



winnona park neighbors association

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WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## South Decatur Spring Festival Postscript

The second annual South Decatur Spring Festival held at the Community Center on May 2nd was one of the most enjoyable community events in Decatur since the last 4th of July celebration on the square. Highlights included entertainment by Kelly's Feed & Seed Marching Abominables, a parade led by Decatur High's Marching Band, a pottery exhibit by Charles Counts, a silent auction and lots of good food, games, exhibits, etc.

There was a much larger crowd than the previous year and we appreciated the attendance at the festival of Decatur Commissioner Bill Mealor and Rep. Eleanor Richardson.

Credit for the success of the festival belongs to all those who contributed time, talent & energy to the festival, however we in Winnona Park should be especially appreciative of the hard work of Lyn Deardorff and family (S. Candler) who organized the highly successful silent auction and Chuck Walker (Inman) who handled the extensive publicity for the festival.

In addition our neighbors association sponsored four different games for children and adults. All of the games were specially designed for fun and all trys were rewarded with a prize. One of the games was constructed by the boys of the Winnona Park Cub Scout Pack. Some of the boys had their first sewing experience as they made the bean bags for the game. A special thanks to Sara Wingard for her loan of Cub Scout labor, to Nancy & Bob Leitch, Tina Buechele, Shack & Helen Shackelford, Martha Cochran and Roger Edwards for their assistance as carnival "barkers" on the day of the festival and to Roger Edwards who organized the effort.

If you missed this year's festival, DON'T MISS NEXT YEAR'S!!!



## NEXT MEETING: JUNE 2

The next meeting of the WPNA will be held June 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Winnona Park Elementary School.

Topics on the agenda include:

- (1) Winnona Park representation at the June 27th Community Center planning session;
- (2) WPNA participation in the July 4th celebration;

### PLUS

A guest speaker from the Georgia Office of Energy Resources who will give us some information on energy conservation during the summer months.



## health center

377-6448

Have you had your blood pressure taken recently? Since May is High Blood Pressure month, the Health Center will take your blood pressure FREE. It's not too late.

Community Health Education classes are in progress at the Health Center. On May 27, Dr. Neal Shulman, assoc. professor at Emory School of Medicine and an expert in the field of hypertension will speak at the Center on High Blood Pressure. Everyone is invited.

The Health Center has started Teen Rap Sessions to discuss teenage health concerns and problems. Call the Health Center if you are interested in attending.

Speakers are also available to community groups to speak on topics involving improving and maintaining one's health. Contact Liz Kustin at the Center.





# WPNA ACTIVITIES

## membership survey

The surveys continue to trickle in and they continue to be a source of delightful comments. Helpful suggestions and concerns that reflect the diversity and specific locations of the respondents. The overwhelming majority of persons answering the survey list 'friendly neighbors', 'sense of community' and 'wonderful trees' as the things they like best about the neighborhood.

What do you think? It's never too late to return your survey. We appreciate your statements of support and encouragement. Thanks to all of you who have responded.



## JOIN the PARADE

Each year the Decatur Neighborhood Alliance and the City of Decatur sponsor a 4th of July Celebration on the Decatur Square. There's a piper's parade, entertainment, food, free watermelon (donated by the DeKalb Farmers Market), and fireworks after dark.

Each year the Winnona Park Neighbors Association participates with some type of fund raising activity. Suggestions for this year include a lemonade stand, bake sale, and children's games. Volunteers to organize these activities and workers for the 4th are needed. If you can help, call Jo Deck at 373-8148 or sign up at the June 2nd WPNA meeting.

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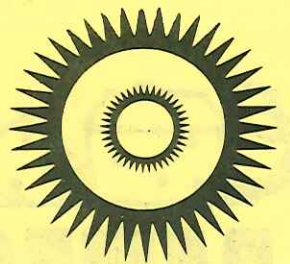
Breakfast 7 am - 11 am

Lunch 11 am - 3 pm

Dine in or Take Out

Across from the Old Decatur Depot  
313 E. College Ave 373-9202

# THE ENERGY GROUP



SHOAL CREEK

By: Anselm Atkins (McKinnon)

One of the loveliest natural features of Winnona Park is the network of springs, drains, and branches which form the headwaters of Shoal Creek. Starting at College Avenue on the Eastern Continental Divide, Shoal Creek flows through South River and Jackson Lake into the Ocmulgee. Below Macon, it joins the Oconee to form the majestic Altamaha--in all, over three hundred miles of continuous river beginning at Winnona Park.

People have incorporated the upper sections of the creek into their landscaping in interesting ways. In places the creek is lined with rock walls; elsewhere the grass may go down to meet it. Occasionally it goes underground, passes through tangled stretches, or separates a collard patch from a children's playground. It could provide a suitable habitat for many native wildflowers. Birds come to it to drink.

Like all the springs and branches of this part of Georgia, the springs of Winnona Park were once potable. Even now there is one spring you could probably drink from--but don't try it. Drainage from streets and storm sewers washes through. Soap suds, trash, and a slightly bad odor further downstream show that here and there pollution gets in despite our care. Samplings of aquatic life show that only a few things are able to make it in the unfriendly environment. Don't bother to look for minnows or fish. There may be a few frogs and crawfish for foraging coons--though coons may be on the way out, too, since wild dogs have taken over in the bottoms.

