



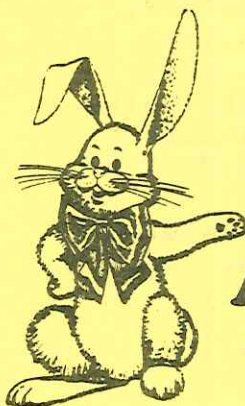
NEIGHBORS NEWS

OLDFIELD RD. TO JOIN DECATUR?

While many cities have to fight to expand their boundaries, Decatur, even with its taxes, is proving a popular place to live. So popular is Winnona Park that ten or twelve families living on Oldfield Road have asked to be annexed into the City of Decatur. See map below.

The annexation was proposed by several families on McKinnon and Oldfield who were paying tuition to send their children to Winnona Park Elementary School. Tuition works fine as long as there's space, but children outside the city can get bumped by city residents -- even on the day school opens. To solve this problem, several families proposed annexation of their streets into Decatur. Contacted by these families, Representative Eleanor Richardson agreed to sponsor a bill in the legislature if 80% of the families on the streets agreed. McKinnon failed to get the 80% but a portion of Oldfield next to Decatur did get the required per centage and such a bill was introduced.

As local legislation it had to be approved by 2/3 of the DeKalb House and Senate members. Presented to the DeKalb delegation by Thad Godwin (Oldfield), the bill was approved and presented to the full legislature. Here it passed a "courtesy" vote (once it is approved by 2/3 of the county's delegation, it is usually approved as a courtesy by the other legislators). Now it awaits any objections by the Justice Department (it has to be approved there since it affects voting rights). If approved, a portion of Oldfield Road will become a part of Decatur and WPNA's boundaries (and hopefully its volunteers!) will be expanded.

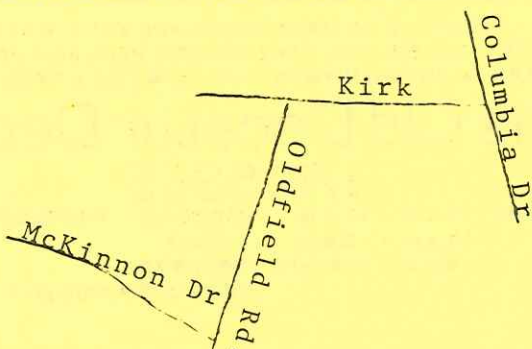


SEED & FEED MARCHING ABOMINABLES TO PERFORM

The Seed & Feed Marching Abominable band, a fixture in parades, feasts, and neighborhood celebrations throughout Atlanta, will present a "sit-down" concert at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, in Gaines Auditorium at Presser Hall on the campus of Agnes Scott College. The concert is for the benefit of the South Decatur Community Center and admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

The Seed & Feed Marching Abominable was founded in 1974 (part of Kelly's Seed & Feed Theatre) as an old-fashioned ragtag street band. Since then, the band has performed all over: at Hawks and Braves games, birthday parties, MARTA stations, conventions, Snellville Day, Piedmont and Inman festivals, on TV, in Symphony Hall, at children's events, old folks homes, saloons, jugglers' conventions, and at the head of the St. Patrick's Day parade. The band is a special favorite with children of all ages.

The band, led by musical director L.A. Tuten, will present a program of old-time march tunes (Sousa and others), Dixieland, and swing standards such as "Tuxedo Junction" and "String of Pearls". Novelty numbers are to be expected from this assemblage of musicians and trombone-players.



DECATUR COMMISSIONERS REAFFIRM THEIR OPPOSITION TO EAST-WEST THOROUGHFARE AT MARCH 15TH MEETING (see WPNA activities, inside)



Winnona Park SCHOOL NEWS

In spite of the chilly weather, the PTA sponsored Spring Festival was a big success. Among the many attractions were games, a cake walk, face painting, a clown and a kite flying contest (won by Craig Hall of S. Candler).

A big event for the 50 kids who participated was the Fun Run. Co-ordinated by Gordon and Carolyn French (Mimosa Pl), the Fun Run included a one mile race and a three mile race.

Here are the winners of the 1 mi: Four top winners (by age & sex) of free tickets to Six Flags were:

- 5 to 8 yr. olds:
Eric O'Brien (M) 7:12 (Mimosa) 7yr
Amy Moore (F) 8:24 (Shadowmoor) 7y
- 9 to 12 yr. olds:
Melissa Wilborn (F) 8:22 (Chevelle Lane) 10 yr.
Thomas Hunter (M) 7:02 12 yr.

Winners of 1 mi. by age group:

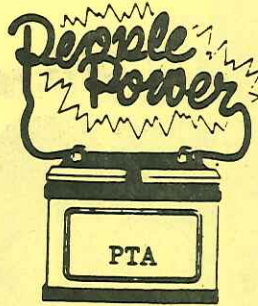
- 8 yr. olds:
Josh Jones (M) 8:00
Bailey Anderson (F) 9:53
(Shadowmoor)
- 9 yr. olds:
Kentria Alston (F) 9:50
Miles Wixon (M) 7:22
- 10 yr. olds:
Sean Doughtie (M) 8:52 (Candler)
Melissa Wilborn (F) 8:22
- 11 yr. olds:
Daniel Moore (M) 7:10 (Shadowmoor)
Bridget Breen (F) 8:52

Winners of the three mile were:

- Adult - C.W. Hickcox (Seminary Apts) 17:37
Child, Female - Tammy Brown (Park Dr.)
Child, Male - Larry Trimble (Park Dr.)

