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**TO-DO LIST:**

- Join your neighbors tomorrow (Thursday 5/21) for the Take Back The Streets walk tomorrow evening
- Keep valuables out of your car so thieves won't remove them for you
- ***Read the Creative Loafing article on Bedford Pine***
- Let us know of vacant houses - they are at high risk of vagrant activity endangering the neighborhood.
- Be safe and stay vigilant...

**LET'S TAKE BACK THE STREETS - WALK WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!**

Grab the pups and a neighbor or two, and come on down, for we hope to see many folks out on the streets Thursday evening (5/21). The idea is to get as many visible groups of resident possible walking around the neighborhood on Thursday evening. We are working to establish our reputation as a neighborhood where we stare crime in the eye, and to let undesirable elements know that they are not welcome here.

Walkers will generally start from one of the several meeting points, and then walk toward Richard's store at the corner of 6th & Argonne. Feel free to join any of the groups listed (for example on your way home from the park or shopping), or simply head to Richard's in time for 8pm. Alternately, grab a neighbor or two, and start your own meeting point. Just come on down to Argonne & 6th in time for 8pm.

Around 8pm, Sgt. Cooper will say a few things and answer some questions. Major Williams, Commander of APD Zone 5, on hand too. The little rally will be very short - 10 minutes or so. Walkers will be given ample time to buy refreshments and lottery tickets. Afterwards, walkers will head back home. ***As an added enhancement please also bring a small flashlight.***

This will be lots of fun and a great way to meet fellow Midtowners.

***Meeting points & departure times (7:40pm recommended unless otherwise noted):***

Glendale & 6th (7:55pm) | Glendale & 8th | Mentelle & 7th | Charles Allen & 4th | 9th & Argonne | 8th & Myrtle | 10th & Taft | Piedmont & 6th | 897 Monroe Circle (7:35pm) | Vedado & Greenwood

**ACTIVE CHILD MOLESTER OUT THERE SOMEWHERE**

We just got word that about a month ago that a boy was molested in Piedmont Park by a stranger. According to reports circulating widely around intown neighborhoods, the boy was lured away to a restroom with an offering of candy, while his mother was busy feeding his infant sibling. The child's mother reportedly did not fully realize it until the boy began to speak out about it over the next several days. The suspect, according to the mother's report, is that he is of African-American descent - no more is known at this point.

We are told that a police report was made, and that Piedmont Park Conservancy was alerted. Piedmont Park Conservancy responded to our inquiry as follows:

*Please be advised that we have requested and been provided no names, actual date or location for any reported attack. We have also asked the Police Department to provide us with a copy of*

any filed report so that we can at least look at potentially vulnerable areas of the Park. We are extremely concerned that Piedmont Park continued to be viewed as a safe environment. If you are aware of details that we are not, please notify [us]. Of course, we want everyone to be safe in the Park at all times. Your consideration and cooperation is, as always, appreciated.

Summer is just around the corner, and we wish to make folks aware of this in time for the many summer camps. Please be vigilant, and share any insights and information ASAP with the Atlanta Police.

#### **MPSA NEWSWIRE**

**Bedford Pine** - Creative Loafing ran an excellent article with an exhaustive report on the conditions and issues surrounding the Bedford Pine mess just south of our area. Please be sure to read the latest:

- **CREATIVE LOAFING: *Down on Boulevard: Positive change might finally come to Atlanta's lawless street***  
[http://atlanta.creativeloafing.com/gyrobase/down\\_on\\_boulevard\\_positive\\_change\\_might\\_finally\\_come\\_to\\_atlanta\\_s\\_lawless\\_street/Content?oid=827931](http://atlanta.creativeloafing.com/gyrobase/down_on_boulevard_positive_change_might_finally_come_to_atlanta_s_lawless_street/Content?oid=827931)
- **Scam artist** - Channel 46 ran story on the scam artist we wrote about in our last Eye on Midtown.
- **WGNX: *Scam Artist Disables People's Vehicles***

**BE SAFE AND STAY VIGILANT! And remember, your car + your valuables = loot for a thief! If you don't get those things out of your car, a thief will do it for you...**

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

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