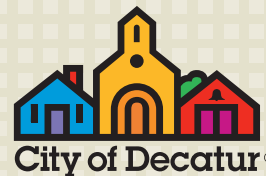


City of Decatur FOCUS



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DECATUR FIRE PROMOTES FIRE PREVENTION IN OCTOBER

Decatur Fire Rescue is highlighting fire safety all month long, encouraging residents to develop safety plans and install (or test) smoke detectors in their homes. This push for fire safety coincides with the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week™, the longest-running public health observance in the U.S. Each October, The National Fire Protection Association observes this week to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land. Contact Assistant Chief Ninetta Violante, ninetta.violante@decaturga.com or call 404-947-0522 for more information.

MORE DECATUR FIRE RESCUE NEWS ON PAGE 5.

Fire extinguisher training at Fire Station No. 1. ►



Decatur at 200

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

On December 10, 1823, the Georgia General Assembly approved a charter incorporating the City of Decatur and declaring it the seat of the then recently established county of DeKalb.

Over the past 200 years, Decatur has evolved and endured, through triumphs as well as missteps worthy of community reflection. Now, as the City prepares to embark on its bicentennial year, it is planning events and activities to celebrate this historic milestone.

Legacy Decatur – an affiliated 501(c)3 that works in support of the Decatur community — is leading the charge, establishing a master calendar of events, and raising funds for projects that will sustain a lasting legacy for future generations of Decatur residents.

Over the course of 2023, we will celebrate the history that defines us by incorporating our bicentennial theme into a variety of events and activities, including February's Black History Month celebration, the annual Decatur Arts Festival, and festivities celebrating July 4th.

Special events — like a reprisal of the St. Patrick's Day parade from the mid-20th century marking Decatur's partnership with the Irish Olympic Committee in 1996 and the 200th anniversary celebration of the founding of Decatur First United Methodist Church in April 2023 — will also be included. As will our neighborhoods and local community organizations, who are invited and encouraged to plan their own activities.

In addition, we're also working towards the future, leaving a legacy for generations to follow, through the launch of our Bicentennial Fund endowing three supporting projects:

- The 200 Stories project, a year-long effort a la Story Corps to collect 200 stories from a broad representation of Decatur residents;
- The 200 Trees project, in partnership with Trees Atlanta, to plant and map 200 trees across the city's front yards and public spaces; and the
- Decatur Land Trust Future Fund in support of its long-term efforts to protect and provide affordable housing opportunities in Decatur, today and in the future.

Plans are coming together, and fundraising has already begun. We invite you to learn more, get involved, or make your own tax-deductible donation at legacydecatur.org.



The Decatur Focus is a joint publication of the City of Decatur, the Decatur Downtown Development Authority and the Decatur Business Association. It is a newsletter intended to provide announcements and information related to events, activities, and businesses in the city of Decatur. The purpose of the newsletter is to promote the city and encourage the exchange of information among residents, business owners and the school system. Letters to the editor, editorials or other opinion pieces are not published. All press releases, announcements and other information received for publication are subject to editing. Information found in the Focus is also posted on Decatur's official website at decaturga.com. The deadline for submitting articles, announcements or advertising is the first day of the month preceding publication. Contact: Editor, Decatur Focus, P.O. Box 220, Decatur, GA 30031, 404-371-8386; email: decaturfocus@decaturga.com.



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DECATUR SERVES UP SUNDAY SUPPER

Sunday, Oct. 23, 3-6 p.m., CSD greenspace at the corner of W. Trinity Place and Commerce Drive

The City of Decatur, in partnership with the Downtown Development Authority and Decatur Tourism is pleased to present Sunday Supper, an event that brings together community for food, fun, and conversation. Get your tickets at freshtix.com/events/sunday-supper.



Information for the FOCUS should be submitted by mail to Editor, Decatur Focus, P.O. Box 220, Decatur, GA 30031, or by email to decaturfocus@decaturga.com, or by using the submission form found at decaturga.com/focus.

Decatur Signals Proposed Zoning Change

Nearly 600 blue public hearing signs are popping up around town. These signs are in compliance with House Bill 1405, recently passed by Georgia State Legislature, which requires the posting of signs every 500 feet in areas where proposed zoning changes, if adopted, would allow for a greater diversity of housing types beyond single-family homes. As Decatur seeks to address “missing middle housing,” the City is reconsidering allowing the construction of compatibly-sized duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes.



Why are these proposed changes necessary when Decatur already has duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes in its neighborhoods? All housing types except for single-family homes were disallowed in Decatur’s neighborhoods in 1988. As much of the remaining stock has been converted or redeveloped to single family homes, the city is experiencing a considerable decline in income, age, and racial diversity.

Why is Decatur considering this zoning change? Over the past 15 years, citizens have consistently expressed concern for diminishing diversity, resulting in a variety of initiatives, and culminating as a recommendation of the 2020 Affordable Housing Task Force adopted as a goal of Destination 2030: the City of Decatur 2020 Strategic Plan.

