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## Planning trips on the Atlanta BeltLine just got a lot easier. The

Atlanta BeltLine App puts everything you need to know about "the place where Atlanta comes together" at your fingertips! An essential tool for every Atlanta BeltLine visitor, this app helps you plan your trip and personalize your experience with Atlanta's most exciting parks and trails. Interactive and easy to use, it is loaded with information about trails, parks, artwork, suggested routes, picnic spots, recreational activities, nearby dining, and more. It is available in the Apple App and Google Play stores.

### **NEW TOUR BUS**



## Spotted around town: Atlanta BeltLine Partnership's new tour bus!

With the purchase of a natural gaspowered tour bus, the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership's tour program will become both more environmentally and economically sustainable and handicapped accessible. Since its launch in 2007, the Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour program has provided free, three-hour tours of the Atlanta BeltLine to more than 20,000 individuals and organizations. For more info, visit www.beltline.org/tours.



### WESTSIDE TRAIL GROUNDBREAKING

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed led the groundbreaking of the \$43 million investment on the Westside Trail on the morning of November 12. Over 500 neighbors, grassroots supporters, elected officials, and philanthropic donors crowded the Westside Trail for a long-awaited event charged with excitement. This three-mile multi-purpose corridor, the next major milestone for the Atlanta BeltLine, will run from University Avenue in Adair Park to Lena Street at Washington Park.

This unprecedented investment in southwest Atlanta will transform the historic railroad corridor and will

include: a 14-foot wide concrete multiuse trail, 14 access points (11 of which are ADA-accessible), lighting, security cameras, hundreds of large, native trees and more than 30 acres of inviting and usable new landscaping. The project will be constructed in preparation for future transit that is currently in the planning stages. The Westside Trail connects four schools, four parks, and 10 neighborhoods to public transit, existing community businesses and future economic development sites.

Stay up-to-date on construction progress at beltline.org/westsidetrail.



A crowd of more than 500 showed their support for this next major segment. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

### From the President and CEO:



It's official—construction on the Westside Trail has commenced. We were thrilled at the huge turnout for the

groundbreaking ceremony in November. The Atlanta BeltLine continues to be vibrant thanks to the involvement of our grassroots supporters. The Atlanta business community sees your passion and they are engaged. Private, philanthropic donations to the Westside Trail alone have topped \$10 million. We continue to work with developers and adjacent property owners to shape the types of thoughtful, transit-oriented development we all want to see along the corridor.

Art on the Atlanta BeltLine has wrapped up a spectacular fifth year. I hope you had the opportunity to view the temporary works while they were on display and to experience the free performances.

If you're not already a member of the Atlanta BeltLine, I invite you to consider making a donation today and becoming a part of our city's most significant redevelopment project at **beltline.org/member**. Thank you as always for your continued support.

—Paul Morris

### TRANSIT UPDATE

After a dozen community meetings and two Citywide Conversations over the past few months, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. is entering three transit corridors into the Environmental Assessment (EA) process this fall. Once completed, the EA process will make them eligible for federal funding consideration. These three corridors include Atlanta BeltLine West (between D. L. Hollowell Parkway and University Avenue, paralleling the soon to be constructed Westside Trail), East (between Montgomery Ferry Road and Glenwood Avenue, paralleling the existing Eastside Trail) and Crosstown (along North Avenue with connections to the Atlanta Streetcar via Luckie Street and Irwin Street).

ABI will report on the results of the EA and selected transit routes in mid-2015.



## **BUILD THE BELTLINE**



The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, with the support of Nebo, an Atlanta-based digital marketing agency, launched an innovative fundraising campaign that gives supporters of the Atlanta BeltLine a way to own a piece of its history while also helping build its future.

Atlanta BeltLine enthusiasts can now visit www.BuildtheBeltLine.org to purchase handcrafted, limited edition slices of the original rail that once lined the Atlanta BeltLine. Each piece is cut by hand and stamped by local Atlanta sculptor Jason Smith. Fewer than 25 percent of the 1,000 limited edition pieces of art are still available. The remaining rail will be preserved for use in future Atlanta BeltLine art projects. Each piece will be sold for \$99, and the proceeds from every purchase will help fund Atlanta BeltLine programs and projects.

# GATEWAY TRAIL GRAND OPENING



The Eastside Trail Gateway connecting Historic Fourth Ward Park to the 2-mile trail. Photo credit: Van Hall.

On a warm Autumn day, a crowd of 200 gathered in Historic Fourth Ward Park to celebrate the opening of the Gateway Trail. Though one of the Atlanta BeltLine's smallest trails in its ambitious line-up, the Gateway spur trail represents a critical connection between two amenities: the Eastside Trail and Historic Fourth Ward Park. Residents have clamored for this connection, which further enhances the area's accessibility.

The design of the Gateway includes landscaping, retaining walls, LED lighting, and green stormwater management infrastructure. Tree plantings surrounding the Gateway will eventually grow into a dense shade canopy. Other plantings include shrubs and ornamental and native grasses.

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership successfully raised private funds through its Capital Campaign for the land acquisition, design and construction and the Trust for Public Land secured the property.

### STAFF NEWS

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



James Alexander was promoted to Housing and Policy Development Director.