The wild dogs are a whole nuther story. Meanwhile, Shoal Creek has problems of its own. On March 16, our creek had a "spill"; for a couple of hours it flowed yellowish-green. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources was notified, samples were taken, and the source of the spill was traced to a neighbor apparently cleaning out a garage. It is not known by me whether the state agent was ever successful in contacting these people.

Let us hope that we will always be able to enjoy what is left of Shoal Creek. It helps if we realize where it is coming from--our very own continental divide, on which we sit--and where it is heading--the Golden Coast of Georgia.





## SCHOOL NEWS

### Renfroe Middle School

Renfroe's last PTA meeting of the year will be held May 28th at 7:30 p.m. At that time the band and chorus will present concerts and the PTA officers for the coming year will be installed.

**New Officers:**

Jo Ann Haliburton - Co-President  
Lucille Davis - Co-President  
Carol Hunter - Vice-President  
Catherine Carter (S. Candler - Sec.  
Caroline Sappo - Treasurer  
Gwen Rich - Membership chairman  
Glen Blankenship - Faculty liason  
Pat McElroy - Faculty liason

A school dance will be held on Friday, May 29th. Parents are needed as chaperones. If you can help, call Liz O'Brien (373-1961) or Susan Purdom (378-2931).

### Decatur High School

Any high school student from Decatur High who would like to report the High School news for our newsletter, please call Susan Purdom at 378-2931 (evenings) or 377-5531 (days).

### Winnona Park

Winnona Park's Field Day is May 25th. This is a day of sports competition for the Elementary School and parents are welcome.

A luncheon for teachers and PTA workers is scheduled for June 11.

A complete listing of the winners in the Fun Run will be printed next month



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
JUNE 9th  
PICK UP REPORT CARDS  
JUNE 11th



## MIMOSA GARDEN CLUB

By: Liz O'Brien

Our installation banquet will be held Monday, May 18th at Hawthorne's Cottage. Dinner will be at 8:00 p.m. followed by installation of new officers.

May "Yard of the Month" winners:  
1st place - the Eltons (333 Mimosa Dr)  
2nd place - the Millers (323 Mimosa Dr)  
3rd place - Janice Butt (307 Mimosa Dr)

On Sat., June 6th, our long overdue adult party will be held in the backyard of Mo & Debby Miller at 323 Mimosa Drive. Call Linda Sabo (378-9524) for additional information.



## community center

A planning session will be held at the Community Center (Old Scottish Rite Hospital) on June 27th from 1 - 5 p.m. followed by a social.

The purpose of the meeting is to begin some long range planning for the Center and to encourage community input in the process.

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# COMMISSION NOTES



By Catherine Carter

The April 20th meeting of the Decatur City Commission began with the 1st reading of the proposed deletion of two sections of the City Charter that are no longer applicable because they are superseded by the Georgia Municipal Election Code.

The Commission voted to take \$155,000 from the proposed Madison Ave-Second Ave. storm drainage project and allocate these funds to the Ebster Pool construction which will cost \$277,250. Construction should begin in June or July and take about 4 to 6 mo. Manager Branscome noted that the loss of federal funds caused some delay but that the pool could not have been completed for this summer anyway. Commissioner Broom has maintained that at no time did the Commission consider shelving the pool project as was stated in our newsletter earlier.

Finn Duer, president of MAK Neighborhood Association, presented a resolution supporting the Commission's stand against the proposed Decatur Parkway.

The May 4th meeting began with the 2nd reading of the election code deletion mentioned above. The Commission then ammended the Taxicab Ordinance granting a fare increase to keep in line with Atlanta.

The Commission voted down a request by realtor John Adams to increase the size of real estate signs to 6 sq. feet but did allow a 48 sq. in. addition to the current size to permit displaying the agent's name & phone number.

The Commission agreed to a challenge grant for the Oakhurst Corporation for the redevelopment & renovation of the Kraftmaster building owned by the Corporation. The City will match funds raised by the Corporation up to \$25,000.

The Lenox Park Association presented a petition from their neighborhood recommending a zoning change from HDSF-1 to R-60. The Commission moved to accept the petition and sent it to the Planning Commission for consideration.

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SOMETHING  
TO THINK ABOUT...

HAVE YOU FILLED  
OUT YOUR  
WPNA SURVEY  
YET? IT'S  
NOT TOO LATE.

## Neighbors' Exchange

SHARE YOUR TALENTS, SERVICES, PRODUCTS, ETC. 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 Exchange. We will run it as long as space permits.

Found: miniature black "poodle" (female) in Agnes Scott area. Call 377-5924.

Found: soccer ball. Call 378-2931.

Lawn needs mowing: on routine basis in summer. Must provide own mower. Price negotiable. Call 377-9442.

Babysitter: \$1.45/hr. Experienced 13 yr. old. Call Sunja Blasingame at 373-3248 after 3:00 p.m.

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).

House for Sale: Cozy Cape Cod. 2 bedrooms. 1 bath. Large fenced back yard. Glassed porch. Fireplace. 1268 Thomas Rd. \$39,500. Call 371-0591.



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