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Where's The Park In Winnona Park?

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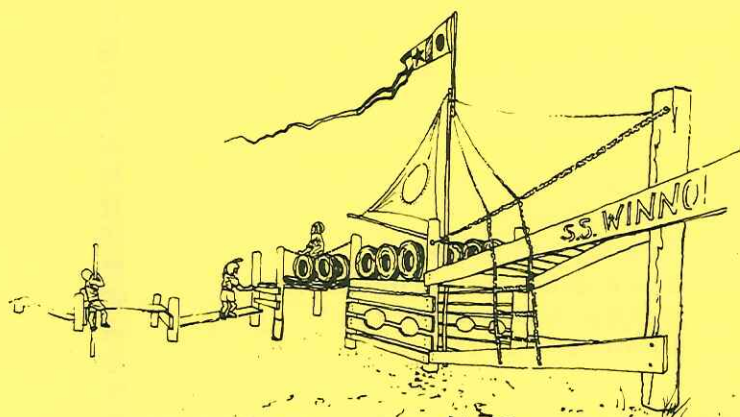
That is the question which the Winnona Park PTA is asking this year.

With the goal of returning the "park" to Winnona, this year's PTA has set its sights on an ambitious improvement of the school's playground. The first step will be a plan for upgrading the whole playground and recommendations for the stages of development.

Gordon Anderson, a member of the Georgia State University art faculty and resident of this community, has designed a multi-purpose climber to be the beginning of the project. To make a few dollars go far, the ark, dubbed S.S. Winnona, will be constructed of donated and recycled materials by volunteers from the community.

The PTA is anxious to involve interested members of the whole community to develop a park to meet the recreational needs of all ages. Numerous alternatives are now being discussed, such as park benches, a picnic area, landscaping, running track, trees and improvement of present facilities.

What is needed most at this stage is input from Winnona Park residents. Call Carolyn French - 378-8204 - with ideas or donations of time, material and money. The creativity and diversity available in Winnona Park residents has the opportunity to benefit us all with a park we can take pride in and enjoy.



NEXT MEETING Pot Luck Planned

WPNA's next meeting will be Sunday, September 24 at the Columbia Presbyterian Church on the corner of Kirk and Columbia Roads. There will be a pot luck supper at 5:00 P.M. followed by the business meeting at 6:00 and adjournment by 7:30.

A deputy city registrar will be present to verify voter registration and register those persons needing to register. Our program will be on the constitutional amendment on the November ballot dealing with our property taxes. We hope to have Mayor Ann Creighton.

Plates, cups, napkins and utensils will be provided. Please bring a "pot", a beverage and yourselves. See you on the 24th.

Welcome!

Welcome to all the new arrivals in our neighborhood. We want you to join us as part of the action in Winnona Park. After our long summer vacation, we are planning regular meetings and publication of the newsletter.

Our next meeting will be combined with a pot luck supper. We tried this last Spring, and found it quite successful; good socializing, meeting new neighbors, greeting old friends, parents brought children. Some people came only for the meeting and others for the supper, but most came for both. Old residents, new residents, please come join us!

Bob Leitch

Nominating Committee

Elections for new WPNA officers will be held in November. Our by-laws forbid any officer holding the same office longer than two terms. This means that Bob Leitch (President), Lyn Deardorff (Vice-President) and Amelia Wilburn (Secretary) are not eligible for re-election.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee is Allen Price. If you would like to serve on the committee or have suggestions for officers, please call him at 378-5916.

Neighbors' Exchange

FOR SALE - Wooden King-size headboard.
Make offer. Martha Hightower,
377-5369.

FOR SALE - '73 Volvo. Blanche Roberts,
378-8054.

FOR SALE - Classic Auto - 1970 Dodge
Challenger R/T Convertible. Ann
Busby, 377-3362.

CHILDREN'S art lessons, Elizabeth Potter,
378-6325.

AVON products - Ann Anderson, 377-3139.

AMWAY products - Ann Busby, 377-3362.

WANTED - Four drawer file cabinet, Con-
tact Henry Slack, 377-8931.

LONELY NIGHTS? The exciting field of
yellow journalism needs your aid!
Call Nancy Leitch at 378-0856 to
see what you can do for the Neigh-
bors' News!

Share your talents, services, products,
etc. by calling Arlene Mann, 373-8148

Energy Commission

In order to reduce energy consumption
over the next few months, a commission on
energy, made up of interested citizens,
will be created in Decatur and fifty other
Georgia communities.

