

# NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME KIT



# WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Edgewood is a historic, diverse, and evolving neighborhood on Atlanta’s eastside—where long-time residents and newcomers are shaping the future together. From tree-lined streets and front porch conversations to community-driven planning and activism, Edgewood is a place where neighbors show up for one another.

You’ve joined a community that values **connection, equity, and collective action**. Whether you’re here to put down roots or just getting started, there’s a place for you here. If you ever feel unsure where to start, reach out—this is a neighborhood that believes in looking out for each other.



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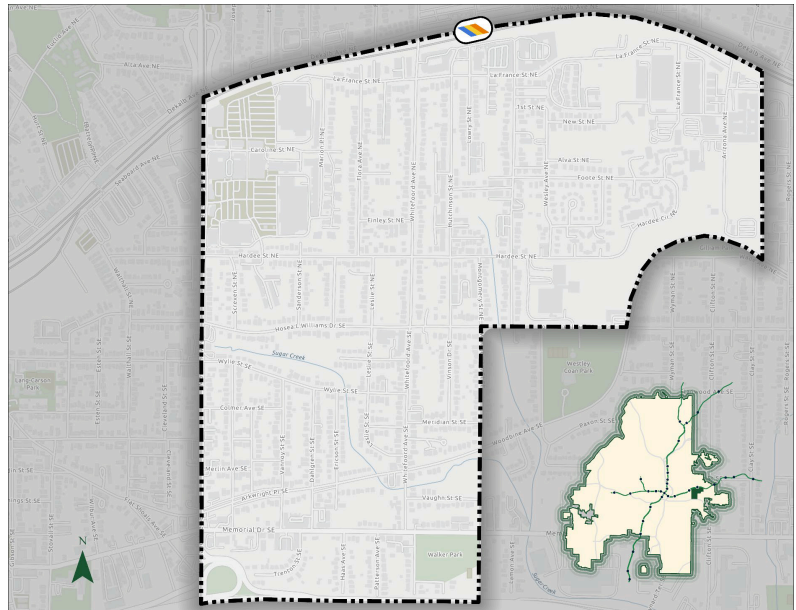
# ABOUT EDGEWOOD

Founded in the 1870s and annexed into the City of Atlanta in 1909, Edgewood is one of Atlanta's historic in-town neighborhoods, located on the eastside in DeKalb County just east of Reynoldstown and south of Candler Park. The current geographic boundaries of the Edgewood neighborhood and its neighborhood organization, the Organized Neighbors of Edgewood (ONE), are depicted in Figure 1.

Edgewood's historic and cultural landscape reflects a layered story of land, people, struggle, and resilience that continues to shape the neighborhood today. Originally home to the Cherokee people and Muscogee (Creek) people, the area's development accelerated with the construction of the Georgia Railroad in 1845, following routes established by Indigenous communities along the Eastern Continental Divide. The railroad spurred early growth around a commercial center known as Mayson's Crossing and later supported the development of Edgewood as a town in the late 1800s, before its annexation into the City of Atlanta in 1909. Its proximity to rail lines made it a key settlement area for Black residents, particularly those working as Pullman porters, helping establish Edgewood as a historically Black neighborhood.

Like many such communities, the railroad also created a physical boundary separating Black neighborhoods from adjacent White neighborhoods - with street renamings (i.e. the transition from Whitefoord to Oakdale Avenues) reinforcing racially prejudiced policy making like redlining and urban renewal that led to systemic divestment in Edgewood. Community voices and activism in Edgewood's past reveals how residents have consistently mobilized around issues such as police accountability, civic representation, and neighborhood dignity. From the Edgewood Civic League in the 1950s to antidisplacement efforts in the 1970s-80s including the Edgewood Neighborhood Strategy Area and the provision of Section 8 housing, to the later formalization of neighborhood organizations such as ONE (1987), Edgewood's narrative is one of persistent engagement.

Today, that legacy of advocacy continues as the neighborhood navigates growth while working to preserve its historic and cultural assets. Though many historic buildings and sites have been lost to new development there is a strong desire for protecting and preserving remaining resources like Whitefoord Elementary School (est. 1922), along with churches, long-standing non-profit organizations, and other historic homes and buildings that served the community. These places speak to Edgewood's working-class roots, while new businesses and public art carry its identity forward.



# NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

Residents have come together to define a shared vision for the future—one centered on:

## HOUSING STABILITY & AFFORDABILITY

- Preserve existing affordable housing
- Expand deeply affordable and workforce housing
- Explore tools like community land trusts
- Ensure new development provides lasting community benefits

## SAFE, CONNECTED, & ACCESSIBLE MOBILITY

- Complete missing sidewalks and improve walkability
- Enhance ADA-accessible infrastructure
- Add traffic calming, lighting, and wayfinding
- Strengthen bike, trail, and transit connections

## GREENSPACE & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- Restore and protect Sugar Creek
- Preserve tree canopy and limit impervious surfaces
- Expand parks and community green spaces
- Advance climate resilience and flood mitigation

## HISTORY & CULTURE

- Protect historic landmarks and community institutions
- Commemorate lost sites
- Use public art, markers, and tours to tell Edgewood's story
- Encourage community-serving uses of historic spaces

## LOCAL ECONOMY, COMMUNITY LIFE, & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

- Support small, locally owned businesses
- Strengthen neighborhood commercial areas
- Expand community spaces, programs, and youth services
- Invest in mutual aid, emergency preparedness, and neighbor networks

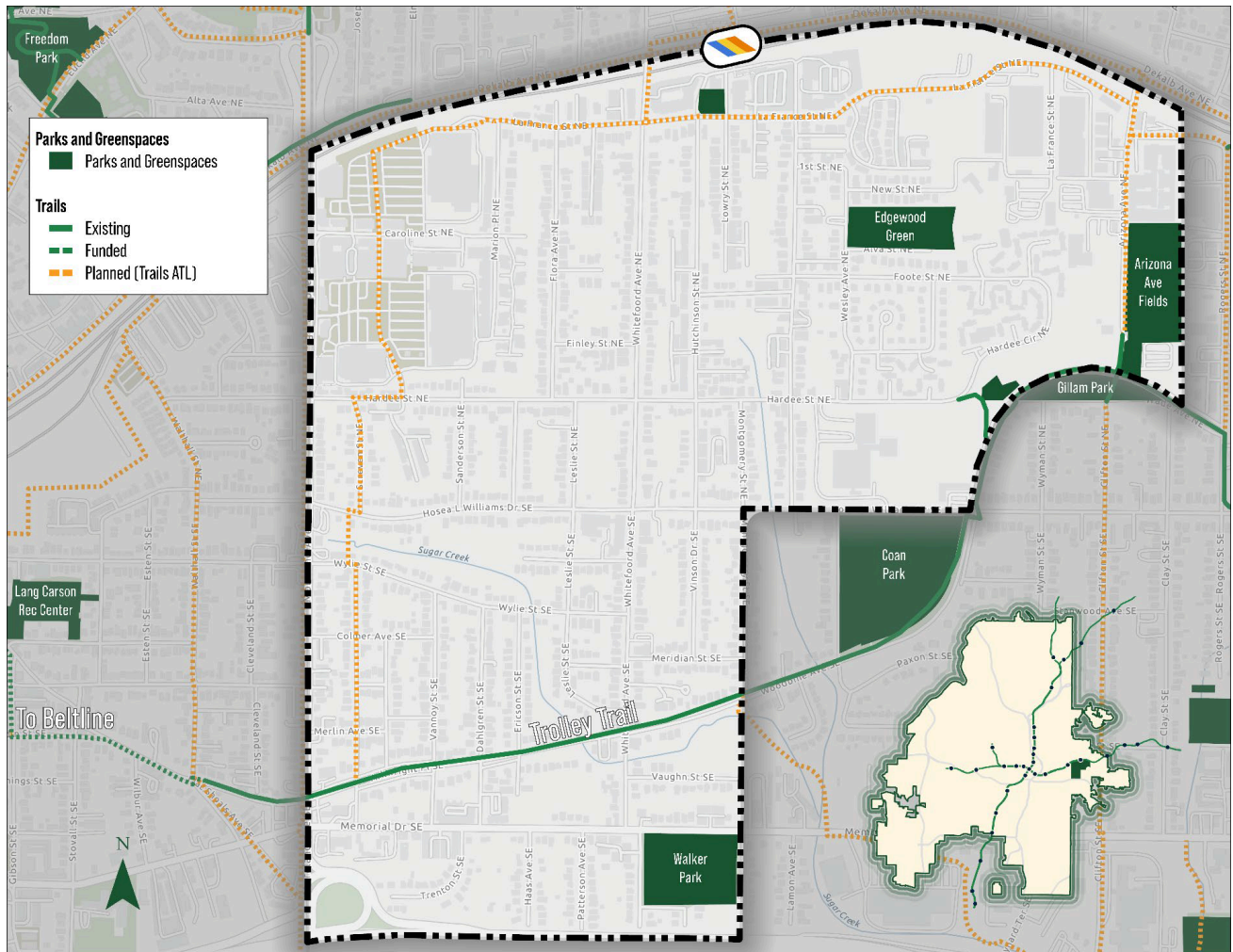
# NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL, SERVICES, AND AMENITIES

## PARKS & GREEN SPACES

Edgewood residents value access to nature and outdoor gathering spaces. Nearby parks include:

- Arizona Ave Soccer Fields
- Coan Park and Recreation Center
- Edgewood Green on Wesley Ave.
- Gilliam Park
- La France/MARTA green
- Ruby Vaughn Meadows
- Walker Park
- [Wylde Center Edgewood Garden](#)

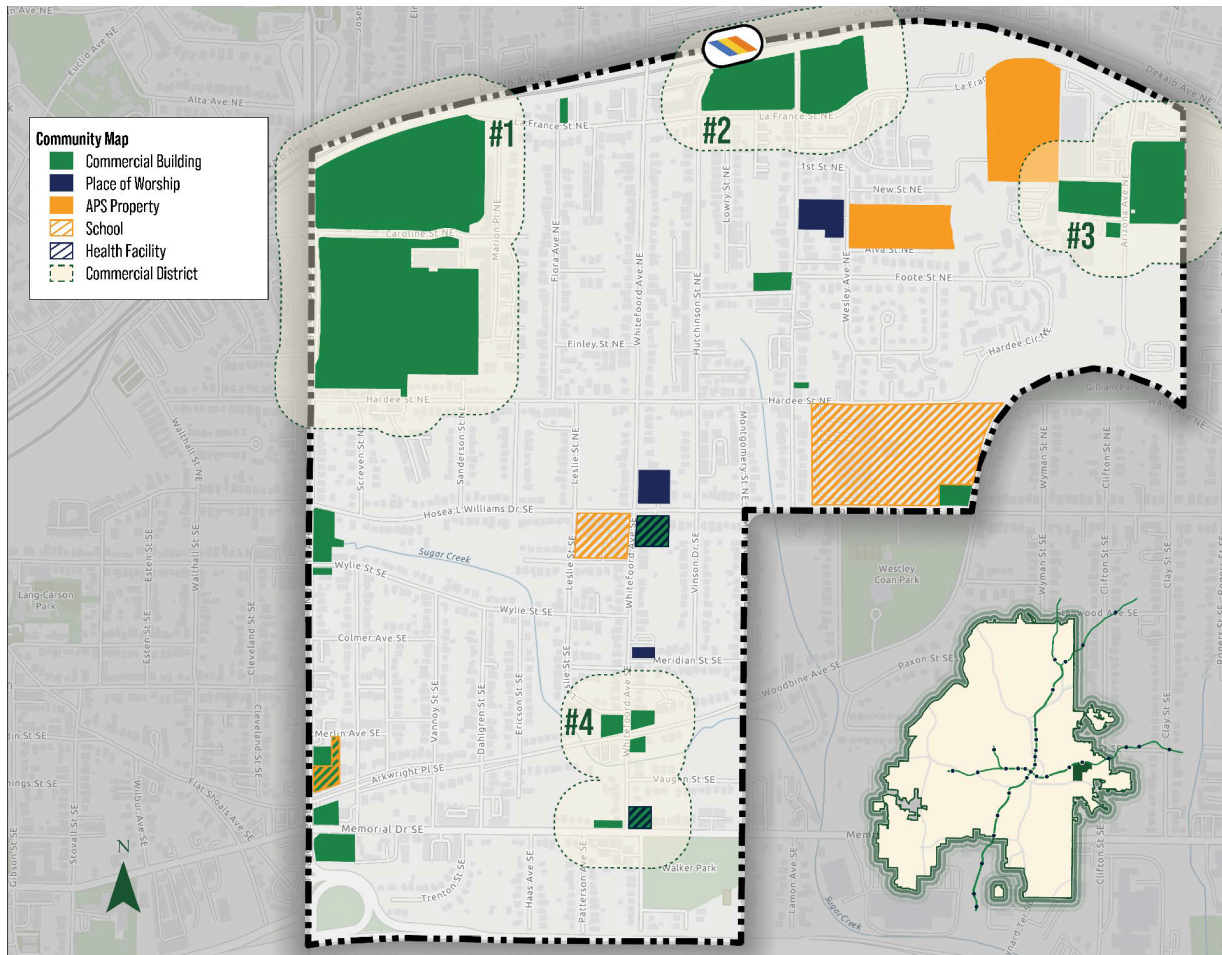
These spaces are central to community life—from play and exercise to events and organizing.



## COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC AMENITIES

Edgewood's hosts four distinct commercial districts within the neighborhood.

