

# ACC Azette

July, 2006

#### From the president ...

Even though its summer, there are still lots of things going on in our neighborhoods. DECA recently partnered with several other neighborhood associations in hosting a candidate's fair for the upcoming primary elections. We will take an even more active role in the next fair for the General Elections.

DECA is expanding – again. During the July 20<sup>th</sup> membership meeting I will ask for approval to accept the Clairmont Terrace neighborhood as our 10<sup>th</sup> community under the DECA umbrella. They already have a small active group, but – want to become a part of us.

PDK continues to be a hot issue. Several DECA residents including Nikki VanDerGritten and Hugh Potter continue take an active role in attending meetings.

Jean Frost continues to come up with outstanding restaurants for DECA Dinners. The latest is a return visit to Mint on Clairmont Road.

And, June Matthies is putting together the Fall Picnic slated for Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. June will be calling on you to help. We will be at Dresden Park.

Even though its mid-year, it is not too early to be thinking about officers for 2007. Think about ways you can actively serve DECA and your community.

I look forward to seeing you July 20th.

Regards,
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### PDK Watch, Inc. - Hugh Potter

PDK Watch the community watchdog organization that monitors activity at Peachtree DeKalb Airport has now been incorporated as a non-profit organization with a formal set of officers and by-laws. As such, they hope to be better positioned to continue the legal fight that has culminated in the open records law suit victory, if necessary.

PDK Watch, Inc. held a public meeting at Clairmont Baptist Church on June 22. The data provided by the county and analyzed by a group of community volunteers suggests that the number and size of planes have both exceeded what has been made public over the past several years.



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While there is still cautious optimism that the county will honor the terms of the legal decision regarding the PDK records, all has not yet been settled. For that reason, please visit the PDK Watch website and explore how you can help. PDK Watch, first as individuals and now as an organization, has taken the lead in protecting residents' interests in regard to the expansion and use of PDK facilities. They continue to need the help of all DECA-area residents.

#### Membership Meeting July 20<sup>th</sup> – Dresden School

The next scheduled membership meeting is Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Dresden School. The speaker will be our State Representative Jill Chambers. She will discuss legislative events from the last Georgia Assembly Session and will field questions from the audience.

There are several business items for discussion which include expansion of DECA to embrace the Clairmont Terrace neighborhood. Several members of that community are expected to discuss their wish to be included in DECA.

TABASCO is expected to request that they officially come under the DECA "umbrella" as a recognized and standing committee accountable to the DECA membership and board.

#### **DECA Officers**

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Vice-President Vacant

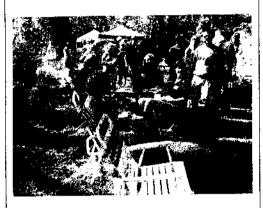
Secretary June Matthies

> Treasurer Dan Harris

Immediate Past President Brian Baker

### DECA Annual Fall Picnic - June Matthies Secretary & Social Director

Summer is almost over, school is soon to start - but, that is no reason picnics cannot continue. Mark it on your calendar and join us for the DECA annual picnic on Sunday, October 22.



DECA members caught having fun at last year's Fall Picnic.

Details are still being worked out, like door prizes, the band and food. However, we do need volunteers. If you can help in any capacity, email June Matthies at <a href="mailto:sim3143@aol.com">sim3143@aol.com</a>. Please use DECA picnic in the subject line. You may also call 770-455-8850 and leave a message. Please leave your name and telephone number and your call will be returned.





### PDK Airport Advisory Board

The quarter for the Advisory Board began poorly, with no quorum, so no official meeting. By May, there were some new Board members and business got back under way.

The Board is purely advisory to the County Commission and generally cover updates on leases and other operational issues. When items on which the County Commissioners will need to vote are brought up, it is for the Advisory Board to decide what to advise the Commission to do. In that sense, the votes that occur at the Board meeting have no real weight; they are simply to convey a sense of what the Board advises the Commission to do.



An empty DC-9 weighs around 49,000 lbs. Fully loaded with passengers and/or cargo it could weigh in excess of 90,000 lbs.

There were an average 590 "operations" (one take off or one landing) each day at PDK. If these occurred during the hours of operation, that would be around 32 operations per hour. However, nearly 200 operations occurred each month during the "voluntary curfew" hours. Some of these are Angel Flight medical emergencies, some are law enforcement flight.



#### Primary Election Candidate's Fair

The Candidates Fair held last month at the Greek Orthodox Church was a non-partisan effort by cooperating neighborhoods to assist residents in evaluating the candidates and letting them hear what issues concern the voters. It also was an opportunity to ask direct questions and to get acquainted. Efforts were made to include all candidates and all of the area neighborhoods who wished to participate.

DECA will be one of the sponsors of the next Candidates Fair for the upcoming General Election.

