



# NEIGHBORS NEWS

## CHURCH STREET HEARINGS CONTINUE

The second public meeting on Church St. was held Aug. 26 and was again chaired by George Eichler with city commissioners O'Callaghan, Cunningham and Broom present.

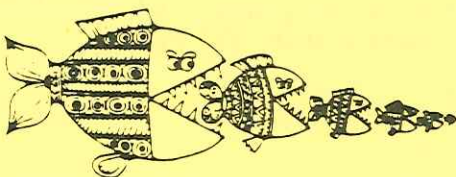
Considerable discussion was devoted to the concern that the written terms of Mr. Eichler's contract with the city indicated that the city had already decided to widen Church St. and were simply trying to appease and blunt citizens criticism by holding public hearings. Mr. Eichler indicated that the language of his correspondence with the city was not what he would have chosen retrospectively but gave assurances that neither he nor the city had prejudiced their decision. All of the commissioners present affirmed that the city had not made a decision and stated that they had come to the meeting because of their interest in citizen input.

Another criticism of the process was the lack of any traffic studies being made prior to Decatur's decision on its policy. Mr. Eichler indicated that he was not making any such studies, and that as far as he knew, neither was DOT. Apparently, the only study available shows a decline in traffic count between 1975 and 1981 from 17,137 to 14,762. Related to this objection was an objection to considering Church St. in isolation without regard to the overall traffic patterns of the area.

Further criticism of the process involved proceeding without participation by DOT. It was conceded that DOT has a stated policy of not approving projects of less than 5 lanes (or 4 lanes without sidewalks). DOT's flexibility in this regard could only be speculated about at the meeting.

The agenda of the meeting involved consideration of Mr. Eichler's memo in which he limited consideration to:

- 1) Intersection improvement;
  - 2) Lanes with center turn lane;
  - 3) Four lanes without a median.
- Nothing was said in favor of options #2 or #3 except by Mr. Eichler. Among the citizen comments as to options #2 and #3 were the following:




**Oct 2  
Pot Luck  
on the Field  
Everyone's Invited,**

If you live in Winnona Park, you are invited to a covered dish supper on the school playground on Saturday afternoon, October 2.

The Neighbors Association will provide drinks, plates, silverware, napkins -- you bring a covered dish or two depending on the amount you eat. Supper will start at 6:00 p.m. but come early (4 - 6 p.m.) and play volleyball, softball, etc.

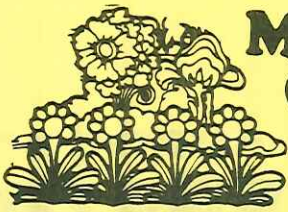
**ADULT VOLLEYBALL - EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
Wed. at 6:00 p.m. & Sun. at 4:00 p.m.  
at the Winnona Park Elem. playground.

- a) Studies show crime rates are higher near major thoroughfares;
- b) bicycle and pedestrian use along Church St. and to Glenlake Park is significant;
- c) Clairmont Elementary School would be impacted and could even lose certification under state standards;
- d) Studies show bad effects from lead poisoning in children next to thoroughfares;
- e) the estimated \$4 million of fed. and state funds required to expand Church St. is not cost effective and ultimately comes from our pockets;
- f) downtown development is proceeding nicely without major thoroughfare improvements;
- g) Decatur's small town atmosphere would be further undermined;
- h) Improvements which have minimal impacts should be tried first; and
- i) Finally, if Church St. is four-laned, what road is next?

The next meeting will be at the police station on October 12, 1982 at 7:30 P.M.

**next meeting Oct.12**





# MIMOSA GARDEN CLUB

By: Liz O'Brien

The annual Mimosa block party was a wonderful success. A new & welcome addition to the party was the play, "Snow White and Rose Red", presented by the neighborhood children. Our thanks to all these fine thespians: Julie Deardorff (S. Candler) as Snow White, Michelle Kaston (Mimosa Pl) as Rose Red, Andrea Kaston (Mimosa Pl) as a bear, Lori Kaston (Mimosa Pl) as the dwarf, Jessica French (Mimosa Pl) as the mother and narrator, Teresa Gaines (Mimosa Dr) as the prince and the fish. The producer & costume designer was Lana Bueno (Mimosa Pl). Stage hands were Gordon French, Larry Cooper, & Bob Mayer. Donations from the play went to Egleston Hospital for Children.

### Big Wheel Race Winners:

#### ages 2 to 4:

1st: Jenny Mayer; 2nd: Hannah Miller; 3rd: Brooke Mayer.

#### ages 5 to 6:

1st: Lauren Horton; 2nd: Doug Gaines; 3rd: Jeremy French.

### Winners of the Sept. Yard of the Month are:

1st: Louise Moore (115 Mimosa Pl)  
2nd: Susan & Tom Clark (225 Mim. Dr)  
3rd: Nan & Bob Suddath (342 Mim. Dr)



## Community Center

The 1982 fall assembly was held Sept. 19th and the following new members were elected to the Board: Milton Cox, Alice Browner, Vivian Pollard, Deborah Sullivan (Driftwood), Clifford Thomas. Re-elected to the Board were Eleanor Richardson and Norm Coffman.

