



Decatur Heights Highlights

News & Events in Our Decatur Heights Neighborhood

October 2011

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Welcome to Decatur Heights Highlights!

This monthly information source is provided as a service to Decatur Heights residents who do not currently use the Internet. It is distributed by hand and via mail upon request. If you do have regular Internet access, please join Decatur Heights' big lively Google group. Contact us at DecaturHeightsNeighbors@gmail.com, and we'll show you how.



District 1 School Board Candidates Forum and Meet & Greet

When: Sunday, Oct. 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 1:15 p.m.)

Where: The Church at Decatur Heights (735 Sycamore Drive)

The Church at Decatur Heights and The Decatur Heights Neighborhood Association are pleased to host this exciting opportunity to hear from [Peg Bumgardner](#) and [Garrett Goebel](#), candidates for the District 1 School Board seat on the November 8, 2011 ballot. Geoff Koski, teacher of United States Government and Politics at Decatur High School, will lead an informative discussion on the future of our City of Decatur Schools. A Meet & Greet with light refreshments will follow. All interested Decaturites are invited to attend.



October Neighborhood Meeting

When: Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Community Room, The Church at Decatur Heights (735 Sycamore Dr.)

Please join your neighbors for our October DHNA meeting. After hearing recaps from the committees, we'll brainstorm ideas for our neighborhood. What are your ideas for traffic calming? What should our neighborhood's goals be, and how can we make them happen? Are we all happy with the "by committees" approach, and if so, how do we get more folks involved? Please bring your creative ideas and positive solutions to add to the discussion.

Can't attend, but want to share your input? Please provide your contact info via the DHNA's announcement line or email address, and we'll send over a Neighbor's Input form.



Ridgeland Avenue Halloween Block Party

When: Saturday, Oct. 29, 5:00 p.m.

Where: 200 Block of Ridgeland Ave

From Natalie Snedden: "Come one, come all! Bring a dish to share, a drink, a chair or two and we'll sit back and chat with neighbors!!! Not to mention costume watching and the bouncy house for kids!!!" To volunteer, write natsned@aol.com or leave a message on the DHNA announcement line at 404-220-9777.



October Neighborhood Business Spotlight

Kristi Peargin-Mueller of ReMax Metro Atlanta - The Peargin Team

From our neighbor, Kristi: "I am a Realtor who lives in Decatur Heights on Ridgleland Ave. who can assist you with any of your real estate questions and needs. I earned my CA real estate license in 1991 and my GA license in 2001. Since 2001 I have put together a great team of experienced closers, admins, field reps and agents who are here to help serve and assist you with your real estate ventures. We currently also have around 80 REO listings for those interested in investment property opportunities."

Contact Info: Kristi@pearginteam.com ♦ Cell: 678-613-8244 ♦ www.pearginteam.com



Glennwood Elementary Fall Carnival

When: Saturday, Oct. 22, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Glennwood Elementary School (440 E. Ponce de Leon)

Mark your calendars to come and enjoy the boardwalk games, craft booths, 20-foot slide, Spooky Haunted House, and the Creepy Café ... plus the not-to-miss Cake Walk. Glennwood's largest fund-raising event for the new school offers fun for all ages.

Website: <http://glennwood.csdecatur.net/> ♦ School Phone: 404-370-4435



Park & Garden Update

By Deanne Thomas

We're eagerly looking forward to adding a playscape to the Park area! The Park's next door neighbors, Julia Rusling, Dan Lee, and their son Andrew, have generously donated a wonderful structure with swings, slide, climbing walls, and a tree house! What a joy it'll be to have little ones scampering around! (For the big kids, we've set up a horseshoes pit! Grab your horseshoes, and come on over!)

Missing a soccer goal net and dodge ball? We have them! Please claim via the DHNA phone line or email: deanneindecaturheights@yahoo.com. Thanks!



