



# NEIGHBORS NEWS

## Roads & Traffic

The Decatur Transportation Task Force is hard at work on its task of making recommendations to the City Commission regarding a major thoroughfare plan. Four neighbors, Gordon Anderson, Bill Breen, Lyn Deardorff and Bob Leitch, are on the Task Force. It should be noted that the Task Force is separate from the work being done by the City's consultants.

Four sub-committees will study the following subjects and report to the whole committee:

(1) The North-South Connector: From Columbia Dr. to DeKalb Industrial Way, starting at Katie Kerr Drive, running east of the Methodist's Children's Home, up Arcadie Dr., across Sam's Crossing Bridge to Wynn Way and DeKalb Industrial Way to Scott Blvd./Lawrenceville Highway. Under consideration also is Columbia Dr. from Sears north to College Ave.

(2) Church Street: Intersection improvements and/or widenings from Columbia Drive north to Scott Blvd.

(3) Howard Avenue - Ponce de Leon Avenue Connector (Decatur Parkway or Route C of the Stone Mtn. Freeway): Starts on the east side at the Avondale MARTA Station to Sycamore St., across Columbia Dr., through the old ice house to Howard Ave. as it goes to the Decatur Train Station and the Dairy Queen.

(4) Oliver Street and S. Candler Connector (Route C-1 of the Ga. 155 realignment): This would begin at Oliver Street behind Decatur High, go under the Georgia RR tracks, join S. McDonough, cross over to S. Candler at Kirk Rd. (4 lanes). This committee is also evaluating S. Candler St. from the City limits on the south to College Ave. on the north.

There will be no further meetings of the Task Force until April 19 at which time Sub-Committees 1 and 2 will report. Sub-Committees 3 and 4 will report May 3. All meetings are open to the public and held at Renfroe Middle School at 7:30 P.M.

If you have questions, suggestions, ideas or comments please tell one of your neighborhood Task Force members.

## Sneak A Peak

WPNA President Whit Smith has arranged a preview ride on Marta for the neighbors of Winnona Park. On Thursday, April 5 at 5:00 P.M., we will assemble at the East Lake Station for our free ride. Parking is available in the gravel lot on the north side of Howard Street.

Come one, come all! This may be the only free ride of our lives!

## NEXT MEETING

WPNA's program at the next meeting Sunday, April 1, will center on plans for the architectural and commercial development of downtown Decatur. Hugh Saxon of the City's staff will be with us.

A potluck supper will be held at 5:00 P.M., and the program will begin at 6:00 P.M. We will meet at the Columbia Presbyterian Church. Bring a covered dish and a beverage.

## Neighbors' Exchange

Registration now open for 1979-80 session of the Columbia Presbyterian Weekly School. Classes available for children ages 2-5. Call Sue Ruddick, 284-2441.

Free to good home, female German Shepherd. 377-8181 days, 377-0856 nights.

Fashion Two Twenty skin, nail and hair care and fragrances. Call Madeline Cassele, 377-7664.

Babysitting, Chris Deardorff, 377-8010. First babysitting job free.

## Coming Events

- Tues., Mar. 27 7:30 DNA meeting  
First Baptist Church
- Sun., Apr. 1 WPNA meeting 6:00 P.M.  
Columbia Presbyterian Ch.
- Thurs., Apr. 19 Transp. Task Force Mtg.
- Tues., Apr. 24 DNA meeting
- Wed., May 2 6:45 WPNA meeting  
Winnona Park School
- Thurs., May 3 7:30 Neighborhood Traffic Study  
Transportation Task Force Meeting
- Sat., May 5 Neighborhood-wide yard sale
- Wed., May 23 6:45 WPNA Meeting  
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- Wed., June 20 7:30 Neighborhood traffic Study  
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Winnona Park School
- 7:30 Neighborhood Traffic Study

## Yard Sale

Remembering the fun and success of last year's Neighborhood-wide yard sale, it is being repeated this year. Blanche Roberts is chairing the committee that will organize the sale for Saturday, May 5.

This will be your opportunity to sell all of those fabulous pieces you have been saving in eager anticipation. Watch the Neighbors News for more details!

# Neighbors' Exchange Apr 1 News Briefs

Want to trade in that old spouse of yours for some more excitement in your life? Don't forget WPNA's annual April 1 spouse swapping event.

Beards grown on my face for yours. Choice of colors and styles. Contact Tom Deardorff, 377-8010.

Need experienced yellow journalist for jaundiced case. Contact Nancy Leitch, 377-0856.

For sale! One hippopotamus, like new, low mileage, best offer over \$25.00. Contact 555-1212.

Wanted: Investors in the Depot Disco. Decatur's answer to Tingles. Contact Martha Hollis.

Needed: Experienced sidewalk roller-upper to work early evenings. Contact City Hall.



## DANCE

Winnona Park will celebrate, on July 21st, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the giant tidal wave which swept away the Winnona Park Museum of Art in 1954. Although there were no fatalities, those who were living here then will never forget the sight of that fifty foot high wall of water as it rushed down Candler Street, made a left on Bucher, another left on Avery and roared down Inman Drive. It is said by some old timers that if one puts an ear to manhole cover in front of Caroline Clark's house, one can still hear the roar of the great tidal wave. On the evening of June 21 Winnona Park will hold the annual tidal wave ball, a formal affair usually attended by the entire community as well as the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the state. This year's music will be supplied by the first and second grade combined orchestra and chorus from Winnona Park School.

In a rare moment of multi-bureaucracy cooperation, a joint announcement was recently released by the City of Decatur, DeKalb County, the State of Georgia and NASCAR that negotiations have been finalized which will provide for converting the now-worthless Winnona Park School playground into a revenue producing piece of property. Construction will begin within the next two weeks which will convert the playground into a stock car track. Officials are hopeful the tract will be finished by August. Plans are already in the works to hold a giant labor day race as the inaugural event at the track. It will be known as the Winnona 250. Following the inaugural race, which is expected to draw all the big name NASCAR drivers, officials are hopeful the track can be used every Friday and Saturday night for more stock car racing.

Whit Smith has been appointed track manager and Bob Leitch will serve as director of racing and concessions.

Since Winnona Park School has been officially closed, the building has been sold to the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. Raymond Firestone announced that the company will be converting the building into a racing tire factory to supply tires to the adjacent NASCAR track now being built.

Don't forget the big social event coming up in July in our community! Once again we will be holding the annual Bass Tournament and Alligator races. It is not too early to start training your alligators and basses for this annual event.

## Zoo Planned

Whit Smith, director of the Winnona Park Raceway, announced that the long-awaited Winnona Park Zoo and amusement park, located on the former Mimosa Circle will open on schedule on September 15. Former residents whose homes were demolished to make room for the zoo will receive passes entitling them to free admission to the zoo on opening day.

The most interesting feature of the zoo will be the experimental pairings of strange birds. In the same cage visitors are apt to find such species as the Lewisosis Ballardisis right along side a annis Chrictonis. Zoo officials said that although the species are not expected to live in complete harmony, they probably will not actually kill each other. Other cages will contain the Stevus Johnsonitis, the Jimus Selmanensis, the Lambitis Johnstonionis, the Stevus Mansonus. It is hoped by putting all these strange birds in the same cage, they can learn how to work out their differences without any casualties. For the time being, the Sarrahitus Connorosis will be kept in a cage by itself. The Curtisensis Branscomitus will be allowed to roam free.

The zoo is expected to attract large crowds from around the area and the amusement park should bring badly needed tourism dollars into the Decatur area.