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Tim Shirley - Minister, Virginia Highland Baptist Church

Special Photo

Tim Shirley's Neighborhood Outreach

By Tinka Green

The sign in front of the church reads "An Inclusive Community of Faith Where Everyone is Welcome." The young man who coined that phrase is getting married in September and lives next door to the church in a parish house that looks a little topsy turvy now with renovation work going on.

It's filled with furniture with a little history—a little worn and a lot cozy. There's a big tank of goldfish and he

claims he's considering a pet snake. An old lady dog lives there in the house in wagging happiness. The wife-to-be is Heidi Hayward and the young man is Tim Shirley. They are an attractive couple whom, I'm sure, please the congregation of the newly renamed, newly renovated Virginia Highland Baptist Church.

Tim has been the minister for three years. It's been his goal to reach out to our neighborhood in all its diversity. Already, the changes he's instigated are

Volunteers Needed for 'Fest Success

By Nyna Gentry

Our neighborhood annual fund raiser SUMMERFEST will be June 5 & 6. Funds raised will go toward improving sidewalks, street lighting, our children's needs in our neighborhood parks (Orme and John Howell) and other needs the neighborhood feels are important. Funds from SummerFest '92 have gone toward beautifying our traffic islands and community bulletin boards which should be in place by the time you read this issue of The Voice.

We are most fortunate to have 12 people in our community who have joined forces in the different areas of SummerFest to help prepare, organize and set in motion all the needs of a fund raiser that can expect upwards of 50,000+ people to come and enjoy the activities in John Howell Park and all that Virginia-Highland has to offer. Of course,

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MAY

- 4 SummerFest Meeting
- 5 VHCA General Meeting
- 11 NPU-F Meeting
- 11 SummerFest Meeting
- 12 Ponce Coalition
- 18 SummerFest Meeting
- 18 Parking Meeting
- 25 SummerFest Meeting
- 26 Zoning Meeting

JUNE

- 2 VHCA General Meeting
- 5 SUMMERFEST
- 6 SUMMERFEST
- 8 NPU-F Meeting
- 9 Ponce Coalition
- 15 Parking Meeting
- 30 Zoning Meeting

JULY

- 7 VHCA General Meeting
- 13 NPU-F Meeting
- 14 Ponce Coalition
- 15 VOICE Deadline - Ads and Articles
- 20 Parking Meeting
- 28 Zoning Meeting

All meetings are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to discuss a topic of interest to the neighborhood should contact the Board to get on the agenda, otherwise your concern may not get the attention which it deserves. Please Call 222-VAH (8244).

The VHCA General Meetings and Zoning Meetings are held at the Ponce de Leon Branch Library at 7:30 P.M. The NPU-F Meetings are held at the Morningside Presbyterian Church at 7:30 P.M. Both the Summerfest and Parking Committee meetings are held at the YWCA on N. Highland at 7:00 P.M.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By the time this issue of The Voice reaches you, spring will be in full swing and heading full stream into summer. Our neighborhood greets summer each year with our only fund raiser, SUMMERFEST. Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 5 & 6 and get ready for two days of fun for kids and local artists and musicians showing off their special talents. You'll find more information on this very important weekend on the front page of this issue.

During this past April's general meeting, your Board of Directors voted to move the annual meeting and elections to September. The consensus of those neighbors present was that to have this important meeting immediately before SummerFest was logistically next to impossible considering the number of Board members involved in the fund raiser. Also, under our current by-laws, the Board is charged with forming a nominating committee 90 days before the scheduled election. This should have been done in late February and was not. For those who may be concerned about the extension of terms for your current Board, please be assured the only reason for the move was to help facilitate the organization of SummerFest.

A nominating committee will be formed during May and announced at the June meeting. The motion that was passed called for the elections to be held in September and at that time a motion will be put before the neighborhood to vote on whether or not to hold the annual meeting and elections in September every year.

I hope to see you at our neighborhood meetings the first Wednesday of each month (catch the calendar of events in this issue for specific dates) and remember...YOU GET AS MUCH OUT OF YOUR COMMUNITY AS YOU PUT INTO IT.

