Who are you? (Check as many as apply)

- Resident
- Business Owner
- Employee
- Volunteer

Work with a Ministry
- Work with a Church
- Provide paid for services to the poor

Public Servant/Government
- Landowner
- Homeless

(On the remaining questions, mark 1-Strongly Disagree, 3-Disagree, 5-Don’t Know or Don’t Care, 7-Agree, 9-Strongly Agree.)

1. A healthy balance between business, residential, & homeless facilities is desirable. 1 3 5 7 9
2. Facilities serving the disadvantaged need not consult with their neighbors. 1 3 5 7 9
3. Neighborhoods should have more impact on development. 1 3 5 7 9
4. Most of the homeless are persons down on their luck and are rejected. 1 3 5 7 9
5. Services provided are appropriate to the population they serve. 1 3 5 7 9
6. Constructive projects which engage the homeless are needed. 1 3 5 7 9
7. Most of the homeless are criminals who are hiding from the law. 1 3 5 7 9
8. Rehabilitation is only effective when the service is located close by. 1 3 5 7 9
9. The diversity of Ponce de Leon is a strength. 1 3 5 7 9
10. Vacant lots should be developed for commercial use. 1 3 5 7 9
11. More services are needed to meet the growing number of homeless. 1 3 5 7 9
12. The ministries and social services along Ponce do a good job. 1 3 5 7 9
13. A person can earn a living by working in a Labor Pool. 1 3 5 7 9
14. SRO’s and other low-cost housing are needed. 1 3 5 7 9
15. Facilities offering rehabilitation are better than those offering only food/shelter. 1 3 5 7 9
16. Most of the homeless are persons who willingly are homeless. 1 3 5 7 9
17. SRO’s should all be located in one part of the city. 1 3 5 7 9
18. Well-paying jobs are needed. 1 3 5 7 9
19. Shelters and soup kitchens do not attract homeless people. 1 3 5 7 9
20. I do not feel threatened in this neighborhood. 1 3 5 7 9
21. I need a security system. 1 3 5 7 9
22. Most of the homeless are mentally handicapped persons living on Social Security. 1 3 5 7 9
23. Vacant buildings should either be put to use or taken down. 1 3 5 7 9
24. Day Shelters are needed. 1 3 5 7 9
25. I have had something stolen. 1 3 5 7 9
26. Most crimes are committed by substance abusers supporting their habit. 1 3 5 7 9
27. I have been bodily attacked in this neighborhood. 1 3 5 7 9
28. I do not worry that my loved ones are spending time in the area. 1 3 5 7 9
29. Tougher laws are needed. 1 3 5 7 9
30. The police are making arrests of the proper individuals. 1 3 5 7 9
31. I feel safe walking the streets. 1 3 5 7 9
32. Vacant lots should be developed for housing. 1 3 5 7 9
33. Crime is no greater now than it was 5 years ago. 1 3 5 7 9
34. Public restrooms should be provided. 1 3 5 7 9
35. Rehabilitation for substance abusers is needed. 1 3 5 7 9
36. I would volunteer to help the poor. 1 3 5 7 9
37. Services are located where they are needed. 1 3 5 7 9
38. Compassion and understanding are needed. 1 3 5 7 9
39. I have helped a homeless person. 1 3 5 7 9

* "Single Room Occupancy" or "inexpensive motel"; not "Standing Room Only"
Nominations for Virginia-Highland Board of Directors

The VHCA is accepting nominations for the Board of Trustees. All residents of Virginia-Highland are eligible to serve on the board.

The nominees are elected by Virginia-Highland Residents at the Annual Meeting held in June. At that time, we will also vote on changes to the Bylaws which govern how the VHCA is administered. The most significant change will be to the makeup of the Board. It is likely that the Board will be expanded from its current eleven positions to seventeen. The proposal is that the neighborhood will be sub-divided into six districts with two persons representing each district. In addition to these twelve, there will be four at large members and a representative from the business community.

Advantages to Board Membership
Quite frankly, the biggest benefit of Board Membership is the satisfaction of working towards preserving the lifestyle that we enjoy in Virginia-Highland. The other advantage of board membership is the privilege of voting on zoning issues. (Neighbors who are not board members are often polled on these issues but their vote cannot count. At the NPU meetings, all neighbors can vote to decide these issues.) Other advantages are being privy to information that affects our neighborhood and of course there is the political and social exposure. All the while we try to have fun.

