

# NEIGHBORS NEWS

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WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

December, 1982

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**DECATUR CHRISTMAS** 

The Decatur Cotillion Club, a civic organization of Decatur/DeKalb women will have its annual 'Colonial Xmas' on Dec. 4 from 9-2 at the Decatur Presbyterian

Church (205 Sycamore St) in the small building across from the main church. The bazaar features hand crafted gifts and decorations, Santa's Secret Shop (for children) and pictures with Santa. Hint: get there early and stand in line!

The Trinity Head Start Center in Decatur has a tradition of giving real Xmas gifts to the 85 children at the Center. The teachers choose them so they are appropriate for each child and

age level. All money to pay for the gifts comes from donations and each gift costs about \$10.

These are Decatur kids, who may not have much Xmas otherwise. Please help. Send \$ to Louise Morse, Exec. Dir, Trinity Child Development Center, P.O. Box 23, Decatur, GA 30031.

The Decatur Civic Chorus will perform at its 35th Annual Christmas Concert on Sun. Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. at Decatur 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

A Christmas Concert will be held at Decatur High School on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Performing will be the Decatur

High Symphonic (in their new uniforms!) and Concert Bands directed by Dr. Ellis Mills, and the Decatur High Chorus directed by Glynn Halsey.

and open to the public.

Don't miss the annual treelighting festivities on the Square in downtown Decatur on Sunday, Dec. 5, starting at 7 pm Santa will arrive on a firetruck and the Decatur High Symphonic Band and the Middle School Chorus will perform.

#### ART SALE

Atkins-Kavanaugh hexagon. Painting, pottery, stained & blown glass. Sat-Sun, Nov 27-28. 10-6. At 2525 McKinnon Dr, near Columbia Sem, off Oldfield off Kirk. Music, wine.

## DNA CANDIDATES FORUM

BUCKLEY vs. O'CALLAGHAN vs. SAUNDERS

Frank Buckley was born in Miss. but moved to Tenn at the age of 14. He served in the U.S. Navy and attended Memphis State Univ. He would like to see Decatur developed for those living in the City, both in terms of providing more jobs for Decaturites and less displacement from street widenings. He favors district elections and feels that a district representative would be more familiar with the needs of their area

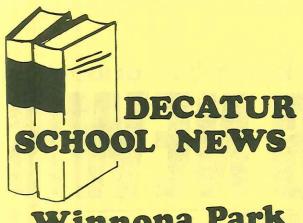
Ted O'Callaghan was born in Kentucky, served in the Air Force and graduated from Georgia State (with a masters in management). He's a district manager for Southern Bell and has been a commissioner for 6 years, the last two as vice-mayor. He thinks the City is great and points to the city schools ("not cheap but well worth the money") and such services as the twice weekly backyard trash pick-up. He's undecided on the Church Street issue although he thinks that "something" needs to be done.

Wes Saunders was born & raised in Fla., is a Ga. Tech graduate and is Director of Manufacturing for Atlanta Processing. He initially became involved in Decatur through his neighborhood (Adams St) and his church (1st Baptist) where he's been an active member for 12 yrs. On the Church Street issue, he refers to his service on the Transportation Task Force and supports the Task Force recommendation of trying intersection improvements first.

#### CARPENTER vs. MAHONE

Bob Carpenter was born in N.Y., moved to Ga. in 1928 and has lived in Decatur since 1956. An Auburn graduate, he is pres. of Cotten States Insur. Co. He has served 7 terms as city commissioner, the last 3 as mayor. He strongly supports downtown development, putting much emphasis on increasing Decatur office space. He wants to accomodate large businesses by widening roads to Decatur so that their employees (whom he projects will come from east of Decatur) will be able to have easy access to Decatur and the airport.

Ollie Mahone was raised on a farm in Cleveland, Ga. He attended the Univ. of Wisconsin on a scholarship and taught school for 6 years. He's a 12 year resident of DeKalb with the last of those years in Decatur. He wants to 'sell' Decatur as a great place for neighborhoods and businesses, although he objects to expressways and thinks we can solve traffic problems with intersection improvements and better signalization. He feels that city commissioners should bear more responsibility and supports the idea of district elections.



#### Winnona Park

The Christmas program at Winnona Park will be held Dec. 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the school. This year the 4th, 5th and 6th graders will present a Christmas play about a snowman.

