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December 11th & 12th

New For This Year's Annual Tour of Homes: A Design Forum, a Childcare Option and a Chance to Explore a Very Special "Home"

by: Charlie Lefort and Cindy Kaufman

It's Tour Time Again!

The holidays are right around the corner and that means it's time for the Virginia-Highland Tour of Homes! This year's Tour dates are Saturday December 11 from 10am to 5pm, and Sunday, December 12, from Noon to 5pm. Ticket prices are \$25 in advance (available now on our web site at http://vahihometour.org/tickets) or \$30 the weekend of the tour. Tickets can also be purchased at: Intown Ace Hardware, Aurora Coffee, San Francisco Coffee, and at House #1 the weekend of Tour. As with past years, all proceeds directly benefit community projects sponsored by the VHCA, such as the Virginia-Highland island renovation, the new park at N. Highland and St. Charles, safety initiatives, and local grants.

If you would like to help spread holiday cheer while supporting the neighborhood at the same time, come be a Tour volunteer! Volunteers are still needed, and not only will you receive a ticket to take the Tour, but also an invitation for you and a guest to attend the Volunteer After-Party! For more information or to sign up, please visit http://vahihometour.org/volunteer.

Design Forum Debut

This year brings with it several changes to the Tour of Homes. In addition to the lovely homes on this year's tour, we're excited to introduce our first ever Design Forum. The Design Forum will provide tour-goers access to professionals from the fields of land-scape architecture, interior design, architecture, and home building. You'll be able to solicit specific advice or ask any questions you like. If you're in the market for design work and don't know where to turn, the Design Forum will be an excellent opportunity to pick up useful information from industry experts. This face-to-face time will be from 1 – 3pm on both Saturday and Sunday of the Tour weekend, at Garrison Hall of the Church of Our Saviour on N. Highland Avenue, across from Fire Station 19.

Professional Childcare Offered to Tour-Goers

Don't make not being able to find a baby-sitter your excuse for missing the Tour! The Church of Our Saviour Garrison Afterschool Program has generously offered another new service for this year's Tour. Ticket purchasers can opt to leave their children at the church - in good hands, of course – and not worry about what to do with them while on the Tour. This service will be offered both days of the Tour during Tour hours (Saturday from 10am - 5pm and Sunday from Noon - 5pm). Parents will be given contact information for the professionals on staff from Garrison in case of emergency.

Church of Our Saviour on Tour!

This year's tour centers around the Church of Our Saviour, located at 1068 N. Highland Avenue. In addition to the residential, period architecture they've enjoyed for years, this year's tour-goers can get a peek at one of our community's most historic landmarks. This beautiful "house" will be open for viewing just like all homes on the tour. The church historian will be on hand to answer questions and the organist will be playing holiday favorites throughout the weekend. The church will also be the place to purchase tickets, attend the Design Forum, and sign up for childcare, so this is where

Hungry for More?

your Tour experience begins!

As has become the Tour's custom, seven of Virginia-Highland's best restaurants will offer in-home tastings both Tour days from noon – 4pm. Look forward to fantastic fare from neighborhood favorites like Goin' Coastal, Murphy's, La Tavola/El Taco, Shorty's, Atkins Park, DBA BBQ and MetroFresh.

For more information about the Tour, please visit our web site at http://vahihometour.org.

Here are brief descriptions and photos of the homes on this year's Tour:



929 Adair Avenue

The homeowners obtained a copy of the original building permit revealing the home was built in 1917. The permit suggests an architect who lived downtown built the house that was to serve as his "country home".

986 Rosedale Road

The owners of this home - only the third – wanted to renovate but keep the integrity of their Virginia-Highland bungalow.



Church of our Saviour

Built in 1924 with renovations in the 40's and 60's, the Church of our Saviour has the longest standing congregation in Virginia-Highland.



1017 St. Charles Avenue

This condominium, originally built in 1916, is the result of a renovation that actually combined two units into one, offering windows on three sides that contribute great light and create a feeling of spaciousness.





870 Rosedale Road

This home was redesigned as a European-style flat, occupying the entire top floor of what appears to be a single family home. The style of living is a blend of single family home and condominium



1079 St. Louis Place

The exterior of this uniquely colored home is authentic Italian stucco – terra cotta filled with brick and concrete.



996 Rosedale Road

When this couple relocated it was their intention to stay within Virginia-Highland. She served as both the architect and interior designer, and he as the contractor, creating such dramatic features as the vaulted living room, which incorporates the attic of the original house.