One of the major activities just getting started is a community education program. A council has been formed and the first organizational meeting will be held at the Center at 321 W. Hill, Decatur at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 5th.

## Film Series



### Schedule for the Agnes Scott Film Series

Sept 27: "Cool Hand Luke" (1967)  
Oct 4: "To Sir with Love" (1967)  
Oct 11: "The Stunt Man" (1980)  
Oct 25: "M" (1930)

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

## CAT ATTACKS

Two years ago, dogs (many of them residing with nice folks in Winnona Park) began to roam our neighborhood, often in packs. Sometimes there were two or three to a pack but occasionally as many as five were sighted.

The dogs would meet and then cruise the neighborhood, looking for cats. There were as many horror stories as there were dead or injured cats.

Winnona Park residents lost about 20 to 25 cats that year, some of them long time family pets. A few survived but at great expense (vet bills ran as high as \$150 per cat).

The problem was not given much priority by Decatur police and it got so bad that articles appeared in the county newspapers and one of the television stations covered it on their nightly news! Gradually, the problem died down as more unleashed dogs were picked up.

This bit of history may be repeating itself, under circumstances which suggest that the problem may be worse this time. It seems to have started one Sunday morning in late July, when the Decks' cat was killed on their front lawn on Avery by two dogs. Several other cats have been killed since. One of these, the McKinneys' (S. Candler), was killed when a large black dog tore through their screen porch and attacked their cat. Then, a small dog belonging to the Carters (S. Candler) was attacked by two dark colored "german shepherd" type dogs and escaped death only by the efforts of a neighbor who shot BB's at them. Even a pet rabbit in a wire cage on Kirk was killed by dogs. All this occurred in a little over a month.

If you own a cat: Watch out for dogs and give your animal a safe hiding place at night and in the early morning hours. Remember, loud barking and growling may mean your cat's in trouble. Report all attacks immediately to the police (373-6551). Call Jo Deck at 373-8148 so we can inform the neighborhood.

If you own a dog: Please keep it up or leashed. Unleashed dogs are being reported and picked up. Remember, even our most docile family pets may be cat killers when left to roam.



Congratulations to Linda & Bob Wilson (Heatherdown) on the birth of their second son, Matthew Taylor Wilson. Matthew was born on Aug. 24, 1982, weighed 8 lb. 10 oz. and is welcomed by his older brother, Alex, who is three.



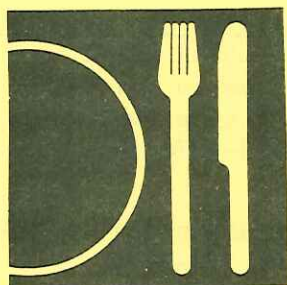


## SCHOOL NEWS Winnona Park

### t-shirts

Blue "Winnona Park" neighborhood t-shirts will soon be available. The Winnona Park PTA is sponsoring a t-shirt design contest among the elementary children. The winning design will be printed on the t-shirts. Children's sizes 6-8, 10-12, 14-16 are \$3.00. Adult sizes 34-36, 38-40, 42-44, 46-48 are \$5.00.

Call Veronica at 377-4825 to place your order. Or, if the t-shirts are ready in time, they will be sold at the spaghetti supper on October 22.



Mark your calendar for an evening of fun & food at our annual SPAGHETTI SUPPER, on Friday, October 22, from 5 to 8 p.m.

This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever with extra special

activities planned for the entire family. These include:

Spaghetti Dinner: \$3/adult, \$1.5/child  
Kids under 2 eat free!!

Arts & Crafts Exhibit: featuring quilting, dulcimer making, pressed flowers, etc. from local artists.

Storytelling to entertain & enchant any age.

Cake Walk for the "funds" of it.

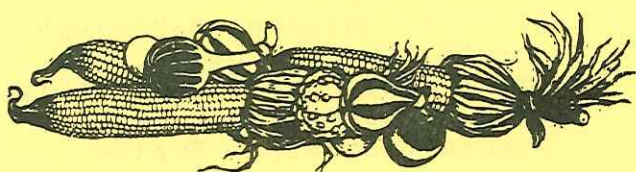
Book Fair: great for Christmas gifts as well as for school library.

Varied art activities for kids to experience and enjoy.

We also hope our new WINNONA PARK T-SHIRTS will be on sale this evening.

Tickets go on sale Friday, Oct. 1, 1982. All Winnona Park school kids will have ticket orders. Tickets also will be available at the school from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or call Ginger Horton (373-1525) or Carolyn French (378-8204).

**P.s.** OPEN HOUSE for Winnona Park Elem. School is Thursday, Oct. 14th at 7:30 p.m. PTA membership is open to anyone who believes in public education and supports our school. Dues are \$2.00 per adult.



## Renfroe Middle School

Renfroe has been going through beginning of the year adjustments. We're finding out schedules for the football games, and the cheerleaders are working up a practice schedule.

Last Thurs. night (Sept. 16) was the PTA Open House. Parents came to meet the teachers, see their kid's school work and discuss the coming year.

