



**Neighborhood Beautification - GOT PLANTS?**

Are you interested in neighborhood beautification? Recently, neighborhood residents living on North Superior Avenue approved the traffic calming plan for their street. See Page One for more information

The County will be installing three median dividers in mid to late August. Their work will involve digging up a portion of the street, installing a cement perimeter for each median, and filling the median with topsoil. The end result will provide Clairmont Heights with approximately 1,600 square feet of planting area along North Superior Avenue.

Because of the large size of each bed the neighborhood is seeking plant donations from residents to complete the planting. Ideally, donated plants should be perennial, sun and drought tolerant, and be no more than 3 feet high at maturity. Keep DeKalb Beautiful has agreed to provide some plants, and all of the compost and mulch for the three median beds.

Clairmont Heights residents who are willing to donate plants from their yards and/or who would like to volunteer their time to plant the medians are encouraged to contact John Maynard (404-315-0302) to arrange to make a donation or ask any questions. Additionally, if you are a "green thumb" and would like to help plan the beds once the last of the donations are made (likely late August) please contact John.

A median planting planning meeting to design the layout of the beds will be held at John's house in late August. Also, two median planting days will be scheduled in early to mid September to install donated plants in the median dividers. This is a great opportunity to beautify the neighborhood and get to know more neighborhood residents in the process!

Questions: Email [info@clairmontheights.org](mailto:info@clairmontheights.org) and be sure to check out our website at [www.clairmontheights.org](http://www.clairmontheights.org).



**DeKalb County Starts 311 Citizen Help Center**

Beginning in August of 2007 Citizens in DeKalb County will be able to reach the Citizen Help Center simply by dialing 3-1-1. The County will provide public education efforts that will focus on when to use 311 INSTEAD of 911. Here is what 311 will do:

**Relieve the 911 Call Burden**

Almost 1.2 million calls were made to 911 in 2006. Over 42% of these calls were not public safety emergency. Using 311 will help 911 become more efficient and effective.

**One stop shop**

Instead of being transferred around the County, citizens will have one point of access for most County government services, information, and service requests. The goal is to resolve as many as 75% of calls at the first point of contact.

**What's Next?**

Additional departments will be added through the remainder of 2007. 16 more departments will be added by winter of 2008. All remaining departments will be rolled into 311 by the Fall of 2008. Extended business day and weekend hours will begin in 2008. About 2,000,000 calls per year will be handled when fully implemented.



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 Domestic Violence (24 hours) 404.688.9436  
 Rape Crisis Center: 404.377.1428

**Dekalb County Offices:**  
 1300 Commerce Drive Decatur, GA 30030  
 Dekalb County Main # and Information 404.371.2000  
 Animal Control 404.371.2000  
 Sanitation Collections/Litter 404.371.2000  
 Dekalb County Voter Registration 404.298.4020  
 Zoning Code Enforcement 770.724.7940  
 Traffic Engineering 404.297.3947

**Peachtree Dekalb Airport Noise** 770.936.5442

**Dekalb County School Schedule**  
<http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/calendar/ataglance07.html>

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
 All Commissioners share the same address, title and Fax number. When sending a fax, address it to the attention of a specific commissioner.  
 Dekalb County Offices:  
 1300 Commerce Drive Decatur, GA 30030

Main phone #: 404.371.2881  
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Chief Executive Officer:  
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 Kathie Gannon [kgannon@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:kgannon@co.dekalb.ga.us) 404.371.4909  
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**Information on Transportation:**

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The **CCP - Clifton Community Partnership** - recently completed the Urban Design Guidelines process with the input of the Clifton Community – of which we’re part. The Clifton community is the largest activity and employment center in the Atlanta region without direct access to the interstate system or a MARTA rail station. Traffic is going to get worse. The key agencies that lead the change on rail transit are listed below. Check out the websites and send in your comments.

**GDOT – Georgia Department of Transportation** – responsible for planning, constructing, maintaining and improving Georgia’s roads and bridges.  
[www.dot.state.ga.us](http://www.dot.state.ga.us)

**GRTA – Georgia Regional Transportation Authority** – addresses mobility, air quality and land use related to the transportation needs metro Atlanta, including roads and public transit. [www.grta.org](http://www.grta.org)

**MARTA – The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority** – the largest public transit system in the Atlanta metro area. MARTA is funded and operated by the City of Atlanta and Fulton and Dekalb counties. It receives NO operational funding from the state. [www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com)

**ARC – The Atlanta Regional Commision** – the regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency for the 10 county area Transit planning is one of the issues on ARC’s agenda. [www.atlantaregional.com](http://www.atlantaregional.com)

**TP – Transit Planning Board** – formed to bring MARTA, ARC AND GRTA together to create a regional transit plan and a new regional source of funds to implement and operate the system. [www.tpb.ga.gov](http://www.tpb.ga.gov)

**Cliff** – Local buses that run between Emory and downtown Decatur, around campus, and from peripheral staff/faculty parking areas to campus. **Free to community.** Funded by Emory. <http://www.cctma.com/cctma/>. Climb on the Cliff at Kinko’s or the Clairmont Campus to get to events in downtown Decatur.

