

ASHVIEW HEIGHTS Beautification Day



On Saturday, May 21, 2016 City of Atlanta Council Member Clea Winslow, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office Community Prosecution Division and the City of Atlanta along with several partners hosted the Ashview Heights Beautification Day in the City of Atlanta's Zone 1 Ashview Heights community. Beautification efforts have taken place nationwide as an effective crime reduction and prevention tool. Various partners and volunteers swarmed the community to plant flowers, paint a mural, pick up trash and prune. This event enhanced the Ashview Heights community and assisted the neighborhood with their valiant ongoing cleaning efforts.

FULTON INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD COMMUNITY COURT CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Fulton Industrial Boulevard (FIB) Community Court celebrated its one-year anniversary on December 1, 2015. Through its collaboration with the Fulton County Police Department, Community Improvement Board, FIB Business Owners, Health and Human Service Resource Providers and Community Leaders, the FIB Community Court has made a significant impact to the reduction of quality of life crimes on the Boulevard. Since its opening, Narcotics arrests have decreased by 61%, violent crime arrests are down by 46%; new and expanding businesses are contributing over 500 jobs to the district and the leasing occupancy rate is up by 16%. We are looking forward to a new year of life changing successes on Fulton Industrial Boulevard as a result of our dedication to returning the Boulevard to its original state.

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ROSWELL DRUG DEALER GETS 80 YEARS IN PRISON

Police seize loaded AK-47, Heroin at Atlanta Hotel

Fulton County District Attorney Paul L. Howard, Jr. announces the conviction by jury trial of a metro Atlanta man. Jurors returned guilty verdicts against 37-year-old Richard Lynn upon charges of Trafficking Heroin, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and related charges.

On March 10, 2015, Roswell Police were informed of drugs being sold from a room at the Atlanta Hotel on Old Dogwood Road. This hotel has long been a concern for police and Roswell residents because of reports of illegal drug activity. Police identified Lynn as the drug distributor.



Pictured:
ADA Keith Lamar

Two days later, the defendant was taken into custody carrying \$1,100 as he left the room. Police returned to the hotel with a search warrant. During the search, police found heroin, cocaine, marijuana, digital scales, and a loaded AK-47. Defendant Lynn was also found to be in possession of a .45 caliber handgun and a loaded 9 mm pistol.

Following his conviction on Friday, Defendant Lynn was sentenced to 80 years in prison by Cobb County Senior Judge Grant Brantley. The case was prosecuted by Fulton County Community Prosecutors Keith Lamar and Claire Farley. Fulton County District Attorney's Office Investigator Robert Appell assisted in the case. Lieutenant Detective Justin Reece from the Roswell Police Department led the initial investigation.



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS!



NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PROSECUTION SARAH FLACK

Senior Assistant District Attorney Sarah Flack is thrilled to serve the community of Zone 5 as both Community Prosecutor and Director of the division. Sarah distinguished herself as a highly sought after intern with the District Attorney's Office after having worked for several years with the office's Appellate Division and the Major Case Unit where she worked on murder cases and appeals. Sarah obtained her Juris Doctor from Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Georgia and her undergraduate degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta. While attending law school, Sarah was awarded the Walker P. Johnson Memorial Award for excellence in litigation skills and a keen sense of professionalism and ethics. She

was also awarded the Order of the Barristers, a national award for excellence in litigation. Sarah is also a Recipient of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA) Foundation Scholarship. Sarah brings to the office the exceptional experience of having successfully argued before the Georgia Supreme Court less than a year after being admitted to practice law where she obtained a favorable outcome for her client. She is thrilled to work amongst a team of exceptional lawyers and looks forward to working with the Zone 5 Community. Her main goal is to target repeat offenders in Zone 5 specifically targeting those who break into vehicles and burglaries.



