

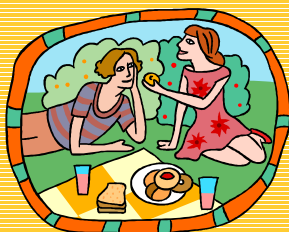
DECA 2001 Board of Directors:

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- Historian – Sheila Rotter, Appling Heights
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- PDK Coordinator – Ron Dennis, Appling Heights
- Webmaster – Aaron Granger
- Zoning Coordinator – Bill Bevel, Whispering Hills

Representatives from DeKalb County Parks & Recreation Department to Speak at April Meeting

Becky Kelley, Director of the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department, and Ms. Dee Merriam, DeKalb County Parks and Recreation's Planning and Special Projects Manager, will speak at the next DECA quarterly meeting.

The meeting will be start at 7:30 on Tuesday, April 17th, at the Chamblee Library.

With a budget of over \$17 million and staff of 300 full-time and 300 part-time employees, the Parks and Recreation Department is one of the 4th largest in the county.

Under Kelley's leadership, parks and recreation services in DeKalb County have expanded and improved through corporate sponsorships, civic

partnerships, grants, and donations.

Becky will talk about the department's future plans and goals, and Dee will talk about the master planning project for Dresden Park, which is about to get underway.

Join us for this great opportunity to discuss these and other interesting topics.

Letter From DECA's President

DeKalb County's new CEO, Vernon Jones, has made it a priority to improve the quality of life for all citizens in DeKalb County. He is starting his tenure by addressing a major concern for all of us: trash and litter. To support his initiative, he has designated the month of April as the kick off month for "Operation Fresh Start" in DeKalb County.

With "Operation Fresh Start," Jones has designated several locations for clean up throughout the month and is asking for volunteers to participate. The designated areas include selected school sites and the corridors of Candler Road, Memorial Drive and Buford Highway. Please let me know what area you would be interested in working on with other DECA volunteers.

DECA established its "Clean Community Days" several years ago. During "Clean Community Days," DECA volunteers gather at the corner of Shallowford Road and Dresden Drive on a Saturday morning to pick up trash along local roadways from 9:00 AM to noon. Signs will be posted at the entrance to your subdivision prior to the next Clean Community Day.

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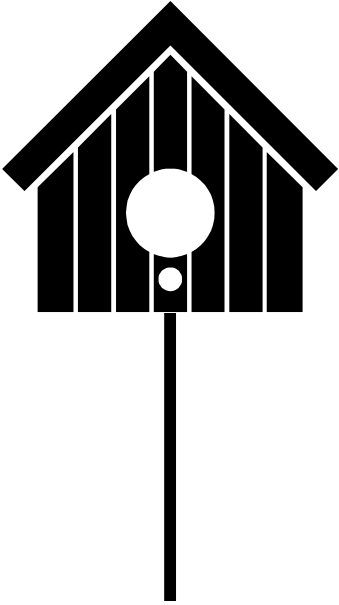
DECA Member Joins DeKalb CCC

Wayne Daniel of Appling Heights has accepted a position on the board of the DeKalb County Civic Coalition (DCCC).

The DCCC, founded in 1985, is a non-partisan, non-profit neighborhood-based group of neighborhood associations.

The Coalition meets the 2nd Monday at 8pm at Northlake library one mile inside I-285 or call 404-315-8494 for more information.





Letter From DECA's President *(cont. from the cover page)*

Along this same line, DECA has been supporting initiatives to re-vitalize Dresden Park. Our guest speaker at this year's second quarterly meeting will be DeKalb County's Director of Parks and Recreation, Becky Kelley. She will address DeKalb's future parks and green space plans. In

addition, Ms. Dee Merriam, Planning and Special Projects Manager will talk about the master planning project for Dresden Park, which is about to get underway. It will be a good opportunity for her to talk about the process and an opportunity for our active participation in this process.

I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting. Due to space availability our meeting will start promptly at 7:30 with our guest speaker. See you there!

Cheryl Von Soosten –
President

Local Code Violations and Solutions

Some DECA members have expressed concern about local single-family homes with multiple unrelated residents, vehicles that are parked on the grass or offered for sale, and unleashed dogs.

DECA has composed a letter that can be sent to residents who violate these and other county codes. Please contact Jeff Weeks or your DECA

neighborhood representative if you know of a location that requires a letter.

Jeff will track all occurrences in a database he developed to help reduce local code violations.

Neighborhood reps have proactively distributed letters and copies of the DeKalb County Residential Code, and DECA's zoning committee members are currently

e-mailing photos of illegally parked cars to Commissioner Gale Walldorff and Commissioner Judy Yates.

Please help us ensure that our neighbors are aware of county code regulations. If you need a copy of the regulations, please contact any DECA representative.