Mrs. Virginia Carter and Mrs.
Catherine Carter represented Decatur at
a planning workshop sponsored by the
Georgia Municipal Association. They will
work with the city to form this commission.

If you are interested in working on
this commission, please call 373-6187.
The only qualifications necessary are
interest and enthusiasm.

Treasurer's Report

WPNA Treasurer Allen Price submitted
the following report on August 28, 1978:

Dues and Donations	410.50
Rental fees for Winnona Park School	- 170.00
Newsletter	- 27.46
Social Activities	- 50.85
General Supplies & Expenses	- 19.86
Net	142.33

We have an opportunity to earn money
for the Neighborhood Association by working
a concession at home Falcon games. De-
tails will be given at our next meeting.
If interested, call Bob Leitch at 377-0856
or 377-8181.

The WPNA cannot continue to exist
without the support of its membership.
The officers and a few participating
members of the Association have worked
hard to stimulate interest by organizing
pot luck suppers, newsletters, and neigh-
borhood garage sales.

These efforts, while being well re-
ceived by the community, have not resulted
in greater support of the Association.
WPNA needs a little of your time and a
little of your money; without both, WPNA
will cease to exist.

WPNA is asking all prior members to
renew their memberships by filling out
the form below and giving it (along with
your check for \$1.00 per person) to one
of the officers listed below.

We are also asking you to urge your
neighbors and friends in the area to join
with us in working to make Decatur a bet-
ter place to live.

Bob Leitch, 201 Winnona Drive
Lyn Deardorff, 727 S. Candler
Amelia Wilborn, 744 Avery St.
Allen Price, 335 Winnona Dr.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION - DECATUR, GEORGIA

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Occupation (s) _____

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 _____

Neighbors Join DNA

During the summer Decatur's six individual neighborhood groups joined forces to form the Decatur Neighborhood Alliance. Goals of the organization include helping each other with local problems and activities, improving communication between the individual groups and communicating with governments and agencies that serve us.

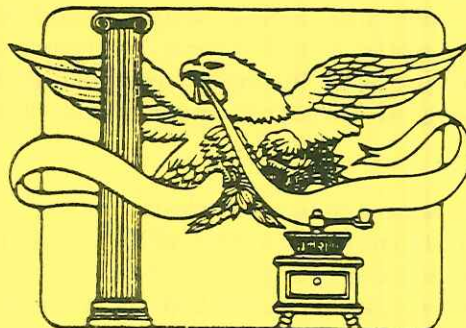
At the last meeting on August 17, the following officers were elected:

- Lyn Deardorff - President
- Jim Sellman - Vice-President
- Catherine Carter - Secretary
- Phil Ogden - Treasurer

Individuals are welcome to join, as well as groups. If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete the membership form below and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Jeff Morrow, Membership Chairman, 203 Devonshire, Decatur.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 21 at 8:00 P.M. in the Activities Building located to the rear of the First Baptist Church of Decatur, 308 Clairmont Avenue. If you have anything you would like to discuss, please come. There is no membership fee. We want only your ideas.

Historic Decatur



One of the fun things in working on Historic Decatur's nomination to the National Register is the history of our local neighborhood that is being gathered, fitted together, and told to us as anecdotes.

Weaving a latticework of culture, people, and places is like finding a long-lost album of family pictures. It causes us to pause a bit and reflect on times and memories past.

Chris Gleckner, a Georgia State student, has put together a 14 page synopsis of South Decatur's historical significance for Historic Decatur's nomination application.

In interviewing our local historian, Caroline Clarke, who lives on Candler Street, Chris writes of our 19th century "developers" - four men who originally owned most of the land that we now call South Decatur. They are: Milton Candler, Dr. James Avery, Dr. Thomas Chivers, and Dr. Peter Hayle.

Candler's original holding of 250 acres was at the southern end of Candler Road, and his rebuilt farmhouse still stands on the south side of Kirk Road at the Avery Street junction.

Dr. Avery owned the land north of Candler to Columbia Drive. Dr. Hayle owned land to the west of Candler Street where Agnes Scott now is built.

And Dr. Chivers' claim to fame, reports Franklin Garrett, Atlanta Historian, is being a contemporary friend and rival of Edgar Allen Poe. Chivers accused Poe of stealing his theme and style to use for "The Raven". Dr. Perry, President of Agnes Scott, tells us Chivers' tombstone marker can still be found on the Agnes Scott campus.

We look forward to more of these "slices from the past" as you each share your stories with us and your neighbors. What ghost haunts around the next corner? What event reveals the rationale for that peculiar window in that particular place? Who built and lived in my house in 1920?