How would this recommendation broaden economic diversity? Human diversity follows housing diversity. Expanding options for homebuilders and affordable housing providers like the Decatur Land Trust helps serve a wider range of incomes. Allowing existing homes to be sub-divided into additional units increases choice and flexibility for Decatur homeowners for downsizing and additional rental income. Creating opportunities for rental or home ownership for middle income and workforce earners supports economic diversity.

What are the next steps? City of Decatur will bring two proposed modifications to the Unified Development Ordinance before the Planning Commission and the City Commission. For meeting dates and times, refer to the nearest blue sign:

Planning Commission meeting: Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

City Commission meetings: Oct. 17, Jan. 17, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Visit decaturga.com/affordablehousing and aarp.org/livable-communities/housing/info-2020/missing-middle-housing.html for additional information.

SHREDDING & STYROFOAM RECYCLING EVENT AT DECATUR PUBLIC WORKS



OCTOBER 22, 2022
9 a.m. - Noon

DRIVE-THRU SHREDDING* & STYROFOAM RECYCLING

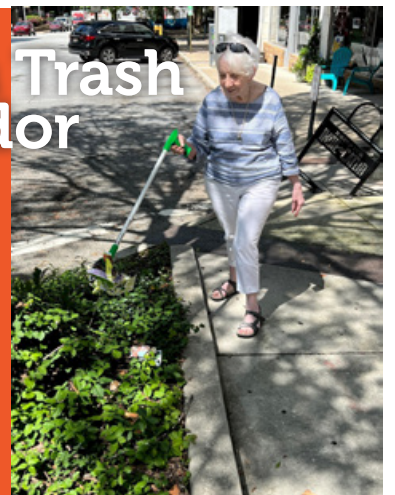
Securely destroy up to 10 boxes full of your sensitive household documents.

*remove all staples and paper clips from documents

decaturga.com/sanitation
For more information contact 404-377-5571

Become a Trash Ambassador

Decatur is a great place to walk and enjoy all that the city has to offer. Help show some love by pitching in to keep streets and sidewalks litter free. Stop by the Visitors Center at 113 Clairemont and pick up a handy trash claw.



Decatur's Moonlight Graham

Sam Frankel Mayer (1893-1962) is the only known Major League Baseball player buried in Decatur Cemetery, in Section 10 near Glenlake Park. Mayer's brief (one month) MLB career was spent with the Washington Senators in September 1915, where he hit a respectable .241 (with one home run). While his career wasn't regarded the same as "Moonlight Graham," who was celebrated in the W.P. Kinsella novel "Shoeless Joe" and the movie "Field of Dreams," Mayer was considered a fine defensive outfielder, playing 17 seasons in the minors, including seven years with the Atlanta Crackers. After WWI, Mayer continued his career with a barnstorming group of baseball players throughout the Midwest and Northeast before resettling in Atlanta where he married, raised a family, and traded the baseball life for that of a salesman rather than a lifesaving doctor as in "Field of Dreams."

Sam's brother Erskine Mayer was a more notable baseball player, playing with the Phillies, Pittsburgh and finally the White Sox where he quit in disgust following the 1919 Black Sox Scandal. Erskine never played again and eventually moved to California. The talented Mayer boys were raised in a Jewish home by parents of German ancestry who came to Atlanta from Ohio. The family had deep musical roots going back to Prussia where their father was a concert pianist. To learn more about the Mayer family and other unique pieces of Decatur history, contact friendsofdecaturcemetery@gmail.com.

NOMINATE A HOMETOWN HERO

A Hometown Hero can be a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or community member who works hard, often behind the scenes, to make our community a better place to live, work, and play. Show your appreciation by nominating that special someone for Decatur's Hometown Hero award.

Decatur began recognizing and celebrating Hometown Heroes at the close of the Hometown to the World Festival during the summer Olympics of 1996. The award has become an annual tradition to honor a new group of Hometown Heroes each year. Nominations are reviewed by an independent panel of national professionals who work with volunteers and who do not know the nominees.

Nominations are being accepted until October 30. Visit decaturga.com/community/page/hometown-heroes to download a nomination form. Submit a completed form along with a short essay describing your Hometown Hero and how she/he contributes to the Decatur community to leeann.harvey@decaturga.com or by mail to: Decatur Hometown Heroes, City of Decatur, 509 N. McDonough St., Decatur, GA 30030

You may also drop off your nomination form at Decatur City Hall. For more information, call 678-553-6548, or 770-652-8593 or email leeann.harvey@decaturga.com.

Decatur Seeking Sculptures

Decatur Arts Alliance is working to identify artists and acquire outdoor sculptures for two projects in Decatur.

Project 1: Decatur Retail District – three sculptures will be permanently acquired for the new Sam's Crossing retail/residential district. Each work will be installed at one of three specific sites. Sculpture artists may submit completed or in-progress work and may find more information (including site plans and photos) at DecaturArtsAlliance.org.

