



NEIGHBORS NEWS

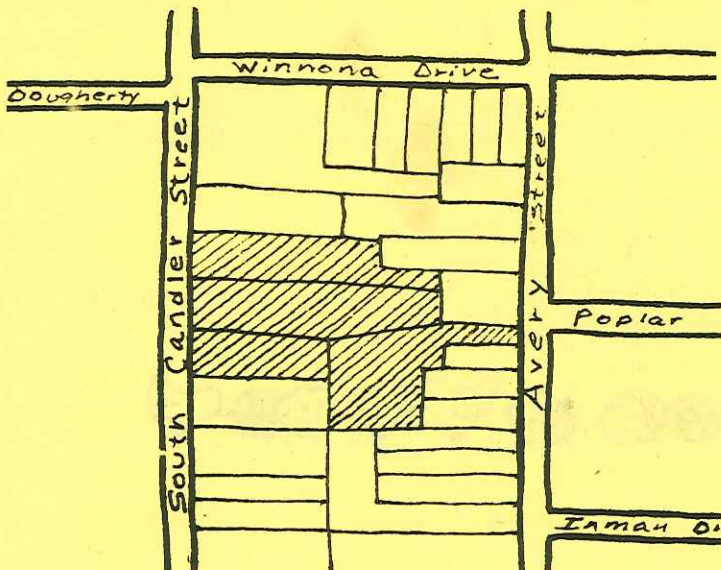
Zoning Hearing Packed

A public hearing on the application for rezoning submitted by Wales W. Thomas & Assoc, Inc. was held by the City Planning Board on May 8th at City Hall. The proposed rezoning would change 3.2 acres on S. Candler Street owned by Agnes Scott College from R-60 to HDSF-2 (High Density Single Family, Two Residential). See map below.

The large audience completely filled the courtroom at City Hall and overflowed half-way down the hall as people came to express their views and explain their reasons for opposing or favoring the rezoning.

During the hearing, the question was raised as to whether Mr. Thomas could proceed with his plan without the rezoning or as a planned unit development and the meeting was postponed for one month to allow him to check further into the matter. The NEXT HEARING is set for June 5th at 7:30 at the Decatur City Hall (upstairs in the courtroom) and a decision will be reached by the Board after the hearing.

Those who did not get a chance to express their views at the last hearing and who will be unable to attend the next hearing, should write to the City of Decatur Planning Board, c/o William H. Breen, Chairman, 509 North McDonough St., P.O. Box 220, Decatur, Georgia 30031.



NEXT MEETING: June 8th



A "picnic" meeting of the WPNA will be held on the Winnona Park Elementary School grounds on Sunday, June 8th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own food, drinks, kids, etc. The agenda will include an update on current zoning problems and planning for summer social events. In case of rain, the meeting will be held on the Bonners' front porch at 204 Winnona Drive on the corner of Winnona and Avery.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY COKE SALES AT SOCCER GAMES: CALL ROGER EDWARDS AT 373-1842 IF YOU CAN HELP

Decatur Derby Winners

Overall winners of the 1980 Decatur Derby were Greg Guynes of Mimosa Drive (3 mile), Bill Brackin (6 mile) and Patrick Newberry (9 mi) for the male division, and Mandy Burr (3 mile), Michele Tremblay (6 mile) and Carolyn Spillman (9 mi) for the female division.



COMMISSION NOTES



By Catherine Carter

The April 21st Decatur City Commission meeting began with a public hearing on the Community Development Program. It was noted that the Goals Committee had voted that any new swimming pool should be located in the Beacon Hill community. The Commission then voted to adopt the Community Development programs and budgets. Included was authorization to sell the two city owned houses currently being used as community centers located on Mead Road and Hill Street. The proceeds of the sales will go to the South Decatur Community Center, which will be the new location of the community groups. A resolution was passed authorizing purchase by the Decatur school system from the Decatur Housing Authority of land adjacent to Decatur High School for school purposes. There are no plans for building on the land at this time. A Winnona Park resident Dr. Charles Cousar, Dean of Faculty at Columbia Seminary, was appointed to the Decatur School Board, replacing Dr. Benton Kline.

