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**Call to action:** *Let your city council representatives and especially the Mayor know that we want the furloughs to end quickly. We will have the equivalent of 140 additional officers per day on the streets of Atlanta as soon as the furloughs end....*

#### **MAY SAFETY MEETING**

Lt. Purvis, the APD overnight supervisor for the Midtown area, will be at Monday's safety meeting to give more information on crime trends in the area, and to present APD initiatives for making our neighborhood safer. This is an opportunity to discuss Midtown Crime issues with the police official directly supervising our streets during overnight hours.

- **Monday, May 11th, Mary Mac's Tea Room at 7pm**

#### **STREET CLOSING**

3RD Street, between Peachtree and Myrtle, will be closed from May 7th to August 10th, one block at a time, for installation of a new gas line.

- **More information:** [publicworks@atlantaga.gov](mailto:publicworks@atlantaga.gov)

#### **FALLING TREES**

In the next couple of years, we can expect an inordinate number of trees falling. This can be attributed to a long period of drought followed by drenching rain.

#### **More details:**

[http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/atlanta/stories/2009/05/04/falling\\_trees\\_georgia.html](http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/atlanta/stories/2009/05/04/falling_trees_georgia.html)

#### **PROBLEM PROPERTIES**

The burned-out apartment building at 9th & Argonne, a public safety worry going on for the last two years, is said to be under contract. Neighbors tell us that the new owner plans to tear it down and replace it with a single-family house. We are finally seeing light at the end of this tunnel. Our problem property list has a new entry - 793 Charles Allen Drive. Neighbors have reported vagrant activity at this location. Sgt. Cooper found the house to be secure, after residents made the owner aware of nuisance activity there. We have reported this to code enforcement and expect that they will placard the house and issue citations, but please keep your observations and documentation coming in case this escalates to another round of court watch dates. Please keep us posted on other problem properties that you are aware of.

#### **UPDATE ON ROBBERY SUSPECT**

Last year we reported that MPSA Patrol apprehended a robbery suspect. The suspect, Keon Alexander, was sentenced to prison and will not have a chance to resume his crime spree until 2013. Kudos to our prosecutors!

#### **GET OUT AND WALK!**

We would like as many people to get out and walk around the neighborhood during the 8pm hour every evening. Why wait until 8pm - take another walk! This is a great way to meet neighbors!

## **NEWSWIRE & BLOG WATCH**

- **CREATIVE LOAFING** - *Standard murder: One suspect in custody, three more to go*
- **SUNDAY PAPER:** *How City Hall uses the APD as an ATM*

## **MPSA MAILBAG**

**Con-artist making rounds** - *I just had a young man named "Tim" ring my doorbell and ask me to buy cookie dough to support his soccer league. He had tattoos on his forearms (barely showing under rolled up sleeves), so I asked how old he was-- he said he was 20 and it was for a collegiate team. He said that he went to St. Mary's and I asked if he meant the one affiliated with Notre Dame. He said yes and when I said I thought that was a girl's school, he assured me they have a boy's division. I said no to the cookies and went back inside. Once I confirmed that St. Mary's is in fact a women's institution, I walked to my neighbor's house (on Myrtle) where he was soliciting and confronted him on the issue and asked to see his id. He said he didn't have his id and "admitted" that he was doing this for his little sister. He was not at all defensive and seemed very nervous. I told him to leave the neighborhood, he said "yes ma'am" and he walked quickly up 4th street towards Piedmont. He was a nice looking kid and could have been believable if not for the tattoos (I think he would have gone with a high school story if I hadn't immediately asked about that) and then the St. Mary's slip up.*

*He was about 5'10" or 5'11", slim, very fair skin and very light blond hair. Wearing a white button down shirt with a light stripe, jeans, and white shoes. I called 911 and also reported the incident to Sgt. Cooper, but I thought I'd pass this along so that none of our members are conned out of money by this guy.*

**BE SAFE AND STAY VIGILANT! And remember, your car + your valuables = loot for a thief! Street criminals outnumber remaining cops, and proactively scout our neighborhood day and night for opportunities...**

**- Your Neighbors at the Midtown Ponce Security Alliance**

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