Project 2: Decatur Artway, Phase VIII – this ongoing public art program seeks new works for installation throughout the city. Selected sculptures will be on loan for two years as part of the rotating outdoor exhibition. Only existing pieces will be considered, and submitted work must be committed for the duration of the loan period. Applications are accepted at CallForEntry.org.

Decorate Decatur

Halloween decorating season is here and that means the Commissioners Cauldron is up for grabs. Unpack your best Halloween decorations, dress up your home or business in the colors and traditions of the season, and enter the Halloween Decorating Contest. Submit a photo of your best decor talents or nominate your neighbor by sending an email to Jackie Moore, jacqueline.moore@decaturga.com that includes your name and mailing address by Friday, October 21. Winners will be posted in the Decatur Minute and on the Decorate Decatur Facebook page. Special yard signs will be placed in the yards of winners to display for Halloween. The Commissioners Cauldron winners will be announced at the City Commission meeting on Monday, November 7. For more information and to see past winners, visit visitdecaturgeorgia.com/visit/page/decorate-decatur-halloween.



City of Decatur

Oakhurst Recreation Center Now Open!

Do you have a class you'd like to teach or a group that needs a space?

The Oakhurst Recreation Center has openings for new classes and activities!

Reach out to Jada Jordan at Jada.Jordan@decaturga.com

450 East Lake Dr, Decatur 30030
404-377-0494

FROM DECATUR FIRE RESCUE

Plan an Escape

Every year the National Fire Protection Association announces a new theme for fire prevention month. This year, the theme “Fire won’t wait, plan your escape!” is particularly important because modern construction materials are composed of plastics which burn hotter, faster, and release dark, deadly smoke and toxins. The thick, black smoke can obscure a path out and the poisonous, combustible by-products can cause unconsciousness in seconds. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Decatur Fire Rescue recommends a comprehensive escape plan, including:

- Smoke alarms in every bedroom for early alerting,
- Evacuation plan that works for people of all ages and abilities to exit quickly and safely,
- Each room has two ways out,
- Practice at night when visibility is limited,
- A safe meeting place outside.

Decatur Fire Rescue can assist with a home escape plan. Contact Captain Gary Menard, gary.menard@decaturga.com.



Check Smoke Alarms

Homes now burn faster and hotter, so it's important to ensure that there are enough working smoke alarms in your home to detect smoke and fire as soon as possible, especially at night when you're asleep. Without smoke alarms, the deadly gases created by the plastics in our homes can overtake us in our sleep before we ever know there is a fire. If you have any questions regarding the placement or number of smoke alarms in your home, please reach out to Decatur Fire. Captain Gary Menard, gary.menard@decaturga.com can answer questions, or schedule an appointment to come out and inspect, install, or change batteries in your alarms. Don't take any chances with this crucial first step in getting you and your family out quickly in the event of a fire.



Kitchen Fires and Extinguisher Use

One of the most frequent causes of home fires is cooking incidents. While keeping a clean cooking area and never leaving cooking food unattended can help prevent fires, it's equally important to maintain a working fire extinguisher and to know how to use it. Decatur Fire offers the following tips:

- Store extinguishers away from the oven but easily accessible
- Ensure extinguishers aren't expired and the needle is still in the green
- Start from a distance and move closer if necessary
- Aim at the base, not at the flames to extinguish the actual object that is burning
- Sweep back and forth across the base until the fire is fully out
- Practice using the extinguisher; remove the pin and know how to squeeze the handle

Don't ever attempt to use an extinguisher on a fire that is too large or if you don't have a clear, unobstructed path to get out. If the fire doesn't go out, leave immediately. If the fire does go out, call Decatur Fire to make sure there's not a hazard. For more information on kitchen fires or to schedule extinguisher training, contact Captain Gary Menard, gary.menard@decaturga.com.



Decatur Firefighters to Train African Fire Departments

Decatur Fire's Sgt. Durell Coleman and Lt. James Hutley will be traveling to Africa in 2023 to support Africa Fire Mission, an organization comprised of career and volunteer firefighters who equip and train firefighters across Africa. Through a “train the trainer” program, they will share their knowledge and expertise to help emerging fire departments protect the communities they serve. Decatur Fire is proud of these officers who are willing to spend time away from their families to provide this crucial service. For more information on their journey, visit africafiremission.org.



