

# The Virginia·Highland Voice



Newsletter of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association

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

May, 1980

## GENERAL MEETING: EDUCATION ISSUES

The May general meeting of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association will be held on Wednesday night, May 28, at 8:00 P.M. at the Highland Branch Library.

The meeting will be presented by the Education Committee of the Civic Association. We will feature a report on the Inman School Advisory Committee findings regarding plans for the expansion and improvement of our Middle School. Mr. Raymond Bridges, a counsellor at Grady High School, will present information on their program and a request for help from the Civic Association. A report from CINS (Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools), which is partially supported by Civic Association funds, will be on the agenda.

We have invited all neighborhood school principals and school board members to attend. If you have a concern about public education in the neighborhood that you would like to see addressed at the meeting, call Susan Walker at 875-7804 or Jennifer Chambers at 872-6531 and let us know.

See you at the meeting!

--Susan Walker  
Chairman

## MAY 25 TH - FLEA MARKET

Don't forget the FLEA MARKET, Sunday, May 25th on De Leon St. from noon until 6pm. Remember this flea market is ONLY for residents and vendors of Virginia-Highland.. in other words ... anyone can come and buy, but ONLY Virginia-Highlanders can sell.

Space allotment to each group will be 8ft. by 10 ft. We want to include as many people as we can. We know everyone will be considerate, because we want this to be a fun day. Set-up time will begin at 11am, right after the Todd Family Graveyard clean-up (see this issue).

Remember also, the picnic after the flea market. Bring your own food. See you there.

## CLEAN CITY AWARDS

Pats on the back to the Highland Hardware and our civic association. Both were recognized and awarded certificates of merit at the Atlanta Clean City Commission Awards luncheon for their efforts in beautification to the community of Virginia-Highland. Keep it up!

## ANOTHER TIME... ANOTHER PLACE

### VIRGINIA - HIGHLAND'S NOTED LANDMARK

A notable aspect of Atlanta and the surrounding neighborhoods has been the rapid growth and progress. However with this growth many visual features, landmarks, and reminders of the history of the city have been lost.

One such landmark that our residents are attempting to maintain is the family cemetery of Richard Copeland Todd (1792-1852) located in a wooded lot on the south side of Ponce de Leon Terrace. Richard Todd and his wife, Martha, early pioneers of this area, are buried at this site--their graves marked by an inscribed granite log.

Richard Todd came from Chester, S.C. to what was then DeKalb County in 1822. It was during that year that he purchased a land lot of 202 1/2 acres for \$100 from William Zachry, a soldier in the War of 1812. The present day boundaries of what was the Todd's farm are Adair Ave. on the North; North Ave. on the South; Barnett St. on the East; and what was known as the Atlanta Baseball Corporation's property on the West. The Todd farm contained such valuable real estate as the Sears-Roebuck operation.

Todd built his home at what is now 816 Greenwood Ave. The original structure, one of the oldest landmarks of Atlanta, was destroyed by fire on Oct. 31, 1910. The home had served the Todd family for nearly 90 years, and John C. Todd, occupant at the time of the fire, replaced the home with a 2-story brick residence.

Todd was buried in the family cemetery, located to the rear of the home, in 1852. Martha was placed beside him at her death 44 years later. The cemetery area was deeded to the city of Atlanta and accepted by the council in 1932. The city agreed to convert the area to a park and preserve the cemetery.

There is the possibility that Richard Todd influenced his sister, Sarah Todd Ivy, and her husband Hardy to settle in what is now the near downtown of Atlanta. Todd's influence or not, Ivy's establishment of a home made his name a distinction in the history of Atlanta.

Richard Todd is only a part of the vast history of the Virginia-Highland neighborhood, and whatever reminder of his role in the development of the area needs to be preserved. The cemetery area on the south side of Ponce de Leon Terrace is only one fourteenth of an acre in size, but its value is immeasurable. This historic site has been neglected and needs the attention of the community.