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President's Corner

By: Aly Higgins

President, Virginia-Highland Civic Association

It's odd going from reading this column to writing it. Over the last eight years, I've enjoyed reading The Voice, one of the many benefits of living in our wonderful neighborhood. There are so many reasons I've come to love Virginia-Highland: the friendly neighbors saying hello as they walk their dogs; the knowledgeable waiter at one of our outstanding restaurants with a good recommendation; or the outgoing volunteer at Summerfest helping with clean-up. It is for these reasons that I decided to join the folks who help make Virginia-Highland the best neighborhood in Atlanta by joining the VHCA. As a second year board member, I am honored to serve as this year's President, while continuing my involvement as co-chair of the planning and neighborhood preservation committees.

Initially, the great food and shopping attracted me to VaHi; however, I've stayed because of the sense of community offered by our neighborhood. The people who live here make our neighborhood unique; the residents, the commercial property owners, and their employees are the core of Virginia-Highland. We all need to contribute to our community, and I encourage everyone to get involved this year, whether you organize a street get-together, volunteer for Summerfest or the Home Tour, or contribute to another neighborhood initiative.

The VHCA has been extremely active in years past, and I expect that to continue. Notable past achievements include:

- Monthly review of variances, liquor license applications and regular NPU-F involvement;
- Passage of Neighborhood Commercial Zoning in late 2008;
- Purchase of land for New Highland Park in late 2008;
- 30% increase in annual Summerfest revenues;
- A successful and growing Annual Home Tour;
- Fundraising for local parks construction to the tune of \$188,000 for Orme Park and \$70,000 for New Highland Park;
- Formation of a safety network that has grown to 55 street captains, 750 members and 100 businesses;
- Resolution of Streetscape traffic issues and construction of a new island wall and landscaping at N. Highland and Virginia avenues;
- Formation of a residential preservation committee, completion of neighborhood inventory and recent historic designation interest survey;
- Award of grants each year to neighborhood organizations.

This year grants were awarded to: SPARK Playground (\$4,000), Grady High School College and Career Connection (\$1,200), Orme Park (\$4,000), Ponce de Leon Public Library (\$3,500), Trees Atlanta (\$3,000), Fire Station 19 (\$2,500), and Hillside School (\$250).

The VHCA has also supported resident-led projects such as screening for the Georgia Power substation, water issues impacting Rosedale Road residents due to construction at Callanwolde, and the newly formed Graffiti Task Force.

I look forward to meeting more of you and want to welcome you to the Winter edition of The Voice

Group Works to Rid VaHi of Graffiti

By: Victoria Hathcox and Laura Voisinet

The Virginia-Highland Graffiti Removal Taskforce has been very active since its initial June meeting. Many hands have been successfully removing and covering graffiti of every type.

Highlights include:

- Retaining walls at the Inman Middle School softball field and John Howell Park Cunard playground both had multiple ZENT tags removed by power washing done by Jimmy Lee. The process was videotaped by David Eckoff and posted on a Wiki page: http://vhgraffiti.pbworks.com. Check out this great 'how-to' video!
- The Wachovia Bank retaining wall was cleaned through cooperation of bank manager Matti Birge and VHCA board member Pamela Papner.

• Hundreds of graffiti tags on poles, utility boxes, and signs have been painted over by volunteers Sue Book, Jimmy Bright and others.

With the exception of a couple of 'hotspots,' our graffiti is for the most part well under control. Kudos to all for making this happen - our diligence is paying off! Graffiti team T-shirts are available to task force volunteers for \$5 and are free to Area Captains (as are starter kits.)

The taskforce wants to hear from you. Contact the committee at graffiti@vahi.org to report graffiti in commercial areas and public spaces, to ask for assistance in removing graffiti on your private property, to become a Taskforce Area Captain or volunteer, to contact co-chairs, or to donate supplies.

Speaking of supplies, the committee does have a wish-list. Please help out by considering donation of a 4-foot ladder, rags, wagon or shopping cart.

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VHCA Calendar

Monthly Board Meetings

When: First Monday of each month, 7 pm Where: Public Library on Ponce de Leon Ave.

Planning Committee Meetings

When: Last Wednesday of each month Where: Public Library on Ponce de Leon Ave.

Meeting locations subject to change

Please visit our web site for calendar updates, additional information on VHCA or to join: www.vahi.org

Enjoy Christmas at Callanwolde!

Enjoy twelve days of celebration, design, and holiday tradition with the return of Christmas at Callanwolde. Be transported into a magical world the minute you enter the historic mansion!