The May 5th City Commission meeting began with reports from Decatur High School Interns. Participating in the city related projects were Jeff Durham, Barth Jackson, Trudy Bentley, Banks Neal and Steven Perkins. 1978 state legislation requires water saving devices in all new construction. A city ordinance was passed requiring any exemption requests to be made in writing. The commission voted to remove a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Willow Land and Superior because it was said that a stop sign should not be used as a deterrent to speed. Although funds are not available to implement all of the projects recommended by the Neighborhood Traffic Study, Steve Manson requested that perhaps some of the less expensive suggestions such as signs could be implemented. Several Decatur businessmen complained that more police were needed for the downtown area.

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HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

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Neighbors' Exchange

Share your talents, services, products, etc. Call Penny Wistrand (373-2571, ext. 240 or 378-6391) or Susan Purdom (377-5531 or 378-2931)

Child care needed for 5 year old.
Call Linda Adams (Avery): 373-3967

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County Planning Dept. and/or FAA
Planning & Appraisal Staff
763-7595 weekdays and 763-7291
nights, week-ends & holidays.

Volunteers needed on June 6th and 7th
to build steps at the playground.
Call Jo Deck at 373-8148.

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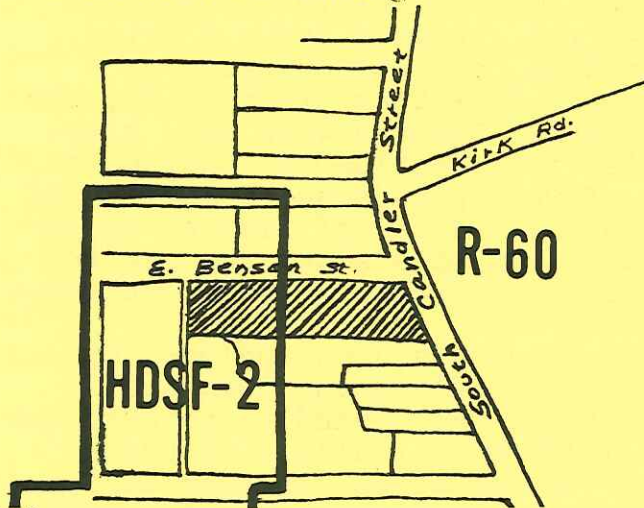
To volunteer, call Susan Purdom at
378-2931 or 377-5531.



Lullwater School: An Interesting Zoning Problem

Lullwater School, Inc. has recently purchased property at 705 S. Candler Street and intends to build a private school. This prospect presents several interesting problems:

(1) It appears that half the property is zoned R-60 and half is zoned HDSF-2 (see map below). HDSF-2 allows only "public" buildings and single-family dwellings. Would there have to be a re-zoning?



(2) Lullwater's representative stated that they would ask the City to allow them to open up and use a portion of Benson Street as part of their driveway. Would such a request require a public hearing?

(3) The back part of the lot is on a flood plain. Does this present special problems with flooding and drainage?

(4) R-60 zoning allows private schools having "substantially the same curriculum as public schools". Does a private school whose plans include a summer day camp and a regular daily schedule from 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. meet this requirement?

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References:

The Hon. Clarence L. Peeler, Jr.
Windell J. Brown
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Spring Festival Postscript

The Community Center was host to the first Annual South Decatur Spring Festival on May 10th. Sponsored by the Community Center and other neighborhood groups, the festival offered a nice array of amusements, booths, food, etc. to those in attendance.

The Winnona Park Neighborhood Association participated with a "space walk" amusement and be selling helium filled balloons. All those who helped deserve a note of thanks, with special appreciation for our volunteer youth: Tim Weber and Larry Tolbert on the balloon sales and Lara Wirth and Phuong Lien Pham on the space walk.

For those unable to attend this year, be sure to put the festival on your calendar for next year!

