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Newsletter of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association

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COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION MOVES TO ST. CHARLES SQUARE

Curious about the aesthetics of St. Charles Square? A sneak preview of the architects' rendition (see illustration) depicts Phase I of CDC Properties' restoration venture. The project will be completed in early September.

The new facade, designed by architects Surber, Barber and Mooney, will portray the 1920's store-front style so appropriate in the Virginia-Highland neighborhood. A widened, landscaped walkway will provide accessibility to the five merchants of St. Charles Square.

The Greek Gyro Restaurant and Touch of Taste Catering will continue to be housed in this building. Awaiting occupancy to complete Phase I is an approximate 2,800-square-foot restaurant area framed by an L-shaped trellis for cafe-style dining, and two additional 1,200- and 850-square foot areas.

Phase II will feature two small structures forming the "Gateway to St. Charles Square."

Janet Rocco

SEE YOU AT PEIDMONT PARK POOL

The Midtown YWCA won the contract with the city to manage the Piedmont Park pool this summer. The pool will be open much more as a result: 6 days a week until Labor Day.

But the changes don't end there. The YWCA has had the pool areas and bath houses all repainted and spruced up. Jane Mollenkamp of the Y has very carefully selected an excellent staff of 25.

The Y has developed an extensive program of classes and activities for the pool. You can take swimming or diving lessons, sign up for instruction in lifesaving or snorkeling, participate in water exercises, reserve lanes for swimming laps or play water volleyball, to name a few.

There are two pools - a large Olympic-sized pool and a baby pool - and a diving well. The two pools are separately fenced in and each have large lounging areas around them. Modern white chairs are provided to sit in. There is a spacious bath house with separate locker rooms for men and women. Each locker room has

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St. Charles Square
Surber Barber Mooney Architects



600 NEIGHBORS ENJOY PICNIC AT VIRGINIA - HIGHLAND PARK

The Atlanta Symphony Brass Quintet, led by Michael Moore of Rosedale Road, played to about 600 residents who ate barbeque and chatted. The firemen of Station 19 brought their firetruck and joined the neighborhood for some good food, talk and music.

"Everyone had a good time," commented Bernie Tekippe, picnic coordinator, about the annual picnic held June 26 at the Virginia-Highland Park. "It was a great opportunity for the neighborhood to get together."

Special thanks go to these folks: Bernie Tekippe, picnic coordinator; David Cox, cook leader; Ann Taylor Boutwell, servers; Kathy Harber, publicity; Karen Cox, bake sale; and Dick Shanahan, for helping organize and fill in as needed. Thanks are extended also to the many people who worked on the various committees and helped make the picnic a success.

Photos on these pages capture the fun of that lazy afternoon in the good old summertime.



Photos by Jeff Whalen



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check-in facilities for valuables, dressing stalls, showers and bathrooms. There is a concession stand selling Cokes, Diet Cokes, etc.

The price for a single visit to the pool varies depending on the time of day - either \$1 or \$2 for adults and 50¢ or \$1 for children. Season passes are \$35 for an individual, \$60 for a couple and \$80 for a family. Pool attendance will be a factor in the decision of whether the Y will run the pool next summer.

The baby pool itself is the size of most normal pools. It has an open lip at one end where the water is just a couple of inches deep. The pool goes to a depth of 3 feet with an average depth of about 1 1/2 feet.

The pool is open Tuesday to Friday: 7 - 9 a.m., adult swim; 9 - 1:30 p.m., lap swimming, lessons, swim team, day camp; 1:30 - 5 p.m., open recreation; 5 - 7 p.m., lessons; 7 - 9 p.m., open recreation; Saturday: 9 - 12 p.m., lessons; 12 - 9 p.m., open recreation; Sunday: 12 - 7 p.m., open recreation.

FLEA MARKET ADDICTS: HERE'S GOOD NEWS

Mark the third Saturday of every month on your calendar! That's the date reserved for the monthly flea market held to benefit the Southern Christian Home for Children, which is a private, nonsectarian residential treatment center in the Virginia-Highland neighborhood. It serves emotionally disturbed children between the ages of six and eighteen years.

