



June 2011

Decatur Heights Highlights

News & Events in Our Decatur Heights Neighborhood

Welcome to Decatur Heights Highlights!

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Neighborhood Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 14

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Site: The Church at Decatur Heights (Community Room) – 735 Sycamore Drive

Neighbors, mark your calendars.... Deputy Police Chief Lee will be joining us for a neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, June 14. This meeting kicks off our efforts to establish a Decatur Heights Neighborhood Watch. Deputy Police Chief Lee will give us an overview of the Neighborhood Watch program, provide an update on any recent crime activity in our area, and share information on community policing programs. All interested neighbors are encouraged to attend!

Willing to pitch in as a Neighborhood Watch block captain? To be added to the Watch committee list, please contact Deanne Thomas through the Decatur Heights Neighborhood Announcement Line at 404-220-9777. *(Contact information updated 6/30/11)*



Traffic Calming Update

By Deanne Thomas

Decatur Heights Resident

Petitions Submitted

Three of the neighborhood's traffic calming requests were submitted to the City this week:

1. 25 MPH Residential Speed Zone Designation for Decatur Heights (canvassed area)
2. Crosswalk/ Stop Signs for Sycamore Dr. at Ridgeland Ave./ Springdale St.
3. Study for Traffic Calming on Sycamore Dr. at the Grove St. Curve

The petition for "No Right Turn 6-9 a.m. Mon-Fri" signs on E. Ponce at Sycamore Dr. & at Poplar St. was pulled because it didn't achieve the needed 75% neighbors' participation. (If Poplar St. neighbors decide to pursue getting a sign, I'd be glad to help out.)

David Junger, Assistant City Manager for Public Works, and John Madejewski, Chief Engineer, will now review the provided materials and begin assessing our requests.

Safe Routes to School

They also shared that we'll be getting Safe Routes to School path markers to guide the kids along the very best route to walk, roll, or bike to the new 5th Avenue Academy.

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Traffic Calming Update: Safe Routes to School, continued

On Safe Routes to School improvements ... Two weeks ago, I submitted a request to the City to add crosswalks at Lockwood Terr. & Pinehurst St., and possibly one at Hillcrest Ave. & Oak Lane. (Unfortunately, the latter is a trickier location because the street corners align with driveways. Re-striping the stop bar at Hillcrest Ave. & Oak Lane was listed.) The petition's proposed crosswalk site was emphasized as being on the major Safe Route path. The City is currently assessing where Safe Routes improvements can be made throughout Decatur.

Other Traffic Safety Needs

On other Decatur Heights areas needing traffic calming attention, Decatur officials encourage neighbors to jot down their concerns to provide the City with a "big picture" view of the traffic calming needs of Decatur Heights. The City Folks have shown genuine interest in working with us to improve our neighborhood's safety and walkability. It's been wonderful to have increased patrols and traffic enforcement throughout the neighborhood!



DecaturWISE Energy Rebate Program

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The DecaturWISE rebate program launched on Monday, April 25th, giving Decatur residents access to up to \$3,200 in rebates for energy efficiency work. Be one of the first 50 residents in our community to participate in the DecaturWISE program, and we will acknowledge you as a program Trailblazer. Our community will recognize this Trailblazer status and your effort to create a truly sustainable Decatur by honoring you and your family on the Decatur City Website at <http://www.decaturga.com/index.aspx?page=595>.

Program Benefits

- Receive up to \$3,200 in rebates.
- Reduce energy costs by 15 percent or more.
- Get improved comfort, fewer drafts, less dust, improved air quality and a quieter home.
- Increase the visibility for Decatur as a sustainable community.

Rebates

- Georgia Power offers residents up to \$2,200 in rebates based on energy savings they achieve.
- DecaturWISE will award up to an additional \$1,000 for homes achieving a 15 percent or greater improvement in energy savings.*

How to Participate

1. Choose one of the approved contractors listed below.
2. Contractor will complete a comprehensive home energy audit.
3. Contractor will install energy saving upgrades.
4. Contractor complete post-installation inspection.
5. Contractor applies for rebates.
6. You receive money back!

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DecaturWise Energy Rebate Program, continued

Participating Contractors

The following approved contractors can offer Georgia Power and DecaturWISE rebates.

Bird Family Insulation,
Bob Bird (404-538-9168)
Website: <http://www.birdinsulation.com>

Renewal System Solutions
Joe Thomas (404-378-6962)
Website: <http://www.renewalsystemsolutions.com>

WellHome
Reggie Lopes (770-368-1063)
Website: <http://www.wellhome.com/locations/georgia/atlanta>

For more information, call 678-954-SAVE (7283)

Or visit the City of Decatur's website at <http://www.decalurga.com/index.aspx?page=595>.



Spotting Errors in Water Meter Readings

Have you noticed an unexplained spike in your recent water bill? Some neighbors have seen their charges jump as much as tenfold since their last bills. To get help on possible incorrect readings and request an adjustment, contact DeKalb County WaterShed Management.

Billing & Meters: 404-378-4475
24-Hr Emergency: 770-270-6243

One neighbor stated that she received a quicker response to a recent inquiry by using e-mail to contact the office. If you have access to a computer, you can contact DeKalb County's general information center at this address: 311chc@co.dekalb.ga.us.



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