HELP PRESERVE A LITTLE HISTORY by cleaning up the Todd grave sites on the morning of Sunday, May 25--the day of the Virginia-Highland Flea Market.

--Craig Strain

(Resource material: Atlanta and Its Environs, Vol. I,II,III. Garrett)

Editor's note: Craig Strain will be researching several points of history of Virginia-Highland for future articles in Another Time, Another Place. He needs your help. See page 3 for his questions.

## DID YOU KNOW?

If you have information about either of the two areas of Virginia-Highland history mentioned below, please write to Craig Strain, c/o the VOICE, P.O. Box 8401, Sta. F, Atlanta 30306.

1. Did the "big fire" of May 1917 affect Virginia-Highland area directly or indirectly through its destruction?
2. Is there any information around concerning the Highland Park Baptist Church, organized in 1908 at Highland & Greenwood Ave.? The church was dissolved in 1914, but was the basis for the beginning of the Druid Hills Baptist Church.

## TODD GRAVEYARD CLEAN-UP / TREASURE HUNT

The Parks & Recreation Committee is sponsoring a volunteer clean-up of the Todd Family Graveyard on the morning of the May 25th Virginia-Highland Flea Market. We are asking any able-bodied persons to please lend a hand, (also a rake and a few plastic trash bags) between the hours of nine and eleven am.

We know that's a little early, but it's only for two hours, and who knows, you might uncover some sellable "junk" for the afternoon Flea Market!

So please come and join your neighbors in an hysterical or historical (whatever you prefer) clean-up at the wooded lot about the middle of Ponce de Leon Terrace.

-- Gail Novak

## INTOWN CELEBRATION CALL FOR WORKERS

Have you signed up for a committee? This is a good opportunity to meet more of your neighbors. The more volunteers we have to work-- the more time we have for fun!

If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please call the chairperson or John Howell (872-8777) or Ann Boutwell (876-0998) co-chairmen/ IN TOWN CELEBRATION.

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- Parade Participants...
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- Raffle...Effie Taylor (875-6720)
- Stage Arrangements...
  - Rick Anderson (876-8794)

We need chiefs and indians for the following committees: awards, decoration crew, clean-up, picnic table crew, poster distribution, meat carvers, Va-Hi community exhibit. Call John Howell or Ann Boutwell



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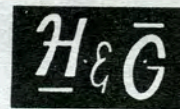
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
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## CALENDAR

### MAY

- 14 (Wed.) Steering Committee, 7:30 pm, Highland Branch Library, open to all interested residents.
- 25 (Sun.) Todd Graveyard Clean-up, 9-11 am, Ponce de Leon Terrace.  
Flea Market, noon-6pm, de Leon St. & Virginia Ave.  
Picnic & Pre-planning meeting for Intown Celebration. 6pm-? Bring food.
- 28 (Wed.) General Meeting, 8pm, Highland Branch Library

### JUNE

- 5 (Thurs.) VOICE deadline  
Ms. Tastefully Tacky nomination deadline

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"Baby-face, you've got the cutest little baby-face..."

No tell the truth...don't you have a baby picture that you have just been dying to show off, but felt that it might be just a little too tacky to display?

Here is the chance! At the IN TOWN CELEBRATION we will have an exhibit and contest of baby pictures (for all ages). Don't be shy! Call Susan Baltzell at 874-4159 for details.

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# MS. TASTEFULLY TACKY 1980: AT WALTER MITTY'S

The gala!! Ms. Tastefully Tacky 1980 Pageant will be held this year at Walter Mitty's on Thursday, June 26 from 7pm-midnight.

The \$6 price of the ticket will provide you with entrance to this "gala affair", beer and wine (or soft drinks) all evening, an elaborate buffet of hors d'oeuvres from 7-9pm, the Pageant at 9pm, and dancing from 10pm-midnight.

Ticket sales will be limited to 300. Tickets will be available from members of the steering committee of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association, or may be purchased at Walter Mitty's during the month of June.

