



Historic Fourth Ward Park Grand Opening, Braves Night, and the Southwest 5k

From the desk of the President and CEO:

The Atlanta BeltLine is now in its fifth year of implementation, and we are proud to share so many accomplishments that would have been impossible without your support, involvement and energy. This year alone we opened three incredible new parks, got started on a new trail in the corridor, and we are making preparations for the first segments of transit on the Atlanta BeltLine.

Thanks to Mayor Reed and our leadership in the region, the Atlanta BeltLine is included on the draft list of projects to receive funding from the proposed Transportation Investment Act (TIA). The TIA is an opportunity for the entire region to invest in its future in an unprecedented way, and we are grateful for the support we have received thus far from the City and the region.

In the meantime, we are hard at work on the Transit Implementation Strategy and building our transit team, including our new Senior Project Manager for Transit and Transportation, Patrick Sweeney, who joined us this summer. Patrick comes from the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation, and we are excited to have someone with his level of experience and expertise contribute to the Atlanta BeltLine. We also welcomed Marshall Norwood as our new Accounting Manager and Lynette Reid as our new Community Engagement Advocate.

Once again, we would not have achieved so much in these five years without your input, involvement and unrelenting support. We encourage you to stay involved, volunteer, attend events and help shape your neighborhoods through Study Group meetings and other opportunities. Please visit us online for the most up to date information on all of these exciting new developments and programs at www.BeltLine.org, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

See you on the Atlanta BeltLine,

-Brian Leary

art on the ATLANTA BELTLINE is Back

The locations have been scouted. The artists, selected. Performances are underway while visual installations adorn the old rail corridor. Art on the Atlanta BeltLine is back.

This fall, 66 commissions will once again make Art on the Atlanta BeltLine the largest temporary public art project in the city's history, open to the public this September through November. A combination of new and returning artists are showcasing dynamic installations and performances

that draw the public onto the Atlanta BeltLine.

For details on the selected artists, visual installation and performance locations and a comprehensive schedule, please visit Art.BeltLine.org.

Want to volunteer?
Send an e-mail to volunteerart@beltline.org to learn about volunteer opportunities with the 2011 Art on the Atlanta BeltLine season.



Steel Fabric by Loss Prevention Collective.
Credit: Christopher T. Martin

Atlanta BeltLine Partners with National Center of Civil and Human Rights

CCHH is hosting Films That Matter in conjunction with Art on the Atlanta BeltLine every Friday in September

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights is hosting the second annual series featuring mainstream movies with civil and human rights themes. Taking place on consecutive Friday evenings from September 9-30, the events are free and open to the public.

This year, CCHH is partnering with the Atlanta BeltLine and Central Atlanta Progress/Atlanta Downtown Improvement District, and the screening locations include three green spaces along the Atlanta

BeltLine, giving guests an opportunity to enjoy the Art on the Atlanta BeltLine temporary public art exhibit, including live performances before some of the films.

The 2011 films and locations are:

- **September 9** - The Constant Gardener - Atlanta BeltLine corridor - Reynoldstown (next to H. Harper Station, 904 Memorial Drive SE, 30316)
- **September 16** - The Pursuit of Happyness - Washington Park
- **September 23** - Remember the Titans - Woodruff Park

- **September 30** - Philadelphia (in collaboration with the AIDS Memorial Quilt) - Historic Fourth Ward Park (680 Dallas St.)

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Transit: What's Happening

Segments of the Atlanta BeltLine and new direct transit connections into midtown and downtown are on the draft list for the Transportation Investment Act (TIA). As of September 15, these projects were proposed to receive \$602 million. A series of public hearings will be held in September, and the final list will be adopted by the Regional Roundtable on October 15, at which time it will be known how much funding the Atlanta BeltLine and crosstown connector projects would receive, and how much of the projects can be built with the funding. Your participation in the public hearings is important to let the region know the importance of these projects. The region will vote on the final list in a referendum in 2012.

In June, the Transit Implementation Strategy Citywide Conversation allowed for public input and feedback on transit development and how to prioritize among the different transit segment options in the short and long term. ABI and MARTA are now seeking public input on a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will determine the alignment of transit and trails in the Atlanta BeltLine Corridor and the technology for transit - either Modern Streetcar or Light Rail.

You can share your feedback on the EIS online at eis.beltline.org until September 17.



The TIA projects submitted by the City are in red, including segments of the Atlanta BeltLine and crosstown connector lines.

Update: Eastside Trail Construction Underway!

Construction along the Eastside Trail is in progress, temporarily restricting pedestrians and bicyclists from using the corridor in order to make way for a permanent 2.5 mile trail segment that will run from DeKalb Avenue to 10th Street and Monroe Drive at the tip of Piedmont Park. The trail is scheduled to open at the beginning of 2012.

For updates on construction, please visit:
EastsideTrail.BeltLine.org.



Construction of the Eastside Trail is well underway. This segment should be open to the public in early 2012.
Credit: Christopher T. Martin

Atlanta BeltLine Night at the Braves

Returning for its third consecutive year, Atlanta BeltLine fans showed up in droves to root, root, root for the home team while supporting the Atlanta BeltLine project. Participants enjoyed a pregame reception with refreshments, games, the unique opportunity to participate in the Pre-Game Parade on the field and of course, great baseball!



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Staff News

James Alexander has been promoted to Housing and Economic Development Manager, previously serving as Senior Project Manager. James brings extensive housing development experience to his new position and studied urban planning at Columbia University, and earned a Master's Degree in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Elan Buchen joins ABI as the Project Coordinator for Art and Design having previously served as the Public Art Administrator Consultant, supporting the execution of the Atlanta BeltLine's public art programs. Elan received his MFA in sculpture at Savannah College of Art and Design.

