

District 1 Council Member Carla Smith And The Atlanta Municipal Court Restorative Board



The Restorative Board, sometimes known as a Reparative Board is based on the Restorative Justice approach. Restorative Justice focuses on the idea that the criminal justice system can better serve the community through alternative sentencing options, such as community service for low level offenders, because it allows the individual to give something back to the community.

Restorative Justice is a voluntary face-to-face encounter which empowers participants based on the incident, his/her behavior and the underlying factors. The Restorative Justice Board in **District 1** will be based at The Villages at Carver Family YMCA and meet 1 time per month. Our next training will be January, 2013

- The Restorative Justice Board is composed of concerned residents in the City of Atlanta.
- The purpose of The Restorative Board is to repair the harmful effects of crime on their community.
- The Board Members are volunteers trained by The Community Court on the Restorative concept model.
- Each board member is sworn in by the Presiding Community Court Judge.

Restorative Justice Response to Crime

- What is the Harm?
- What needs to be done to repair the harm?
- Who is responsible for the repair?
- How Can I Become a Restorative Justice Board Member?

Restoring Justice....

Restoring Community.....

Restoring Lives.....



Judge Crystal Gaines
Chief Judge

Judge Herman Sloan,
Presiding Judge

Community Court Staff

Garrett Allen- Operations
Donna Edward- Program
Coordinator

Anita Johnson- Restorative
Board Coordinator

John Gilkey- TLC Coordinator

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Restoring Justice~ Restoring Community and Lives!

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

All Board Members are trained and supported by the Community Court Staff.

MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held once per month from 5:00 until 7:00pm. The defendants must sign in and wait until their case is called.

The Community

The community benefits because you get to hold those who commit crime in your community accountable for their behavior..



The Restorative Justice Board Needs YOU!

A **Community Court** is a neighborhood-focused **problem-solving court** that applies a problem-solving approach to local crime and safety concerns.

Community Courts can take many forms, but all strive to create new relationships, both within the justice system and with outside stakeholders such as residents, merchants, churches and schools. Community Courts emphasize collaboration, crime prevention, and improved outcomes, including lower recidivism and safer communities.

Community courts are also sometimes referred to as community or neighborhood Justice Centers.

Board Requirements

- Attend Board Training.
- Meet once per month to hear cases.
- Serve on the Board for a minimum of two years.
- Regular Attendance - 12 hearings per year.
- Work with Community Court Staff

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THOSE WE SERVE:

- ANGER MANAGEMENT
- DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS
- LIFE SKILLS
- PARENTING
- SHOPLIFTING CLASSES
- GED AND LITERACY CLASSES
- MENTORING

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN SERVE ON THE DISTRICT 1 RESTORATIVE BOARD PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NPU PRESIDENT OR CALL COUNCILMEMBER SMITH'S OFFICE 404-330-6039



COMMUNITY MATTERS!