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4,000 Attend 5th Annual July 3rd Picnic

Virginia-Highland Civic Association hosted its 5th Annual July 3rd Independence Day Picnic and Parade.

The last of the traditional old fashioned community celebrations in the Metropolitan Atlanta Area attracted approximately 4,000 people.

The parade was led by Grand Marshal Ludlow Porch, Ring Master for WRNG-Radio. Sixty units followed comprised of various floats, bands, clowns, Krystal Critters, belly dancers, bagpipes, politicians

and the Fulton County Sheriff's Posse.

Urban communities represented by floats were Morningside, Inman Park, Home Park, Candler Park and Midtown, who received the trophy for Best Neighborhood Float.

Chief Noc-A-Homa left his wigwam at the stadium arriving in the Atlanta Braves' Cap car.

Resplendent in blue and black uniforms, TV Channel 11-Alive's award winning 150 piece brass band set the pace for the parade.

Herbie Curbies, Atlanta's answer

to containerized garbage on wheels, played dual roles for the day. First, they paraded in competition for the best decorated, an award won by Mike Couch, who appeared in a Roman toga riding in "Ben Herbie" towed by attractive females. Then the popular Herbie Curbie chariot race was held. The added excitement of spills along the way increased as crowds cheered the winners for the second consecutive year, John Hamilton and son Brett.

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Beasley's Sculpture Selected

Atlanta artist George Beasley's design was selected as the winner of our sculpture contest. The jury ratified the popular vote cast at the July 3rd picnic selecting a ground hugging design constructed of weathered cast iron and steel to be placed in the traffic circle located at Virginia Avenue and Lanier Boulevard.

A premier showing of Beasley's sculpture is scheduled for the month of October at the Atlanta High Museum as part of an invitational show by the Thirteen-Minus-One Art Group. The sculpture will be located on site sometime in November.

Beasley, a nationally known sculptor, is presently Assistant Professor of Art in Sculpture at Georgia State University.

A sculpture similar to his winning design was purchased by the city of Scranton, Pennsylvania and placed at the entrance of its museum.

Being a member of the Atlanta Art Workers Coalition, Beasley has shown works in the Georgia Artists Show, and one-man shows at the old Aronson's Midtown Gallery and Image South.

\$1,000 has been funded by the City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural and International Affairs to offset expenses for construction. Additional funds will come from our Civic Association and the National Endowment for Arts.

HOME PARK FESTIVAL

Home Park plans its first annual Harvest Festival on Labor Day, September 5, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Activities for the day include a giant flea market, live entertainment, exhibits and contests.

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PICNIC

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The challenge extended by the Virginia-Highland Neighborhood volleyball team to neighboring communities was well received with 10 teams responding. Two courts used into the late afternoon for the elimination, saw Home Park the victor, and the recipient of the "fractured" volleyball traveling trophy.

On-stage entertainment for the afternoon included music by Wesley Hardin and Scenic Drive furnished through cooperation with the City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department. Nick's Flamingo Grill closed the performance with very mellow '40's music.

Dunk-the-Politician was a favorite side event. Three balls for a quarter, a strong pitching arm, and an eye on target put both Senator Todd Evans and City Councilwoman Ester Lefever in for a cool dip.

Kids and dogs had their place in the sun, too. Mutts of various colors and dimensions paraded in costume. Kids spent the afternoon competing for prizes in the egg toss, bucket relay, sack race, 3-legged race, and egg and spoon race.

Wilson Smith and his able cook-out committee prepared his re-known recipe for barbequed pork rounding out the menu with Brunswick stew, hot dogs and cole slaw.

A favorite place to be the night before the picnic, of course, is the cook-out site. Friends followed the aroma, stopping off to kibitz and offer moral support to those who spent the night watch feeding coals at just the right time to produce the succulent barbeque.

Jackie Naylor and Wilson Andres, coordinators of the picnic and parade, can mark up another successful project that serves to involve neighbors and friends in the kind of close-knit community spirit that serves to keep our neighborhood a good place to live.

Community Bulletin Board

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NO AUGUST MEETING
No regular meeting of the Civic Association will be held during the month of August.

Atkins Park Delicatessen
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COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

(Ed. Note: School news is a regular column organized by the Education Study Committee to keep the neighborhood aware of what is happening, and when, in the school community).

No more important decisions will be made by the electorate this October 4th, than who will represent us, the citizenry, on the Atlanta School Board. All nine members of the Board are to be elected; three members at large, and six members from educational districts.

We are in Educational District Three which is comprised of City Council Districts Five and Six. We are becoming aware that one of our neighborhood's greatest assets is its schools. Who represents us on the Board is, therefore, of critical concern to us. Our Board representative will set the policies which guide our schools, and will spend more money to do so than the City of Atlanta Government.

We need strong leadership from the Board of Education. Leadership that has the managerial skills to realize the community's concerns about its schools. Leadership that can deal effectively with a budget larger than that of the City of Atlanta. Leadership that believes in the value of public education and will be a strong advocate of our schools. And most importantly, leadership that will encourage interest in the schools and support its growth.

There are two candidates running for the Board of Education from District Three, Mrs. Angela Ionnides and Mr. Joe Martin, both residents of Morningside-Lenox Park.

Mrs. Ionnides presently represents District Three, and is seeking reelection. Her primary concern is that each child in the school system be afforded an equal opportunity to reach his learning potential. She also feels the Board should strive to lower the teacher-pupil ratio.

Concerned citizens of the Third Educational District urged Mr. Martin to run because of his strong belief that the public schools are vital to the stability and growth of our community coupled with his experience as a businessman in administrative and fiscal management. In observing the school system, he sees the formulation of policies to maximize the use of the resources already available in the system as being his greatest concern in running for the School Board.

Application for Membership

I am interested in joining the Virginia-Highland Civic Association.
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Governor Visits Highway Land

As guest of Senator Todd Evans and Representative Sidney Marcus, Governor George Busbee toured the I-485 right-of-way in the Virginia-Highland and Morningside neighborhoods on July 5th. At the conclusion of this tour, Senator Evans, Representative Marcus and neighborhood representatives made a presentation to the Governor about neighborhood efforts to plan for the reuse of this property. The Governor indicated that he was most impressed by these neighborhoods, and was particularly encouraged to see both housing renovation and the increasing number of families with young children who have chosen to live within the city. He further indicated that he liked the concept of the reuse plans.

Approximately 70 persons from our neighborhood and Morningside heard the presentation. All concerned stressed to the Governor the continued hardship imposed on all neighborhood residents by the deteriorated housing and posted vacant land.