Decision making is in progress to decide how to spend PTA project funds raised this year. A committee, named to make recommendations to the group (probably in Jan), have currently narrowed the options to two: additional equipment for the school's new Apple II computer or an inexpensive cooling system for the school.

On Jan. 13th at 7:30 p.m. a joint meeting will be held with the Winnona Park Neighbors Association. The topic of the meeting will be the playground at the school and representatives from the school board, the city and the YMCA will be asked to attend. The goal is to develop a plan for the development & maintenance of the playground.

#### Oakhurst

Mrs. Forrester's 1st graders are planning a trip to the fire department and will get there by way of a ride on a firetruck!

Christmas program rehersals are in progress for the kindergarden through 3rd grade, who will be presenting the program this year. The theme is "Symbols of Christmas" and will feature speakers, singers and dancers. The public is invited -- Dec. 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Fall colors are all around the school and all the children have been involved in Thanksgiving activities. Students in Mrs. Jenkins class made turkeys out of styrofoam balls & pipe cleaners to decorate the showcase in the school lobby.

#### Middle School

Renfroe students have been very busy this past month. The student council sponsored a "50's Day" and people came in poodle skirts or rolled up jeans. Everyone had lots of fun.

The 8th grade social studies classes went on a field trip to New Echota, the Cherokee Indian capital in the 1700's in north Georgia.

We played our 1st basketball games of the season on Sat, Nov. 20 and won both games. The scores were 43-10 (girls) & 48-35 (boys).

Enrichment classes are writing newspapers, both a class and a personal paper. The personal paper is dated on each person's birthday. Classes have been hard at work researching news from the week they were born.

> By: Andrea Kaston 8th grade



#### High School

Although the last game against Towers was not a success, the Decatur High football team ended with a 6-4 season! Congratulations to the team, cheerleaders and supporters.

Decatur's Band also deserves a round of applause for their hard work and super performances. This year's Band is led by Drum Major David Mayfield, the Drill Team by Melanie Funk and Carlene Robinson and the majorettes by Millen Mahaffey. The Marching Band's next performance will be at the Peach bowl.

The Ecology Club took one of its big trips of the year up to Unicoi State Park in N. Georgia. The group of about 40 students and 10 adults left Decatur Friday, camped overnight at Squirrels Nest (a special place for group camping), hiked along the Appalachian Trail and returned to Decatur late Sat. afternoon. The weather was cold but luckily no rain!

The Ecology Club's teacher sponsors are Doug Joiner and Chris Billingsley. Student officers are Chuck Smotherman, pres; Patty O'Brien, v. pres; Rachael Henning, sec; Brad Kennedy & Burt Robinson, co-treas.

#### Clairemont

This year's PTA project is a new outdoor classroom for the school. The PTA and the Neighborhood Association have been raising funds and landscape architect, Don Hooten (Ponce de Leon Place) has donated his services and the plans are being drawn. The classroom will be called "Clairmont Courtyard" and will include a workshop with tool storage, a water table for the kindergarden, picnic tables for art & lunches, and a small stage for story time.

The Xmas program, a play entitled "The Runaway Snowman", will be held on Dec. 14th. Sue Preston, one of the 5th grade teachers, is in charge of the production, which will feature the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

A postscript from the birthday celebration: the balloons had a 'return to sender' message printed on them and several have been sent back to the school, the fartherest from N.C.

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#### DECATUR NEIGHBORHOODS

#### WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION



WPNA held a candidates' pot luck supper on Thursday, Oct. 18th at the Winnona Park Elementary School. Candidates who attended included: Wes Saunders, Ted O'Callaghan, Ollie Mahone, Frank Buckley, and Candler Broom.

After the delicious "pot luck" was shared,

After the delicious "pot luck" was shared, an informal presentation from each candidate was heard. The evening ended with questions from the audience. Thanks to those candidates for joining us and thanks also to the Freight Room for their donation of chicken salad.

#### PLAYGROUND

The Winnona playground/field is a topic of interest and concern for the neighborhood. Previous articles in the newsletter have highlighted the issues of use and quality of maintenance.

Plan to attend the Jan. 13th joint meeting with the Winnona Park PTA regarding the playground. We hope to focus on the problems and possible solutions regarding the use and maintenance of the field.