Nyna Gentry
President

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**This year the
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has been
moved
from June to
September
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you there.**

SSShhh!!! We Are In A Meeting

To the Editor:

The most recent edition of the Virginia-Highland VOICE contained pleas by the President and the Vice-President of the Civic Association for more active participation by the neighborhood residents at the monthly meetings. I had been attending meetings regularly when one Wednesday night I had great difficulty hearing a guest (to whom I silently asked pardon) and other speakers above the babblings of an infant.

When confronting issues and evaluating viewpoints, I prefer to be able to hear distinctly what each speaker says, and further, to have a quiet atmosphere

in which to consider said issues and viewpoints. For those who feel as I do, the lack of such an atmosphere would be reason enough to stay away.

I feel that the President should have the power, the responsibility and the support of the participants to request that any disruptive child be taken from the room. She would undoubtedly ask any unruly adult to leave if his/her behavior did not conform to a standard of conduct. A neighborhood-meeting-cum-nursery is not the arena for the discussion of serious issues.

Robert Nowak
1166 Orme Circle

911...Operator This Is An Emergency

By Joyce R. Gross
Public Safety Chairperson

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(B) Descriptions Are Very Important

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Keep Your Lights On

By Swan McKnight

Last month, Joyce Gross, Renee Dryfoos and I drove around our neighborhood to mark street light poles for Georgia Power to repair. We were out between 7 and 9 pm on a Monday night. It was dark in our neighborhood and I don't mean because of broken street lights. Our houses were dark, front yards were dark and back yards were dark.

If you have a dark home, you are a prime target for a break-in. Burglars don't want to encounter anyone, so they pick dark homes and use a flashlight to see their way around.

The police believe that if we keep lights on at all times, we can deter burglaries. This means night and day, when you are home, when you're away and while you're asleep. The cost of burning lightbulbs in two areas of your home is very minimal. And it increases the chances that a burglar will pass your house by. *This article was reprinted from the NEC.*

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Buy A Brick for John Howell Park

By Jerry Bright

President, Virginia-Highland Civic Fund

The John Howell Park Project will kick off its fund-raising campaign at Summerfest, with sidewalk pavers that can be inscribed with donors' names. The requested donation is \$55 per paver (with one name inscribed; \$75 for two names). The pavers, which are expected to have a life of approximately 100 years, will be used to create walkways throughout the park.

The sale of pavers will be our major fund-raising vehicle for the park, so please stop by our SummerFest booth to see the park plans and how you (and your family and friends) can be immortalized in stone. Please see the ad in this issue of the VOICE for additional information.

A very special thanks goes to Highland Hardware and DeKalb Office Environments for their donations to our new office space. If you want to see a

great view of downtown Atlanta, drop by for a visit on the second floor of the Virginia-Highland Baptist Church on the corner of Virginia Avenue and Ponce de Leon Place.

The John Howell Park will host a vigil for those members of our community whose lives have been affected by AIDS. According to the Gay Pride Committee, a march will begin in Piedmont Park around 7 pm Saturday, June 26th, proceeding to John Howell Park where a brief ceremony will be held. The committee would like to extend an expression of thanks to the neighborhood for its dedication to social tolerance. Everyone is invited to join in this tribute.

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Mike's Rules on Buying a Bicycle

By Michael Goodman B.G.

Yea! It's finally Spring! The ideal time for bicycling...unless you don't have a bicycle, that is. But if you want to buy one, here is some information to help you shop.

Today, there are basically two kinds of stores from which to buy bicycles—department stores and bike shops. There are three types of bikes from which to choose: road bikes, mountain bikes and hybrids. (I'll discuss children's bikes in another article.)

These two kinds of stores carry very different products. Department stores typically carry an array of inexpensive bicycles ranging from \$119 to \$189. They are usually made in one size and assembled very quickly. American-made bicycles in this price range are usually higher quality products than the imported ones.

However, either one will require considerably more maintenance than better bikes. They will need adjustments to the bearings and cables within one to three hours of initial riding and then two or three times a year thereafter. If you're not sure if you want to take up cycling and want to try it first, or if you'll only ride a few times a year, this type of bike may be for you.

If you do buy an inexpensive bike, have a bike shop put it together (or reassemble it) for you. You'll pay more for the assembly but the bike will be thoroughly checked out, debugged and checked over again after you ride it for a while. It will work better and last longer if professionally assembled.