The sales, sponsored by the Southern Christian Home Auxiliary, are held on the campus, which is located at 934 Briarcliff Road (next to Callanwolde Fine Arts Center). Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT OF IT'S LAST MEETING

The Steering Committee held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, July 6, 1983. Council member Mary Davis and her administrative assistant, John Franklin, attended the meeting.

These zoning and related topics were discussed in detail: Taco Mac's desire to expand; Ann Fauver Realtors' request for a parking variance; Tech Ton's plans for a four-unit condominium between Rosedale and Highland; and MARTA's selling of the car barn on Virginia Avenue. The zoning committee will work on these topics as needed.

Carolyn Johnson of the Open Door Community at 910 Ponce de Leon reported on what the facility does for the homeless.

The decision was made to cosign Gene Zimmer's response to the Environmental Impact Study done on the four-lane highway leading to the Great Park. Ann Taylor Boutwell and Gail Novak said they'd work with him, to make sure our neighborhood was on record as being opposed to the road.

David Cox reported on the commercial development at Virginia and Monroe. Both the Spur station and the Jennings restaurant will remain. He also discussed the billboards taking a defeat and the NPU Traffic Study.

The Amsterdam Health Club issue was reported resolved as the city license board and the mayor refused to issue a license.

With increased taxes and high land prices already making it difficult to keep middle-class residents in the city, destroying the beauty of

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Boutwell announced new advertising rates (effective in October) for the VOICE.

Three matters concerning our park were discussed. Cox suggested that water meters be put in. The lowest contract for grass cutting was reported accepted. It was recommended that the city again be approached regarding park maintenance. Mary Davis discussed the latter issue and Dick Shanahan said he'd pursue it.

Shanahan announced he was resigning in September and expressed how much he had enjoyed his tenure. He also announced that David Cox had agreed to take over as chairperson.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

In the last issue when singling out people who were particularly important to the success of the Piedmont Park Arts Festival booth, I left out attorney F. Carlton King of Doster, Allen King & Young for help with the legal matters and designer Lynn Loftin Northrup for design of the primary signs.

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Dick Shanahan

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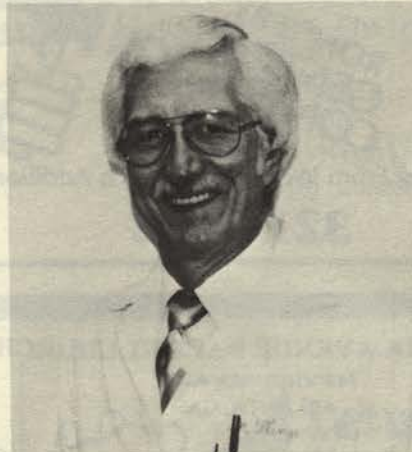
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August marks my last month as Chairperson of the steering committee. Work and family needs make this change necessary for me, but it also is time for someone new to share his perspective with us in this position.

The past year has brought lots of fun, some renewed efforts in areas we've overlooked recently and continued strong work toward improving the quality of life in the Virginia-Highland neighborhood.

I have had the pleasure of working with some very dedicated and resourceful people and have come away with a renewed respect for the volunteers who willingly give up their time and subordinate their personal interests to the needs of community.

We all benefit personally from volunteer activities but the community is the greater beneficiary. Without people who have and will continue to work toward making our neighborhood stable, Virginia-Highland today would consist of transportation corridors, light industrial/commercial facilities and a smattering of houses. Such was the plan on the city's books 15 years ago.

These kinds of issues may be less immediate today, but there are others just as important. The conflict between the needs of the expanding and prosperous business community and those of the stable and equally prosperous residential community is going to take a great deal of time and imagination to resolve.

Pocket development in the few vacant parcels of land sprinkled throughout the community is a very hot issue right now and the decisions made today will affect our neighborhood for years to come.

There are many other examples, but the point is that the needs of the community are ongoing and only the commitment of some very special people stand between us and a totally different kind of Virginia-Highland community.

David Cox will succeed me. He is typical of the person who contributes long hours toward getting the job done. David has been our Neighborhood Planning Unit representative, has organized and run the food preparation at the picnic for the last several years, and has been very actively involved in the Virginia-Highland Park. He has always been available for helping with whatever task needs to be done.

