

Georgia Hill Neighborhood Center
3rd Floor - Large Conference Room
250 Georgia Avenue SE

Meeting Commenced - 7:03PM

In-person neighbor introductions

September meeting minutes unanimously approved.

Public Safety Representatives:

Sergeant Markevis Holloway - APD

- Zone 3 Night Shift
- Work cell # 470-306-2735
- mdholloway@atlantaga.gov
- Vehicle break-ins are consistently the most common crime in Summerhill
 - Neighbors are advised to not keep valuables in vehicles.
 - Thieves are most often looking for firearms
- Two different isolated shooting incidents on Sunday, October 5 in Mechanicsville, which are still under investigation.
- Lots of A/C units and other theft from the exterior of buildings, such as copper wiring from fiber internet and appliances from homes being remodeled.
- Video footage from residents and businesses is helpful in finding perpetrators
- Neighbors raised concerns about lack of patrol near Martin Street Plaza apartments following recent followings
- Abandoned cars: Some neighbors are starting to track them, and calling 311 and 911 when cars have been unmoved for several weeks at a time.
 - Neighbors are encouraged to contact Sgt Holloway via email about abandoned vehicles.
- Neighbors raised concerns about trash and squatters at a particular house on Hill Street.
 - Sgt Holloway will reach out to Code Enforcement about this.
- Neighbors raised concerns about motorists driving the wrong way on one-way streets.
 - This will be patrolled more frequently
 - Neighbors encouraged to call in tag info so people can be tracked down if they have an outstanding warrant
- Neighbors should call 311 or the Zone 3 APD precinct regarding blocked streets and intersections where there is a safety hazard or a potential obstruction to emergency vehicles.
- ATL Plus Mobility (<https://www.atlplusmobility.com>) handles ticketing for public streets in the City of Atlanta. This agency comes around almost every morning for people who are parked illegally.

Business & Community Partnerships:

Email vicepresident@onsummerhill.org if you have a non-profit or business that you want to be showcased with a two-minute presentation during a future ONS community meeting.

New Business:

Brett Conn & Makaela from MARTA - Bus Rapid Transit Project

- For urgent matters such as traffic blockages, call the hotline for rapid response line: 404-848-3006
- Email: rapidline@itsmarta.com
- Brett is stepping down from his role. Makaela is taking his place as neighborhood liaison for the project alongside Houston Harris.
- Current project phase: Major work around GSU MARTA station.
- Once BRT is live, vehicles are in the bus lane illegally, a photo will be taken of their license plate, and the vehicle owner will be sent a ticket in the mail.
- BRT buses are not censor-running.
- There will be some dashed lines demarcating where motorists are allowed to make turns, etc.
- Upcoming neighborhood impacts: Roadway milling and resurfacing; utility work.
- Typically no construction work is planned for weekends.
- Ormond St Southbound station is the last station waiting to be poured.
- Bus shelter construction is planned to begin later this year
- Currently, there are traffic interruptions south of Ormond Street and at the Carver Station down on the southernmost part of Hank Aaron by the new Terminal South food hall.
- Georgia Ave to I-20: no date yet released for paving.
- MARTA is currently rolling out tap-to-pay for bus fares.
- BRT will have prior purchase options — passengers will not pay upon boarding the bus.
- Fee enforcement approach for BRT is yet to be determined.
- BRT buses are 60 feet long and articulated (accordion-style fold in the middle for better turn radius)
- Neighbors shared that GSU bus fares are not enforced by GSU affiliation, so neighbors can effectively take it for free.
- Sign up for the project newsletter: itsmarta.com/Aline

GSU (Georgia State University):

New neighborhood liaison: Carly Keller (Project Manager, Division of Student Success)

- Carly's contact info:* ckeller12@gsu.edu
- GSU Homecoming 2025 is this coming week and weekend:
 - Concert at the Convocation Center on Friday, October 10, 7-9pm
 - Plans to mitigate impact of tailgating on the neighborhood:
 - 2/3 of the tailgate has been moved inside the stadium — opens at 9:30am on Saturday, October 11. Tailgate events begin at 11:30am. Planning on shutting down tailgating by halftime.
 - If you have any questions about the parade or other GSU Homecoming events, please contact me at 404-413-1612 or by email at zslaton2@gsu.edu.