#### **Sponsoring Associations:**

Clairmont Heights Civic Assn, Clairmont Terrace Civic Assn, Dresden East Civic Assn, Laurel Ridge Civic Assn, Leafmore Creekpark Hills Civic Assn, Medlock Area Neighborhood Assn, Merry Hills Homeowners Assn, North Briarcliff Civic Assn, North Druid Hills Residents Assn, Oak Grove Civic Assn, Sagamore Hills Civic Assn

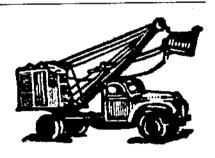
#### Supporting Organizations:

League of Women Voters of DeKalb

#### DeKalb County Public Works Update

Buford Highway sidewalks and safety improvements, from Shallowford Terrace in Chamblee to I-285 in Doraville, are 70% complete; the contractor is complete with most of the sidewalks, the landscaping (although much of it died during the heat/dry weeks and will have to be replaced), and the street lighting.

The majority of work remaining includes the pedestrian medians/refuge islands. The contractor has been given a time extension by GDOT past the substantial completion date of July 31, 2006, because of some delays in final approval of their detail submittals on the in-road pedestrian, lighting and safety devices



## RESTRICTIONS ON DEKALB COUNTY OUTDOOR WATERING

DeKalb County has somewhat lifted the total ban on outdoor watering. Outdoor water use is permitted for all residents. Only on Thursdays and Mondays, between midnight and 10 a.m.,

"Our county's water supply is sufficient at this time. However, I must stress that we must continue to conserve water so that we are not forced to return to a total ban for outdoor water use," according to county CEO Vernon Jones. Now your home office has a branch right down the street.



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#### Reasons for Becoming A DECA Member

- Getting to know your neighbors
- Monthly dinners
- · Having a good time
- · Effecting change
- Becoming an integral and interested member of our community
- · Being more informed
- · Enjoying the picnics and having fun
- Using the (soon to be updated) DECA website to ask questions
- · Express concerns
- Quickly spread alerts
- Having fun

 Jackie Beckwith Membership Chair

### Advertise in the DECAzette!

#### RATES

Business Card (3.5"x2"); \$20/issue Quarter-page Ad: \$50/issue

Ad rates are based on camera-ready or electronic artwork provided by the advertiser. Design assistance available.

Submit ads and payment (payable to the Dresden East Civic Association) to:

DECAzette – Editor cto Dresden East Civic Association P.O. Box 49305 Atlanta, GA 30359 Artwork and copy also accepted electronically via e-mail at: jdresden@bellsouth.net



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Look for information coming soon from your neighborhood representative.

Appling: Michele Yackel Beverly Hills: Mary Beth Smith Marlin Acres: Michael Besal LaVenture Forest: Vacant Whispering Hills: Vacant Frontier Woods: Jane Gay Dresden Square: Jan Fenn Wakefield Forest: Nickki VanDergrinten



#### Recent Home Sales In DECA

Jean Frost, Realtor, ABR MetroBrokers/GMAC Real Estate 404-514-0603

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Subdivision	Street	Sales Price	Closing Date
Appling Heights	3026 Meadowood Lane	\$215,000	3/1/2006
Appling Heights	3003 Appling Way	\$219,000	1/1/2006
Appling Heights	3050 Appling Drive	\$226,000	3/1/2006
Appling Heights	2960 Appling Circle	\$236,000	2/27/2006
Beverly Hills	2602 Woodgreen Drive	\$155,000	6/9/2006
Beverly Hills	2575 Woodgreen Drive	\$187,800	1/18/2006
Beverly Hills	3088 Janice Court	\$200,000	3/6/2006
Frontier Woods	2810 Frontier Trail	\$213,000	4/17/2006
Frontier Woods	2762 Pioneer Court	\$217,500	3/2/2006
Frontier Woods	2741 Pioneer Court	\$229,900	5/23/2006
Frontier Woods	2800 Pioneer Court	\$230,000	5/19/2006
Laventure Forest	2858 Dresden Way	\$218,000	3/17/2006
Laventure Forest	2849 Arrow Creek Drive	\$228,750	4/28/2006
Laventure Forest	2381 Arrow Circle	\$244,000	5/31/2006
Wakefield Forest	2469 Warwick Circle NE	\$165,000	3/24/2006
Wakefield Forest	1992 Jordan Terrace	\$169,000	4/26/2006
Wakefield Forest	2590 Warwick Circle	\$180,700	4/7/2006
Wakefield Forest	2600 Woodacres Road	\$190,000	5/18/2006
Wakefield Forest	2542 Warwick Circle	\$192,000	5/8/2006
Wakefield Forest	2605 Warwick Circle	\$203,500	5/19/2006
Wakefield Forest	2426 Rhineland Ct, NE	\$207,000	5/17/2006
Wakefield Forest	2072 Malabar Drive	\$230,000	6/23/2006
Whispering Hills	2834 Marlin Way	\$225,000	6/7/2006

Call me for detailed information on your home and/or neighborhood!