



NEIGHBORS NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

The Neighborhood Assembly was held March 15th at the Community Center. These meetings are held twice a year in order to report progress of the health center and the community center and to obtain input from the community.



community center

The Center is a non-profit corporation established in 1979.

The purpose of the Center is to acquire and renovate the old Scottish Rite Hospital, providing space for social and health services for the community of South Decatur.

The Community Center's report was given by Center President Bill Denton (Adams) who presented an impressive list of accomplishments to date, including purchase of the building, renovation of about 1/3 of the facility, and installation of the first tenant, the Oakhurst Health Center. This represents a great deal of effort and assistance on the part of community volunteers, the City of Decatur, the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation, and numerous other friends of the community.



health center

The Oakhurst Health Center report was presented by the executive director, Bill Deck (Avery). In the last year, the Health Center has grown from an idea into a reality. Presently the Center has a staff of six who are seeing patients on a limited basis in temporary space immediately above the permanent facility, which is under renovation. A grand opening on the completion of renovation is scheduled for April 12th.

The community also elected five new members to the Health Center Board (1/3 of the Board is elected on a rotating basis each year): Barbara Horton, Mamie Ellison, Chris Rosenbloom, Teresa Bell and Carolyn French (Mimosa Place).



NEXT MEETING: March 30th

The next meeting of the Winnona Park Neighbors Association will be held at the Winnona Park Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. Monday the 30th of March. Our program for the evening will feature gardening.

Pat Morgan, horticulturist consultant with Green Brothers Nursery will present a brief lecture and slide show. Her topic will include tips for a successful vegetable garden and advice on the care of landscape plants you might have in your yard.

It is possible to grow a productive small vegetable garden in a corner of your yard - and with food prices rising, this is a good year to begin!

Come join us for an informative presentation.



decaturneighborhood alliance

The next regular DNA meeting will be the fourth Tuesday in March at the Decatur First Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

The Decatur Neighborhood Alliance is currently focusing its attention on the possibility of highway expansion through the city of Decatur. DNA is also working on plans for a Decatur-wide newsletter. Both will be topics of discussion at the next meeting on March 24th.

New DNA officers for the coming year are:

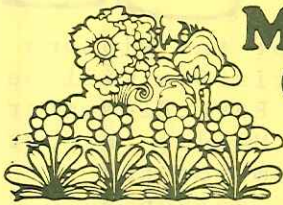
- President: Wes Saunders (Adams)
- Vice-President: Valerie Maier (Sycamore)
- Secretary: Cathy Reader (Lansdowne)
- Treasurer: Penny Wistrand (Avery)



SCHOOL NEWS

Renfroe Middle School

The Renfroe PTA is beginning to put together a list of people interested in serving as officers or committee members of the PTA for the next school year. If you have a child who will be in the Middle School next year and you would like to participate, please call Susan Purdom (378-2931 or 377-5531).



MIMOSA GARDEN CLUB

By: Liz O'Brien

The Mimosa Garden Club has elected the following officers for the coming year:

President: Kathryn Dodd
Vice-President: Nina Thomas
2nd Vice-President: Jean Ellis
Treasurer: Carol Ann Trent
Secretary: Eva Blake
Correspondence Sec: Liz O'Brien
Parliamentarian: Ann Busby

The Club will participate in the April 25th Winnona PTA Spring Carnival with a bake sale. Members who can donate baked goods, please call Liz O'Brien at 373-1961.



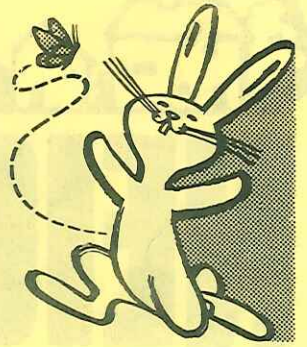
Film Series

Schedule for the
Agnes Scott Film Series
for April, 1981:

April 16: 'Pride & Prejudice'
April 21: 'Julia'
April 28: 'All About Eve'

All films begin at 7 p.m. in
the Film Room, Buttrick Hall
#G-4. Admission is \$1

Winnona Park



The Winnona Park PTA will be sponsoring a Spring Carnival on Saturday, April 25th, on the school grounds.

Leading the day's activities will be a Festival Fun Run. There will be one mile and three mile races through the neighborhood, with prizes for the winners. Kids and adults are welcomed to participate and may pre-register through the school or at 8:00 A.M. the day of the races. A minimal entry fee will be charged. For further information contact Judy Moore at 377-3941.

PTA officers for the coming year were announced at the last PTA meeting:

Co-President - Carolyn French (Mimosa Place); Co-President - Betty Cullins (Park Drive); Recording Secretary - Claudia Martin (Park Dr.); Corresponding Secretary - Martha Hightower (Heatherdown); Treasurer - Dan Nail (Columbia Dr.).

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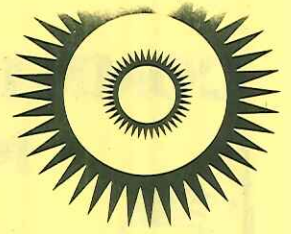
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377-4231

WPNA ACTIVITIES

THE ENERGY GROUP



membership survey

The new WPNA executive committee met recently to begin planning for some of the activities of the Association for the next year. One of the results of this session was the recognition that our area has attracted many new residents since the Association was formed 5 years ago.

In order to ensure that each of you have the opportunity to express your concerns and interests, we have included a membership survey form and envelope with this issue. Please take a few moments to fill out this form and mail it back to us or bring it to our next meeting on March 30th (Monday).

