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WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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LEAVE IT THERE OR SCRAPE IT UP?

Have you driven down Avery Street lately and wondered about the work that has been done in front of Winnona Park School? Well, that completed construction is called a speed diminisher, and it is designed to slow down the traffic using Avery.

In 1979, the City of Decatur conducted a neighborhood traffic study. One of the problems identified by that study was excessive speeding on Avery Street. The consulting engineers on that study recommended this experimental speed diminisher.

The effectiveness of the speed diminisher is based on two ideas. The first is that when the roadway is narrow and two cars are approaching each other, they will slow to make sure that each can pass. The second idea is that the roughness of the roadway surface (the bricks) will cause the driver to slow down to prevent damage to the suspension system of the car.

According to Curtis Branscome, City Manager, this construction is "experimental". If it is decided that the diminisher does not work, "we will scrape it up and take it out". However, before the City makes the decision to remove the construction (which cost the taxpayers several thousand dollars), they will monitor the traffic volume and gather unscientific perceptions of whether it works or not.

"We would benefit from perceptions, both positive and negative" says Mr. Branscome. So if you have a comment or opinion about the effectiveness of this speed diminisher, call the City Manager's office at 377-9911 and share your ideas.

By: Jo Deck (Avery)



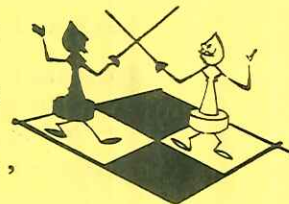
THIS SATURDAY! SEPT. 26

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Let's GO

TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY THIS SATURDAY FROM 4:00 P.M. "TILL IT ENDS" AT THE FIELD BEHIND WINNONA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

WE'LL HAVE LIVE MUSIC AND STREET DANCING! THERE'LL BE GAMES AND RELAYS, VOLLEYBALL, SOFTBALL,



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IT, WE'LL PLAY IT! GRAB A BLANKET, PACK A PICNIC AND COME JOIN THE FUN. IT'S A NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY --

EVERYONE'S WELCOME!!



CONCERT SERIES

Agnes Scott College has announced the inaugural season of the Kirk Concert Series. Named in honor of an outstanding alumna, Mary Wallace Kirk, the 1981-2 series will bring to the campus three internationally acclaimed pianists and the Guarneri String Quartet.

All three concerts will be held on Tues. evenings at 8:15 p.m. in Presser Hall in the Gaines Chapel.

Tickets at the door will cost \$8 each, however you can save 25% by purchasing a season ticket (\$18) to all three performances. For more information on ticket sales, call the Music Department at 373-2571, Ext. 348 or Ext. 374.

Here's the schedule:

Tamas Vasary - Oct. 27, 1981

Abbey Simon - Jan. 26, 1982

Lydia Artymiw & The Guarneri String Quartet - March 2, 1982.

These concerts are open to the public, so take advantage of having a college within walking distance and mark your calendar now.



SCHOOL NEWS

Winnona Park

Get involved in your child's school this year! As parents you need to know what your child is doing, and our schools benefit from your input and concern.

This year's activities of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) will include:

Spaghetti Dinner
November 13, 1981
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
School cafeteria

Annual Christmas Program
December 9, 1981
7:30 p.m.
School auditorium

Fun Run
March 27, 1982
School playfield

You will hear more about all of these later -- but mark your calendar NOW.



health center

377-6448

The Health Center is pleased to announce that Dr. Donald Hanchett, an internist, will be joining the staff on Sept. 21.

The Center offers education on High Blood Pressure to all people who come to the Center who have hypertension or are borderline cases. If you would like your blood pressure checked or need hypertension education, please call 377-6448.

Teen Rap Sessions, focusing on teen health concerns, sexuality, contraceptive education and anatomy and physiology will be offered the first and third Wednesday of every month at 3:45 p.m. The Teen Rap Sessions will start on Wed., Sept. 16th. All teens are welcome.

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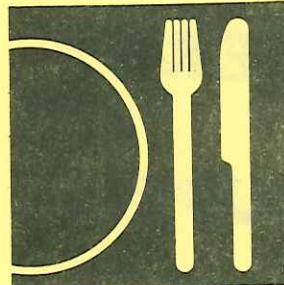


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Renfroe Middle School

PTA Open House was held at Renfroe on Sept. 17th. This was the first PTA meeting of the year for Renfroe and attendance was good.

After a few opening remarks by PTA president Jo Ann Haliburton and Renfroe principal Clifford Chandler, the teachers were introduced and the meeting adjourned for open house.



The next event sponsored by the Renfroe PTA will be a chicken dinner on October 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale October 1st. If you can

help, call Jo Ann at 373-1083 or Catherine Carter at 373-6187.

Decatur High School

Decatur High beat Cross Keys by a score of 21-0 this past Friday, bringing their record to 3 wins, no losses, one tie.

Decatur's next home game is Friday, Oct. 9th (homecoming).

