

Clairmont Heights

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NEWS

Fall 2006

The purpose of our Association is to preserve the residential character of the Neighborhood and to foster an increased sense of community among its residents.

Fall Dates to Remember:

Saturday, OCTOBER 7TH

9 AM – 1 PM

*SHEPHERD NATURE PRESERVE CLEAN-UP DAY
with Hands on Atlanta at Clyde*

Saturday, OCTOBER 14TH

BURNT FORK CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, OCTOBER 14TH

10 AM – 4 PM

YELLOW GRASS DOG FESTIVAL



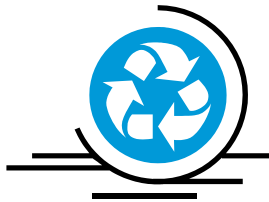
2ND Annual Yellow Dog Festival at Medlock Park October 14 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

In order to celebrate our “best friends,” both canine and human, CHCA has organized the 2nd YELLOW GRASS DOG FESTIVAL to strengthen our community around Medlock Park. Everyone in the Clairmont Heights and MANA neighborhoods is invited. For the canines (and their best friends) there will be contests (best costume, best trick & doggie musical chairs). There will be a PET PARADE and

for the kids several inflatables! Several vendors and non-profit organizations will have tables there with information about their businesses and programs. Examples of some of those planning on attending are dog rescue/adoption services, dog-sitters, dog trainers, etc.

Even if you are not a dog owner, please come! Have a picnic, meet your neighbors and enjoy the fun!

For more information or to help out, please contact Tim Bryson or Catherine Larson at 404-633-3339 or tbryson@emory.edu.



Saturday, OCTOBER 21ST

9 AM 1 PM

Electronic Recycling Day - City of Decatur

Saturday, OCTOBER 28TH

9 AM 1 PM

*ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY
DeKalb County*

Monday, OCTOBER 30TH

9 AM 1 PM

*CANDIDATES FAIR
Greek Orthodox Church on Clairmont Rd.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

ELECTION DAY – Vote!

City of Decatur Hosts Electronics Recycling Day- Saturday, Oct. 21st

Save those old computers, printers, cameras, monitors and other paraphernalia, don't add it to the landfill!

The City of Decatur will host its 3rd Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, October 21st, at the corner of McDonough St and Howard Avenue, in the **Decatur High School parking lot** from 9am to 1pm.

Anyone may bring items for recycling. In addition, you may bring:

- ✓ Batteries of any kind (they will be sorted on site)
- ✓ Mercury containing devices (thermostats and thermometers commonly contain mercury, and mercury is one of the most deadly of all environmental contaminants.)
- ✓ Ink cartridges and printer cartridges -- all can be recycled.

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Unfortunately, televisions cannot be accepted at this event.

Burnt Fork Clean-Up Day



On Saturday, October 14th, there will be a **River's Alive** clean-up on Burnt Fork Creek. It is being hosted by Arbor Montessori and Boy Scout Troop #103. Please contact Gavin MacDonald at kimberlm@bellsouth.net to register a section of the creek for clean up. Another contact is Carol Hayes, cehayes@bellsouth.net.

Traffic Calming, Sidewalks, and PATH:

We would like to thank the residents of North Superior (and any other residents of CHCA) who attended the Special Meeting on September 9th. There were many good questions and the meeting gave us an opportunity for those questions and concerns to be addressed.

TRAFFIC CALMING:

To address concerns about speeding in our neighborhood, individual residents have stepped forward to organize their neighbors to petition the county for traffic calming devices. People leading traffic calming initiatives in Clairmont Heights are John Maynard for North Superior Ave (jmaynard@tourou.edu or 404-315-0302), Anne Keller for Willivee Road (Keller.Anne@epamail.epa.gov), Melinda Yantch for Heritage Hills (tymy@bellsouth.net or 404-636-1355), and Emily Janke for Desmond Drive (emily.janke@gmail.com).

DeKalb County's procedure states that if there is consensus among residents on an individual street, their proposal will go to the Board of Commissioners who would presumably approve the request and then issue an official petition form. 65% of residents on that street would have to sign the petition within 90 days in order for the county to go ahead and install whatever devices are selected. John Maynard handed out copies of the county's traffic calming brochure and the county engineer's latest proposal for traffic calming on North Superior between North Decatur Road and Desmond Drive and took questions. Copies of the plan are available by contacting John Maynard at jmaynard@tourou.edu or at 404-315-0302.

SIDEWALKS:

The County has announced plans to install sidewalks in our neighborhood to meet their requirement for sidewalks within one mile of each school. Their plan calls for sidewalks on the south side of Desmond from Willivee to Clairmont, on the east side of North Superior from Desmond to North Decatur and on the west side of Willivee from Desmond to North Superior. We have been informed that the work will be completed by

summer of 2007. It is paid for by the bond issue approved by voters last November. The county contact is 770-492-5206.

MASON MILL PATH:

The proposed **PATH** trail starts as boardwalk at the Willivee Drive bridge then runs along the south side of South Fork Peachtree creek about 100 yards and then across the creek to Mason Mill Park. At that point it goes up a steep slope to the existing ridge trail where it becomes concrete and continues down across Burnt Fork Creek at the stone bridge then under the CSX railroad and ending at McConnell Drive near the Mason Mill Recreation Center. Users will be expected to park at Medlock Park or at the Mason Mill Rec Center parking lot. Jim Smith for the CHCA board said that because the Mason Mill Path segment was funded and no further community discussions scheduled, the project was essentially a "done deal" unless negotiations with one last property owner failed. Comments seemed mixed regarding the trail with most concerns raised about the environmental impacts and the County's use of eminent domain. On the Sunday following the general meeting, CHCA board members walked the route with Commissioner Gale Walldorff and submitted recommendations to minimize environmental damage and on formation of an oversight committee to advise PATH during design and construction. We would like to thank the residents of North Superior (and any other residents of CHCA) who attended the Traffic Calming Meeting on September 9th. There were many good questions and the meeting gave us an opportunity for those questions and concerns to be addressed.