NEW NORTH FULTON COMMUNITY PROSECUTOR:

Kimberly Myers is the new North Fulton Community Prosecutor serving North Fulton County, including the cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Roswell, and Sandy Springs. Myers attended the College of William & Mary in Virginia from which she graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Government and a minor in Psychology. After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2013, Myers was awarded a Robert F. Kennedy Public Service Fellowship. She has worked in the trial division, in the Crimes Against Women and Children Unit and the Gang Unit. As the new North Fulton Community Prosecutor, she looks forward to serving the North Fulton community.

NEW SOUTH FULTON COMMUNITY PROSECUTOR:

Assistant District Attorney Jocelyn Watkins is an Atlanta native with strong family and community ties to the Metro Atlanta area. Prior to joining the District Attorney's Office, ADA Watkins represented plaintiffs in federal civil rights violations and human trafficking matters while she was a George N. Leighton Fellow at The John Marshall Law School. Asst. D.A. Watkins brings experience from both the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office and the Cook County (Chicago) State's Attorney's Office. She is passionate about public service and committed to protecting the residents of her communities. Ms. Watkins received her B.A., Magna Cum Laude in Psychology and Political Science from Hampton University in 2011. She received her J.D. from The John Marshall University in Chicago in 2014.



NEW ZONE 2 COMMUNITY PROSECUTOR

Brenden Dougherty is the new Zone 2 Community Prosecutor covering the Buckhead, Midtown and Lenox areas of Atlanta. Brenden attended Boston College, where he majored in History and Communication and graduated summa cum laude in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts & Sciences Degree. After accepting a graduate research fellowship, he attended the William & Mary School of Law, where he served as a Staff Editor on the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal. After receiving his Juris Doctor in 2013, Brenden served as a legal apprentice for the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Special Unit in the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office. He then spent two years trying cases as a Senior Assistant Solicitor-General in the Hall County Solicitor General's Office. As the new Community Prosecutor for Zone 2, Brenden looks forward to using his experience to make this part of the Atlanta community safer for citizens and businesses alike.



ANNUAL COURTWATCH TRAINING & Community Awards Day



Featured speakers seated at the table from L to R are Fulton County Sheriff Ted Jackson, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Christopher Brasher, Fulton County Juvenile Court Chief Judge Bradley Boyd and Chief Community Supervision Officer Chief Keith Camp with Georgia Department of Community Supervision.

On April 30, 2016, the District Attorney's Office hosted a countywide Courtwatch Training. Judges, Law Enforcement Officers, Prosecutors and Probation Officers came together to educate the public about various topics including Gangs, Repeat Offenders, the Juvenile Criminal Code, Quality of Life crimes, Accountability Courts and the criminal justice system in general. The training was extremely successful and well attended. Awards were given to those honored citizens who have greatly impacted their respective communities by actively working with Courtwatch and the District Attorney's Office to increase awareness of public safety concerns. Winners are listed below.

DA'S OFFICE COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS:

Zone 1 CourtWatcher of the Year

Elizabeth Whitmore
Ashview Heights Community

Zone 2 CourtWatcher of the Year

Karyn Hudson
Buckhead Community

Zone 3 CourtWatcher of the Year

Steven Allgood
Polar Rock Community

Zone 4 CourtWatcher of the Year

Phyllis Wyatt
Adamsville Community Center

Zone 5 CourtWatcher of the Year

Beth Blackwell
Midtown Community

Zone 6 CourtWatcher of the Year

John Wolfinger
Virginia Highland Community

North Fulton CourtWatcher of the Year

Kate Boccia
Alpharetta Community

South Fulton CourtWatcher of the Year

Linda Tramel
Center Park/College Park Community

Outstanding CourtWatcher of the Year

Kay Stephenson
Virginia Highland Community

CourtWatch Memorial

Steve Gower
Midtown Ponce Alliance

CourtWatch Memorial

Barney Simms
Atlanta Civic Leader

Recognition of Appreciation

Janet Martin
Previous CourtWatch Coordinator