All participants in the Fun Run received a medal and a discounted coupon to Six Flags. The race was originally scheduled for Sat. morning but because of the weather was postponed until that afternoon. The youngest runner at the race was Sonny Linn, age five years, who finished the mile in 12:04.

The Spring Festival was co-ordinated by Betty Collins, PTA president (Park Dr) and Catherine Carter (S. Candler).



The Winnona Park Elem. School Spring Program will be held Thursday, April 29th at the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. This program will feature the 5th graders in Hans Christian Andersen's the Ugly Duckling and Thumbelina.

Also, at this meeting the officers for the 1982-3 school year will be installed.



Congratulations to Holly and Tom Ball (Hilldale) on the birth of their first child, a boy, whose name is Travis Carlyle. Travis weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces at birth and was 20 and 1/2 inches long.



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

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WPNA ACTIVITIES

yard sale May 15

The Winnona Park Neighbors Association will sponsor its 5th annual neighborhood yard sale on Sat., May 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rain date is Sat., May 22nd. Maps showing the location of each yard sale will be available to the public at each participating yard and at the school. A 'consolidated' sale will be held at the school for those with only a few items to sell.

If you would like to participate, there is a \$6 participation fee which covers city permits, maps, and advertising (\$4 for a sale at the school). Checks for the fee should be made out to WPNA and must be received by May 9th. For information, call Jo Deck at 373-8148 or Susan Purdom at 378-2931 or 377-5531.

July 4th

WPNA has been asked to coordinate the July 4th parade this year. Anyone interested in helping, call Elaine Mayer at 377-7194.

In addition, we will be working on a Winnona Park float. Last year's float by the grammar school age kids was a great success and won a prize for "most patriotic". It has been suggested that the neighborhood teenagers take on the '82 float. Anyone interested? Call Susan Purdom at 378-2931 or 377-5531.

anti - highway petition a success

Almost 400 Winnona Park residents signed a petition expressing strong opposition to construction of any east-west thoroughfare through Decatur and urging Decatur commissioners to reaffirm their opposition to any such plans.

According to Jo Deck, president of WPNA, the nearly 400 petitioners represented a sampling of streets in our neighborhood by WPNA to get a community response to a proposed highway through Decatur. The sampling showed an overwhelming opposition to such plans by Winnona Parkers.

Similar petitions by other Decatur neighborhood groups had already been presented to the commission and at their March 15th meeting, the commissioners voted unanimously to reaffirm its opposition to such plans.

neighborhood watch

The idea of an organized "Neighborhood Watch" has been considered by WPNA for the last six months. The one meeting which was held on the subject did not draw big crowds; however WPNA has had many inquiries about the program from people who were interested but could not attend the meeting.

A Neighborhood Watch on the order of the DeKalb County THOR program involves street by street organization with one person on each street serving as a block captain. A list is made up of everyone on the street and all are encouraged to take certain safety measures (engraving valuables, for ex.). Printed materials on safety measures are also provided each family and neighbors watch out for each other.

The big question now is whether there is enough interest for WPNA to sponsor such a program for Winnona Park. THOR requires 75% participation in their program before a neighborhood watch sign is erected. Our program would be through the Decatur police department but this indicates the amount of support such a program needs. To start, WPNA would need a volunteer from each street, preferably someone who is home all day, who will be a block captain for their street. Also needed is a volunteer who would act as a coordinator for the block captains.

If you can volunteer your time and energy for these tasks, call Jo Deck at 373-8148 or Susan Purdom at 378-2931 or 377-5531. You do not have to be active in WPNA to volunteer -- just concerned about crime in our neighborhood. We hope that we will be able to tackle this problem before it becomes more serious but it will require more people becoming involved.

Roger P. Edwards 373-9109

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Need carpentry work? Call Tom Sabo (Mimosa Pl) at 378-9524.

Hand stenciled Easter eggs: For your Easter basket, try hand stenciled eggs made of stuffed muslin. Call Claire Hertzler at 377-7995. Hand stenciled cushions and other items also available. Custom order.

Furniture refinishing by a trustworthy neighbor. Call Gene Hertzler at 377-7995.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Monday, April 12th at Agnes Scott College in the Rebekah Room at Rebekah Scott Hall (park on Dougherty St) 9:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Jazzercise -- an exciting jazz dance fitness program for total body conditioning. Belvedere Church of God Mon & Wed. 5:40 p.m. Hillside Presbyterian Tues & Thur. 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ellen Kesler at 371-0559 or 294-3780.

Massage: Give yourself a gift of a caring therapeutic massage. You deserve it! Call today for appt. \$15/session. Gloria McAndrew, Massage therapist, 378-4801.

Volunteer needed: to tutor a Cambodian grammar school student in English. During school hours. Call Elizabeth Neil at 373-6523 or 377-1097.

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MIMOSA GARDEN CLUB

By: Liz O'Brien

The guest speaker at the March 15th meeting was Herman Drews. Mr. Drews is a master gardner for the DeKalb Extension Service and spoke on pruning shrubbery. We were reminded that now is the time to prune our shrubs (for flowering shrubs, wait until the blooms are gone).

The bake sale at the Spring Festival was very successful. Many thanks to our members who contributed baked goods.

Yard of the Month judging resumes in April.



Reminder: the South Decatur Spring Festival is being planned for May 1st at the Community Center (old Scottish Rite). Mark your calendar!!

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Special rates for senior citizens. References upon request. Call Charles Braucher at 378-0255.

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