



## FALL FEST

The kickoff to the sixth year of *Art on the Atlanta BeltLine* was celebrated in a big way with our first-ever Old Fourth Ward Fall Festival. The festival kicked off in the morning with yoga and continued throughout the afternoon and evening with live music, food trucks, games, a sports bar, and lantern-making workshops hosted by local artists.



Lantern-making workshops during the Fall Fest afforded last-minutes chances to make a lantern while also supporting Art on the Atlanta BeltLine. **Photo credit:** Jennifer Lingvall.

The festival was also our chance to debut new t-shirts featuring designs by local artists. If you missed out on your chance to purchase them at the festival, we have more available at [shop.beltline.org](http://shop.beltline.org).

Rival Entertainment collaborated with The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership on select fundraising elements that directly supported *Art on the Atlanta BeltLine*.

We'd like to thank our sponsors and all of our participating artists for helping us pull off this event, which is sure to become a favorite new tradition during *Art on the Atlanta BeltLine*.



Tens of thousands of people came out to play for the 2015 Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade on the Eastside Trail. **Photo credit:** Christopher T. Martin.

## ART ON THE ATLANTA BELTLINE: YEAR SIX

*Every year the Lantern Parade created and hosted by Chantelle Rytter and the Krewe of the Grateful Gluttons seems to get bigger, better, and more magical—and this year was no exception!* The 2015 parade, which was sponsored by Atlanta Medical Center, topped them all with an estimated 60,000 attendees! With a parade that size, five bands kept the music going along the Eastside Trail. The parade was a blast, but it was only the start of the temporary exhibition.

The visual art currently on display along the length of the Eastside Trail, including the northern and southern interim hiking trails, invites everyone to experience works from local, national

and international artists. Artists express culture and creativity through works of sculpture, dance, murals, theater, outdoor concerts, parades, performance art and more. This year, art calls out to a variety of social issues from poverty to civil tolerance.

Performances took place over three weekends over September and October in Historic Fourth Ward Park, Reynoldstown, near Piedmont Park and in Gordon White Park, adjacent to the Westside Trail construction.

The temporary exhibition runs through mid-November. Download a brochure with locations of all art pieces and see photo galleries on [art.beltline.org](http://art.beltline.org).



Above left: "Do Not Feed the Wildlife" by Kaylin Broussard and Chris Bartlett. **Photo credit:** Christopher T. Martin. Above right: Distilled Butter performs in Gordon White Park. **Photo credit:** John Becker.



## President & CEO Corner:



It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to introduce to you our new Vice President and COO, Clyde Higgs (photo

in staff news). Clyde comes to us from Kannapolis, North Carolina, where he served as Executive Vice President of Operations Development for the North Carolina Research Campus. Clyde's experience as an executive of this redevelopment initiative is a huge asset to bring to the Atlanta BeltLine. We are looking forward to working with Clyde as he takes on this new role.



Westside Trail construction below Lena Street. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

We continue to make progress in all other areas of the Atlanta BeltLine program. Westside Trail construction is underway and our sixth *Art on the Atlanta BeltLine* exhibition got off to a great start with 60,000 of our fans and supporters participating in the annual Lantern Parade. We've also made strides in other areas that will increase support and funding for the Atlanta BeltLine, including hiring Lena Carstens for the newly-created position of Development Officer for Public Grants, funded by The Blank Foundation. As always, the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership's fundraising efforts continue to be essential to our project and all of the free programming that Atlantans have come to view as vitally important to the health of our intown neighborhoods.

It is the nature of such a program that the more progress we make, the more work there is to be done. We hope you'll continue to share your support with us as we move forward with delivering the Atlanta BeltLine to the city.

—Paul Morris

## WESTSIDE TRAIL ON TRACK

*Progress continues on the Westside Trail, even as our construction team from Astra battled inclement weather early this fall.* A significant portion of the abutments for the new bridge over Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. have been constructed, and much of the soil excavation and underground infrastructure is already underway. Piles can be seen constructed on parts of the trail to prepare for the retaining walls that will be necessary on the 3-mile trail.

When completed, the trail will connect four parks and four schools from its southern end at University Avenue in Adair Park to the northern end at Washington Park, touching West End, Westview, Oakland City, Ashview



Preparations underway in September for the bridge abutment on the southern side of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

Heights, Mozley Park, and Hunter Hills along the way. The \$43 million trail is the largest infrastructure investment in southwest Atlanta in decades, and is funded by a mix of public and private contributions.

## NEA GRANT

*The City of Atlanta's Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) was awarded an Our Town grant by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support the Atlanta BeltLine Art & Culture Strategic Implementation Plan.* The plan is focused on the development of cultural facilities, partnerships, and programs that will enhance livability for those who live along and use the Atlanta BeltLine.

