

## MIDTOWN PONCE SECURITY ALLIANCE - *Eye on Midtown 8/15/2007*

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### PEACHTREE PINE REMINDER

In the time running up to the August 20th full City Council meeting, we need e-mails and phone calls to City Council. There is still time to do so if you haven't or wish to send a reiteration. On the 20th we will likely need the community to make a showing once again.

Unlike the latest Community Development Committee meeting the chance for the public to speak will take place at the beginning of the meeting. Those wishing to speak on an issue must sign up before the 1pm meeting, for a limited number of two-minute slots. The earlier you get there, the more likely you will make the list. The full Council meetings normally provide for a 30-minute window for the public to speak, and in rare instances it may be extended to 45 minutes. At any rate the two-minute rule is strictly enforced at full Council meetings.

We are finally making progress on this issue, thanks to the Mayor, and we need everyone to speak up. The Task Force for the Homeless brought lots of shelter folks to Community Development meeting to cheer and boo for them, and had nothing but time on their hands to outwait neighbors and business owners who had to get back to work.

Also, let Mayor Franklin know that you appreciate her efforts - both her leadership on dealing with the complex issue of homelessness and her diligent effort in finding real solutions. Her tenacity in telling the truth about Peachtree-Pine deserves much appreciation in the community.

On Tuesday, July 31st, the Community Development Committee defeated the resolution regarding the Peachtree Pine shelter by a vote of 3-2. The committee members generally felt that the resolution would not accomplish anything since it urged the Mayor to send another letter to the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless, clarifying that the City was not really withdrawing its support for Peachtree-Pine. The Mayor was serious about urging the State not to approve public funds for the Peachtree Pine shelter. Committee actions essentially recommend actions to the full City Council.

Please urge City Council not to approve or recommend any further tax dollars for the badly managed Peachtree Pine shelter!

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### PEACHTREE PINE DOSSIER

We have compiled a dossier on the Peachtree Pine shelter. In one of the items, the Digest of Peachtree Pine letters, many people shared very interesting observations and feelings with us and with City Council.

- Digest of Peachtree Pine letters: <http://www.midtownponce.org/news/PPineDigest.pdf>

- MPSA letter to City Council:  
<http://www.midtownponce.org/news/OpenLetterPeachtreePine.pdf>
- MNA letter to City Council: [http://www.midtownponce.org/news/MNA\\_PPine.pdf](http://www.midtownponce.org/news/MNA_PPine.pdf)

#### FROM THE MPSA PATROL LOG BOOK

- **7/02** – Call about vagrants setting up camp on Lakeview – this was immediately halted by the patrol. Special thanks to local businesses, who let us use their dumpsters to dispose of the cardboard bedding.
- **7/05** – call from shopping center about aggressive young boys peddling and soliciting money
- **7/06** - Patrol observes subject smoking crack and arrests him. The subject fought with the officer
- **7/10** – MPSA Patrol assisted in apprehension of snatch thief near Charles Allen and 8th. The subject was found hiding in a shed behind a 9th Street house.
- **7/11** – Patrol assisted with road block on Piedmont
- **7/13** – Subject arrested for reckless conduct and carrying a pistol without a permit.
- **7/15** – prostitute arrested for soliciting a ride at 4th and Juniper
- **7/16** – A suspicious person turns out to be wanted on a Gwinnett County warrant for a probation violation. He had been convicted for assault.
- **7/17** – a subject arrested for drinking in public and disorderly conduct.
- **7/18** – MPSA Patrol officer notices a suspicious male walking behind house in 800 block of Charles Allen. The subject claimed to be looking for work. In the course of the conversation the subject gave two different names, so he was arrested for giving false name to an officer.
- **7/26** – two homeless males fighting at Home Depot. They were under the influence of drugs.
- **7/27** – Call from member on St. Charles Avenue about a prowler stealing from a shed. Upon MPSA Patrol arrival the subject fled across the street and jumped the fence behind McDonalds and got away. The stolen property was recovered.
- **8/01** – Phone calls from three different people about a drug house in the neighborhood (currently under investigation and we will tell all about it once a bust is made).
- **8/03** – Subject arrested near 8th and Penn for drug possession. When MPSA Patrol appeared the subject threw down a crack pipe, thereby breaking it on the sidewalk.
- **8/05** – noise complaint about a loud party in 800 block of Myrtle Street.
- **8/06** – Cardboard bedding discovered on Lakeview Avenue. The bedding was removed and disposed of.
- **8/07** – Noise complaint at same place in 800 block of Myrtle Street. This was said to be a frat house.
- **8/10** – Local business calls about a shoplifter. Upon arrest by MPSA Patrol the subject turns up wanted for robbery in another jurisdiction.
- **8/14** – At 5am the officer discovers three transvestite prostitutes all in the middle of the street blocking traffic at 3rd and Piedmont, where a delivery guy from Hostess was giving them treats from the vehicle. The prostitutes were arrested for obstructing traffic as nearby residents who sometimes find their used condoms and feel intimidated by their presence, watched gratefully. The Hostess driver got away before the officer could get a take-down car. With our court watch program the prostitutes are walking on thin ice...

