



winnona park neighbors association

NEIGHBORS NEWS

WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

November, 1982

DECATUR CITY ELECTIONS

The only elected officials in the City of Decatur are the five at-large commissioners who serve two year terms. Elections for 3 of the 5 seats will be held on Wed., Dec. 1st.

Although no candidates had formally qualified to run at the time this newsletter went to press, two individuals have publically announced their candidacy: Wes Saunders (Adams), past president of Decatur Neighborhood Alliance, and Louise Thrower (McDonough), neighborhood leader in the Oakhurst area. There have also been rumors that Brad Glenn, owner of Conversations Restaurant in Decatur, is also considering running. It is assumed that incumbents Bob Carpenter, Ted O'Callahan and Candler Broom will try to retain their seats.

In the past, Decatur had a dual registration for voting -- one for county, state & national elections and one for city elections.

This has been changed and dual registration is no longer the rule. Now, you register once for all elections. In addition, all those who were previously registered only in the county (and who therefore could not vote in Decatur elections) have been added to the Decatur list. This increased the number of registered voters in Decatur by approx. 5,000.

Usually you vote in the elementary school in your area -- if you are not sure, check with City Hall at 377-9911.

If you are not registered in either the county or the city, it is not too late. The deadline for registering is Nov. 11.

THROWER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Louise Thrower, Foreclosure Prevention Specialist for the Decatur Housing Authority for the past two and one-half years, has announced her candidacy for the City Commission.

A neighborhood leader in Decatur, Thrower was president of the South Decatur Community Council for three years, is on the Board of Directors and is currently serving as 1st vice president of the South Decatur Community Center, Inc., and is on the Board of Directors of Trinity Child Development Center.

She is a member of Lily Hill Baptist Church where she sings in the choir and is secretary and supervisor of the Youth Usher Board. Recently, she was elected to the DeKalb Democratic Party Executive Committee.

Louise lives on McDonough with her husband, Leonard, and their daughter, Trina.



DNA TO SPONSOR CANDIDATES FORUM

The Decatur Neighborhood Alliance will sponsor a city commission forum on Monday, Nov. 22, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. in Judge Dean's Courtroom in the DeKalb County Courthouse (3rd floor). Bob Leitch, Decatur attorney and one of the organizers of DNA, will serve as moderator for DNA.

This is an excellent opportunity to acquaint yourself with the issues and the candidates. Don't miss it.

There will not be a November meeting of DNA.

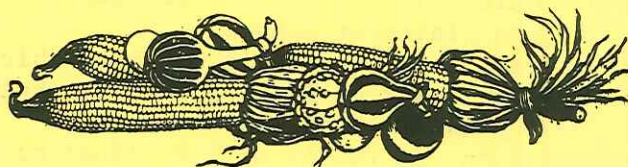
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The recently appointed Decatur Downtown Development Authority is scheduled to have their first organizational meeting Friday, Nov. 5th in the courtroom at the new police department on Trinity at 7:00 a.m.!!!

SAUNDERS CANDIDATE FOR CITY COMMISSION

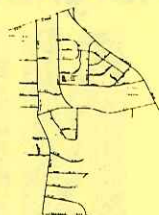
Wes Saunders, Adams Street resident, has announced his candidacy for the Decatur City Commission.

Saunders, an engineering graduate of Georgia Tech, is Director of Manufacturing for the Atlanta Processing Company. Active as an eleventh grade Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church of Decatur, he has been a member of Decatur's Transportation Task Force and also the Task Force for a Safer Decatur. Saunders has served as president of the McDonough, Adams, Kings Highway Neighborhood Association, is immediate past president of the Decatur Neighborhood Alliance and presently serves as Treasurer of the Oakhurst Development Corporation.



DECATUR NEIGHBORHOODS

WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION



On Thurs., Nov. 18th, WPNA will sponsor a Meet the Candidates Pot Luck. Decatur city elections occur in early December & this is a good opportunity to meet the candidates who will be running for the Commission seats. WPNA will provide drinks, plates, silverware & napkins -- you bring a covered dish or two depending on the size of your family. The pot luck will be held at the school at 6:30 p.m.

