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# SummerFest Time Again!

By DeborahCox

Ah, yes! I see in my crystal ball that on Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th, there will be lots of folks strolling down Virginia Avenue. Some will be eating and drinking, some will be listening to music, some will be buying interesting art pieces. However, most assuredly, all will smiling and enjoying the day. Ah, yes! SummerFest time again.

But behind the scenes this event has always been plagued by controversy. It requires a great deal of volunteer time and it does inconvenience neighbors that live adjacent to John Howell Park. And some people in the neighborhood believe that Virginia-Highland residents should not encourage non-residents to visit our neighborhood. So why did members of the community and the VHCA board vote to continue this happening?

It is simple — to raise funds needed to support neighborhood needs. By the time this issue of the newsletter hits the streets, residents who attended the May meeting of the VHCA will have selected some of the projects to be funded by last year's profits. In addition, at least 50% of funds raised from SummerFest '94 will be dedicated to a major neighborhood project. Many projects have been suggested so there are obviously needs out there. SummerFest profits could make a difference in our neighborhood. So spare a little time to help make this SummerFest '94 successful. Better still, spend one Wednesday a month at the VHCA meeting and count your voice in determining how this neighborhood should plan and provide for the future.

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# Virginia-Highland Security Patrol ...Starting July 1, 1994... Only \$150 per Year

By Beth Marks

You should have already received a flyer in the mail regarding the start of a neighborhood-wide off-duty police program. After seeing two portions of the neighborhood that already have such a program in place with up to an 80% decrease in crime, we thought it was time to get the whole neighborhood involved. If you have not yet responded, please do so now. Here is an example of what a program like this can do for you.

The following statistics come from one of the neighborhood groups that covers a 10street area of Virginia-Highland.

In October 1991, 13 crimes were committed including robbery, assault, auto theft, and larceny. In October 1993, there was only one crime—a bicycle was stolen. In 1992, there was an average of seven crimes per month, and in 1993, the average dropped to only two to three crimes per month.

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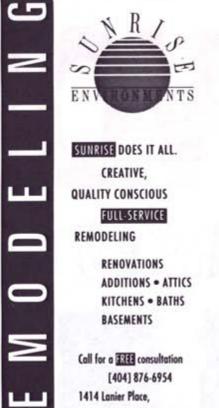
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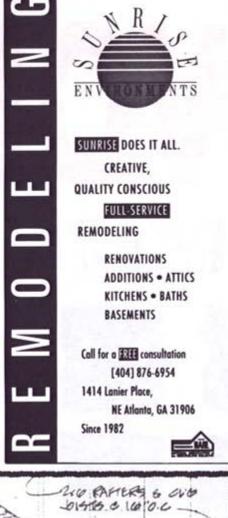
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All meetings are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to discuss a topic of interest to the neighborhood should contact the Board to get on the agenda, otherwise your concern may not get the attention which it deserves. Please Call 222-VAHI (8244).

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.







# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A lot more than trees and flowers are popping in Virginia-Highland. Arnold Gross stepped into lead the SummerFest Committee in late February and things are jumping. June 4th & 5th are the dates, and we hope to have a good time for the whole community. We also hope to raise lots of money to continue projects within the community that will benefit all. Arnold and his committee can use help from both businesses and residents. Call 222-VAHI or 872-8280. Thanks.

A zoning amendment has been introduced by Council Member Mary Davis to reduce the zoning on St. Charles/Greenwood from RG-2 to R-5(duplex). This down-zoning would have particular effect on existing townhomes and apartments, but could be positive for single family dwellings. It is to be heard before the Zoning Review Board in Council chambers at 6 p.m. on June 2nd. You may call the VHCA representative, Joyce Gross, at 873-9921 or Mary Davis at 330-6049 for more information.

At the same zoning review board meeting, the text amendment on parking requirements for coffee houses is scheduled to be heard. This issue has been before the ZRB twice before, but was deferred for study by the planning department. Coffee houses are the "new kids on the block" and the impact of this amendment needs careful study.

