

NEIGHBORS NEWS



JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM

July 24th

The DECATUR NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE and the LEAGUE OF WOMEN'S VOTERS OF DEKALB COUNTY are jointly sponsoring a forum for DeKalb County judicial candidates in the August 5th primaries and the Nov. 4th general election.

The forum will be held in Judge Dean's courtroom on the third floor of the DeKalb County Courthouse on July 24 at 7:30 p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity for citizens to become informed on the candidates and issues in the election of officers of the court system -- races that are extremely important but often overlooked in the election process.

The following candidates will participate:

DEMOCRATS

REPUBLICANS

JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

- Robert K. Broome *
- Richard Bell
- E. T. Hendon *
- Hilton Fuller
- Keegan Federal * Charles Read, Jr.

JUDGES OF STATE COURT

- Oscar Mitchell *
- James Goggins
- Chuck Seeliger

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- Randall Peek *
- Bob Wilson

SHERIFF

- Pat Jarvis * Ray Bonner
- C. R. Kerlin
- Bob Williams

Note: incumbents are designated with an asterisk (*)



NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Winnona Park Neighbors Association is scheduled for August. At the printing of this newsletter, WPNA was exploring the possibility of having a joint meeting with the neighborhood association of the McDonough and Adams Street area (MAC) which includes streets over to Kings Highway. Jim Bonner, WPNA president, and James West, MAC president will be working out the details -- watch for the exact date and plans in the next newsletter!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK ON NEXT WPNA MEETING: CALL JIM OR PATTY BONNER AT 373-5874 IF YOU CAN HELP

REGISTER TO VOTE

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In order to vote in the August 5th primaries, you must register to vote by July 7th. You may register at any of the following:
DeKalb Co. Courthouse, Decatur
All major branch banks in DeKalb
All libraries in DeKalb Co.
All City Halls except Decatur
All Federal Saving & Loan Co.
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SCHOOL NEWS

Winnona Park Honors Day

Winnona Park Elementary School held its Honors Day program on June 3rd. At an assembly of the school body, each teacher presented awards to the outstanding students in their classes. Highest honors went to Josh Bonkovsky (Inman Dr) for beginners band, Mark Mayfield (Kirk Rd) for advanced band and Harriet Davis (Heatherdown Rd) for DAR Good Citizenship Award.

Registration

Registration for the 1980-81 school year begins August 27th, and classes start September 2nd.

Kindergarden hours will be slightly longer this year, although there is no definite schedule yet.



ZONING DECISION POSTPONED

About 10 to 15 south Decatur residents spoke at the Decatur City Commission meeting on June 16th in opposition to the planned unit development that would be build between Candler and Avery. One of the major concerns of the citizens was that the development would place additional stress on an already-existing drainage inadequacy in the area.

A decision on the development has been postponed until the City Commissioners regular meeting on July 7th, at which time the commissioners will hear the recommendation of the variance board before making a decision on the plan. Interested citizens should attend the July 7th meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom at City Hall.

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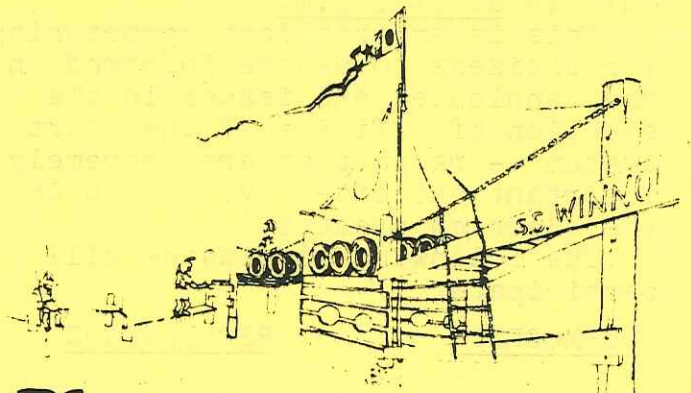
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Thank You

By: Decatur-DeKalb YMCA

The Spring Soccer Season has drawn to a close and on behalf of the children and the coaches who have enjoyed playing on the Winnona Park fields, the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Youth Soccer Association wants to thank all of our Winnona neighbors for your patience and understanding. This season we attempted to minimize the number of early morning games on Saturdays and held firmly to only using one field at a time for our mid-week make up games. Our newsletter urged everyone to be better citizens regarding their trash, noise, parking, etc. Our field workers have been mowing not only the field, but the play area surrounding the field. When excessive rain has occurred, we cancelled numerous scheduled games. The eleven Decatur teams which represent some 200 boys and girls have enjoyed playing the majority of their games in their neighborhood. Again, we thank you, the Neighbors Association and Dr. Vee Simmons, the Decatur City Schools Superintendent, for that opportunity!



Playground Update

Our neighborhood can be proud of the volunteer effort of our neighbors in helping to keep the Winnona Park playground neat and clean.

During the March 15th planting of trees and shrubs, Susan Danner (Winnona Dr) picked up trash and litter from the grounds. This effort has been continued by volunteer youth: Eric O'Brien (Mimosa Dr) and Zach Carter (Kirk Rd) during Keep America Beautiful Day and Shannon Bonner (Winnona Dr), Kari Knight (Winnona Dr) and David Boswell (Shadomoor) before the June 8th WPNA picnic meeting. Also, prior to that meeting, Jo Deck (Avery) and Roger Edwards (Winnona Dr) cut weeds along the Poplar side of the playground.