The nomination ballot for Ms. Tastefully Tacky...a woman who lives in Virginia-Highland who has volunteered her time and service to the community... is below. A nomination ballot box will be set up the day

of the Virginia-Highland Flea Market on Sunday May 25th or may be mailed in. From the nominations, five finalists will be selected by the IN TOWN CELEBRATION Planning Committee to be in the pageant June 26.

Nominate your favorite "tacky lady." Contact Claudia Regan (875-6246) to volunteer to help in this celebration or for further information or tickets.



My nomination for Ms. Tastefully Tacky 1980:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the Ballot Box  
at the Flea Market (5/26)

or mail to: Ms. Tastefully Tacky 1980  
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Deadline: June 5th

## PLAN, WORK, PICNIC

After the Flea Market on Sunday, May 25th (6 pm), we will have a pre-planning picnic to discuss the IN TOWN CELEBRATION and give everyone an opportunity to be included in "what's happening".

At this time we will also work on refurbishing our street decorations. We really do need help! If you would like to give a hand please bring a staple gun and hammer. Now, don't forget to bring your picnic goodies as well. The civic association will provide the grill and charcoal.

--Ann Boutwell

## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS ARE COMING

Terrific Tuesdays are happening in Orme Park, June 17 through August 19. The summer program is sponsored by the Virginia-Highland Babysitting Co-op and the Civic Association, and is open to children ages older-two through eight.

The cost of the program, held every Tuesday from 10am-1pm, is \$18.00 for the summer, with mothers helping one Tuesday per child.

Arts and crafts, surprise visits from special people in our neighborhood, physical activity, plus lunches in the park are a part of the fun to be had. Diane Stockemer, a Virginia-Highlander who teaches young children, will be directing the program, so sign up now.

Registration will be May 25th at the Flea Market on DeLeon Ave. and later at the picnic, or contact Suzanne Hugueley (872-4096). Only 50 children will be accepted into the program.

Needed also are picnic tables, art supplies, p.e. equipment such as ropes and balls, or anything you think may be used in our program.

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--Suzanne Hugueley

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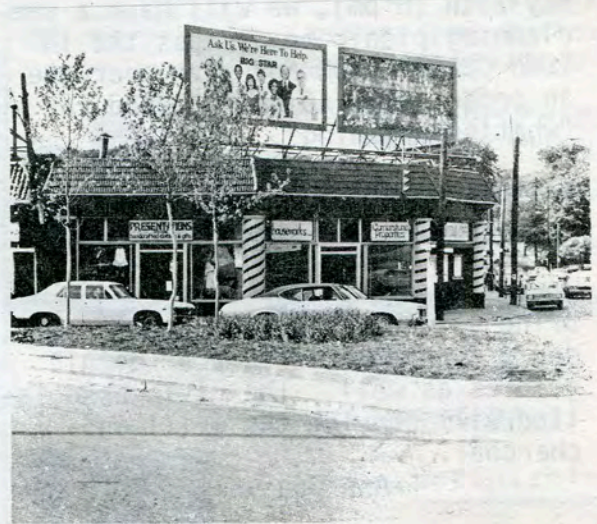
Like coolies in a rice paddy, a gang of volunteers lined up shoulder to shoulder and "greened" the intersection of Virginia & Highland with 1500 lirioppe and 150 daylily plants.

Earlier the same morning this group also installed an underground sprinkler system which will serve to keep our island green and alive. After delays caused by the wet weather which followed this initial planting, the island was completed with the arrival and planting of three good sized red maples. With proper care and maintenance, these trees will grow to provide shade and a sense of style to the intersection from which our neighborhood gets its name.

Hopefully this is only the first in a series of similar projects which will serve to enhance our neighborhood.

