



WESTSIDE WATCH!



Construction for the Atlanta BeltLine Westside Trail is progressing! Clearing and grading is nearly complete, and silt fencing is in place. In March, the railroad bridge that once spanned Martin Luther King Jr. Drive was removed and will be replaced. The new bridge will be higher so that trucks can pass underneath, and the bridge abutments will be moved back so that wider sidewalks can better accommodate pedestrians.

The Westside Trail, a 3-mile corridor that will house transit and a multi-use trail, is expected to take two years to complete. The trail will connect four schools and several historic southwest Atlanta neighborhoods, while also providing residents with connections to acres of greenspace and alternative transportation.

LIFE ON THE BELTLINE

Often, we receive comments from Atlanta residents about how the Atlanta BeltLine has truly impacted their lives and their families. Our video series, Life on the Atlanta BeltLine, highlights these personal tales. We have heard four incredible stories from residents that use the Atlanta BeltLine's parks and trails in

different ways and what it means to them to live life on the Atlanta BeltLine. Check out their stories as they share them in their own words on our blog:

bit.ly/1G8JWnw.



AFFORDABLE LIVING ON THE ATLANTA BELTLINE



Shannon Lawless receives the keys to her new home purchased with downpayment assistance from the Atlanta BeltLine Housing Initiative Program.

In March, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc., in partnership with Federal Home Loan Bank Atlanta, rolled out a new program to fund the purchase of new homes or rehabilitation of existing homes along the Atlanta BeltLine corridor. Funding is available exclusively to FHLBank Atlanta member financial institutions and their eligible customers earning 80 percent or less than the area median income. The rehab program closed on April 13, but the downpayment assistance continues and over \$80,000 has been committed to date. For more information on the program, visit atlantabeltlinehomes.com.

On April 14, Mercy Housing hosted the ground breaking of Reynoldstown Senior Living Housing. The affordable housing complex will be reserved for residents ages 55 and up, providing

access to the future Eastside Trail and streetcar transit; walkability to neighborhood parks and restaurants; and events at the future Reynoldstown stage. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. contributed \$1.5 million to this project, representing progress toward our affordable housing goals along the corridor.

Atlanta BeltLine Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars also helped to fund the renovation of Stanton Oaks, formerly Boynton Village, in southeast Atlanta. The 43-unit building received a complete rehabilitation with modern amenities and energy-efficient upgrades. Adjacent to D.H. Stanton Park, Stanton Oaks is on the future Southside Trail of the Atlanta BeltLine, and is intended to serve families that earn less than 50% area median income.



Stanton Oaks, formerly Boynton Village Apartments, are undergoing complete renovations in Peoplestown, adjacent to D.H. Stanton Park and the future Southside Trail. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

President & CEO Corner:



This month, we've had to say goodbye to our VP and Chief Operating Officer and an invaluable leader at

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. Lisa Gordon has accepted a new position as the Chief Executive Officer of Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. Lisa has been an integral part of the ABI team since 2010 and has been a steady source of leadership during this period of growth for the organization and the Atlanta BeltLine. We will miss Lisa, but we look forward to working with her in her new capacity and are confident that, under her guidance, the Atlanta nonprofit will continue to do great things for the city and for the metro region.



Continuously improving Atlanta and investing in the future of the city are reasons why supporting nonprofits such as Habitat and the Atlanta BeltLine are so important. The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership relies on your contributions and support, be it monetary, volunteer hours, or your membership. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. relies on the mutual trust fostered by our partners, the work we have done, and the work we will continue to do together. Your continued confidence in the Atlanta BeltLine is why we work so hard to deliver a world-class project that will shape the future of transportation and quality of life for Atlantans.

If you're not already a member, you can show your support and enjoy great benefits by visiting beltline.org/member. Thank you for staying active and involved with the Atlanta BeltLine.

