

VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND VOICE

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MAY 1976

Supergraphics Contest

The Steering Committee is pleased to announce an artistic competition to select designs for supergraphics to be painted on two walls in our community.

The competition is made possible in part by a \$500 grant awarded to the Civic Association by Atlanta's Bureau of Cultural and International Affairs and will be held in conjunction with the annual Virginia-Highland 4th of July Picnic. The grant will give local artists the opportunity to visually express their feelings about the neighborhood, while competing for cash prizes of \$100 for the top two designs for each wall. Runners-up will receive \$50 each.

The winning designs will be determined by popular vote at the 4th of July Picnic on Saturday, July 3rd.

These "urban walls" will serve several purposes. They will:

- * focus public attention on the quality of life in our neighborhood and recognize our community's involvement in the visual arts.
- * draw attention and support for our business district.
- * serve as a medium of expression for local artists, with popular support from the general community.

The walls selected for painting are:

- * behind Bruce Willard's service station, corner of Virginia and N. Highland.
- * beside Hopkins Drapery shop on N. Highland and opposite the fire station.

Anyone living in the Virginia-Highland neighborhood is eligible to enter the competition. All entries must be at least 23 inches square and submitted by June 25th. Contestants should take into consideration the surface to be painted. For further information contact Bill Deck, 875-1324.

Picnic

An old-fashioned 4th of July Picnic for the Virginia-Highland neighborhood will be held on Saturday, July 3rd at its usual site on the former I-485 highway land. Some ideas that have been suggested to make it a special event this year include a carnival for children, herbie curbie races, a neighborhood parade, greased flagpole climbing, etc. If you would like to share your own ideas or help in any other way, call Starling Sutton, 876-2743. In particular, someone is needed to coordinate food serving activities at the Picnic.

CIVIC MEETING

May 20th will be your opportunity to meet the Democratic candidates for the 37th District state senatorial seat. Todd Evans and incumbent Ed Garrard will be guest speakers, followed by an open forum, at the next meeting of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association on Thursday, May 20, at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at a new location--the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church at 1026 Ponce de Leon Avenue. A sign will be posted at the church giving the exact location of the meeting.

Coffee and refreshments will be served after the meeting. All residents of the Virginia-Highland community are invited to attend.

The City of Atlanta has agreed to tear up the concrete traffic island at the intersection of Virginia and N. Highland avenues so that it can be landscaped.

The Civic Association will help organize the effort and donate the plantings. If you are interested in designing a landscape, sharing your ideas for a design, or helping with the planting, call Adalyn Longley, 875-6345.

Know of a good carpenter, plumber, electrician, etc.? Call Tom Bell. 876-6626.

Know Your Credit Rights ?

Are you "credit worthy"? Can you be denied credit because you are married, or not married, divorced, or single? Do you have to get a "credit rating" to get a charge account or to borrow money? What can you do if you believe you have been denied credit because of your sex, marital status, race, religion, or national origin?

These and other questions about equal opportunity in credit will be discussed at a Community Conference on "Equal Credit Opportunity and the Law", at Georgia State University Urban Life Center Auditorium on Saturday, May 29, 9 to 4, co-sponsored by the Feminist Committee and GSU Student Services.

The purpose of the Conference is to inform consumers and would-be consumers of credit about their rights under the federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the 1976 Amendments to the federal Consumer Protection Act, and the 1975 Georgia Equal Credit Law. It will also

provide a forum for discussion of problems arising out of these laws and an opportunity for representatives of the government agencies which administer the laws to explain the regulations.

The meeting is open to the public; there is no registration fee.

Can you suggest an interesting house for inclusion on the 1976 Tour of Homes in November? This year's emphasis will be on decor or furnishings of historical interest. Suggestions for expanding tour activities to include such things as arts and crafts, music, etc. are welcome. Call Patsy Todd, 874-0325.

Tom Bell is the new coordinator of the Civic Association's Home Improvement Referral Service. Call Tom, 876-6626, to get or give information on home improvement contractors. Tom especially needs information on the contractors (both good and bad) you've dealt with recently.

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
July 4th Picnic (STARLING SUTTON).....	876-2743
Membership (BERNIE TEKIPPE).....	874-9564
Neighborhood Planning (CHARLES LONGLEY).....	875-6345
Newsletter Editor (KATHY COUCH).....	873-2043
Newsletter Distribution (SHIRLEY HOLLBERG).....	872-6941
Steering Committee Chairman (DENNIS McCONNELL).....	875-3735
Tour of Homes (PATSY TODD).....	874-0325
Urban Walls Contest (BILL DECK).....	875-1324
Zoning (ADALYN LONGLEY).....	875-6345

community bulletin board

Math tutoring, drum and tympani lessons. Call 876-3910 evenings, weekends.

Brookridge Women's Club meets second Tuesday of each month (except July, August). New members welcome. Call 872-2052 or 872-3763.

The Atlanta Cooperative Pre-School Center has openings for 3-4 year olds. Racially and economically integrated, parent-operated learning center stresses social, emotional, creative development. Call the Co-op, 622-7220 or Jo Deck, 875-1324.

For sale: 2.5 cu.ft. refrigerator in excellent condition. 876-3910.

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

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Have you noticed the new red, white, and blue bicentennial painting on the wall of the Jim Wallace gas station at the corner of Virginia and N. Highland avenues? The Atlanta Bicentennial Commission initiated the idea, the gas station donated its wall, and Civic Association members executed the painting. Television and press coverage focused on the event as the first such neighborhood bicentennial effort in Atlanta.