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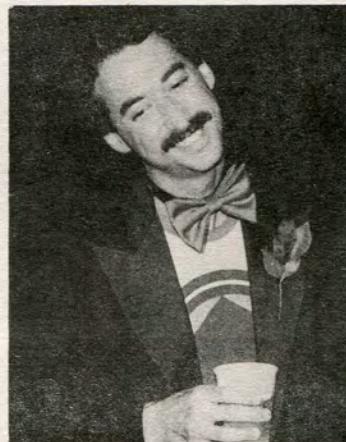


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The purpose of this neighborhood joint venture was to express the spirit of Atlanta on national television --- "Atlanta is OK! We can and we are working together to solve our problems." Virginia-Highland from the N.E., and Dunbar from the S.E. came together under the theme of "Pushing Atlanta Together."

Thanks to K.C. Marks and the City of Atlanta's Sanitation Department for providing this group 10 Herbie the Curbies.

Those participating were: Muffin, winner of the Canine Caravan; Katherine Frye, Herbie the Curbie winner; Curtis Chambers, Jenny Chambers, John Howell, Robert Gillespie, Sue Powers, Terry Powers, Helen Swint, Bill Swint, Leesa Swint, Cindy McCarty, Jan Morrison, Larry Morrison, Byron Tekippe, Effie Taylor, and Charlotte Currie.

This effort was coordinated by Ann Boutwell of Virginia-Highland and Rosa Burney of Dunbar.

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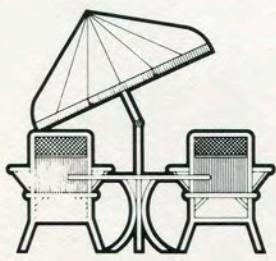
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- 17 - Sept. 5 Fall Quarter class registration for adult and children's art classes will be opened at Callanwahde Fine Arts Center, 980 Briarcliff Road. Call 872-5338 for information.
- 20 - 22 Accent in Callanwahde at Phipps will feature an exhibit, demonstrations, and performances of Callanwahde related artists. Check newspapers for Phipps Plaza Mall hours.
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IS THERE WASTED LAND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

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A Neighborhood Land Revitalization Workshop will address these issues by offering training in techniques of land acquisition, management and development for nonprofit groups. The workshop will take place Friday, September 11, 1981 (afternoon and evening) and Saturday, September 12, 1981 (all day) at Georgia State University's Urban Life Center. Participation is limited to about 50 neighborhood or organization representatives on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to those who demonstrate the most potential for developing a project. There will be no cost to participate.

The workshop is sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Park and Recreation Technical Services Program (part of the National Park Service) as part of a 2-year program of training seminars and demonstration projects in cities across the country. The program is being carried out under a contract with the Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit conservation organization that specializes in acquiring land for public use.

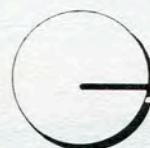
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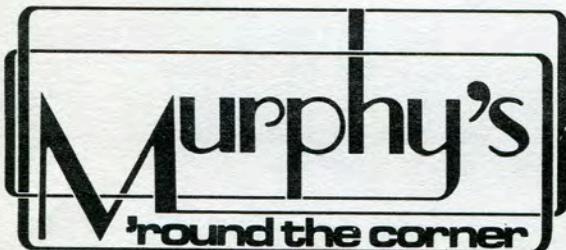
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PONCE DE LEON TAKE A LOOK

Once one of the city's most beautiful avenues, Ponce de Leon has suffered incredible indignities in recent years. We are all touched by, live by, drive by, and shop on Ponce de Leon.

Ponce de Leon can recover the grand existence it enjoyed in its youthful days but we, the neighbors of Ponce de Leon, must help it regain its lost charm. We can no longer isolate ourselves from Ponce de Leon. Ponce de Leon could contribute in positive ways to the surrounding communities if we are willing to assist.

