

The Virginia·Highland Voice



Newsletter of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association

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GENERAL MEETING

The October meeting of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association will feature a collection of one-hour workshops designed to familiarize members with the activities of the Association. Each standing committee chairman will present information about the committee's current projects and discuss ideas for new projects with workshop participants.

Committees represented will be Membership, History, VOICE, Education, Business Revitalization, Neighborhood Planning and Zoning, Police Assistance, St. Charles Task Force, Parks and Recreation, Valentine Dance, Tour of Homes, and Intown Celebration Parade and Picnic.

Also, the Department of Educational Media at Georgia State University has promised to provide us with a working projector this time; so we will also have a showing of "Candler Park: A Neighborhood In Transition" at the end of the meeting.

The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on October 23 at the Highland Branch Library. We have lots of

projects upcoming and need people to work on them. Come shop for what interests you.

--Susan Walker
Chairman

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 18-19 (Saturday and Sunday) Morningside - Lenox Park Tour of Homes.
- 20-23 (Monday - Thursday) Arts Week at Morningside School.
- 23 (Thursday) General Meeting at Highland Branch Library, 8:00 p.m.
- 26 (Sunday) Flea Market, DeLeon and Virginia, noon - 6:00 p.m.
- 29 (Wednesday) C. W. Hill School Tour and Open House.
- 31 Public Opinion Survey, Jim Wallace Station; Virginia and Highland, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- Steering Committee Meeting -- to be announced.
- 1 (Saturday) VOICE Deadline "Fall Fling," Druid Hills United Methodist Church.
- 8-9 (Saturday and Sunday) Self-Defense Workshop, 524-0304.
- 10 (Monday) Innman School PTA, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 (Wednesday) Safety Workshop, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Library.

ANOTHER TIME... ANOTHER PLACE

CHANGING CHURCH ... CHANGING NEIGHBORHOOD

Through the travels of "Another Time ...Another Place," the community spirit of Virginia-Highland residents has made the neighborhood a better place to live. However, there have been those outside the neighborhood who recognized its growth potential and its needs, and played a part in the neighborhood development. Such was the case in the formation of the Druid Hills United Methodist Church.

There was a need in 1900 to organize what was then called "The Copenhill Mission" at the home of John Englett on Highland Avenue. Although there was not a regular worship service, there was a Sunday school regularly held. In 1901 a small church was erected at the corner of Highland Avenue and Vaud Street, at a total cost of \$1,275.00 (lot and building).

"The Copenhill Mission" was active under the initial name until 1910 at which time it was organized into the Druid Hills Methodist Church. The first pastor appointed, E.G. Mackay, a theology student at Emory College, conducted the first service of public worship on Sunday, January 9, 1910. Eleven persons became members at this service.

In 1911 a lot at the corner of Blue Ridge Avenue and Seminole Avenue was purchased. It was in 1912 that a new church building was erected at this site and the first service held on September 8, 1912. The new church had two outstanding features -- a pipe organ and a church bell which had first been hung in 1874 in the old Trinity Methodist Church

at the corner of Whitehall Street and Trinity Avenue. When Trinity built its new church in 1912, it was built without a belfry, and the members gave Druid Hills the bell for their new church. The bell still remains a part of the present day church.

As the surrounding area grew, so did the church. In 1946, the present church lot at the corner of Ponce de Leon and Briarcliff, was purchased by private subscription and given to the church. This property was the former home of Judge John S. Candler, a charter member of the church. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on December 7, 1953. On March 20, 1955, the new facility opened its doors for the first time for services.

In a changing community, the church is seeking to meet the needs of all people who come under the influence of its ministry. Druid Hills United Methodist Church has grown with the neighborhood. Not only does it offer spiritual opportunities, but a variety of services such as a gymnasium and activities of the Druid Hills Churches' Association Community Center.

Determination and dedication, which is characteristic of the Virginia-Highland neighborhood, is also a quality of The Druid Hills United Methodist Church. There is definitely a continuation to minister as a changing church in a changing neighborhood...

--Craig Strain

Ed.Note: Don't forget the Druid Hills United Methodist Church "Last Chance Fall Fling" on Sat. Nov. 1st.

The best rulers are those whose existence is merely known by the people.

The next best are those who are loved and praised.

The next are those who are feared.

And the next are those who are despised.

--Lao Tzu, Sixth
Century B.C.
Chinese Philosopher

SPECIAL INTERVIEW: SUSAN WALKER

"I guess that if I average it out, I spend about an hour a day doing Civic Association work," said Susan Walker after a recent steering committee meeting.