Bike shops, on the other hand, sell high quality bicycles. They come in several sizes in order to fit different sized people. They are, therefore, more comfortable and easier to ride. These bikes work better, last longer, ride smoother and require less maintenance than inexpensive ones. In addition, they're assembled at no extra charge and come with a free check-over.

You'll also find knowledgeable sales people at a bike store to fit you, instruct you and let you test ride the bike before you buy it. Of course, quality bicycles cost more, but you get a lot for your money. They range from the mid-\$200's and up.

In bike shops, you'll find three types of bicycles from which to choose: road bikes (as opposed to off-road



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BOOK REVIEW

(All books reviewed are available at the
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A Yellow Raft In Blue Water

by Michael Dorris

Three generations of Indian women from a Montana reservation will capture your soul. Ida, the matriarch, has kept a family secret that has burdened her to the point of fierceness. Her connection to her daughter Christine doesn't resemble love but seems more like an unraveling rope which never breaks.

Christine has spent years trying to escape her mother's hold and the effect her brother's life and death has had on all her relationships. She is both dependent on and indifferent to her own daughter, Rayona, a teenager of Indian and Black heritage who is angry and tough and filled with a tenuous wisdom that will break your heart. As the three of them careen toward the revelation of the secret, you'll marvel at their strong hold on life.

The Crown of Columbus

by Michael Dorris and
his wife, Louise Erdrich

These reviews are in celebration of Michael Dorris' contributions to some of the best reading around. Dorris is of American Indian heritage and the main character in this book is an American Indian woman (he writes from a female viewpoint better than most male authors).

Vivian Twostar, who vividly lives up to her name, is an anthropology professor at Dartmouth. She lives with her grandmother, who must constantly be shoved into civility, and a teenage son, Nash, determined to undermine any pleasure in the household.

When Vivian stumbles into love with fellow professor Roger Williams (named for white bread) and mothers his child, she doesn't enhance her family relations. She uncovers some information in the college archives related

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COLONEL MUSTARD WITH A KNIFE IN THE KITCHEN

FOOD REVIEW

Fleeman's Drugstore

Surely, the corner drugstore wasn't always on the corner in my youth but we always called it that. And in its local reincarnation, it really is—on the corner. Fleeman's has been in operation since 1914. Its fountain has been closed for the last few years but now is serving again.

Egg salad, chicken salad, tuna salad, BLT on unfancy bread with chips and pickles—just like always and it tastes good and fresh like your mama made. Myra Jackson says it's like her mama made too, and she and her husband Robert have brought back a neighborhood tradition with homey touches. She makes soup or chili everyday and brings it in a big electric pot since cooking is not done on the premises. The chili is mild and tasty and can have a dash of hot sauce added for tongues that require it.

There are tables and chairs plus counter seating and papers and magazines to read while you eat. A lot of Coke memorabilia decorates the place. Even the outside wall has a giant Coke ad painted on it. It goes back a lot of years and has a special history—there's only one other like it or something like that. It looks like it stepped out of the Coke museum.

This is a great neighborhood meeting place. The local merchants have already become regulars. When I go in, someone calls out "Chocolate phosphate coming up." I like that and I've always loved phosphates. The combination of sweet and bitter is addictive. They are hard to find and as long as Fleeman's serves them, I'm drinking there. The food is good and reasonably priced with a touch of nostalgia thrown in. I'm a regular.

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By Kathy Couch
Parks Committee Chairperson

By the time you get this, our spring planting of flowers in the neighborhood should be well underway. Thanks to all our volunteers, landscaper Schild Grant and to Highland Hardware and Intown Hardware for their generous donation of flowers. Their help makes it possible for us to spread our budget even further.

Would you like to see a beautification project in your part of the neighborhood? So would we! Although we have volunteers who like to get dirt on their hands, we only have two organizers on the Parks Committee. That has limited our ability to beautify more areas in the neighborhood.

If you would like to organize your neighbors to "adopt" a traffic island

or other public area in your part of the community, please call me at 874-4011. We can provide landscaping advice, at least some plant materials, a list of volunteers and other help. But we need individuals to take charge!

We also need a neighborhood volunteer to act as Virginia-Highland's representative at the Piedmont Park Conservancy meetings each month. This year is critical because a new master plan is being formulated which will affect our park for many years to come.