Beth Marks has been working hard on the concept of a community-wide off-duty police patrol. Be sure to read the article in this issue about the patrol and see what you think.

Virginia-Highland without the brothers and Superior Foods makes me kind of sad. Good luck to them in their retirement.

While attending meetings of the master plan for Piedmont Park, I have come to realize what stress the park is really under. Since our community borders the park on the west, it is of even more importance to us. Keep your ears open for more information on the "master plan." Our park needs lots of help, and this long-term project will need lots of support! Along those lines, the Piedmont Conservancy was just notified that John B. Whitehead has given \$1 million to the Conservancy. For more information you can call the Conservancy at 875-Park to see how you can help.

Our donation of \$1,300 to the Inman School/Midtown Alliance project was instrumental in getting that project rolling.

We still meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Ponce Library at 7:30 p.m. See you there.

J.D. Christy, President

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# Mayor Bill Campbell Addresses Growing Virginia-Highland Business Association

By Susan Guerroro, President of VHBA

Mayor Bill Campbell made a special appearance at a recent Virginia-Highland Business Association members reception at Atkins Park. During the reception the Mayor spoke about a number of issues from the bond referendum to taxes and crime. However, his main purpose for addressing the Business Association was to show his support for the group.

A long time in-town resident of Inman Park, Mayor Campbell is an avid supporter of Virginia-Highland. During the reception, the Mayor talked about the unique charm of the area. He spoke of how the Atlanta Economic Development Corporation is using Virginia-Highland as a model for neighborhoods and how the Business and Civic Associations should continue to work together for the betterment of the community. Over 50 current and potential members attended the reception.

In addition to the Mayors presentation, each of the Virginia-Highland Business Association Committee Chairs said a few words about their current projects.

Robert Wager, Membership Chair, announced the results of the first membership campaign. Over 70 businesses have now joined. Membership dues are \$50 annually and membership benefits include the following: monthly meetings with guest speakers, networking receptions and special events, the opportunity to be included in monthly retail newsletters, inclusion in promotional brochures and information, discount advertising rates in Creative Loafing, and the opportunity to have a voice and participate in projects that affect the neighborhood.

Lynn DeWitt, Secretary of the VHBA and a member of the Physical Planning Committee, explained that the Planning Committee is developing a master plan for the neighborhood and will be reviewing the plan with the VHCA to get its input. The committee has also been working with official of the First Union Bike Race to ensure that issues such as parking, neighborhood shuttles, and street closings are properly addressed.

Dawn Landau, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, announced three projects. First, the committee is working with Beth Marks to develop a neighborhood security patrol. Second, the committee is working with the Atlanta Clean City Commission to obtain additional pedestrian trash cans for North Highland. Third, the committee is working with the city to install a traffic light at the corner of North Highland and Greenwood.

Kimberly Krautter, Chairman of the Public Relations and Communications Committee, discussed the kick-off party for the First Union Grand Prix. The party will be held on Friday, April 29, from 6:00pm until 9:00pm in the John Howell Park. The event will include live music, a silent auction, food sampling from a variety of Virginia Highland restaurants and two drink tickets for a total cost of only \$15 per person. Proceeds from the events will benefit the Virginia-Highland Business Association and the John Howell Park Project. Kimberly's group is also working on neighborhood collateral promotional pieces for the neighborhood as well as continuing to produce the monthly business promotional newsletter.

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# The Times, They Are A Changin'

by Swan McKnight



A crowd gathers to honor Superior owners



Swan McKnight with George and Charlie

After 27 years, our neighborhood grocery store, Superior Foods, closed its doors on March 26. The announcement left many of us in shock, disbelief and panic. Where in the world (or neighborhood) would we go now? Sure, we all went to the chain stores sometimes, but no one really enjoys the trip to the grocery store. It is just a necessity of life. A trip to Superior, however, was different.

When you walked in it was like stepping back in time. Nostalgia would take over, reminding us of the way grocery stores used to be in our childhood. The aisles were clean and the items neatly stacked. There were no flashing sales displays or grocery store gimmicks. But, it wasn't so much the store as it was the people.