Now forming: The Decatur Heights Family Group

By Natalie Snedden

We will be having periodic get-togethers as well as providing a forum for parent support in the neighborhood. Let us know if you are having a baby soon (we'll get meals together for you), or if you're new to the neighborhood. We'll hook you up! For more info, please send your e-mail, and address to natsned@aol.com or leave a message on the DHNA announcement line at 404-220-9777.



Decatur Heights Crime Reports

Documentation retrieved from www.CrimeReports.com

- August: One theft reported by Neighborhood Watch
- September: No incidents shown on www.CrimeReports.com

Note: A robbery was committed 9/23/11 (4:30 p.m.) on the 700 block of East Ponce de Leon, close to Decatur Heights' southwestern border.



Neighborhood Watch Update

By Deanne Thomas

Have you joined yet? Key to keeping our neighborhood a safe and enjoyable place to live is having attentive neighbors watching out for one another. Block captains met on September 29 to discuss the best ways to get the word out when problems arise and how to support efforts within each block/area. We'll provide the information at October's DHNA Meeting.

Twitter WATCH:

#DecaturHeights (courtesy of Dave Kell)



Traffic Calming & Safety Update

By Deanne Thomas

Traffic Laws: Looking Out For One Another

A BIG thank you to the Decatur Police Department for all the “whooping” we've been hearing lately! How sweet the sound when y'all are pulling over the speeders and stop sign runners cutting through our neighborhood!

It's important that we're all mindful ourselves as we're heading to and from home. Is everyone aware that drivers must maintain a 3' buffer from cyclists? And that it's illegal to cross a solid double yellow line -- as on Sycamore Drive -- to pass a cyclist? Are you surprised to know it's in fact legal for a pedestrian to cross mid-block if the intersection isn't bookended by traffic lights, provided that the pedestrian doesn't step off the curb when a driver or cyclist is approaching? All are Georgia laws!

Perhaps the most important thing we can do is practice patience and courtesy with each other. Shaving seconds from your travels -- by wheels or on foot -- isn't worth inconveniencing, or perhaps injuring, another neighbor. Instead, how about if we make each traffic encounter a pleasant one by exchanging smiles? We'll avoid the risk of a ticket, and boost our happiness quotients! Can't beat that!



Decatur Electronics Recycling Day

When: Saturday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Decatur High School Parking Lot
(Corner of N. McDonough Street and Howard Avenue)

Website: <http://www.decaturga.com/index.aspx?page=138>

From Decatur's Electronics Recycling Page:

Please note, styrofoam will no longer be collected at Decatur's Electronics Recycling Day. This material will be accepted at an upcoming shredding event for paper items.

Almost anything with an electrical cord can be recycled at the event **EXCEPT** microwave ovens, furniture, light fixtures, household appliances, lamps, vacuum cleaners.

We will recycle for free: Desktop computers , Telephones, Mini-towers, Telephony equipment, Laptop computers, Adding machines, Monitors, Calculators, Servers, Typewriters, Workstations, Label makers, Keyboards, Copiers, Mice, Fax machines, Joystick game controllers, Answering machines, Printers, Printer cartridges, Digital cameras , Zip drives, Batteries, Speakers, PDAs, Pagers, VCRs, Hubs, DVD players, Routers, Cable converter boxes, Scanners, Remote controls, Digital projectors, Stereo equipment ,UPS units, Radios, Main frames, Portable CD players, Component parts, Portable game players, Cables, GPS receivers, 3-in-1 devices, printer/copier/fax machines., Electric lawn mowers and garden equipment, any kind of Battery.

We will recycle television sets for \$10 exact change.



Assistive Devices and Medical Supplies – Donations Needed

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), a nonprofit in Stone Mountain, cleans and refurbishes gently used assistive devices for people in need of low-cost equipment. FODAC welcomes donated walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, canes, and all types of durable medical equipment. The nonprofit also redistributes donors' unused disposable healthcare supplies, operates a thrift store, and offers equipment repair. For more information, call 770-491-9014 or visit FODAC online at <http://www.fodac.org>.



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