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WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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THE MIMOSA PROWLER

Since mid-June, the Mimosa-Kirk Road area of Winnona Park has been plagued with a teenage prowler. At first, police received calls reporting a suspicious person and there were several break-ins, but on October 9 the situation worsened when an adult male was attacked early in the morning as he was loading his van on Mimosa Drive. On October 12 another person was attacked on Green Street.

The prowler is identified as a young black male, about six feet tall.

Neither attack resulted in serious injury, however police have advised area residents to keep their house and car doors locked and call the police to report any suspicious person. For further safety tips, see inside.

SWANTON HOUSE FESTIVAL

The DeKalb Historical Society will sponsor a Harvest Time Festival at the Swanton House at 720 W. Trinity Place here in Decatur on Sat., October 31 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Craft demonstrations by some of DeKalb's finest craftsmen will include spinning, weaving, corn-husk doll making, blacksmithing, basket making, pottery, china painting, Williamsburg cone & nut craft, quilting, applique art, oil painting and gold and silver jewelry making.

There will be bluegrass music, hot dogs, popcorn, cider, candied apples and a descendant of Pocohuntas will tell Indian stories (and there'll be a tepee!).

In addition there will be tours (\$1.50 for adults and .50 for children) of the Swanton House - the oldest house in Decatur.



NEXT MEETING: NOV 18 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Sometimes we talk about "the police" as if they were some miracle machine that we can activate when the need arises. We must remember though that policemen/women are people just like us, trying to do the best they can. If we want higher taxes, we can probably hire more. However, the attitude of the police department is that citizens and existing police can work together to stop crime. It would take thousands of police officers to do what we can do - and we can do it better. We are on the spot "eyes and ears", familiar with our neighborhood. Many communities have established a Neighborhood Watch to help cut crime. If you are interested, attend the Nov. 18th meeting (7:30 p.m.) at Winnona Park School. Crime Prevention Officer Rollins will be there to give us more information on having a Neighborhood Watch and information regarding other safety precautions we can take.

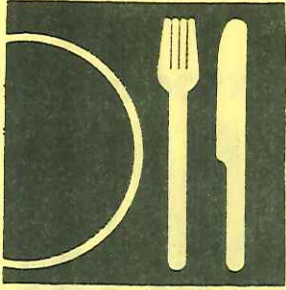
EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE - 373-6551

FIRE - 373-0600

AMBULANCE - 911





Winnona Park

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

KNOW YOUR POLICE

On the theory that we can take advantage of our police more effectively if we know more about the department and the people who work there, the Newsletter will introduce a new officer each month. This issue we're starting from the top - with Chief of Police Ed Matthews. Chief Matthews came up through the ranks in the Decatur police dept. - first as patrol officer, then detective, detective lieutenant, assistant chief and finally last October was appointed Chief of Police after Chief Cole retired - a total of 32 years in the department. Chief Matthews has lived here in Decatur (on Greenwood Circle) for 31 years and he and his wife of 34 years, Betty, have raised two children and are now grandparents of three.



MIMOSA GARDEN CLUB

By: Liz O'Brien

Yard of the Month Winners for the month of September are:

- 1st - Eve Blake (120 Mimosa Dr)
- 2nd - Tom & Susan Clark (225 Mimosa Dr.)
- 3rd - Walter Chadwick (421 Mimosa Dr.)

DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs is having its annual Autumn Splendor Fashion Show and Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, November 5th at 10:00 a.m. at Callanwolde Arts Center. Any members interested in going, contact Catherine Dodd or Linda Sabo.

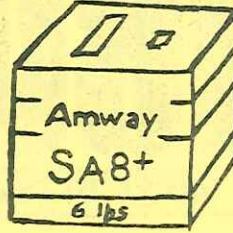
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If in doubt, you can try it for a week at no cost. Call Joe at 378-9870.

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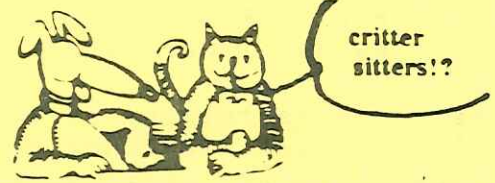
health center

377-6448

Weight Loss Program: The Health Center will be starting classes to help you lose weight on Nov. 4th. Since class size is limited, you must register ahead of time.

Flu Vaccine: The Center has a limited supply of flu vaccines for people who are over 65 or have a chronic health problem such as diabetes, disease of the heart, lung or kidney. This vaccine is free to people who are eligible.

For more information about both programs, call the Center at 377-6448.



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References:

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SAFETY TIPS

One of the delightful aspects of living in Winnona Park is the friendly, open atmosphere of people out on the streets - walking, jogging, riding bikes and visiting (and delivering Newsletters!). It is not a walled camp with people patrolling the streets and kids afraid to set foot out

of their houses. Yet with the recent tradedy in Glen Lake Park and the Mimosa prowler, people are concerned about safety. With all this in mind, WPNA is devoting much of this Newsletter to the problem and what we can do about it.