—Paul Morris

ART ON THE ATLANTA BELTLINE



The sixth year of the Art on the Atlanta BeltLine exhibition kicks off on September 12, 2015 with the annual Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade. If you were not one of the 23,000 people to join us last year, you don't want to miss out this year! More than 300 submissions were received for the fall exhibition, and selected artists will display visual and performing art along the Atlanta BeltLine corridor.

Performances will take place over three weekends, beginning with the Lantern Parade led by the Krewe of the Grateful Gluttons and continuing on September 13, 19, & 20, and October 10 & 11.

Now the largest outdoor temporary public art exhibition in the south, Art on the Atlanta BeltLine has grown into a highly anticipated event that attracts national and international artists, including muralists, sculptors, dancers, musicians, theater companies, acrobats, painters, writers, metalsmiths, burn artists, and many, many more. See previously funded projects and check out the photo gallery at: art.beltline.org.

NEW WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS

On the heels of its highly-successful Workforce Partnership in Healthcare, the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership has teamed up with CEFGA to identify, prepare, and connect residents with construction jobs along the Atlanta BeltLine through Westside Works. Westside Works is a long-term neighborhood program focused on creating employment opportunities and job training for residents of the Westside community.

Successful graduates of Westside Works will have national and industry-recognized credentials and an opportunity for employment with major construction companies doing business in Atlanta.

Astra Group, the company constructing the Westside Trail, has hired a total of five Westside Works graduates. Hiring within the community means that the workers take a greater sense



Astra Group removing the bridge over Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive in March. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

of pride in the projects affecting their neighborhoods and can engage with their neighbors regarding construction. More info: beltline.org/employment.

Other partners at Westside Works include Integrity Community Development Corporation (Integrity CDC), New Hope Enterprises, Invest Atlanta and the Arthur M. Blank Foundation.

MEET THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Four new members of the Design Review Committee (DRC) have officially been confirmed by City Council. The DRC is a panel of subject-matter experts that provides design consultation, review, and recommendations for all Special Administrative Permits within a half-mile of the Atlanta BeltLine corridor.

The panel consists of eight members: The Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) Design Director, ABI's Program Director, ABI's

Community Planning and Engagement Director, the City of Atlanta Office of Planning and Community Development Director, two licensed architects (Jeffrey L. Robinson, AIA and David M. Hamilton, AIA), a city planning professional (Julie McQueen Price, AICP), and a member of the Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee with design experience and expertise (Johanna B. McCrehan). For more information, visit beltline.org/progress/planning/drc.

ABI STAFF NEWS

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



Stacy Patton
Stacy Patton joined ABI as Real Estate and Asset Management Director.



Marcus Arnold
Marcus Arnold joined ABI as Senior Transit Project Manager.



Dave Pierce
Dave Pierce joined ABI as Real Estate Project Manager.



Khristie Power
Khristie Power joined ABI as the Human Resources Manager.

Fellowships

ABI thanks our team of summer 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.
- **Bakari Height** is the Transportation Fellow and graduated from Georgia Tech with a Masters in City and Regional Planning.
- **Hunter Marks** is the Real Estate Fellow and is studying for his Bachelor's in Marketing from Georgia College and State University.
- **Danny Le** is the Art & Design Fellow

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
7/11/15	7:30-11AM	Southwest 5k	1350 Ralph D. Abernathy, 30310
8/12/15	8:30-10AM	ABI Board of Directors Meeting	100 Peachtree St, Ste 2300, 30303
8/17/15	6-8PM	Quarterly Briefing	500 10th St, Atlanta, 30309
9/12/15	7:30-10:30PM	Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade	Eastside Trail at Irwin Street
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	9-10:30AM	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. We offer an extensive roster of free fitness classes, all of which are listed on our calendar. Please register online at beltline.org/fitsignup.

* All tours require advance registration. Please visit beltline.org/tours for more information on bus, arboretum, and bicycle tours. Walking tour hours may vary in summer months.

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 for a full list of upcoming sessions.

