

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Mark your calendar! National Night Out will take place next Tuesday, August 4, 6:30pm. The event will be held on 6th Street between Glendale Terrace and Argonne Avenue. Come on out and join your neighbors!

- **More info:** <http://www.midtownponce.org/news/NNO2009.pdf>

NO SAFETY MEETING IN AUGUST

National Night Out will take the place of our August safety meeting. The next meeting will take place on its usual date in September. Colonel Wayne Mock of Midtown Blue has agreed to conduct a training session on the use of pepper spray and we will sell it at the September 14th meeting.

MPSA PATROL

At times, Sgt. Cooper will patrol the neighborhood on his motorcycle rather than the patrol truck. This enables him to move around better.

APD ACTIVITY

Major Williams shared with us an action story in the neighborhood: *While we were running a roadblock at Charles Allen & 4th St, we saw a male riding a bike southbound on Charles Allen from 8th St. Officer Brodrik and his training officer, Officer G. Krylowski, stopped the male at Charles Allen – 6th St. He was wearing a dark blue security guards shirt with a badge on it which from a distance resembled one of APD's uniform shirts. He gave a name that did not come back on file and provided me with a phone which he claimed was his aunt's – the woman that answered did not know the male. The two officers took the male to ID where they found he gave a false name and had a criminal record that included charges of Armed Robbery , Theft by Receiving, and Hijacking a Motor Vehicle.*

SUBJECT CAUGHT BREAKING INTO CARS

APD Zone 5 Officer Gruen, who also works for MPSA, arrested a subject breaking into cars on Highland Avenue. He also assaulted the witness with a knife. Our research shows that the culprit, Roderick Goldwire, has previously served time in the prison system for various offenses (all in Fulton County), including burglary and breaking into cars. We are unsure if Goldwire is still in jail, as the Sheriff Department website is in the process of revamping features at their website. We plan to join Virginia Highland in court-watching this guy...

KENNETH LAMB UPDATE

Two weeks ago we found out that Kenneth Lamb was arrested once again for failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements, but a judge dismissed those charges (we still do not know why).

Our close contact in Virginia Highland received information from our community prosecutor that Kenneth Lamb was arrested for a probation violation last Friday (July 25th). On Monday we were reassured that Lamb was still in jail as of Tuesday (July 28th). His probation officer alerted APD regarding his warrant, and supplied lookout flyers to several precincts. Thanks in part to the tips people have given us, he was located in short order near Sidney Marcus Boulevard.

Our community prosecutor Sharla Jackson will notify us of court watch dates. In addition to his probation violation, we are aware of new charges emanating from an assault last fall.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4th – National Night Out – we really would like to see all of you!

August 15th & 16th - Second CFA Mayoral Forum - more details at <http://www.campaignforatlanta.org/html/Announcements.aspx>

September 14th – next monthly safety meeting.

MPSA MAILBAG

Burglars making their rounds - Sorry to relay some bad news, but someone stole most of my white wicker furniture (2 chairs and a table) off of my front porch last night (12 midnight - 545am). Last night's theft completed the theft of the complete set, the loveseat having been taken back in January 2009 (see email to Midtown Neighborhood Association below). This theft of over \$300 worth of furniture was brazen since the perpetrators had to walk up to sets of steps from the sidewalk and then onto my front porch in full view of about 6-8 houses. My thinking is that they pulled up in a pickup truck or van, ran up the steps to porch, and then run back down with the furniture to the waiting truck / van. All of my furniture was marked with small plastic tags with my name and address, the tags secured with plastic bands. We will be contacting the Atlanta Police Dept. and the MPSA today. MPSA advice: put name and address and "not for sale" on the bottom of porch furniture with paint or permanent marker.

Suspicious individual prowling in alley - White male in our yard 5 min ago when we returned, he ran past car heading into alley toward 5th. We did not get out of car, as saw him (through the fence) turn around and come back and hide behind our stone column on alley. We were not armed, so we backed the car up toward him and called 911....he went to the back door of duplex south of us and pretended to act like a resident. Coincidentally, the resident returned and he ran down alley toward 5th Street. We spoke with resident and he also promised to call 911. He is white male, 25 yrs old approx, 6ft, trim wearing white T shirt "run dmc" - No words were ever exchanged. Very intense look.

A WORD ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Issues surrounding public safety are intrinsically negative. But let's not forget that we don't make a great neighborhood by eradicating negatives, but by cultivating the things that make our diverse, vibrant, and dynamic Midtown a great neighborhood to call home. As we do that, it becomes increasingly clear that the criminal elements are not at home here. With this objective at its foundation, your neighbors at the Midtown Ponce Security Alliance strive to serve our community. We hope to see all of you next week at our 7th annual National Night Out - a going away party for crime and disorder.

BE SAFE AND STAY VIGILANT! And come on down and mingle with your neighbors next Tuesday! It'll be a fun evening...

- Your Neighbors at the Midtown Ponce Security Alliance

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