



# Lawrenceville Happenings Meeting: Get to Know LC and LU

02/6/25, 6:30 p.m., CLP - Lawrenceville (279 Fisk St)

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# Tonight's Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
  2. LC & LU Introductions
  3. Neighborhood Updates
    - a. Housing updates
    - b. Mobility updates
      - i. Mobility Enhancement District (MED)
      - ii. Bus Line Redesign
    - c. Development updates
      - i. Community Process Explanation
      - ii. Upcoming projects
  4. Open Q&A and Feedback
  5. LU & LC Upcoming Calendars
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# Accessibility

- LU and LC are committed to making these meetings accessible
  - Let us know about any accommodations you need to fully participate
  - If joining by Facebook Live, drop comments/questions in the chat
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# Lawrenceville Corporation

- History: Formed in January 2000 as a merger of the Lawrenceville Development Corporation (LDC) and the Lawrenceville Business Association (LBA).
    - Initial focus on blight in the neighborhood, development, artists and creatives (16.62 Design Zone)
  - Mission: Driven by the Lawrenceville community, the Lawrenceville Corporation acts as the catalyst and conduit for responsible and sustainable growth.
  - Board: Mostly comprised of residents, property owners, and business owners and elected by our membership
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- Membership: About 100, primarily business owners.
  - Committees Members can Serve on: Community Development, Business District Advisory Committee, Finance, Asset Management
  - Programs:
    - Business District Management
    - Community Planning and Development
    - Real Estate Holdings/Development
    - Communications and Marketing
    - Policy and Advocacy
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# Lawrenceville United

- Mission: to improve and protect quality of life for all Lawrenceville residents
- Membership of over 900 residents
- Board comprised of all residents: elected by our membership
- Programs: Lawrenceville Farmers Market, supporting older adults, free food distributions, cleaning & greening, direct support & case management, advocacy, and more.





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# Lawrenceville United

There are many ways that you can get involved in Lawrenceville United and support our neighborhood efforts.

- Membership
  - \$5/year or \$35/lifetime via [www.lunited.org/membership](http://www.lunited.org/membership)
- AdvantAGE
  - FREE for anyone ages 55+ in the neighborhood
  - Includes:
    - Free arts workshops at Contemporary Craft – Next up: Enameling on 2/20 from 10 AM-12 PM
    - Lawrenceville business discounts
    - And more!



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# Housing Updates

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# Property Tax & Rent Rebates

**PENNSYLVANIA PROPERTY TAX or RENT REBATE PROGRAM 2024**


198-1200 Booklet 05-24

 Pennsylvania Department of Revenue  
BUREAU OF REVENUE TAXES  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120-0001

**APPLICATION INSIDE**

	INCOME	MAX. REBATE
HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS	\$ 0 to \$ 8,270	\$ 1,000
 HOMEOWNERS	\$ 8,271 to \$ 15,510	\$ 770
 RENTERS	\$ 15,511 to \$ 18,610	\$ 460
	\$ 18,611 to \$ 46,520	\$ 380

FILE YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE


 **myPATH**  
PENNSYLVANIA TAX HUB

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications can now be submitted online via the Department of Revenue's myPATH portal at [myPATH.pa.gov](https://myPATH.pa.gov).

**NOTE** Applicants can exclude one-half of all Social Security income.

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
Application deadline: **JUNE 30, 2025**  
Rebates begin: **EARLY JULY, 2025**

**NOTE:** The department may extend the application deadline if funds are available.



**Rebates for eligible seniors, widows, widowers and people with disabilities.**

- Property Tax & Rent Rebate open until June 30, 2025
- How to apply
  - Grab book from us tonight
  - Online at <https://myPATH.pa.gov>
  - Contact LU or a state representative

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# Home Heating & Energy Assistance

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$22,590
2	\$30,660
3	\$38,730
4	\$46,800
5	\$54,870

