



NEIGHBORS NEWS

EAST-WEST CONNECTOR THREATENS AGAIN

The spectre of an east-west connector (i.e., I-485, the Stone Mt. Freeway, Decatur Parkway, etc.) has become an issue once again. Apparently, several groups (of which D.O.T. is not the least) have attempted to tie together the Carter Presidential Library and an east-west road. I, along with many people, believe that the road and the library are not the same issue. Atlanta can have the library in the Great Park area without the road as recent studies have shown.

The City of Decatur and its citizens have been long-standing in their opposition to an east-west connector that creates and dumps traffic into Decatur and its neighborhoods. With declining traffic counts on present east-west corridors, we do not believe in spending the many millions required to build a road that would duplicate present highway corridors and the MARTA line. The damage caused to the affected neighborhoods by an additional road would be significant and would result in a lessening of that illusive, yet real, intangible quality of life.

We hope that the Carter Presidential Library will be located in Atlanta as we believe that is where it belongs. The Great Park area appears to be a good location with more than adequate access. An east-west connector and the Presidential Library are two separate, distinct issues and should not be tied together.

Wes Saunders,
President,
Decatur Neighborhood
Alliance

Across are two short messages, one to Pres. Carter and one to Gov. Busbee. If you are opposed to this road, you may use these as convenient ways to express your opinion. Just cut out, sign (add a personal note if you have time), put it in an addressed, stamped envelope and send it off.



NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of WPNA will be held Feb. 17th at 7:30 p.m. at Winnona Park Elem. school. Officers will be elected for the coming year so please plan to attend.

Dear Gov. Busbee:

There is no logical connection between the Carter Presidential Library and highways. Our neighborhoods have worked successfully for many years to prevent construction of destructive and unnecessary commuter highways in the Great Park area. We cannot support a 4-lane parkway as a library access road.

(The Hon. George D. Busbee, Governor, State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334)

Dear Pres. Carter:

Our neighborhoods have worked for many years to find constructive uses for the Great Park land. We supported the work of the Great Park Authority which recommended using a portion of the land for the proposed Jimmy Carter Presidential Library. The Library, however, does not require the construction of an otherwise unneeded commuter 4-lane roadway across the Great Park land.

We urge you not to connect the Carter Library to highway construction. The decision to build the library, with appropriate access streets, can be based on its own merits. We cannot support a 4-lane parkway as an access road.

(The Hon. Jimmy Carter, Russell Fed. Bldg., 75 Spring St, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303)



SCHOOL NEWS Winnona Park

Winnona Park Elementary School PTA will meet Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

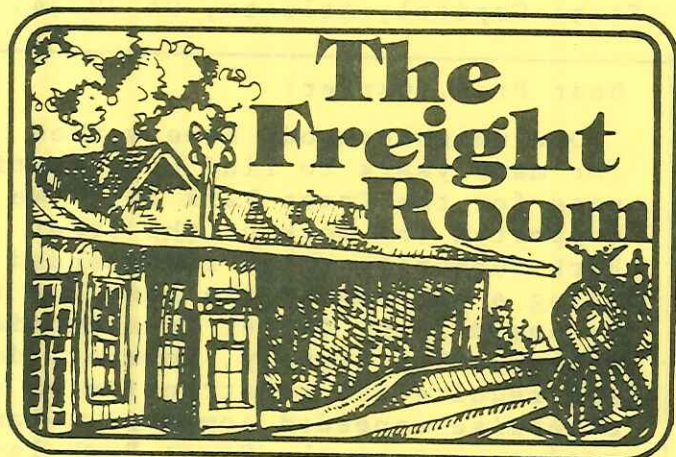
SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Spring holidays -- April 5 - 9.



Community Center

Mark MAY 1ST on your calendar! This is the date of the South Decatur Spring Festival, and organization for the event is underway. All sorts of talents are needed. If you can help, please contact Susan Purdom at 378-2931 or 377-5531.

