

# Heritage Valley Newsletter

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HVACA members enjoy neighborhood cookout

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Taste of Heritage Valley" Coming soon....

You've heard of the "Taste of Chicago" and the "Taste of Atlanta" where local restaurants allow residents to sample their finest creations well neighbors get ready for **"The Taste of Heritage Valley"**. Just in time to mark the end of the summer we will have a neighborhood potluck/sampler as a chance for neighbors to share their favorite recipes and allow one last time to partake in fellowship before the summer ends. Do you

have the best recipes in the neighborhood? Well prove it! We will have prizes for the best dishes and fun for the whole family. If you plan to eat we ask that you bring a dish to sample. This event will be held Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> 12-4pm. Lookout for posters in the neighborhood and reminder flyers that will be distributed by block captains the weeks leading up to the event indicating the location. **Please pre-register for this event by calling 404-453-9140.**

## Neighborhood Yard Sale Sat July 16th!!!



In an effort to raise money for Heritage Valley we will have a community yard sale the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July. Several homes in the neighborhood will be participating. We are asking for a nominal donation of \$10 per participant to support the Heritage Valley Community Assoc. in exchange for promotion of your yard sale. If you would like to participate in this effort and have some items to sell please call 404.453.9140 or email [ms.lang@hotmail.com](mailto:ms.lang@hotmail.com) by **Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>** if not, just come out and support this great cause and **shop, shop, shop!**



## Neighborhood watch update

We have had several burglaries in the past quarter in Heritage Valley. In order for our neighborhood watch to be effective you must get to know your neighbors, exchange numbers & lookout for each other. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June an attempted break-in on Pine Cone was averted and one perpetrator was arrested thanks to the quick action and watchful eye of a neighbor in Heritage Valley. The neighbor set-up her camcorder when she heard glass breaking and quickly alerted police which lead to the burglar's capture. The second perpetrator described as a light skinned male approximately 16 yrs was not apprehended so be on the lookout and report any suspicious people to **911** so our neighborhood does not continue to be victimized!!!

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*"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." -Michael Jordan*

## Eyesores in the Community!



One of the main things we are tackling this year is eyesores in the community. These include over grown lots, junk cars burned structures etc. Our current policy is to first write a warning letter to the homeowner on behalf of the community after we receive a complaint from a HV resident. If the issue is not resolved within a certain time frame violators are reported to the code enforcement department within the City of Atlanta. Year to date we have been able to get 2 violators brought to trial. You can assist us by directly reporting eyesores in the neighborhood to the City of Atlanta Code Enforcement at 404.330.6190. You may also assist by attending code enforcement hearings at Atlanta Municipal Court when violators are brought to trial. Please visit our website to be alerted of trial dates if you are interested. If we all work together we can clean-up Heritage Valley quickly!

## Unruly children in the neighborhood!!!



Are you concerned about the recent conduct of children in the neighborhood over the past few months? Well you are not alone. We have received several complaints of teens loitering, impeding traffic on the street, trespassing on people's property, throwing trash on the street, using foul language shooting dice and even more seriously illegal drug activity has been witnessed and several residents have had their property vandalized. The main streets affected are Ingledale Drive, Valley Ridge Dr, Heritage Valley and Revere Rd. Our neighborhood has never had these issues before and it is up to us **all** to get the message out that this unacceptable before the problem is exacerbated. Your administration has written letters to homeowners, spoken with parents and been working jointly with the APD C.O.P.S unit (Community Orientated Police) in hopes of resolving the issue. If you see any nuisance or illegal behavior mentioned above call 911 immediately and request a patrol car be dispatched. Also send non emergency tips of illegal activity and nuisances in the neighborhood to the APD C.O.P.S unit at: 404-546-5650, 404-546-2605 or [atlantacops@atlantaga.gov](mailto:atlantacops@atlantaga.gov). You may also contact the APD Sergeant assigned to this community at [ersmith@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ersmith@atlantaga.gov). Summer is a time for kids to enjoy themselves, play and get a much needed rest however; this should be done safely and with respect to others property and peace of mind.

Children in this community have the awesome benefit of having both a park and recreation center within walking distance that have wonderful amenities and programs available to them.

### **Melvin Drive Park, 3895 Melvin Drive SW**

Amenities: tennis court, basketball court, baseball diamond and green space.

### **Ben Hill Recreation Center**

**2405 Fairburn Rd** (404) 346-5891

Amenities: tennis court, basketball court computer & workstations

## **Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms to hold a Special meeting with Heritage Valley July 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss Zoning matters.**



Special Use Permit U-11-10 is still unresolved at the present time. The matter is currently being held by the City Council Zoning committee. Councilmember Bottoms will hold a special meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Ben Hill Recreation Center to personally discuss the matter. Please be in attendance if this issue is of concern to you!

### **Fairburn Road Flooding Concerns.**

HV residents that live along Fairburn Rd have complained of flooding on their property after rain downpours since the install of the sidewalks. The Office of Public works was notified of the complaints and a field engineer inspected the section of Fairburn road from Mt. Gilead to Heritage Valley Rd. Based on the assessment, the flooding may be a result of the clogged condition of the two catch basins within these limits. A service request has been created with the Department of Watershed if the problem persists contact:

**Danita Akendengue-Ogandaga**  
Senior Public Information Manager  
City of Atlanta Public Works  
678.206.9490



## **May 7<sup>th</sup> Clean-up Participants**

Thanks to your membership dollars, KEEP ATLANTA BEAUTIFUL and the CITY OF ATLANTA Heritage Valley conducted its second annual community clean-up on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We focused this year on the entrances to the community, Fairburn Road and Mt. Gilead. Hope to see you next year.



## **We Are Now on the Internet**

This is just one more tool that the current administration has put into effect to keep Heritage Valley informed and empowered!! Our website contains links to past minutes of meetings, newsletters, code enforcement complaint forms etc. The site also includes a calendar of events that is updated constantly with important dates so log on today and check it out.

[neighborhoodlink.com/Heritage\\_Valley](http://neighborhoodlink.com/Heritage_Valley)

### **Trash Can Storage**

In an effort to keep our neighborhood tidy and presentable in would be greatly appreciated if residents would please bring in trash cans from the street after trash collection and if possible keep them stored out of visible sight.

### **Important numbers**

1. **AHA Complaint line:** 1-888-AHA-4YOU
2. **City Of Atlanta office of Code Compliance:** 404.330.6190
3. **APD C.O.P.S** (Community Orientated police) unit: 404-546-5650

**Note: HVACA will recess July and August and resume our regularly scheduled meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in September**