The WPNA exists to provide an opportunity for residents to work together in establishing and preserving a quality of life. Just how we do that is up to you. Let us hear what you have to say.

The Executive
Committee



yard sale

Get ready to clean out that attic, closet, basement, garage, etc. And make money while you do it!

It's our 4th annual WPNA progressive yard sale Saturday, May 16th. Rain date is Saturday, May 23rd.

This is your chance to get involved with your neighborhood. Each year the number of participants grows and this year we are coordinating with the Methodist Church and MAK sales.

Just think, for only \$5 you get maps of participants with their addresses, permits, yard signs, advertising and lots of fun & profit.

Please contact Nancy Leitch (377-0856), or Frank Bartkus (378-1095), or Sharon Dickson (377-2773) or Perla Sibley (373-5108) by May 10th. Further details will be in the next newsletter.

The Energy Group is a new neighborhood organization that has been formed to deal with energy problems faced by most of us as consumers. Membership is open to any interested person in the neighborhood (call Steve Haworth at 378-3773 for further details). This is the first of several articles the group plans to share with the community through the WPNA Newsletter.

STORM WINDOWS

By: Steve Haworth

Outraged about your recent heating bills? So were Lyn and Tom Deardorff, Jo and Bill Deck, Ditsy and Steve Haworth, and Penny and Harry Wistrand, who have gotten together to try to do something about it. We're all buying storm windows, and we're doing it for free! Here's how.

We paid over \$500 for heat last year, and it's been costing us 15% more each year. That's over \$4,000 for the next five years! OR...

We can spend \$725 on 20 storm windows, get a \$110 tax credit, and pay only about \$3,400 for heat over the next five years. That amounts to free storm windows, increased value of our house, AND a \$200 saving on heat each year starting in 1986 - which is money in the bank.

	<u>Cost of Heat</u>	<u>With Storm Windows</u>	<u>Saving</u>
1980	\$525		
1981	605	\$515	\$ 90
1982	695	590	105
1983	800	680	120
1984	920	780	140
1985	1060	900	160
TOTAL	4080	3465	615 (Cost of storm windows)

In other words, if we didn't have to borrow, we'd be even after five years. The 15-20% we save on our heating bill by installing storm windows would be money in the bank by the sixth year. The savings over the next five years would be \$1,250. Spend it with delight!

And here's a BONUS! If several of us can get together to order the windows as a group, we can knock off 10-20% of the cost. Interested? Call the Decks (373-8148), Deardorffs (377-8010), or Haworths (378-3773) so we can begin to mobilize our group project.

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COMMISSION NOTES



By Catherine Carter

The Feb. 16th Decatur City Commission meeting began with recognition of the Board of Education and a resolution honoring Dr. Vee Simmons.

The request for rezoning 936 Church Street was denied, but the request for rezoning of 105 Parkside Circle from HDSF-1 to R-60 passed. The Commission agreed to no longer deny DeKalb County employees seats on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Bids were awarded on a new sanitation truck washer (\$3,850) and four police cars (\$29,530.92).

David Mayfield (Kirk Rd), a Decatur High 10th grader, was appointed to the student seat on the Recreation Board.

At the March 9th City Commission Meeting, a public hearing on the proposed 1981-82 city budget was the first order of business. Among those unhappy about the proposed increase in the sanitation tax to \$100 per year per household was Tom Adams, owner of much rental property in Decatur. Others felt that the proposed doubling of business & professional licenses would drive businesses out of Decatur.

Because greatly increased reassessments of much Decatur real estate will bring an increase in city revenue, a proposed reduction of 3.61 mills in the tax rate will be made possible. The millage will likely be set about 31.15. The proposed budget shows an increase of 8%. Six per cent of this will bring many city salaries higher than most other Metro city and some county governments.

The Commission again considered the rezoning request for 936 Church Street from HDSF-1 to PO (professional and office). The request had been denied at the previous meeting which the owner, Ms. Janice Siler failed to attend. Armed with attorneys, neighbors and a court recorder, Ms. Siler convinced the Commission to reverse its decision.

Residents of the Beacon Hill community were dismayed to learn that their long awaited pool and playground will again be delayed because of "frozen" federal funds. Most of the \$130,000 from the sale of their old Ebster pool was spent on purchase of land and plans for the new pool and playground. Now there is not enough money for the actual construction.

HERE'S
SOMETHING
TO THINK ABOUT...

RE: CITY BUDGET

Ebster Pool is scrapped yet the city employees get raises of up to 9%!

Neighbors' Exchange

SHARE YOUR TALENTS, SERVICES, PRODUCTS, ETS. Call Chuck Walker (378-1095) or Susan Purdom (378-2931 or 377-5531). There is no charge to anyone living in south Decatur for placing an ad in the Neighbors' Exchange. We will run it as frequently as space permits.

Lost - Long-haired, male cat about 7 mo. old, gray with white on paws and face. Children's Pet. Reward to finder! Call 373-7103.

Efficiency - \$135/mo. Less with occasional child care. Call 373-7103.

Babysitting Available: Experienced babysitters. References furnished upon request. Call Kerry or Kris Deardorff at 377-8010.

Babysitter: \$1.50 /hr. Experienced 12 year old sitter. Call Karen Purdom at 378-2931 (evenings).

Wanted: Good used color T.V. Portable, up to 19 in. Call Judith Smith after 6:30 p.m. or weekends at 378-0135.

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

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