CAT ATTACK UPDATE

Roving packs of dogs & attacks on cats continue to be a problem in the area. The range of the incidents seems to be concentrated in the south & central part of Winnona Park with most of the incidents occurring during the night and in the early morning hours. Often the dogs travel the network of the woods and creeks.

A number of residents tried reporting loose dogs to the police only to be informed that the dog catcher was not on duty. Chief Matthews has now arranged for DeKalb County to provide back-up when that happens in the future.

Call 373-6551, give a description of the dogs, where they presently are located and which direction they are heading.

Jo Deck, Pres.

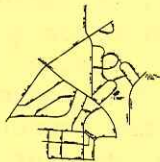
MAK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION



MAK, whose name comes from three of its largest streets (McDonough, Adams & Kings Highway) is currently represented by the following slate of officers: Pres: Sue Ellen Mears (Adams), Treas: Martha McLeod (Kings Highway), Board Members: Wes Saunders (Adams), Jo Ann Coffman (Adams), Pete Boos (W. Davis), Bill Kugel (Kings Highway).

MAK is currently working on traffic problems on McDonough, a stop sign for Adams and the Church Street widening issue. There will be a Halloween covered dish supper on Oct. 31st, election of officers in Nov. and a Christmas open house in December.

CLAIRMONT/ GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Officers for the Clairmont/Great Lakes Community Assoc. for the new fiscal year are: Pres. - David Crenshaw, V.P. for Community Affairs - Alan Harvey, V.P. for Membership - Bill Markert, Sec/Treas - Ernie Ritter.

Recent activities of the Assoc. have been a Newcomers' Party, a neighborhood yard sale, and a Tour of Homes. The Tour of Homes netted almost \$700, which will be divided between the Assoc. and the Clairmont School.

A new project is a Newcomer's Services which will provide a basket of fruit & homemade bread as well as a packet of printed material on Decatur for each new family or individual moving into the neighborhood.

If you have questions about the Assoc., call David Crenshaw at 292-9100.

SOUTH DECATUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



S.D.C.C. is the largest neighborhood association in the city in terms of the area it covers. Current officers are: Pres - Raeburn Josey (E. Lake), V. Pres - Ethel Steverson (E. Hill), Sec - Elsie Davis (Olympic Pl), Treas - Donna Boxer (Ansley), Membership - Louise Griffis (McKoy), Immediate past pres - Louise Thrower (McDonough).

For the past several months, SDCC has been conducting a series of voter registration drives in the Oakhurst neighborhood. The impetus for the drives is the low level of registration in the community. Only 40% of the eligible voters in the Oakhurst precinct are registered to vote, compared to 80-90% in the rest of Decatur. The next registration will be held at the Big-H-Foods and the South Decatur Community Center on Sat., Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For info, call Donna Boxer at 377-5754. Some form of I.D. (such as a driver's license, social security card or utility bill) must be presented to register.

LENOX PLACE NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION



The Lenox Place Neighbors Association meets regularly on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Disciples of Christ Church and the public is invited to attend.

We will have our fall neighborhood cleanup on Nov. 6 beginning at 10 a.m. followed by a party in the evening for all participants.

Our election forum will be on Tues, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Disciple of Christ Church across from the post office. We urge all of you to attend & meet the candidates for city commission.

Our 3rd annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the church

If you have any questions, call Cathy Reader at 378-3023.

PONCE DE LEON HEIGHTS CIVIC CLUB



The Sept. picnic was a big success. The tentative date for the next meeting is Nov. 15th at 7:30 p.m. at DeKalb County Courthouse. We will have our election of officers so be sure to come.

Remember, voluntary dues are \$5 per year per household and can be given to any officer. Try to attend this very important meeting.

Lee McElhannon, Pres.

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DECATUR SCHOOL NEWS

Winnona Park

THANK YOU, WINNONA PARK, for making our Spaghetti Fair a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS! Over 720 people were served a delicious meal and enjoyed an evening of good community spirit. The school was alive with activity and it was GREAT!

