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FREE ROCK CONCERT

Dón't miss this freebie! Bring a blanket and your friends and join us for a free rock concert right here in Virginia-Highland on Saturday, July 31st from 6-9 p.m.

Sponsored by the City, the concert will be held in the empty lot on Los Angeles, across from the fire station. Performances will be given by Scenic Drive, Sea of Lions, and Thermos Greenwood and the Colored People. Awards will also be given to the winners of the Urban Walls Contest.

If you would like to help with the last-minute details, call Jim Grant, 875-1476.



Photo by Stu Bungardner

Atlanta's shortest Bicentennial parade kicked off Virginia-Highland's annual July 4th Picnic. See page 2 for story.

Committee Backs Evans

The Steering Committee of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association endorses Todd Evans for State Senate in the Democratic Primary on August 10th.

Todd lives in the neighborhood and is interested in its preservation. He has pledged to work for the return of I-485 highway land to residential use. He promises to introduce much-needed legislation to equalize the tax burdens of the residents of the City with those who use City facilities but live outside its boundaries.

His work for the Civic Association and for the Citywide League of Neighborhoods is proof of his commitment to the urban neighborhoods of Atlanta. Our work with Todd has convinced us that he will actively seek out the advice of his constituents on issues and legislation before action is taken in the Senate.

We believe that Todd Evans is the representative we need in the Senate.

URBAN WALLS

by Bill Deck

Over 350 people attending the Civic Association's July 3rd picnic cast their votes for the winners of a design competition for two wall paintings within the community.

Lynn Durant won first prize for the Hopkins Drapery site across from the fire station with a multi-stripe design which snakes across the wall and ends with a hand holding a

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'76 PICNIC BEST YET



Photo by Stu Bumgardner

Virginia-Highland's old-fashioned 3rd of July Picnic was the biggest and best ever. More than 3,000 peo-

BRECHT NEXT

Open City's A.M. Theatre will present Bertolt Brecht's "The Measures Taken" August 6th-29th, weekends only. Directed by Berl Boykin, this controversial play deals with the conflict between an individual's conscience and a revolutionary organization.

Performances are at 12:10a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 9:00p.m. on Sundays at 1027 St. Charles Avenue. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling 876-3880.

Open City Theatre will be celebrating its first anniversary in our neighborhood with a birthday party the evening of September 4th. Area residents are invited to come for an evening of music, food, and fun.

ple turned out to celebrate the Bicentennial and feast on the traditional barbecue and Brunswick stew. We also had the honor of having our picnic designated an official Bicentennial project by the Bicentennial Commission.

This year's picnic was expanded to include more activities and to stimulate more community involvement than ever before. Atlanta's shortest Bicentennial Parade down Virginia Avenue began the festivities with herbie curbie floats, kazoo bands, our local firemen, politicians, clowns, and a brass band. Games for all ages (including the first annual herbie curbie chariot race), a dunk-the-politician baseball toss, urban walls contest judging, and several performances by the Dance Unit all added to the old-fashioned atmosphere.

The Civic Association thanks the not-so-small army of volunteers who handled a mountain of details before and during the picnic. Special thanks go to Starling Sutton, Bernie Tekippe, and Charles Longley, picnic coordinators; Jackie and Rick Naylor, parade and game coordinators; and Bob and Pasche Connell, John and Dot Matthews, and Wilson and Annette Smith, who prepared the food. In addition we appreciate the help received from the City's Parks and Recreation Dept., the Mayor's Office, the police and fire departments, and Metro Ambulance Service.

To nominate a house for the 1976 Virginia-Highland Tour of Homes, Call Patsy Todd, 874-0325.

TRAFFIC ISLAND

by Adalyn Longley

The Civic Assn. has been trying for several months to persuade the city to plant greenery in the traffic island in the Virginia Ave.-N.Highland Ave. intersection. We believe that this would help the appearance of the business area and be more in character with the neighborhood. A model of our proposal has been prepared and will be on display during the month of August at the Highland Branch Library and at all the Neighborhood Planning Workshops. A pad will be provided at all times so please come by and write down your comments.

Membership Drive

by Rita Tekippe

The membership committee is now sponsoring a drive for new members and membership renewals in order to bring neighborhood residents into active participation of Civic Association events.

A welcoming committee has begun visiting new residents in the area, inviting them to join the Civic Association and supplying them with an information packet listing community services, groups, churches, schools, etc. If you have a new neighbor or know of a longer term resident who would like to be contacted, please call Bill Todd, 874-0325 or Bernie Tekippe, 872-3246.

Optional membership dues of \$10 per year are used to help defray Association expenses and for charitable purposes. Checks may be sent to the address at the top of this newsletter.

Art In Park To Feature V-H

by Nancy Hamilton

The Art in the Park summer program for children will be focusing on the Virginia-Highland neighborhood during the week of August 16th. During the first part of the week, children participating in the program at the Playscapes in Piedmont Park will be involved in arts and crafts projects relating to community and urban lifestyles. On Friday, August 20th, Art in the Park activities will take place in the neighborhood,

probably in Orme Park.