Meetings are held in Midtown at 4:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. If you can become our representative to attend these meetings even some of the time, please call me at 874-4011. Those of you who live near the park will be particularly affected by what happens at these meetings.

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it will take many more than 12 neighbors to make SummerFest successful.

The SummerFest Board members are: **John Jugovic**, Chair & Budget (872-7615); **Tinka Green**, Artist Market (892-4447); **Jerry Dubner**, Five K Race & Tot Trot (876-3112); **Swan McKnight**, Kid's Fest (876-1076); **Susan Kraham** and **Arnold Gross**, T-shirts (874-0016); **Nyna Gentry**, Entertainment (873-64721); **Todd Taylor**, Food & Beverage (873-4545); **Nan Hunter**, Communications (875-1630); **Brian Hendrix**, **Gretchen Vanzile** and **David Williams**, Volunteers. To volunteer, please call 874-3154.

The most important committee is volunteers. For the first time, Kid's Fest will be held on both days. We will also be selling soft drinks this year and will need additional volunteers over last year for these two activities. SummerFest cannot happen without the support of our neighborhood through volunteering. Remember this is a non-profit fund raiser for the Virginia-Highland neighborhood. When you call 874-3154 to volunteer,

please be sure to let them know what day you would like to volunteer. Remember, you don't have to live in Virginia-Highland to volunteer for SummerFest. Do you have a friend that visits and loves our neighborhood as much as you? Ask them to volunteer for one of the many positions needed to be filled.

We want SummerFest to be what the neighborhood wants and your input is important. By the time you receive this issue of the Voice, we will be meeting every Tuesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the VA-HI Baptist Church.

We are working hard to make SummerFest '93 one of the most successful fund raisers our neighborhood has experienced and with your help we can accomplish all that we need to.

For additional information about the SummerFest Volunteering Committee, you can call the volunteer Hotline at 874-3154, The Voice Line at 222-VAHI or fill out the application in the issue found on page 9, and mail it to **The Voice**. Remember, the more volunteers we have for SummerFest, the better the event will be, thus the more fun we can all have.

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How's that for an opener? The latest EPA figures show a 71% increase in the amount of garbage generated by consumers in just 13 years.

Locally, our landfills will be full within a few years and our government still has not put in place a citywide recycling program. I was told recently that it will probably be another year, so Virginia-Highland will continue with A&A Recycling on a monthly basis until then. Please persuade your neighbors and friends to jump on board and not wait until it's mandatory. The cost is only \$1/month. The next pick-up is Monday, June 14.

My son, Bradley, came home from school one day with a great puppet made from recyclables. It immediately clicked that I could contribute my "unusables" to these art projects. Claire Ritzler from The Center for Puppetry Arts on Spring Street actually called to thank me for my bag of goodies which included margarine and yogurt containers, toilet paper and paper towel

RECYCLE

T O D A Y

BY NAN HUNTER

tubes, string, buttons, rubber bands, meat trays, fabric, etc. She reminded me that Jim Henson made the first Kermit the Frog out of his mother's old green bathrobe!

Each week I read "EARTH-WEEK: A Diary of the Planet" in the E section of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and I'm always depressed at the occurrences. Let me share one with you...

"A veil of smoke that develops each summer from Brazil to Africa may be contributing to global climate changes, and causing extremely acidic rain to fall in the tropical forests of the Congo." And from where does this smoke emanate? "...the smoke is caused by huge fires resulting from clear-cutting of Brazil's tropical forests, and blazes in the savannas."

How short-sighted is mankind. We each need to do our part, as insignificant as it seems. Here are a few tips:

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- 2) Recycle your hangers and cleaning bags at Fashion Care Cleaners, at the corner of Ponce and Barnett.
- 3) When at a restaurant, ask if they are recycling your beer/wine/soda bottles. If not, carry them home with you and do so yourself. Just Do It!!
- 4) Use your junk mail as scratch paper.

I could go on forever but will wait until the next VOICE! Questions? Call me at 875-1630.

