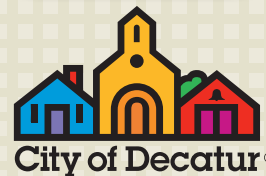


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Commissioner Lesa Mayer
and son Prince Vazquez

LEADING THE PARADE

Decatur resident Prince Vazquez, son of Commissioner Lesa Mayer, served as Decatur's flag bearer during the Parade of Flags at the Georgia Municipal Association's annual convention in Savannah this past June. The convention features sessions and training for city officials and local leaders from across Georgia.

WALK & ROLL SUPERSTAR HALL OF FAME

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Remembers Dave Schneberger

This month, we acknowledge the contributions of Decatur resident Dave Schneberger who contributed the monthly Walk & Roll Superstar article for the Decatur Focus from 2016 until the latest July/August issue. Dave was one of the original members of Decatur's Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Active Living Board. In 2016, the committee decided to celebrate Decatur residents for whom walking or bicycling plays a central part in their lives, by designating one each month as a Walk and Roll Superstar. As a gifted writer and poet, Dave volunteered for the task, interviewing, photographing, and submitting an article to the Focus each month.

As one of those honorees, Ann Abramowitz cherishes the memory of Dave arriving at her house on his recumbent bicycle, accompanying her on a stroll around her neighborhood in search of the ideal photo spot, and sharing stories about his life as he inquired of hers. Those who knew Dave admired his quick wit, which invariably added sparkle to committee meetings. On the monthly PAC-led walks for the community, Dave volunteered to serve as sweep (helping those at the back), and always kept the conversation going. Sadly, Dave passed away in July after succumbing to injuries sustained from a tragic accident; Decatur has lost an active and creative citizen. Join the PAC as they honor Dave on September 17 at 9 a.m. with a walk from Decatur Recreation Center to Sycamore Park where stories and Dave's poetry will be shared. For more information, visit decaturga.com/bc-alb.



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Decatur Design Awards

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE



Commissioner Lesa Mayer, City Planner Aileen de la Torre, Mayor Pro Tem Tony Powers, and Planning and Economic Development Director Angela Threadgill enjoy time together at the Decatur Design Award reception on June 30 where five Decatur projects were honored for excellence in preservation, design, and sustainability.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SERVICE PROJECT IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Martin Luther King Jr. Service Project is accepting applications for maintenance and repair projects within city of Decatur. If you are a Decatur resident and can answer “yes” to the following questions, then you may be eligible for help with home and yard maintenance and repair, free of charge, through the MLK Service Project.

- Are you age 65 or older?
- Are you on a fixed or lower income?
- Do you own and reside in your home within the city limits of Decatur?

If you or someone you know is eligible and interested in learning more, contact Lee Ann Harvey, leeann.harvey@decaturga.com, 678-553-6548.



Construction Begins on Oak Cottage Court

In early August, the City of Decatur broke ground on Oak Cottage Court as a demonstration project to spur more affordable, neighborhood-friendly housing in the city. The cottage court is a housing concept that calls for several smaller homes centered around a common green space. At completion, this project will offer six new single-family cottages, sized 700-1,200 sf, around a shared greenspace, with parking and new landscaping. City arborists are helping to ensure that more than 25 percent of the existing canopy will be conserved and new trees will be planted to improve the canopy.

While cottage courts have been allowed in Decatur since an ordinance passed in 2014, this is the first cottage court project in the city and the first collaborative housing project that will be held by the Decatur Land Trust, a non-profit chartered with preserving a permanently affordable community in the city of Decatur. The homes will be offered for sale to employees of the City of Decatur, City Schools of Decatur, and the Decatur Housing Authority. At the sale of the homes, the land will transfer to ownership under the Decatur Land Trust.