- LIHEAP cash grants (\$200-\$1,000) open now through April 4, 2025
  - How to apply
    - Online via COMPASS: [www.compass.dhs.pa.gov](http://www.compass.dhs.pa.gov)
    - Contact LU or a state representative
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# Home Repairs



- Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP)
    - Applications accepted 2/14 - 3/14
    - ONLINE ONLY via Home Allegheny
    - Contact LU for assistance: 412-802-7220
  - Eligibility
    - Owner-occupied
    - <80% AMI: 1 person = \$56,640, 2 = \$64,800
    - No outstanding real estate taxes or on a payment plan
    - Homeowners insurance
  - Home Accessibility Program for Independence (HAPI) - *on hold for more funding*
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# Policy Updates

- Implementing the Housing Needs Assessment - zoning package
    - a. Citywide inclusionary zoning
    - b. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs)
    - c. Parking reform
    - d. Minimum lot size reform
    - e. Transit-oriented development (TOD)\*\*\*
  - Learn more at:  
[engage.pittsburghpa.gov/implementing-housing-needs-assessment](https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/implementing-housing-needs-assessment)
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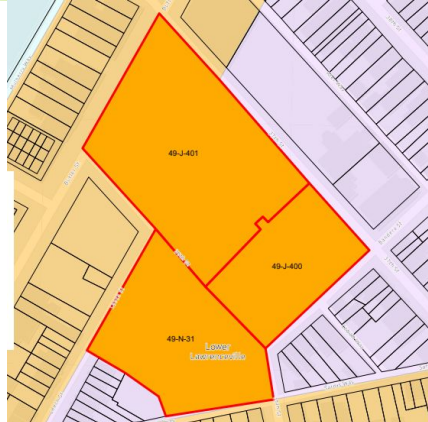


# Policy Updates



- TOD zoning map amendments
  - a. 3 parcels at 37th and Liberty
  - b. 3 parcels along Smallman b/w 34th-36th
  - c. 3 parcels at St. Augustine's Plaza & church
- TOD at Planning Commission Tuesday 2/11 at 2 PM
- Learn more and participate at:

<https://www.pittsburghpa.gov/Business-Development/City-Planning/Commission-s-and-Boards/Planning-Commission>



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# Mobility Updates

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# Mobility Enhancement District

- Launched November 1, 2024 with meter collection and enforcement after 6 PM
  - Funds collected after 6 PM go into a trust specific to Lawrenceville to be used for mobility improvements
    - Since November, there has been ~\$9,000/monthly collected towards the trust (after enforcement costs)
  - Community Engagement
    - Annual meetings to come to determine priorities for spending funds starting in summer 2025
    - Options include: Bus shelters, traffic calming, sidewalk repair, bump outs, and more!
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# Bus Line Redesign