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Assault	18	13	10
Auto Theft	5	8	25
Commercial Burglary	4	4	2
General Larceny	9	11	15
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0
Residential Burglary	17	21	17
Robbery	8	10	12
Vehicular Larceny	33	28	22

your house, and you grab your gun and call 911. Describe what you look like and what weapon you are brandishing. Put that weapon down when the police arrive on the scene to show you are the good guy. If you fail to do this, do not expect them to recognize you as the victim instead of the perpetrator. Criminals come in all sizes, shapes and colors. **Furthermore, if you should decide to defend yourself with a firearm, be sure you know how to use it as well as your legal rights to use it.**

**(C) Just Who Needs
an Attitude Adjustment?**

When you are in need of the police, most likely you have experienced or are experiencing something quite emotional. We would all like to think that whomever shows up at your time of need will be sympathetic to your situation. If you want "warm fuzzies," call a shrink. Do not expect that from the 911 operator or the police officer.

What may appear on the surface to be a quick, cold attitude with no expression of compassion could simply be a conscientious officer trying to get back on your streets or on to another emergency call. Or it could be someone having a bad day, just like you do sometimes. So don't get bent out of shape if his or her attitude does not meet your expectations.



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**(D) To Come to Your Home
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Specifically tell the operator whether you want the responding officer to come to your house or not. This applies mainly to calls where no crime has actually been committed at your home. For instance, you spy a suspicious individual walking down the street looking in car windows. Most of us would prefer that the officer not appear at our doorstep with said suspicious individual for identification purposes.

(E) Won't They Ever Get Here?

You have called 911 and it seems like hours before someone arrives. Officers are dispatched according to priority. Suppose you arrive home at night and find that your home was burglarized prior to your arrival. This is not a priority call. **However, it IS a priority call if you arrive home and the burglar is still present.** Your perception of time as you wait for the police to come will most likely be incorrect. Emotions play games with time perception. One minute seems like ten, ten minutes seems like thirty, etc.

(F) "Suspicious Persons"

Yes, I know you don't like

unknown individuals walking down your street for no reason, but that is not a crime. To involve the police, a suspicious person has to be guilty of more than just walking down the street. Is he or she looking in car windows? Peering into houses? Carrying your neighbor's brand new stereo equipment? Now we're talking suspicious!

**(G) Let Me Speak to
Your Supervisor**

If you find that you are truly dissatisfied with your 911 operator, insist on speaking to a supervisor.

(H) Stand Up and Be Counted

No matter how small the crime, report it. Whether you think anything can be done about it or not, report it. If your car is broken into, report it. (Car break-ins can be taken over the phone.) All crimes must be reported to be counted. For example, six residents of a townhouse complex had their cars broken into one night but only one of them reported the incident. The precinct had no idea that the street had had a major problem that night.

**Remember: reporting is
important because the
squeaky wheel gets the oil!**

**Do you or one of your neighbors
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to an influential family named Cobb in Dartmouth's history.

The present-day Cobb lures the new little family to his Caribbean island home with the promise of revenge for Christopher Columbus' ill deeds against native Americans. Roger, who is already an authority on Columbus, refuses to believe there is something he doesn't know about his favorite subject. Cobb, who is on the run for illegal financial dealings, puts everyone in jeopardy before the mystery is resolved.

All these threats manage to forge something resembling traditional family values but with a few quirks. Quirks are good and Dorris is an expert at them. Both books are guaranteed good reads.

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& ELECTIONS
WILL BE HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 8, 1993**

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get on her mailing list. There is also a huge selection of postcards for a little miniature art to send.

Sidewalk Studio

996 Virginia Avenue

872-1047

The four owners came to the neighborhood 14 years ago when they were really pioneers gambling on this location. Their emphasis is on giving new artists an opportunity to show their wares alongside some older, established names. Everything is on consignment, with 300+ artists represented. There is pottery, iron work, stained glass and jewelry. Repairs and custom jewelry are available, too. So take your own idea in and have it created.

20th Century Antiques

1044 N. Highland Avenue

892-2065

The husband and wife team who run this shop have a variety of artist-designed manufactured items as well as some originals. A local furniture maker is represented and there is one-of-a-kind funky jewelry. Some of the antiques have been reupholstered as art furniture. Check it out, especially if art deco is one of your passions.

Art By Design

1054 N. Highland Avenue

607-0919

You can get signed, limited edition silkscreen prints here as well as glass pieces and small paintings. They have a price range to suit everyone and specialize in searching for that article you've always wanted but haven't been able to find.

Nature's Art

1025 Virginia Avenue

892-4664

There are a few found object sculptures but mainly this shop is full of mother nature's unbeatable shells and rocks.

