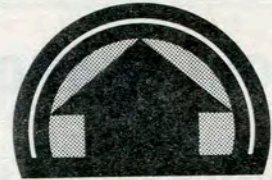


The Virginia·Highland Voice



Newsletter of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association

P.O. Box 8401, Station F / Atlanta, Georgia 30306

September, 1979

GENERAL MEETING

Atlanta Police Chief George Napper will be our guest speaker at the regular general meeting of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association on Thursday, Sept. 20th at the Highland Branch Library. Chief Napper, Zone Commander Major Sykes and one of our neighborhood's beat officers, either Officer E. J. Malcolm, Officer J.P. Buchanan or Officer A. K. Batson will discuss the crime situation in Atlanta.

Following their talk, a question and answer session will be held. Chief Napper has asked that citizens come to tell the police about specific problems they feel we have in Virginia-Highland. He is especially interested in working with us to set priorities and begin working out solutions for those problems we feel are most critical. Please come and express your views.

Also, a representative from the Clean City Commission will be at the meeting to distribute brochures and answer questions about an Oct. 5 "Litter Conference." (see article this issue of VOICE)

Door prizes, originally donated by local merchants for the In-Town Celebration, will be awarded. Hope to see you there.

SPECIAL!! POLITICAL FORUM

The Virginia-Highland Civic Association and the Morningside-Lenox Park Civic Association are co-sponsoring a political forum for area residents. The forum will be held at the Inman School auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 27, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Invited to speak and to answer questions from the audience, will be the candidates running for the Atlanta City Council seat vacated by Panke Bradley, candidates running for the state legislative post at-large (county-wide) to replace Gerald Horton, and other appropriate candidates.

We will also have a pro-con debate by selected city officials on the proposed local option sales tax amendment. This should prove to be an interesting and informative evening for everyone attending.

A drawing for prizes donated by Record Heaven, Highland Arts & Frame, Jagga Printing, Langford 76 Station, and Open Window will be held at the Sept. General Meeting. Support these fine merchants.

ANOTHER TIME... ANOTHER PLACE

BOULEVARD PARK

On August 14, 1914, by Act of the Legislature, the city limits of Atlanta were extended to include the area east of Piedmont Park and the Southern Railway and north of Tenth St. and Virginia Ave.

Six days later, 65 acres of the land were sold to the North Boulevard Park Corporation by owner Dr. Henry Wilson, and it became known as Boulevard Park.

Of course, now Boulevard Park is one small tip of Virginia-Highland. But in the days prior to this historic sale, the area was primarily dairy farm land, separated from Piedmont Park and the rest of the city by a creek and the Southern Railroad tracks.

In order to connect this new section of Atlanta with the rest of the city, the City of Atlanta, Southern Railroad and the North Boulevard Park Development Corp. built the bridge that now connects Piedmont Park with Park Dr. On your next trip across this bridge, impress your companions with the fact that the bridge is listed on the Historic American Engineering Record, a national register of significantly engineered structures.

Also on Park Dr., between Orme Cir. and Monroe Dr., is the first residence in the Boulevard Park development. The two-story, white clapboard house (very unlike the bungalow style homes that later surrounded it) was built in 1915 by a mortgage banker named DeSassure.

The DeSassure family obviously liked Park Dr., since they lived in the house until three years ago when the banker's widow, Hattie, died. The new and current owners are Tim and Carolyn Crimmins, and historian Tim has unearthed a great deal of information about the area.

Another section of Boulevard Park was Orme Circle, named after Aquilla J. Orme, one of the active promoters of the development. World War I managed, however, to interfere with that promotion, and it wasn't until 1920-1925 that a number of homes were built in this area. Although mostly done in the popular 1920's bungalow style, several variations in architecture gave the neighborhood a special character not seen in the previously developed Atkins Park.

Some of the original home owners of the area are still residents and are an important part of that wonderful mixture of young and old that makes Virginia-Highland so special.

Since my own home is in this section, I researched the city directories (downtown Pub. Lib.) of the 1920's to find out about the first owners of my house and others on the block. I highly recommend this kind of research as valuable and fascinating free entertainment. It introduced me to Nell Hafley, one of the original residents of Boulevard Park, and always a good neighbor.

If you'd like to introduce one of your neighbors to the readers of the VOICE, contact me soon.

--Diane Grimes

CHANGES AT THE TOP

Several changes in the Virginia-Highland Civic Assn. were recently announced, including the election of Susan Walker as chairman of the Steering Committee. Susan was formerly the editor of the VOICE and has been chairman of the Education Study Committee.