George, Charlie, or Pete was always there to greet you at the front door. They would lead you to the correct aisle, bag your groceries, carry your groceries to the car, and talk about a neighborhood issue, the cold you couldn't shake, or simply the weather.

In the last few weeks, many of us have talked to one another about memories that sparked "I remember the time when ... " stories. The time the three-month old niece was spending the night. Plenty of bottles were packed by her mom but no nipples. A knock on the locked door of Superior brought the shopkeeper to open for the much-needed item. "No need to pay now. Go home and feed the baby. Come by tomorrow and bring the baby so I can see her." The times we bought more than we had the cash to pay for. "Bring the money later." The times we left our sleeping babies in the car seat knowing that Charlie, George or Pete would stand guard by the front window. The donations of food for SummerFest so our city children could feed the animals. The times they drove our elderly neighbors home. They have touched so many of us in small ways that have added up over the years.

For many of us, living in Virginia-Highland is like a small town atmosphere in the middle of the city. As things around us changed, Superior Foods was a constant. I guess we thought it would always be there. Nothing is forever, but 27 years is a long time, Thank you, George. Thank you, Charlie. Thank you, Pete.

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#### SECURITY, From Page 1

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Our projected participation from the neighborhood will allow us to have two off-duty officers simultaneously patrolling the neighborhood anywhere between 6 to 7 days per week for 6 to 8 hours per day. The level of service will depend on the overall response from the neighborhood, but it will be no less than just described. If the response is larger than projected, we will go ahead and increase the coverage.

To get involved in this program, please fill out the form below. We will need payment by June 15, 1994. Remember the \$150 includes use of a pager system to page police, a security yard sign, a monthly newsletter, and most importantly, officers patrolling the neighborhood 6 to 8 hours a day. We will also be supplying some form of a marked car once the program has started. For bookkeeping purposes, it will be easier if we can receive the entire \$150 payment at once. However, if you are unable to do that, please give us a call so we can work with you on a payment schedule.

We will be happy to answer any of your questions. Call 222-VAHI and leave a message on the public safety line. We appreciate your support for the neighborhood. Please see coupon below.



# VHSP MEMBERSHIP COUPON

Please enroll me as a member of VHSP for 1 year at \$150 per year (July '94 – July '95)

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(Please note...the phone number is important since the police will receive a list of phone numbers with addresses. The pager system will have you enter your phone number and they will be able to cross-check it to an address in order to respond to a page.)

#### SUMMER, From Page 1

As for the details of SummerFest, there will be approximately 125 artist booths set up with returning and new artists participating. The food vendors include Surin of Thailand, RJ's, Everybody's Pizza, Camille's, and Tim's Ice Cream. Fat Tuesdays and Tropical Escapes will make frozen drinks available, alcoholic and nonalcoholic, respectively.

The 5k race starts at 8am, Saturday, June 4th, at the corner of Virginia and Park. Pick up registration forms at Babes-in-Highland -\$10 prior to June 4th, \$15 on the day of the race. The everpopular, ever-entertaining Tot Trot begins at 8:45 am at the Inman Park Junior High soccer field.

The Human Gyroscope should be fun??!!!!

KidsFest will have the proven favorites with some new fun venues for our children.

Last year, Nyna Gentry spent many hours listening to music groups to provide live entertainment. Again, after much research, she has lined up groups sure to please most ears.

And for all of you who have not paid your membership dues to the VHCA (\$10/per family/per year), there will be a special table set up to make this an easy process for you.

As a SummerFest volunteer this year, you will not only receive the great SummerFest T-shirt (guaranteed to greatly enhance your summer wardrobe), but also you will have the opportunity to participate in drawings for many prizes donated by local merchants. So come on out. Volunteer for a few hours of enjoyable work and then enjoy the rest of the Festival.