1. The Edgewood Retail District serves as the neighborhood's primary commercial hub, providing access to essential goods, services, and employment through major retailers such as Kroger, Target, Barnes and Nobles, Best Buy, PetsMart, and Lowe's, as well as restaurants and service-oriented businesses like UPS, Peachtree Immediate Care, and Visionworks.
2. La France/MARTA commercial district hosts [Bona Fide Deluxe](#) sandwich shop, [Vin ATL](#) wine shop, and [Moving in the Spirit](#) youth development program.
3. The Arizona Avenue commercial district hosts [Dead End Drinks](#), [Skiptown](#), and [Arizona Ave Soccer Fields](#).
4. The Trolley Line Trail district off Whitefoord Avenue hosts [El Tesoro](#), [Pure Quill Superette](#), [Hot Diggity Dog Grooming and Boutique](#), and [East Atlanta Family Dental](#).



There are additionally a few locally owned businesses and services shops along Memorial Drive and Moreland Avenue. In addition, Edgewood's public amenities include:

- [Whitefoord Health Center](#): Community-based healthcare and wellness services in Edgewood. 1401 Hosea L. Williams Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30317. Phone: 404-373-6614
- [WELA \(Whitefoord Early Learning Academy\)](#): Early childhood education center. 35 Whitefoord Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30317. Phone: 404-802-6900
- [Montessori In Town](#): Montessori-based preschool and elementary school. 1192 Arwright Pl. SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30317. Phone 404-784-1038
- Toomer Elementary: Neighborhood public elementary school
- Coan Middle School: Local public middle school serving Edgewood students
- Places of worship: ADD

## NONPROFITS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Edgewood is connected to a range of local resources and partners that support residents, including:

- **Blessing Bags of Warmth** – Provides care packages with essentials to neighbors in need,

especially during colder seasons or times of crisis. [blessingbagsofwarmth.com](https://blessingbagsofwarmth.com)

- **Feet of Clay** – A local arts collective that fosters creativity and community connection through shared artistic expression. [feetofclayatl.org](https://feetofclayatl.org)
- **Intown Cares**
- **Teardown - food4life**
- **Neighbor in Need** – Offers critical home repairs to help longtime residents remain in their homes. [neighborinneed.org](https://neighborinneed.org)
- **Unearthing Farm & Market** – Promotes food justice and community wellness through sustainable urban farming and education. [unearthingatl.org](https://unearthingatl.org)

## NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

### HALLOWEEN

Halloween is one of Edgewood’s most beloved neighborhood traditions—bringing together neighbors of all ages for a fun, creative, and highly social celebration. Organized by ONE’s Parents’ Network in partnership with XXX and XXX, Halloween in Edgewood often includes block-level gatherings, trick-or-treating, and informal street activations where neighbors decorate their homes and connect with one another.

In particular, areas like Flora Avenue have become known for strong participation and festive energy, reflecting Edgewood’s culture of community-driven events. While specific activities vary year to year, the emphasis is always on safe, family-friendly engagement, creativity, and strengthening neighbor connections—a core part of ONE’s mission to foster belonging and community life.



### MOVIE NIGHTS

Edgewood Movie Nights are casual, family-friendly gatherings that create space for neighbors to come together in shared public spaces like parks or community centers. Organized by ONE’s Parents’ Network in partnership with XXX and XXX, these events typically feature outdoor screenings, opportunities for kids and families to connect, and a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

These gatherings reflect Edgewood’s broader commitment to accessible community programming, family engagement, and activating shared spaces. They are often coordinated alongside other initiatives to build relationships across households and create consistent opportunities for neighbors to spend time together outside of formal meetings.

# ORGANIZED NEIGHBORS OF EDGEWOOD (ONE)

ONE is a not-for-profit, community-led organization dedicated to representing the Edgewood neighborhood of Atlanta. With a board, advisors, and committee chairs who are all passionate volunteers living in Edgewood, our mission is to foster a vibrant and engaged community.

ONE was founded in 1987 in response to proposed zoning changes impacting the neighborhood. A group of concerned residents united to form the organization with the goal of ensuring that the voice of Edgewood's community was heard. ONE is one of three neighborhood organizations that make up Neighborhood Planning Unit O (NPU-O), alongside the Kirkwood Neighbors Organization (KNO) and the East Lake Neighbors Community Association (ELNCA).

ONE's mission is to promote community engagement, provide valuable resources, and foster a sense of belonging among neighbors. We are committed to working with our community to make Edgewood a safer, healthier, and happier place to live.

## MEMBERSHIP

If you live, work, volunteer, represent a business, or own a property in Edgewood, you can become a member! There are two types of membership:

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

- For anyone who lives, works, or volunteers in Edgewood
- Free to join (donations are encouraged)
- Can vote after attending at least 1 meeting in the past 12 months

### BUSINESS MEMBERS

- For businesses, property owners, or organizations in Edgewood
- \$225 annual contribution
- Can vote after attending at least 1 meeting in the past 12 months; only 1 vote per business entity

Register to become a member here: <https://forms.gle/98617yZyBvToa4zy6>!

