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Issue/Neighborhood	Response
<p>Downtown New" store 185 Mitchell st. / Food Mart</p> <p>We have a new store that has signed a 5 year lease in Judge Levensons' building at the corner of Broad and Mitchell. The business and owner's were shut down in the last 3 weeks at 167 Ptree for code violations. Obviously we're concerned and had a meeting with Judge Levenson outlining our concerns. They include: no current business license, no construction license for interior renovations, video gaming machines being installed, GA Lottery sign in window (can you transfer your GA Lottery)? Hours are 6am-midnight during the week and 3am on the weekends. This is not a business we want on Broad-they are also "associated" with Fox Market. Can you please check up on them for us? Something isn't right.</p>	<p>Sent to APD</p>
<p>O4W - April 6th Wooden house at 559 Angier Ave NE is vacant and listed for foreclosure</p> <p>Greetings, Officer Sweet. At last night's NPU M Public Safety Committee meeting, Major Meadows mentioned the important of monitoring properties that are vacant and may pose risks to the community. Along those lines, I wanted to draw your attention to the two-story wooden house at the SE corner of Arnold Street and 559 Angier Ave NE - the street address is 559 Angier Ave NE. The house has been vacant for years, and its condition has deteriorated dramatically in recent months. The windows and doors are covered with plywood, but I think it would be pretty easy for criminals or vagrants to break in. According to a public notice in the Fulton Daily Report, the property was scheduled to go to foreclosure on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. I don't know whether that actually happened, but obviously the previous owner (Marilyn V. Gee) is long gone and the house isn't being maintained. I wanted to alert you to this situation, so you and your APD team members can monitor the house and check for signs of dangerous conditions or illegal activity. Thank you!</p>	
<p>Downtown - April 6th 464 Courtland Street (parking lot by Peachtree Pine Shelter)</p>	<p>I followed up with Officer Gregory Nelms and he informed me that the property owner was cited and as far as the fence they would need a special use permit to construct it.</p>

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	<p>I do not have any more information as to the property owner's intentions as to obtaining said special use permit. I will try to update you soon as more details are made available to me. Regards, Lieutenant David Wilson</p>
<p>Reply from Brenda Ross - 911</p>	<p>I apologize. We often get the similar questions from thoughtful citizens looking to do all they can to help and support the 911 Center and Atlanta Police Department.</p> <p>It is organizations like yours that help to make our communities closer and safer.</p> <p>To answer your questions regarding cell phone 911 calls, the best answer is to be aware of the location of where assistance is needed.</p> <p>One of the most dangerous and difficult situations is when people are not aware of where they are. So whereas it is helpful to know that you need DeKalb Police for example, the most important thing in the case of a serious emergency is being able to tell the Operator your location and the location that assistance is needed.</p> <p>The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Systems will be able to determine if the call needs to be transferred to another Agency. If there are difficulties with the CAD System verifying the location, each operator will be able to ask further questions to determine the</p>
<p>Can - April 18th Drive by on Central Park Place</p> <p>Major Meadows, There was an incident on Central Park Place at 7:15p and it appeared that a pedestrian was shot at from passing cars, but don't know if they were hit. The person reporting this to 911 told me the following and I am surprised that an officer did not contact them for more information. Is this standard procedure? I've had officers follow up on less serious reports and people in our building are very concerned.</p>	
<p>Notes from Code Enforcement Meeting presented by Major Meadows</p>	<p>180 Tenth Street - Al Coleman reported there is to be a meeting today to work on this problem. Forgot to write down who all this involves - other than the property owner.</p> <p>Medical Arts Bilding - Officer Nelms told me there is a new court date set (he didn;t know the date) due to a FTA the last court date. He is on top of this though. I like him. He also stated he is due to be transferred to a new position and did not state as to who his replacement is going to be for Zone 5. The tenant at 165 Peachtree that was evicted from that building has now moved to 125 Broad Street. So - the problem has not been eliminated - just moved from</p>

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	<p>one block to another downtown block. The Fulton County lady (can't remember her name) said she would check on their health permits, since they sell "food".</p> <p>464 Courtland Street - the parking lot and hazardous waste site across from Peachtree Pine. Code enforcement reported that a special use permit had to be obtained for a fence to enclose this property and it usually takes 45 days for such a permit to be issued, but she found a way to bypass some of the red-tape and the fence (wrought iron) is to go up in the next few days (sometime next week). I asked if there would be barbed wire in top and was told that is not allowed in the city. I just had to ask.</p> <p>There was a long discussion about some of the problems yet as to the whole abandoned property issue with big communications gaps between the various agencies that need to know the parcels on this list for enforcement. A new system is being worked on to create a master list that will be available to all agencies.</p> <p>Tire dumps were talked about a lot also. Stephanie Ramage reported that 70,000 tires are expected to be collected this weekend and Liberty Tire got credit for this. Stephanie reported that she is on the Tire Commission too. Several folks from different agencies reported tire dump addresses on the south and west sides.</p> <p>Octavia Swainson and Pat Sanders were there and evidently it is not completely decided as to who is going to be in charge of our northeast quadrant for enforcement purposes - but it is fairly certain now that Michael Crawford will be our northeast person. mccrawford@atlantaga.gov and cell is 404-309-5107 Pat told me that I can continue as I had been doing with finding, photographing and reporting illegal signs with my report being enough for prosecution. I still have my doubts though.</p>
<p>04W - April 29th Sound Table Loud Music</p> <p>I finally, after a year and half, got the police to cite Sound Table. They are getting so bad, volume wise especially in the middle of the night, and since they built their patio facing our community. I've attached all documents and photos. I've also attached numerous emails to the police. We planned to attend the citation hearing, scheduled tomorrow, April 30th, but so far, it is not showing up on the court docket, City of Atlanta. Police officer, Keith Meadows, is trying to assist with not much luck. But he also suggested that he set</p>	<p>Talked to Major Meadows and he has invited the owners of Sound Table to come to the Public Safety Meeting this week.</p>