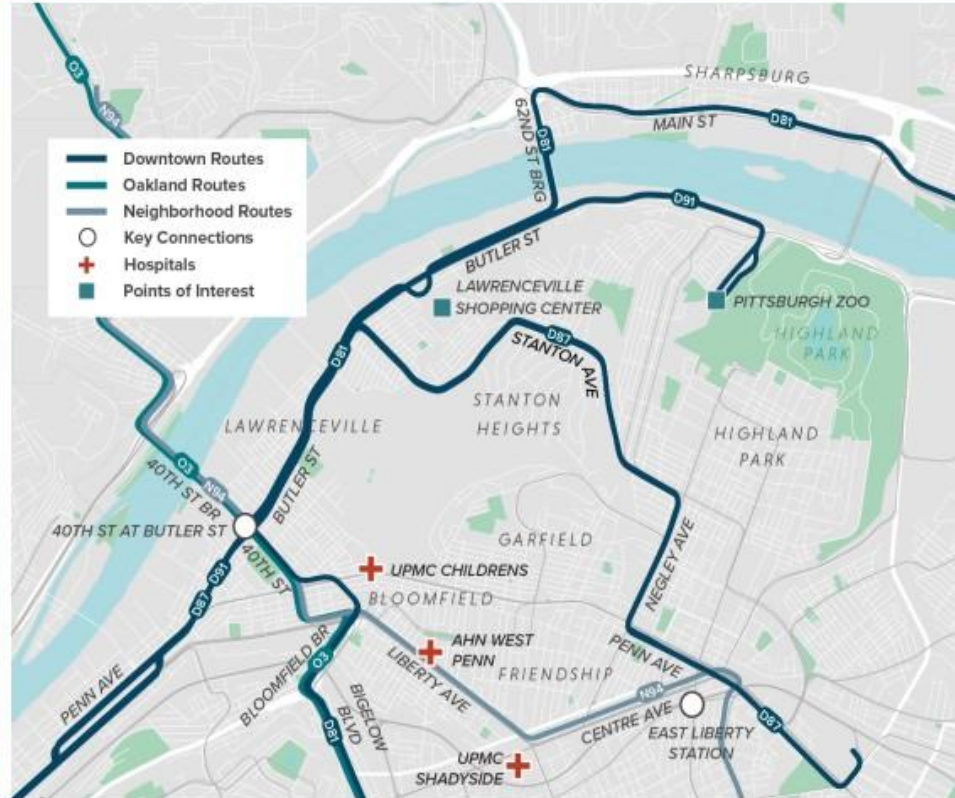
- [Recap of East End Meeting](#) (2/4/25) on LU's website
    - [Full PRT presentation here](#)
  - Goals
    - Improve service, expand connections throughout city/county, prioritize equitable development
  - Highlights of changes
    - All routes and bus names will be changing throughout the system
    - Lawrenceville could have up to 9 bus lines through and around the neighborhood (currently have 7)
  - [Feedback on PRT's first draft DUE 2/15/2025](#)
  - PRT's Bus Line Design [Engage Page](#)
  - Second draft/engagement will begin spring/summer 2025
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## Lower and Central Lawrenceville

Slides  
courtesy of  
PRT

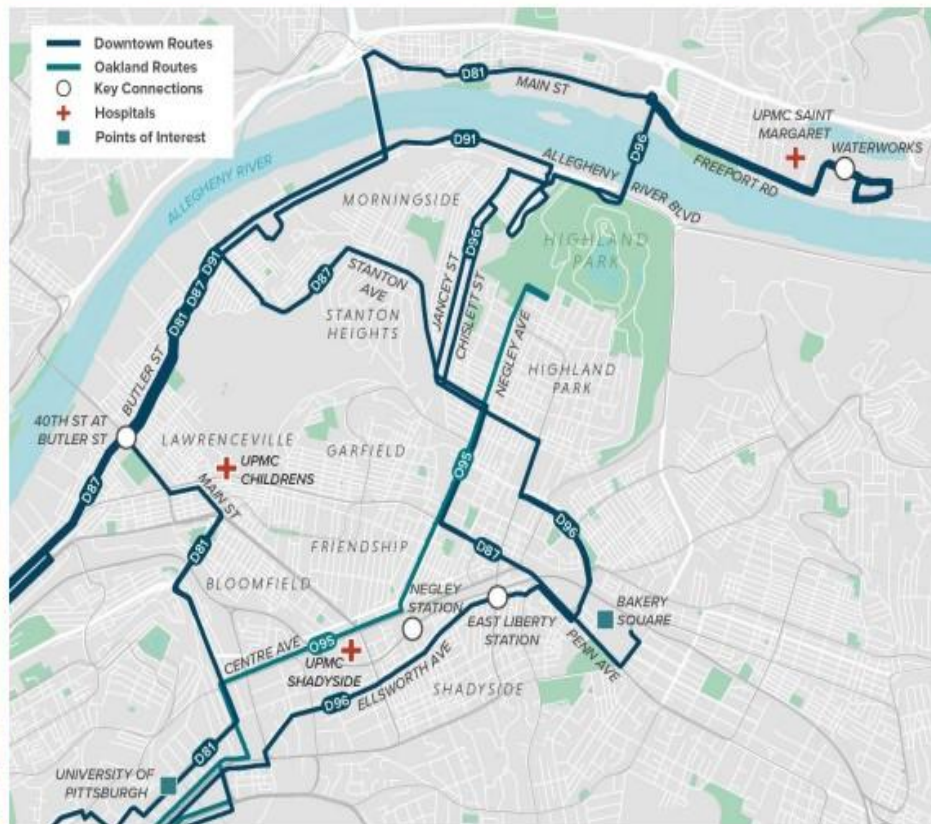
**N84** -  
Connection  
between Strip,  
Lawrenceville,  
and Polish Hill  
(includes a  
stop right  
before Herron  
Ave Bridge)



