified IB workshop leaders. This is a requirement for IB World Schools implementing the Primary Years Programme and for schools applying for authorization.

This summer FATE sent 11 staff members to training, bringing their total to 28 staff members with official IB training.

Teachers are also readying for the new school year by planning colorful, fun classrooms with great



Construction started in June on the new playground at the Whitefoord Early Learning Academy, part of the FATE family.

materials. You can help them out by making a donation through Donors Choose (see box below).

On August 1, FATE welcomes the Whitefoord Early Learning Academy to the FATE family. The program – a partnership between Toomer Elementary/Atlanta Public Schools and Whitefoord Inc. – seeks to leverage the strengths of both organizations.

They have worked together building a shared vision for the academy. The collaborative design and planning are intended to ensure a

cohesive and high-quality experience for all students. And although the timeline did not allow for common enrollment/recruitment this year, that will be the approach in the future. The partnership will continue both organizations' commitment to social and emotional learning and behavioral support.

We also expect to work with the Alliance Theater's Wolf Trap teaching artist program. Additionally, thanks to a generous grant through the Zeist Foundation, FATE will be partnering with the Atlanta Speech School for language development coaching and training.

Nearly half a million dollars will be invested into the Whitefoord building, which will allow for cosmetic upgrades, security/access point changes to ensure parent convenience and child safety, and a new playground for early ages.

### Upcoming Events

**Tuesdays, 10:00 AM**

Reading in the Garden.

Each week, FATE staff will read books for little learners, followed by gardening activities and play.

July 11: 2nd grade teacher Ms. Kawamura

July 18: Principal Adamo

July 25: Kindergarten teacher Ms. Cooper

**Friday, July 28**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Open House at FATE and the Whitefoord Early Learning Academy.

Learn about after-school programs, meet your child's teacher, and get to know more about the upcoming school year.

**Sunday, July 30**

**3:00-5:00 PM**

FATE Family Social for 2017-18 staff, students, and parents.

**Tuesday, August 1**

First day of school!

Student drop-off begins at 7:30 AM. All students should be in their rooms by 8:00 AM.

Please reach out to the Office of Early Learning (404-802-3640) or Whitefoord Inc. (404-523-2500) to learn more or enroll.

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# What to Do When There's a Knock on Your Door

by Duncan Cottrell

Because of my profession, I am hyper-aware of safety and security risks. I have several clients who are in their 80s and live alone. One of them asked me how she could be mindful of her security at home. I'll tell you what I told her.

First: Ask friends, family, church buddies, and neighbors to call before they visit. It's not unreasonable or a big deal for them, and it's an important safety measure, because ... if you're not expecting a visitor or delivery, *you should not open the door.*

For many older people,

curiosity and the desire to not appear rude is strong. If you absolutely must see who it is, use the peephole rather than opening the door.

Even when you recognize the person, it's still a good idea to have that first conversation through the glass of a locked storm door. Find out why they're there, and see if it makes sense, before you allow that person access to your private space. It's unpleasant to think about, but good people can be forced to do bad things under duress.

Don't know the person? *Keep the door closed.* Ask the reason for their visit. And when you get an answer, you

still shouldn't open the door. Someone delivering an unexpected package can leave it. Wait until you're sure they're gone before you open the door to get it.

People selling door-to-door can leave information for you, or move on to the next house.

To help a person who claims their car broke down and their phone died, have them shout out a number for you to call.

A uniformed service provider (like Comcast) can come back later – after the company has called you to make an appointment. It's too easy to copycat a uniform, and these folks rarely

come out unless someone has requested service.

Never accept the excuse that the person outside can't hear what you're saying. It could be a ploy to get the door open, so the stranger can force his way inside. Even if the person on the other side of the door is insulted, it's not worth the risk to you and your safety.

If you're suspicious that something may not be right, the best thing is to stall – and call 911. You'll lose the chance to do that when you just open the door.

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The Pratt Engineering/

Which brings us to the present. Last month, the Pratt-Pullman historic industrial site was finally sold – through a contentious bidding process – to a company that intends to redevelop the property while preserving its historic and natural resources.

# LifeLine: Improving Animal Welfare in Atlanta

by Karen Hirsch

Kirkwood is a community of animal lovers, and no organization knows that better than LifeLine Animal Project. With Joann Schwartz of Kirkwood Feed and Seed donating a gift basket for our event, and

Frogs to Dogs owner Andrew Zweeb serving as a former board member, and Trainer Zsolt holding biweekly training classes for our shelter dogs (for free!), LifeLine has always felt the love from the wonderful Kirkwood neighborhood. If you've ever been to the

DeKalb County Animal Services (DCAS) shelter, then you already know LifeLine, but you might not know that they do more than just manage the shelter. Although it started as a tiny grassroots nonprofit organization to end euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals, it has grown to be the largest and most successful animal welfare organization in metro Atlanta, caring for about 15,000 homeless animals per year. Since it began managing the DCAS shelter and both the shelter and enforcement for Fulton County Animal Services in 2013, LifeLine has increased adoptions by

300%, and saved 70% more lives, despite taking in an average of 40 animals a day at both shelters. In addition to the county shelters, LifeLine has a rehabilitative shelter, a cat adoption center, and two low-cost spay/neuter clinics, where they've performed 102,000 surgeries. LifeLine invites you to join them in making Atlanta a no-kill city: Adopt or foster a pet, donate to support their work, or volunteer.

