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East Lake Terrace, Garden
Valley, Martin Heights,
Olmsted, Terry Mill &
Villages of East Lake.

**East End
Neighbors
Meeting
Tuesday
February 26
7PM**

**Mt. Welcome
Baptist Church
581 Parker Ave. 30032
(lower building)**

Featured Speakers:

**- Rep. Howard
Mosby, Ga. House
District 83**

**- Rick Bent, RB
Development
Services, on New
Drew High School**

**Dekalb South
Precinct Police
Report**

**Special refreshments
from Publix Manager
Paul Murphy**



Promoting Communication And Collaboration

**A new high-school in our neighborhood...
...but not for our neighborhood**

By Laurent Oget

On January 15, Drew Charter School and the East Lake Foundation broke ground for the construction of Drew Charter High School, which will be an extension of Drew Charter School, opening in 2014 to serve students from grade 6 to 10 initially and eventually until grade 12.

As a charter school of the Atlanta Public School System, just like Drew Elementary, this high school will not be available to most the children of our neighborhood which is served by the DeKalb County school system, but being with walking distance, its constructions and existence will necessarily have an impact on the life of our neighborhood.

We can only be happy to see Drew Charter School, whose programs has been widely praised, extend into a high school but some of ours neighbours are concerned about the consequences of this development on our neighborhood. John Wuichet writes: "this new school, which will bring 500 new cars to the area every morning and afternoon, many of them driven by inexperienced teenagers, at the intersection of 2nd and Memorial, which is already unusually dangerous. There are no new sidewalks or intersection improvements planned to assure safety for pedestrians.

We will experience the safety impacts and
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Become a Member of East End Neighbors!

Membership is open to individuals who live within the geographic boundaries of our member neighborhoods. In order to vote, join the board or to serve as an officer you need to be a current member. A one-year membership is \$12.00 or one hour of volunteer work. Residents 65 years or older are not required to pay dues or volunteer, but they are encouraged to do so if able. Send a check payable to "East End Neighbors" or a pledge to work and your name, address, phone & email to 2303 Dancing Fox Rd, Decatur, GA 30032.

**Mark your calendars for the next meeting
Tuesday, May 28
at 7pm.**

Happenings at The Grove

Dinner and Movie February 28, 4 pm

Blood Drive March 3, 8 am

Men's Day March 17

HIV / AIDS Walk March 23, 8 am

Holy Week at the Grove

Palm Sunday, Mar. 24

Maundy Thursday Service, Mar. 28

Good Friday Service, Mar. 29 at 12 noon

Easter Extravaganza, Mar. 20

Sunrise Service, Mar. 31, 6 am

Resurrection Sunday, Mar. 31

Youth College Tour April 11 – 13

Deacons and Trustee Day April 14

Women's Day April 21

Mother / Daughter Luncheon May 4

Ministry Recruitment Sunday May 5

Pastor Flippin's

Birthday Celebration May 19

Youth / Children

Year End Extravaganza May 25

Summer Camp Starts May 28

Toastmasters (public speaking) meets each Thursday at 6 PM

HIV / AIDS Testing is each 4th Sunday at 11:45 am

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets Monday through Thursday at 6:30 PM in the Love Center

Worship and Teaching Opportunities

Sunday: 7:15, 9:30 and 11:45 AM

Tuesday: TNT – WORD (Bible Study), 12 Noon

Tuesday: HOPE, 6:15 PM

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The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church
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Social Justice Group Hosts Economic Justice Leaders

The East End Neighbors Social Justice & Diversity Committee hosted presentations on economic justice at its meetings in January and February.

In January, we heard from Charmaine Davis, Chapter Director of 9to5, about the Family Leave Act. This proposed Georgia law will require employers who offer sick leave to allow it to be used by an employee to care for a family member who is sick. For more information on this and how you can help, contact Charmaine at 404-222-0037 or Charmaine@9to5.org. You can go to <http://9to5.org> for more information about her organization.

In February, we learned about the "Ban the Box" campaign that took the question about past criminal convictions off the City of Atlanta's employment application. Marilynn Winn, Chapter Organizer with 9to5, who led that campaign, is now working to make that change in DeKalb County and eventually statewide. If you'd like to help, please contact her at 404-222-0037 or marilynn@9to5.org.