Plans had also been made to build steps out of railroad ties at the playground however these plans had to be postponed. Watch for a new date for this activity in the upcoming Newsletters.

JULY 4th CELEBRATION



The Decatur Neighborhood Alliance will sponsor its 2nd annual July 4th celebration this year. The activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Pied Piper Parade -- a unique idea where neighbors themselves form the parade, picking up numbers as the parade travels through the City.

Everyone can participate -- all you need is a balloon, a bike or just a smile (No cars!). Winnona Park neighbors are planning to meet at the school yard at 5:45 p.m., start from there, and join the larger parade at its point of origin (see map below).

The parade will end at the mall and be followed by food and entertainment. Free watermelon and a fireworks display will top off the day.

If you have questions or can help, call Catherine Carter at 373-6187. Donations to help with the expense of the fireworks are needed. All contributions are appreciated and should be sent to Catherine Carter.

Of special note is the volunteer participation of the CHATTACHOOCHEE SOUND ASSOCIATION (drum and bugle corps), a non-profit youth organization whose idea is to prevent juvenile delinquency by getting kids involved in worthwhile activities. The group practices at the Decatur Recreation Center and any child can join. If you are interested, contact the director, Tom McAndrew, at 296-0544 or the Decatur Recreation Center at 377-0494. The group is sponsoring a bar-b-que at the July 4th celebration and all proceeds will go toward this very worthwhile organization. Please lend your support.

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WPNA ACTIVITIES

Yard Sale

After being rained out once, the WPNA yard sale was held on the "rain date", May 24th. This event is sponsored annually by the Winnona Park Neighbors Association and with twenty-five individual yard sales, this was the largest ever. Special thanks to the efforts of the WPNA members who organized and handled this year's sale: Roger Edwards (Winnona Dr.), Chuck Walker (Inman), Frank Bartkus (Inman), Owen and Jane Way (Winnona) and Penny Wistrand (Avery).

Fund Raising

During the YMCA spring soccer season, the WPNA made a profit of \$97.56 from its coke sales to the thirsty Saturday soccer crowds. The fund raising project was organized by WPNA vice-president, Roger Edwards with the help of: Frank Bartkus (Inman), Allen Price (Winnona), Penny Wistrand (Avery), Jim Bonner (Winnona), Liz O'Brien (Mimosa Dr.), Catherine Carter (S. Candler) and Norma Barrett (Nancy Leitch's mother).

Special thanks to our volunteer youth: Jeff, Chris, Kerry and Julie Deardorff (S. Candler), Stephanie Sabo (Mimosa Pl), Laura Wirth (Shadomoor), Becky Harvard (Shadomoor) and Kristin Danner (Winnona).

Resolution

The WPNA has adopted a resolution supporting the City Commission in its opposition to the construction of the Howard Street Connector, also known as the Decatur Parkway, and the widening of Scott Boulevard within the city limits of Decatur.

The following reasons were given for the support of the city's decision:

1. The construction or enlargement of either of the vehicular traffic routes is unwarranted by present or projected traffic flows along these corridors.

2. It would discourage energy conservation by encouraging the use of cars rather than public transportation, which is available in the same corridor.

3. The construction of the Howard Street Connector will produce increased vehicular traffic on all of Decatur neighborhood streets and will, by acquisition, destroy the neighborhood of Sycamore Street.

4. The enlargement of Scott Boulevard is the inevitable result of the proposal by the Department of Transportation to facilitate through traffic along that corridor, and that enlargement will have a significant negative impact on the Decatur tax base.

COMMISSION NOTES



By Catherine Carter

The June 2nd Decatur City Commission meeting began with intern reports of Decatur High students under the direction of Dr. Soff. Laura Murphey and Nancy Henning had studied Oakhurst Park and offered some innovative ideas for its improvement. Elaine Fielding and Amy Plankenhorn, who had studied crime statistics, reported their findings. The commission awarded a bid for the construction of the East Lake Drive storm drainage system. They authorized the use of \$218,000 from the Small Cities budget for the project, the cost of which is not to exceed \$193,872. Because many homeowners are now doing much of their own construction work, the Commission approved a building code of minimum standards for one and two family dwellings rewritten in layman's language.

At the June 16th City Commission meeting, Robert Gibbs, Director of the Decatur Recreation Center, was awarded a pin for 15 years of service. Decision on the planned unit development application of Wales Thomas was delayed because the Variance Board had not voted on it. Property at 413 Melrose was sold by the City to the highest bidder. The appointment of a new Sanitation Director was confirmed. The Commission waived the penalty for late payment of taxes on the property on which the Decatur Post Office now sits. The property is owned by a N. C. development company. The penalty could amount to \$700 to \$900. Residents living near the First Christian Science Church on Clairmont were concerned about the purchase by the church of a lot facing Ponce de Leon Place. The church plans to remove the house and pave the entire area for parking, possibly creating drainage problems.

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Neighbors' Exchange

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For Sale: 5 cubic foot freezer, 3 years old, \$125. Chuck Walker at 378-1095 (home) or 938-6080.

Babysitting Available: Experienced babysitter, 11 years old, references furnished upon request. Call Kerry Deardorff at 377-8010.

Reward - Lost Dog - Family pet of 14 years. Tan & white, 60-70 lb, mixed breed (part labrador), male, Idaho tags, eyesight and hearing not very good. Answers to name of "Bully". Robert (377-8181), Nancy (471-4111), Home (377-0856).

Lost Cat - small gray striped, named "Kitts". Same numbers.

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