Parents in Virginia-Highland are urged to have their children take part in these creative activities and learn more about their community at the same time.

Artists, craftspeople, parents, and anyone else who would like to help plan and direct these activities are needed to make the event a success. Project or craft ideas relating to urban life are also needed.

If you are interested, call Eleanor Hand, 874-3769

URBAN WALLS *(Continued from page 1)*

flower. Keith Rasmussen's realistic rendering of an ocean scene with palm tree won first prize for the wall next to Bruce Willard's gas station, corner of Virginia and N. Highland. A \$100 prize will go to both winners and \$25 prizes will be awarded to Walton Harris, Gibbs Hasty, Charles Longley and Donald Rogers, who were the other finalists in a competition that included twenty-nine entries from residents in the neighborhood. Awards will be presented at the Virginia-Highland rock concert on Saturday, July 31st.

David Brannon, a commercial painter who is volunteering his time, has completed painting Keith Rasmussen's design and is scheduled to paint Lynn Durant's wall sometime in August.

The Civic Association wishes to thank all those who participated in the competition and hopes that everyone will enjoy the walls. The contest was funded by the City of Atlanta, Bureau of Cultural and International Affairs, Mayor Maynard Jackson, and by the Virginia-Highland Civic Association.

If you need information on Civic Association activities, call one of the following people:

History Project (Gail Novak).....	875-3126
Home Improvement Referrals (Tom Bell).....	876-6626
Membership (Bernie Tekippe).....	874-9564
Neighborhood Planning (Charles Longley).....	875-6345
Newsletter Editor (Kathy Couch).....	873-2043
Newsletter Distribution (Maryann Matthews).....	874-0009
Steering Committee Chairman (Dennis McConnell).....	875-3735
Tour of Homes (Patsy Todd).....	874-0325
Urban Walls Contest (Bill Deck).....	875-1324
Zoning (Bill Hollberg).....	872-6941

community bulletin board

Volunteer needed to help local elderly lady learn lip-reading. No training necessary. Just visit and talk. Call Volunteer Atlanta, 524-6404.

Wanted: Second-hand iron, electric frypan. Cheap. Call 873-2043.

Yamaha Music School begins summer groups for children ages 4-8. Call Judy Parks, 876-4295 for more information.

For Sale: mahogany trim Chippendale sofa (soiled), \$350. White French Provincial bedroom set (bed, desk, dresser, mirror) \$300. Call 874-1193 after 6 p.m.

Volunteer needed to type The Voice each month. Must be a good typist and have use of electric typewriter at home. Call 873-2043. Help is also needed in laying out the paper.

Tee-shirts with the Virginia-Highland neighborhood logo printed in black and red on the front are available for \$4.00 for adults' sizes and \$3.50 for children's sizes. To order yours, call Dick Shanahan, 872-7043.

Wanted: 1 or 2-bedroom apt. (unfurnished). Call 428-9888 after July 31st.

Non-commercial personals accepted free from Virginia Highland residents. For the next issue, send your item with name and phone number by September 1st to:

The Voice
PO Box 8401 Station F
Atlanta, GA 30306

Neighborhood Planning Workshops

The Virginia-Highland Civic Association will be holding a series of planning workshops to allow full citizen participation in drawing up the comprehensive plan for the neighborhood. We are receiving full co-operation from the city and our plan will probably be adopted as a part of the city's comprehensive plan. All workshops will be open to anyone interested in expressing their opinion and working for the benefit to the neighborhood.

The Civic Association first prepared a neighborhood plan two years ago. At that time most of our problems were concerned with simply saving the neighborhood from adverse government action. Now, many of those problems are much less acute, and we have an opportunity to plan in detail for the full stabilization and restoration of the neighborhood. The city is planning to re-write its zoning law. We need to be sure that the parts that apply to us will have the desired effect. The I-485 right-of-way will be redeveloped by someone. We need to be sure that we have a say in what is built. The N. Highland business community could use a lot of sprucing up. There are still many undesirable zoning violations that need to be eliminated. So there are plenty of reasons why neighborhood residents need to continue to be active in planning work.

All Workshops will be held on Saturday afternoon from 1:30 until 4:30 at the Highland Branch Library, corner of N. Highland Ave. and St. Charles Ave., in their new community meeting room. The Library also has copies of the old neighborhood plan and the study that Georgia Tech did for us three years ago. These will be useful background for those interested.

August 7 - General Goals for the
Neighborhood

August 14 - Monroe-Orme Park area

August 21 - Lanier Blvd.-Rosedale
Drive area

August 28 - Virginia Ave.-Drewry
Street area

September 11 - Greenwood Ave.-
St. Charles Ave. area

September 18 - I-485 right-of-way
redevelopment

September 25 - N. Highland Business
area improvement

For information call Charles Longley at 875-6345

The Neighborhood Belongs To You!