We're looking for volunteers! Visit beltline.org/volunteer for more information on ways to get involved.

and is studying for his Masters in Architecture from Georgia Tech.

- **Ian Michael Rogers** is the Community Engagement Fellow and is studying for his Law degree from Georgia State University.
- **Rhonda White** is the Communications Fellow and is studying for her Master of Arts in Professional Writing from Kennesaw State University.
- **Michael Wirth** is the Economic Development Fellow and is studying for his Bachelor's in Political Science at Georgia College and State University.

ABLP STAFF NEWS



Chuck Meadows
The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership welcomed Chuck Meadows as Executive Director in December. Meadows grew up in Washington Park, an Atlanta BeltLine

Westside neighborhood before graduating from Morehouse College and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

URBAN FARM UPDATE

Farmers have commenced work on the Urban Farm on the Westside Trail! The



Atlanta BeltLine welcomes Andy Friedberg and Andrea Ness, who have partnered to run the first commercial agriculture enterprise on the border between the Oakland City and Adair Park neighborhoods. This is a pilot for other potential sites along the corridor.

Part of Andrea's and Andy's farming strategy is to sell quick-turnaround goods to local restaurants and reinvest profits into longer-term production and programming to build a market garden and farm stand so people in the neighborhood and on the Atlanta BeltLine can come buy fresh produce. Andrea and Andy are already hard at work building up the soil so that it will support the most nutrient-rich produce. The farmers both have experience in sustainable land-care and farming practices and are residents of the neighborhood.

FITNESS FAIR



All ages assembled in Historic Fourth Ward Park for the 2015 Fitness Fair, including Path Force Unit officers from the Atlanta BeltLine's dedicated police force. **Photo credit:** Lee Underwood.

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership hosted the first Atlanta BeltLine Fitness Fair on Tuesday, March 24 at Historic Fourth Ward Park. Hundreds walked, ran, biked or danced their way to sample some of the Partnership's many free fitness classes and activities. Thousands have participated in these free fitness classes, launched in conjunction with dozens of organizations, aimed at getting Atlantans out and moving on the Atlanta BeltLine. The classes support the Partnership's goal of creating healthier communities throughout the city.

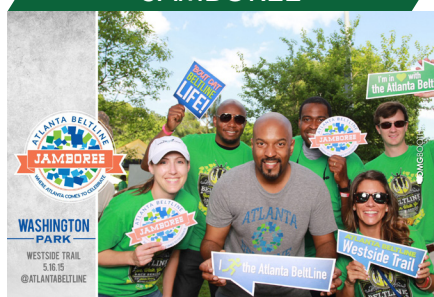
EARTH DAY

We doubled the fun for Earth Day this year. On April 18, volunteers came out to help with two service projects on the Atlanta BeltLine. One group worked with Trees Atlanta staff and volunteers on a mulching and forest restoration project near Historic Fourth Ward Skatepark on the Eastside Trail. On the unpaved Eastside Trail, volunteers gathered behind Ansley Mall to tackle an invasive bamboo grove.

Earth Day may be over, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved with the Atlanta BeltLine. Find out how at beltline.org/volunteer.



JAMBOREE



On May 17, Atlanta BeltLine supporters gathered on the city's west side for the inaugural Atlanta BeltLine Jamboree, enjoying Atlanta Jazz Festival performances, delicious food truck treats, Monday Night Brewing beer, and more. Hosted by the Young Leaders Council, proceeds from the memorable fundraising event will support Atlanta BeltLine Partnership programs such as free fitness classes, workforce development partnerships and targeted community building initiatives. We are so grateful to everyone who purchased tickets. We hope you had a good time!

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GET YOUR LANTERNS!

Get prepared for this year's Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade with preprinted lanterns! Each 14 inch paper lantern comes with an LED light and batteries. Proceeds from every lantern purchase fund *Art on the Atlanta BeltLine*. Shop now at shop.beltline.org!



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.

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