Sgt. Durell Coleman



Lt. James Hutley

EVENTS CALENDAR

Go to VisitDecaturGa.com for community events
For a full list of board and commission meetings visit decaturga.com/calendar

OCTOBER

- 1 Decatur Book Festival**, First Baptist Church of Decatur
- 2 L'Arche Atlanta's 10th Anniversary Benefit & Auction**, 4 p.m., DeKalb Conference Center
- 5 Coffee with a Cop Day**, for details follow @cityofdecaturga
- 8 Oakhurst Porchfest**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., various locations across Oakhurst neighborhood
- 8-22 Fairies in the Garden**, Woodlands Garden (page 11)
- 13-15 Annual Capoeira Brazilian Arts Festival**, Decatur square (page 14)
- 14 Emerging Latinx Showcase Closing Reception**, Decatur Visitors Center, 113 Clairemont Ave., 6:30-9:30 p.m. (page 10)

15 SUDS / Decatur Craft Beer Festival, 12-5 p.m., Legacy Park, 500 S. Columbia Dr.

15 Madison Ave. Derby, 11 a.m., Madison Ave. (page 8)

15 Lotus of Life Community Health Fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 603 Church St. (page 11)

16 Oakhurst Presbyterian 100th Anniversary Celebration & Worship Service, 11 a.m., 118 Second Ave.

20 Barbara Kingsolver, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 308 Clairemont Ave. (page 12)

22 Shredding and Styroform Recycling Event, 9 a.m.-noon, Decatur Public Works, 2635 Talley Street (page 3)

22 BBQ & Bands, 2-6 p.m., The Solarium, 319 West Hill Street

23 Decatur Sunday Supper, 3-6 p.m., CSD greenspace at the corner of W. Trinity and Commerce (page 2)

30 Haints & Saints Parade, 6 p.m., Decatur Cemetery (page 10)

31 Agnes Scott College Halloween Fun, 5-7 p.m., Alston Campus Center (page 15)

NOVEMBER

3, 10, 17, 24 Terrific Thursdays - participating Decatur shops and restaurants stay open late and offer a variety of discounts, special holiday open houses & receptions

5 Decatur Wine Festival, Decatur square, 12:30-4:30 p.m. (page 12)

12 Decatur Education Foundation Soiree in the City, 6-10 p.m., 42West, 1088 Huff Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 (page 15)

26 Small Business Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on the Square

26 Santa on the Square, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION AVAILABLE

The Decatur Public Works department provides general floodplain information on property located within the incorporated city limits. The Decatur Library also provides references on flooding and flood protection. A map and information service, available for a \$10 fee, explains:

- If a property is in a special flood hazard area
- If a property is in a floodway
- Flood insurance rate map information
- Flood depth information
- If a FEMA elevation certificate for a property is available in city records.

An accurate street address or DeKalb County/Decatur Tax Parcel Identification number is needed to obtain this information. Contact 678-553-6529 or Jennings.bell@decaturga.com.

Decatur Legacy Park Receives \$50,000 Grant

Decatur Legacy Park has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program for a boardwalk at the Postal Pond. The project will provide erosion and sediment mitigation while expanding recreational opportunities, offering an engaging place for a diverse community, and providing safer access to the pond and wetlands for students participating in environmental field trips. Congratulations to Legacy Decatur's Madeleine Henner and Decatur Energy and Sustainability Manager David Nifong who collaborated on this grant application with community partners including City Schools of Decatur, Wylde Center, Trees Atlanta, and Wild Nest Bird Rehab.

Welcoming Business Award Deadline Extended to October 25

The Better Together Advisory Board is accepting nominations to highlight businesses that make equity and inclusion a priority in our community. The award was created to:

- Reward and publicly recognize leadership actions that create a welcoming and inclusive business environment in the City of Decatur;
- Encourage businesses to prioritize inclusivity as a "best practice;" and
- Publicize and share "best practices" among local businesses.

Nomination forms may be submitted online or printable forms can be downloaded and submitted via email to Linda Harris, linda.harris@decaturga.com or mailed to her attention at City of Decatur, PO Box 220, Decatur GA 30031. Visit decaturga.com/welcomingbusiness for more information and links to the forms.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Since 1995, A Season of Giving/Christmas Decatur, in partnership with the Decatur community (residents, places of worship, businesses, neighborhood associations, clubs, and other caring people), has helped make the holiday season brighter for children and senior citizens in Decatur. After two years of virtual giving, we are pleased to return to the traditional giving process so donors can directly purchase gifts or make a donation and we can do the shopping.



Donors are asked to spend \$125-\$150 on each recipient, based on a wish list specific to each recipient. The lists are created with the help of in-person conversations with seniors and each child's parent or guardian, and include a mix of wants (toys, books) and needs. Wish lists will be available in October and include a list of items with specific sizes and wishes. If a child needs a warm winter coat, please make that your first purchase. We also want every child to receive a book. If you purchase from Little Shop of Stories, mention A Season of Giving/Christmas Decatur and Little Shop of Stories will donate 20 percent of your purchase to our effort. Gifts are due on the first Saturday in December.

Financial contributions of any amount can be made at legacydeatur.org/a-season-of-giving-christmas-decatur or by sending a check made payable to Decatur Legacy Project (indicate Season of Giving/Christmas Decatur in the memo portion) and mail to A Season of Giving/Christmas Decatur, PO Box 220, Decatur, GA 30031. For more information, to volunteer, or to obtain wish lists, email aseasonofgiving@decaturga.com or call 404-378-8068.

