



winnona park neighbors association

NEIGHBORS NEWS

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WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Background

Winnona Park Neighbors Assoc. was born of a need, when the families in the Candler Street and Mimosa area learned of a proposed cluster development to be built on a 2 acre tract in the neighborhood.

From October to December, 1976, neighbors began talking, digging, learning and sharing -- together, in groups, over the phone, on the sidewalks. Many attended Planning Commission and City Council meetings. Some dug into legal requirements and old records. Others met with neighbors to compare notes, ask needed questions, and maybe determine the best course of action -- if a group consensus was to be had.



Over two months, an amazing number of neighbors got involved in the grass roots process. At least 200 residents in some manner became involved and informed, and exercised their rights as citizens -- to know and to decide. Because our efforts became known around City Hall, a proposal to approve a 14 unit cluster housing Planned Unit Development was voted down at the January, 1977 City Commission meeting.

There is no doubt in anyone involved that the resolution would have passed without our efforts. Citizens found they can influence our city's decision-making with positive informed input. The key grew of maintaining this method of learning, living and caring together.

Neighborliness and neighborhood associations are not new concepts -- but it is a very exciting one when alive and bursting forth as it is here in the Winnona Park area.

Contributions

The suggested annual contribution is \$3.00 per person, \$5.00 per family with persons donating more than the suggested amount being known as Contributing Members.

To contribute, contact Paige McRight or Bill Simmons.

Mayor to Speak

We are pleased to welcome our mayor, Mrs. Ann Crichton, to the next general meeting of the Winnona Park Neighbors Association. Mayor Crichton has been invited to give us some background information on Decatur's economic development, transportation situation, and land use studies now in progress.

Have you been wondering how we as individuals and as a community group can influence our own city government? Mayor Crichton promises to offer some helpful suggestions and practical advice at our next WPNA meeting.

School News

The Fourth District Social Science Fair was held last week at North DeKalb Mall. Winnona Park School had nine entries, and all received certificates of recognition.

Next week, 21 Enrichment Class students will travel to Savannah, Georgia for the purpose of learning about marine biology. We will hope to hear more about their expedition.

At the PTA meeting, a film presentation was given by the Recreation Department on day camps for children.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Spring Holidays, April 6 - 8
School Resumes, April 11
Paper Sales, April 28, May 19



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Betty and Dennis Bellville
for printing the Neighbors News

Neighbors' Exchange

Resources in our backyards

- AMWAY products - Ann Busbee
377-3362
- AVON products - Ann Anderson
377-3139
- FOOD co-ops - Brenda Price
378-5916
- INTERIOR design- Carlene Duncan
373-8698
- TYPIST for papers, etc. -
Jeannette Scholes
373-1494
- WASHING MACHINE, vacuum cleaner,
twin beds, misc. items for
sale - Buzz Trotti, 373-4035
- HOUSE for sale: 3BR, sepDR, mid 20s
131 Hilldale, 373-2322

Let us list you as a neighborhood resource. Share your talents, services, products, etc. by calling Patty Bonner, 373-5874 or Carlene Duncan, 373-8698.



NEXT MEETING !!

SUNDAY MARCH 27th

2:00 PM. WINNONA SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. SEE YOU THERE !!

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS
Winnona Park Neighbors Association
Committee Chairpersons

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Membership	Paige McRight	377-7793
Nominating	Dan McRight	377-7793
Communications/Newsletter	Nancy Leitch	377-0856
Governmental Activities	Hopkins Kidd	377-3241
Land Use	Millie Simmons	377-1433
Transportation	Whit Smith	377-2529
Economic Development	Martha Hollis	378-2133
Parks & Recreation	Randall Guynes	377-4135
Junior Committee	Jeff Deardorff	377-8010

<u>WPNA Temporary Officers</u>		
President	Bob Leitch	377-0856
Vice President	Lyn Deardorff	377-8010
Secretary	- Election to be held at next general meeting.	
Treasurer	Bill Simmons	377-1433

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION - DECATUR, GEORGIA

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Occupation (s) _____

Return to: Paige McRight, 445 Mimosa Drive or at March 27 meeting

Please indicate committees on which you may be willing to serve:

Membership _____	Land Use _____
Nominating _____	Transportation _____
Communications/Newsletter _____	Economic Development _____
Social _____	Parks & Recreation _____
Governmental Activities _____	Schools Liaison _____
Junior Committee _____	

Welcome!

At our first general meeting, February 27, 92 people attended. Our first month of existence brought us over 112 members, an impressive expression of the quality and concern of our neighborhood.

Some of you did not receive notice of our first meeting as our delivery system missed parts of three streets. Please accept our apologies, come to our next meeting and join us!

General membership meetings are the 4th Sunday of each month (March 27, April 24, May 22, etc.) at 2:00 PM in the Winnona School Auditorium.

Junior Committee



All kids (grades 5-12) in the Winnona Park area are invited to come to Winnona Park School for our meeting on Sunday, March 28 at 2:00 P. M. The meeting will be held in one of the classrooms there while the adults are meeting in the Auditorium. Spread the word - Bring your neighbors, too!