#### LENOX PLACE NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION



At its Nov. meeting, LPNA elected new officers for 1983 as follows: Pres, Dick Reader; V.P., Roger Gardocki; Sec./Treas., Bob Maifield. We're all looking forward to an exciting year under the direction of these officers.

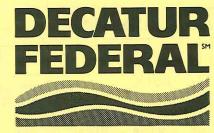
We were pleased to have all candidates for the Decatur City Commission present at our Nov. meeting for an election forum. A broad range of topics was discussed including schools, roads, taxes, the possibility of changing the city's election date and reapportionment. Plans are being finalized for our Xmas 'pot-

Plans are being finalized for our Xmas 'pot-luck' celebration on Sat., Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church. Various prizes will be awarded, the children will perform, and we will be having a 'cake walk' to name just a few of the activities planned.

#### CLAIREMONT/ GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



The Clairemont/Great Lakes Community Association and their newsletter, the Picayune, are taking a holiday in December.



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## SOUTH DECATUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



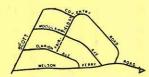
The South Decatur Community Council will meet Thursday, Dec. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center (old Scottish Rite Hospital) in the conference room.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss sponsorship and fund raising for a voting rights suit against the City of Decatur.

#### MAK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION



#### PONCE DE LEON HEIGHTS CIVIC CLUB



At its Nov. 15th meeting, the Ponce de Leon Heights Civic Club elected its new officers for the coming year: Pres - Randy Petrey (Clarion); V. Pres. - Dennis Edmiston (Woodlawn); Sec - Gloria O'Brien (Nelson Ferry); Treas - Sam Wagner (Coventry).

There will be no meeting in December but the group is looking forward to a busy 1983!

#### City Takes Stand On Airport Noise

The City has taken a strong stand on the airplane noise issue. Mayor Carpenter, in a letter to the Commissioner of Aviation at Hartsfield Airport, stated that the city commission "wholeheartedly endorses the position of the DeKalb County Commission that something must be done about airport noise over central DeKalb. We do not believe that a serious and sincere effort has yet been made to solve this situation. After five days straight of easterly take offs, the telephones are really ringing at City Hall. People are frustrated and angry. We are closer and closer to the point where it appears that court action may be the only answer."

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it was delivered to approximately 5,000 houses in the City of Decatur! This was a large undertaking and took the efforts of a great many.

We hope to reach the point where every house and apartment in Decatur receives a copy. If you can help deliver (on your own street or more), call Gus Cochran at 377-6250 or Penny Wistrand at 378-6391.

We also hope to establish a Decatur-wide staff and are looking for folks who would like to work on the paper. If you are interested, call Susan Purdom at 377-5531 or 378-2931.

Even if you can't help, we'd like to get your opinions and ideas about the Newsletter.

#### DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The first meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held Nov. 5, 1982 and the following officers were elected:

Pres. - H. Grady Baker

V. Pres. - Lyn Deardorff

Sec. - Hugh Saxon (he's not on the authority but is the Economic Development Coordinator for the city).

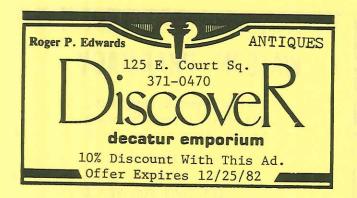
Treas. - Mrs. Floyd Sanders

There is a special called meeting for Wed., Nov. 24th at 8 a.m. but regular meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month at 8 a.m. at the courtroom at the police department on Trinity.

Congratulations to Nancy Nolan & Harold Shumacher on the birth of their 1st child, Stephanie Lynn. Stephanie was born Oct. 5, 1982, weighed 6 lb., 9 oz. and was 19" long. We are also pleased to announce the publication of Harold's new book, Atlanta Restaurant Guide which is just hot off the press!



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Interested in an alternative learning experience? The South Decatur Community Center is planning to initiate a unique community-based learning program this coming Jan. A Community Education Council has been formed by the Center under the leadership of Bill Denton and has been meeting throughout the fall to plan the new program.

Most of the learning activities will be in the form of 6 to 10 week classes meeting once per week mostly in the evenings. All leaders will be highly skilled in their fields.

Among the topics on the agenda are: Living with Stress, the Conscientious Consumer, Home Maintenance and How to Start Your Own Business. Several arts & crafts programs will be offered and led by experienced craftspersons such as Joan Loeb, Virginia Legge, Connie Haralson & Jules Avruch.