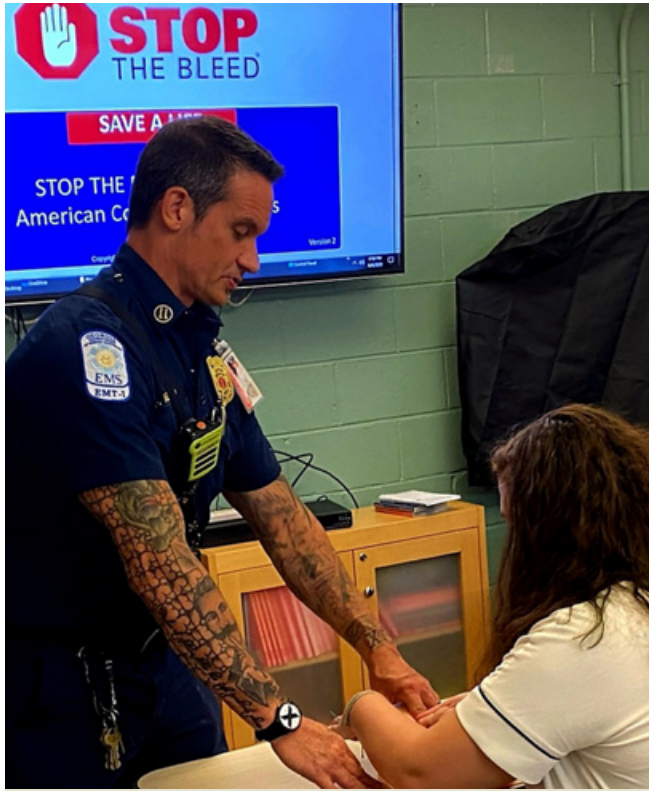
This project serves as an example of how partnerships create affordable housing, with the Decatur Development Authority working in collaboration with non-profit developer Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership and general contractor Fortas Homes bringing it to fruition. With the success of this project, the City hopes to demonstrate an unmet demand for cottage homes and to identify and address any regulatory barriers that might be preventing the development of similar projects by others.

Work is expected to take about 10 months, and the sidewalk will be closed to pedestrians along the north side of Commerce Drive between East College Avenue and Sycamore Place for the duration of the project. For more information, visit the Decatur Land Trust website decaturlandtrust.org or contact Kirstin Allin, kristin.allin@decaturga.com.



Located at 230 Commerce Dr., the project name is a nod to the historic Sanborn Fire Insurance map indicating this section of Commerce was originally named North Columbia Drive (Oak).

FROM DECATUR FIRE RESCUE



Decatur Fire Trains Residents to Stop the Bleed

The Stop the Bleed program trains bystanders to act quickly and stop bleeding long enough for first responders to arrive. The one-hour class covers how to recognize life-threatening bleeding, as well as treating a wound with compression, packing, and tourniquet application. Uncontrolled bleeding can occur in the home, the office, at school, or on the roadway, leading to 40 percent of trauma-related deaths. While Decatur first responders are on the scene of an emergency within minutes, a person experiencing uncontrollable bleeding may have only a few moments to live. If you are interested in learning more about this life-saving program, contact Captain Gary Menard, gary.menard@decaturga.com.

Decatur Fire's Green Tips for Fighting Mosquitos

With climate change comes changes to the insect world, including more ticks and mosquitos. With this increase comes the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses such as West Nile Virus. When combatting mosquitos, it's important to select chemicals that do not harm beneficial insects like bees. Before spraying, consider these steps to help eliminate biting pests.

- Clear clutter from your yard; mosquitos love to have places they can hide.
- Eliminate dead vegetation; pests congregate in excessive build-up of grass and leaves.
- Avoid standing water in wheelbarrows, trash cans, and lawn furniture. And if you have a birdbath, change the water regularly; mosquito eggs must be submerged in water, even one bottlecap of water can hatch hundreds of eggs.
- Lastly, consider yard plants that repel mosquitos; lavender, basil, rosemary, citronella, and marigold are lovely additions to any yard and tend to keep mosquitos at bay.

Decatur Fire Hosts Community Engagement Contest

This past July, Decatur Fire challenged its three shifts to come up with a unique event to engage the community. A-Shift transformed their wellness workout into volunteerism by spreading mulch at the nature preserve of Woodlands Garden, thereby improving an outdoor space for the Decatur community to enjoy. B-Shift, in collaboration with the Refugee Women's

Network, hosted a car seat event at Legacy Park, installing more than 10 car seats and giving away seats donated by the Georgia Chapter of SafeKids. C-Shift hosted bingo at a local senior living facility once a month to help residents overcome the isolation caused by the pandemic. In the end, B-Shift was declared community engagement champions for addressing both safety and equity. The friendly competition represents one of many ways that Decatur Fire goes above and beyond their duties to support the Decatur community. In the end, everyone wins.



EVENTS CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER

4 Labor Day Celebration and Fireworks, 4-10 p.m., Decatur square (rescheduled from July 4)

5 Labor Day – City offices are closed. Visit decaturga.com/sanitation for holiday sanitation schedule

6 City Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 509 N. McDonough St.*

6, 13, 20, 27 Truckin' Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m., Legacy Park, 500 S. Columbia Dr.

8, 15, 22, 29 Oakhurst Jazz Nights, 7-9 p.m., Solarium, 321 W. Hill St.

