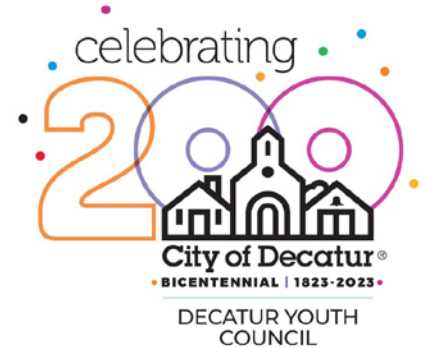




# DYC End of Year Report

2022–2023





# Conversations/Facility Tours



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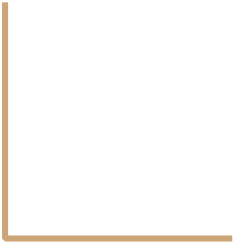
- Discussion of City organization and departments with City Manager Andrea Arnold
- Child Friendly Cities Initiative Discussion with CYS Director Claire Miller and Assistant Director Nancy Brune
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Roundtable with Sara Holmes and Carlos Perez
- Downtown Master Plan Discussion with Planning & Economic Development Director Angela Threadgill
- City Schools of Decatur Conversation with Superintendent Maggie Fehrman
- History Lesson with former Mayor Walt Drake and Mayor pro tem Powers' mother, Barbara Powers
- Equity and Better Together Chat with Equity & Engagement Director Renae Jackson and Better Together Advisory Board Co-chair Ed Lee
- Kids' Activity Book Planning Session with Content Editor Laura Spriggs

# Facility Tours

- City Hall with City Clerk Meredith Roark
- Police Department with Sergeant Bender and staff
- Public Works with Assistant City Manager David Junger and staff
- Fire Station 1 with Chief Toni Washington and staff
- Decatur Legacy Park with Lyn Menne and Madeleine Henner



# Small Projects/Events



# Scott Park Garden Refresh

- NYC members helped with a refresh of the Scott Park Garden behind the Decatur Rec Center
- Members helped build new planter boxes for the planting season



# Santa on the Square

- DYC members assisted with the Santa on the Square event
- Members helped to bake cookies and decorate to help spread holiday cheer
- The event also helped to promote the Small Business Saturday on the Square event



# Tree Lighting

- NYC members handed out free hot cocoa at the annual tree lighting at the square
- Members dressed up and helped to decorate the Square to share in the festivities





# Bonfire/Marshmallow Roast

- DYC members ran the s'mores and hot chocolate stand during the annual Bonfire on the Square event
- Members set up the tent and its decorations, served hot chocolate, handed out marshmallows on sticks, and gave out cookies and Santa hats



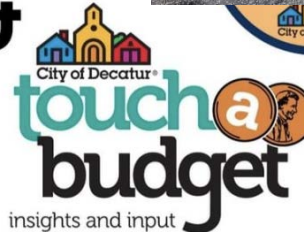
# Touch-a-Truck/Touch-a-Budget

- Like last year, members of the NYC were involved in the construction and deconstruction of stands during the Touch-a-Truck/Touch-a-Budget event



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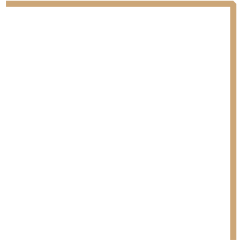
Saturday, March 25, 11am-1pm  
East Lake MARTA Station, North Lot

# Decatur Square Clean-up

- The Square clean-up continued this year with DYC members working alongside the Clean Team to beautify the Square
- Inspired by Mr. Powers' call for action, a new goal of the clean-ups is to show middle schoolers the importance of keeping the Square clean



# Major Projects



# Commissioner Info Boards Project

- Since it had been a couple years since our last commissioner info boards writeup, we updated the boards again to keep them current
- The NYC split into five subcommittees, each of which interviewed one of the Commissioners and rewrote their respective info board
- The newly updated boards can be viewed now at Public Works



# Movie Night Project

- For our third consecutive year, we helped put on an outdoor movie night open for free to Decatur residents
- We combined our event this year with the Movie of Sycamore event
- The movie, which was the same as last year's because of its success, was Elf
- At the event, we handed out cookies and Santa hats as viewers arrived



**SATURDAY**  
**Dec. 17**  
**Holiday**  
**Movie**

6 pm | **FREE**  
**The Chapel**  
**on Sycamore**  
318 Sycamore St.

**FREE**  
Outdoor  
Screening

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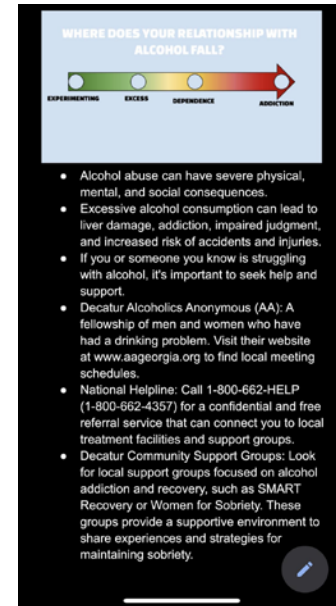
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MORE DECATUR HOLIDAY EVENTS AT [DECATURGA.COM/HOLIDAYS](https://www.decaturga.com/holidays)



# PSA Project

- As per the DYC's bylaws, we were required to create a public service announcement on a topic of our choice to share with the Decatur community
- We decided to create two PSAs—one on drugs and alcohol awareness and the other on climate change—and split up into two subcommittees to create them
- The drug and alcohol PSA took the form of a poster (soon to be displayed at public spaces around Decatur) and the climate change PSA took the form of a website (soon to be hosted on the city's website)
  - See the website here for now:  
<https://zarquon0.github.io/dyc-climate-psa/>



# Mural Project

- During our spring project brainstorming session, we decided to make a mural to celebrate Decatur's bicentennial
- The idea was to make a 200 out of the handprints of people from around Decatur
- The handprinting took place at the Kids' Arts Festival on May 6th





Special Thanks To:

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For Providing Support and Guidance Every Step of the Way!