Traffic Calming Canvassing Time

We've now reached the point where it is time to canvass the North Superior homeowners to see if there is a consensus for an acceptable plan. The traffic calming measures, if approved, will only be placed in the County defined affected area from 538 North Superior to 791 North Superior. This is a total of 67 houses. A total of 44 homeowners in the affected area (65%) must sign the Board of Commissioners Issued Petition in order to have the measures installed.

A reminder: The cost of construction for the traffic calming measures is funded with money from the Transportation and/or the Capital Improvement Projects. The cost for maintenance of the measures will be paid for



by the property owners on North Superior @\$25 a year per homeowner (via property tax assessment).

Several of your neighbors have volunteered to deliver Traffic Calming Packets to the homeowners on North Superior. If someone hasn't already been to your home, you can expect to see them within the next week or two.

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 2173 Briarcliff Road
 404-633-0769
 (Corner of Briarcliff &
 Lavista)
 Owners: Ted & Meg
 Beveridge

DeKalb County Hosts Electronic Recycling Event- Saturday, October 28th

Keep DeKalb Beautiful and the DeKalb County Public Works Department are hosting their second electronics recycling event for 2006. Last spring, DeKalb residents brought in over 42,000 pounds of electronic items.

There are 2 drop-off locations that will be open from 9AM thru 1PM.

- 1) **Tom Scott Building parking lot**
 4380 Memorial Drive
- 2) **Brook Run Park in Dunwoody**
 4770 North Peachtree Road.

Items accepted: computer monitors, CPU's, laptops, disk drives, floppy drives, modems, circuit boards, CD

Roms, and keyboards. Other non-computer items include: typewriters, cables, 8-track players, video players, stereos, VCRs, cell phones, CB radios, record players, can openers, camcorders, cameras, toasters. **Televisions will be accepted for a fee of \$10.**

For any questions and/or you would like to volunteer for this event, please call Keep DeKalb Beautiful at 404-371-2654.

Join the Fun with the Clairmont Heights Playgroup!

Clairmont Heights, Decatur, GA – Clairmont Heights moms, dads and caregivers are invited to participate in a new playgroup for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. These weekly sessions feature playtime and learning opportunities for little ones, while offering parents a chance to get to know their neighbors.

Parents are encouraged to join the fun on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The location changes weekly, and ranges from the home of a volunteer host to the playgrounds, libraries, and other family-friendly locations in our area. Parents and caregivers are asked to bring their imagination, and a snack to share!

Any resident interested in participating in the Clairmont Heights Playgroup should contact playgroup organizer Melanie Lynch-Blanchard via email to: mlblanchard@mindspring.com. Participants will receive a weekly email with the date, time and location of each playgroup session.

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HANDS-ON-ATLANTA DAY AT CLYDE SHEPHERD NATURE PRESERVE

Help the Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve in maintaining and preserving its native wildlife and plants for the enjoyment and education of the community. On Saturday, October 7th from 9AM thru 1PM, HANDS-ON-ATLANTA will be working along with other Clyde Shepherd members and volunteers to: spread mulch,



remove invasive vines, plant flowers and pick up litter along the creek.

Help make a difference in your community! Contact Mitch Russell at russelle@bellsouth.net or 404-325-1043.

To register visit:

www.handsonatlanta.org/specialevents/viewSpecialEvent

Dog Poop Problem

The CHCA board has received email after email from residents complaining about piles of dog feces in their yards. Unfortunately, some dog owners don't think they have to be civilized humans or obey the law.

It is not only ILLEGAL per DeKalb County Statute to leave your dog's waste out in the street or in someone's yard, it's downright DISGUSTING. One of the responsibilities of owning a pet in this county is that you must clean up after that pet. Aside from the rudeness and unfairness of leaving your dog's feces in someone else's yard or garden, there is a serious health problem caused by the feces getting into stormwater systems. Barefoot people/children are also at risk of getting infections and parasites from stepping in the mess.

So either carry bags when you walk and clean up after your pet or get rid of the animal...Be Responsible.

CHCA Membership Drive

As the pace of development quickens in DeKalb County and in our neighborhood, the CHCA has evolved and hopes to foster an increased sense of community among area residents. The CHCA attempts to reflect the reasonable views of the majority of the neighborhood's residents, whether they actually belong to the Association or not. We are not affiliated with any type of political association, group or cause and remain non-partisan. The Association dues are \$10.00 per household. This is a relatively small investment in the continued protection and further enhancement of the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Candidates Fair

The Civic Association Network is hosting its 3rd Candidates Fair (see calendar). All candidates appearing on Central DeKalb County ballots for State & County offices have been invited to participate and meet with residents of Central DeKalb County. Election Day is 1 week after this event.

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Clairmont Heights Civic Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Clairmont Heights Civic Association invites all residents of our Neighborhood to become members. Membership runs annually. Dues are \$10.00 Make checks payable to:

Clairmont Heights Civic Association. **Please Print**

Name:

Address:

Zip: _____



Phone:

E-mail:

**Please send application form and
check to:**

Martha Smith 2119 Woodmoor Lane
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