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- Roaring 20's-themed rooms decorated by Atlanta's top interior designers
- Breakfast with Santa and Teddy Bear Tea for children
- Live performances throughout including the Aeolian Organ
- Holiday shopping, Battle of the Ice, Callanwolde Artist Studio and much more!

Ticker prices are adults: \$20; children: \$12; seniors and groups: \$15. Purchase tickets today at https://christmasatcallanwolde. ticketleap.net/

Ticket proceeds benefit Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, a unique arts center and architectural landmark that enriches the lives of thousands of metropolitan Atlantans year-round.

Planning Continues for Construction of New Highland Park, Improvements to Orme Park

Both Projects Could See Groundbreaking in Early 2010

By: Pamela Papner

Great progress has been made since my last update on these projects, BUT WE STILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT FUNDS TO RAISE! We need an additional \$16,000 for the Orme Park project, and more than \$750,000 in principal remains to be paid on the mortgage to ensure New Highland Park remains ours forever. Please contribute to the success of these projects today by donating as outlined on the next page or online at vahi.org.

New Highland Park Construction

On December 4, 2008 the VHCA purchased the lots at 1076 and 1082 St. Charles Place, across from Belly on N. Highland Ave. Once the site of a public library, the two lots will be developed as an environmentally-friendly, passive park and rain garden to support recreation, walking, community gathering and educational programs for Virginia-Highland residents and visitors. Financing for the acquisition - 100% of the cost was financed - came through the Georgia Land Conservation Program. The VHCA was the first non-profit in the state to be approved for funding under this program.

The VHCA solicited and received significant community input into the park's design during the past year. The new park's main entrance will be along N. Highland Ave. All existing trees will be preserved and new ones planted to enhance the entry. The park will be graded to slope gently toward the back corner rain garden. A gravel pathway will be constructed along the perimeter forming a walkway from St. Charles to the far entrance along N. Highland Ave. A granite seating wall will be built along a portion of this walkway. The new park will feature a large open green space that, in places near the perimeter, will feature seating and perhaps a few small picnic tables. In addition to existing trees, new trees and native Georgia plantings will be added. Electric outlets, lighting, water and (if funds are available) a partial decorative fence to enhance safety along N. Highland will be installed. A professionally landscaped perimeter will surround the open green space. A detailed landscaping plan can be viewed at vahi.org.

More than \$65,000 has been raised to-date to fund the construction described above. Construction is targeted for the first quarter of 2011.

Orme Park Phase I Improvements

Orme Park is a 6.6 acre City of Atlanta neighborhood park tucked between Elkmont and Brookridge drives. Like most Atlanta parks, Orme Park suffers from overuse and lack of city funding to pay for improvements. Friends of Orme Park and the Virginia-Highland Conservation League (a 501(c)(3) subsidiary of the VHCA) have stepped up to make improvements that are in line with the community's endorsed 2007 Visioning Plan.

\$188,440 has been raised to-date and we are moving forward with implementation of Phase I (see details and 2007 Visioning Plan at vahi.org). Improvements include a new entrance plaza with a safer, larger landing area between Brookridge Drive and the entry stairway, with gently sloping sidewalks that provide wheelchair accessibility. The reconfigured entrance will overlook a central lawn area to allow access from the park entrance to the pedestrian bridge without cutting through the playground. The playground will be relocated to a shadier adjacent area, and a walkway will be constructed from the corner entrance, continuing past the main entrance. These improvements align with the overall goal to retain Orme's "woodsy" look/feel, and are being performed under the auspices of the city's parks department.

Following is the construction timeline (subject to change) as of early November:

- UDC review completed 1/13/10
- Assessment of parks department arborist on tree impact completed 2/11/10
- Parks department & arborist review of plans completed 4/8/10
- Stream buffer variance obtained 5/28/10
- Plans submitted for city review 6/17/10; preliminary permit approved 8/24/10
- Obtain contractor bids: invitation to bid submitted 10/25/10; target to receive bids is 11/15/10
- Pick up permits from City of Atlanta; target date: 11/1/10
- Bid review and contract negotiations: target 11/15/10 to 12/15/10
- Notice to proceed with construction: target 1/15/11
- Construction (estimate three months): 1/15/11 to 3/15/11



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The following generous neighbors purchased bricks for the park since the last issue of the Voice:

Thomas Buckley
Masahiko Fukumoto
Stacey Guith
Sandi Kuhleman or Theresa Kemp
Shawna & Padraig Mahony
Dennis Maloney
Robert Silvia
Scott Steiding
Marci Thomas
Marcie Reynolds Thomason
Pat Penn: Our Park Angel

Special thanks go to our "Park Angel" Pat Penn who recently donated \$5,000 to New Highland Park. It's hard to find words to convey how much Pat's support is appreciated and how much it has made a difference.



