

The Mainstream

It's time TO WATCH over MAINSTREET

Reports of bullying, fights, profanity and petty theft clouded the annual, joyful right of summer, -the opening of Mainstreet's neighborhood pool. Groups of youth were found loitering around the trails and bridges leading to the pool intimidating parents with young children and pool attendants.

Over the years Mainstreet has seen a spike in youth inspired criminal activity during the summer months when the schools are out for recess.

Although DeKalb County boasts a wide array of summer youth activities like intramural sports teams, summer camps, and youth enrichment programs (many of them free and available to all children and youth) we continue to receive reports of resident mailboxes being vandalized, loitering on street corners, fights, petty theft and residential burglaries.

Mainstreet Board of Directors continues to work closely

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Change....

By Winfrey F. Pierce

Throughout the year the word "change" has been mentioned thousands of times. You have heard it from many politicians, news reporters and sports players. I expect that it will soon make its way into the "pop culture world" and coined with an entire different meaning.

However, here in Mainstreet we are a living witness to "change". In the past 8 months, the Board of Directors has shuffled positions more than the Chicago Bears did in 1985 ("The Super Bowl Shuffle").

We have finally divorced ourselves from **Heritage Property Management**. As you know, our accounting and collection services are now being provided by **Homeowner Management Services ("HMS")**.

We started the year planning to terminate our legal services with **Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco, P.C.**, who had represented the Association since its birth over 30 years ago. Well, after considering several other law firms, we decided it was best to stay with W.N.C.W.

It is with much regret that I announce publicly, our Property Manager, **Diane Mundine**, resigned her position effective August 15, 2008. Diane took the reigns here during the fall of 2002. She inherited a "hotmess," from the previous property manager. She immediately rolled up her sleeves and started working on the renaissance of the Association. All of the committees were dormant at the time, but she recruited and begged fellow neighbors to get involved and volunteer their time and services.

We now have an active **Election Committee**, **Jazz Festival Committee** and **Crime Watch Committee**. Diane brought the energy and vision for a better quality of life here in Mainstreet. She will be missed by many and under valued by several.

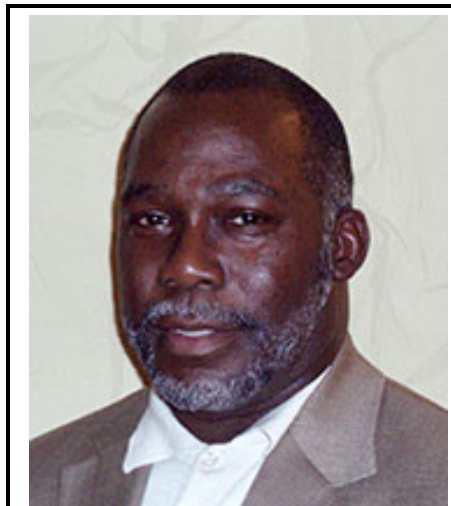
Diane, thank you and good luck in the future.

The new site manager is **Kwadjo Boaitey**. Kwadjo came on board as an administrative assistant last year. After six months he was promoted to assistant

site manager. He worked alongside Diane in making sure the covenants and bylaws of the association were adhered to. Kwadjo is an active Mainstreet volunteer and homeowner. He served as the crime watch coordinator for his neighborhood and webmaster for our website. You can view his work at **www.mainstreetcommunity.org**. for the past two and half years, Kwadjo has been the editor of **The Mainstream**, our community newsletter.

Kwadjo has been a registered lobbyist working the halls of the Georgia General Assembly, a media contact and spokesperson as well as a freelance writer and columnist. His professional experience is in the non-profit sector forging community partnerships and collaborations. Kwadjo says that he is "humbled by the opportunity" to serve the community in which he lives in this capacity. He is married to the lovely Karama Neal and they are the proud parents of Ayoka Boaitey.

Kwadjo, we look forward to you moving Mainstreet in a new direction.



Winfrey F. Pierce currently serves as President of the Board of Directors for Mainstreet Community Services Association, Inc.

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by **CANDLELIGHT**

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4th Annual Mainstreet Jazz Festival Set for September 13, 2008

Cool Jazz Right in Your Own Neighborhood

STONE MOUNTAIN, Georgia, August 19, 2008 – Mainstreet Community Services Association will bring together two of the best in Atlanta’s jazz scene - saxophonist Antonio Allen and songstress Rai Ragland – at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008 for the 4th Annual Mainstreet Jazz Festival at Mainstreet Clubhouse in Stone Mountain.

Allen has performed with bassist Wayman Tisdale, saxophonist Kirk Whalum, R&B legend Jean Carne, and platinum recording artists, Silk. He is also a member of the popular contemporary R&B/jazz ensemble Five Men On A Stool. The saxophonist’s sophomore CD "Forever And Always" features mid-tempo grooves, romantic ballads as well as gospel selections. Opening up for Allen is the versatile vocalist Rai Ragland, who performs traditional and contemporary jazz likened to the style of Nancy Wilson, Ella Fitzgerald, Dianne Reeves, Sarah Vaughan, Al Jarreau and Dee Dee Bridgewater. Ragland’s latest CD is entitled “Raizin.”

“Each year we look forward to presenting a fun and memorable evening that gives music lovers from around Atlanta a unique and intimate concert experience,” says Winfrey Pierce, president of the Mainstreet Community Services Association. “With our signature candlelit pool area again setting the ambiance for the concert, this year is going to be just as special because we will have two outstanding artists in traditional and contemporary jazz grace the stage.”

