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Fourth Ward Neighbors is an organization of residents and business owners dedicated to strengthening our community, improving quality of life and building civic involvement in the Old Fourth Ward.

June 2021 Newsletter

Freedom House Seeks Historic Designation

Cori Honoré and her family have now completed the restoration of their nearly 100 year old home at 556 John Wesley Dobson Avenue and have applied for historic designation to protect the house's history and architectural significance.

In the 1960s, this house was known as the Fuller - Freedom House and played an important role in Atlanta's civil rights movement. Freedom Houses were boarding houses that provided shelter, sleeping quarters, food, meeting space, and social gatherings for protesters and activists who were not in jail or participating in a protest. SNCC chairmen and civil rights legends John Lewis and Stokely Carmichael were among those who sought refuge at Freedom Houses throughout the 1960s.

556 JW Dobbs Avenue was first owned by Bishop JS Flippen, a prominent member of Atlanta's African American community and contributor to Atlanta's growth and rising prosperity. The present

Upcoming Events This Summer

Join the conversation at the [Atlanta Police Department's Zone 6 Virtual Town Hall](#) on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 6 p.m.

APD Police Chief Rodney Bryant, Deputy Chiefs and Zone 6 Commanders look forward to hosting a discussion about policing and crime. Participants are encouraged to bring their questions and concerns.

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/3fG2gut> and have your questions ready when you sign up.

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Fuller Normal and Industrial Institute. The house remained in the Fuller family until 1960.

Historic designation for the Fuller-Freedom House will have no effect on the use of the property or on any adjacent properties. Exterior renovation will be allowed only if compatible with the house's historic architecture.



Wednesday, July 28, 2021

At 6 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to get an inside look at the redesigned historic Howard Middle School and learn about the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. The existing facility was completely restored with multiple additions including a new administrative wing, a 4-level classroom addition, media center, auditorium, kitchen/cafeteria and music wing.

Sign up to join the tour at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aiSHdel2Kj934nZelBd1ECXjF1WM_M6ZmeeaNlgQdwg/edit

Update on Traffic, Public Safety, and Quality of Life

Atlanta City Councilman Amir Farokhi joined FWN's May meeting to discuss traffic signage, public safety, noise, and parking - all topics of great interest to O4W residents.

Two new all-way stop signs will soon be installed at the corners of Randolph/JWDobbs and Irwin/Howard Streets. These will promote traffic and pedestrian safety in the area surrounding Howard Middle School. Work is also underway to improve the intersection of Glen Iris/Randolph/Highland Avenue, the site of several recent traffic accidents.

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predictable," said Farokhi. The Atlanta City Council is working on legislation that will allow the city to revoke liquor licenses due to persistent incidences of violence. This year, the City of Atlanta is adding 10,000 new street lights, more security cameras and 200 new officers. Despite declining revenues due to the pandemic, the City has been able to increase police spending by tapping Federal funds to close the budget gap.

In response to resident concerns about noise, particularly in areas with popular restaurants and bars, Farokhi noted that the APD has the authority only to enforce state regulations.

Residents concerned about the shortage of street parking, especially on Highland Avenue, can initiate the process for requesting residential permit parking (RPP.) To start the process, contact [Nursef Kadir](#), senior staff member in the Atlanta Department of Transportation: NKedir@AtlantaGA.gov. Residents should understand that in the past few years, very few such applications have been approved in the general area of the Atlanta Beltline.

Join Your Neighbors on our June 15th Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm

Guest speaker will be Lara Smith, Managing Director of Dad's Garage.

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/274571227?
pwd=R0VyOTdZVDF1MmNFQ1BNb1R0VEt1dz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/274571227?pwd=R0VyOTdZVDF1MmNFQ1BNb1R0VEt1dz09)

Password: 0jlyVR (Meeting ID – you likely will not need: 274 571 227)

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