The VHCA wishes to again emphasize that you need not become a Board Member to become involved in the neighborhood. Examples are Nan Hunter who heads the Recycling Committee and Kent Ahrenhold and the rest of the Preservation Committee. Both the Newsletter and Public Safety chairpersons were actively working for the neighborhood before they became elected board members. The point is, if you are interested in participating, nominate yourself. Even if you are not elected to the Board, there will still be plenty for you to do.

Offices
These are the elected positions and some of the committees which are active:

President
Preside over meetings, state VHCA goals and schedules, define VHCA positions, committees & procedures.

Vice-President
Preside over meetings when president not present, assist president.

Secretary
Record minutes of meetings, maintain files of correspondence, procedures, and other documents except for membership, financial & newsletter distribution.

Treasurer
Keeps track of funds and securities of the VHCA. Responsible for bank accounts.

Membership
Maintain files of Membership, recruit members, record attendance of general meetings.

Neighborhood Promotion/Fundraising
T-Shirts, Bumper-Stickers, works with Special Events Chair.

Newsletter
Publication and Distribution of Newsletter and other communication to/from the community as a whole. Maintain distribution network.

NPU-F Representative
Attends NPU-F monthly meetings and makes VHCA's position known.

Parks
Liaison with Civic Fund - development of John Howell Park.

Ponce de Leon Task Force Representative
Represent Virginia-Highland to this organization.

Preservation
Determine Neighborhood's designation under new ordinance. Photograph entire neighborhood.

Public Safety
Organize and maintain a Neighborhood Watch network for collecting, digesting and dispersing information about crime patterns and how the neighborhood can protect itself.

Special Events
Organize Virginia-Highland's participation in Summerfest. Organize Fun Run and Neighborhood Picnic.

Zoning
Head of Committee which reviews zoning variance requests and makes recommendations to the VHCA board. These variances are then voted on by the members of the board.
Inman Wants More Tutors

We got a great response from the last newsletter for tutors. We could always use more. If you can donate at least one hour per week during the school day (8:30AM to 3:00PM), we will match you with a child who needs tutoring in basic reading or math. You need no teaching experience. If interested, contact Michelle Andress at 872-3467.

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CINS AWARDS MINI GRANTS TO AREA TEACHERS
By Laurie Del Martin

Twenty-five teachers from the eight schools in the intown area in the Grady High School cluster received a combined total of almost $6000 from the Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) for the 1990-91 school year. Teachers were presented their grant funds at a reception at Grady High School on Monday, November 26, 1990.

In the seventh year of this project initiated by CINS in support of the Grady cluster, the grants program is supported by the following contributors: Citicorp, Georgia Emission Testing Company (G.E.T. Co.), Mead Packaging, Southern Bell, Morningside/lenox Park Association, Candler Park Neighborhood Association, Inman Park Neighborhood Association, Piedmont Heights Civic Association, Virginia-Highland Civic Association, and Anonymous Parents.

Grants are given to encourage teachers in their creative approaches to teaching and to enable these teachers to purchase materials which will enhance their teaching and reward them for enthusiasm and innovation. Projects this year have been granted to teachers who serve kindergarten through high school students and include some very exciting and innovative ideas.
HENRY W. GRADY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS
By L. D. Martin
It has been an extraordinary school year for Grady High School thus far. Initially, Grady was chosen as a School of Excellence in the Atlanta Public Schools. Now Grady has been chosen as a GEORGIA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE and is competing for recognition on the national level.

Grady High has also been selected as the high school in the Atlanta Public Schools to pilot the new School Based Management Program. This program offers the faculty, staff, and parents an opportunity to set their own goals and objectives and provides the funds to implement their plans. It is quite a challenging and exciting endeavor for everyone.

Congratulations are in order for many individual students at Grady. There were twenty students chosen as semi-finalists or alternates in the Governor's Honors Competition. The semi-finalists will compete in February for the opportunity to attend the prestigious program this summer.

The forensics teams and individuals continue to garner many honors. In what could be called the Henry W. Grady High School Sweepstakes, twelve students won awards at the Thomas County Central Forensic Forum.

Thirty-four students attended the Model United Nations at Georgia State University. Over 1000 students from 57 high schools participated. The eight students received awards for being outstanding delegates.

The 1991 Dionysia, the annual Festival of the Humanities, will begin on Sunday, April 28 with an open house to be held at Grady from 2-5PM. This year the theme is classicism. In addition to writings, plays, photographs and artwork by the students, there will be a special exhibit, "Midtown-Classics: The Architecture of P.T. Shutze." This exhibit will examine the elements of classical architecture in Grady High School and other Atlanta masterpieces designed by Shutze, including the Swan House, the Academy of Medicine, and the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation (The Temple). Many thanks go to Dr. Elizabeth Dowlin, who has helped the students with their research.