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are hybrid and held on the **3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM** in-person at Coan Recreation Center and virtually via Zoom. Register on our website here:  
Agendas & meeting minutes are publicly available on the ONE website.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ELECTIONS

Board Members serve 2 year terms and are elected in **November**. (see bylaws: <https://www.edgewoodatl.org/bylaws>). New Board Members assume duties on January 1st following their election.

# ONE COMMITTEES & WHAT THEY DO

ONE offers multiple committees where you can bring energy, ideas, or just weekend hours.

| Committee                                                                                                                   | Focus / Activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Community and Belonging</b><br><a href="mailto:arts@historickirkwood.org">arts@historickirkwood.org</a>                  | UPDATE<br>Introduce public art, murals, green spaces, beautify streets, coordinate with artists.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Parent's Network and Education</b><br><a href="mailto:education@historickirkwood.org">education@historickirkwood.org</a> | UPDATE<br>Liaise with local schools, support student programming, advocate for district resources.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Parks and Greenspace</b><br><a href="mailto:edgewoodgreenspaceatl@gmail.com">edgewoodgreenspaceatl@gmail.com</a>         | Expand permanent greenspaces, lead workdays and park improvement projects, improve creek health, and care for tree canopy.                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Health &amp; Public Safety</b><br><a href="mailto:safety@historickirkwood.org">safety@historickirkwood.org</a>           | UPDATE<br>Engage with law enforcement and public health agencies, safety planning, wellness initiatives.                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Transportation</b><br><a href="mailto:edgewoodtransportationatl@gmail.com">edgewoodtransportationatl@gmail.com</a>       | Improve walkability, transit access, bike safety, traffic planning. Find out more here, including meeting invite links: <a href="#">transportation</a>                                                                                                                |
| <b>Zoning</b> <a href="mailto:zoning@historickirkwood.org">zoning@historickirkwood.org</a>                                  | UPDATE<br>Review development proposals, evaluate requests for variances, rezoning, and make neighborhood recommendations. More about the Zoning Process is included in this guide. Meetings are on the <b>first Monday</b> of each month at 6:30 PM (check calendar). |

## GET CONNECTED

- Visit our website:  
<https://www.edgewoodatl.org/>
- Subscribe to our newsletter
- Become a member and join our monthly meetings
- Connect with your **Block Captain**
- Follow us on social media for updates

## GET INVOLVED

There are so many ways to plug in — no prior expertise needed, just enthusiasm:

- Become a **Block Captain**
- Join a neighborhood committee
- Volunteer at events or cleanups
- Attend community meetings.

# ONE ZONING PROCESS

Because development is permanent, decisions made during local zoning committee, neighborhood, and NPU meetings shape Edgewood's built environment for generations. Projects that support the following priorities are more likely to gain community support and move easily through the ONE zoning review process.

## Housing Stability and Affordability

- Projects that provide affordability above existing City requirements (e.g., [Inclusionary Zoning, Public Subsidies Ordinance](#)).

## Safe, Connected, and Accessible Mobility

- Continuous sidewalks, curb cuts, and drive aprons that are ADA-compliant.
- Safe, visible, street-oriented entrances
- Streetscapes that prioritize pedestrians

## Natural Systems and Greenspace

- Projects that prioritize preserving existing trees, rather than removing and replanting.

## History and Culture

- Preservation of existing historic spaces
- New development that reflects Edgewood's established scale, rhythm, and architecture.

## Local Economy, Community Life, and Neighborhood Resilience:

- Locally-owned and community-serving businesses and third spaces
- Sustainable buildings, infrastructure, and site design that are above-code performance in energy, water, materials, and stormwater management.

The **ONE Zoning Committee** reviews all variance or rezoning applications for the neighborhood. Please check out the following timeline and contact us with any questions: [www.edgewoodatl.org/zoning](http://www.edgewoodatl.org/zoning)

## ZONING PROCESS TIMELINE

### Step 1: Talk with the Community (Weeks 0–4+)

- Meet with ONE and neighbors about any zoning changes needed
- Share your ideas, gather feedback, and refine your plans

### Step 2: Apply to the City (Week 4+)

- Submit your rezoning or variance application to the City
- City assigns a planner and case number

### Step 3: ONE Review & Vote (Weeks 5–9)

- Present project to ONE Zoning Committee; Revise plans (if needed)
- Present at ONE monthly meeting
- Neighborhood votes

### Step 4: NPU-O Review & Vote (Weeks 10–12)

- Present your project to NPU-O

- Neighbors provide input
- NPU-O makes a recommendation

### Step 5: Public Hearing (Weeks 13–18+)

- Present to the city: BZA (for variances), or ZRB (for rezonings/special uses)
- Public comment is heard
- Board makes a decision or recommendation