Walker, chairman of the steering committee, has been working with the Virginia-Highland Civic Association since 1975 when she started delivering newsletters.

"I get a call nearly every day on something related to the Association," she said. It has become her most time-consuming extracurricular activity.

"As chairman (a post she has held since August 1979), I have to count on the committee members to keep me informed. When I worked on the education committee, I was closer to what was going on in that specific area. Now I am further removed from the action, but I have to keep abreast of what is going on in all areas."

Walker combines a genuine concern for community interests with an ability to remain detached from emotional embroilment to keep civic business running smoothly.

The steering committee chairman schedules both committee meetings and general association meetings, prepares the agendas, runs the meetings, and coordinates any special projects.

"I've heard some rumors that the Civic Association is run by a little clique, but it's simply not true. Everyone in the neighborhood is automatically a member of the Association, and the only real requirements for serving on the steering committee is a willingness to work. I've never known anybody who volunteered who was turned down," she said.

The steering committee, which is the governing body of the Virginia-Highland Association, is limited to a maximum of 20 members and is officially elected each February.



(Photo of Susan Walker by Orin Kell)

"Our Association is pretty informal compared to some. We're more concerned with issues than rhetoric, and I hope it stays that way."

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Susan, who bought into the neighborhood in 1974, has just finished renovating her house, a goal many of us would still like to reach. She is a teacher and educational therapist for emotionally disturbed children in Clayton County.

She has been editor of the Virginia-Highland VOICE in addition to serving on the education committee and has expressed an interest in working with battered women.

If that weren't enough to keep one person busy, she's also planning a wedding. Susan will marry Charles Longley in November.

--Al Cedarholm



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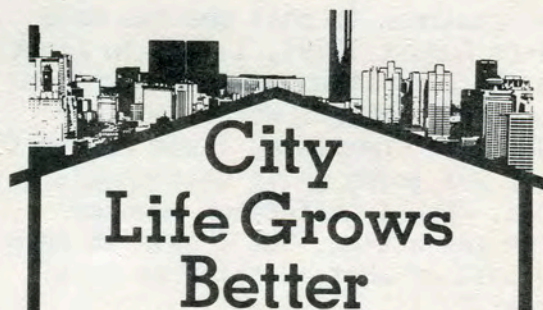
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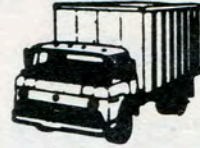
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FLEA MARKET: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, NOON - 6:00 p.m. (Set-Up at 11:00 a.m.) at DeLeon and Virginia Avenue. Any Virginia-Highland Resident can participate, bring your own table, money, etc. Anyone can buy! Sponsored by our Civic Association.

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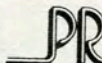
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The entire interior of the building has been renovated into 200 efficiency, one, and two bedroom units, with 10% of the apartments specifically designed for the handicapped. The apartments have modern amenities, including emergency call systems, sprinklers, and smoke detectors.

The entire east wing of the ground floor of the Briarcliff Summit has been set aside as recreation space. A large, multi-use room with full kitchen facilities will be complemented by additional separate areas for television, arts and crafts, and just relaxing. In the basement, residents of the Summit will find a large, well-equipped laundry facility. For security, the entire exterior of the building will be well-lit and exterior doors will have specially designed alarm and key systems. There will be many other security systems in place throughout the building.

Look for more features on the Briarcliff Summit -- soon in the VOICE.

--Jerry Bright



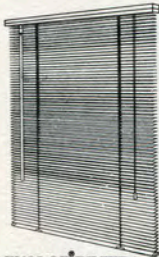
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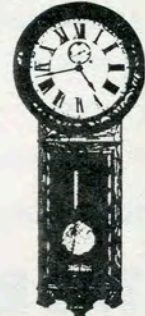
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KALIEDOSCOPE OF ART AT MORNINGSIDE SCHOOL

A week-long festival of artists-in-residence at Morningside School, plus an evening extravaganza for school families and community is being planned for the week of October 20 - 23, at Morningside Elementary School on North Rock Springs Road.

During most of that week, the Kaleidoscope of Art will take place during regular school hours. All homeroom classes will rotate each day to various locations where artists have set up "studios." The children will be able to observe and/or participate in the artist's demonstrations.