Take a stroll, do some window shopping and I'm sure you'll find some piece of ART to your liking.



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KIDSFEST '92

A REVIEW OF SUMMERFEST FUN

KidsFest '92 was a huge success, and this year, at SUMMERFEST '93, the KidsFest will be held on both days, June 5 & 6. Below are some photographs of some of the fun at last year's KidsFest. Allison Kidd (Right); Ethan Waterman (Top Below); Brian & Allison McCarn (Middle Below); A donkey from the Yellow River Game Ranch (Bottom).

All Special Photos



A Neighborhood-Wide Off-Duty Police Patrol

By Yvette Weatherly

I wrote an article in the November 1992 VOICE titled "Neighbors Join to Protect Our Streets." I missed the deadline for the February issue, but still want to update you about the results. The article asked residents to call or send in a coupon interested in starting a neighborhood-wide off-duty police patrol. Only 11 people responded out of approximately 4,000 households in the Virginia-Highland area!

Due to the lack of interest, there will not be a neighborhood-wide program. However, there are small groups within the neighborhood that are operating their own programs with noticeable results. I hope other small groups will take the initiative and start their own patrols as my street and others nearby did.

•• Neighborhood Announcements ••

Theatre Gael presents SPOKESONG, a witty and powerful play which highlights man's ability to triumph over urban unrest, ethnic hatred and human greed, by contemporary Northern Irish playwright, Stewart Parker, May 13 - June 6, 1993 at the Dana Fina Arts Building of Agnes Scott College. Set in a Belfast bike shop, amid the mindless bombing and urban renewal of modern times. Performance begins at 8:00 P.M. Thursday thru Saturday; 5:00 P.M. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 Thursday and Sunday; \$12 Friday and Saturday. Discounts available for students, seniors and groups. Call 876-1138 for reservations.

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Friday 9-1 3-6:30

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SHIRLEY, From Page 1

visible. They include the historical significance of ordination of women deacons (six of the eight currently are women) and withdrawal of the church from the fundamentalist-dominated Southern Baptist Convention in 1992, with the resulting new name.

"These changes stress the congregation's desire to welcome everyone to the life and ministry of the church and to be open to freedom of inquiry in a theological setting," Tim comments. All this from a church established in 1923 which, until recently, embraced more conservative views. Under Tim's leadership, the congregation decided to make changes for the times and the kinds of people who populate the Virginia-Highland area.

There is a daycare center operating in the building run by an independent group that leases space. The church has given office space to the John Howell Park Project and has offered

meeting space to other neighborhood groups. The church provides a storage room for the Inman School Festival and has opened its facilities to a dance group for recitals.

Last year during Summerfest, the ladies of the church had a big-draw bake sale with delicious goodies favored by all sweet tooths. They plan to participate again this year. Their attitude about any inconvenience caused by blocked streets and restricted access to parking for Sunday morning church services has been to join in the celebration and use it to their advantage—an attitude that certainly endears them to Summerfest planners.

When the church broke away from the Southern Baptists, it remained part of the Alliance of Baptist, a national organization which tackles important issues of concern to its congregations across the country and maintains a continued insistence on separation of church and state. The church is still affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist

Fellowship, an Atlanta-based national group with moderate views. The church also supports the Druid Hills Churches Association community center which provides food, clothing, referrals to shelters, phones and restrooms to the many homeless in our area.

I think this progressive attitude can be attributed to Tim. His own personal commitment to neighborhood involvement means he's become a familiar figure at meetings and forums. We've grown accustomed to his willingness to help with problems and find solutions.

He's very serious about his role in offering a challenge to people concerning their religion. He always gives their questions respect, and is the first one to admit that even he doesn't have all the answers and is searching himself

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Program Schedule For June 1993

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY OF THE WEEK	DATE(S)	TIME(S)
MONDAY MOVIES	6-12	MONDAYS	JUNE 14,21,28	2 P.M.
TIME FOR TWOS	2's	TUESDAYS	JUNE 1,15	10 A.M. NO GROUPS
STORY TIME	3-5	WEDNESDAYS	JUNE 2,9,16,23,30	10 A.M.
SLEEPYTIME	3-5	WEDNESDAYS	JUNE 2,9,16,23,30	7 P.M.
MAGICIAN DAVID GINN	6-12	THURSDAY	JUNE 17	2 P.M.
CRAFTS	3-5	THURSDAY	JUNE 24	2 P.M. SIGN-UP REQUIRED

*** Fifth Annual ***

Virginia Highland Summerfest '93 5k Road Race and Tot Trot

Saturday, June 5, 1993 - 8:00 a.m.