SAVE THE DATE!

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| and Donor Name on Park Plaque) | |

VHCA Wants AGL to Repave Streets Adversely Impacted by Recent Line Work

Gas Company Meets Some, Not All, of Neighborhood's Clean-Up Requests

In May, Atlanta Gas Light ("AGL") began work to replace gas lines in Virginia-Highland along Amsterdam, Glen Arden, Rosewood, Kentucky and North Highland Avenue. Similar work is being done on nearby streets in Morningside and Midtown.

The VHCA contacted AGL to address a number of issues related to the gas line work, including:

- Protruding pipe in the sidewalk on Rosewood Drive;
- Replacement of sidewalk without using 'like' materials;
- Significant paint markings, concrete smears and issues with paver replacement on N. Highland from the Chevron to Highland Hardware
- Restoration of impacted streets using numerous patches as opposed to milling and repaving.

AGL was responsive to the first three concerns. Where mismatches existed, sidewalk squares were replaced with rock aggregate material (as opposed to plain grey concrete). The AGL contractor also agreed to try to clean up the paint, etc. on pavers. At deadline that work remains outstanding, but should be completed by mid-November.

The remaining issue - patching vs. repaving impacted streets - was discussed at an October 11 meeting arranged by our City Council member Alex Wan. Also in attendance were Atlanta Public Works Commissioner Richard Mendoza, several other city representatives, VHCA board members Pamela Papner and John Wolfinger,

and three representatives from AGL Resources. The discussion focused primarily on the fact that most impacted streets in Virginia-Highland, Morningside and nearby Midtown had been repaved within the last 3-4 years, but have already become a sea of new patches. AGL maintains it was compliant with applicable standards in repairing the impacted streets after their line work.

The VHCA was advised that municipal repair standards cannot be more restrictive than those required by Georgia's Department of Transportation. Therefore, we are evaluating the level of repair required based on the applicable standard(s) and the date each impacted road was last repaved.

"Although AGL has assured us their patches are durable, their unwillingness to mill and repave is unreasonable on so many levels," said VHCA board member, Pamela Papner.

"I counted sixty patches along a half-mile stretch of Amsterdam," Papner said, "and that's a patch almost every ten yards. The patches are bumpy and unsightly, and we also worry about pot holes developing in the future."

Papner says the VHCA is hopeful AGL will ultimately mill and repave the impacted areas whether or not a particular standard requires it.

"It's the right thing to do," Papner said.



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Spotlight on Public Safety

by: John Wolfinger, VCHA Safety Chair

Keep Your Dollars At Home!

Can where you choose to go for breakfast, lunch or dinner; where you go to buy a light bulb, a gift, new shoes, an Oriental rug; or which gym you join for exercise, also have public safety implications? The answer is yes!

Our neighborhood is blessed with plenty of local businesses that can satisfy many of your everyday needs – either within walking distance or a short drive from your home. I'm not just thinking about the obvious North Highland Avenue commercial corridor, but also streets like Monroe Drive, Ponce de Leon Avenue, Amsterdam Walk, Ponce de Leon Place and Virginia Avenue at Rosedale Drive.

The first thing most folks think of in terms of our local business community is that we have one of the city's most incredible array of restaurants. In fact, it could take you several days just to eat your way along Ponce de Leon Avenue from Bonaventure Avenue westward to Ponce de Leon Place. Entertainment and drinking venues range from MJQ, Blind Willie's to The Warren Club and a lot of varied establishments in between.

We have specialized establishments for medical care, pet care, vitamins/supplements, tattoos, self-storage, furniture, gifts, clothing, shoes, exercise, bicycles, motor scooters, banking, legal services, marketing/advertising, child care, Oriental rugs, baked goods, real estate services, dry cleaning, gasoline, hair care, hardware, bridal gowns and tuxedos, hobby and craft supplies, tanning, t-shirt printing, bed and breakfasts for your guests, fine jewelry, video rentals and categories I've probably forgotten.

So, what am I getting at? All these businesses occupy buildings that could be empty and boarded up if they don't have enough support to stay in business. Empty buildings spell trouble – as they become targets for graffiti, ad hoc homeless shelters, places where trash and litter accumulate – all things that make our neighborhood less safe, secure and inviting. These businesses also provide jobs for many local residents.