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Dick Shanahan
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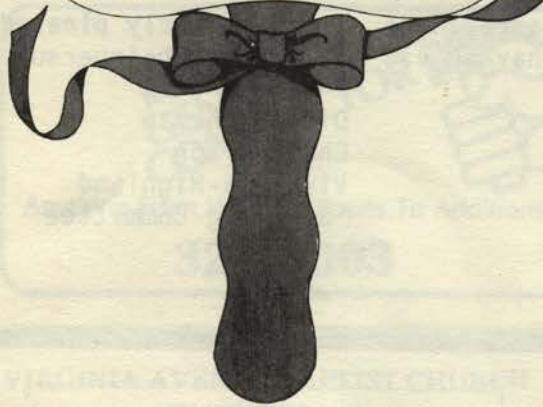
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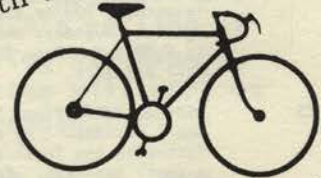
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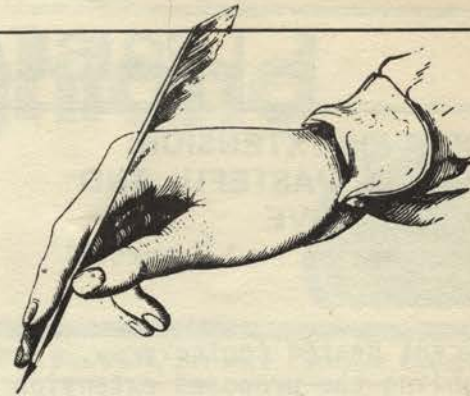
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in-town neighborhoods by road construction may cause more of our middle class to flee to the suburbs, leaving behind only the very wealthy who can afford expensive condominiums or exclusive homes with large lots or the very poor and elderly who live in public housing.

Rapid transit is simply the only logical way to move large numbers of people to a central location on a regular basis.



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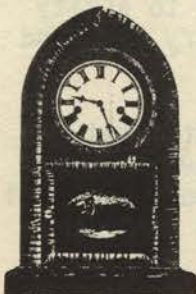
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GEORGIA 400 EXTENSION: OUTDATED, WASTEFUL AND NONPRODUCTIVE

By State Senator Paul Coverdell
District 40

The recent heated controversy surrounding the proposed extension of Georgia 400 southward to I-85 has produced numerous charges and counter-charges about the value of this project to our city.

Many well-meaning, prominent business people and public officials sincerely believe that this road is as necessary to our city's growth and well-being as arteries are to the human heart.

While it is obvious to everyone that traffic congestion in North Fulton is growing and something must be done to help move people in and out of the city, I believe that the extension of Georgia 400 would be a serious mistake.

Based on Atlanta Regional Commission population projections, this road would be overloaded in 15 years or less -- and then, according to a knowledgeable ARC source, "it would have to be widened." A cost of \$100 million for 6 miles of highway cannot be justified for such a stop-gap transportation measure.

The damage to one of Atlanta's most stable neighborhoods would be severe. A six-lane highway is a major disruption in a residential neighborhood. Since no promises made by current commissioners or other elected officials are binding on future governments, there are no legal protections to prevent commercialization along the road or

its expansion to eight or ten lanes in the years ahead.

Providing another route for automobile traffic into Buckhead and the central business district will cause further congestion on I-85 and surface streets in both Buckhead and downtown. Furthermore, highways encourage local governments to rezone residential property to commercial which in turn increases the volume of traffic.

Only mass transportation can offer reasonable, long-term access to people in rapidly growing areas such as North Fulton.

According to the ARC, a road of the design of the proposed parkway can handle a maximum of 1,500 vehicles per lane per hour at a Class E level of service (stop and go). If each car contains two people (the average is actually 1.2 per car) and if we allow for one bus every three minutes, the maximum number of people who can use this road in each direction during rush hours is approximately 7,000 - 8,000.

A MARTA rail line operating at peak efficiency (one eight-car train every 90 seconds) can transport 35,000 people per hour at high speeds.

Continued road construction through the city could destroy what makes Atlanta unique - its attractive in-town neighborhoods.

Destruction of middle-class residential neighborhoods could lead to a city populated only by the very poor and the very rich.

Recent statistics indicate that Atlanta presently has one of the highest percentages of poverty-level residents of any city in the United States.