Marshall Norwood has joined ABI as Accounting Manager. He formerly worked for KPMG – a big six accounting firm. As a Georgia native and graduate from Morehouse College with a B.A. in Business/Accounting, Marshall is excited to see the impact the Atlanta BeltLine will continue to make on the City.

Lynnette Reid has joined the ABI team serving as the Community Engagement Advocate. Lynnette has spent most of her career working for Fulton County, where she served as the Senior Land Use Planner, working on policy and regulatory development, community engagement and building more sustainable, equitable communities. Lynnette received her Master of City Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Patrick Sweeney joins ABI as the Senior Project Manager for Transit and Transportation. Formerly the Senior Transit Planner with the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation, Patrick managed Portland's plan for future streetcar expansion and worked on various light rail and urban transportation planning projects. Patrick brings valuable experience to the table as the Atlanta BeltLine prepares for transit implementation.

Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
9/16/11	7-10 PM	CCHR Presents Films That Matter	Washington Park, Atlanta, GA 30314
9/17/11	12-2 PM	Southwest Atlanta BeltLine 101	West End Public Library, 525 Peoples Street SW, Atlanta, 30310
9/20/11	6-7 PM	Southeast Atlanta BeltLine 101	Historical Concepts - 490 Brasfield Square (Glenwood Park), Atlanta, 30316
9/23/11	7-10 PM	CCHR Presents Films That Matter	Woodruff Park, 91 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, 30303
9/25/11	2:00-5:00 PM	Grand Opening for Boulevard Crossing Park Phase I	Boulevard SE and Engelwood Ave SE, Atlanta, 30315
9/30/11	7-10 PM	CCHR Presents Films That Matter	Historic Fourth Ward Park, 80 Dallas Street, Atlanta, 30308
10/1/11	7-11 PM	Party at Ponce at Ponce City Market	Old City Hall East, 675 Ponce de Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, 30308
10/6/11	6-7 PM	Northeast Atlanta BeltLine 101	Sanctuary Realty, 300 N. Highland Ave, Suite B, Atlanta, 30307
10/11/11	6-7 PM	Westside Atlanta BeltLine 101	Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, 535 Means Street, Atlanta, 30318
10/15/11	12-1 PM	Southwest Atlanta BeltLine 101	West End Public Library, 525 Peoples Street SW, Atlanta, 30310
10/18/11	6-7 PM	Southeast Atlanta BeltLine 101	Historical Concepts - 490 Brasfield Square (Glenwood Park), Atlanta, 30316

For information on events, study groups and volunteer opportunities, visit Calendar.BeltLine.org

Boulevard Crossing Park Phase I Opens This Fall!

What was formerly vacant industrial land has now been converted into multiuse ballfields as Boulevard Crossing Park Phase I opens to the public! **The grand opening celebration of Boulevard Crossing Park Phase I will take place on Sunday, September 25 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Park is located at the intersection of Boulevard and Englewood Ave.**

Members of Atlanta's professional soccer team, the Silverbacks, will be attending, making use of the brand new fields that are only the first part in the 21.5 acres of land that will be converted into active and passive greenspace for the Southeast Atlanta community. Adults and children alike are encouraged to attend and participate in the free activities, music and games.



Boulevard Crossing Park Phase I showcases new multiuse fields for the community.

Credit: Christopher T. Martin

Atlanta BeltLine Running Series Continues in Southwest Atlanta

What was predicted to be a hot, mid-July race turned out to be a cool, misty morning run for the 365 participants of the Atlanta BeltLine Southwest 5K. The race began at 7:30 a.m. and looped through the historic West End and Westview neighborhoods, with part of the course showcasing the Southwest section of the Atlanta BeltLine.

Atlanta residents of all ages participated in the race, and the Atlanta Police Department and Fire Departments came out to participate in a friendly competition. In the end, the Atlanta Police Department came away with the bragging rights.

Following the race, participants and spectators were invited to a post-race party held at SPACE Atlanta. Attendees enjoyed live music and free beer for all competitors. What better way to cool down after a hard-run race?

The Southwest 5K is the second of three races in the Atlanta BeltLine running series - all with the goal of showcasing different areas around the Atlanta BeltLine. All proceeds go to the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership to support project implementation. The next race will be a 10K held on the east side. For more information, please visit Run.BeltLine.org.



On your mark, get set, go! People of all ages participated in the second race of the Atlanta BeltLine Running Series in Southwest Atlanta.

Credit: Christopher T. Martin



Hundreds gathered for the Historic Fourth Ward Park Dedication this June. Credit: Christopher T. Martin

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About the Atlanta BeltLine

The Atlanta BeltLine has the extraordinary potential to transform the City of Atlanta. It will combine parks and greenspace, transit and trails, transportation and pedestrian access, affordable workforce housing and public art along 22 miles of historic rail segments that encircle the urban core. The Atlanta BeltLine will ultimately connect 45 neighborhoods. As one of the most comprehensive economic development efforts ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment currently underway in the U.S., the Atlanta BeltLine will serve as a model of environmental sustainability, effective land use and historic preservation.

Atlanta BeltLine Inc. (ABI), formed by the Atlanta Development Authority, is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine with partners including City of Atlanta Departments. Its functions include specifically defining the Atlanta BeltLine plan; leading efforts to secure federal, state and local funding; continuing the community engagement process; and serving as the overall project management office to execute the Atlanta BeltLine plan, including the coordination of planning and execution activities with other City of Atlanta departments and managing all vendors and suppliers. Atlanta BeltLine Inc. is also responsible for tracking and reporting progress to the Atlanta City Council, Atlanta Public Schools and Fulton County, the three taxing authorities that authorized the BeltLine TAD legislation in 2005.



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