Hagen Rosskopf/Bike Law GA Teams Up with Free Bikes 4 Kidz ATL

Hagen Rosskopf is accepting used bicycle donations to support the ATL 2022 Annual Giveaway. Donated bicycles and tricycles can be dropped on the law practice porch (119 N. McDonough Street) any time, day or night.

For many kids, this program offers their first bike, so Free Bikes 4 Kidz is dedicated to making the experience special. In addition to receiving a bike, each child gets a free helmet and is assisted by a volunteer to find a bike best suited for them. Last year as part of the 6th Annual Bike Giveaway, Hagen Rosskopf collected nearly 200 bicycles, which contributed to more than 700 total bikes. The bicycles are cleaned and repaired by volunteers, including 2021 U.S. pro national bicycle road race champion and Decatur native, Joey Rosskopf. To learn more about FB4K ATL's mission, visit fb4katl.org/donate/donate-a-bike.



From left: Matt Hagen and Kendrick McWilliams, attorneys; Diana Wong, Kimberly Hart, Pamela Woods Conley, paralegals; Bruce Hagen, founding partner; Lory Gustave, Amie Risley, Jamie High, paralegals; Zach Nelson, attorney and Dan Pruitt, paralegal. The team loads collected bikes onto trucks to deliver to Free Bikes 4 Kidz ATL in November 2021

Leaf Them Be

Autumn brings cooler weather and trees radiating brilliant colors of red, yellow, and orange. For the City of Decatur, a designated Tree City of the World by the Arbor Society, fall also brings lots of leaves on the ground. This year as you plan your fall cleanup, consider leaving the leaves in the natural areas of the yard instead of bagging them to be hauled off as litter to a landfill. Letting the leaves remain on the ground has many environmental benefits, including:

- natural soil amendment that builds and fertilizes soil while hindering weeds
- food and habitat for bees, butterflies, beetles, and moth pollinators
- food, habitat, and nesting material for birds during the winter
- insulation for plant roots
- habitat for hibernating frogs, salamanders, and snakes

- food for decomposers such as snails and worms that create soil and provide food for songbirds
- retains soil moisture and reduces stormwater runoff

Allowing the leaves from your trees to remain on the yard also saves money in lawn bags, mulch, or trips to the store; reduces carbon emissions; limits noise in the community from leaf blowers; and gives back the time spent picking up leaves to do something else on a beautiful fall weekend. Did you know:

- Fireflies spend their first two years underground and under leaves.
- Raking leaves off your lawn into side beds or other areas provides benefits.
- Mowing leaves into smaller pieces makes them less obvious and adds nutrients to your lawn.

DERBY CAR SPOTLIGHT

Rev your engines for the 11th Annual Madison Avenue Derby, featuring human-powered “soapbox” style cars racing down one of Decatur’s most iconic streets. Last year’s “Most Creative” winner and four-time Derby builder Todd Bell offers the inside scoop with a first-ever Derby Car Spotlight.



Team Name: Team Snoopy

Awards: Most Creative Car - 2021

Inspiration: We’ve done a few more conventional cars, including a coupe, Trans Am and Ghostbuster car but wanted to try something different. Originally, we considered building a Delta jet but there were too many curves, so we decided to build a bi-plane, which ended up being more fun in the end.

Build Time: Off and on, we worked on it for a month, but as usual, the last couple days were a little frantic to finish; we attempted the first test run the night before Race Day. It’s become a tradition it seems to finish at the last minute.

Why We Race: We have always enjoyed working together as a group, and we have lots of “natural tinkerers” in the gang. Mostly, it’s a great way to spend time together and share a beverage or two.

Fun Fact: While our build was much heavier, the wings were built using an actual “spar and stringer” technique - not too different from how they built the wings 100 years ago.

Advice for Future Builders: Start early, and make sure it’s stable and safe. Use your creativity, I have seen some wonderful creations over the years. Lots of talented people out there!

This year’s derby kicks off on Saturday, October 15 at 11 a.m. The family-friendly event is free to the public with food and drink available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Refugees family literacy programs. Visit madaverby.org for more information and the full race schedule.

Family-Owned Journeyman Launches in Decatur

In August, the Morris family – Decatur residents since 2007 — launched Journeyman in downtown Decatur. In addition to providing bicycle repair, build, and customization services, Journeyman serves as a makerspace for local artisans to collaborate and sell items that are “bike-adjacent,” such as bags, baskets and more. The vendors are rotational, giving shoppers incentive to return frequently for new offerings. Journeyman also offers outdoor cycling classes and meet-up opportunities for riders of all skill levels to connect and explore metro Atlanta, trails, and neighborhoods.

An experiential retail concept, Journeyman came to fruition with the support of the Decatur Downtown Development Authority’s retail incubator program, which has been providing opportunities for entrepreneurs to bring their ideas to life in brick-and-mortar spaces since August 2021. Located next door to the Visitor’s Center at 115 Clairemont Avenue, Journeyman will host a belated ribbon-cutting ceremony in early October. For information on this and other events, visit guildjourneyman.com and follow @guildjourneyman on Instagram and Facebook.