### Step 6: City Council Committee (Weeks 19–24)

- Zoning Committee reviews the case
- May approve, deny, or move forward to full Council

### Step 7: Final City Council Vote (Weeks 25–30+)

- Full City Council votes
- If approved, Mayor signs and zoning change becomes official

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND MUTUAL AID

## EMERGENCY / URGENT CONTACTS

In emergencies, dial or text **911**

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Dial or Text **988**

City of Atlanta Police (non-emergency): (404) 614-6544

Atlanta Police, Zone 6 Precinct (non-emergency): (404) 371-5002

Atlanta Fire Department (non-emergency): (404) 546-7000

PAD (Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative): (470) 819-4853 or use 311

## LOCAL FACILITIES

Grady Memorial Hospital – 180 Jesse Hill Jr Dr SE, Atlanta; (404) 616-1000

Emory

- Clifton 1364 Clifton Rd NE

- Decatur Hospital – 2701 N Decatur Rd, Decatur; (404) 501-1000

For mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse help:

DeKalb Community Service Board (CSB)

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Georgia Department of Public Health

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) - Emergency Rooms:

- Hughes Spalding CHOA – 35 Jesse Hill Jr Dr SE, Atlanta, GA 30303
- Arthur M. Blank CHOA – 2220 North Druid Hills Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

Psychiatric Hospitals:

- Peachford Hospital – 2151 Peachford Rd, Atlanta, GA 30338; (770) 455-3200
- Ridgeview Institute – 3995 South Cobb Dr SE, Smyrna, GA 30080; (770) 434-4567

## CITY SERVICES

- Most city services are available using **311** (call, text or app)
- Bulk Trash / Illegal Dumping: (404) 330-6333
- Code Compliance: (404) 330-6190
- Watershed Department: (404) 658-6500
- Public Works: (404) 330-6240
- Recycling: (404) 865-8540
- Solid Waste (general): (404) 330-6333
- City Info / Mayor's Office: (404) 330-6000 / (404) 330-6100
- Parks Department: (404) 817-6744
- Fulton County Animal Services: (404) 794-0358
- Georgia Power (24/7): (888) 660-5890
- Gas leaks (Atlanta Gas Light): (877) 427-4321

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

U.S. House, GA District 5: Nikema Williams — (404) 659-0116  
GA State Senate District 44: Elena Parent — (404) 656-5109  
GA House District 90: Saira Draper — (404) 656-0265  
GA House District 89: Omari Crawford — (404) 656-0314  
Atlanta City Council, District 5: Liliana Bakhtiari — (404) 330-6048  
DeKalb County Commissioner, District 3: Nicole Massiah — (470) 494-4343  
APS Board, District 3: Ken Zeff — (404) 889-6553

## WASTE COLLECTION

Regular trash collection in Edgewood is **Wednesday**, unless it's a holiday week. Yard trimmings are picked up during the **2nd and 4th weeks** of each month. They must be in approved paper bags and less than or equal to 4 feet in length. Plastic bags or loose piles won't be collected. Green-wheeled trash bins (Herbie Curbies) and blue recycling bins should be placed at the curb no earlier than 7:00 PM the evening before collection, and removed by 7:00 PM the same day. Bulk trash (appliances, furniture, etc.) requires an appointment through City of Atlanta Solid Waste. Construction debris, tires, auto parts, paint cans are *not* collected. Many materials that the city doesn't recycle may be dropped off at the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials; check the [CHaRM](#) website for a list of accepted materials and to make an appointment.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Eastwood Post Office:** 1926 Hosea L. Williams Drive NE, hours Mon–Fri 9:00 AM–5:00 PM  
**Kirkwood Library:** 11 Kirkwood Road NE  
Open 10:00 AM–8:00 PM (Mon & Tue), and 10:00 AM–6:00 PM (Wed–Sat), closed Sunday

### Schools

Fred A. Toomer Elementary  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School

Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School  
Charles R. Drew Charter School (K–12)

## MUTUAL AID

- [Findhelp.org](#): Enter your Zipcode and navigate to find specialized and localized resources and assistance on the following topics: food, housing, transit, health, finance, care, education, work, and legal
- [Buy Nothing Groups](#) are local, community-based groups where people give away items they no longer need and request things they could use—without any money, trade, or strings attached. The goal is to build community, reduce waste, and promote sharing among neighbors. You can find a local Buy Nothing group through a quick web search (i.e. “Atlanta Buy Nothing”).
- [MutualAidHub.org](#) - National portal to help people find local Mutual Aid programs.

- [211 Portal](#) - National portal operated by United Way with information about utilities assistance. You can also call 211 24/7 to be connected with a trained specialist.