Gail Novak, who has ably led the Steering Committee for nearly two years and has served as chairman of several other committees, will put her experience to good use as Zoning Chairman for Virginia-Highland.

The recent editor of the "Another Time, Another Place" section of the VOICE, Diane Grimes, is the new VOICE editor, and Bob and Suzanne Hugueley will be co-chairing the Commercial Revitalization activities of the neighborhood.

Susan, Gail, Diane, Bob, and Suzanne all welcome your participation and involvement in the Virginia Highland Civic Association, and hope to meet you at the next General Meeting (Sept. 20th).



Susan Walker, newly elected Chrm. of Virginia-Highland Steering Comm.

Photo by Boyd Lewis

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

August 1979

--Susan Walker was elected chairman of the Steering Committee by unanimous vote. She is replacing the current chairman, Gail Novak.

--The treasurer reported, as of Aug. 9, there was a current balance of \$4,353 in the Civic Association treasury.

--Contributions of \$20 each are going to be made to the following participants in this year's In-Town Celebration:

- Northside Shepherd Center
- Theatrical Outfit
- Kelly's Seed and Feed
- Atlanta Zoo
- Southern Christian Home

--Due to unexpected expenses, the Atlanta Coalition for the Transportation Crisis asked for an advanced payment from the Civic Association. The Steering Committee voted to advance \$100 to ACTC.

--Land designated for parks along I-485 property is being sold for development. Neither the state nor the city has responded to requests to hold some of the land back from public auction so it can be developed into parks. The Steering Committee is currently seeking the assistance of Rep. Wyche Fowler in this matter.

--A political forum will be held in September at Inman School to discuss issues and to meet candidates running in the Oct. 2 election. (see article this issue)

COMMENTARY

For many of us living near the I-485 Highway land, it has been both a bothersome eyesore and a source of enjoyable open space. A good example of this land is the stretch along Virginia Ave. where we've held our In-Town celebrations and where a good volleyball game can usually be found. This stretch of land gives our community desperately needed open space which we have grown accustomed to using. But in reality the land is the property of the Dept. of Transportation, as was the recently sold parcel of park-designated land on St. Charles.

The point is, the potential for our community to lose our Virginia Ave. park grows as visions of townhouses and sevilles dance in the heads of realators and developers.

Those of us who are concerned about this situation would like to know how the citizens of this area feel. If you have an opinion and feel it's worth your time, please let us know by writing to us at: The Parks & Recreation Committee, P.O. Box 8401, Station F, Atlanta 30306. We need your opinions.

--Jerry Bright, Chr.
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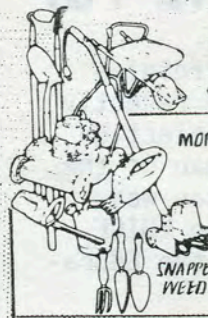


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Swim Club Membership Meeting

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As a result of the August 28th meeting at Morningside Presbyterian Church, the Morningside Swim Club, Inc. determined that while there was considerable support for the pool still more is needed. It has been the intention of the club directors to provide a swimming pool and recreation facility convenient to residents of Morningside and the surrounding In-Town neighborhoods and over the past two years considerable time has been spent researching the possibilities.

Phase I, including the location selection, site planning, pool design and preliminary cost analysis is complete. The pool complex will be located just off Wellbourne Drive near Cheshire Bridge on a 3 acre wooded site. The club intends to construct a 25-meter swimming and diving pool, a 25-yd. swimming pool, a juvenile pool, a wading pool, 3 tennis courts, a children's playlot, two multi-use grass courts, bathhouse facilities, a snack bar and parking lot. This facility is based on a membership of 500. Fewer members will necessitate scaling down the complex.

Phase II will involve obtaining construction blueprints, options to purchase the property and all necessary permits and zoning approvals. These steps will require working capital and a broad base of support; all families interested in the pool will be asked to contribute a \$30.00 reservation fee at the meeting. The reservation fee is non-refundable, but will guarantee the reservation of a membership and will be credited toward the membership fee. If sufficient money is not collected to implement Phase II, however, each contributor's prorata share of the reservation fee will be refunded.

Membership cost is projected at \$750.00 with monthly dues of \$10.00. Upon resignation the membership may be redeemed according to the provisions of the bylaws. There will be several options for making payment.

