



# NEIGHBORS NEWS

## South Decatur Spring Festival Postscript



Each spring the Community Center (old Scottish Rite) is host to a Spring Festival for South Decatur. The festival is sponsored by the South Decatur Community Council (a neighborhood group) and is put together by volunteers from all over South Decatur.

Kicking off this year's festival on May 1st was a parade led by Mayor Bob Carpenter, Commissioner Ted O'Callaghan, Commissioner Marian Cunningham and the Decatur High School Marching Band.

On the grounds at the Center, various church and neighborhood groups provided food, handcraft items and children's games, while inside the Center were exhibits by local artists.

Entertainment continued throughout the day, highlighted by a dramatization of Free to Be You and Me by Julifer Jim Productions (Ga. State Univ.), an African dance ensemble, and the Marching Abominables. A performance by the Ga. State Univ. Jazz Band topped off the day.

There was a large crowd of over 1,000 people during the day and we appreciated the attendance at the festival of Judge Clarence 'Chuck' Seeliger and political contenders Dan Coursey, who is running for DeKalb Superior Court Judge, and Ralph Bowden, who is running for DeKalb State Court Solicitor.

Much thanks to the committee who organized the festival: Louise Thrower (chairperson), Bill & Barbara Denton, Chuck Walker (Inman), Terry Thomas, Terre Balof, Jane Grinstead, Elsie Davis, Ken Alston and Vincent Lewis.



Congratulations to Jerry & Claudia Forester (Heatherdown) on the birth of their second child, Brian Gerald who was born April 14th at 3:55 a.m. Brian weighed 8 lb, 7 oz, was 20 and 1/4 in. long at birth and is welcomed by his older brother, Daniel.

## WPNA Annual Progressive Yard Sale May 15

The Winnona Park Neighbors Association will sponsor its fifth annual neighborhood yard sale on May 15, 1982, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (rain date is Sat, May 22nd). Maps showing the location of each sale will be provided at each yard sale and at the Winnona Park Elementary School, where a "consolidated" sale will be offered for those who have only a few items.

If you would like to have a yard sale, it's still not too late. Contact Jo Deck (373-8148) or Susan Purdom (377-5531 or 378-2931) for more information.

## SHEARER TO SPEAK

Economist and political activist Derek Shearer will speak at Agnes Scott College on Wed., May 19th at 8:30 p.m. in Presser Hall. In his talk on "Who will Control the Economy in the 1980's: Popular Power vs. Corporate Control", he will discuss many of the progressive policies proposed in his book, Economic Democracy.

Mr. Shearer should be particularly interesting to neighborhood-oriented folks. He is Director of Urban Studies at Occidental College and a member of the Planning Commission of Santa Monica, Calif. He & his wife, who is mayor of Santa Monica, were recently featured on a segment of TV's 'Sixty Minutes'. Progressives won a majority of that city's commission and have enacted tough legislation, such as strict zoning and rent controls, that have antagonized the city's pro-development interests.

Shearer will speak on "The Santa Monica Model: Progressive Alternatives to the New Federalism" at the City Planning Department of Ga. Tech on May 20th at 2 p.m.

# D.O.T. TO RELEASE SYCAMORE HOUSES?

During the Marta rail construction, many Decatur houses were destroyed; however thanks to a neighborhood group called 'Save Old Sycamore', two of the more prominent houses were saved by moving them out of the construction area and down further on Sycamore to other Marta property. There, unoccupied and unattached (to plumbing, etc) they have sat for years (see map this page).

It has been determined that Marta doesn't need the houses or the property on which they are located but sale is being held up at the request of the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.). D.O.T. wants the property held in case they are successful in getting the Howard Street Connector built. This is a proposed highway that would run through Decatur along Howard Ave. and over to E. Ponce de Leon at the E. Ponce and Sycamore Drive intersection (see map). The argument for holding the houses is financial -- D.O.T. doesn't want them fixed up because if they had to repurchase them, the state would have to pay a higher price. So there the houses sit.

