JOIN US AT THE TABLE

Nurturing Communities

A conversation exploring how safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments are essential to the healthy development of all children.
AGENDA

Overview of Civic Dinners

About Nurturing Communities

The role of the host
  - Planning your dinner
  - Posting your dinner
  - Sharing your dinner

Demo

Q&A
HEALTHY DISCUSSION AROUND ISSUES WAS THE BACKBONE OF OUR DEMOCRACY.
BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF SUSTENANCE, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY
WHAT IS A CIVIC DINNER?

- Host
- 6-10 diverse guests
- 3 big questions
- Equal time to share
- One voice at a time
IN RESTAURANTS

IN HOMES

SET MENU

POTLUCK
Looking toward the future

Each generation changes the cities, states and world they inhabit. Millennials are making their voices heard. To thrive in the future, Atlanta needs to hear its young people and act on their needs.

GUEST COLUMN

The most important community

By Megan Starnes

When I walked into the room and announced my arrival, people started talking about how important the infrastructure was in our city. Without good infrastructure, we would never be able to thrive as a city. It was clear that the city needed to make some changes.

How can Atlanta win the future?

By Ashley Henry

As I began to talk about the future of Atlanta, the audience was captivated. They were interested in hearing about the potential for growth and development in the city. It was clear that they were ready to embrace the changes that were coming.

Connectivity not just an urban idea

By Taylor Brown

I spoke about the importance of connectivity in the city. I talked about how we need to ensure that everyone has access to the same opportunities. It was clear that this was an issue that needed to be addressed.

Fixing transit is not enough

By Jihan Shams

I ended my talk by discussing the importance of fixing transit. I emphasized that this was not enough. We need to ensure that everyone has access to the same opportunities. It was clear that this was an issue that needed to be addressed.

My point is reinforced by a common criticism of Atlanta: that we lack an effective public transportation system. This observation, however, does not always reveal the root causes. Although a public transit system can lead to less traffic, there is more to our city's desire for better transit options and high-quality community spaces.

People growing up with the ability to continuously interact with each other expect that they can similarly share experiences with people in the real world. We want public spaces to encourage these kinds of interactions.
MILLENNIAL CIVIC DINNER PARTIES

APRIL 1 - JUNE 30, 2015 | SUMMARY REPORT

311 PEOPLE

#designyouratl
35 civic dinner parties

#Encourage healthy transit habits
Make the case for a more competitive Atlanta region by sharing a vision for regional transit — one that honors moving people over cars and creates a seamless and delightful user experience.

#Foster new incentives for affordable and livable centers
Break the habit of people using personal cars to get from place to place by making existing alternative transit options more visible and more attractive to all user types.

#Ensure access to healthy food across all zip codes
Grow incentives and programs that encourage accessible and affordable healthy food options in every neighborhood.

#Champion a unified regional transit system
Improve public understanding of incentives and regulations that can build more affordable, walkable and livable centers.

#Encourage mentorships at every life stage
Provide students and workers of all ages with access to mentorships, apprenticeships and project-based learning opportunities that build relevant skills for the 21st century.

#Champion world-class education for all
Education can happen outside the classroom. Encourage communities to empower the social, emotional and intellectual growth of children of all ages, starting at birth.

#Unite the region with a shared vision & story
Create a common identity for the Atlanta region that reflects inclusion and diversity, champions our greatest assets, and challenges the status quo.

#Champion smart regional cooperation
At the city, metro and state level, encourage policies that support a strong, cohesive Atlanta that sharpen our global competitiveness and make the next generation proud to call Atlanta home.
- Champion a unified regional transit system
- Ensure access to healthy food across all zip codes
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- Champion smart regional cooperation
Each action team had 5 minutes
“Never doubt that a small group of concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.”

MARGARET MEAD
TECHNOLOGY ENABLES MORE CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER
DESIGN CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

FRAME THE BIG ISSUES OF OUR TIME
BRING DIVERSE VOICES TO THE TABLE
SEEK COMMON VALUES & SHARED UNDERSTANDING
MOTIVATE & MOBILIZE ACTION
BE BRAVE enough TO START a CONVERSATION that matters.
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IT’S TIME TO COME TOGETHER.
Host one of 100 Nurturing Communities Civic Dinners across Georgia

- Build a stronger social infrastructure among parents, families and communities all across Georgia.