Please mark your calendars to attend the Dionysia Event, and if you have any questions about Grady, please call the school office (853-4000).

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For additional information on this program, please contact Jimi Moore at 892-6308.

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Top Sellers At Morningside

Morningside Elementary School has wrapped up another successful Gift Wrap Sale. Three tons of gift wrap were sold, netting the school a profit of over $24,000. This annual sale is the major fundraiser for the PTA, and supports a wide range of educational programs. Top-selling students are pictured with Principal Michael F. Cooper. Front row, left to right, Lucy Fender, Jimmy Wert, Benjamin Williams, and Courtney Pollard. Middle row: Derek Bruno, Roy Johnson, Stephanie Hagan, Stephen Wright, and Susannah Spiegel. Back row: Will Wright and Brook Nordin. An exciting Halloween Carnival provided lots of family fun and $5000 to the school as well.

Open house for prospective parents will begin in January and continue through May. All interested parents are invited to come to school at 9:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month for coffee, a brief program, and a tour of the school. This is a great way to see what's going on and get questions answered.

We have a record-breaking enrollment of 635 students this year. We are scheduled to begin a new addition sometime within the year to serve all of these super students and faculty.

Parents continue to be actively involved in many ways at school including classroom activities, building and grounds workdays, individual student tutoring, fundraising, library assistance, and more. We welcome community volunteers!! If you would like to know how you can be involved, call Becky Vaughn at 875-3298.

Being a Security-Conscious Neighbor

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What would you do if you heard a neighbor's alarm siren go off? Look outside to see if you see anything out of the ordinary. If the alarm sounds for more than a minute, call the neighbor and ask if everything is okay. If you can't reach him, call 911. (If your neighbor's alarm sounds too often, perhaps calling the police will encourage him to have it repaired or learn to use it properly).

How can we work together to keep our neighborhoods safe? The above suggestions are food for thought. Be prepared! You must follow your own instincts to protect yourself effectively. Know your neighbors, be aware of your neighborhood's daily activities, and be willing to take action whenever you see something suspicious. Get involved with or form a Neighborhood Watch program.

We believe there's really no better way to protect our neighborhoods from crime. Police resources are stretched and they need our help. Together we can make the difference!

For more information or to get involved in local crime prevention efforts, call:

* The Atlanta Public Library (730-1700)
* The Crime Prevention Unit of the Atlanta Police Department: Block Watch Information (658-6778)
* Your Block Watch Captain
* Your Civic Association Public Safety Committee

Ken Lavine, president of Pro-Tech Security Systems, Inc. and co-chair of the VHCA Public Safety Committee has allowed the VOICE to reprint this article from his newsletter. Ken welcomes constructive questions and comments. Call him (875-1551) if you have a special safety-related concern and he will try to respond in future articles.
AND THE PICK-UP GOES ON...RECYCLING IN 1991!

By Nan Hunter

I was taking a walk the other day and noticed a real-estate flyer that listed "curbside recycling pick-up" as a selling point of the house for sale. As well it should be. Virginia-Highland is lucky to have this community service since April '90. For those of you who are participating, you know how easy it is. For those of you who have made recycling one of your New Year's resolutions, join the multitude of neighbors in our small part to save the earth.

Here's how the program works:
1) Save all your glass. Rinse and discard tops and separate by color.
2) Save all aluminum cans. *
3) Save all newspaper. Bring your home from work and put in bags or tie.
4) Place recyclables on your curb, away from the Herbie Curbie.

Following is the pickup schedule:
MARCH 11
APRIL 8
MAY 6
JUNE 10

Our service has been free for nine months, but beginning in 1991, A & A has asked for $1 per household per month for its services. Unfortunately, many people collect the cans before A & A comes by, so A & A must charge this small fee.

Please send $4 for 4 months to Nan Hunter, 785 Adair Ave, Atlanta, GA, 30306.

*If you have aluminum cans and will bring them either to my house (above address) or to Todd Smiley's at 1095 Briarcliff Place, they can be put behind bushes. Thanks for your efforts. They do make a big difference.

Again, please tell your friends and neighbors to take advantage of our service. Any questions, call me at 875-1630.