The project, which will be spearheaded by OCA and Atlanta BeltLine, Inc., seeks to engage local and regional non-profit partners, including cultural institutions and universities and colleges. Our Town grants fund arts-based community development projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. was awarded an Our Town grant in 2014 to fund design of the Reynoldstown Stage. For more information about other public art projects on the Atlanta BeltLine, visit [art.beltline.org](http://art.beltline.org).



"A 24/7 Timestar Lives" by Charlie Smith. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

## AJC'S LIVING INTOWN



*In September 2015, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution released its monthly Living Intown Magazine with a special twist: an exclusive look at every aspect of the Atlanta BeltLine.* Touted as the "guide to spectacular sights and secret finds," this 164-page collector's edition magazine is worthy of gracing the coffee table of any Atlanta BeltLine fan.

You can pick up a copy for yourself (and your friends and family!) by ordering online at [shop.beltline.org](http://shop.beltline.org) or by visiting any of the five Krogers around the Atlanta BeltLine through the end of October 2015. Proceeds from magazine purchases go to benefit the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership!

## ABI STAFF NEWS

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. is pleased to announce the following staff updates:



**Clyde Higgs** joined ABI as Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer.



**Lena Carstens** joined ABI as Development Officer for Public Grants.

## Fellowships

ABI thanks our team of fall semester Fellows:

- **Arlaysia Bell** is the Legal Fellow and is studying for her Law degree from Emory University.
- **Justin Brightharp** is the Government Affairs Fellow and is studying for his Bachelor's of Science in Geosciences from Georgia State University.
- **Tracie Cabler** is the Real Estate Fellow and is studying for her Masters in Architecture from Georgia Tech.
- **Alysa Moore** is the Community Engagement Fellow and is studying for her Masters in Public Health from Emory University.
- **Christy Paciocco** is the Landscape Architecture Fellow and is studying for her Bachelor's in Landscape Architecture from Virginia Tech.
- **Andrew Strickland** is the Legal Fellow and is studying for his Law degree from Mercer University.
- **Rhonda White** is the Communications Fellow and is studying for her Master of Arts in Professional Writing from Kennesaw State University.

## QUARTERLY BRIEFING

Join us as we celebrate 10 years of the Atlanta BeltLine with an exciting panel looking at the past, present and future of this transformational project! Special guest panelist includes Mayor Kasim Reed and panelists Ryan Gravel, Paul Morris, Mtamanika Youngblood, and Chuck Meadows. November 3 at 6 p.m. More info at [beltline.org/events](http://beltline.org/events).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
11/3/15	6-8PM	Quarterly Briefing	1560 Metropolitan Pkwy, 30310
11/5/15	7-8:30PM	Run.Walk.Go! Club	684 John Wesley Dobbs Ave, 30312
11/15/15	1-5PM	Play Day on the Atlanta BeltLine	1052 Martin St, Atlanta, 30315
12/5/15	10AM-12PM	Eastside 10k	112 Krog St, 30307
12/9/15	8:30-10AM	ABI Board of Directors Meeting	100 Peachtree St, Ste 2300, 30303
Fridays	9:15AM-12:30PM	Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour*	Inman Park MARTA Station
Fridays	10-11:30AM	Arboretum Walking Tour*	240 N. Highland Ave, 30307
Saturdays	9:15 AM-12:30 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour*	Inman Park MARTA Station
Saturdays	10-11:30AM	Arboretum Walking Tour*	240 N. Highland Ave, 30307
Saturdays	10AM-1PM	Eastside Bicycle Tour*	151 Sampson St, 30312
Sundays	2-5PM	Westside Bicycle Tour*	1050 Ralph D. Abernathy, 30310

For more details on upcoming events, please visit: [beltline.org/events](http://beltline.org/events). We offer an extensive roster of free fitness classes, all of which are listed on our calendar. Please register online at [beltline.org/fitnessup](http://beltline.org/fitnessup).

\* All tours require advance registration. Please visit [beltline.org/tours](http://beltline.org/tours) for more information on bus, arboretum, and bicycle tours. Walking tour hours may vary.

**Get to know the project with an Atlanta BeltLine 101!** These monthly educational presentations throughout the city will help answer your questions. Check out [beltline.org/events](http://beltline.org/events) for a full list of upcoming sessions.

**We're looking for volunteers!** Visit [beltline.org/volunteer](http://beltline.org/volunteer) for more information on ways to get involved.