I'm hoping Urban Body's move to Amsterdam Walk will help provide the activity this struggling business center needs and also that their former building on Ponce de Leon Place will quickly find a new tenant.

I'm realistic enough to know that some needs require us to leave our neighborhood, but we don't have to venture far to get to the supermarkets on Ponce, the varied stores and services at Ansley Mall, the Edgewood Retail District, Midtown Place and Midtown Promenade, Atlantic Station, and Little 5 Points.

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The Virginia Highland Church circa 1950's.

History of Virginia-Highland

by: Linda Merrill

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS THE NINTH IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THE HISTORY OF VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND, EXCERPTED FROM A LONGER WORK-IN-PROGRESS BEING RESEARCHED AND WRITTEN BY 10-YEAR VA-HI RESIDENT LINDA MERRILL. AN ART HISTORIAN BY TRAINING, LINDA WORKED AS A CURATOR AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FOR THIRTEEN YEARS, AT THE HIGH MUSEUM FOR TWO, AND NOW — AFTER A HIATUS TO STAY HOME WITH HER TWO CHILDREN — SHE TEACHES AT EMORY. LINDA WELCOMES COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON HER WORK. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT MAGDALIN@MINDSPRING.COM.

Part IX: Virginia Hills and Highlands

In the 1920s, as the motorcar became ubiquitous in Atlanta, the brick-lined streets of Boulevard Park began to seem old-fashioned and undesirable. Newer subdivisions, such as Virginia Hills, boasted roads paved with concrete, which guaranteed a smoother drive. Adjoining Boulevard Park, Virginia Hills comprised Clemont Drive and Greencove Avenue on the north side of Virginia Avenue and Virginia Circle and Adair Avenue (to Todd Road) on the south. A. J. Brownlee, who had sold the city the land on which Inman School was built, was the co-owner of Virginia Hills Realty Company: he had retained the surrounding property for development and could tout its proximity to "one of the finest grammar schools in the city" as a particular advantage. Initially offered in the fall of 1922, the lots in this "ideal residence section" were only slightly larger than typical properties in Boulevard Park, but it was hoped that the younger development would be considered a little more exclusive.

With the addition of the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church (now the Virginia-Highland Church) directly across the street from Inman School, the Virginia-Park-Ponce Place intersection became a secondary hub of the neighborhood. The church's congregation had formed in July 1923, with plans to purchase a lot and erect a building in Boulevard Park as soon as sufficient membership was secured; in the meantime, worshippers met faithfully in a

still-vacant store at the junction of Boulevard (now Monroe) and Cooledge Avenue. By September 1923 a pastor had been secured, and the new church opened its doors in 1924.

Further east along the avenue another subdivision was under way and advertised as "Atlanta's newest and most beautiful." Called Virginia Highlands, it fronted on the east side of Highland Avenue near the trolley crossing at Virginia. That intersection must surely have suggested the name of the subdivision, but with the simple addition of an "s" to the ordinary name of a familiar avenue, the developers were able to evoke the Highlands of Scotland (or at least North Carolina). Indeed, the site was said to have the highest altitude of any point within the city limits. The developer, L. W. Rogers Realty, promised "a healthy community with culture and every safeguard conducive to health, wealth and happiness." To that end they commissioned O. F. Kauffman, the civil engineer who had planned "the south's two finest residential districts" (Ansley Park and Druid Hills), to design the subdivision and engaged a landscape architect to "beautify" the property, with results we still see in the plantings along the medians of Hudson and Lanier. Each lot had a sixty-foot frontage to ensure that "there shall always be breathing room in Virginia Highlands," and potential buyers were encouraged to build a "home-for-all-time—a home which will enhance in value with

years." Perhaps to set an example, the manager of Rogers Realty, Ben R. Padgett, built a house there for his own family, choosing prime property on what was then the corner of Virginia and Lanier. Said to cost "upwards of \$25,000," it was grander than most houses in the neighborhood and "one of the most attractive points in Virginia Highlands." Developing Virginia Highlands entailed extending Virginia Avenue (which until then had ended at Highland) somewhat circuitously to Rosedale Road, which formed the subdivision's eastern boundary. The land between Rosedale and Briarcliff fell into an adjacent tract developed by the realtors who had negotiated the sale of the Virginia Highlands property. The twenty-eight lots of their little subdivision encompassed the final, further extension of Virginia Avenue to its inevitable intersection with Briarcliff Road, thereby establishing "a new artery," as the Constitution observed, "by way of Highland avenue to the city."