- Neighbors shared that they used to get physical mail notifying about major GSU and GSU-hosted events (such as other schools' graduations) impact the neighborhood .
- Neighbors expressed concern that GSU has GSU police for their own events, but doesn't have it for non-GSU events that take place at their venues, such as the convocation center.
- Neighbors voiced that they'd like free athletic tickets again this year.

Jack Murphy - Chief Investment Officer, Carter USA

- Carter is the developer who partnered with GSU in 2014 to buy Turner Field and all the parking lots that Fulton County owned, as well as most of the businesses along Georgia Avenue and the land that is now Hedgewood Homes.
- Carter is moving their offices out of Summerhill to Midtown.
- Carter is gifting ONS \$250,000 to use to the benefit of the neighborhood.
- ONS thanked Carter for their active engagement with ONS and the community.

Old Business:

Ramada Hotel - Atlanta Housing Authority

- Katie Delp, ONS Representative on the project's developer selection committee
- developer has been selected but can't be public information yet
- Has to go through AHA's Executive Committee and Board of Commissions for review
- First phase, for seniors, will be about 250 units for seniors

Board Member/Committee Reports:

Community Engagement (Patrice Frady):

- Summerhilloween:
 - Trick-or-Treating event at participating Georgia Avenue businesses
 - Saturday, October 25 from 4-6pm
 - Kids dress up; the event is open to all ages.
 - Location: Start outside of Woods Chapel to get candy from ONS
 - The event will be covered by Atlanta News First (ANF)
- Asana will be helping decorate for the holidays this year
- Neighbors are encouraged to join Community Engagement Committee Meetings:
 - Currently meet via Zoom 10am, 2nd Wednesdays of every month
 - Meeting time can be changed as needed.
 - Attending the community meetings isn't required to get involved with ONS events.
 - ONS is happy to financially sponsor and help support neighbor-run events.

Public Safety (Marina Haldopoulos):

- Public Safety is seeking committee members. Interested residents, please submit [this form](#) and Marina will reach out to you

Transportation (Garrett Evans):

- ONS is working with ATL DOT on better catering to Summerhill's needs.

- ONS has an upcoming meeting with ATL DOT representatives this Wednesday evening.
- Before Wednesday evening, please share your transportation wants and needs for the neighborhood with transportation@onsummerhill.org.
- Report from ATL DOT with findings and recommendations for future improvements will be available in 2026.

Parks & Recreation (Bryan Adams):

- Currently going through permitting for the pickleball courts in Phoenix II park
- Neighbors raised concerns that they weren't notified about the mountain bike event (Summerhill Showdown) and other events
 - ONS does not always know about these events in advance
 - The city often publicizes them on a website
- Full basketball court is staying as is.
 - Full court was resurfaced in recent years.
- Board will look to work with the Atlanta Hawks and the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Department of Parks and Recreation recommended the current half basketball court as the location for the new pickleball courts.
- 2026 will be a planning year for 2027 projects (goals will be building a new basketball court and resurfacing tennis courts).
- Neighbors expressed frustration about not hearing about the pickleball courts.
- Information has been shared in every ONS meeting for the past year, as well as in the meeting minutes published on the website.
- Parks of Summerhill Vision Plan can be found at [onsummerhill.org](https://www.onsummerhill.org) > About > Summerhill Parks

Treasurer (Mark Sunderland):

- \$54,000 ONS accounts balance prior to \$250,000 Carter gift.
- Signs are now in stock. Purchase via online store: <https://www.onsummerhill.org/ons-signs>
- ONS's largest expenses are insurance, software, technology, and storage.

Future Meetings:

- Moving forward, community meetings will be held in-person once per quarter, and virtual-only otherwise.
- The next in-person meeting is the first Monday in October, which will be at the Georgia Hill Neighborhood Center.
- NPU-V meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month. Details can be found here: <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/neighborhood-planning-units/neighborhood-and-npu-contacts>

Meeting Ended - 8:44pm