

Decatur Heights Highlights

News & Events in Our Decatur Heights Neighborhood

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Next DHNA Meeting in January 2012. Date will be announced in the next newsletter.

Communications Team Update:

Exciting news to share! Kecia Renno and Zawn Villines have signed on to keep the DHNA website up to date! Dean Tarrell will continue to pitch in when his work schedule allows on special events tweeting on #DecaturHeightsGA. Dean's done a super job of sharing the two Selig/Walmart Community Meetings with Decatur and beyond. Dave Kell's DH blog has cranked back up, and you can find posts, videos, audios, live blogging- the whole shebang! Emily Kandetski and Deanne Thomas will continue on the Google Group beat, and for now, Deanne's picked up the Highlights' extras, in addition to covering Updates.

Neighborhood Watch Update:

From Deputy Chief Keith Lee on the two recent daytime burglaries:

“The Sycamore Drive burglary has been suspended due to a lack of investigative leads. It will be reopened if new leads are discovered. The burglary on Woodlawn Court is still an active investigation. The report of the van on Lockwood Terrace is noted in the case notes on the Woodland Court case.”

Other items to report:

Sycamore Dr. Mailbox- Damaged by group of young men on November 26.

Glen Creek Nature Preserve Enclosed Bulletin Board- Plexiglass damaged; unknown.

Please call in suspicious activity to the Decatur Police Dept: (404)373-6551. We'd appreciate you alerting the Neighborhood Watch too. Please email, use voice mail, or tell a block captain.

Traffic Calming Update:

Three cheers for the electronic radar sign across from the Church! Not only do folks seem to be trying to drop down to the speed limit, but the runners are enjoying it too! Decatur Heights' quest for a 25mph Posted Speed limit was recently featured on CH2 News with neighbors sharing our concerns and our various signs, including the “little traffic guy,” highlighted. Turns out reporter Carl Willis was almost hit by a speeder covering the Walmart story!

Families Group Halloween Block Party Recap from Natalie Snedden:

Well the block party was wonderful and we enjoyed every minute ! We had 2 surprise visits by the Decatur fire dept and a bouncy house which was enjoyed by all the little ones. There was lots of great food and fun had by all! The quote I heard most often by everybody was "I had no idea there were so many kids on the block"! For info on the Families group: natsned@aol.com.

From the Park & Garden Group:

The playscape's been an instant hit! A friendly reminder: All children must be accompanied by an adult in the Park & Garden and play area. The Church has graciously provided the space, and their insurance requires it. For Park & Garden info: deanneindecaturheights@yahoo.com.

Around the Neighborhood....

Warm Winter Items Collection Drive from Natalie Snedden

Neighborhood blanket drive for the homeless. You can donate blankets towels bedding coats scarves pillows all for metro Atlanta homeless shelters. Drop them at 182 Ridgeland Ave. I will put a drop box outside on the door step. Metropolitan artifacts of Peachtree Rd is collecting the items and our neighborhood drive will contribute to their collection. Contact natsned@aol.com with questions.

Neighborhood Business Spotlight: Winter Session Musikgarten

Julie Vazquez teaches music and movement to children ages birth through 6 in Decatur. She is a certified, licensed, and insured Musikgarten teacher. All classes are held at Scott Blvd. Baptist Church on the corner of N. Decatur Rd. and Scott Blvd. Winter I classes start early December. For information call 404-492-5193 or visit www.musikalkids.com.

Chess Club for Youngsters and Young at Heart

Did you know there's a beginners friendly chess club that meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm (doors open as early as 6:30 pm) in The Church at Decatur Heights community room? Yes indeed! It's free, and players of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join in! Folks are also invited to stop by just to enjoy getting to know members of the chess community. Tim Brookshear, chess master and the club's leader, is proud to share that the club is in its 11th year of meeting at the Church. He and other local chess professionals are on hand each session to give advice. Tim is also available for private chess instruction. The Georgia Chess Association offers information on local clubs, ratings, upcoming events, and more at <http://georgiachess.org>.

Good Ideas for a Decatur Heights Entrance Sign?

Look forward to hearing more about the possibility of an entrance sign to proudly proclaim we're the Decatur Heights neighborhood! Grace Ann Young pitched the idea at the October DHNA meeting, and it was well received. Folks are starting to discuss it on the Google Group, so we're sure to take it up early in the new year. In the meantime, be thinking on what would best reflect our friendly neighborhood! Can't draw a lick? Don't let it stop you! Be jotting down or doodling your ideas. We'll make sure everyone knows when a neighborhoodwide discussion's going to be held.

Hope you've enjoyed this month's edition of Decatur Heights highlights! The DHNA's goal is to keep all neighbors up to date on neighborhood news.