

PROSTITUTION ISSUES

In the last week two instances were videotaped on Third Street where johns were picking up prostitutes their company vehicles. We already told you about one – the landscaping company. They wrote back to us to express their gratitude for alerting them. Furthermore, they fired the two employees contributing to a serious neighborhood problem. They also received phone calls from the Atlanta Police regarding the matter.

Then last Friday morning another prostitute was observed getting into a vehicle with a john. We called the company and told them about the situation. You can see the video at *[expired link]*

Anytime you observe a john picking up a prostitute in a company vehicle, or otherwise have insight to the identity of either the prostitute or the john, please let us know. With sufficient documentation (photos, video, or multiple witnesses) we will pursue them aggressively.

MIDTOWN TIRE

Two days in a row someone cut tires on the patrol vehicle. This is being aggressively investigated and whoever seeks to compromise neighborhood safety in this manner shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law (and featured prominently on our court watch list).

Midtown Tire gave us new tires for the vehicle and we are very, very grateful for this. Without their sponsorship this act of sabotage would have meant less of patrol for your safety and peace of mind. They also sponsor all of our basic maintenance. So next time you need tires or basic maintenance please remember them! They are very conveniently located at 411 Ponce de Leon Avenue.

GAY PRIDE

The Gay Pride Event went very well for us. Traffic seemed to move relatively smoothly, and a very good public safety plan was in force. Everybody seemed to have a great time over the festive weekend. As with other events there were parking issues, but these were addressed quickly. Police were busy writing parking tickets and towing cars.

Christian extremists, fortunately few in numbers, were out looking for trouble. While their activity is always offensive, they were within their First Amendment rights and nothing could be done about them.

Someone posted signs around the neighborhood alerting people to “multiple muggings” in the area. ***We know nothing about those, and anyone who knows more should fill us in ASAP.***

In short, we would like to extend a very special thanks to the Atlanta Pride Committee for putting together a fantastic event.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We are looking for someone to sponsor the moon walk (\$200 plus tax and delivery) for this year's event. We are also looking for tables and chairs. Our sponsor in previous years is unable to do this again this year. We will hold this year's event at the intersection of Greenwood and Vedado.

ATLANTA POLICE ISSUES

Creative Loafing ran a very interesting article about the conditions at the Atlanta Police Department and specifically the City Administrations response to those issues. Please make it a point to read Meltdown: seven months after Kathryn Johnston's shooting, Chief Richard Pennington feels the heat from angry cops at

<http://atlanta.creativeloafing.com/gyrobase/Content?oid=oid%3A260553>

MPSA MAILBAG (These do not necessarily reflect the MPSA viewpoint)

*I am a resident and homeowner in the Midtown Community who is noticing a significant increase in muggings, car break-ins, car thefts and most alarmingly drug sales in our neighborhood. That is in addition to our normal steady stream of homeless people, prostitutes and dilatants. I also have seen a noticeable decrease in police presence in our area which I believe is the biggest contributing factor. I have even spoken to some of the "regular" loiterers in the neighborhood who repeatedly tell me that it's gotten so much worse over the past three months and to watch out for myself. **MPSA Note: Because of the lack of will in the City Administration the police attrition rate is dangerously high and residents have to hire off-duty officers to keep neighborhood crime and disorder from being much worse than it is. You should let the Mayor, Chief of Police, and City Council know how you feel about this situation.***

HAVE A GREAT FOURTH, BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!!!!

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