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Neighborhood comes out for Crime Watch meeting



Dekalb Police Chief Terrell Bolton addresses Mainstreet and neighboring communities



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For more about our Mainstreet Community visit: www.mainstreetcommunity.org

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New DeKalb chief discusses community policing plans

More than 100 people from neighborhoods near Stone Mountain turned out to hear new **Dekalb County Police Chief Terrell Bolton** talk about his plans to emphasize community policing.

Solicitor General Robert James, County Commissioner Burrell Ellis, School board members Cassandra Anderson-Littlejohn and Zapora Roberts and State Representative Michele Henson (D-Stone Mountain) also attended the meeting at the Mainstreet Community Association clubhouse last week.

Bolton said a committee within the police department is reviewing ways to devote more of his officers' time to solving community problems.



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By Diane Mundine

POA Passed

On December 19th enough votes were received to submit Mainstreet Community to the Property Owners Act. The amendments have now been recorded at the DeKalb County recorders office and it is official.

ADVANTAGES OF POA THAT BENEFIT MAINSTREET

1. Violations- the Board of Directors are now empowered with stricter enforcement of the covenants. Failure to correct a violation can result in fines of up to \$25.00 per day.

2. Delinquencies are now an automatic lien against the individual property address. New title holders or purchasers who do not confirm that fees are current and get them paid before closing or transfer of title are equally responsible for seller's/former owner's debt.

3. If Association sues and gets a judgment in court, the Association can initiate foreclosure proceedings against the property to cure the judgment without paying off current owner mortgage.

We would hate to see anyone lose their home for nonpayment of their assessments, however it has become abundantly clear there are some who just will not make their assessments a priority. Remember paying assessments is mandatory and declarations are recorded against each and every lot within Mainstreet.

The purpose of the assessments is for the upkeep, maintenance and management of the common amenities. Please visit our website to see what your monthly fees are being used for.

Manager's Corner**GOALS FOR 2007**

Renovation of the playground is tentatively scheduled to begin in April. There may be a problem with the water tables where the playground is currently located. If homeowners have a suggestion for a new location please contact the office or submit suggestions on form located on our website.

CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION

The clubhouse renovation is nearly complete. The furniture and appliances will be purchased soon. Stop by and see your new clubhouse.

Your social committee is planning a grand open house for the community to see the renovations. The open house is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2007. Please watch events board at clubhouse or our website for further information. (www.mainstreetcommunity.org)

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES TENTATIVELY PLANNED

●Youth oriented activities at the clubhouse on a Friday.

●Adult socials on a Friday

●Family Day Picnic and Fireworks 4th of July

●Annual Jazz Festival in September

●Cultural Exchange and Potluck

●Watch events board and website for dates and times

●The social committee is looking for volunteers. Your community can thrive only with volunteers.

POOL OPENING MAY 26TH

The pool will open on Saturday May 26th this year. The pool is

open for Mainstreet residents only and their guest. Residents must have a **Mainstreet photo ID** in order to have access to the pool. There will be a pool attendant at all times checking the ID's. **You must have a 2007 sticker on your ID.** Please don't wait until the last minute. Stickers are available in office now. If you don't have a photo, the cost for a photo is a one time charge of \$2.00

POOL USE IS AT YOUR OWN RISK.

There will be no life guards on duty at the pools this year. Swimming will be done at your own risk. Make sure that you are able to swim and abide by the rules.

VIOLATIONS

There are very noticeable violations which bring down the quality of our neighborhood

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ADVERTISING RATES

Business card size ad on Website \$100.00 - 12 months

Business card size ad on publication \$64.00 - 3 month exposure on website

Full Page Ad –publication and website with link to full page 90 days -\$175.00

½ page Ad – publication and website with link to ½ page 90 days - \$150.00

¼ page Ad – publication and website with link for ¼ page for 90 days \$125.00

Video Ad is \$250.00 for 1 year exposure on website

Juveniles committing majority of residential burglaries



By Kwadjo Boaitey

New **Dekalb County Police Chief, Terrell Bolton** along with **Solicitor General Robert James, Commissioner Burrell Ellis, School Board representatives Quentin Fretwill, Cassandra Little-John, Zapora Roberts, East Precinct Major Gainey** participated in a panel discussion moderated by **State Representative Michele Henson**, about the growing incidents of crime in our neighborhoods.

Hosted by the **Mainstreet Homeowner's Association**, residents from **Hidden Hills, Fox Valley, Redan Station, McCarter Station, Chapman Mills, Southland, Kings Gate, Mountain Meadow, and Lake Point Apartments** were in attendance.