- **D81:** connects Lawrenceville to Sharpsburg, Aspinwall, the Waterworks, Bloomfield, Oakland, the Hill District, and Downtown
- **D87:** connects Lawrenceville to Downtown, the Strip District, Stanton Heights, Highland Park, and East Liberty
- **D91:** similar to current 91 but will terminate at the Pittsburgh Zoo instead of across the river
- **O3:** connects Lawrenceville to Bloomfield, Oakland, Millvale, Ross Park Mall, Ross, and McCandless
- **N94:** similar to current 64 but will terminate in Millvale and will serve East Liberty

# Morningside/Stanton Heights/Upper Lawrenceville

Slides  
courtesy of  
PRT



- **D81:** connects Lawrenceville to Sharpsburg, Aspinwall, the Waterworks, Bloomfield, Oakland, the Hill District, and Downtown
- **D87:** connects East Liberty to Downtown via Highland Park, Stanton Heights, Lawrenceville, and the Strip District
- **D91:** similar to current 91 but will terminate at the Pittsburgh Zoo instead of across the river
- **D96:** similar to current 75 but terminates Downtown
- **O95:** routing is identical to current 71A



## Bloomfield/Garfield/Friendship

Slides  
courtesy of  
PRT



- **D81:** connects Waterworks to Downtown via Aspinwall, Sharpsburg, Lawrenceville, Bloomfield, Oakland, and the Hill District

- **D82:** routing is identical to current 82

- **D86:** similar to current 86 but extends to Penn Hills

- **D88:** similar to current 88 but extends to Wilksburg

- **O3:** Oakland to McCandless via Bloomfield

- **O95:** routing is identical to current 71A

- **O99:** Oakland to North Side via Bloomfield

- **N79:** some routing similar to current 89 but extends to Bloomfield and East Hills

- **N94:** similar to current 64 but will terminate in Millvale and serve East Liberty

- **Purple:** routing is identical to current P1

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# Development Updates

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# Recent & upcoming projects

## Recent

- 1/23 - Liquor License transfer at 3315 Liberty (Brewer's Bar)

## Upcoming

- 2/27 - Liquor License transfer at 4129 Butler St (Merchant Oyster)
- TRYP Hotel conversion
  - Complete the survey at [bit.ly/TRYPsurvey](https://bit.ly/TRYPsurvey)

## Ongoing

- 62nd Street
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# The Lawrenceville Community Process

- Adopted in 2011
  - Moved decision-making from Planning Team to more transparent, inclusive process
  - Jointly facilitated by LU and LC
  - Regional Model
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## Goals

- ✓ Community knows what's being proposed in Lawrenceville
  - ✓ Community can provide direct feedback to LU and LC and is equipped to participate in public processes themselves
  - ✓ Relationships built between businesses/owners and neighbors
  - ✓ Get out front of potential issues
  - ✓ Ensure compliance with community plans and priorities
  - ✓ Build consensus around position on the project (support, oppose, etc.)
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## What Projects We Try to Take

### **Going through an existing public process:**

- Zoning Board of Adjustments
- Planning Commission
- URA
- PA Liquor Control Board
- City Council
- Air quality permits through ACHD

\*Exception: applications for medical marijuana dispensary/grow facility

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## What Projects We Try to Take

- 4 residential units or more
- Use: variances (and some special exceptions)
- New structures or expansions: 2,400 square feet or more
- Zoning change
- Liquor license application or transfer

**OR...**

- Has potential community-wide impact
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## How Projects Come To Us

Owner or project  
team reaches out

City Planning  
connects

LU / LC discovers by  
monitoring ZBA,  
Planning Commission,  
URA, PLCB Hot List,  
etc.