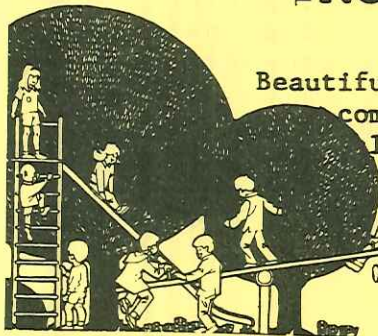
Decatur has long opposed the building of any such thoroughfare and has pressured D.O.T. and Marta to go ahead and release the houses for sale. A compromise seems to be possible whereby Decatur would get the houses put on the market and D.O.T. could retain enough land necessary to build a thoroughfare. This of course, would leave the question of the highway open for debate at some future time. If both sides agreed to this, the houses would be sold by a bidding process (see 'Marta Property Sale' this page), to the highest bidder.

It is an interesting point that, when the houses are sold, the federal government will get 80% of the money since they put up 80% of the purchase funds.



Congratulations to Jim & Cindi Eaton (Heatherdown) on the birth of their second child, Conor James who was born on April 23rd. Conor weighed 7 lb, 13 oz, was 19 and 1/2 inches long, and is welcomed by his older sister, Molly (2 years).

## The Neighborhood Attic



Beautiful things have been coming in--girls 6 to 10, boys NB to 3 & more. New Hours Tues-Fri 10 to 3 See you at your Sale! *Joan*  
227 N McDonough

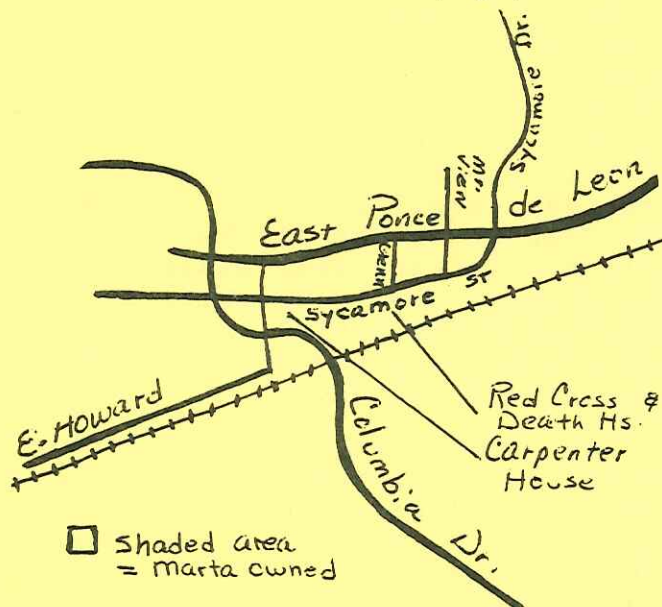
# MARTA PROPERTY SALE

When the Marta rail line was built, there was a great deal of property condemned along the construction route. Some excess property, not needed by Marta, will be sold shortly. The 21 parcels will include the old Carpenter house and lot at 615 Sycamore St. and a house and lot at 124 Sycamore Drive (corner of Sycamore Dr and E. Ponce). See map this page.

The property will be sold by sealed bid to the highest bidder, all sales cash (this means Marta doesn't finance them although you could get financing elsewhere). To bid, you must obtain a bid 'package' containing the necessary forms and information from Marta. Just write Marta at this address and ask to be put on their mailing list for the sale of the excess houses:

Bill Swanson  
Marta Real Estate  
2300 Summit Bldg.  
401 W. Peachtree St., N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30365.

You might also want to be put on the mailing list for the sale of the 'Death House' and the 'Red Cross House'. These two houses will not be included in the excess property sale mentioned above but could come on the market later. (see article this page).



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SHARE YOUR TALENTS, SERVICES, PRODUCTS, ETC. Call Chuck Walker (378-1095) or Susan Purdom (378-2931 or 377-5531). No charge. We run them as space permits.

For Sale: Kirby vacuum cleaner, Model 560. This machine has received tender loving care, has all accessories, even instruction booklet. \$250. Call 378-5975.

For Sale: 1969 VW bus. Needs some work. Will make a good service vehicle. Best offer. 378-5975.

Business opportunity: Would you like a business of your own? Begin at home. Full or part time. Call 373-2974.

Hope you didn't miss the marvelous Journal/Constitution article (April 25) featuring the second-story expansion of two houses in our neighborhood (the Sabo house on Mimosa Place and the Deck house on Avery). Equally impressive is the fact that the author of the article, Alice Wright, is a resident of Winona Park on S. Candler!