FOR THE AVID RECYCLER

- Recycle plastic bottles, bags, cardboard (cracker and cereal boxes), and tin cans (soup and vegetable) at the DeKalb Farmers Market.
- Recycle magazines and junk mail at Austell Boxboard. (Save for 3 or 4 months and take a 30-minute drive with a neighbor.)
- Reuse grocery and fruit/vegetable bags at the store.
- Write to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Assn, 11 West 42nd St., PO Box 3861, NY, NY, 10163-3861 and reduce/stop your junk mail.
- Recycle at your workplace. (Let your kids use the back of Xerox paper for pictures).
- Compost your leaves and food scraps.

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THE PIERCE PROGRAM

Yoga Classes
For fitness, stress reduction and a healthy back. Get in touch with your inner self, improve your breathing, and focus your mind. Introductory to Advanced levels.

Pregnancy Classes
Practice specially designed yoga exercises and breathing to help you strengthen, stretch and relax your body, and calm and focus your mind throughout pregnancy, labor and postpartum recovery.

Yoga for Children
Children (7-11 years old) can have fun while becoming more coordinated, flexible, and learning to improve their concentration.

1164 North Highland Avenue (near Amsterdam)
875-7110
Help for the Highland Homeowner
by Va. Temple

This is the first of a proposed series of articles aimed at the homeowner to provide information, suggestions, products and safety tips that work well or have been found to be of value.

When replacing glass in windows or doors, rather than deal with the old style canned putty, try the new 3M product, Press-In-Place Glazing. It is a preformed, triangle-shaped putty-tape that's a snap to install and makes a tough, time-consuming repair easier and faster. This product is available at Intown Hardware for about $4.99, and complete instructions are on the box.

Stripping 70+ years of bad taste/various types and colors of paint from interior and exterior woodwork can be quite an experience. If you've tried chemical/hot blower/flame thrower/otherwise unsatisfactory methods, try the Warner Heat Plate Stripper. Follow directions on the box. It's fast (5 - 20 seconds will remove 4" x 7" area clean), and the old paint will be dry and paper-like and can be swept up without messy drop cloths or smelly chemicals. Soon you're down to bare wood. Furthermore, the more layers of old paint, the better it works! Available thru Old House Journal for about $60.00.

If you have used a product or have a safety tip which you can whole-heartedly endorse, please drop a line to the VOICE office. Please include what the product is, what it can do/why it is superior to other types, approximate cost, and where it's available. Let us hear from you!

Mitzie & Romano and Containers - Thank you for the yellow ribbons adorning Virginia-Highland in support of our troops.

WANNA HAVE SOME FUN!??!

Volunteer for Virginia-Highland's Summer Fest Committee

Call Sherry Conger at 873-5746
A GREAT WAY TO GET INTO EVERY VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND HOME

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Artwork: You will need to supply black and white camera ready art and copy. Unfortunately, we are not a print shop, so please give yourself extra time if your artwork is not camera ready.

Deadline dates: January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15. This is one month prior to publication and distribution.

Payments: Payments will need to accompany ad. Checks are to be made payable to Virginia-Highland Civic Association and sent to 1109 N. Highland Ave, Atlanta, GA, 30306. Or you can drop the ad and payment off to Babes in Highland, 1030 N. Highland Avenue, Atlanta.

Discounts: A discount is given for four consecutive appearances of an ad. The discount is the equivalent of half of the fee for the fourth ad. In order to receive the discount, a contract must be signed. The discount does not apply to the back page.

Distribution: The Virginia-Highland VOICE is distributed to over 4,000 households and businesses.

Need further information? Call Terry Tuley at 872-9982 or Beth Marks at 874-7114.

Classified Ads

The VOICE accepts and publishes classifieds at $2 per line. The VOICE reserves the right to edit any ad. Please send classifieds to: The VOICE, 1109 N. Highland Avenue, Atlanta, GA, 30306.


Crime Watch

Below is a listing of the crimes reported to police in October, November, and December for the Virginia-Highland neighborhood (Beat 610):

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THE "ACORN" MAN

As many of you are aware, there is an individual knocking on our doors at all hours of the night requesting money and claiming to be working for "ACORN". This organization is no longer licensed in Georgia. His description is as follows:

Black Male
5' 10" to 6'
Late 30's
Sleender
Glasses
Very Polite and Articulate

If he comes to your door, give him no information and no money. Captain Cook, Commander of Zone 6, has requested that our neighborhood be on the lookout for this man and to call 911 immediately if he should visit your home.

For Cats Only

"A Cat Sitting Service"

Michael Kopley
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