## FOOD ASSISTANCE

Below are links to apply for food assistance, find food banks, pantries, and other resources.

- [Georgia Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#)
- [Atlanta Community Food Bank Food Pantry Map](#)
- [WhyHunger.org](#) - Food pantry map for folks outside of Atlanta
- [Feeding America Food Bank Locator](#) - Another food pantry map for folks outside of Atlanta
- [Food Commune](#) - Affordable, deeply discounted food in Decatur, GA
- [Omega Support Center](#) – Food Distribution Events – Check Calendar
- Free food distribution in ATL - below is a list of free food distribution locations and times for Atlanta neighborhoods and the metro area. [Check out the Google map](#) to find locations near you.

## HOUSING

- [211 Portal](#) - National portal operated by United Way with information about housing assistance. You can also call 211 24/7 to be connected with a trained specialist.
- [Star-C Corporation Eviction Diversion Program](#) - Servicing people living in the City of Atlanta, covers up to \$7,000 in rent to those in the city experiencing hardship due to job loss or reduction of hours, or emergencies such as transportation or medical emergencies.
- DeKalb County Coordinated Entry - If you live in DeKalb County and are facing housing insecurity, please contact DeKalb County Coordinated Entry by calling (404) 687-3500.
- County governments or other local agencies throughout Georgia may administer their own rental assistance programs outside of state or federally funded initiatives. [Check with your municipality](#) to find out what their rental assistance options are and how you can qualify.
- [Housing Justice League \(Atlanta\)](#) - Works with renters and homeowners across metro-Atlanta to organize tenant associations, defend homes from eviction or displacement, and advance affordable-housing policy for low-income communities.
- [GA Department of Community Affairs Homeowner Assistance Fund](#) - Helps homeowners catch up on mortgage, HOA Fees, utilities, etc to keep them in their homes.

## NONPERISHABLE SUPPLIES

- [National Diaper Bank Network](#): National diaper bank portal for people needing assistance with baby supplies.
- [Bookish](#): Bookish hosts a Community Mutual Aid Pantry. No ID or registration required, just walk in and ask to shop the pantry. The pantry includes personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, dental care, etc.), OTC healthcare items (pain relievers, cough medicine, electrolyte packets, hand sanitizer, tissues, etc.), basic household supplies (dish soap, laundry detergent, sponges, toilet paper, trash bags, etc.), and Harm Reduction supplies (birth control, Narcan, plan B, condoms, and fentanyl detection strips, pregnancy tests, etc). Hours are Tuesday-Friday from 12-6 and from 10-5 on weekends.

- Our local Buy Nothing Project Facebook Group (Candler Park/Edgewood/Lake Claire, Atlanta GA)

## HEALTH

Healthcare Marketplace: if you do not have health coverage through your current employment, you can obtain coverage through the [Affordable Care Act \(ACA\) Healthcare Marketplace at HealthCare.gov](#). In Georgia, you can access the marketplace through [Georgia Access](#).

- Whiteford: [Learn about insurance and payment options](#)
- [National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics \(NAFC\)](#) - Free and Charitable Clinics and Charitable Pharmacies are safety-net health care organizations that utilize a volunteer/staff model to provide a range of medical, dental, pharmacy, vision and/or behavioral health services to economically disadvantaged individuals.
- [The Georgia Charitable Care Network](#) - provides service and support to a crucial safety net for Georgians who otherwise would have no access to health care services.
- [MedCura Health](#) - provides quality, affordable, comprehensive healthcare services that are culturally sensitive and accessible to all in metropolitan Atlanta.
- [Grady Health FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM](#) - Grady offers discounted care under a Financial Assistance Program to qualified individuals for emergency and medically necessary services.

## MENTAL HEALTH

- [Crisis Text Line](#) - Nationwide Crisis Text Line, available in English and Spanish.
- [Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#): Dial or Text **988**
- [TrevorSpace](#): Safe online support community and resources for LGBTQ+ ages 13-24
- [Atlanta Area Trauma Recovery Network](#) - A local chapter of a national organization that volunteers to provide 6 sessions of pro bono EMDR therapy to help relieve the impact of recent stressful events (witness or victim of violent crime, fire, etc.) and possibly prevent PTSD.
- [Kate's Club](#): Atlanta nonprofit helping children, teens, young adults, and their families through grief after the death of someone they love.
- [Reclaim ATL](#) has offered multiple support groups for CDC Staff either free or at reduced prices. For more information, check out their website or email [info@reclaimatl.com](mailto:info@reclaimatl.com).
- [Postpartum.net](#) - National portal for information related to mental health support for pregnant & postpartum mothers.

## MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

- [GoodRX.com](#) - Portal to compare medication costs and find low cost medications.
- [NeedyMeds.org](#) - Nationwide portal for people seeking reduced cost medications.