#### CRIME STATS

**Robberies: 2 counts (YTD monthly average: 5.50, 2006 monthly ave: 4.42)**

- DATE | LOCATION | CRIME TYPE | INCIDENT #
- 7/10/2007 | PONCE DE LEON AVE & BVD | ROB-STREET-STRONGARM | #071910384
- 7/12/2007 | 486 PONCE DE LEON AVE | ROB-STREET-STRONGARM | #071930039

**Burglaries: 3 counts (YTD monthly average: 3.50, 2006 monthly ave: 3.92)**

- DATE | LOCATION | CRIME TYPE | INCIDENT #

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- 7/6/2007 | 327 5TH ST | BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-RESIDENC | #071870485
- 7/22/2007 | 921 MYRTLE ST | BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-RESIDENC | #072030316
- 7/23/2007 | 353 9TH ST | BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-RESIDENC | #072041682

### **Auto Theft: 8 counts (YTD monthly average: 8.67, 2006 monthly average: 8.08)**

- DATE | LOCATION | CRIME TYPE | INCIDENT #
- 7/05/2007 | 343 8TH ST | AUTOTHEFT | #071860597
- 7/08/2007 | 501 10TH ST | AUTOTHEFT | #071890864
- 7/13/2007 | 205 7TH ST | AUTOTHEFT | #071940742
- 7/20/2007 | 931 MONROE DR | THEFT OF TRUCK/VAN/BUS | 072011729
- 7/22/2007 | 505 8TH ST | THEFT OF TRUCK/VAN/BUS | #072031449
- 7/22/2007 | 500 10TH ST | AUTOTHEFT | #072030928
- 7/24/2007 | 230 10TH ST | AUTOTHEFT | #072050970
- 7/24/2007 | PIEDMONT AVE && 8TH ST | AUTOTHEFT | #072050729

The foregoing is from the crime mapping feature at the Atlanta Police Department website, and are not considered "official" stats. The stats we are seeing are not consistent. For example: before APD overhauled the crime map feature we itemized 17 counts of auto theft for April. The new crime map gives only 9 counts for the same period (it appears that "attempts" are not counted any longer).

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

National Night Out #5 (can you believe it?) was a great one as always. We had a turnout of around 200. There was plenty of good food and certainly lots of cold drinks for hot August evening.

Next year we would like to find a nice shaded spot on the eastern side of the neighborhood. We wanted to do it on Vedado and Greenwood, but the logistics were too difficult – the street is not wide enough, and street closings would not flow well at that spot.

- Photo gallery: [www.midtownponce.org/nno2007](http://www.midtownponce.org/nno2007)

### **BE SAFE!**

*- Your Neighbors at the Midtown Ponce Security Alliance*

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