Decatur police say that we do have a problem with break-ins. However, the number of calls to the police department are not indicative of the number of prowlers. Often, as happened around Mimosa, there are numerous calls but only one prowler, or, as more frequently happens, prowler calls turn out to be a non-crime related "noise".

This does not mean that we should not be concerned. Crime is increasing and is very real to those affected. An interview with Crime Prevention Officer D. S. Rollins of the Decatur police force has been very helpful in getting the following basic safety information:

1. Even if you've never done it before, LOCK YOUR DOORS. Many burglaries are occurring without any sign of forced entry - the burglar is walking in the front door!!
2. KEEP YOUR SHRUBBERY CUT away from your windows. Burglars hate to be watched.
3. HAVE ADEQUATE LIGHTING. You don't have to leave the lights on all night but check your lightbulbs and be sure you can turn on lots of lights if you hear suspicious noises.
4. BE NOSY - know your neighbors and watch for anything suspicious (a car or person who doesn't look familiar or anything out of the ordinary).
5. WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, CALL THE POLICE. They expect this and will not get angry if it turns out to be a 'possum in the trash can or a tree hitting the roof. As Dfficer Rollins says, we pay them, lets use them! Remember, if you are frightened or just suspicious, call the police.
6. If you see a prowler, call the police and WAIT INSIDE. Do not try to chase a prowler or catch one. You could be killed. The police know how to safely apprehend prowlers, so let them do their job.
7. If you suspect that someone is in your house, GET OUT and don't go in until the police have checked it out.



Community Center

Bill Denton, President of the Community Center, reports a highly successful Fall Neighborhood Assembly with a turn-out of over 75 participants.

Highlight of the business session was the election of seven community residents to fill expired terms on the Center's Board of Directors. These include new members Terry Balof, Judith Lomas, Louise Thrower, Arleatha Trawick, and Clifford Thomas. Also re-elected to the Board were Elizabeth Wilson and Robert Rosenbloom; first and second vice-presidents respectively.

REGISTER TO VOTE

A voter registration drive will be held Nov. 7 at the Community Center (Old Scottish Rite Hospital). Registrars will be at the Center from 12-4 P.M. There is only one registration now for all elections. If you are currently registered with either city of county, you are eligible to vote in all elections. If you are not registered with either, register now and be eligible to vote in the Decatur elections in December.

WARNING

We think animals are being poisoned in our neighborhood. At least three dogs are known to have died under conditions that suggest poison. If you have any information regarding this, or see something suspicious, call the police immediately!!



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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.

For Sale: 1971 VW Beetle. Excellent condition. \$2,000. Call 378-8796.

Found: Schnauzer. Female. Probably 3-5 years old. Call 371-0495.

Looking for the Security a second income can provide? The path to security is only a decision - and phone call - away. We train you. Phone or write local AMWAY distributor Joe Cavender, 432 Avery St., Decatur 30030. Or call 378-9870.

For Sale: Boxes of Fla. grapefruit, tangelos & oranges. Ex. quality. Delivered in time for Christmas. \$6.50, \$7 & \$8.50 per box. Also available, pecans in 1 lb. packages (pieces - \$4, halves - \$4.50). Can be delivered as early as Nov. 1. Call Cean Johnston at 377-6291.

Jazzercise Class: unique dance fitness program which is offered in Decatur. Class at DeKalb Federal & Hillside Presbyterian. Call for days & time. Ellen Kesler at 371-0559 (nights).

For Sale: 31"X62" window screens. Custom made to fit windows on Heatherdown Rd. house. Three years old. \$5/each. Call Jerry at 393-5203 (day).

One man's junk is another man's treasure...The Science Bldg. of Agnes Scott is being cleaned out for renovation and there will be a unique 'yard sale' on Sat., Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the parking lot facing Dougherty St (next to the tennis courts). Ex: an antique soda cooler, bathtub with claw feet, animal cages, aquariums, furniture pieces, antique analytical balances in wooden cases, an old mimeograph machine, adding machine and oodles of assorted glassware, flasks, jars and antique milk bottles.

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For Sale: Secretary's Desk. Office type metal secretary's desk with attached typing stand. Make offer. Call Jerry at 393-5203.

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 bendover 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.

Christmas Greenery Program: The DeKalb Extension Urban Gardening Program will again offer a two part program on caring for holiday plants and decorating with natural greenery on Thurs. Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Decatur Cooperative Service Center, 321 W. Hill St. The class is free. For more info call Mary Singleton at 371-2821.

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

Licensed Hairdresser: Cut hair in your home or mine. Call Holly Ball at 373-6346.

For Sale: Approx. 6 jalousied windows and 1 door. Make offer. Call Gus or Martha Cochran at 377-6250.

The Community Center of South Decatur would like to receive proposals from persons interested in lease/managing a kitchen/dining facility at the Center. For further details, call Bill Denton at 373-9712.

Wanted: Indoor clothes drying rack. 373-7103.

Found: At WPNA Block Party, pink striped towel, table cloth. Call Jo Deck at 373-8148.

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