The 2008 festival, billed as “Cool Pool Jazz By Candlelight,” will be held at Mainstreet Clubhouse located at 5001 Mainstreet Park Drive, Stone Mountain, Ga. 30088. Proceeds from the festival benefit the Mainstreet Community Scholarship Fund. Ticket prices are \$10 advance/\$15 at the door for general admission/lawn seating and \$25 advance/\$30 at the door for special admission (which includes table seating and a complimentary gift per table). Picnic baskets and coolers are permitted. Tickets can be purchased at Mainstreet Clubhouse or online at www.mainstreetcommunity.org. For more information, call (770) 469-7238 or email jazzfestival@mainstreetcommunity.org.

Festival sponsors include CrossRoads News, Citizens Trust Bank, Sears Pool Management, Fast Signs-Northlake and Los Arcos Restaurant.

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If you are interested in learning more about **Crime Watch**

Coordinators contact **George Bullett, MCSA, Inc**

Boardmember or Robert Gordon, Crime Watch Committee Chairperson at 770.469.7238.

Crime Watch Committee meets every other Saturday at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse.

Annual Meeting

Want to improve your community?

The best way to make a positive improvement to your community is to run for the board of directors. The board of directors of your associations sets policy and runs the affairs of your Association. Are you interested in making things better? Run for office. Read **Article III, IV, V** or your **Bylaws** on our website: **www.mainstreetcommunity.org**.

The annual meeting of the members of Mainstreet community, homeowners will be held **Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at the clubhouse, 5001 Mainstreet Park Drive pursuant to Article IV, Sect 2 of the Bylaws of Mainstreet.**

Pursuant to Article V, Sect. 2 of the Bylaws there will be 3 board seats open. The election will be held at the annual meeting. If you plan on running for the board of directors your petition for election must be filed by October 13, 2007.

To qualify you must have your petitions signed by no less than 10 members of the Association in good standing. No candidate for election, nor signer of petitions shall be more than 30 days delinquent in assessments. Your petitions must be filed with the secretary of the board or a board designee 20 days prior to the annual meeting. **The Annual Meeting is November 6, 2008; deadline for filing petition is October 13, 2008.**

If you plan on being out of town November 6, 2008 don't lose your vote, file your proxy with the secretary of the Association.



HMS is our new management company, serving Mainstreet since July 1, 2008. Log on to their website (www.hms-inc.net) and register. You will then be able to review your account as well as make online payments. Send your HOA checks temporarily to: Mainstreet Community Services Association, Inc., c/o HMS, P.O. Box 2458, Alpharetta, GA 30023-2458.

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with the DeKalb Police department in an effort to stem the criminal activity in our neighborhood. We are members of the **DeKalb County Interactive Community Policing**. The goal of this program is to have the police intimately involved in our community. They will know our community, its residents and neighborhoods. This proactive measure will avail the police with the support they need to make arrests.

Along with DeKalb County ICP program the board enlisted the services of a private security firm, **Department of Protective Services**. DPS agents began patrolling the trails leading to and from our pool area as well as supporting our pool attendants during the evening hours of operations. With their support the loitering, bullying, and profanity percolating around our pool area stopped.

The Board also asked DPS agents to patrol Mainstreet's Parkwest neighborhood in response to reports of escalating crime in that community. Residents were buoyed by the presence of these agents and incidents of crime in the Parkwest area began to drop off.

The pool is now closed and we have started a new school year. With the summer behind us how will we proactively address this issue of youth inspired crime in our neighborhood? On **September 11, 2008**, Mainstreet's Crime Watch Committee will present a **"Crime & Gang Violence Awareness Meeting"** from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Make a point of attending this very special community gathering. Let's wrestle with this issue together as a community of parents, adults, children and youth and take action...make a difference.

This report was compiled by Kwadjo Boaitey, MCSA, Inc. Site Manager

National Night Out



Photograph by Gerald Ferguson

By Paulette Rusnak and Robert Gordon

On August 5, 2008 the **Mainstreet Community Crime Watch Committee** along with the **Tucker Precinct** of the DeKalb County Police Department joined with the National Association of Town Watch in sponsoring the 25th year of the **National Night Out on Crime**. The purpose of NNO is to prevent crime and drug use through community awareness as well as promoting community/police partnerships through social intervention. Activities began at 5:30 P.M with a march down Mainstreet Park Drive ending at the gazebo where there were events scheduled with visits from DeKalb police as well as music and refreshments.

Among the invited guests were **Detective Squad T.S. Dedorck, Captain Kliesrath, Gang task Force Officer Tirado, Department of Protective Services Agents, Officer Jesse, Officer Brown, Faye Coffield,**

Officer Hadye, S. Dorcon and State Representative Michele Henson. The more involvement by our residents and our local police, the less crime we will have in Mainstreet. Hopefully we sent a message to anyone involved or thinking of being involved in a crime in Mainstreet. We want to let them know that they are not welcome here, and we will be fighting to remove them from our community to keep Mainstreet crime free.

MCCWC meets bi-monthly at 10:00 AM at the Mainstreet Clubhouse and welcomes all interested residents in participating with us.

For more information on National Night Out on Crime go to:

www.nationalnightout.org/nno



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