## ABP STAFF NEWS

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership is pleased to announce the following staff updates:



**Salisha Evans** joined ABP as the Director of Partnerships and Engagement.

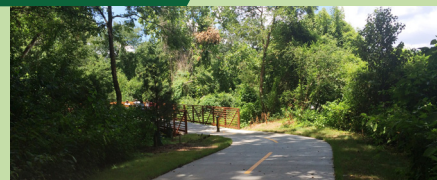


**Molly Taylor** joined ABP as the Program Manager.

## NORTHSIDE TRAIL SPUR

*In July, the PATH Foundation completed construction on the Northside Spur Trail, an extension that splits off from the Atlanta BeltLine Northside Trail just north of Collier Road. The extension adds a .3-mile long spur to the Northside Trail, connecting it to the Bitsy Grant Tennis Center and Northside Drive.*

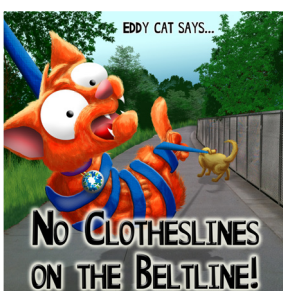
This spur trail is Phase I of a longer connector trail that will link Peachtree Battle Road to the Northside Trail. Phase II will run parallel to Northside Drive, and Phase III, over Peachtree Creek,



will be incorporated into the new Northside Drive bridge being planned by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

The Northside Trail, also built by PATH, was the second Atlanta BeltLine trail to open and winds through Tanyard Creek Park to Ardmore Park.

## MEET EDDY CAT!



*We are excited to introduce our new spokesman for etiquette on the Atlanta BeltLine—Eddy Cat!*

Following the first round of our “Southern Charm” etiquette campaign, Eddy Cat has made his debut on social media, sharing helpful tips on how to behave on the trail. You’ll also see volunteers called once more this fall to hold signs and engage Atlanta BeltLine users. Though the campaign has a furry new face, the message hasn’t changed—

be charming out there, y’all!

Eddy Cat was illustrated by local artist Alston Jones ([alstonjones.com](http://alstonjones.com)) and funny folks from Dad’s Garage assisted with messaging ([dadsgarage.com](http://dadsgarage.com)). Eddy Cat will be sharing his tips via Twitter [@beltlineeddycat](https://twitter.com/beltlineeddycat), and will answer etiquette questions on Twitter or through email ([eddy.cat@atlbeltline.org](mailto:eddy.cat@atlbeltline.org)) via the new “Ask Eddy Cat” column on the blog at [beltline.org/blog](http://beltline.org/blog).

## AWARDS

*This year, the Atlanta BeltLine has been honored with several awards.* The Atlanta district of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) awarded the Eastside Trail with the Building Healthy Places Award, given out to projects that provide access to the natural environment and amenities, offer diverse housing and transportation options, and promote physical activity.

Additionally, we are a proud recipient of our first Phoenix Award for the Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 for the Eastside Trail and Historic Fourth Ward Park.

The International Economic Development Council recognized the Atlanta BeltLine with a gold award for economic development and a silver award for the 2014 annual report.

InterBike also recognized the Atlanta BeltLine with their “PlacesForBikes Award” at their national conference.

The Atlanta BeltLine also cleaned up in Creative Loafing’s Best of Atlanta awards with seven reader’s picks. Thank you for choosing the Atlanta BeltLine!

## EASTSIDE TRAIL

*The Atlanta BeltLine has moved into the next phase for the Eastside Trail* with a call for bids for construction of the trail’s hotly anticipated southern extension. Proposals were due on October 13, 2015. The time frame for completion of the extension is 18 months from the start of construction.

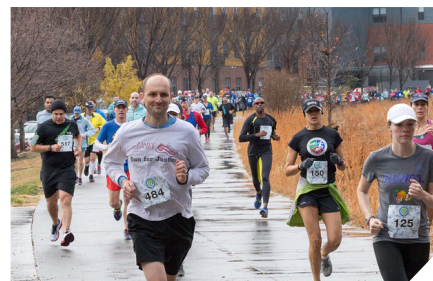
The first phase of the extension will continue the trail from its current terminus at Irwin Street through to Kirkwood Avenue. Phase two will carry the trail to Memorial Drive.



*Art performances took place in September at the future site of the Renoldstown Stage on the Eastside Trail Extension. Photo credit: John Becker.*

## RUN.WALK.GO! 10K

Don’t miss the final race of the year in the Run.Walk.GO! series. On Dec. 5, the Eastside 10k will take place on the Eastside Trail and in Piedmont Park. Runners, joggers, and walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Online registration closes Dec. 2 at 12 p.m. More info at [beltline.org/races](http://beltline.org/races).



## ABOUT US

The Atlanta BeltLine is the most comprehensive transportation and economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and among the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment programs currently underway in the United States. The Atlanta BeltLine will provide a network of public parks, multi-use trails, transit, jobs, and affordable housing along an historic 22-mile railroad corridor circling downtown and connecting many neighborhoods directly to each other. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine in partnership with other public and private organizations, including City of Atlanta departments and The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership. For more information on the Atlanta BeltLine, please visit: [www.beltline.org](http://www.beltline.org).

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