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Shoupade Park ceremony

River Line Historic Area www.riverline.org arranged for the replacement of the historical markers at Shoupade Park (4770 Oakdale Road, Smyrna GA 30080). A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new markers and establishment of a new Friends of Shoupade Park group is scheduled for 10 a.m. on 23 September. Cobb County Commission Chair Mike Boyce is scheduled to attend. Historian Mike Shaffer will lead a tour of the park.

Kennesaw Mountain proposes parking fees and road restrictions

In an 11 August e-mail, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Superintendent Nancy Walther asked for comments on two proposals: ending personal vehicle access to the mountain top road due to safety concerns, and instituting a parking fee due to revenue shortfalls.

The steep, winding, narrow access road to the top of the mountain has seen increased use by pedestrians and bicyclists as well as vehicles, resulting in increased incidents. Thus, the first proposal is to restrict vehicle access to a seven-day-a-week park-operated shuttle service only.

The proposed \$5 daily or \$40 annual parking fee would support operation and expansion of the shuttle bus service and also help pay for \$2.8 million of deferred maintenance (including trail maintenance and earthwork preservation) that NPS budgets have not addressed, as well as youth programs and exhibits. Those with NPS annual or senior passes would not pay the fee.

A public meeting is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. on 12 September at Marietta High School Performing Arts Center, 1171 Whitlock Rd, or comment by 10 October by fax to 770 528 8399, by mail to KMNBP, Civic Engagement, 905 Kennesaw Mountain Dr, Kennesaw GA 30152, or by e-mail to kemo_superintendent@nps.gov.

Cyclorama and locomotive *Texas* status

At the Atlanta History Center, locomotive *Texas* is in place and should go on display this Fall.

Conservation of the Cyclorama is underway. Two vertical sections that were removed decades ago have been replaced by blank canvas and will be repainted (using old photographs as guides) before the painting receives spot repairs and cleaning.



One of the missing strips of the painting.

Photos were taken 6 August at the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta summer barbecue.



Construction around *Texas* still restricts public access for safety.



The painting can move to the scaffold used by conservators.

Georgia Battlefields Association in the media

Although we focus on battlefield preservation, Georgia Battlefields Association was asked to comment on Confederate monument removal by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, CNN, i24News TV, and AIB Network. While our input to the AJC was not used, part of our comments to CNN appeared late on 15 August in an online piece that has since been updated.

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/15/us/confederacy-explainer-trnd/>.

Our four minute live interview with i24News TV aired on the evening of 17 August.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/tv/replay/stateside/x5xa9bz>. We also had a half hour interview with AIB network on 24 August. As of this writing, the initial air date has not been determined.

Once the program has aired, you can search for “At the Table” on www.aibtv.com.

For background information, suggestions for putting Confederate monuments in context, and links to other materials, see www.atlantahistorycenter.com/research/confederate-monuments.

Peachtree Creek monument pieces squeezed into smaller space

The disassembled Peachtree Creek monument that formerly stood in front of Piedmont Hospital has been moved again to accommodate installation of temporary offices for the construction company that is overseeing the hospital expansion. Every time the pieces are moved is an opportunity for damage. During inspection by two GBA trustees in early August, no cracks were apparent, but some chipping was noted on the normally hidden surfaces. The monument will not be reassembled until construction is finished. For overall construction updates to the area, see <https://betterpiedmont.org/building-updates/>.



150 years ago this month

On 7 September, President Johnson broadened the amnesty granted to former Confederates. Army generals and navy captains and admirals continued to be ineligible for pardons.

On 19 September, Brigadier General John Pope, commanding the Third Military District from his headquarters in Atlanta, ordered a statewide election to be held 29-31 October to decide if Georgia's 1865 constitution should be replaced.

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