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# Green Facelift Planned for N. Highland

by Stephanie Coffin and Kathy Couch VHCA Parks Committee

Last fall, when the City started replacing the water pipes along N. Highland Avenue, the VHCA Parks Committee began discussing the possibility of planting trees in the right-of-way strip along our main avenue. A call to the city arborist put our neighborhood on the list for 25 FREE ten-foot crepe myrtles.

The trees were scheduled to be planted this spring, but due to delays in the water project, we are postponing until fall—the other optimum time for tree planting. The Parks Committee has requested a modest budget from the VHCA for ground covers, pine straw and soil enhancers to complete the planting.

A tree-lined street will help soften noise, absorb pollution from traffic and enhance the "walking atmosphere" for which our neighborhood is known. Crepe myrtles are perfect street trees, hardy and beautiful in all seasons. Contrary to popular opinion, they do NOT have to be pruned annually. They won't block vision from driveways either, like the bushier Bradford pear trees do. And their summer flowers will be in full bloom at Olympic time. We'll keep you posted before the trees arrive. They are going to be beautiful!

#### Other Tree News

Other neighborhood tree planting will continue through the summer and early fall. If you have a place for a "street" tree, please send in the coupon below. Red maples and a few other varieties purchased by the VHCA are available free-of-charge.

#### Thanks (Again), Highland Hardware

Once again, Highland Hardware has generously donated flowers for the corner triangle at N. Highland and Virginia avenues and for the planting at N. Highland next to the YWCA. We really appreciate their seasonal gifts to our community. Phil Colson, the store's resident plant guru, provides invaluable advice and assistance for our biannual plantings. By the time you read this, our spring flowers should be in and growing, thanks to our corps of dedicated gardening volunteers.



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#### **Book Reviews**

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#### Mama Makes Up Her Mind and Other Dangers of Southern Living

by Bailey White

I've been listening to Bailey White on National Public Radio for several years. She is a very entertaining old woman who frequently relates funny stories about her mother, who has to be close to 100 and had to have had Bailey in her teens. My own 80-year old mother sounds like a heel-kicking young girl compared to Ms. White. She just has one of those hard-to-define but unmistakably tottering, elderly voices. But wait. The truth is Bailey White is in her early 40's at most and she looks even younger. Such a peculiar voice, but what wonderful stories, and they have now been compiled in Ms. White's first book.

Unfortunately, her mama died recently, but I imagine she left a treasure trove of material in the mind's eye of her daughter. Her life was a series of eccentric reactions to the goings-on of assorted relations, neighbors and friends in a small Georgia town, as lovingly told by her daughter. This is a mother who kept fleas; there is an aunt who has a long-time friendship with an alligator; and there is a stirring love story of an elegant mare and a sturdy work horse. You'll giggle and bawl and enjoy yourself thoroughly. Bailey White is witty and a master of the fascinating anecdote. Thankfully, I think she has the genes to grow old like her mother and eventually grow into that voice.

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The Secret of Annexe 3 by Colin Dexter

This will be familiar to you if you watch Inspector Morse on the PBS "Mystery" series. Although the inspector is tougher and drinks more than he is portrayed on TV, he is the best part of this story.

Morse lives in Oxford, England, a town renowned for intellectual snobbery, and Morse can intellectualize with the best of the dons. His esoteric references run through the story line which isn't very thrilling or very bloody, an exceptional attribute. In fact, the violence seems incidental to the story, but Morse's character and personality are strong and interesting, paving the way for his TV persona, which is that of a greying, somewhat overweight, middle-aged, crusty sex symbol.

The murder happens on New Year's Eve in a third-rate hotel striving to increase its holiday business by acting like a fifth-rate cruise ship, even including the masquerade ball. By the time Morse has the solution, the female suspects have all succumbed to his unlikely charm, and Lewis, his stoic sidekick, is once again graciously admiring his deductive powers. A good read.

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# Festers Confess: "We Did It For Fun"

By Bryan Hendrix

An assortment of SummerFest '93 volunteers was asked why they spent part of a perfectly nice summer day helping out at SummerFest when they could have been reorganizing their glove compartments. These are their startling confessions:

"We got roped into it. But I tell you, the whole thing was fun. Just to watch the kids have fun and run around and be kids. If there was no one volunteering, there would be no games for them to play."