## CHRONIC DISEASE ASSISTANCE

- [Patient Advocate Foundation](#) – Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) is a national 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization which provides case management services and financial aid to Americans with chronic, life threatening and debilitating illnesses.

- [Cancer Care Resources](#) - Comprehensive resource with information on financial help available for people with cancer. Includes info on finding assistance for medicine and treatment, finding assistance for navigating benefits and entitlements, co-pay relief and prescription assistance, and more.

## VETERINARY CARE

- [Humane World for Animals "Are you having trouble affording your pet?"](#) - Resources for pet owners, from free pet food to low-cost vet care.
- [Paws 4 A Cure](#) - A curated list of organizations that offer information, veterinary support, and financial assistance for pet owners in need.
- [Best Friends Pet Assistance Resources for Economic Hardship](#) - More resources for pet owners, including pet food pantry finder, pet-friendly rental finder, and more.
- [LifeLine Animal Protect](#) - LifeLine for reduced/low cost vet services
- [Atlanta Humane Society](#) - Atlanta Humane Society for low cost vet care

## LEGAL

- [Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation \(AVLF\)](#): AVLF is the largest provider of pro bono legal services in Atlanta. From the website: “we harness the collective power of attorneys, law students, and community partners to provide free legal representation and support to those in need.” AVLF provides support ranging from family law, to eviction defense, to community support.
- [ACLU: Know Your Rights](#): Everyone has basic rights under the U.S. Constitution and civil rights laws. The ACLU of Georgia and ACLU created these resources to empower community members to know their rights in various situations. Learn more here about what your rights are, how to exercise them, and what to do when your rights are violated.

## FINANCIAL PLANNING/ADVICE

Below are crowdsourced recommendations of companies/organizations who provide financial planning services.

- [Brighter Investing](#) - sustainability and social impact investment - Nancy Sagar
- [Reynolds and Reynolds Financial Partners](#)
- [Oak Tree Group Financial Strategies - Ellen Rapier](#)
- [Verisail Partners - Thad Gilliam](#)
- [Green Investment Strategies](#)
- [Chicory Wealth](#) Email Mary Shaltis at (maryshaltis@chicorywealth.com) with Chicory Wealth ([Chicory Wealth](#)).
- [Merit Financial Advisors](#) –Kat Grier and David Elder [Webinar: A Journey Through Change – Financial Considerations for Federal Employees - Merit Financial Advisors](#)
- [Meghan Nelson](#)

## EMPLOYMENT

- [GA Department of Labor, Unemployment Benefits](#): This website list the different unemployment

benefits available to GA residents

- [Choose ATL: Open Jobs](#) - Website for finding Atlanta-based jobs.
- Free career and resume consultation from [Yes Career Coaching & Resume Writing Services on LinkedIn](#)
- [Coursera: Supporting federal workers in transition](#) - Free courses and career resources to help you prepare for your next job

## SURVIVORS OF GUN VIOLENCE

- National Mass Violence Center's (NMVC) free self-help app, Transcend NMVC, is available free on [Apple](#) and [Android](#)
- NMVC's [Virtual Resiliency Center](#)
- NMVC's [Twelve Self-Help Tips for Coping in the Aftermath of Mass Violence Incidents](#)
- NMVC's [Trauma Cues Related to Mass Violence Incidents](#)
- SAMHSA's [Coping with Grief After a Disaster or Traumatic Event](#)
- SAMHSA's [Tips for Survivors of a Disaster or Other Traumatic Event](#)
- SAMHSA's [Tips for Talking With and Helping Children and Youth Cope After a Disaster or Traumatic Event](#)
- NMVC's [How to Identify an Experienced Trauma-Focused Therapist](#)
- [Recovery in the Aftermath of Workplace Violence: Guidance for Workers](#)
- Mental Health America's [Coping with Gun Violence](#)
- American Psychological Association's [Managing your distress in the aftermath of a shooting](#)
- Everytown Survivor Network's [Resources for Victims and Survivors of Gun Violence](#)
- Sandy Hook Promise's [Help for Victims and Survivors of Gun Violence](#)
- The [988 mental health hotline](#): free, confidential support 24/7 via call, text, or chat
- [Guided meditation](#) for those impacted by the August 8, CDC shooting from [Atlanta's Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence](#) and the DeKalb County District Attorney's office

## A FINAL NOTE

We hope this welcome packet has been helpful. If you have ideas of how we can improve this - please reach out. We want to ensure that Edgewood is more than a place—it's a community shaped by the people who live here. We are committed to building a neighborhood where:

- Everyone feels welcome
- Long-time residents can stay
- New neighbors can connect, and
- We all have a voice in what comes next

**Welcome to Edgewood—we're glad you're here!**