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## Clarifying LU and LC's Role

- We are NOT affiliated with the project
  - We do NOT recruit developers/business owners
  - We have NO authority to intervene in private transactions of property. The community process only kicks in when there is a public process of some kind (typically a variance from the zoning code or a liquor license application)
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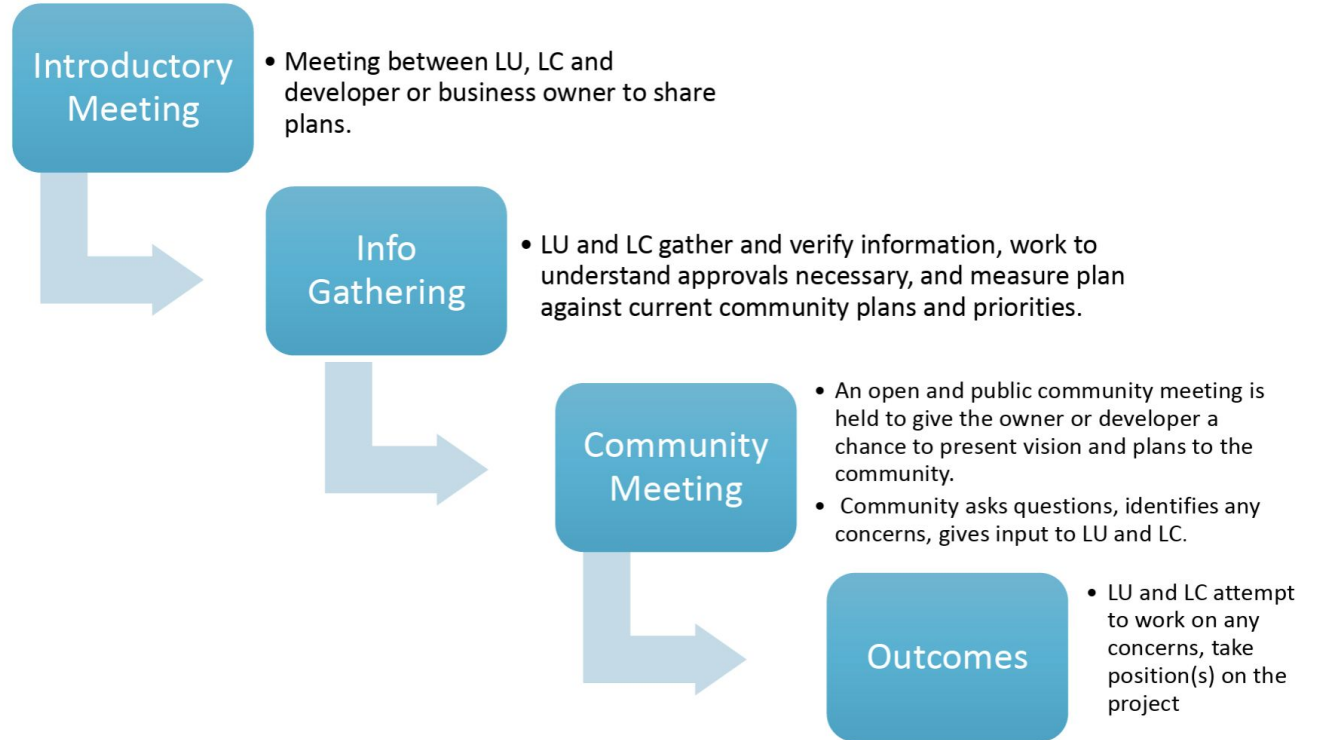
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## Getting the Word Out