AND, Kelly's Feed & Seed Marching Abominables will be performing at a benefit concert for the Community Center. Watch the next newsletter for details.



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LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



reapportionment

Under the new reapportionment plan (if approved by the Justice Dept), Winnona Park will remain in Senate District 55 now represented by Bud Stumbaugh. In the House, Winnona Park would no longer be divided between the 52 and 53 districts but would fall into District 52 now represented by Eleanor Richardson.

emergency aid

Rep. Eleanor Richardson reports that an emergency bill has been passed by both houses & signed by Gov. Busbee which will replace 7 and one-half million dollars of funds cut Nov. 1st for medicaid patients in nursing homes.

sunshine law

Senator Bud Stumbaugh has introduced a constitutional amendment which would make the 1972 Sunshine Law applicable to all legislative general assembly meetings. This would include special sessions, study committees, conference meetings and committee meetings. The amendment would allow the public to be present at these meetings unless both houses passed a specific law to the contrary. Sen. Stumbaugh says the amendment is expected to pass the Senate soon and will go to the House sometime in mid Feb.

sentencing alternative

Sen. Stumbaugh, along with two Cobb Co. senators, introduced a bill, now passed by the Senate, which will provide another alternative in sentencing in capitol offense cases. Currently there are two choices -- life imprisonment with parole a possibility and the death sentence. This bill would add a 3rd choice -- life imprisonment with no parole. Similar bills were introduced in the House, so some version will probably pass.

auto inspections

Auto safety inspections will no longer be required in Ga. when the final version of the law is passed this year.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

The Downtown Development Task Force will hold its third public hearing on Tues, Feb. 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Renfroe Middle School. At this meeting the planners will present preliminary architectural and urban designs and alternatives along with support documentation for the redevelopment of the downtown area. This should be a very informative meeting -- be sure to mark it on your calendar.

Here's some background on these meetings:

After a huge public uproar over the last plans for redevelopment, a citizen task force headed by Lyn Deardorff (S. Candler) was appointed by the city to look into the problem of revitalizing downtown Decatur.

The Task Force heard presentations from several development teams, ultimately selecting the Decatur Square Development Team to draw up a proposal for redevelopment.

The process is to take 6 mo. and includes a series of public hearings designed to get maximum input from Decatur citizens.

The first of these hearings was an orientation meeting in Nov., 1981, where about 60 to 70 people generated ideas in a "brain-storming" session.

In Dec. the second public hearing was held. This one took the form of workshops on specific issues: economics and marketing, parking & traffic and the image of downtown Decatur. It was attended by 80 to 90 Decaturites.

The Feb. meeting referred to above will be the third hearing in which the public is invited to actively participate.

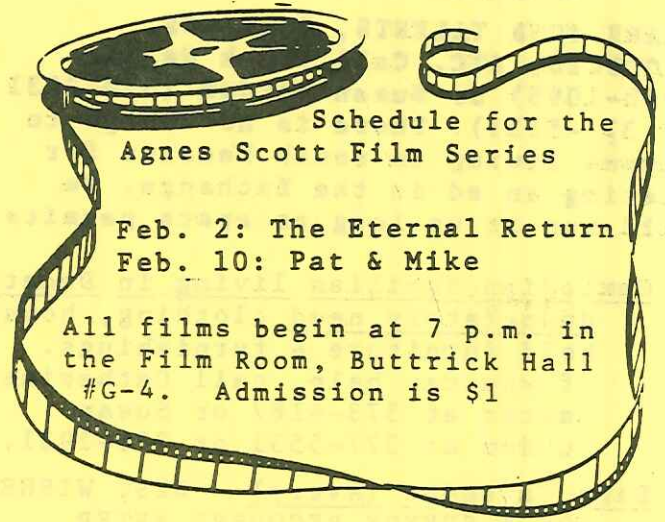
After each public hearing, the Task Force and neighborhood representatives meet to discuss and assimilate the information & ideas brought out by the citizens. Winnona Park's representative is Jo Deck, current pres. of WPNA.