On Thursday mornings a senior body shop program will be offered and Gus Cochran will lead a study group on Popular Economics on Tuesday evenings. If today's economic picture gets too depressing, learners can move on to a How to Make Your Own Beer class at 9:00 on the same evening.

To receive a free copy of the schedule, drop a note to Bill Denton, 315 Adams St., Decatur 30030. It should be ready about Dec. 15. Registration may be by mail or in person at the Center on Jan. 15. Nominal fees will be charged ranging from \$5 to \$25 per course.

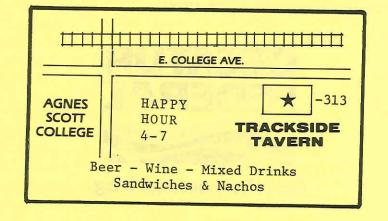


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## COMMISSION

By: Catherine Carter

The November 1st meeting of the Decatur City Commission began with the authorization of preparation of construction documents for the landscaping of the City Hall area. The cost, taken from the fund balance, of these dosuments will be between \$9000 and \$12,000 depending on whether the city chooses the \$70,000 or the \$100, 000 plan. The differences in the plans includes amenities such as arbor benches, better lighting and a drinking fountain. The choice of the cheaper plan would mean lower fees for the architect, Ed Daugherty.

Commissioners voted to add the east side of Winter Ave. to the list of resident-only parking areas. Resident, Kerry Smith asked the Commission to take definitive action concerning airplane noise problem, now, while the fourth runway issue is being considered. Manager Branscombe agreed to write Aviation Commissioner, George Berry. Part of Mayor Carpenter's response to a question about status of double taxation included the need to determine what portion of the 11.5 general fund millages is used for the three service areas not being supplied to the city-roads and drainage, police, and parks. Charles McKinney expressed concern about the dangerous College Ave. -Columbia Drive intersection where Mr. Wright was killed recently in an automobile accident.

The first order of business of the Nov. 15th meeting was a vote to abandon the unopened right-of-way of Springdale St. between Hillcrest Ave. and Sycamore Dr.

Oakhurst resident, Donna Boxer pled for the construction of sidewalks on Ansley St. Plans for sidewalks there have been studied by the Goals Committee which considers use of Community Development funds. The estimated cost of the sidewalks would be \$39,000.

Recreation Department Director, Robert Gibbs, reported success with the 1982 summer Adventure camp with a slide presentation. Oakhurst resident Sarah Conner asked if the commission had looked into her earlier request for the addition of cats to the present leash law.



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#### VAN LEER TRIATHLON

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After years of training as a soccer player and runner and a rigorous 3 month full-time final sprint, Wayne joined the 850 other participants on Oct. 9th to compete in this event and finished 316th out of 775.

The triathlon consisted of a 2.4 mile open ocean swim followed by a 112 mile bike ride across lava fields and topped off with a 26.2 mile run. Wayne says the bike ride was the toughest due to the heat on the lava fields and the stiff headwinds. All this he completed in a total time of 12 hours, 38 min., and 10 sec.

For the past year, the old Decatur depot has been home for one of our city's most innovative eateries and has become a popular retreat for city residents young and old.

Owned by S. Candler residents Bob White and Wade & Alice Wright, the 72-seat restaurant in the old freight room at the east end of the depot features real Pullman car seats, model trains under glass at the bar and a growing collection of railroad memorbilia.

Patrons have been known to drive for miles for a serving of the Freight Room's unique Christy's Chicken Salad or Shrimps Galucki, and certain Decatur businessmen find it hard to pass up the hot roast beef sandwiches.

A new dinner menu includes Beef Bourguignon, Turkey Orloff, Lasagna and Moussaka. Desserts, made especially for the Freight Room, include strawberry cheesecake, chocolate chip cheesecake, and pumpkin cheesecake.

Although the restaurant initially only served beer and wine, liquor has recently been added, and a complete line of mixed drinks is available.

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Dancin' Aerobics: the Winter Session of the YMCA's Dancin' Aerobics program begins the week of Jan.3. There are two classes being held in Winnona Park at Columbia Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$40 for the 12 wk session. Contact Fran Carruthers, instructor, for more info. at 373-8366.

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