Karen is LifeLine's public relations director. To learn more, visit [www.lifelineanimal.org](http://www.lifelineanimal.org)

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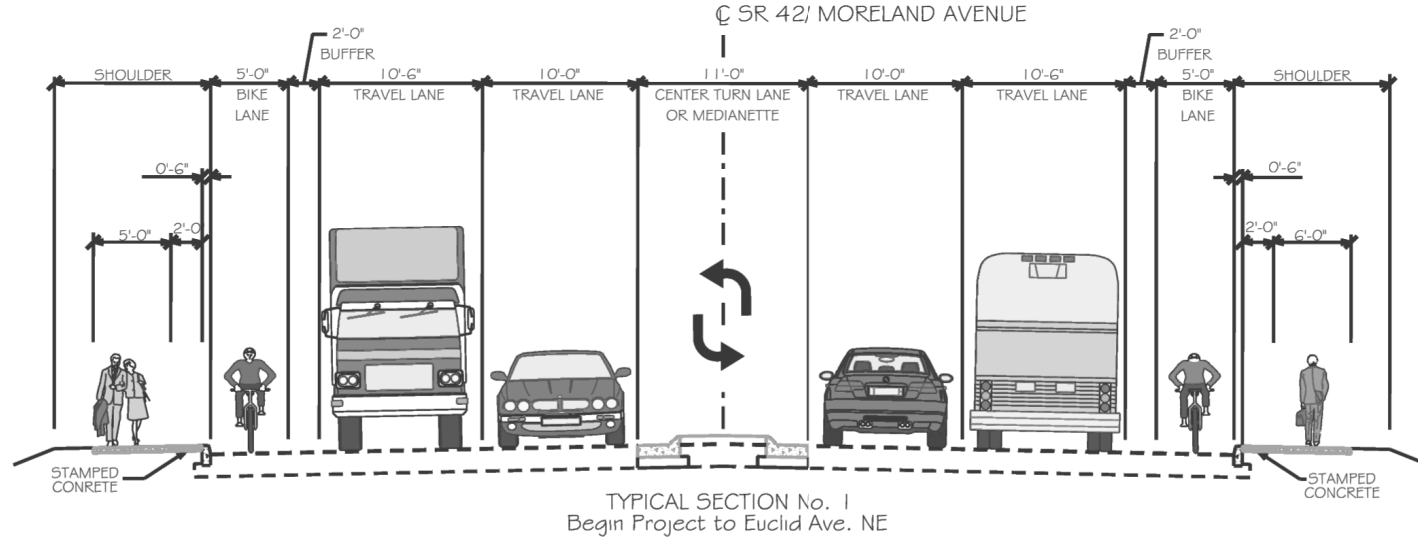
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# Changes Coming to Moreland Avenue in L5P

Improved safety for vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users



rendering by Heath & Linebeck Engineers, Feb. 15, 2016, from the project's approved GDOT Concept Report

GDOT proposes to reduce the number of lanes from the DeKalb Avenue ramps to the Euclid/McLendon intersection from six to four. The new configuration would include a center turn lane and protected left turn lanes at the intersection. Vehicle travel lanes will be narrowed to 10-11 feet wide to allow for 5-foot-wide raised bicycle lanes (with 2-foot buffers on either side) and 5-foot-wide sidewalks.

by Carl Holt

The Georgia Department of Transportation, along with the City of Atlanta and the Little Five Points Community Improvement District, is working to transform a 1/2-mile section of US Highway 23 to a complete street. That usually involves a road diet, to provide a safer corridor for all modes of transportation. What is particularly unique about this corridor, is that Moreland Avenue is a six-lane roadway passing through one of Atlanta's most pedestrian-active

business districts: Little Five Points. This project aims to create wider sidewalks, slower vehicle speeds, and Georgia's first raised bicycle lanes. The raised bicycle lanes will improve the perception of safety for cyclists and attract a wider range of riders. Stormwater will drain better from them, and they'll allow ADA access to MARTA buses at bus stops. Between Euclid/McLendon and Seminole Plaza/Euclid – the intersection which gives the area its name – Moreland will have a northbound raised bike lane and southbound shared-lane pavement markings. There will be a green-lane transition for northbound cyclists from Moreland to Seminole Plaza, where they can dismount and walk through the plaza to access Seminole Avenue and follow it to the Freedom Park Trail, providing access to Downtown Atlanta, the Atlanta BeltLine, and the Stone Mountain Trail. GDOT has also proposed adding two overhead pedestrian hybrid beacons: at 323 Moreland Ave. NE (a surface parking lot and Bass Recreation Center), and at 464 Moreland Ave. NE (Junkman's Daughter).

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