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group: Meets third Thurs. of every mo. at Decatur First United Methodist Church. Activities Bldg., Room E, at 7:30 p.m. For more info. call Deborah Sullivan at 377-9901 or 378-4172.

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Growing Herbs in the City, the first in a summer long series of Backyard Farmsteadings Workshops sponsored by the DeKalb Urban Gardening Program, will be held Saturday, May 29, 11:00 A.M. at the Urban Garden Center, 321 West Hill St. The Workshop will cover herb culture, propagation, harvest and use. It is FREE but registration is required. Call Mary Singleton at 371-2821 for more info.

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

Need Carpentry Work? Call Tom Sabo (Mimosa Pl) at 378-9524.

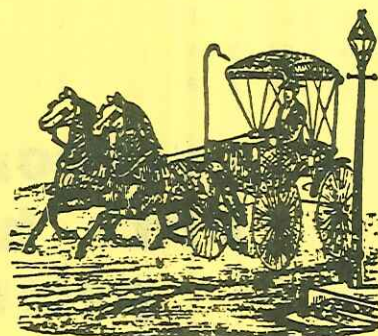
Painting, carpentry & repair. Special rates for senior citizens. References upon request. Call Charles Braucher at 378-0255

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

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

Wanted: Someone to keep toddler in my home. Mon through Thurs. Call 378-2909.

## LIVERY STABLE



May 27th is opening night for The Livery Stable, the new (and only?) theater in Decatur. Located at 222 E. Howard, the first play will be "That Gibson Girl", a big Broadway hit of 1910 (originally called "Her Husband's Wife"). And the prices are quite reasonable: \$5 for week-nights and \$6.50 for week-end nights. Opening time is 8:30 p.m. on Thurs. and Fri, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. on Sat.

Equally impressive as "theater in Decatur" is what the proprietors and director are doing to that run-down ancient building on Howard.

Don't miss it!

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# WPNA ACTIVITIES

## neighborhood watch

At present there is no formal Neighborhood Watch in Winnona Park. There were two initial meetings with Officer Rollins of the Decatur Police (one with Mimosa residents & one sponsored by WPNA for the whole neighborhood), but there has been little or no follow-up that we have been able to uncover. Last month WPNA asked for volunteers from each street in an effort to go ahead with the organization of the Neighborhood Watch for Winnona Park. We received two responses (one from Mimosa Dr and one from Inman).

This may not be a big concern for Winnona Park -- we would like to know if the residents are interested. If you feel the need for such a program, please let us know. Call Jo Deck at 373-8148.

## response to anti - highway petition

In March, WPNA submitted to the Decatur City Commission a petition urging the commissioners to continue opposition to any major thoroughfare through Decatur. This information was passed on to various of our public officials, three of whom honored us with a reply. Here's their reactions: Rep. Eleanor Richardson wrote, "I certainly shall continue to oppose the construction of the Decatur Parkway". Senator Lawrence (Bud) Stumbaugh said he shared our concern about keeping our neighborhood together and wrote, "I hope I can be helpful in your attempts to deter the building of the Decatur Parkway". And from Senator Pierre Howard: "Please know that my opposition to the thoroughfare very much remains".

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## MIMOSA GARDEN CLUB

By: Liz O'Brien

The Yard of the Month Winners for April, 1982, are:

- 1st place: Jean & Eddie Ellis  
(333 Mimosa Dr)  
2nd place: Kathryn Dodd  
(330 Mimosa Dr)  
3rd place: Walter Chadwick  
(421 Mimosa Dr).

Our May banquet will be on Monday the 17th at Hawthorne Cottage on N. Decatur Road. If you have any questions call Kathryn Dodd at 377-3307.



## Oakhurst Community Health Center

The Health Center has increased its services to include free psychological counseling and free dental screening. OB/GYN services are also offered. Appointments are required for these specialty services.

Hours have been extended until 7:00 p.m. every Wed. evening. Regular hours are 9 to 5, Monday through Fri and 9 to 2 on the third Sat. of the mo.



Congratulations to Dave & Carol Ann Trent (Mimosa Dr) on the birth of their second child, Elizabeth Marie on April 22nd at 8:13 a.m. Elizabeth weighed 8 lb, 9 oz, was 20 and 1/2 in. long and is welcomed by her older sister Kathryn (2 years).

Roger P. Edwards

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