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MEETING PREVIEW
Tuesday, October 25
5:30 p.m.

LA CHIQUIADA

110 W. Trinity Place

La Chiquiada, Decatur's new Mexi-Cali café, is hosting the October DBA meeting at its location in the Amli Development on West Trinity Place at McDonough Street. Park in the Amli garage (free validation).

Book As Art; TRANSFORMATION Exhibition

Through Oct. 31, Decatur Library, 215 Sycamore St.

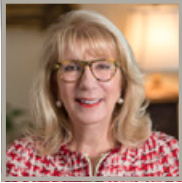
Book as Art is an annual juried exhibition that celebrates the "book" as a structure with a wildly varied collection of inventive and spectacular work that challenges expectations. Come and experience this free exhibition of beautifully made volumes, sculptural and conceptual interpretations, and one-of-a-kind approaches to the book format. Artist talks will be held October 5, 12 and 19. Find more details at bookasart.com.

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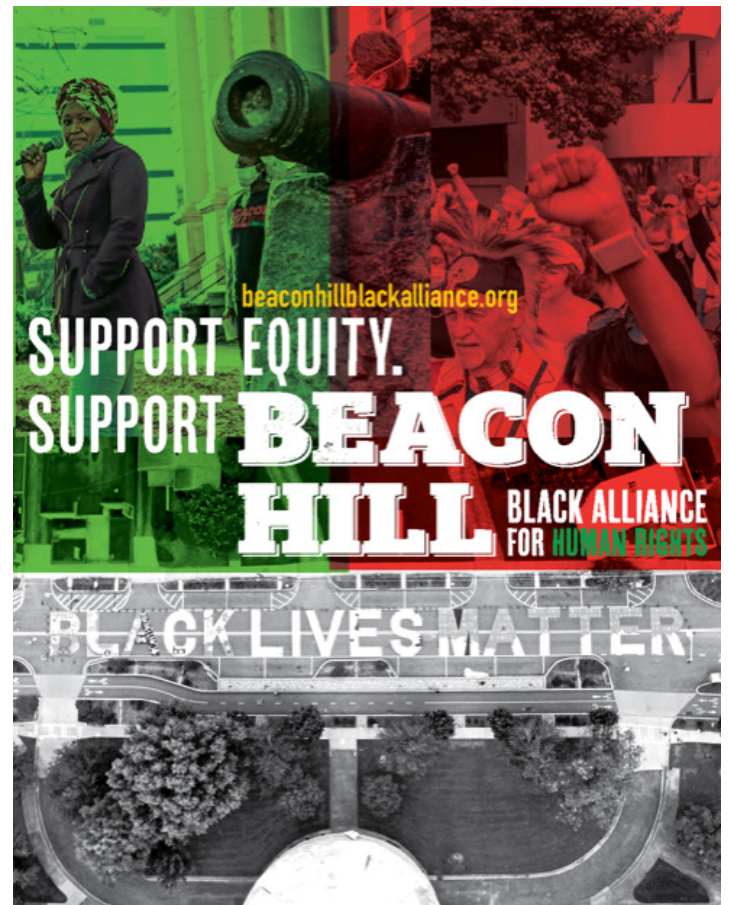
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Placita Latina Presents Haints and Saints Parade with a Twist

Sunday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m., Decatur Cemetery

Placita Latina and Haints and Saints are joining forces and resurrecting the popular Halloween-themed parade, while celebrating Dias de los Muertos and incorporating Day of the Dead elements, including the giant Katrina ("skeleton") puppets.

Come together for a fun evening celebrating community and Latinx culture. Pull together friends, families, or co-workers for a marching group, create a float, or cruise in your classic cars, while donning your best, weirdest, cutest, or most beautiful costumes that celebrate cultural appreciation.

As the closing event for the month-long Placita Latina that celebrates Hispanic Heritage, the parade will culminate with a musical jam session on the square. To sponsor, volunteer, or have your local musical act appear in the parade, contact Susan Sparks, susan.sparksfly@gmail.com. To participate in the parade, register for free at placitalatinaga.org.



EMERGING LATINX ARTIST SHOWCASE

Closing Reception Friday, Oct. 14, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Decatur Visitor's Center, 113 Clairemont Ave.

The month-long Placita Latina celebration comes to an end with this closing event. Until then, be sure to visit participating Decatur businesses, offering specials and mini events to celebrate our Latinx community through October 15. Learn more at placitalatinaga.org.





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LOTUS OF LIFE HOSTS COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

**Saturday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.,
603 Church St.**

To celebrate 16 years in Decatur, Lotus of Life Chiropractic and Wellness is hosting a free community health fair and open house. Mark your calendar to experience wellness vendors for healthy body, mind, and soul, a kids area with fun activities, and a raffle. Free parking is available at the Housing Authority, 750 Commerce Dr.