We are all involved in Ponce de Leon's fate, and have a stake in its future; all of us -- Midtown, Ponce-Highlands, Bedford-Pine, Virginia-Highlands, Inman Park, Candler Park and Druid Hills, as well as all of the city's neighborhoods.

A group of residents in an area of Midtown called "Old Midtown" have been working hard to find a solution to a growing problem on Ponce de Leon: ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS. Many of these "establishments" are opened with the community understanding they would be one type, and they turn out to be another.

It is unfair for the citizens of Atlanta and the city itself to have invested so much in our homes, schools, and communities only to be harassed and degraded by unwanted and unlawful businesses. Why should we be at the mercy of unscrupulous businesses which open offensive establishments in our neighborhoods? It is obvious that these businesses care nothing about us and the safety and betterment of our community.

At the present time, Atlanta has no zoning laws to prevent adult entertainment establishments from squatting right next door to residential areas. However, there is something we can do -- Atlanta should adopt an ordinance like the one adopted by the City of Detroit and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

This ordinance is known as the Detroit Zoning Ordinance and provides that:

1. Adult entertainment establishments are only allowed in certain areas.
2. Adult entertainment establishments are limited in terms of how close they can be to each other.
3. Adult entertainment establishments may not be located within 500 feet of any residential area unless 51% of the adjacent residents approve.

This ordinance would certainly go a long way toward improving Ponce de Leon and other areas of Atlanta.

It is up to the City Council to enact this type of ordinance and it is up to us to let our representatives on the Council know how we feel.

Write and call your Council representative today! Ask him/her to research and support this ordinance. It is a reasonable solution to a problem that could haunt us for years if allowed to become entrenched in our neighborhoods.

Help us stop these unwanted and undesirable encroachments into our neighborhoods before it is too late.

-- (Name Withheld)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BLIND

A new service is available in Atlanta. It is for blind and partially-sighted people who want jobs, or who need help keeping jobs endangered by their loss of vision.

A job development and employment placement service operating within Atlanta Area Services for the Blind, 763 Peachtree Street will assist any visually handicapped person to locate a job commensurate with his or her talents, training and aspirations. Now in its formative stages, the agency hopes to attract sufficient response from the job-seeking, visually handicapped community to determine definite needs and goals to pursue.

The job development and placement service for blind people of all professions and capabilities is a major breakthrough in fostering their "mainstreaming" into a sighted society. For the visually handicapped, as with the sighted, gainful employment is a basic element in personal and economic independence.

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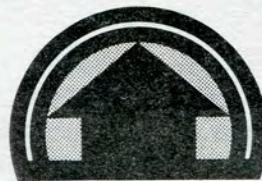
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INTOWN CELEBRATION REPORT

It was a pleasure to see the neighborhood enjoy our annual picnic, parade, and Ms. Tastefully Tacky Pageant.

We all had an opportunity to sit down with our neighbors and enjoy a beautiful Sunday afternoon. The Mayoral and City Council candidates were all in attendance and made sure no baby went home without a hug or a kiss. A perfect summertime picnic.

Jim Wright started this year's celebration with a true media event - "The Ms. Tastefully Tacky Pageant." Suzanne Hugueley and Ron Powell marshalled the no less than spectacular parade down Virginia Avenue. David and Karen Cox headed up the eats and sweets to feed the multitudes at the picnic. Our talent scouts, Bill and Helen Swint, gave us off-Broadway entertainment. Bob Hugueley and Jerry Costa brought out our patriotism with the flags on Virginia Avenue. Ray Couch and the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church supported us with chairs and tables, and Ann Boutwell made sure everybody in town knew about our celebration.

A special note of thanks to my employer, Shield Grant, for his support and to Councilperson, Mary Davis, for her assistance with city details.

And last but not least, thanks to the cast of many in and out of the neighborhood who helped in various ways.

It was an excellent time. See you all next year!

--Jerry Bright
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