

# The Virginia·Highland Voice



Newsletter of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association

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

January, 1980

## GENERAL MEETING - ZONING ISSUES

The January general meeting of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association will be held at 8pm at the Highland Branch Library on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1980. The topic will be the proposed new zoning ordinance for the City of Atlanta.

Our guest speaker will be Susan Hood who is with the city's Bureau of Budget and Planning. She will have maps of the proposed new zoning districts for Virginia-Highland and will present a description of major changes which will be effected if the ordinance passes.

Since several important changes in both zoning districts and zoning administration are involved, we urge you to come to the meeting, find out about how this ordinance would affect your property and your neighborhood, and give the City your feedback.

-- Susan Walker, Chairman  
Civic Association

Don't forget to VOTE in the City Council Presidential Election on Tuesday, February 5th.

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY SWING

Dance the night away with your intown neighbors at the St. Valentine's Day Swing, "the prom you never had," on Saturday, February 16, 1980 at the Cabana Motel at 7th & Peachtree.

The price is \$12 per person which includes four hours of big band music by the Modernaires (9pm-1am), hor d'oeuvre buffet catered by Proof of the Pudding (8pm-10pm), first drink included with ticket. Cash bar: Beer/Wine \$1 -- Mixed Drinks \$1.25. Free security parking will be provided.

This non-profit social event is sponsored by the Virginia-Highland, Midtown, and Morningside Civic Associations. Tickets can be purchased at the Highland Art & Frame, Vermilion, The Highland Hardware, The Dessert Place, and Superior Foods. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 1980

For information, call Karen Gwertzman at 875-7804 or Agnes Miller at 875-2276.

YOUR Civic Association needs some of YOUR volunteer time. See pleas for help throughout this issue of the VOICE.

## ANOTHER TIME... ANOTHER PLACE

### THE LITTLE MOVERS & SHAKERS

Stories concerning the little movers and shakers of Virginia-Highland's social heritage are definitely out there -- in scrap books and un-recorded memories. In an attempt to unlock and document the past, the History Committee launched into an oral history project and found, not only neighbors interested in telling a story, but one who has the expertise in the professional research methods.

Alice Knierim makes history her daily business, and the Virginia-Highland Civic Association is fortunate to have this Cooledge Ave. resident's advice and guidance in the training of volunteers in oral history interviewing techniques.

Knierim is an Educational Consultant for the Georgia Department of Archives and History and works directly with the grant-funded Discovery/Georgia History Day Program. This program deals primarily with youth and educational programs that get people in the community involved with their social heritage. There are numerous possibilities of building up a network of schools, libraries, churches, businesses, and residents in the Virginia-Highland area who can work together on an oral history program.

"By using oral history research methods we can learn about the real people in the community -- the little movers and shakers not documented in history books," states Knierim. "Mountain top history is usually what one encounters in books. It is selective. Judgements are made about the most important people

and events. History books seldom get down into the valley where the real people are and the day by day events are happening. The grass roots of history down in the valley -- that's where it is happening."

According to Knierim, oral history programs reevaluate the notion of history. "It is not just the dramatic, romantic mountain top events that happened a long, long time ago."

Oral history focuses more on the social lives of the people down in the valley. How did they cope with the mountain top events and problems, such as: World War II, the Depression, Civil Rights, the Women's movement, highways, and Great Parks?

A vital target for oral history interviews is our senior citizens. They have the experience and wisdom, and their participation makes them realize that it is not just "lip service" when people say they are needed. Understanding and a sense of value can develop through the personal contact and dialogues. It is a two-way street for both the interviewer and the narrator, and, ultimately, for the whole community.

"Through this sharing grand things happen both ways," Knierim concluded.

Alice Knierim and the Discovery/Program also want to share by working through our schools, churches and civic association. The "know-how" and knowledge is at the Georgia Dept. of Archives and History, but the enthusiasm and willingness to get involved must be initiated by local interest groups who are willing to work.

-- Ann Taylor Boutwell  
History Committee

## WHO IS BETRAM JACOBSEN ?

HINTS: He lived in the apartment building right next to Capo's which is now owned by Peter and Eleanor Hand. He attended Inman School and Boys' High. He has been associated with a special event which epitomizes the all American girl. He did not receive an invitation to emcee the 1980 event. He has found staunch support from Johnny Carson's TONIGHT SHOW.

