



A Newsletter from Mayor Andre Dickens

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A Message From The Mayor

What's up Atlanta! I am excited to introduce my new monthly newsletter all about how we are moving Atlanta forward together. The purpose of this newsletter is to connect directly with you and share all the ways we are working to make our city the best place to raise a family and the smartest place to start or grow a business.

One of the most important things we need to do is make sure our residents and visitors feel safe in our communities. The Atlanta Police Department is one of the best in the nation. It works hard every day to target the top sources of violent crime in our city: gangs, drugs, illegal guns and repeat offenders. But local policing alone will not fix all of our public safety issues. That's why my One Safe City plan is a whole-of-government approach that blends policing and non-policing work to both prevent and address crime. I invite you to visit [OneSafeCity.Com](https://www.onesafecity.com) to learn more about what we are doing to keep Atlanta safe.

Until next time, let's continue to move Atlanta forward, together.

“ Atlanta is a city on the move.
As your mayor, I am committed
to keeping it safe.



What's going on in **Atlanta**?

1 **New Zone 2 Police Precinct**

The Buckhead Village Precinct opened at the intersection of Peachtree Road and West Paces Ferry to help beat officers keep everyone who lives, works and plays in this bustling business district safe. This is just one example of the public safety investments the City is making across Atlanta.

[Learn more >](#)

2 **New \$3.5 Million Grant Program for Small Businesses**

The Commercial Property Improvement Grant program provides local small business owners funds for interior and exterior upgrades to their commercial property. This initiative is part of the Atlanta Open for Business Fund.

[Learn More >](#)

3 **Midnight Basketball Is More Than Just A Game**

The Midnight Basketball League provides an opportunity to strengthen neighborhoods and support Atlanta youth. Each week, the Department of Parks and Recreation organizes games and community resources including job assistance, GED preparedness and substance abuse support at two City recreation centers.

[Learn more >](#)

4 **Supporting Reproductive Justice For Atlanta Residents**

Mayor Dickens signed legislation - that was unanimously passed by City Council - to allocate \$300,000 to support Access Reproductive Care-Southeast's efforts to help residents access reproductive healthcare.

[Learn more >](#)

5 **New Tribute to Hank Aaron**

Adams Park in southwest Atlanta has a new statue and mural honoring the life and legacy of Henry Louis "Hammerin' Hank" Aaron. The Park's baseball complex was also renamed in tribute to the baseball legend.

[Learn more >](#)

Atlanta is one city with one bright future.

ATL Social Conversations

#NationalNightOut

Mayor Dickens met with residents of Midtown, Shamrock Gardens and Collier Heights during the 2022 National Night Out. Strong neighborhoods and police-community partnerships help keep Atlanta safe.



#NationalLeagueofCities

Mayor Dickens sat down with former Mayor Shirley Franklin for a fireside chat on driving change and addressing violence in Atlanta. The event was part of a National League of Cities meeting on public safety and community violence intervention.



#BeltLineMarketPlace

A new small business incubator has launched on the Atlanta BeltLine. The pilot program focuses on creating more equitable access to affordable commercial space. The inaugural collaboration features six Black-owned businesses.



#APSBash

Mayor Dickens joined Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Lisa Herring for the 8th Annual Back-to-School Bash. Students and their families received free backpacks, school supplies and resources to help them start the school year off right.



One Big Number

5,486

Streetlights installed or replaced.

We are over halfway to meeting our 10,000 goal!



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