Fairies Aflutter at Woodlands

Oct. 8-22, Woodlands Garden, 932 Scott Blvd.

Woodlands enchanting "Fairies in the Garden" exhibit makes a magical return for the tenth year. Put on your wings, grab a map, dance along the trails, and explore the gardens while searching for intricately crafted fairy homes created using natural materials. Family-fun programs like nature hikes, fairy home craft sessions, and labyrinth-building workshops will be sprinkled throughout the two-week event. Return as many times as you like before the fairies fade into dust. Visit woodlandsgarden.org for all the magical details.

The exhibit is made possible by a partnership between Woodlands Garden, Skyland Trail, and first-time sponsor Hillside Atlanta. Other sponsors include Arborguard Tree Specialists, Tandem Bank, Wahoo! Grill, Wahoo Wine & Provisions, Decatur Arts Alliance, TSW Planners, Architects, Landscape Architects, Emory Alliance Credit Union, Glide Pizza, Paint Love, Scraplanta, and Tyke Hike



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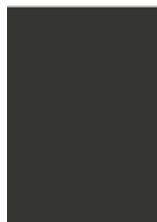
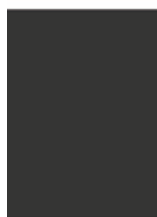
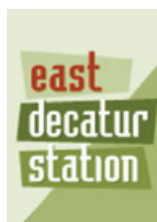
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Decatur Wine Festival

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Saturday, Nov. 5, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Decatur Square

Join the Decatur Arts Alliance for its annual fundraising event in downtown Decatur to sample nearly 400 wines while boogieing to a live DJ and enjoying an offering of foodie-worthy fare from local Decatur restaurants. Try your luck

at the Wine Wall, where each donation earns a chance to play for a surprise bottle of wine (up to \$100 value). Wine glass lanyards will be available again this year, so you can join the dance party hands-free.

For more information, visit decaturwinefestival.com or follow Decatur Arts Alliance on Facebook and Instagram. Purchase tickets at Freshtix.com (\$50 online through October 15, \$60 online Oct. 16-Nov. 4, \$70 day-of onsite) and receive a commemorative wine glass. Decatur Wine Festival is sponsored by Decatur Package Store and Decatur Tourism Bureau.



Author Barbara Kingsolver in Conversation

Thurs, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.,

First Baptist Church Decatur, 308 Clairemont Ave.

Barbara Kingsolver visits Decatur to discuss her new novel, *Demon Cooperhead*. Kingsolver is the author of ten bestselling works of fiction, including *Unsheltered*, *Flight Behavior*, *The Lacuna*, *The Poisonwood Bible*, *Animal Dreams*, *The Bean Trees*, and creative nonfiction, *Animal*, *Vegetable*, *Miracle: A Year of Food Life*. Kingsolver's work includes books of poetry and essays that have been translated into more than 20 languages, earning literary awards and a devoted readership at home and abroad. She was awarded the National Humanities Medal, the country's highest honor for service through the arts, as well as the Dayton Literary Peace Prize for the body of her work. Tickets are free but require advance registration. Sponsored by Conversations at First Baptist, Charis Books and More, and the Georgia Center for the Book. For more information, visit charisbooksandmore.com or georgiacenterforthebook.org or call 404-370-3070, ext. 2225.



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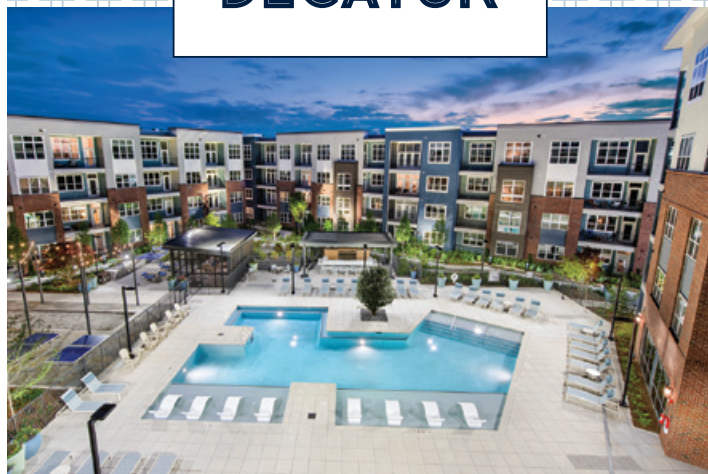


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Decatur City Dance Presents

"ONCE UPON A TIME – ENCHANTED CLASSICS"

Sat., Oct. 22, 2 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 23, 7 p.m., Drew Charter School Theater, 300 Eva Davis Way, SE, Atlanta

Decatur City Dance presents the first of three performances of their 69th season. Nexus Premiere and Nexus Apprentice companies will venture into enchanted lands with excerpts from Sleeping Beauty, Giselle, La Bayadere, Swan Lake, Les Sylphide, and Coppelia. Just in time for Halloween, the performances will be accompanied by hauntingly beautiful scores by Tchaikovsky, Adam, Minkus, Chopin, and Delibes, transporting the audience to a time when fairies, wilis, and sylphs roamed the land. Audience members are encouraged to wear their favorite ballet costume. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit decaturcitydance.org.