Yep, you are right! Bert Parks.

## COMMITTEE CHANGES

Welcome to the Steering Committee, Claudia Regan, secretary, who replaces Karen McCall. Karen and her family have moved to Birmingham, Ala. and will be greatly missed by all.

Rita Tekippe is our new treasurer, and if her name is familiar it's because the Tekippe family has been involved in our neighborhood activities for a long time. Outgoing treasurer, Wilson Andress, has been doing a great job for the civic association and deserves a thanks from all of us for dealing with less than routine financial situations.

Also leaving the steering committee are Sue McConnell and Pat Scott (thank you both for quality time and effort). Jean Anderson will be taking on the job of membership chairman and looks forward to hearing from all of you.

## TOUR OF HOMES MARCH 22 & 23

We are planning the 9th Annual Virginia-Highland Tour of Homes.

This year is a milestone for the tour. The original purpose of the tour was to publicize Virginia-Highland as a viable in-town residential neighborhood, which at that time was to be paved over with I-485.

This year the theme of the tour is RECYCLED HOUSES, in which we hope to feature some houses which have been rehabilitated from the former right of way.

Now, to insure a successful tour we need three things -- a good neighborhood, 10 to 15 houses, and some people to make it happen. We have the neighborhood! Now, all we need are the homes and the people!

If you will help, please call David Cox at 875-9370, and we can make this the best tour yet!

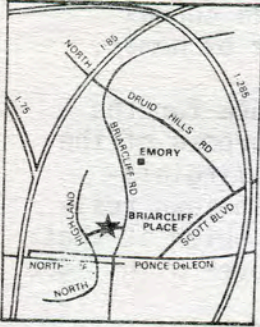
--David Cox, Chairman  
1980 Tour of Homes



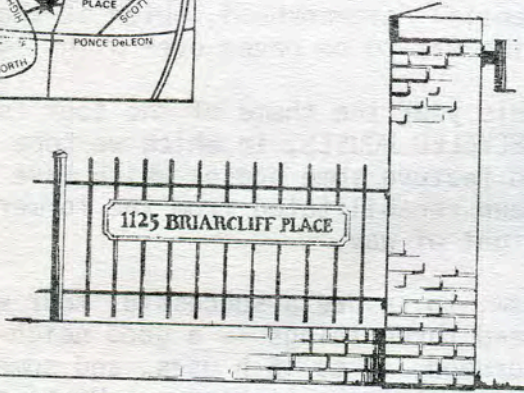
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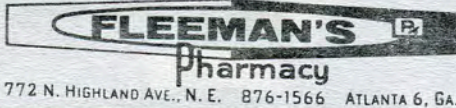
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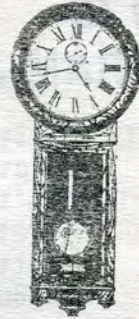


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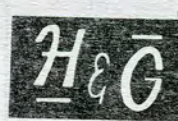
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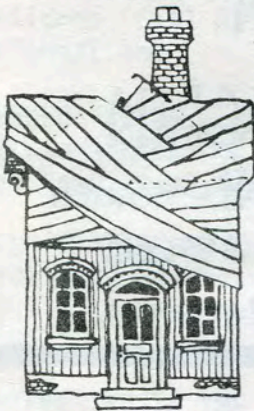
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## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 27 (Sunday) Elementary School Tour  
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- 30 (Wednesday) General Meeting  
8 pm, Highland Branch Library
- 31 (Thursday) Deadline for ticket  
sales of St. Valentine's Day  
Swing (see Feb. 16)

### FEBRUARY

- 1 (Friday) VOICE deadline
- 5 (Tuesday) Vote: city election
- 16 (Saturday) Va-Hi, Midtown, and  
Morningside party (St. Valentine  
Day Swing). 8pm-1am, Cabana  
Motel (see January 31)

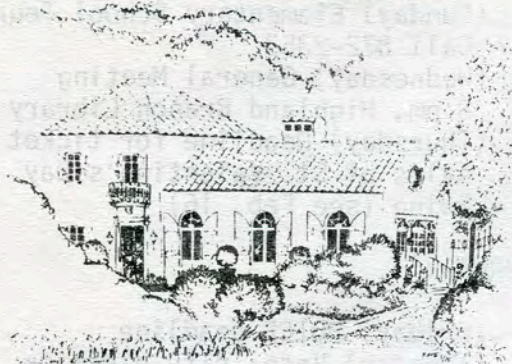
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HELP WANTED: CO-CHAIRMAN FOR THE Meet Your Neighbor Parade on June 29. Call Suzanne Hugeley at 872-4096.