Each class at the high school has selected officers for this year - we hope to have the complete list by next Newsletter.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR KIDS

Oct. 9 - Staff development day
Nov. 25 - Teacher work day
Nov. 26-27 - Thanksgiving
Dec. 21-Jan. 1 - Christmas



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New Neighbor Packet

A citizens task force is currently investigating the idea of a NEW NEIGHBORS PACKET -- informational material which would be given to newcomers to our city in order to orientate them to services, city government, etc. Tentative plans have already been presented to the city commission (which has been supportive of the idea).

Serving on the task force are: Gus Cochran (Avery), Susan Danner (Winnona Dr.), Linda Doughtie, Don Lyons, Bill Mealor, Sandra Moore, Ginger Selman, Ruth Strange, Johnny Tyler, Deloris Pringle, Alice Fielding, and Norm Coffman.

If you have any ideas on the subject, please give one of these people a call.



MIMOSA GARDEN CLUB

By: Liz O'Brien

September 'Yard of the Month' winners are:

- 1st - Jessie Rust (337 Mimosa Dr)
- 2nd - The Garvins (416 Mimosa Dr)
- 3rd - Nancy & Bill Ball (365 Mimosa Dr)

Our annual block party this past Sunday began with a pied piper parade. There were lots of games and food, gorgeous weather and a great turnout. A great time was had by all and, just think folks, we can do it all over again next Sat (the 26th) at the WPNA neighborhood party behind the school. See you there!

Here's the first place winners in our races:

Big Wheel Race (2 & 3 yr olds) - Hannah Miller

3-legged Race - Cal & Ginger Horton

Wheel Barrow Race - Nan & Bob Suddeth

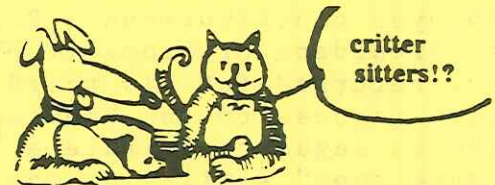
Big Wheel Race (4 & 5 yr olds) - Ashley Ellis

Airport Noise



There is active consideration of building another (fourth) runway at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport. On Thursday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. a Public Information Meeting will be held by the City of Atlanta, Department of Aviation, to brief interested citizens on the environmental, economic and social consequences of implementing proposed runway improvements (a new runway) at Hartsfield. Among other things, alternative ways of using the proposed new parallel runway will be discussed in detail as well as the "no build" (no new runway) alternative. The location of the meeting is the Student Center Auditorium on the South Campus of DeKalb Community College, 3521 Panthersville Road, Decatur. The information presented at this meeting will represent the culmination of nine months of study by the Environmental Assessment Study Team. The Study Team will be seeking public comments on the relative impacts of the alternatives and the evaluation process used. Now is the time to speak out BEFORE they build the fourth runway. If you need a ride or further information, call 377-6624.

NEWSPAPERS SET OUT FOR TRASH PICK-UP ARE TAKEN TO THE DUMP - ONLY THOSE PUT IN THE CONTAINER BEHIND THE SCHOOL ARE RECYCLED WITH PROFIT TO THE WINNONA PTA.



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References:

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COMMISSION NOTES



By Catherine Carter

At the work session preceding the August 17th Commission meeting, the members looked at sketches of possible changes to a section of now empty Beacon School in order to move the Police Department into that part of the building.

The official meeting began with public hearings on two matters considered by the Planning Commission. That body had recommended that the Commission deny the request by the First Church of Christ Scientist that they be allowed to construct a parking lot on church owned property facing Ponce de Leon Place. Neighborhood residents were overwhelmingly in favor of the denial and the Commission supported the Planning Commission's recommendation. The Planning Commission had also recommended approval of a request by the Lenox Place Neighbor Association to have that area rezoned from HDSF-1 to R-60. The Commission approved their recommendation. The Commission agreed to add a portion of Fairview Ave. to the "Resident Parking Only" districts.

The uneventful September 7th meeting began with an agreement with Southern Bell to modernize the city's telephone system. The Commission agreed, again for another year, to make its own application to the Community Development Program rather than becoming part of the County's Community Development Program. The Commission voted to improve the city employee group insurance with increased cost covered by an increase in employee contributions. Ralph Davis, President of Brockett PTA in Tucker, returned for his third consecutive request to the Commission to make it legal to operate a "family type game room" similar to the one he owns in Tucker. He hopes to open one next to the MARTA station. A Coventry Rd. resident returned for the second time requesting a sidewalk in front of her house at 515 Coventry (north side).

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Found: Small, charcoal colored male dog. Has black leather collar. Call Louise Medlin at 373-3507.

Sample Sale: Levi Women's Wear Jeans & Sportswear, including Levi bend-over pants & blazers. Some wool blazers. Levi samples fit sizes 9, 10, 11. Also Weatherby sportswear, jackets, coats, etc. Can order any size. Call Cathy or Roy at 377-1411 after 5:00 p.m.

For Sale: Metal highchair (\$15), Antique oval-topped trunk (\$75), Flat-topped trunk (\$25). Call 377-3988.

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

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

Found: Tan puppy with white tip on tail and white spot on chest. Looks like hound. No tag or collar; about 2 1/2 months old. Call Wayne Van Leer at 377-8441 or Joy Van Leer at 892-7171 (day).

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