Lyn Deardorff (377-8010)

Catherine Carter



APPLICATION FORM

DECATUR NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE
Decatur, Georgia

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____
(Office) _____

Profession _____

Bus. Address _____

Concerns, Neighborhood Interests, Issues,
Ideas (Optional):

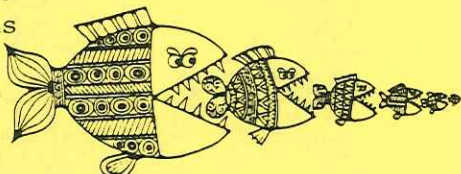
Mail to: Jeff Morrow
203 Devonshire
Decatur, GA 30030

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- Betty Bellville
- Dennis Bellville
- Patty Bonner
- Ann Busby
- Lyn Deardorff
- Gordon French
- Martha Hollis
- Bob Leitch
- Nancy Leitch
- Arlene Mann
- Henry Slack

DELIVERY

- Brenda Price
- Sally Rice
- Harry Wistrand
- Liz O'Brien



News Briefs

Our May 6 Picnic/Meeting included good food, a good turnout and no rain. Guests included State Senator Bud Stumbaugh, County Commissioner Liane Levitan, New Era News Editor Rod Deremer, and Quinn Hudson, President of Atlanta Great Park Planning, Inc.

It was announced that 25 families had participated in the WPNA sponsored neighborhood-wide yard sale. It is hoped that this can be repeated on a yearly basis.

The situation surrounding the expansion of the North DeKalb Wrecker Service was discussed. As you know now, neither this association nor the city has been able to prevent its expansion onto Avery Street.

The Association adopted a policy to not endorse any candidate for public office; and further, that if a WPNA officer wins an election, that he or she must resign his or her WPNA office.

WPNA endorsed the idea of a community credit union, which is being formed under the name of Decatur Community Credit Union.

WPNA Executive Board has endorsed the concept of an adaptive re-use of the Scottish-Rite Hospital as a multi-use Community Center, in a letter to Mr. William H. Denton, East Lake Project Coordinator.

Gordon Anderson of Shadowmoor Drive was recently appointed to the Planning Commission, which has been recently expanded from 5 to 7 members.

Catherine Carter of South Candler Street was appointed as Decatur's representative to the Georgia Municipal Association task force on Energy and recently attended a task force conference in Athens.

Paper Drive

Paper drives will once again be a vital part of this year's PTA budget. However, changes in the paper company's policy will make this year's efforts more difficult. A minimum of 10,000 pounds is required before the school will receive top dollar.

The 10,000 pound requirement is a tall order requiring maximum effort each month. It has been reached before, although some months the drive has fallen below that mark.

Paper sales are held on the third Thursday of each school month - that's September 21! If you would like to give us your papers, but can't bring them to the school, please call 373-6187 today, and someone will pick them up on Wednesday.

Scottish Rite

Community residents and friends have taken important steps toward "turning on the lights" at the old Scottish Rite Childrens Hospital on Hill Street. Most recently a board was elected to govern the Community Center proposed for that site. Winnona Park representatives include Lyn Deardorff, Martha Hollis, Bob Leitch, and Ellen Perry.

Representing the South Decatur Community Council are Lewis Bayles, Susan Bishop, Rob Rosenbloom, Johnny Swanson, and Leonard Thrower. Among friends of the community, Norman Coffman, Evelyn Green, Eleanor Knox, and Representative Eleanor Richardson were chosen.

The concept of a Community center was developed by Bill Denton of the South Decatur Council. The buildings, he said, are historically significant, attractively designed, and have served as a real stabilizing force in the vicinity since they were occupied in 1920.

The concept proposal was approved by the Council more than a year ago; representatives of the Council have been working toward its realization ever since. Major space allocations would be made for community education programming and a community health center.

A federal community health center application is in final stages of preparation and negotiations are underway to bring the Decatur Health Center of the DeKalb Health Department into the building.

A major step, of course, is getting access to the property and negotiations are underway in this area as well. Representative Richardson, Dr. Davison Phillips, and Mr. Robin Harris have met with the executive committee of Scottish Rite and received expressions of interest in the community's proposal.

Ultimately, community access to the facility and realization of the proposal are contingent upon community interest and support for the project. In addition to the new services, the project should provide a focus for neighborhood development activities throughout the South Decatur area.

For additional information or involvement in the project call Bill Denton at 373-9712 or Elizabeth Wilson, Chairperson, Oakhurst Community Health Center, at 373-6837.