Hopefully, the outcome of this process will be a plan for downtown Decatur with which we can all live.

decatur neighborhood alliance

The next regular DNA meeting will be the fourth Tues. in Feb. at 7:30 p.m. at Dec. First Baptist Church. Officers for the coming year will be elected.

Film Series



Schedule for the Agnes Scott Film Series

Feb. 2: The Eternal Return
Feb. 10: Pat & Mike

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



Oakhurst Community Health Center

The Oakhurst Community Health Center provides a full range of primary health care services. The medical staff at the Health Center diagnose and treat routine illnesses such as colds and stomach aches; manage long term diseases including asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes and arthritis; screen for vision and hearing problems, check blood pressures; give immunizations; provide family planning counseling and methods; do pap smears; and perform nutrition assessments. The Health Center has comprehensive lab services and refers patients to specialists when needed.

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Cambodian families living in Decatur desperately need clothing, household furniture & furnishings. If you can help, call Catherine Carter at 373-6187 or Susan Purdom at 377-5531 or 378-2931.

Sara Cavender (Avery) - BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY AFTER SURGERY - From your friends & neighbors in Winnona Park.

Coldframe Workshop: The DeKalb Extension's Urban Gardening Program will conduct a workshop on building a coldframe on Sat. Jan. 30, 11:00 a.m. at Decatur-DeKalb Cooperative Service Office, 321 W. Hill St. FREE. Call 371-2821 for more info.

Babysitter/housekeeper needed: 2 to 3 days per week in Winnona Park. Call 378-2673.

Part-time legal secretary needed: 9 to 1 a.m. in downtown Decatur. Typing, no shorthand. Call 377-5531 & ask for Susan Purdom.

Painting, carpentry & repair. Special rates for senior citizens. References upon request. Call Charles Braucher at 378-0255.

Interested in working on the July 4th celebration? Call the city manager's office at 377-9911.

Need your dog walked? Call Craig Hall at 373-6187. Price negotiable.

For Sale: '74 Pinto Stationwagon. One owner. Stick shift. Price negotiable. Call Nancy Leitch at 377-0856.

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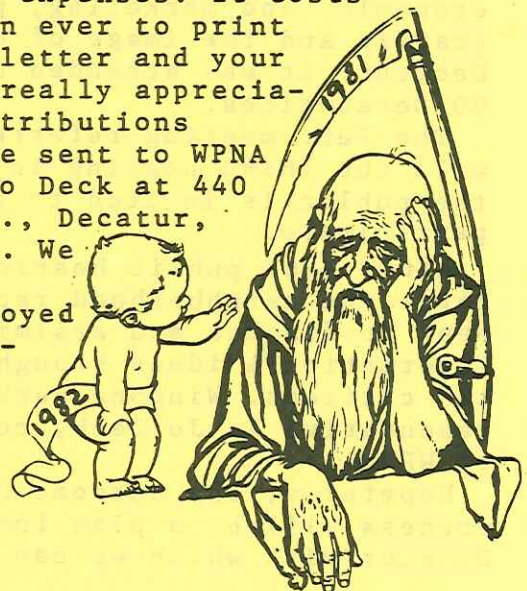
Looking for the Security a second income can provide? The path to security is only a decision - and phone call - away. We train you. Phone or write local AMWAY distributor Joe Cavender, 432 Avery St., Decatur 30030. Or call 378-9870.

Attn: Local Writers. Village Writers Club meets two times a month (1st and 3rd Mondays). If interested, call 373-5108.

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.

NEWSLETTER 1982

With this issue, the WPNA Newsletter is beginning its 6th year in circulation and WPNA is soliciting funds for the 1982 printing expenses. It costs more than ever to print the newsletter and your help is really appreciated. Contributions should be sent to WPNA Pres., Jo Deck at 440 Avery St., Decatur, GA 30030. We hope you have enjoyed the newsletter & will support our 1982 effort.



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