- Collect stories, ideas and feedback to inform a state-wide campaign led by the Prevention and Community Supports Section of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services.

HOW A CIVIC DINNER WORKS

HOST
6-10 GUESTS
3 BIG QUESTIONS
EQUAL TIME TO SHARE
ONE VOICE AT A TIME
HOST A DINNER

ATTEND A DINNER

REQUEST AN INVITE

civicdinners.com/nurturingcommunities

SPONSORED BY:
Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
Prevention and Community Support Section

SUPPORTED BY:
Prevent Child Abuse Georgia
THE PLATFORM
It’s time to come together.

We believe meaningful conversation over food can spark real and lasting change.
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ABOUT THIS CONVERSATION

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HOW IT WORKS

HOST

6-10 DIVERSE GUESTS

3 BIG QUESTIONS

EQUAL TIME TO SHARE

ONE VOICE AT A TIME

LEARN MORE

FIND A DINNER NEAR YOU

Enter a neighborhood or city

Fri. April 13 6:30 PM

Nurturing Communities

Jenn is hosting
Old Fourth Ward
Atlanta, GA

Sat. April 21 6:00 PM

Nurturing Communities

Amy is hosting
Toccoa
Toccoa, GA

Can't find a dinner?

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BECOME A HOST

SELECT A LOCATION
Host at a home or restaurant with a quiet space

CHOOSE A DATE
Pick a date and time during a meal time

POST YOUR DINNER
Create your dinner page to be set to public or private

INVITE YOUR NETWORK
Set your guest limit and send invitations to RSVP

HOST THE DINNER
Follow the host guide with three big questions

HOST A DINNER
Host a Dinner

1. The role of a Host
   1. Arrange a quiet venue where people can easily hear one another across the table
   2. Follow the conversation guide and questions provided
   3. Share key insights from the dinner

☐ Yes, I agree to these roles and I have read the terms and conditions and agree to follow the house rules.

NEXT

2. What type of Civic Dinner will this be?

3. Dinner Location

4. Location details

5. Date

6. Dinner Type
Host a Dinner

1. The role of a Host

2. What type of Civic Dinner will this be?
   - Open (anyone can sign up to attend - hosts can add and remove guests - recommended option)
   - Host Approval (guests will have to request an invite, hosts will need to approve each guest)

   NEXT  BACK

3. Dinner Location

4. Location details

5. Date

6. Dinner Type

7. What can your guests bring?
Host a Dinner

1. The role of a Host
2. What type of Civic Dinner will this be?
3. Dinner Location
   - Where will you hold your dinner?
   - Restaurant
   - Private Home
4. Location details
5. Date
6. Dinner Type
7. What can your guests bring?
8. 
9. 
10. 

NEXT  BACK
Host a Dinner

- **The role of a Host**

- **What type of Civic Dinner will this be?**

- **Dinner Location**

- **Location details**
  
  **Venue name / vicinity**
  
  Jenn's House

  **Address**
  
  670 Will

  **Additional Location Options**
  
  - 670 Williams Street Northwest Atlanta, GA, USA
  - 670 Willoughby Way Northeast Atlanta, GA, USA
  - 670 Willivee Drive Decatur, GA, USA
  - 670 Willard Avenue Southwest Atlanta, GA, USA
  - 670 Willis Mill Road Southwest Atlanta, GA, USA
Host a Dinner

The role of a Host

What type of Civic Dinner will this be?

Dinner Location

Location details

Venue name / vicinity

Willoughby Way NE

Address

670 Willoughby Way Northeast, Atlanta, GA, USA

Note: Your address will be shared by email with the people who register for your dinner. It will not be displayed online.

Max. number of dinner guests (including yourself)

8

NEXT  BACK
Host a Dinner

1. The role of a Host
2. What type of Civic Dinner will this be?
3. Dinner Location
4. Location details
5. Date
   - Date: 2018-04-13
   - Start Time: 6:30 pm
   - End Time: 8:30 pm
6. Dinner Type

[Next] [Back]
Host a Dinner

- The role of a Host
- What type of
- Dinner Location
- Location details
- Date
- Host
- Meal start
- 6:30 pm
- End Time
- 8:30 pm

2018
Fri, Apr 13

April 2018

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Host a Dinner

1. The role of a Host
2. What type of Civic Dinner will this be?
3. Dinner Location
4. Location details
5. Date
6. Dinner Type
   - Potluck - everyone brings a plate
   - I'll provide the main course and guests can bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert.
   - I'll provide all the food at no cost to guests
7. What can your guests bring?
8. Suitable Diets
Host a Dinner

- The role of a Host
- What type of Civic Dinner will this be?
- Dinner Location
- Location details
- Date
- Dinner Type

7 What can your guests bring?

I’ll be providing the main dish, but please bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert of your choice. Please also feel free to bring a bottle of wine or something to drink.