- Location:** 5k race starts and finishes at corner of Virginia Avenue and Park Drive (at Inman Middle School); course goes through the scenic Virginia Highland neighborhood. Tot Trot (starts at 9:30) held on the grounds of Virginia Highland Summerfest near the 5k race finish area.
- Entry Fee:** \$10 for pre-registered runners (by May 29)
\$12 for late registration (after May 29)
\$5 for Tot Trot (ages 5 and under)
- Registration:** Mail entry form (by May 29) and check payable to:
Summerfest '93
Post Office Box 8401 Station F
Atlanta, Georgia 30306
- or register through June 4th at:
Virginia Highland merchants, or
Phidippides Ansley Mall (875-4268)
- Late Registration & Packet Pickup:** Virginia Highland Baptist Church
Corner of Virginia Avenue and Park Drive
Friday, June 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 5th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
- T-Shirts:** 100% cotton Summerfest '93 T-shirts to all registrants.
- Age Groups:** Male and Female: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60+
- Awards:** Overall male and female, masters male and female, and top three male and female in each age group. Ribbons for Tot Trot participants. Drawings for prizes from local merchants.
- Information:** Call 222-VAHI (222-8244) or Jerry Dubner (870-1320).



Entry Form - Virginia Highland Summerfest '93 5k Road Race and Tot Trot

Name: _____ Age (on 6/5/93): _____ Sex (M or F): _____

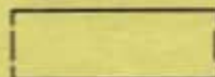
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Telephone: () _____ Emergency Contact/Telephone: _____ / () _____

Race: 5k _____ Tot Trot _____ T-shirt Size (circle one): M L XL Tot

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Atlanta, GA 30306

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In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against Virginia Highland Summerfest '93, the Virginia Highland Civic Association, the officials, the supporters and the sponsors of the Virginia Highland Summerfest '93 5k Road Race and Tot Trot for injury or illness which directly or indirectly results from my participation. I state that I am in proper physical condition to participate in an event of this nature and that I am an amateur athlete. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Signature/Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if under 18)

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- ☐ U.S. Senator Sam Nunn
- ☐ U.S. Representative John Lewis



ATTENTIONS NEIGHBORS

Certain streets in close vicinity to John Howell Park will be closed to thru traffic during SummerFest. If you are in that area, watch your mailbox for instructions on how to receive your parking permit for the weekend. Thanks for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call 222-VAHI and push #9 for further details.

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bikes), mountain bikes and hybrids. A road bike has thin tires and down-turned handlebars. Until the last few years, this racing style bike was the most prevalent kind. They are best used for long distance riding and competition, although they also make fine city bikes. Road bikes are fast, efficient and responsive, but can only be ridden on pavement.

Mountain bikes are the most popular style bicycle today. They evolved for off-road riding and that is where they excel. They have fat tires and up-right handlebars. Large tires give the bike a very stable and smooth ride, but they are slow in the street. However, a wide selection of tires are available for mountain bikes to adapt them for on or off-road use. These are versatile bicycles.

Recently hybrids have been introduced. These bikes are a cross between road and mountain bikes. They have up-right handlebars and a medium-sized tire that make them ideal city bikes.

They retain some of the lightness and responsiveness of a road bike yet are rugged enough to handle city streets. They can also be ridden off-street on smooth, hard packed surfaces like dirt roads or camp grounds.

As you can see, bicycles are now more specifically designed for their intended use. But determining what type of bicycle you need and where to shop for it is only the first step in buying one. There are other details to consider such as size, brand, model and price differences, operation and maintenance. These questions can be discussed in detail when you shop for your bike.

But regardless of what type bike you buy or where you buy it, I encourage you to give cycling a try. Bicycles can be used for sport, exercise, recreation and even transportation. And now is a good time to get a bike since May is National Bike Month. A myriad of rides and events are slated for the month including Clean Commute Day and Bike to Work Day. So park your car, blow up your TV and go ride your bike. Happy Trails!

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