Many individuals donated hours of their time and enthusiasm. Chairpersons of the various committees did superb jobs of providing for all the different needs. Special thanks to: Liz O'Brien and Janet Lewis for the calk walk; Mary Gould, Roberta Silliman and Nancy Martin for the art activities; Jennifer Dempsey and Blanche Roberts for the book fair; Ginger Horton for ticket sales.

T-shirt sales, co-ordinated by Veronica Carlson, went well Friday night also. There are some left which can be purchased at the school (\$3 for kid sizes, \$5 for adult).

Next meeting: November 11th at 7:30. There will be babysitters for children under 10. We will have a special guest lecturer.

Congratulations to Karen Brock, the 6th grader who won the t-shirt design contest. Her design, letters spelling 'Winnona Park' held up like balloons, was printed on t-shirts and sold by the PTA as a fund raiser.

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Up, up and away went 200 red balloons celebrating Clairmont School's 46 birthday. Dr. Vee Simmons and several Clairmont parents were on hand to help celebrate the occasion. All of the children sang 'Happy Birthday' to Clairmont School and to Dr. Simmons. We were also led in several cheers by Clairmont's cheerleaders and the 'cool cougar'.

Clairmont PTA County Fair was a great success. Each class had a game going on in their room, children had their pictures taken with Clairmont's 'cool cougar' and we had a police escort for the hayride that went through the cemetery.

If you are interested in working with the Clairmont PTA, call Michele Beasley at 377-4556.

Oakhurst

PTA officers for this year are: Pres - Runette Hunter (E. Lake), V.Pres - Glenda McRay (Feld Ave), Sec/Treas - Sharon Skrine (E.Lake). The PTA needs parents to help tutor children in the remedial reading program. If you can help, call Runette Hunter at 373-5838.

CLASS NOTES: Mrs. Denise Forrester's 1st grade visited the new police station Oct. 20. They toured the new courtroom and saw the technique of fingerprinting.

Halloween is a time for learning in Mrs. Anne Bond's 3rd grade. The children have made 'torn paper' ghosts & goblins, learned safety rules for Halloween, and carved a pumpkin with geometric shapes. The pumpkin seeds were dried & counted and will be used to practice numeration skills.

Miss Kay Andrew's 3rd grade is very excited over the birth of 6 gerbils! The class returned on Mon, Oct. 11 to find 'mama & papa' gerbils were proud new parents.

4th Graders are developing their map skills while learning Georgia history & geography.

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Background

The City Commission has been considering a proposal to widen Church Street from two to four lanes (5 lanes at intersections & from the city limits out to Scott Blvd). Before the Commission makes the final decision, a series of public hearings will be held to determine the extent of impact on Decatur and its neighborhoods.

The first four of these hearings are being conducted by George Eichler, a consultant hired by the City, who will then make a recommendation to the Commissioners. Three of these four meetings have been held and public response expressed by Decaturites at those hearings has been overwhelmingly against the road widening, although not adverse to intersection improvements.

A plan for the four lane which is being prepared by D.O.T. (the Department of Transportation), will also be presented to the Commissioners who will then conduct a further public airing of the proposal.

The Third Public Hearing

The 3rd public hearing on Church Street was held Oct. 21st

Present at this meeting was a representative from D.O.T. who answered questions regarding their plans. He told the audience that D.O.T. is currently working on plans for a Church St. 4-lane from E. Ponce de Leon to Medlock and for a 5-lane on out to Scott, with the primary consideration being given to "the person who pays for the gas".

As with other meetings, Decatur residents voiced concerns over the impact such a highway would have to the area and to the city:

1. A trustee from Clairmont Oaks asked that the safety of the approx. 300 elderly residents be considered, particularly since many of them use the area as pedestrians;

2. Decatur attorney Bob Leitch expressed concern over 'spot widening' on Church Street without consideration of the overall Decatur traffic situation, especially in light of the previous transportation task force recommendation that intersection improvements be tried first. Leitch further warned that such road widenings are often accompanied by an increase in crime in the area;

3. Another major issue involved land use of the property adjacent to the highway, which would no longer be suitable for private homes. Cathy Reader (Landsdowne) pointed out that it would be almost impossible to keep out commercial development on the Decatur portion of Church St. when the county portion would almost certainly be commercial;

4. A resident of Ponce de Leon Court was concerned that traffic at the intersection of Columbia Dr. and Church St. could worsen given the already heavy traffic flow from Clairmont and the almost certain increase of use of Church St. if the widening goes through;

5. Some discussion also covered the question of whether widening Church St. would serve those in Decatur, those coming to Decatur or those going through Decatur. Objection was again made to the lack of origin/destination studies which could show the use currently being made of the road. The only studies available are yearly traffic counts (which show a declining usage over the last 5 yrs).

