

# The Virginia-Highland Voice



Newsletter of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association

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## SOME OF THE "BEAUTIFUL" PEOPLE



MS. TASTEFULLY TACKY PAGEANT PHOTOS - JEFF WHALEN

## ANOTHER TIME... ANOTHER PLACE

### NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCHES DRUID HILLS BAPTIST

There is a very apparent determination and dedication of present-day Virginia-Highland residents to the growth and development of the neighborhood. It is through this Community belief in a worthwhile effort that has caused the area to become one of the more attractive intown neighborhoods.

Similar to today's community spirit in the neighborhood, was the will of the residents of Virginia-Highland in the early nineteen hundreds.

The residential section along Highland Avenue, north of Ponce de Leon, had a marked development during that era. As the area grew, the needs of the residents also grew. It was through a dedication to the neighborhood progress that the Highland Park Baptist Church was organized in 1908, at Highland and Greenwood Avenue. The membership made a valiant effort, but their work was unsuccessful and the little church was dissolved on June 7, 1914.

However, in April of 1914, a group of men, the majority members of the failing Highland Park Baptist, met and discussed the advisability of organizing a new church. After the demise of Highland Park, a group of 22, presided by Dr. W. N. Edenfield, met and covenanted to support a new church. It was through this common belief that the neighborhood should have a strong and successful Baptist church available, that a new church was born, to be known as the Druid Hills Baptist Church.

The new church was constituted the first Sunday in August, 1914. The first governing body was composed of Dr. B. D. Gray, Dr. V. C. Norcross, and Dr. Weston Bruner.

The spirit and determination of the organizers of the Druid Hills Baptist Church was illustrated in their choice of a minister - Dr. Fernando Coello McConnell, then pastor of the First Church, Waco, and one of the leading Baptist divines in the country. He assumed the pastorate in January 1915.

The Druid Hills Baptist Church occupied the building of the defunct Highland Park Church at Highland and Greenwood Avenue for awhile. In 1981, the lot where the church is presently located, at the corner of Highland and Ponce de Leon, was purchased. Temporary buildings were erected and used until 1925, when the first phase of the present structure was completed. The finished building was dedicated in July 1928.

As we continue to travel to "Another Time --- Another Place," there is one characteristic that appears common to most eras of the Virginia-Highland area --- the determination and dedication of its residents to make the neighborhood a better place to live.

-- Craig Strain

(Resource Material:  
Atlanta and Its  
Environments, Vol. 1,  
II, III. Garrett)

# THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW

...that we appreciate the many good comments about the VOICE. We hope to incorporate some of your suggestions, and with the addition of regular volunteer staff (see Staff Box), new ideas may turn into an even better paper. Watch for gradual changes.

...that the Virginia-Highland Civic Association has received an award from the City of Atlanta and the Clean City Commission. Jerry Bright, Chairman of our Parks and Recreation Committee, accepted the "Outstanding Citizenship Award" for our efforts to beautify and renovate the traffic island at Virginia and North Highland Avenues. The plaque, which recognizes recipients of this award, hangs in City Hall.

...that Rick Anderson, who designed the new traffic island, welcomes volunteers interested in the maintenance of the island. You know -- weeding, trimming, etc. His number is 876-8794.

...that many of us thought that Jerry Bright was the cutest baby in the In-Town Celebration Baby Picture Display. Jerry was the curly-haired fellow who dominated the display.

...that the two people who deserve our thanks for a wonderful In-Town Celebration are Ann Boutwell and John Howell.

...that a lot of advance planning and organizing goes into putting on a parade, and Suzanne Hugueley again made it a success.

## THE REAL JERRY BRIGHT STANDS UP!



...that everyone had an unbelievably great time at the Ms. Tastefully Tacky Pageant (thank you Claudia Regan) but nobody had as much fun as Jeff Whalen, taking pictures of the "beautiful people."

...that we're looking for old, printable photos taken of Virginia-Highland buildings, people, whatever, to print in the VOICE. Call me if you have good things to share.

-- Diane Grimes



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- ...Sue Powers, representing Cresthill Avenue -- Ms. Tastefully Tacky 1980.
- ...Tony Snodgrass and Mount Saint Herbie -- Most Original Herbie the Curbie.
- ...Canine Caravan Owners:  
  - Amy and Zoe Voight (1st)
  - Justine Meaux (2nd)
  - Barbara Hershey (3rd)
- ...Best School Entry:  
  - C. W. Hill (1st)
  - The Canterbury School (2nd)
  - Inman School (3rd)
- ...Child's Entry (Special Award):  
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- ...Business Entry:  
 Carpenter's Produce

Many neighborhood businesses participated by donating goods for the raffle. Others donated cash for expenses; thank you Walter Mitty's, Fourteen West Realty, Fulton Federal Savings and Loan, Bud Bailey Realty, Jim Wallace Service Station, Patrick Realty, and Georgia Federal Savings and Loan.