On the evening of Thursday, October 23, Morningside School will open its doors for an evening of family togetherness, art exposure and experience, and community sharing. The school will sell dinner tickets in advance to the school community for a picnic dinner. During the dinner hour, performances will be presented on stage. After dinner, guests will select and attend several "pocket performances," i.e., performances for a small audience in an intimate setting lasting about 10 minutes.

Details about the specific artists or about the evening festival can be obtained by calling Morningside School - 874-5233, or Helen Swint - 876-0659. Come and enjoy the Kaleidoscope of Art!

--Leslie Graitcer

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It takes approximately five minutes per person to complete the polling process.

As participants in The Merit Report, area residents will be able to express their opinions on local and national current headline issues, and receive immediate feedback comparing their viewpoints to the opinions of others in the city. At the same time, a nationwide telephone survey will be conducted to get America's point of view on the same topics.

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An evening program of more information about all the public schools, elementary through high, serving our neighborhood will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, Ponce de Leon and Charles Allen Drive, on Thursday, November 20, 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Midtown Neighborhood Association. Each of the school principals will speak, and the neighborhood school children will be featured. (For more information, call Mary Thompson, 872-4725)

--Leslie Graitcer

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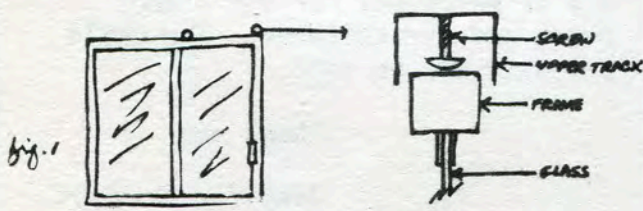
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SAFETY TIPS

PATIO DOORS

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1. Slide door to open position.
2. Install three 1 X #12 sheet metal screws in the upper track (which is above the door in closed position) -- one screw in the center and two at the ends.
3. Adjust screws to allow for minimum clearance between top of door and screw heads (Figure 1).



NOTE: If top of door is hollow, this method must be modified, as this would not prevent door from being lifted off its track. In this case, place the screws into the frame along the top edge of the sliding door.

Slide bolt locks can be purchased at many hardware stores to further secure these doors. One type locks with a key. Another utilizes a padlock. Wedge pipe or stick firmly in lower track behind door.

--Karen Christensen Cox

MORNINGSIDE-LENOX PARK TOUR OF HOMES

Virginia-Highland residents are invited to tour eleven homes in the Morningside-Lenox Park neighborhood. The homes will be open from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19.

A broad sample of diverse life-spaces will be shown, including several of the peak-roofed brick cottages considered typical of the area, some contemporaries, a hot tub, and a collection of unique details that Virginia-Highland folks, as fellow fans of architectural craftsmanship, will enjoy especially.

Currier's Flowers at 1377 North Highland will be selling tickets for \$3 up to the days of the tour. On tour days, the tickets will cost \$4 and will be available at the individual tour homes and in the parking lot of the Haygood Methodist Church on East Rock Springs Road between Piedmont and North Highland.



(Newly Renovated Villa featured on the Morningside - Lenox Park Tour of Homes)

COMMITTEE NEWS

C. W. HILL TOUR

Parents of prospective pupils of the C. W. Hill School, community leaders, and anyone interested in the neighborhood schools is invited to attend a tour and open house of the school on Wednesday, October 29 from 9:30 a.m. - noon. For more information call Barbara Seymor at 872-4657.

WEEKEND DEFENSE

A weekend for women interested in learning how to avoid and deal with being attacked will be held November 8 and 9.

This program includes basic karate, weapons and targets of the body, safety precautions, and defenses against a number of different kinds of attacks. Special emphasis will be placed on dealing with fears and learning to fight back.

Marianna Kaufman, Black Belt, and Chief Instructor of Karate for Women will teach the course to be held from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., both days. There is a fee. For information call Charis Bookstore at 524-0304.

--Linda Cook

Volunteer tour guides needed at Atlanta Historical Society. No experience required. If you have one morning a month call 261-1837.

STOP FOR BUS !

Dear Neighbors,

There is something new on the streets of Atlanta this fall -- THE BIG YELLOW SCHOOL BUS.

Watch for these buses. When stopped to pick up or drop off children, they will have red lights flashing and a stop sign out on the left side of the bus. ALL TRAFFIC MUST STOP! If you are behind the bus or coming towards the bus, YOU MUST STOP. Do not pass the bus.

The bus stops the traffic so children who need to cross the street may do so safely. Let's all try to watch out for our school buses and our children. The child you save may be mine.

Thank you.

Jennifer Chambers

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