NEXT BACK
Host a Dinner

✓ The role of a Host
✓ What type of Civic Dinner will this be?
✓ Dinner Location
✓ Location details
✓ Date
✓ Dinner Type
✓ What can your guests bring?

8 Suitable Diets

Your dinner is suitable for:

- [ ] People who eat meat and vegetables
- [x] Vegetarians
- [ ] Vegans
- [ ] Other diets

[ FINISH ]  [ BACK ]
Success!

You are hosting

**Nurturing Communities**

- **Date:** April 13
- **Time:** 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST
- **Location:** Willoughby Way NE, Old Fourth Ward, Atlanta, GA

[INVITE GUESTS BY EMAIL]

[SHARE ON FACEBOOK]

Add to My Calendar
Invite Guests

Invite guests by email

Emails
Insert emails separated by commas

Message
Hi there! I'm hosting a Nurturing Communities Civic Dinner on April 13 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST at Willoughby Way NE, Old Fourth Ward Atlanta. I'd love for you to join us if you can make it!

Insert your message and we'll send it to your guests.

SEND INVITE
Invite Guests

Invite guests by email

Emails:
thomas@lovetoride.org

Message
Hi there! I'm hosting a Nurturing Communities Civic Dinner on April 13 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST at Willoughby Way NE, Old Fourth Ward Atlanta. I'd love for you to join us if you can make it!

Insert your message and we'll send it to your guests.

Send Invite
Nurturing Communities

A conversational approach to nurturing relationships. This dinner is part of our ongoing effort to engage and grow our community.

Your invites have been sent!

April 13
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST

Hosted by Jenn

Willoughby Way NE
Old Fourth Ward
ATLANTA, GA

Dinner details
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🍴 Dinner details

I’ll be providing the main dish, but please bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert of your choice. Please also feel free to bring a bottle of wine or something to drink.

This dinner is suitable for vegetarians

You are the host

INVITE FRIENDS

Spread the word!

Here is some draft text for email or social media:

Hi friends, I’m hosting a Civic Dinner conversation called: ‘Nurturing Communities’. It’s on April 13. Find out more and RSVP here - https://example.com/

Spread the word on social media:

#CivicDinners #NurturingCommunities #CommunityEngagement

Join the conversation and support your local community!
Edit Dinner

Maximum number of attendees (including host)
8

Guest instructions
I'll be providing the main dish, but please bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert.

Venue type
- [ ] Restaurant
- [x] Private home

Dinner type
- [ ] Potluck - everyone brings a plate
- [x] I'll provide the main course and guests can bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert.
- [ ] I'll provide all the food at no cost to guests

Location
670 Willoughby Way Northeast

Venue name / vicinity
Willoughby Way NE

Date
2018-04-13

Start Time
6:30 pm

End Time
8:30 pm

- Hide dinner from list
- Mark as full
Introductions
Share your name and give a short toast to an influential adult from your childhood.

Question 1
Parents do the best they can, but let’s face it, parenting is hard. Think back to either your experience as a child or your experience as a parent.

What is one example of a daily challenge for a parent?

Question 2
Close your eyes and imagine you are on a tour through your ideal nurturing community. First we go by a playground, then the neighborhood grocery store, the neighborhood school and your neighborhood street. How are adults interacting with children? What do you see? What do you hear?

What does your ideal nurturing community look like? Do you currently live in it? And if not, what is missing?

Question 3
Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes all of us working together to ensure children reach their full potential. Parents, families, friends, neighbors, public and private programs, elected officials, social services, mental health providers and advocacy groups all play a role in the development of healthy, happy children.

What role can you play in the healthy development of children in your community? And what’s one thing you’d like to see change in Georgia that can help support parents and positive parenting?