Aimee Jewelry and Gallery Hosts Upcoming Art Exhibits

October 29, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Jewelry artist and goldsmith Monica Lara presents a trunk show

November 17th - February 18

Russian Impressionist Artist Natalia Andreeva presents her solo exhibition. Meet the artist at an opening reception on November 17, 6-9 p.m.



Aimée Jewelry and Gallery is home to local, regional, and international artists who render contemporary masterpieces in silver and gold, oil paints and collage, pearls and gemstones. For more information, visit aimeejewelryandgallery.com.

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Decatur Beer Festival Reemerges as SUDS

Sat., Oct. 15, 12-4 p.m., Legacy Park

With local and craft beers, quality eats, and live music, Decatur Beer Fest has been a mainstay Decatur event for over 20 years. And this year, thanks to sponsors Brick Store Pub, LEON's Full Service, Good Word Brewing, and Giving Kitchen, the newly-dubbed SUDS (Simply Us Doing our Share) will donate 100% of ticket proceeds to more than two-dozen organizations and nonprofits at Legacy Park.

Admission to the 21+ event is \$65 and includes a SUDS beer glass, unlimited sips from over 70 craft beer makers, and tunes from Blacktop Rockets, Penelope Road, and Bogey and The Viceroy. Visit facebook.com/decbeerfest for a link to purchase tickets.

Fine food prepared by The Deer and The Dove, Nur Kitchen, and Third Space will be available throughout the day.

Capoeira Brazilian Arts Festival

Thurs.-Sat., Oct. 13- 15, Decatur square

Hosted annually by Maculelê-Capoeira Academy Decatur, the event highlights local Decatur students with special guests from Brazil, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Los Angeles, Florida, New Orleans, and Minneapolis.



DeKalb History Center Lunch & Learn: The Frank Hamilton School

**Free to attend, bring a lunch
Tuesday, October 25, 12-1 p.m.,
Historic DeKalb Courthouse, 2nd floor**

This month's event will feature Frank Hamilton and Mick Kinney, from the Frank Hamilton School, presenting and performing Georgia songs and tunes. The Frank Hamilton School was founded in 2015 with the goal of bringing people of all ages together to celebrate, learn, and share music within a supportive musical community. The school is modeled after Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music, founded by Frank Hamilton and Win Stracke in 1957. Over the years, the school has grown significantly, and today the Frank Hamilton School offers numerous classes, every day of the week at their Legacy Park location.

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Agnes Scott Earns Top Rankings

For a fifth year in a row, Agnes Scott College has been recognized as the nation's most innovative liberal arts college according to *U.S. News & World Report*. The college also maintained its #1 spot for first-year experiences, placed #3 for learning communities and rose to #3 for study abroad and #6 for senior capstone, among all U.S. higher education institutions. Among liberal arts colleges, Agnes Scott ranked #3 for best undergraduate teaching and #7 for social mobility.

Additionally, Agnes Scott stayed in the Best Southeastern, Best Value and Most Green colleges lists. And due to the college's relationship with the City of Decatur, it earned the top spot for the "Town-Gown Relations are Great" ranking. The relationship between Agnes Scott and the City of Decatur has grown closer in recent years — they've recently finalized a shared climate resiliency plan. And in July, Agnes Scott was awarded a \$750,000 Mellong Foundation grant to create the "Acknowledging our Past: Acting Now for A Transformed Future" project, in which the college will partner with the City.

Agnes Scott College Halloween Fun

Mon, Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m., Alston Campus Center, FREE

Decatur community families and Agnes Scotties are invited to trick-or-treat indoors at various organization and business partner tables throughout the Alston Campus Center on the Agnes Scott Campus. Attendees of all ages can enjoy inflatables, games, costume contests, and more. Parking is free in the South McDonough Street deck or behind Charis Books and More at 184 S. Candler St. For more information contact cles@agnesscott.edu.

Lace Up Your Dancing Shoes: DEF Celebrates 20-Year Milestone

Sat., Nov. 12, 6-10 p.m., 42West, 1088 Huff Rd NW., Atlanta

Decatur Education Foundation invites the community to celebrate two decades of supporting Decatur's kids at its Soirée in the City dinner and dance party. Experience Atlanta's hippest new event venue 42West, where guests will enjoy a seated harvest dinner prepared by Executive Chef Chris Morrison of Little Farmhouse Catering, signature cocktails and mocktails, and live music by local favorites Maxwell Street to get the dance floor moving. Come and raise a glass to all that we have accomplished and learn about exciting news to come. Tickets are available at decatur-educationfoundation.org/soiree.



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