The date of the fourth hearing had not been announced when we went to press.

High School

It's almost basketball season at Decatur High --first game for the boys basketball is Dec.4th in Newton County. Last year the boys team had a 27-0 record (State Champs!) The girls team was also impressive with a 17-6 record.

School clubs are getting organized for this year. The Decatur High Chapter of the National Honor Society selected their officers: Pres. - David Mayfield, V.Pres. - Bill Weber, Sec. - Rachel Henning, Treas. - Yvonne Stroud and Social Director - Chris Rivera.

VICA (vocational Club) has also selected their officers for this year: Wanda Crawford, Brent Robinson, Daphne Fleetwood & Chandra Caldwell.

Latin Club officers are: Pres. - Moby Childs, V.Pres. - Mary Davis, Sec. - Karen Darmer and Treas. - Beth Hyde.

Middle School

Renfro played the last of its four football games on Sat, Oct. 23rd. Unfortunately, we lost to Columbia, however the band, cheerleaders and pep club were all at the game Sat. to support our team (and it was cold!). Special thanks should be given to Mrs. Williams, Miss Olive, & Mrs. Salyer for taking time to organize and direct these three groups.

Enrichment classes, both 7th and 8th graders, attended the World's Fair on Fri Oct. 15th. The kids left the Decatur bus station at 6 a.m. and returned at 1 a.m. the following morning! We'd like to thank Mr. Blankenship and the chaperones for making that trip possible.

By: Andrea Kaston
8th grade

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COMMISSION NOTES

By: Catherine Carter

The October 4th meeting of the Decatur City Commission began with the awarding of 15 year service pins to Fire Chief Sherrard White and Maintenance Chief Willie Carr.

However, the issue of the meeting which created the packed house "plus" was the establishment of the Downtown Development Authority and the appointment of members. The appointments made were Peter H. Giles, pres. of Simons Eastern; Mrs. Floyd Sanders, civic leader; Robin Harris, pres. of Decatur Federal; Grady Baker, v.p. of Georgia Power; Walt Drake, former mayor and attorney with McCurdy & Candler Law Firm; Jim Philips, exec. v. pres. of Draper & Owens (banking & real estate) and Dr. Ruth Schmidt, new pres. of Agnes Scott College.

The audience consisted mainly of merchants of small downtown Decatur businesses and neighborhood activists, most of whom were concerned about the fact that none of the appointees represented either of these two groups. Mayor Carpenter commented that he thought Decatur had grown beyond the old days, referring supposedly to the split and disagreement resulting from the Hines Zuchelli plan of several years ago. He commented that all of the appointees are neighbors to somebody. Commissioner Mealor mentioned the possibility that Dr. Schmidt, who lives on Agnes Scott property, may not have paid city taxes and therefore would be ineligible to serve on the Authority. Several members of the audience urged the Commission to appoint Lyn Deardorff (S. Candler) in her stead. Mayor Carpenter killed the debate and the appointments were made with reservations. Commissioner Cunningham voted against the appointment and Mealor abstained.

The official call for the Dec. elections was then made. Commissioners Broom, Carpenter, and O'Callahan's seats are up for re-election. Qualifying closes Nov. 16 and election day is Dec. 1 with voter registration closing on Nov. 11.

At the Oct. 18th City Commission Meeting Lyn Deardorff was appointed to replace Dr. Schmidt on the Downtown Development Authority.

Commissioner Cunningham reminded those present of the amendment to be voted on Nov. 2 concerning the homestead exemption accepted by the city. This is an across the board \$2,000 exemption. At the discretion of the Commission, this exemption can be raised to as much as \$10,000.

