



A Newsletter from Mayor Andre Dickens

September 2022



A Note From The Mayor

Hey Atlanta! One of the things I love about our city is our parks and greenspaces. Every day of the year, these places welcome residents and visitors of all ages.

Our city has so many outdoor spaces to choose from, each with its own special features. Westside Park is Atlanta's newest and largest space with 2.5 miles of pedestrian-friendly trails. Grant Park Gateway is leading the world in smart and sustainable design, this year becoming **world's first project** to receive LEED, SITES and ParksMart certifications. The City will soon build a park and memorial on the site of the Chattahoochee Brick Company that will give Atlantans direct access to the Chattahoochee River.

Earlier this year, **Atlanta climbed 22 spots**—the biggest move of any city in the country—on the ParkScore list, demonstrating our commitment to ensuring that all Atlantans have access to fun, safe and sustainable parks.

If you need another reason to get outdoors to enjoy our parks, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Atlanta Police Department just announced two free programs this month: Popsicles in the Park and Movies in Park. **Learn more on our website.**

The fall is a beautiful time to head out to our City parks to relax, unwind and welcome in the beauty of the season!



Community Survey

Mayor Andre Dickens is searching for a permanent Chief to lead the Atlanta Police Department.

Fill out this survey to share your priorities and suggestions for the Atlanta Police Department and the qualities you value the most for our new Police Chief:

[Begin Survey >](#)

What's going on in Atlanta?

1 Resurgence Grant Fund Awards

Mayor Andre Dickens and Invest Atlanta announced \$8.2 million in Resurgence Grant Fund awards. These funds will help over 420 small businesses and nonprofits in Atlanta that have been impacted by the pandemic.

[Learn more >](#)

2 Nightlife Division Hosts Training Day

The Nightlife Division held its second quarterly Training Day at City Hall. The full day of workshops provided nightlife industry leaders the opportunity to learn first aid, conflict de-escalation and other skills to keep their patrons and staff safe.

[Learn More >](#)

3 F.L.O.A.T. Lends a Helping Hand

The Department of Watershed Management launched the Flexible Levels, Options and Affordable Terms (F.L.O.A.T.) Initiative Program to help residents take care of past-due account balances. The program is available now through October 20, 2022 for eligible customers who have an outstanding balance of \$300 or more and are facing financial difficulties.

[Learn more >](#)

4 ATLStrong.org Keeps Residents Informed

The City's ATLStrong.org website provides the latest information and resources on COVID-19 and monkeypox.

[Learn more >](#)

5 Grants for Youth-Serving, Community-Based Organizations

The Youth Development Grant Program helps community-based organizations expand their services to reach more Atlanta students. Created through a partnership between the City and the Urban League of Greater Atlanta, the program is a key initiative of Mayor Dickens' youth engagement strategy.

[Learn more >](#)

ATL Social Conversations

#MidnightBasketball

C.T. Martin ATL won the Midnight Basketball League championship game 68 to 67. Mayor Dickens thanked all the players for their hard work, courage and perseverance during the League's second season.



#BlackPride

The Mayor's Black Pride Reception was a party with a purpose! This signature event kicked off Atlanta's Black Pride Weekend and raised \$50,000 for the Mayor's Youth Scholarship Program.



#NowHiring

Making a difference in our city is possible through a career with the City of Atlanta. During a recent career fair, candidates learned about current job openings with the City.



#CFBPlayoff

Atlanta will host the 2025 College Football Playoff National Championship. This is the second time our city has hosted the biggest game in college football.



One Big Number

6,775

Potholes repaired since Mayor Dickens took office

Report a pothole through the ATL311 non-emergency portal:
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