For the new event this year, the Street Dance held Saturday night at the "cook-site", thank you to Vance Stillinger and Ship Shipley of the DeKalb Shrine Club. The Phil Guthrie Band patiently stayed with us for nearly 24 hours and helped us out above and beyond, etc...

The piano, chairs and tables for the picnic were provided by Henry Shadrick and the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church.

The cooks, the food servers, the photographer (Orin Kell), the people and creatures in the parade, the judges, the spectators --- what a great neighborhood we are!

# FROM JOHN & ANN

A big "Thank You" to all you folks who helped with the In-Town Celebration. We achieved our goal --- "letting neighbors get to know each other better and having fun doing it." We are not listing all the names this year, because we do remember who you are and there are more than 300 of you.

The volunteer spirit in Virginia-Highland is contagious and you are the carriers. KEEP SPREADING IT AROUND!

Sincerely,

John and Ann  
Planning Committee  
In-Town Celebration



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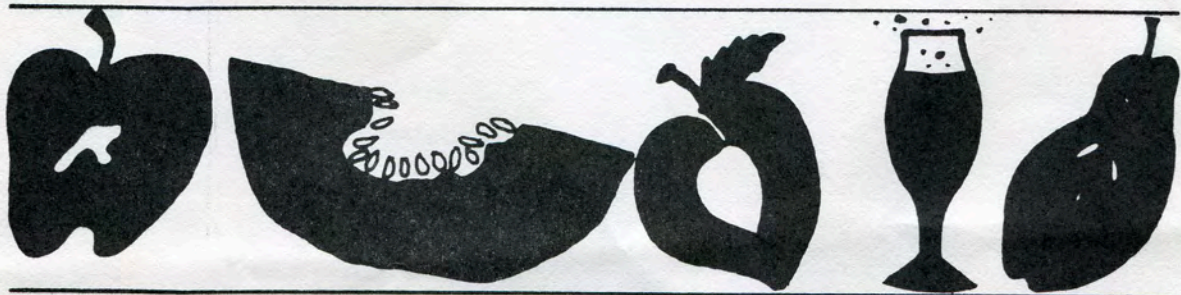
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"When we bring them in from the Rainbow Trout Farm, they're still swimming around in the bucket," says Kevin Daley, one of the new owners of the neighborhood landmark. "All our food is fresh. We don't have a freezer in the place."

Kevin's partner, Susan Haynie, has put together a menu that features more than 30 items from deli sandwiches to daily specials to full dinners. Susan, formerly a chef with Sidney's "Just South", has taken a wide spectrum of tastes into consideration, and here's what she's come up with:

- appetizers, from bean nachos with cheese to escargot in mushroom caps
- deli sandwiches, from the reuben to a monte cristo (ham, turkey and swiss on white bread coated with egg batter and deep fried, served with raspberry jam)
- homemade soups
- fresh salads, chef, spinach and house
- entrees, barbecue ribs to a rib-eye steak
- homemade desserts, New York cheese-cake to carrot cake
- mixed drinks, beer and wine by the glass or by the bottle

The Deli is offering daily specials which change every day and are available at both lunch and dinner, and there's a Chef's Special Board with three or four special items which change every 3 days.

"In our restoration we've tried to maintain the character of the place," says Kevin. "We've put in a new staircase, but other than that everything will be in the same place. The floor and ceiling are the same. We're even using the same booths, we've just reupholstered them."

Even so, the facelift is extraordinary.

The decor includes a history of Atlanta in pictures and newspapers and some of the woodwork is reminiscent of another era.

That's the new Atkin's Park Deli. It's opened from 11:00 a.m. til 1:00 a.m.