Chief Bolton began the discussion by alerting us to the fact that Dekalb County is changing and is addressing similar issues facing larger cities. He said the police are now moving from traditional enforcement to community enforcement and problem solving. A new initiative is now in place called "Community Oriented Policing," headed up by East Precincts, **Major Gainey**. The focus of this new

initiative is to identify and solve community problems at their source. It includes every branch of the police department and county government but more importantly the engagement and support of the community. We will see an increase in the units and personnel in this community. Officers will respond to calls in a timely manner and get to know the community. They will treat the origin of the problem.

Gainey presented a detailed crime analysis of the Mainstreet area. There was a 23% reduction in crimes from 2005 to 2006. **The majority of crime**



taking place in our community is residential burglaries of which 65%-75% are being committed by juveniles skipping school and robbing homes. In the East Precinct, where we are located, most of the criminals are truants. These youth are very susceptible to joining gangs.

Some of the reasons youth are not in school are: they simply didn't feel like going to school, missing the bus, oversleeping, babysitting, working (or resting up for work), and keeping a lonely parent company.

Children should be in school and the way to report truancy is to call the local school or call the police. There is a lack of accountability from parents and community regarding our youth. Parents are urged to be parents, to take the time to know what their children are involved in and going through. Gangs prey on youth with low self esteem, truants, and youth not having a strong family life.

Parental (and community) involvement are key to addressing this issue. It takes a village to raise a child. Get to know your neighbors, be nosy, get involved in your community and if you see a child who should be in school stop and ask him some questions. **Next crime watch meeting May 10, 2007.**

Crime Watch Coordinators

WARNING

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM IN FORCE
Our Neighbors are watching to report suspicious activity to our LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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**Summer newsletter deadline for article submissions is
May 21, 2007. Send items to kwadjosun@gmail.com**

A Pledge to Rescue Our Youth

By Dr. Maya Angelou

Young women, young men of color,
we add our voices of your ancestors
who speak to you over ancient seas
and across impossible mountaintops.

Come up from the gloom of national
neglect, you have already been paid
for.

Come out of the shadow of irrational
prejudice, you owe no racial debt to
history.

The blood of our bodies and the
prayers of our souls have brought you
a future free from shame and bright
beyond the telling of it.

We pledge ourselves and our
resources to seek for you clean and
well-furnished schools, safe and
non-threatening streets,
employment which makes use of
your talents, but does not degrade
your dignity.

You are the best we have

You are all we have

You are what we have become.

We pledge you our whole hearts
from this day forward.

**Reprint from "a conversation with Dr.
Maya Angelou." To watch the
complete interview visit
target.com/dreamincolor.**

from property or placed in
garage. **No tractor trailers
and commercial vehicles**
are allowed in the
community overnight.
Renters are equally
responsible for upkeep of
property and must abide by
standards. Fines can be
enforced against renters.

Collections- Those homes
that have delinquencies
totaling \$500-\$2000.00
have been turned over for
collection to **Alliance
Revenue**. If you receive a
collection letter from them,
we can no longer make
arrangements with you at
the office.

Delinquencies totaling
more than \$2000.00 have
been turned over to
**Weissman, Nowack, Wilco
& Curry** for collection and
suit. You must
communicate with them
once you receive a letter.
You can not make
arrangements with the

office. **Association Fees** can
be mailed to the address on
the coupon book sent to you
by **Heritage Property
Management** or you may pay
at the site office **5001
Mainstreet Park Dr. Stone
Mountain, GA 30088**

NOTE WORTHY ITEMS— Mainstreet residents

Need a photographer?
Mainstreet resident and
photographer **Gerald
Ferguson** has done some
wonderful work for Mainstreet
and has a neighborhood
photo studio. Call him at
770.469.1396

Larryette Kyle, tennis captain
and author has finished and
published her second book,
"Charging the Net". It covers
the accomplishments of
Blacks in tennis. Her first
book was "The African-
American Guide to Real
Estate Investing." To find out
more and/or purchase books
call 770.469.1595.

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and can be cured inexpensively. **Garbage cans** must be placed out of sight
of the road by the next morning after collection. Observe holiday pick up
schedule. Don't place garbage out too early. **Mailboxes** must be repaired.
Debris must be cleaned off front yards and from curbs in front of homes.
Yards must be kept neatly trimmed. **Inoperable cars** must be removed