Many parents are enthusiastic about our new introductory French class -- though the class really needs new books.

Another new thing is the enrichment set-up -- it's all different this year. Enrichment is now taught by Glen Blankenship and many parents like his ideas. The kids seem to like him too (although his jokes are pretty bad. For ex: Why are Ralph Lauren shirts so expensive? Cause the polo player's wearing an Izod!) So I shall end this segment of 'Renfroe News'.

By: Andrea Kaston  
8th grade

## Decatur High School

The Decatur Bulldogs were undefeated with a 3-0 record as of Sept. 11th. Homecoming is Fri, Oct. 15 and classes will soon be busy building floats for the parade.

For parents of band students, the Band Parents meet at 8:00 p.m. each 2nd Monday of the month. Next meeting will be Oct. 11 in the band room.

The Decatur High Band Parents will hold their annual Spaghetti Supper on Friday, October 15 at 6:00 P.M. at the High School.

## News From Clairmont/ Great Lakes

The Clairmont/Great Lakes Community Association has elected its officers for the coming year:

Pres: David Crenshaw (Superior)  
V. Pres: Alan Harvey (Superior)  
V. Pres: Bill Markert (Vidal)  
Sec./Treas: Ernie Ritter (Superior)



Congratulations to Patty & John Pilger (S. Candler) on the birth of their first child, a boy who's name is Eric Edward. Eric was born July 20, 1982, weighed 6 lb. 8 oz., and was 19' in length at birth.



# NEIGHBORS' EXCHANGE

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.

Piano Lessons: Mary Saunders has a few openings on Mon. & Thurs. afternoons for private piano instruction given in her home near Agnes Scott. Phone 373-4617 after 5 p.m.

Babysitter Needed: from 8 - 12:30 mornings for 6 mo. old in my home. Call Billie Tomberlin at 377-3758.

Looking for Job sitting for elderly man or woman. Willing to work also with handicapped children. Will work either day or night and drive to doctor. Have recent references. Call Patricia Semadi (109 S. Columbia Dr) at 373-7341.

Duplex for Rent: \$425. Includes water & garbage pick-up. Pay own utilities. 526 Hilldale. If interested, call Vicky Thornton at 455-8503.

Tired of giving the same old gifts for special occasions? Next time you have a birthday, anniversary, xmas gift or want to offer congratulations for some special event -- give them a caricature! Cost covers original, personalized caricature of the subject plus mat in acetate covering. Call Nina at 377-5042 after 6 p.m. weekdays.

Plant Sale: large variety of tropical houseplants. All sizes. Bargains galore. Sat., Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 212 Mimosa Dr. For more info., call 377-3362.

For Sale: Upright piano. Excellent condition. \$300. Bookcase/desk. \$20. Call Martha at 378-2133.

Babysit in my Home: by hour, day or week. For more information, call 373-4049.

Interested in Playing on a Women's Soccer Team? Call Melitta at 377-2023.

For Sale: A/C. Kenmore. 17,000 BTU's. Used 2 summers. 4 years old. \$75. Call T. Buechele at 373-7103.

Housekeeper wants to work in Winona Park area. Does cleaning, laundry, & cooking. Call 378-2909.

For Sale: used clarinet. Call 373-6187

Housesitter: collect mail, turn lights on and off, water plants, take care of pets while you're on vacation. Fee negotiable. Call Corey Anderson 378-7418.

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| Name                       | Phone #  |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Beth Hyde (Candler)        | 378-3345 |
| Jessica McGoran (Poplar)   | 373-5978 |
| Karen Purdom (Heatherdown) | 378-2931 |
| Amy Tupis (Adair)          | 373-8059 |

\*\*If you would like to have your name listed in the Sitters Guide, call Susan Purdom at 378-2931 or 377-5531. You must be a resident of the City of Decatur.

Bird Seed: Much cheaper than in stores. 50 lb. of mixed seed (includes sunflower) costs \$14.50. 25 lb. is \$8.50 from the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Deadline for orders is Oct. 6th. Call the Nature Center at 992-2055 or call Jo Deck at 373-8148.

Concerts on the Square: Response has been great to the idea of concerts on the square in Decatur. A committee has been formed to get things going and any and all help is sorely needed. If you're interested, give Liz O'Brien a call at 373-1961.

Looking for some "Do-it-yourself" job security in these uncertain times? Local AMWAY distributor will show you how to get it with income-producing, part-time business of your own. Phone 378-9870 for interview.

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

Amway Distributor: Agnes Gear at 159 Inman Dr. can supply your household, gift, and nutrient requirements. Call 373-2874

Carpentry services available: Call Tim Seaton at 378-0702.

Lawns mowed by responsible 14 year old. Call Brian Andrews at 371-0724.

Painting, carpentry & repair: Special rates for senior citizens. References upon request

After School Recreational Program (roller skating, swimming, movies & other field trips) is again being offered for the upcoming school year by former teacher. Limited space. Will pick up. Call Jennifer Dempsey at 371-0472.

Need a Notary? no charge-Call Joe Cavender at 378-9870.

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

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