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EEN Serves These Neighborhoods: Columbia Village, East Lake Commons, East Lake Gardens, East Lake Highrise, East Lake Terrace, Garden Valley, Martin Heights, Olmsted, Terry Mill & Villages of East Lake.

> East End Neighbors Meeting Tuesday May 28 7PM

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

Featured Speakers:

- State Sen. Gail Davenport, District 44
- Debra DeBerry, Clerk of Superior Court
- DeKalb South Precinct police report

Special refreshments from Publix Manager Paul Murphy



Promoting Communication And Collaboration

Did you Know?

-SBA Workshops: The Grove CDC and Business Connection ministry is hosting the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for three, free workshops pertaining to Entrepreneurship, How to do business with the Federal Government as well as share information regarding resources that are available to small business owners. These sessions will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: May 8th, June 5th and June 26th. For more information or to sign up, please contact Rev. Mitchell at cmitchell@thegrovecdc.org.

-East Lake YMCA Summer Camp: The East Lake YMCA has partnered with The Grove CDC to offer an exciting Summer Camp experience. Cam will begin Tuesday, May 28th and end Friday, August 2nd. Limited scholarships are available. For more information or to sign up, please contact the East Lake YMCA at (404) 373-6561.

-Valu-Box: The Grove CDC has partnered with Valu-Box Food to offer high end restaurant quality foods to the East Lake/East Atlanta Community. The boxes consist of 21 pounds of different selections of Beef, Pork, Chicken and Fish for \$45. Boxes will be available on the first Saturday of the month, beginning in June. For more information, please contact Rev. Mitchell at cmitchell@thegrovecdc.org.

- Teens Gospel Explosions "Back to School Blast" is August 3rd starting at 12 noon, hosted by Teen Reformation. Teen Reformation is a grassroots advocacy and youth empowerment group. Its founder, Pastor Kelvin E. Caldwell, also oversees the Spirit of Christ Manifested Glory Ministries along with his wife and partner in ministry, Pastor Sucovia Caldwell. Through community involvement, mentorship, volunteerism, outreach and training, the Teen Reformation pursues its main goal of improving the lives of young people everywhere to

Mark your calendars for the next meeting Tuesday, August 27 at 7pm.

Happenings at The Grove

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Musical Honoring Sister
Alzora Pitts May 26, 4 p.m.
Summer Youth Camp Starts May 28
Christian Studies Institute June 3 – 5, 7 p.m.
Frank Jones Memorial
Scholarship Breakfast June 8, 9:30 a.m.
Graduates Recognition Sunday June 9
Father's Day June 16
Two Services – 7:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Dinner & Movie June 27, 4 p.m.
Independence DayJuly 4,
Church Closed
Service Organizations Day July 21
Family and Friends Day July 28

Taste of the Grove...... July 28

Church & Community Picnic..... August 10 99th Church Anniversary

and Homecoming......August 18 Annual Revival...... August 19-21, Youth Day...... August 25

Toastmasters (public speaking) meets each Thursday at

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 Month of July, two services only, 7:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday: TNT - WORD (Bible Study), 12 Noon Tuesday: HOPE, 6:15 PM

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bring about spiritual and cultural reform. Call Pastor Kelvin E. Caldwell at 404-731-5137 or email Socmgministries@yahoo.com.

- McNair Middle School is in trouble and needs advocates! If you would like to help improve the school for both students and staff, please contact Ms. Anne Randolph at 404-241-8132, or Polly54R@gmail.com
- We extend our sympathy to Ms. Robbie Williams, who has lost two of her brothers recently.
- Please hold in your thoughts and prayers Ms. Pat Green, who has been recovering from surgery.
- Brenda Pace, President of East Lake Terrace Neighborhood Association, will receive a Habitat for Humanity Award on June 13. Congratulations!

- Vacation Bible School

Crown of Glory Church Int. Bishop G.T. Lewis Senior Pastor 2007 Second Ave. Decatur ga. Theme: FAMILY REUNION June 10-14 2013 6:30PM

- To receive emails about neighborhood and county news and events, send your name and email address to eastendneighbors@gmail.com.

How are our schools doing? What can we do about it?

The situation in our schools is a constant concern for all of us in the neighborhood, whether we are parents or not. Our neighborhood will never be a great neighborhood without great schools. We heard last year from school representative of their plans to improve the situation. We would love to hear from the parents, students and everybody involved in the life of our elementary, middle and high schools of their experiences. We won't get the attention of the school district on our problems if we do not voice them. Email us: | aurent@oget. net

Calendar of Events

- May 28 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
- Aug 1 Next EEN Newsletter deadline. Please support our advertisers.
- Aug 27 Tues 7:00 PM EEN Quarterly meeting @ Mt. Welcome Baptist Church #404-378-5883Feb26 – Tues 7:00 PM East End Nbrs Quarterly meeting at Mt. Welcome Baptist

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Social Justice & Diversity Group Focuses On "New Jim Crow"

By Connie Jones and Bert Skellie

In May the EEN Social Justice and Diversity Committee had a discussion of Michelle Alexander's "New Jim Crow" book led by Sarah Walton and Pastor Kelvin Caldwell. Sarah is an attorney living in the neighborhood, and Pastor Caldwell's church, Spirit of Christ Manifested Glory Ministries, is located nearby at 2173 Flat Shoals Rd.

Sarah stated the New Jim Crow laws affect everyone from President Obama down to the poorest person in this country. Sarah stated there are at least 1900 laws in Georgia that are barriers to a felon's getting a job or otherwise staying out of prison. These laws have been in effect for some time and most of them should be removed. Now is the perfect time to revisit them due to Gov. Deal's interest in helping to avoid inmates returning to jail.

Pastor Caldwell pointed out the cost to house and feed an inmate according to the Department of Corrections, and he stated it is grossly inflated and some form of adjustment should be done to relieve taxpayers of this cost. Pastor Caldwell stated it is very hard for someone with a felon on record to become employed due to the stigma attached with this sentence. One of the laws now being enforced makes it illegal for a felon to receive food stamps, or housing in any government housing, or any public assistance to survive.

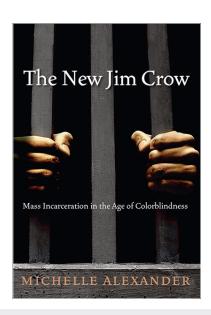
Mr. Bernard Davis spoke of his experience. He is a son of Ms. Eva Davis, a former activist and community leader. Mr. Davis informed the group he has been in and out of jail, was addicted to drug and alcohol and now wants to help the community. Others spoke of their own experiences in their neighborhoods with former



Pastor Caldwell

prisoners, including a group of neighbors looking after a young man who had grown up there. We agreed that a person should not have their felony conviction follow them the rest of their lives.

The group was asked to bring in their ideas next time as to what we can do to change present laws. You are invited to join us at our next meeting on Monday, June 10th, at 7:00 pm at Bethel Baptist Church. For more information please contact Bert at 404-378-5883.



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