Wendi Farris, KidsFest basketball

"It seemed like a fun thing to do, playing with the kids and all. Turned out it was. Especially the little kids shooting baskets. They were having such a blast with that." Neal Farris, KidsFest basketball

"I enjoy seeing all the neighbors. Sandy and I love the neighborhood and want to do what we can to help out."

Gary Chad, Concessions

"It's a lot of fun and I feel that it's helping the community. We get to meet a lot of our neighbors that we wouldn't see otherwise. It's a social occasion. And the smiles on the children's little faces—that was really something!"

Liz Couch, KidsFest pocket lady

"I have two kids who are very enthusiastic about SummerFest. I know it sounds corny, but I think people owe something back to the neighborhood."

Bruce Carson, KidsFest heavy labor

"I met one of my best friends in the world doing the early morning water table. I had a blast!"

Kimberly Crowder, Road Race

"I don't have children and it was a wonderful opportunity for me to experience the best part of kids—when they're having a good time. I signed up with a friend who is also single and childless and we had a fabulous time!

Stephanie Davis, KidsFest, petting zoo.



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# The Highland Herbalist

"It smelleth sweet and comforteth the brain." So wrote the ancients about basil. Taking its name from the Greek word for king, basil is known in France as l'herbe royale. In olde England, considerate hosts would often place a pot of basil in their guestrooms to serve as an air freshener. A more mundane usage was found for the seeds which, when mixed with shoeblack, were thought to have the power of curing warts. Today, though relieved of those duties, basil is perhaps the busiest herb of them all. From pesto to pizza, from the teapot to the soup kettle, basil's fragrance and flavor is in constant demand. So ideal is the metro Atlanta climate for growing the herb, shame on those who would resort to the dried basil in the supermarket spice rack.

Basil seeds should not be planted until you are confident that we've had our last frost. You may either purchase a small basil plant at the garden shop or start your own from seed. Select the sunniest spot in your herb garden (or backyard) and plant the seeds (or plant) very near the surface. In good weather, you can expect to see growth in anywhere from two to five days. A good moist soil will encourage the plant in its earliest days. By late May or June, your basil plants should be growing vigorously. As the blossoms appear, pinch them off. A pruned basil plant will grow more densely and not "go to seed" prematurely. Basil should thrive all summer; to ensure a continuing fresh supply, you can stagger your plantings. Come the first chill of fall, however, bid your basil good-bye. The seeds can be dried and saved for next year or they may also be used in some recipes.

When the leaves of your basil plant are about two inches or more in length, they'll be ready for use in your kitchen. It is best to wait until just before using your basil to pick it. Break off what you need, then wash the leaves and immediately pat them completely dry with a paper towel lest they turn black. And now, some recipes to showcase your fresh basil.

#### Fresh Tomato Basil Sauce

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup peeled, seeded, and chopped tomato
(fresh from the garden is best)
3 TB. minced fresh basil leaves
1 TB. olive oil
1/2 tsp. salt
A few dashes of cayenne

Puree the garlic and tomato in a blender or cuisinart. Transfer to a nonmetal bowl and stir in the remaining ingredients. Serve at room temperature over hot pasta, hot rice, cold vegetables, cold chicken or tuna. Very versatile and relatively low in fat.

#### Pesto

3 cups fresh basil
1/4 cup pine nuts or walnuts
1-2 cloves garlic
1/2 cup parmesan cheese
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup butter (can use margarine or all olive oil)
Salt to taste

Put all ingredients in a cuisinart or blender and blend until pureed—about 2-3 minutes. Obviously, this is not low-fat but you now have the most heavenly sauce you can imagine for hot pasta. This recipe is for 2 pounds of pasta, but it can be stored in the refrigerator. Be imaginative — put it on chicken or fish. Take a lead from your favorite restaurant!