Phase II cannot be undertaken without a commitment by a substantial number of families and if sufficient interest is not shown at the meeting we will not be able to proceed. If you cannot attend the meeting you can show your support and reserve a place by mailing a \$30.00 check payable to: Morningside Swim Club, Inc., P.O. Box 15116, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

If you would like further information, please call any one of the following:

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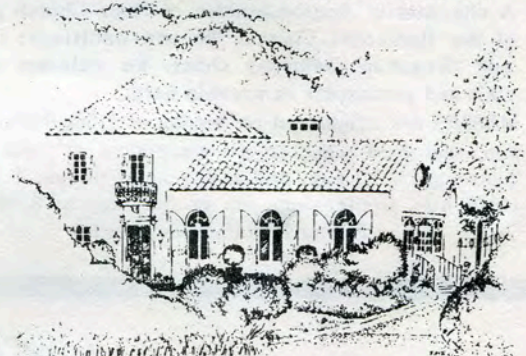
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NON-COMMERCIAL PERSONALS accepted free from Virginia-Highland residents. The deadline for the next issue is Oct. 1. Send your item, with name and phone number, to Virginia-Highland VOICE, P.O. Box 8401, Sta. F., Atlanta, 30306. Or call Diane Grimes, 872-2001.



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Thanks to Susan Walker, editor for past 18 months, who will be even more active with the Civic Assn. than she has been (see this issue)

Continuing with the VOICE are Ann Boutwell (Commercial Advertising Mgr.) and Tom Vitale (design and layout editor). Their fine work is the mainstay of a team effort. If you would like to join our team, call me at 872-2001.

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CLEAN CITY: ATLANTA

A "Litter Conference," co-sponsored by Atlanta Clean City Commission and Georgia State U., on Oct. 5, (Friday) is a "grass-roots" opportunity for the neighborhood to participate and develop an active plan to help control the city's litter problems. Many local organizations and neighborhood associations will join forces to activate beautification and litter projects.

A second conference will be held in May to assess the achievement of the team members, recognize outstanding projects, and maintain organized programs.

For information, call Anicia Lane (ACCC) at 658-6389.

"KUDZU KAPER" RETURNS

The emphasis for this year's "kudzu kaper" is tree preservation. An hour or more of your time on Saturday, Sept. 29 will not only aid in the fight to save the Great Park's trees from kudzu, but may also win a prize for Virginia-Highland. The best neighborhood representation will be rewarded, and individuals are also eligible for special gifts.

Activities begin at 9am at Moreland and North Ave, and will include a cross-country run (9am), a nature hike (2pm), food and entertainment (1-4pm), and of course, a concerted effort to tackle kudzu (9:45-1pm).



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COMMITTEE NEWS



PARKS & RECREATION REPORT

A coalition of neighborhood organizations that border Piedmont Park have held several meetings within the last month in order to develop park improvement recommendations for the Parks Dept.

The recommendations centered around the theme that Piedmont Park "should serve the surrounding neighborhoods as an uncommercial, natural setting with a recognition of the importance of open spaces and vistas." Based on this theme and data collected from surveys, we made the following recommendations: (1) the neighborhoods oppose any attempt to close the golf course, (2) the sale of beer or wine at the Pro-Shop should be prohibited, (3) no further commercialization, such as a roller skating concession, should be allowed within the boundaries of the Park, and (4) we recommended that traffic be restricted to one two-way road running from the Charles Allen entrance around the east end of the Park to the exit on Piedmont north of the Botanical Gardens. The entrance at 12th St. & Piedmont would remain open, but only to allow for the use of the parking areas behind the baseball fields. Park Dr. would also remain open to serve as an entrance and exit. The change in the traffic pattern stems from the problems of auto congestions, prostitution, and unnecessary cruising that inhibits the use of the Park as a people-oriented area.

These recommendations were passed along to the Parks Dept., and we hope that they will form the basis on which to improve the only green area many of us have to enjoy.

VOICE DISTRIBUTION

If you have not been regularly receiving your newsletter at home, take heart. According to Chairman of the Newsletter Distribution team, John Howell, a reorganization of delivery practices is underway.

Currently, John gets copies of the VOICE to four area distributors, who in turn deliver copies to the block distributors for door to door delivery. Some areas have received too many copies and some have not received any at all. A mini-census of houses in the neighborhood is a part of the reorganization.

If you are currently part of the delivery team and have suggestions to help with this improvement plan, or if you would like to join the delivery effort, contact John at 872-8777.

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