- Flyer within 500 Feet
  - LC/LU Newsletters
  - LC/LU Facebook and Instagram
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## Community Meeting - Agenda

- Review of Community Process and Ground Rules
  - Presentation from the project team
  - Facilitated Q & A
  - Closed door discussion
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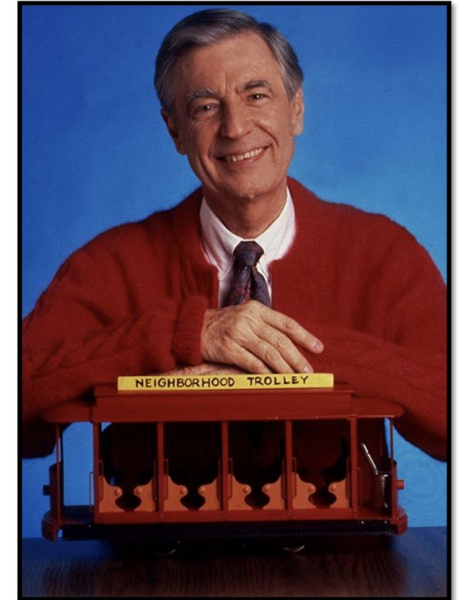
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# The Ground Rules We Follow

## Ground Rules: be neighborly

1. Please hold all questions for the end of the presentation. We will go back to a slide if there is a specific question or comment, so please jot own notes that you may want to revisit when we open it for Q&A.
2. Once opened for Questions and Comments, please raise your hand and only proceed with your question or comment once you have been acknowledged by the facilitator. Please also identify yourself by name, and also your relationship or interest in the issue.
3. Please be respectful of all speakers, including those asking questions and making comments.
4. Questions/ comments will be limited to 2 minutes each. A clarification question or comment will be permitted.
5. If time permits, we will call on individuals who would like to ask or make a second or additional question or comment.
6. Please also use index cards available if you'd like to submit a comment or question but are not able to in the meeting. We will compile as part of notes from the meeting.
7. If the ground rules are violated or ignored, we will ask the individual to leave the meeting, and if it continues, we will end the meeting.



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## Positions We Take

- Support
  - Support with conditions
  - Oppose
  - Neither support nor oppose
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## Next Steps

- Questions and opinions submitted via feedback survey
  - LU will post meeting notes on website and e-newsletter
  - Residents encouraged to reach out to LU at 412-802-7220 or [info@LUnited.org](mailto:info@LUnited.org)
  - Any public meetings associated with the project will be shared with those in attendance
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# Meeting Schedule

## First and Third Thursdays

- 1st Thursday - Happenings (General Community Meeting)
  - 3rd CDAM - Community Development Activities Meeting for projects coming through the community process
  - Others scheduled as needed
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**What topics would  
you like the  
Happenings to cover?**

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## Upcoming Calendar

- ★ 2/12 - Coffee + Tea Business Networking at Caffe d'Amore
  - ★ 2/27 - CDAM on Liquor License Transfer at 4129 Butler St (100 43rd St)
  - ★ 3/6 - Happenings: Lawrenceville Crime Review (279 Fisk St)
  - ★ 3/20 - Bystander Intervention Training (118 52nd St)
  - ★ 3/24 - Mental Health/Safety for Business District
  - ★ 4/3 - Lawrenceville Volunteer and Advocacy Fair (4600 Butler St)
  - ★ 4/22- Butler Street Cleanup
  - ★ 5/1 - Happenings: Recycling in the City and Free E-Waste Recycling (118 52nd St)
  - ★ 5/20 -Opening Day of Farmers Market at Bay41
  - ★ 6/14 - Lawrenceville Pride
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# Contact Information

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