I want to thank the following residents for their supporting efforts: Jean Anderson, Steven Cantor, Jerry Bright, Randy Petrey, Ann Boutwell, Gordon Carruth, Arnold Gross, Ray Couch, Jeff Whalen, Greg Carter, Ken Connors, Charles Longley, Susan Walker, Rees Olander, Bobby Hugueley and anyone else who helped but somehow is missing from this list.

--Rick Anderson



The traffic island at Virginia and Highland Aves.  
(Photo by Orin Kell)

OPEN MEETING

WEEKEND SEMINAR



Wednesday, May 28  
8 p.m.  
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**TRANSLATION**

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# CRIME TIPS

## DOORS

Often doors are hollow core or weak in construction and offer little resistance to physical force. Exterior doors should be solid core wood at least 1 3/4" thick.

A few things can be said for windows in doors. They are decorative, add light to the room, and they provide ready view of anyone on the outside. On the minus side, they also offer a means for a burglar to gain entry by breaking the glass pane and reaching over to unlock the door from the inside. To discourage this, glass windows in doors can be replaced by thick panes of lexan or plexiglas. For a solid door, a 180 degree (fisheye) viewer can be easily installed. **KNOW WHO IS OUTSIDE BEFORE OPENING THE DOOR!**

To add extra strength to the door where it latches, metal reinforcement collars (fig. 1) can be installed near locks. These can be purchased from a local locksmith.

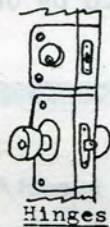


fig. 1

Hinges

If hinges have removeable pins that are on the exterior side of the door, steps should be taken to deter against removal of the door from the jamb. Replace hinges with removable pins with those having nonremoveable pins (most hardware stores have these). Pin the door to the jamb as follows:

- (a) remove 2 screws, opposite each other, from both leaves of your hinge (fig. 2)
- (b) insert screw or small metal dowel into the leaf on the jamb side. Allow screw or dowel to protrude 1/2" (fig.3)

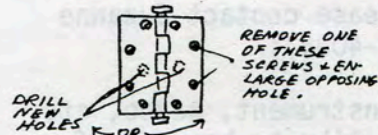


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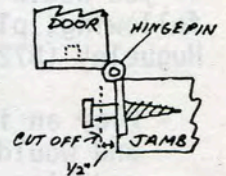


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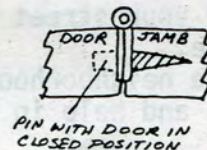


fig. 4 Pinned Hinge

- (c) drill out the opposing screw hole in the door. Do this in the top and bottom hinge of the door. When the door is closed, the protruding pin will enter the enlarged hole in the door's leaf. (fig.4)

-- Karen Christensen Cox



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## COMMITTEE NEWS

### A PARADE IN THE MAKING . . .

I am sure you all realize a parade is in the making, and we need your help!

If you would like to do any of the following, please contact Suzanne Hugueley (872-4096):

- Play an instrument, kazoo, etc. and would like to be part of a marching band,
- would like to enter your dog (mutts on parade), Herbie the Curbie or your street float in the parade,
- would be a neighborhood representative and help in lining up entries,
- would be a Krystal Kritter or a clown,
- would sell flags,
- would lead the parade with our banners,
- call people on the phone,
- would like to nominate an entry,
- have any suggestions - all are welcome!

We do have a job for you (teens are especially needed) and it takes all of us to make a success out of this very special event.

--Suzanne Hugueley  
Parade Chairman

P.S. Don't forget the parade date is Sunday, June 29th.



Scene from the 1979 Intown Celebration Parade (photo by Jeff Whalen)

## — We Need You —

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

- 1980 Dues: \$10
- I prefer not to give but would like to be a member.

#### Clip and mail today!

Membership Chairman  
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#### Interest Areas

- Advertising
- Education
- History Committee
- Membership
- Neighborhood Planning
- Newsletter Distribution
- Newsletter Publication
- Parks/Recreation
- Parade/Picnic (4th of July)
- Tour of Homes
- Zoning
- Other \_\_\_\_\_