The double taxation issue was discussed. Mayor Carpenter said that the meetings with the county have not borne fruit. The Child's bill which will force the issue will go into effect in March, 1983. This bill provided that Decatur residents will pay only 34% of the county levy. The County still has recourse but the municipalities are ready to fight.



Congratulations to Carla & John Sluss (Ponce de Leon Place) on the birth of their son, Kevin Albert, on Oct. 7, 1982. Kevin weighed 7 lb, 3 oz. and was 20 and 1/2 in. long at birth. He joins his brother, Nathan, 3 yrs. old and his sister, Lisa, 13 yrs. old.



MIMOSA GARDEN CLUB

By: Liz O'Brien

Yard of the Month winners for October are:

1st place: Jessie Rust (337 Mimosa Dr)

2nd place: Debby & Moe Miller (323 Mimosa Dr)

3rd place: Kathy & Lewron McDaniel (354 Mim. Dr).

Charles Dodd of 330 Mimosa Drive made a 'hole in one' at the Snapfinger Woods Golf Course on Sunday, Oct. 10, 1982!!!!!!

COMMERCE ASSOC.

Decatur not only has some great places to shop but also some really nice folks who own and operate those shops. They promote Decatur and its businesses through their commerce association. Currently representing the association are the following officers: Robert E. Atwater, Jr. (v.p. & branch manager of the Decatur Square office of C & S) - pres; Janie Wyatt (owner of Decatur Gown & Bridal) - vice-pres; Bedros Sharian (one of the owners of Sharian's Incorporated) - sec.; Bill Rice (owner of Rice's Card Shop) - Treas; and Shirley Bidding (owner of Culinary Attic) - immediate past pres.

We will be covering some of their activities and hope to feature some of the small businesses, but don't wait -- go to downtown Decatur and "discover" them for yourselves!



THE DECATUR CIVIC CHORUS, INC.

The Decatur Civic Chorus cordially invites you to attend its 35th Annual Christmas Concert on Sun., Dec. 12th, at 3:00 p.m. in Decatur's First Baptist Church. This 70-voice chorus will perform Handel's MESSIAH with orchestral accompaniment, and Christmas carols familiar to all. The concert is free and open to the public -- a gift to you, the citizens of Decatur and DeKalb County -- from the Decatur Civic Chorus.

The Chorus will also be performing the MESSIAH on December 5th at 6 p.m. during the Worship Service of the Westminster Presby. Church, 1438 Sheridan Road, N.E., Atlanta. All are welcome.

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Mimosa Drive Christmas Shop: Do your shopping early at 129 Mimosa Dr., Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Grapevine wreaths of all sizes, hand-painted and hand-stenciled items, including Christmas note cards to choose from. Custom orders taken. Call Janet at 378-1879 or Claire at 377-7995. For stenciling on your walls, call Claire.

To Complain about Airport Noise, call States Finley at DeKalb County Planning Dept. at 371-2155.

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Seminars for Singles are currently being offered at Decatur Presby. Church. The 1st, entitled 'Alone Again: What Do I Do When a Relationship Ends?', will be 4 consecutive Wed. evenings, beginning Oct. 27. The 2nd, entitled "Everybody I Date Turns Out to Be..", will be on Sat., Nov. 20 & deals with adult dating relationships. Leaders are Gene & Claire Hertzler, counselors, seminar leaders, & founders of Singles Enrichment Ministries. The Hertzler's are also residents of Winnona Park. Info, call 377-7995 or 378-1777.

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**If you would like to have your name listed in the Guide, call Susan Purdom (378-2931 or 377-5531). You must be a resident of Decatur.

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Concerts on the Square: Response has been great to the idea of concerts on the square in Decatur. A committee has been formed to get things going and help is needed. Interested? Call Liz O'Brien at 373-1961.

Piano Lessons: Mary Saunders has a few openings on Mon. & Thurs. afternoons for private piano instruction given in her home near Agnes Scott. Phone 373-4617 after 5 p.m.

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Don't miss the annual tree-lighting festivities on the Square in downtown Decatur on Sun., Dec. 4, starting at 7:00 p.m. Santa will arrive on a firetruck and the Decatur High Symphonic Band, directed by Dr. Ellis Mills, will perform. The High School Chorus may also perform.

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