INTERESTED IN THE DISCOVERY/GEORGIA History Day Program ( see page 2)? Call Ann Knierim at 656-2399 for more information.

NON-COMMERCIAL PERSONALS accepted free from Virginia-Highland residents. The deadline for the next issue is February 1. Send your items, with name and phone number, to Virginia-Highland VOICE, P.O. Box 8401, Sta. F, Atlanta 30306. Or call Diane Grimes, 872-2001 (after 6pm).

## ALSO: INTOWN LIVING BONUS

One of the reasons many of us choose to live in an in-town neighborhood is the proximity to the variety of cultural activities that make Atlanta special.

Over the past few years the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra has become more than an outstanding local offering. Under the direction of Robert Shaw, our symphony has gained national prominence and recognition.

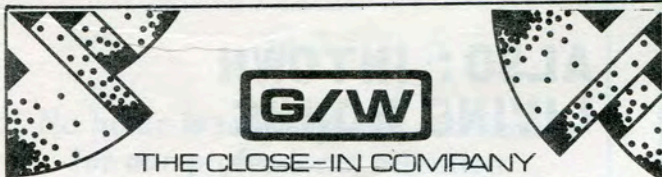
Closest to home for Virginia-Highland residents are the Piedmont Park summer concerts, but more than 200 concerts are performed yearly at Symphony Hall and other locations throughout the city. Out of town concerts include east coast tours and next season's European tour.

In the next few weeks, during the ASO's annual fund drive, you may want to think about the orchestra's value to the city of Atlanta and to in-town living.

In next month's VOICE, we'll take a look at the history of the ASO and it's part in the cultural development of Atlanta. And we'll meet one or two of the Virginia-Highland neighbors who are active in the success of the symphony.

--Diane Grimes

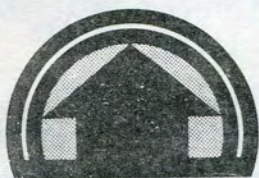
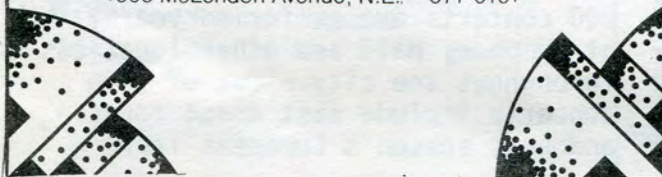
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Ms. Tastefully Tacky  
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January 6, 1980

Johnny Carson  
NBC

Dear Johnny:

Here in the Virginia-Highland community in Atlanta, Georgia, Bert Parks was known by his old friends and neighbors as Bertram Jacobsen. He lived on Virginia Ave. and he attended our local Inman School and Boys' High.

If the Miss America Pageant does not want Bert, we in Virginia-Highland do. We would like to invite him to emcee our third annual Ms. Tastefully Tacky Pageant which will be held on June 26, 1980. This special event honors a lady in the neighborhood who epitomizes the dichotomy of the title: TASTE-FULLY TACKY.

We are making plans to have a special "Bring Back Bert" float in our MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR PARADE on June 29th. I am sure Mr. Parks would enjoy meeting his neighbors and eating barbecue at our IN TOWN CELEBRATION.

In behalf of my community, I would like to invite you and Ed McMahon to participate in our IN TOWN

festivities -- June 26-June 29, 1980. It's an event you won't want to miss, no matter how tasteful or tacky you are.

Please send us 500 "Bring Back Bert" buttons. We want to bring him back to Virginia-Highland. Also, please send us his address so that we can send him a personal invitation.

