



MIDTOWN PONCE SECURITY ALLIANCE

Eye on Midtown – 11/09/ 2007

SAFETY MEETING

The November Safety Meeting will be held at 7pm this coming Monday, November 12th, at Mary Mac's (Ponce and Myrtle Street).

Our special guest will be Carmen Smith of the Fulton County DA's office. She has served as the Solicitor General for Fulton County since 1997. Her office prosecutes misdemeanor cases that are bound over to State Court from the municipalities around the county. This segment of the caseload includes simple battery, criminal trespass, driving under the influence, and shoplifting. She will discuss the role that her office plays in the criminal justice system in Fulton County.

We are also hoping to have more details on the robberies reported last week.

As always we will have MPSA Patrol on hand and representatives from the Atlanta Police on hand to give updates on general trends in the area.

As always we encourage Midtowners to come early, enjoy a great meal, and socialize with your neighbors.

MORE BEDFORD PINE NEWS

The Sunday Paper ran a story about the Bedford Pine area. According to the article, Councilman Kwanza Hall identified five key development proposals which would transform that area, among them the redevelopment of the Bedford Pine Section 8 housing project. You can read the article at <http://www.sundaypaper.com/AboutUs/CurrentArticles/tabid/98/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/854/A-facelift-for-the-Old-Fourth-Ward.aspx>

Redevelopment of this area just south of us is critical in eradicating much of the crime and disorder spilling into our area.

STREET PEOPLE UPDATE

Tywong M., the one we previously reported as the person who gratifies himself in public (particularly at women who happen to be in his presence), was arrested yet once again by the MPSA Patrol this week. MPSA Patrol received a call about him exposing and fondling himself at 6th and Argonne in broad daylight. This time he was charged with state-level offenses and therefore taken to the Fulton County rather than the City of Atlanta jail. We are working with the Fulton County DA's office to effectively deal with this individual so that he will stop doing these things here. This one seriously needs some psychiatric help. Most of our reports on this individual come from the interior of the neighborhood.

Ricky Love will have a final plea hearing on November 29th. This is the individual who viciously beat a woman and had terrorized people along Ponce de Leon Avenue and other places for years. We need court watch attendees for that morning, as this is a high-priority case involving a clearly dangerous individual.

We are getting closer to the holidays, and this is traditionally a bad time for car break-ins and other street crimes everywhere. When out shopping, especially Christmas shopping, do not leave things in plain view inside your car **anywhere**. Secure them in your trunk.

We have identified another location where vagrants are camping - at the Ponce entrance of Burger King (not the previous location but behind the bushes about 10 yards from Ponce de Leon Avenue). We are working on getting this ongoing problem resolved.

MPSA MEMBERSHIP

We critically need some new members right now. Please encourage your neighbors to join! This is your neighborhood, you have a vested interest in its safety and quality of life, and the patrol program we operate is a critical strategy toward this end.

STAY SAFE! Please encourage your neighbors to join the MPSA!

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