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# Bike Stuff

By The Bike Guy

One of the common problems with bike riding (besides having good places to do it) is that the seats are uncomfortable. Unfortunately, this is not an area where bike manufacturers budget a lot on their products. But do not despair! There are some solutions.

You know those funny looking shorts that cyclists wear? They are padded. If you have ever ridden a bike for more than a short distance, you will appreciate that feature. They are made with nylon/lycra fabric to keep the padding in place and to prevent the shorts from bunching up while riding. They are also constructed so that you are not sitting on seams or elastics that become uncomfortable on longer rides, and the legs incorporate an elastic band at the bottom to keep the shorts from rubbing up and down your leg while pedaling. Nothing is worn underneath. As you can see, cycling shorts are for more than a fashion statement. They are very practical.

Many people, however, prefer not to put their derrieres in skin tight pants—thank you very much. That's why makers have now come out with added underwear. Put a pair of these on first, then top them off with whatever else you like to wear.

There is yet another solution to the "my seat hurts" problem and that is to change your seat. (No, silly, the bike's seat.) Two factors determine the comfort on the seat: the shape and the padding. Good saddles come in men's and women's varieties. Since men and women are obviously built differently, their bike seats should also be different. A woman's saddle is typically a bit shorter and a bit wider than a man's. Both should have a firm rather than a soft padding. If the padding is too soft, it compresses to the degree that you basically end up sitting on the hard undercarriage of the saddle. Also, a good bike seat will not be too wide since too wide of a seat will rub the inside of your leg, particularly when riding in a leaned-over position.

Traditional seats provide the best security and stability for riding, but there are some alternative types. One example is the "easy seat," it uses two separate cups (one for each cheek so to speak) with an open space between them. Another seat, made by "Terry" has a traditional shape, but has a strategically located spot cut out of the undercarriage. The foam padding is left on top. They make a men's and women's version. You can also buy big "cruiser" seats for old-fashioned

single speed bikes, spring seats for "English racers," and pads to put on your existing seat.

So, although your bicycle seat may be the source of some discomfort, don't let that prevent you from riding your bike. As you can see, there are several solutions to the problem. Why not try one!

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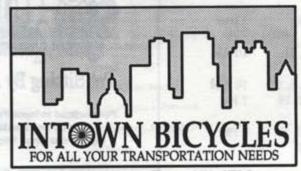
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#### **Restaurant Review**

#### Savage Pizza 1250 Virginia Avenue NE 872-2377

Virginia-Highland is lucky to have this little pizza place right in the middle of the neighborhood. They deliver or you can pick up. I'd suggest a pick up for the first time so you can get a menu because there are some serious combinations. You can request the toppings you want from a choice of 36 items, the sauce from a choice of five, and the crust - but stay away from the whole wheat as it's far too healthy. Stick with that white stuff which they've been inspired to call "traditional."

All this is a bit complicated and required too many decisions for the two of us - sort of like a pizza by committee - so we ordered something they had already programmed, which was a Mexican calzone stuffed with salsa, cilantro, refried beans, green chiles, ground beef, and jalapenos with cheese and a side of sour cream (the ground beef and jalapenos are optional for vegetarians and panty-waists). It was still piping hot when I got it home, but of course so was the day. However, they had wrapped and boxed it to ensure it would be warm. It was plenty big enough for two to share for lunch but it was so good I wished I had a whole one for myself. I mean "Delicious."

The next day we had a pizza, the large Mediterranean with eggplant, artichoke hearts, tomatoes, mushrooms and cheese. Sounds good but it just missed - too mild and then we had opted for the whole wheat crust. I'm anxious to try Cajun with chicken, shrimp, and sausage. There are also subs and salads for a whole summer's worth of deliveries.

The crew behind the counter are all pleasant and there are a few vintage photos of the little business area that are historically interesting.