Sincerely,

*Ms. Tastefully Tacky 1978*

Ms. Tastefully Tacky 1978

## FREE FILMS

The Highland Branch of the Atlanta Public Library, 1070 St. Charles Pl. is presenting a series of films entitled, "New and Old Places and Faces on Film." The movies, which will be held each Monday afternoon at 2:30 and each Monday evening at 7:00, will begin on January 21 and continue through April 28. For titles and further information, call the library at 872-4291. FREE.

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\*Using an electric engraver, mark valuables with your social security (see Police Assistance Committee article) number. Most solid materials can be engraved in this manner. Be sure to follow directions carefully. The social security number should be placed in an accessible, permanent location on the item, not on parts which can easily be removed.

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\*Small valuables such as jewelry can be engraved by a local jeweler.

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\*Register your name, social security number and other necessary information with your T.H.O.R. unit. With this information on file, recovered stolen goods can be quickly traced to the proper owner.

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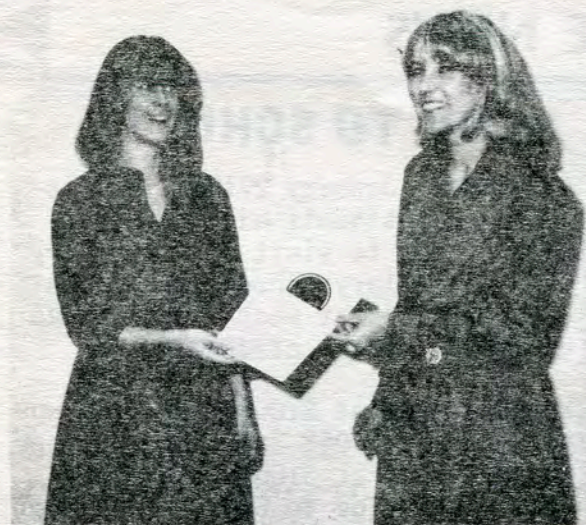
--Karen Christensen Cox

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Civic Association Chairman, Susan Walker (left) and immediate past chairman, Gail Novak, with the new Virginia-Highland certificate of appreciation, designed by Tom Vitale (photo: Orin Kell)

## FREE TAX RETURN HELP

Free income tax return preparation is being offered to you at many neighborhood sites in the Atlanta area again this year through VITA. To find the VITA site nearest you, call IRS information at 522-0050.

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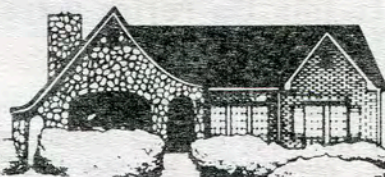
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## COMMITTEE NEWS

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By the time you receive this newsletter, we should have three engravers, purchased by the Civic Association, available to you on a loan basis from our Fire Station #19, located at the corner of Highland Ave. and Los Angeles. We will have the necessary forms from T.H.O.R. there, to be filled out by you with your name, address and social security number.

We recommend that you mark your valuables with the state abbreviation in addition to your social security number. This will make it easier to trace items if they are stolen and sold out of state.

After returning the engravers to the fire station, you will receive your Operation Identification Stickers to be placed strategically near your home entrances. The forms will then be turned in to our T.H.O.R. office for recording on microfilm.

Arrangements will be made through the committee to assist those who desire to join this program but are physically unable to do so. Please call Gail Novak at 875-3126 for this information.

--Paul Saunders, Inspector  
T.H.O.R.  
Gail Novak, Chairman, Police  
Assistance Committee

### BACK TO SCHOOL

On Sunday, January 27th, Virginia-Highland residents will have an opportunity to visit our neighborhood elementary schools and get a close-up look at what kindergarten and first grade children do.

We will meet at 2:00 pm at Morning-side School, 1053 East Rock Springs Rd. NE, then at 3:00 pm take a school bus ride to C.W. Hill School, 386 Pine Street NE. The principals, kindergarten and first grade teachers, and parents will be there to show us around and answer our questions. A special program is planned for children ages 4 to 6. At 4:30 the bus will take us back to Morning-side.

Even if you don't have children, it pays to know what's happening at our schools. Call 872-2353 for bus reservations or more information. See you in class!

-- Jennifer Chambers  
Co-chairman, Educ. Comm.

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