Sources: The Historical Atlanta Journal and Atlanta Constitution; Franklin M. Garrett, Atlanta and Environs: A Chronicle of Its People and Events (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1954), vol. 2.

Neighborhood Preservation Committee Update

The Virginia-Highland Civic Association Neighborhood Preservation Committee conducted a survey on historic designation interest within the Virginia-Highland neighborhood. The committee engaged Turner Research Network to conduct the survey that was mailed in late April. The survey results were presented to the community at the annual Virginia-Highland Civic Association meeting in September and are posted on the Virginia-Highland Civic Association website. The VHCA board is currently reviewing and discussing next steps based on the survey response. If you have any questions or comments, please email the committee at chair@lovevh.org.

Restaurant Review

Goin' Coastal Seafood

In the spring, while out walking the dogs, I noticed Figo Pasta was closing up shop. I wondered to myself what would become of the space? Would a new restaurant move in?

Indeed, a new restaurant did move into the vacated space and it was a pleasant surprise to find this one focuses on seafood. Not just any seafood, but sustainable seafood. Needless to say, my curiosity was piqued. How could a seafood restaurant in a land-locked town compare to those found along the coasts - and just what is sustainable seafood?

My first dining experience at Goin' Costal was on a Sunday evening and I was joined by my husband and a fellow transplant from the Northeast. While waiting for drinks, we all agreed the décor reminded us of seafood restaurants found in Boston – exposed brick, rustic tables, and black-and-white photos of fishermen.

When we were seated, we asked our waiter to define sustainable seafood. He happily presented a brochure on the topic, which we read while waiting for our meal. Sustainability addresses over-fishing and fishing methods. Educating and encouraging both chefs and consumers to select species that are resistant to over-fishing and promoting positive fishing practices can prevent the destruction of seafood habitats. This means there will be enough 'yummy' seafood for all of us to enjoy in the future.

Our meal was wonderful, our server friendly and the cozy atmosphere made this an enjoyable dining experience. Nonseafood lovers can accompany friends and family to the restaurant, as there are also non-seafood items on the menu.

Sundays are a special dining experience at Goin' Costal, with everything served family style. There are only two decisions to make from a set list: First the appetizer, then the entrée. Three pre-selected side dishes are served family style to the entire table.

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New Burger Joint Opens in VaHi

Co-Owners Shaun Doty and Erik Maier opened their second location of YEAH! BURGER at the corner of North Highland and Virginia avenues.

YEAH! BURGER re-imagines the classic American burger joint as a fast-casual eatery committed to sustainability and natural and organic ingredients. The restaurant serves customizable burgers, nitrate-free hot dogs, hand-cut French fries and onion rings, organic salads, Straus Family Creamery organic ice cream and gluten-free offerings. With YEAH! BURGER's fast-casual format, guests place their order at the counter and their food is delivered to the table shortly thereafter. The restaurant also features a carry-out counter where guests can easily grab a quality, customized meal on-the-go. Chef Doty, known for his ingredient-driven cuisine, has created a menu with gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan options for diners with special dietary needs. Burgers start at \$5.99 and increase slightly in price depending on guests' patty and topping selections.

YEAH! BURGER is a family-friendly dining establishment where parents can feel good about feeding their children unprocessed

fare from the restaurant's kids menu, which includes a "Kiddie Combo." The restaurant also serves beer, wine and cocktails for adults at its seven-seat bar.

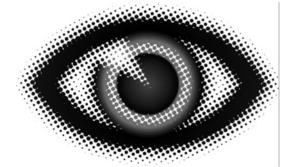
As a socially-responsible business, YEAH! BURGER has been designed with our planet in mind and features ENERGY STAR equipment throughout the restaurant; water-efficient toilets, bathroom fixtures and kitchen faucets; and the use of reclaimed wood paneling and table tops. The restaurant's 2,600-square-foot space seats more than 80 guests in its dining room and large covered patio.

YEAH! BURGER Virginia-Highland (404-437-7845) is located at 1017 North Highland Avenue, and is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday - Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Free onsite parking is available for customers. The original location of YEAH! BURGER (404-496-4393) can be found at 1168 Howell Mill Road, Suite E. For more information, visit www.yeahburger.com.





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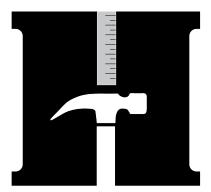
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