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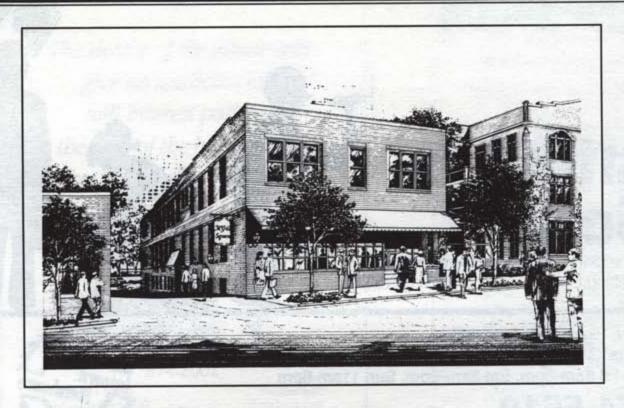
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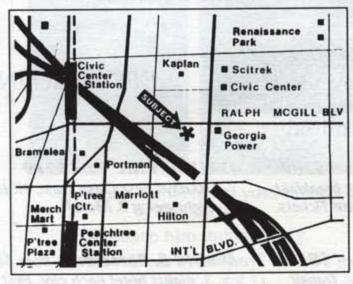
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# John Howell Park Update

By Tinka Green



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By the time you read this, John Howell Park should have had some exciting things happen. The Virginia-Highland Business Association will have had an "Evening Benefit in the Park" on April 29 with food from the Virginia-Highland restaurants, live music, and a silent auction featuring merchandise from the neighborhood businesses. A portion of the proceeds are designated for the park project.

On April 30, the park will have had its official ground-breaking ceremony with local politicians, music, the names quilt, a volleyball clinic and Debby McCarty, the Parks Commissioner, representing the Mayor and doing the honors with the shovel.

This will be the beginning of the pavers being laid as a meandering walkway through the park. Many of the pavers will be engraved with names, and it's a wonderful way to honor someone on the occasion of graduation, wedding, anniversary, birthday, death, accomplishment in school or civic group, or just out of love and friendship even for your pets. There is a maximum of two names per paver. Two lines with 17 spaces per line are

available; \$55 for a single name; \$75 for two names; and \$75 for a business or organization name.

There is still time to be involved since this will be an on-going project until the landscaping is finished. This is an important way for the park to raise funds as this is a very costly venture. Wouldn't it be nice to take a stroll with friends and point out the pavers of people you know. Children would feel very special to have their name on the sidewalk as they play through the years and they could bring their own children to see them in 2020. The pavers will be here for a long time and it would be a thrill for anyone to look for their names, from little kids to grandparents and maybe even that smart dog.

The final event will have been the 1994 First Union Grand Prix bicycle race through our neighborhood on May 1. The Park Project has been designated the official charity of the race, and we are anticipating some sizeable funds from it.

Our plans are to begin construction on the children's playground by the end of the summer. All the kids I know are eagerly awaiting the fun that this will bring. There will be all kinds of equipment geared to a wide range of ages, even that middle-aged swinger.

Call the John Howell Park Project at 876-0105 for information.



Fulton County Commissioner Nancy Boxill congratulates the Virginia Highland neighborhood for all their hard work at the ground breaking ceremony for the John Howell Park. Commissioner Boxill's inscribed sidewalk paver will be among the many to be installed in the "Contributors Walkway" early this summer.

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# CRIME WATCH





Below is a listing of crimes reported to police during January through March for the Virginia Highland Neighborhood (beat 610). According to these statistics, crime dropped considerably during this period. There could be a number of explanations, but it should be noted that a portion of our neighborhood was covered by two security patrols in 1994 and not in those months during 1993.

	Jan	% Change	Feb	% Change	Mar	% Change
	'84	from 1/83	'84	from 2/93	'84	from 3/93
Assault	8	-55.5%	8	-38.5%	10	none
Auto Theft	10	+100%	11	+37.5%	15	-40.0%
Commercial Burglary	1	-75%	2	-50%	3	+50.0%
General Larceny	20	-52.4%	27	-32.5%	34	-40.4%
Homicide	0		0		0	
Rape	0		0		0	
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By Nan Hunter

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