9 Book As Art Opening Reception, 7-9 p.m., Decatur Library, 215 Sycamore St. (page 12)

10 DEF Community Concert, 4-8 p.m., Legacy Park, 500 S. Columbia Dr. (page 12)

17-18 Fall Plant Sale, Woodlands Garden, 932 Scott Blvd. (page 13)

PLACITA LATINA

17 Salsa on the Square, 6-8 p.m., Decatur square

17 La Choluteca, 8-10 p.m., Decatur square

19 Latinx Artist Showcase, 6-8 p.m., Decatur Visitors Center, 113 Clairemont Ave.

24 West Ponce Music Stroll, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., West Ponce de Leon Avenue (page 9)

26 City Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 509 N. McDonough St.*

28 DBA Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Cremalosa, 2657 E. College Ave., Ste B3 (page 9)

OCTOBER

1 Decatur Book Festival, First Baptist Church of Decatur (page 10)

2 L'Arche Atlanta's 10th Anniversary Benefit & Auction, 4 p.m., DeKalb Conference Center (page 10)

8 Oakhurst Porchfest, 12-6 p.m., various locations across Oakhurst neighborhood

15 Decatur Craft Beer Festival, 12-5 p.m., Legacy Park, 500 S. Columbia Dr. (page 14)

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

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

22 BBQ & Bands, 2-6 p.m., The Solarium, 319 West Hill Street (page 14)

30 Day of the Dead Haints & Saints Parade, 6 p.m., Decatur Cemetery

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

* Rescheduled from first and third Mondays due to holiday.

Friends of Decatur Cemetery Leaves No Stone Unturned

When visiting the Decatur Cemetery, you may notice the upheaval of the old cobblestone pavers that time and humus have conspired to cover over the years. Friends of Decatur Cemetery volunteer Jim Rabb is the point person for the cobblestone project. He has been volunteering with the Tuesday cemetery group for four years, when he started clearing invasive vines and overgrowth from plots in Section 6. Now he leads the brigade renewing cobblestone pathways that, in some areas, are covered by 6-12 inches of dirt. Come and see the progress of these efforts any day from sunrise to sunset or join the Second Sunday Strolls educational tours held monthly from May through October at 2:30 p.m. Meet at the gazebo near the Commerce Drive pedestrian entrance for the 90-minute walking tour. Email friendsofdecaturcemetery@gmail.com for information on volunteer opportunities.



Neighborhood Cleanup Days Return!

Saturdays, September-December, Beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The City of Decatur is hosting Neighborhood Cleanup Days on Saturdays, starting in September through December, to allow residents to dispose of bulky materials that would not normally be placed in pay-as-you-throw bags. Every street in the city has been assigned to one Saturday, specified in the schedule here. Please read carefully to note changes from last year's schedule.

All items to be collected should be placed at the curb no later than 7:30 a.m. to ensure that routes do not need to be rerun for late setouts. Collections run until 3:30 p.m., or until finished, whichever is earlier. If you have any questions, please email Sean Woodson, sean.woodson@decaturga.com or call 404-377-5571.

Acceptable Items

- Yard trimmings
- Building materials (that are not from the work of private contractors)
- Tires
- Furniture
- Appliances (not containing freon)
- Trash that would not normally be placed in pay-as-you-throw bags

Unacceptable Items

- Liquids
- Dirt
- Bricks
- Blocks
- Stone, rocks, or concrete
- Motor vehicle batteries or parts

September 10

Oakhurst Neighborhood #1

First Avenue
Second Avenue
(100 to 600 block)
Third Avenue (400 to 900 block)
Fourth Avenue
North Fourth Avenue
Fifth Avenue
Gordon Street
Northern Avenue (north side only)
Oakview Road
(1000 to 1700 block)
Maxwell Street
East Lake Drive
(400 to 600 block)

September 17

Oakhurst Neighborhood #2

East Lake Drive
(100 to 300 block)
Winter Ave (east side only)
Johnston Place
Bryan Place
Beatty Place

Madison Avenue
Third Ave. (100 to 300 block)
Feld Avenue
Leyden Street
Cambridge Avenue
Hood Circle
W. College (Mead to Cambridge)
Park Place
Fair Park Lane

September 24

Oakhurst Neighborhood #3

Spring Street
Fayetteville Road
Underwood Street
W. Pharr (100 to 500 block)
Russell Street
East Lake Drive
(700 to 1000 block)
McKoy Street (500 to 700 block)
Adams Street
(1000 to 1100 block)
Lenore Street
Sterling Street
South McDonough Street
(800 to 1000 block)
Lenore Place
Oakhurst Common Drive

October 1

Oakhurst Neighborhood #4

West Hill Street
East Hill Street
East Benson Street
West Benson Street
McKoy Street (100 to 400 block)
Adams Street (600 to 700 block)
South McDonough
(600 to 700 block)
Green Street (100 block)
Oakview Road
(400 to 800 block)
Mead Road
Olympic Place
Jefferson Place