*See Blair Belton's Unofficial
DeKalb County Zoning Site
(www.dekalbzoning.com)
for zoning and other land
use issues*

*Contact Jeff Weeks or
your local DECA
neighborhood
representative if you know
of any residences that are
not in compliance with
DeKalb County's
Residential Code*

DECA 2001 Schedule of Events

- The Board will meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month
- The general membership meetings will be held quarterly either on the third Tuesday evening (April 17, July 17 and October 16) or the third Saturday morning (July 21 and October 20)
- Clean-up Days will be Saturday, April 28 (backup date May 12) and Saturday, Oct. 27 (backup date November 10)
- Each subdivision will have a social event in the spring or the fall
- The holiday party will be Sunday, Dec. 2
- Newsletters will be distributed preceding each quarterly meeting (April 14, July 10 and October 9)



Recycle, Reuse and Reduce to Help the Environment

Spring is the perfect time to renew your commitment to the environment. Here are a few environmental friendly, recycling best practices.

- DeKalb County's Sanitation Division provides curbside pickup for aluminum cans on the first collection day and newspapers on the second collection day
- One of the best local recycling locations is the DeKalb Farmer's Market (3000 East Ponce De Leon Ave. in Decatur). The Market accepts corrugated cardboard, plastic soda and milk containers, magazines and junk mail, glass, telephone directories, aluminum cans and other types of metals
- Miscellaneous paper items (cereal boxes, etc.) not accepted at the Farmer's Market can be recycled at Paper Recycling, Inc. (4069 Winters Chapel Road in Doraville)
- Many groceries accept grocery bags and Styrofoam containers
- If you have computer equipment to dispose of, call Marc/5R, an Environmental Protection Agency-certified company, at 770-482-1744 to find out what they will accept
- The city of Chamblee has a recycling program which accepts a wide variety of materials including all plastic containers, used batteries, motor oil, and anti-freeze. For additional information, call 770-986-5010
- Composting is another form of recycling that is often overlooked. You can easily compost all kitchen waste, except animal products, right in your own backyard. Composted material can then be used as mulch and soil amendment in your flowerbeds and around shrubbery.
- Don't forget there are also many charitable organizations that accept clothing, books, household goods, appliances, and other items for resale. One such is Goodwill Industries which maintains a drop-off station at Northlake Mall
- Local residents are also a great recycling resource. Marilyn Foskey of Appling Heights collects used egg cartons (either plastic or paper) for use by her church. And, Terry Beale of Marlin Acres collects wire coat hangers for use at her church's Kids' Used Clothes (& Stuff) fundraiser
- Finally, you may obtain additional information on recycling opportunities in DeKalb County on the Internet at www.dca.state.ga.us/solidwaste/recycling

For information on how to set up a backyard recycling program, call the DeKalb Extension Service at 404-298-4080

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The next DECA public meeting will be Tuesday, April 17th, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Chamblee Library



DECA Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

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Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Subdivision (Circle One):

Appling Heights • Dresden Square •

Frontier Woods • LaVenture Forest •

Marlin Acres • Whispering Hills

Membership Category:

____ Standard (\$10)

____ Sustaining (\$50)

Signature _____

Date _____

Note: You may also join or renew online

<http://DECAONLINE.tripod.com>

Peachtree DeKalb (PDK) Airport Updates and Websites

- On March 22nd, DECA sent a letter to DeKalb CEO Vernon Jones requesting re-establishment of the 66,000-pound weight limit on planes flying in and out of PDK .
- The Atlanta Business Chronicle, in a March 12, 2001, article titled "Airline Turmoil Steering Private Jet Boom," reported that PDK is the second largest airport in Georgia and has seen 18 percent growth in the past five years. The article quoted PDK Director Lee Rimmel as saying traffic at the airport grew from 239,230 takeoffs and landings in 1999 to 244,879 in 2000 – at least partially due to people seeking alternatives to commercial airlines.
- The PDK Watch website (www.pdkwatch.org) is a very informative site about local airport activities, and it is updated frequently.
- Another interesting airport website is www.lowflying.com, which shows how a Californian deals with low-flying aircraft by measuring their fly-over altitude with an extremely accurate home-made device!



Buford Highway Pedestrian Improvements

On Feb. 1, 2001, Cheryl attended a workshop on Buford Highway Pedestrian Improvements conducted by the URS Corporation. The meeting was held in the former movie theater in Plaza Fiesta.

This was the second meeting on the revitalization of Buford Highway from North Druid Hills Road to the Gwinnett County line.

The URS Corporation conducted a survey for the Georgia Department of Transportation on pedestrian safety (highway crossings, sidewalks, etc.) and presented its findings and suggestions. The group on responded to the findings, how they would be implemented, and the need for bike paths. DeKalb Commissioner Judy Yates discussed state funds

available for the project and pointed to the revitalization already taking place on Memorial Drive and Candler Road. The URS was looking for community businesses and residents to work with the county on the project.

More meetings will be held in the future.

Visit DECA's Website for More Information

DECA members and neighbors are urged to visit and use the DECA website, which is filled with information on the association and DeKalb County.

Even though DECA's Webmaster, Aaron Granger, has moved from the area, he continues to maintain the Web page as a volunteer. Thanks for your help Aaron!

You can use two different addresses to access DECA ONLINE:

<http://members.tripod.com/DECAONLINE>
or

<http://DECAONLINE.tripod.com>