Ericka B. Davis joined ABI as the Communications and Media Relations Director and is responsible for public relations, brand management, and media channels.



Nicole Knox joined ABI as the Communications Coordinator and supports media strategy across all channels.



Benjamin Limmer joined ABI as the Transportation Director and is responsible for transit strategy, design, and construction.



Jenny Odom was promoted to Communications and Media Relations Manager.



Patrise Perkins-Hooker, ABI's Vice President and General Counsel made history in June when installed as the first African-American and third woman President of the State Bar of Georgia.

# **Fellowships**ABI thanks our team of fall semester Fellows:

 Paulita Bennett-Martin is the Community Planning and Engagement Fellow and is studying for her Masters of Development

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Date</b> 12/6/14	Time 10AM-12PM	Meeting/Event Eastside 10k	Location 112 Krog Street, 30307
12/10/14	8:30-10AM	ABI Board of Directors Meeting	86 Pryor St, Ste 300, 30303
2nd Wed.	5:30-6:30PM	Volunteer Training	250 Williams St, Ste 2115, 30303
Fridays	9:15AM-12:30PM	Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour*	Inman Park MARTA Station
Fridays	10-11:30AM	Eastside Trail Walking Tour*	240 N. Highland Ave, 30307
3rd Fri.	12-1PM	Volunteer Training	250 Williams St, Ste 2115, 30303
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.

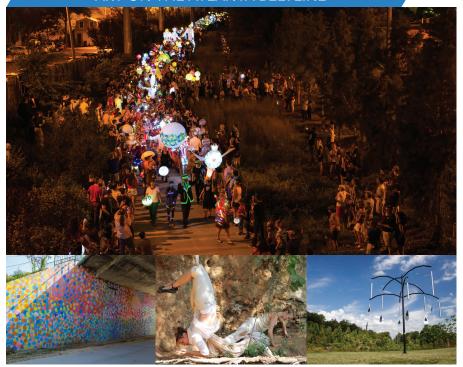
- Practice at Emory University.
- Allison Bustin is the Landscape Architecture Fellow and is studying for her Masters of City and Regional Planning from Georgia Tech.
- Carter Coleman is interning with the community engagement department and graduated from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering.
- Miranda Duncan is the Art & Design Fellow and is studying for a Masters in Sculpture from the Savannah College of Art and Design.
- Dorian Hendricks is the Communications Fellow and has a Masters in Marketing from Georgia State University.
- George Kaigler is the Real Estate Fellow and is studying for his Masters of Science in Building Construction and Facilities Maintenance from Georgia Tech.
- Cecilia Leal is the Economic
   Development Fellow and is studying for her Masters of Public Policy from Georgia State University.
- James Lewis is the Legal Fellow and is studying for his Juris Doctor (J.D.) at Georgia State University.
- Tanya Witlen is the Affordable Housing Fellow and is studying for her Masters of Development Practice at Emory University.



Get running with the Atlanta BeltLine Running Series! The Atlanta BeltLine Eastside 10K is a run/walk showcasing the Eastside Trail. Participants will pass by Historic Fourth Ward Park and Skatepark, take in beautiful vistas of downtown and midtown Atlanta, travel an off-road stretch of the Atlanta BeltLine corridor, and enjoy a jaunt through Piedmont Park. The race also features the College Alumni Tailgate and Neighborhood Challenges.

The race takes place annually on the first Saturday of December. This year's 10k will be held on December 6, and is a Peachtree Road Race qualifier. Please note that race day registration will not be available, so visit beltline.org/run to sign up!

### ART ON THE ATLANTA BELTLINE



Pictured top: the Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade with more than 23,000 revelers. **Photo credit:** Jeff Milsteen. Bottom left: mural by HENSE. **Photo credit:** Christopher T. Martin. Bottom middle: dir Tea performance in Reynoldstown. Bottom right: The Bingle Tree by David Holcomb. **Photo credit:** Christopher T. Martin.

What an incredible year 5 for Art on the Atlanta BeltLine! More than 100 works of visual and performing art drew thousands of art lovers to the Atlanta BeltLine's trails and parks between September and November. Three performance weekends lent themselves to a festival-like atmosphere with a variety of dance, music, theater and film pieces in three different parks. More than 23,000 Atlantans lit up the night and fueled their passion for Atlanta's largest new annual tradition: the Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade. The Westside Trail, Eastside Trail, and interim hiking trails transform into outdoor gallery spaces each year, encouraging you to explore your city and this emerging public realm.

Art on the Atlanta BeltLine continues to be the largest temporary public art exhibition in the southeast. Even though the exhibit ends in mid-November each year, several works will remain as part of the continuing exhibition. We love your positive feedback about the art! A special thank you goes out to the volunteer committee that puts hours into the making of Art on the Atlanta BeltLine. For galleries of all photos and videos, please visit art.beltline.org.



Top left: Dogwood Blooms by Julie Ann McKevitt. **Photo credit:** Christopher T. Martin. Top right: "Looking Order" by Nick Kahler.

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## **ART T-SHIRTS**

Commemorate year 5 of Art on the Atlanta BeltLine with a limited edition t-shirt! The soft cotton, chocolate brown T features a unique design and the name of every artistic group that participated in the 2014 exhibition. The shirt is available in men's and women's fit. 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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