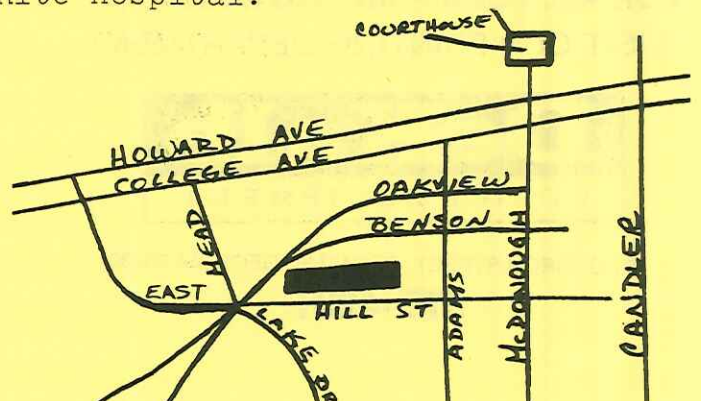
All balloons and helium, unused at the end of the festival, were distributed by the WPNA to children hospitalized at the Henrietta Eggleston Hospital for Children. Leading this volunteer effort were WPNA members Roger Edwards, Dwight Burgett, and Bob and Nancy Leitch.

Oakhurst Community Health Center

COMING
SOON...

Target date for opening the Oakhurst Community Health Center (OCHC) is July 1, 1980. Full primary care services will be available to all South Decatur residents. Primary care services are essentially those services one would receive from a private physician. Fees will be charged on a sliding scale based on income. Additionally, the clinic will be qualified to accept Medicare, Medicaid and other third-party insurance payments.

OCHC will be housed at the Community Center of South Decatur at 321 West Hill Street. This is the former location of the Scottish Rite Hospital.





SCHOOL NEWS

Renfroe Middle School PTA

Annie



Fourth, fifth and sixth graders of Winnona Park Elementary School entertained parents, neighbors and friends on May 1st with a performance of "Annie", complete with Orphan Annie (played by Rachel Jaffe), Daddy Warbucks (played by Leighton Moore) and Sandy (played by Mandy, a dog). Over one hundred students participated in the production under the direction of Mrs. Sara Wingard and with the special assistance of Mrs. Ronnie Bryant (music), Mr. Charles Calhoun (scenery, video taping), Mrs. June Conley (scenery), Mrs. Linda Holzworth (pianist), Miss Shernette Jackson (costumes) and Miss April Salyer (band).

Winnona Park PTA

New officers of the Winnona Park PTA for the next school year will be:
Co-presidents: Linda Sabo (Mimosa Pl) and Ginger Horton (Minosa Pl),
Vice-president & Program Chairman: Dena Boswell (Shadowmoor),
Recording Secretary: Patricia Harper (Park Drive),
Corresponding Secretary: Anne Branscomb (Candler),
Treasurer: Vance Nesbitt (Kirk Rd).

Volunteer effort is needed in transporting children, the art program, the tutorial program and for room parents. If you can help next school year, call Linda Sabo at 379-9524.

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The Renfroe Middle School PTA presented a program May 15th aimed at the parents of next year's seventh graders. Although Decatur elementary schools are scattered throughout the city, the Middle School, consisting of the seventh and eighth grades, is centralized. To ease the transition for parents as well as the upcoming seventh graders, the PTA presented a slide show of "Life at Renfroe" produced by Renfroe students Cathy O'Brien, Susan Hyde, and Chris Deardorff under the direction of Ms. Hitt, the librarian. Parents were also given a brief introduction to the faculty, each of whom gave a short summary of the subject matter of his/her course and was available after the meeting for further discussion with interested parents.

Introductions also included Mr. Clifford Chandler, the principal of Renfroe. Mr. Chandler pointed out that Renfroe is really a stepping stone to high school in that it is much larger than the elementary schools but about half the size of Decatur High. He stated that the basic adjustments that students had to make going into seventh grade were getting used to lots of students (from 400-500 who live all over the city), lots of teachers (5-8 different teachers), and a more structured schedule where students must learn to budget their time well.

This was also the last PTA meeting of the year and appreciation was expressed to the outgoing PTA officers for their hard work and the new PTA officers for 1980-81 school year were announced:

Co-Presidents: Elizabeth O'Brien
Susan Purdom
Vice-President: Lillian McCoy
Secretary: Jo Ann Haliburton
Treasurer: Bopray Preston.

If your child will be in the Middle School next year, please call Susan Purdom at 378-2931 or 377-5531 and volunteer to help with PTA projects. A Book Fair is always needed and it has been suggested that the PTA might try to raise enough money to buy a small computer for the students! PTA officers need lots of ideas and the energy of all its parents and teachers. Don't wait until the school year begins - VOLUNTEER NOW!!