Roger Sikes, Organizer for Atlanta Jobs with Justice, also spoke at our February meeting. He told us about the "Justice for School Workers" campaign that seeks to 1) reinstate earned unemployment benefits for all Georgia school workers (with back pay) and 2) develop union organizing drives in impacted workplaces and 3) develop student organizations to fight alongside campus workers. Contact Roger at roger@atlantajwj.org and see <http://www.atlantajwj.org/> for more information on how you can help.

The next Social Justice and Diversity meeting will be a social at 6:30 PM on March 11 at the Ummat Café at 566 Fayetteville Rd, next to the Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam. Everyone is welcome to join us there! For more information on the Committee contact Bert at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-378-5883.

Black History month by Kalin Thomas

The month is not over as we distribute our news letter. Two events worth noting in this last week of February:

Saturday, Feb. 23/Noon – 2 p.m.

Black History Month Parade

Sweet Auburn Avenue to Underground Atlanta

1-866-551-5666, www.blackhistorymonthparade.com

Through Thursday, Feb. 28/9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

"Bobby, Martin and John: Once Upon an American Dream" photo exhibit

Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site Visitors Center
 404-331-5190, www.nps.gov/malu

Calendar of Events

Feb26 – Tues 7:00 PM East End Nbrs Quarterly meeting at Mt. Welcome Baptist

Every 2nd Mon, 7:00 PM Social Justice & Diversity, Bethel Baptist, #404-378-5883

Every 2nd Tues, 6:30 PM Terry Mill Community Assn, Chris Kids, 1017 Fayetteville Road, Atlanta 30316, 404-378-9484

Every 3rd Sat. 9:00 AM Hike leaves from Bethel Baptist, 404-378-5883

Every 3rd Mon. 7:00 PM East Lake Terrace Nb Assn at Mt. Welcome Baptist #404-477-4358

May 1 - Next EEN Newsletter deadline. Please support our advertisers.

May 28 – Tues 7:00 PM EEN Quarterly meeting @ Mt. Welcome Baptist Church #404-378-5883 -Nov 27 – Tues 7:00 PM East End Nbrs Quarterly meeting at Mt. Welcome Baptist

Elected Officials Update By Anne Olson

For most of us in East End Neighborhoods:

John Lewis is our new Congressional Representative (District 5). If you go to his website, you can join his list serve for up-to-date information. He can be contacted at 202 225-3801 in Washington and at 404 659-0116 for his Atlanta office.

Gail Davenport now represents GA Senate district #44; due to redistricting, Emanuel Jones no longer represents us. Ms Davenport can be reached at 404 463-5260 at the Capital and 678 215-9971 at her district office.

Howard Mosby is GA House District 83 representative and chair of the Dekalb Delegation. Again, redistricting moved Stacey Abrams to another district. Mr. Mosby can be reached at the Capital at 404 656-0287. His district office is 404 244-3972. (Howard Mosby will be a guest speaker at our upcoming meeting, Editor's Note)



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A new Leader for Bethel Baptist Church



As we reported in our previous edition, Bethel Baptist Church on Second Avenue, one of the leading institutions in our neighborhood, lost their founder, the late Bishop A.C Speakman. They are now under the leadership of Victor C. Speakman, their new Senior Pastor. Vic Speakman has a Bachelors Degree from Tennessee Temple University where he studied Pastoral Studies and Speech Communication receiving a Bachelor of Arts. Degree in Communications with a proficiency in Public Speaking, he quoting his biography, 'an author, Business owner and foremost a Pastor. In all he does he exudes the mantra of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Living in the urgency of now, marrying theology with a call to impact our sociological issues.'

We look forward to getting to know Pastor Speakman.

In our thoughts: Mrs. Velma Speakman's god-mother, Montean Smith, who lived in the Speakman home over 25 years, passed away in January. Mrs. Smith was 92 years young and had attended many community meetings in the past. She was always a sweet, friendly presence.

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will have high school students loitering at the BP. The school will be close enough for our children to walk to, but we will not be allowed to send our children there, trees will be cut down, green space converted to asphalt, and what greenspace remains after construction will likely be fenced off from the public, preventing us from using it. "

We are happy to welcome Rick Bent at our quarterly meeting this tuesday, who will tell us more about this project



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