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Plan NOW for the Fall CHCA  
**Neighborhood-wide Yard Sale**  
**Saturday Sept. 15th, 9 AM to 3 PM**

The Clairmont Heights Civic Association will sponsor a Yard Sale **throughout the entire neighborhood.** **Every household, whether a CHCA member or not, can participate.** Send in the application form below to Diane Buch, 759 North Superior Avenue, Decatur, GA, 30033, with a check for \$25.00 made out to CHCA by Friday, August 31st and be ready to sell, sell, sell. Your \$25.00 will pay for an ad in the AJC, signs at the Neighborhood entry streets, copies of maps of the participants and balloons for your mailbox. For more information contact Diane Buch at 404.633.3258.

CHCA YARD SALE SIGN-UP FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**UPDATE ON THE BRIARCLIFF/NORTH DRUID HILLS STUDY/DEVELOPMENT**

On Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> there was a meeting at the Kittredge Magnet School to present the Master Plan for the 4 corners at the intersection of N. Druid Hills and Briarcliff Roads. It is being called the “Quad Study”. **THERE IS ONLY ONE REMAINING PUBLIC PRESENTATION MEETING**, which is being held on **Wed., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM at Kittredge Magnet School Auditorium (2383 N. Druid Hills Rd.)**.

**Here is a brief summary of the project:**

At the request of Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon, (the County Commissioners with jurisdiction over this area) and the Livable Communities Coalition, Alex Garvin & Assoc. was asked to develop a cohesive plan for this area, including a public realm framework of roads and open space. The area of this study is approximately 685 acres surrounding the intersection of N. Druid Hills Road and Briarcliff Road, and is bounded by I-85, Holly Lane, Cliff Valley Way, and Sheffield Dr. This study is nearly complete and can be viewed online at ([www.briarcliffnorthdruidhills.org](http://www.briarcliffnorthdruidhills.org)). The website includes the minutes of the past meetings (July 25 meeting has not been posted yet) and a slide show of concept drawings and satellite images of the area showing suggested changes.

**Public participation process:**

Each month, at significant markers in the planning process, presentations have been made to the public. In between these meetings, Alex Garvin & Assoc. have been in communication with the stakeholders: property owners, county officials, and community leaders to coordinate work, solicit input, and ensure that all the players are kept abreast of the latest developments. They believe that the end result focuses on the quality of the public realm- the study area’s streets, park areas, sidewalks, etc. and has produced the best plan for the county, property owners, and the public.

Clairmont Heights Civic Association

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**The Clairmont Heights Civic Association invites all members of our Neighborhood to become members. Get Informed & Involved!**

Membership runs annually. Dues are \$10.00. Make checks payable to Clairmont Heights Civic Association.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this application form and check to Catherine Larson: 855 N. Superior Ave. Decatur, GA 30033



## CLIFTON COMMUNITY partnership

**Working to improve**  
the quality of life  
for the Clifton Community

The CCP is celebrating its first year.  
We've been working on:

- The creation of a new park in Druid Hills that provides a natural, wooded buffer between the neighborhood and businesses in Emory Village, and preserves a section of Peavine Creek
- Increased awareness of and ridership on Cliff shuttle buses, which are alternatively-fueled, free for the community to ride, and reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles
- Increased awareness for safe pedestrian and bicycle access on local roads
- The development of new urban design guidelines that will create public streets and areas of distinction in the Clifton community, and places that invite community activity and pride
- The initiation of an advisory group where community leaders join with Emory to tackle significant community issues

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Our CCP Advisory Group includes  
neighborhood, civic, business, and  
education leaders from the Clifton Community.

For a complete list, visit [www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org](http://www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org)

For more information on the CCP,  
visit [www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org](http://www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org)  
or contact Bryan Cooke, executive director, at 404.727.9341  
or at [info@cliftoncommunitypartnership.org](mailto:info@cliftoncommunitypartnership.org).