*Remember to take a photo of the dinner and share on social media.
#NurturingCommunities @civicdinners
What is a Civic Dinner?
A Civic Dinner is really simple. It’s all about bringing different voices to the table, asking three big questions and allowing everyone equal time to share with one voice at a time. The conversation topic may vary from dinner to dinner but this basic core structure and the simple Host Guide make it easy for hosts to have meaningful conversations over food.

Why should I host a Civic Dinner?
Hosting a Civic Dinner is a fun, social and meaningful experience. Whether you host at your home or at a restaurant, bringing people together to have a meaningful conversation is refreshing and rewarding. As a host you’ll enjoy meeting new people and hearing different perspectives. But a Civic Dinner is also a way for everyday citizens to share their ideas, insights, concerns and visions with community leaders. After every Civic Dinner, hosts and guests are encouraged to share specific feedback that is then bundled and shared with the City of Decatur.

How do I become a host?
Civic Dinners makes hosting really fun and easy, so that anyone can host. Simply go to civicdinners.com/NurturingCommunities and click “Host a Dinner” and follow the prompts to setup your dinner, choosing the date, time, location, menu options and RSVP preferences. Then the platform will create your own unique dinner page branded with Nurturing Communities and you can invite friends and neighbors via email or share the link on social media. All RSVPs are managed through the platform, so that communications and reminders are automatically sent both before and after the dinner, making it easy for the host.

Where can I host a dinner?
You can host a dinner at home, a restaurant or a private space such as an office. For dinners at restaurants, just make sure that it has a quiet space with a large enough table for 6-10 guests that will enable everyone to hear one another.

Who pays for the dinner?
Typically during a Civic Dinner, guests pay for their own meal if at a restaurant, or they bring a dish if it’s at a home and potluck. However a host may prefer to prepare a full meal and may decide to offer it free or charge a small amount. Therefore, it’s completely up to the host to set the menu or the restaurant and determine if guests should pay the host. No payments are made through the CivicDiners platform, so if the host asks guests to bring cash, that is all handled between the host and guests.

What about strangers in my home?
We recommend having dinners at restaurants or public spaces if you are at all concerned about strangers. However, if you can only fit 4 or 5 at your dining table at home, that is great too! Or if you want to have a larger dinner with 10+ guests, that is alright as well. Just make sure you have one designated host to follow the conversation guide for every 6-10 people.

What is the format of the dinner?
Typically during a Civic Dinner, guests sit around a table, listen to the conversation and ask questions. This is followed by a short insight from the host. After, there is an open discussion period where everyone can share their ideas. As a host, you will facilitate the conversation, and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to speak.

Can I set my dinner as private?
Yes. There are actually three different privacy settings. The first is “open” where anyone can sign up. This is easiest for the guests and host. Or you can select “host approval” where guests must request an invite and host must approve all guests. And lastly, you may hide your dinner from the main page, so that only guests with a direct link will be able to RSVP.

Is there a minimum or limit to the number of guests?
Typically a Civic Dinner has 6-10 guests so that there are different perspectives to make the conversation interesting, but not too many so that everyone has a chance to feel heard. When you create your dinner, you set a maximum number of guests including yourself. However, if you can only fit 4 or 5 at your dining room table at home, that is great too! If you want to host a large dinner with 10+ guests, that is alright as well. Just make sure you have one designated host to follow the conversation guide for every 6-10 people.

YOUR ROLE AS HOST

As a host, your main role is setting a date, a time and location for friends, neighbors and colleagues to gather together over food and follow our simple conversation guide created for Nurturing Communities.

Here are just a few things to keep in mind as a host:

- Select a date between April and June to host and register your dinner on civicdinners.com/NurturingCommunities
- Dinners can be in homes or restaurants, as long as it is a quiet space.
- Everyone pays for their own meal or brings a dish if it is potluck, so there is no cost burden on the host.
- The Host Guide includes all prompts and questions that guide the conversation so you can sit back, relax and listen as you follow the guide.
- Civic Dinners are designed to be inclusive, so try to invite diverse voices to the table to create a robust conversation.
- Remember to share photos with #NurturingCommunities and @CivicDinners
- After the dinner, Civic Dinners will follow up with guests with a survey link to share their reflections, ideas and feedback, which will help inform a state-wide Prevention and Community Support Campaign.