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up a meeting with you (NPU), Sound Table and us. I'm not sure if he contacted you yet.

I'd like to add some additional information to the packet regarding the Sound Table. They came before Fourth Ward Neighbors in January of 2010 to get our approval for their liquor license. At that point, we did not discuss them getting their 'live entertainment' permit. I looked up the LRB records from that time period and it appears that they did not include applying for a 'live entertainment' permit. My understanding is that they would have had to come back before Fourth Ward Neighbors to have that permit approved. Here is their liquor license permit, and it does not mention 'live entertainment'. Of course, we should ask the Sound Table for proof of their permit in case something is missing from the city website, but as best as I can recall, they did not ask for it and it was not discussed with the neighborhood.

Here is the information for the Sound Table (originally called the Wood Room) from April 20, 2010:

**RESTAURANT/SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR
CONSUMED**

13. Application of The Wood Room, LLC, d/b/a The Wood Room, Mark Carr, agent. License requested to operate a restaurant liquor beer and wine consumed on premises, at 483 Edgewood Avenue. (old applicant/old location) NPU-M CD#2 EEM
BOARD RECOMMENDS: (X) Approved () Adverse () Held for _____ Weeks
COMMENTS: _____

<http://www.atlantapd.org/pdf/license-review-board/12.pdf>

Castleberry Hill - May 2nd

Major Whitmire,
We are experiencing **SERIOUS** problems in Castleberry Hill. I have been the public safety chair for a year and a half now, and this is the worst I've seen the crime in our neighborhood. Residents, visitors, and business employees are being robbed violently on a consistent basis. These crimes are making it almost impossible to continue to live and work in

Although I prefer a proactive approach to prevent crime, it does unfortunately happen. Last night around 1100 pm two citizens were the victim of armed robberies in the area of 460 Stonewall St. The robberies occurred within five minutes of each other and about 100 feet apart. At the time of the robberies we flooded the area but were unable to locate the suspects. Around 1:25 am Zone Three located the van associated with the robberies and four suspects were taken into custody. Zone Five Units took the victims to the location where they identified the suspects. I know some of the property was recovered. I am unsure of how

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Castleberry Hill. We must do more to change these conditions.

I keep hearing that crime is down, but the reports I hear from residents and business owners this year indicate otherwise. It seems to be getting more violent and more frequent. I feel like it is open season in Castleberry. We need to do more to stop this. We need your help, and help from 911.

How can we help APD make this a safer neighborhood? How can we communicate better with 911?

Thank you for your time.

Issue

This evening, an establishment closed in Castleberry and everyone left the bar at 11:30. A resident saw a suspicious van and some suspicious guys. The resident called 911. The operator was not real on top of things. A beat cop called the resident back and said the operator didn't pass on any details about the call.

One of our new residents was robbed at gunpoint by three individuals about 45 minutes later. This new resident loves our neighborhood and was just starting to feel at home. I just met this resident the other day and this resident has the same spirit of community that I and you all and business owners and APD and many others have about Castleberry Hill. The responding officer told this resident that someone else was also robbed ten minutes beforehand.

We as residents do not cry wolf on suspicious activity. If something is out of place in our neighborhood, we know it and will report it. We need to have the 911 center accurately report details of calls to our beat officers so they can be aware. Our concerns need to be taken seriously if we are to make any proactive progress against crime in this neighborhood.

The armed robberies tonight should not have happened. Period. No excuses. The city is failing to keep its neighborhoods safe when residents are willing and able to do our part. I do not know how to proceed when we give our city all the information we have and it appears to be put on the side burner.

Please follow up with APD and let me know what you learn of these events.

much at this time. Four weapons were recovered. One of the suspects had multiple warrants outstanding (including armed robbery) and the others are known felons to APD. One of the suspects had just gotten out of prison. I have contacted our community prosecutor in hopes of keeping this group in jail without bond. Although I would rather report that no crimes had taken place, I can report that through a joint effort a quick arrest did take place. If you have any other questions or need further info please contact me.

Major Wayne Whitmire