-- Al Cedarholm



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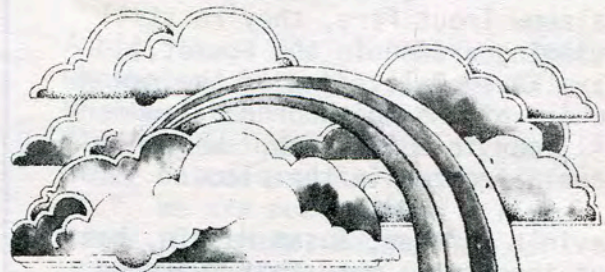
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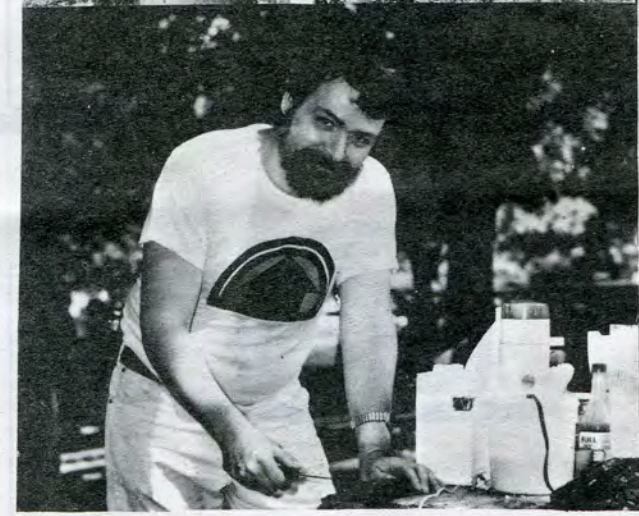
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## CALENDAR

AUGUST --- No General Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 (Tuesday) VOICE Deadline
- 3 (Wednesday) Community Leadership Training.  
7:30 p.m. Highland Branch Library (See  
Article this Issue)
- 6 (Saturday) Midtown Y.W.C.A. City Fair!  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Midtown Y. 892-3476



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Another item of note: Virginia-Highland will be one of a selected group of inner-city neighborhoods throughout the country participating in a nationwide crime survey. Dr. Jay R. Williams of the Research Triangle Institute, has conducted initial interviews with me, Sgt. Dean of T.H.O.R., and Lt. Wright of Patrol Division, Zone #2, and has also observed at close range, police activity in our neighborhood. This crime survey is being conducted for the National Institute of Justice, and Dr. Williams is presently planning a survey questionnaire to be given to about 200 households in our neighborhood.

He has assured me that we will receive copies of the results for our own information and use. For further information on this please call me at 875-3126.

-- Gail Novak

NOTE: Several steering committee members attended a meeting held at Linda Cook's house on St. Charles Avenue to discuss how to combat the problem of the numerous prostitutes who solicit on this street. The Civic Association pledged to work with these neighbors, the police and our elected officials to clear up this situation.

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**COMMITTEE NEWS**


## POLICE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Of the 54 returned questionnaires from our March issue of the VOICE, the results were as follows:

#1 Do you feel that crime is a problem in our neighborhood?  
72.5% answered "yes" and 27.5% answered "no".

#2 The priority ranking of the various types of crime came out as follows with #1 being first priority.

1 - Home Break-in, 2 - Murder,  
3 - Rape, 4 - Muggings, 5 -  
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Prostitution, 10 - Pornography,  
11 - Gambling, 12 - Parking  
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Other - Child Molestation  
1 response (#1)

#3 Are the following serious problems present in police services?

Never get to know officers -  
54.2% yes, Police don't  
investigate fully - 60.4% yes,  
Police patrol only main  
streets - 64.5% yes, Police  
never leave cars - 43.4% yes,  
Officers transferred too  
often - 22.9% yes, Police  
don't respond to calls - 31.3%  
yes, Police don't care about  
problems - 43.8% yes.

#4 Community rating of police protection:

Excellent - 1.9%, Good - 37.0%,  
Fair - 50.5%, Poor - 11.1%.

#5 Do you think city residents can help reduce crime?  
98% - yes and 2% - no.

#6 Do you think neighborhood programs like T.H.O.R. and Block-watch are good?  
100% - yes.

#7 Would you be interested in having T.H.O.R. set up a Block-watch program on your street?  
81.1% - yes, 0% - no, 19.9% - already have.

#8 Do you feel your home is adequately secured and protected against burglary?  
45.2% - yes and 54.7% - no.

#9 Would you be interested in having T.H.O.R. do a "free" security survey of your home?  
58.4% - yes, 16.9% no, 24.7% already have.

#10 Asked for your comments.

The replies we received were extremely varied. Copies of all questionnaires were given to Lt. Wright, Zone #2, Patrol Division, for his handling, where possible.

Also another set of copies were passed onto Sgt. Dean, Zone #2, T.H.O.R. Unit for his handling of requests for Questions #7, Block-watch Program and #9, Security Survey. I have been assured that these requests will be expedited by his office as soon as possible.

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