October 8

MAK Neighborhood

Ansley Street
Greenwood Avenue
Greenwood Place
Evans Drive
Kings Highway
Adams Street
(100 to 500 block)
South McDonough Street
(100 to 500 block)
West College Avenue
(100 to 700 block)
West Dougherty Street
West Davis Street
West Hancock Street
East Hancock Street
East Davis Street
College Place

October 15

Winnona Park Neighborhood

S. Columbia Drive
Commerce Drive
(RR underpass to S. Columbia)
Conway Road
Hargrove Townhomes
Avery Street
Hilldale Drive
Winnona Drive
Poplar Circle
Bucher Drive
Derrydown Way
Heatherdown Road
Shadowmoor Drive
Inman Drive
Missionary Court
Candler Oaks Lane
Kirk Road
Kirk Crossing
Mimosa Drive
Mimosa Place
Missionary Drive
Oldfield Road
McKinnon Drive (Decatur only)
Midway Road
Clarke Hill subdivision

October 22

College Heights Neighborhood

South Candler Street
Bruton Street
Green Street (200 block)
Buchanan Terrace
Driftwood Terrace
Driftwood Place
Park Drive
Candler Drive
East Pharr Road
McClellan Street
Garland Avenue
Griffin Circle
Brower Street
Chevelle Lane
Candler Pointe
Park Drive
Overlook Bluff
West Dearborn Circle

October 29

Decatur Heights Neighborhood

Barry Street
North Candler Street
Pate Street
East Maple Street
Village Walk
Sycamore Street
East Ponce de Leon Ave.
(400 to 1100 block)
Ponce de Leon Court
Hillyer Place
Sycamore Place
Oak Lane
Mountain View Street
Hillcrest Avenue
Springdale Street
Glenn Street
East Howard Avenue

November 5

Decatur Heights Neighborhood

Grove Street
Hickory Street
Lockwood Terrace
Sycamore Ridge Drive
Renfro Court
Fitzgerald Court
Wilburn Court
Grovemont Court
Woodland Court
Pinehurst Street
Poplar Street
Ridgeland Avenue
Sycamore Drive
Springdale Street
Sycamore Station
Fairview Street
Glendale Avenue
Glenn Circle
Pinecrest Avenue
Mt. Vernon Drive
Forkner Drive
Old Decatur Circle
Glenn Court
Townsend at Decatur
Townhomes
Moda Townhomes
Regency Townhomes

November 12

Great Lakes

Clarion
Nelson Ferry
Woodlawn
Plainview Street
Coventry (Nelson Ferry to Scott
Blvd)
Fairfield (Coventry to
Woodlawn)
Vidal Blvd.
Lamont Drive
Garden Lane
Beaumont Avenue
Oakland Street
Montgomery Street
Fairview Avenue
Ponce de Leon Place
Northern Avenue
Wilton Drive

November 19

Great Lakes

Clairemont Avenue (100 to 800
block)
Champlain Street
Seneca Street
Erie Avenue
Huron Street
Michigan Avenue
Superior Avenue
Lucerne
Geneva Streets
Church Street
(600 to 1335 block)
Knob Hill
Glen Lake Commons
Willow Lane
Pensdale Road
Eastland Drive
Parkside Circle
BrownStones
Landover Drive
Ferndale Drive
North Decatur Road
Scott Blvd (800 to 1300 block)

December 3

Westchester Neighborhood

Westchester Drive
Dogwood Way
Maediris Drive
Harold Byrd Drive
Clairemont Avenue
(900 to 1100 block)
Ridley Circle
Mockingbird Lane
Chelsea Drive
Kathryn Avenue
North Parkwood Drive
Coventry Drive (North
Parkwood Drive to Scott)
Merrill Avenue
Pope Circle
Harold Byrd Lane South
Walden Square Way

December 10

Lenox Place

Greenwood Circle
W. Howard (300 to 900 block)
Patillo Way
Eastlake Drive (2300 block)
Atlanta Avenue
Hibernia Avenue
Braeburn Lane
Ridley Lane
Adair Street
Cottonwood Place
Emerson Avenue
West Ponce de Leon Avenue
(600 to 900 block)
Drexel Avenue
Devonshire Avenue
Hampshire Avenue
Lansdowne Avenue
Melrose Avenue
Chief Matthews Drive
East Parkwood Road
West Parkwood Road
Upland Road
Wimberly Court
Parkwood Lane
Pinetree Drive
Scott Boulevard
(100 to 700 block)
Swanton Hill subdivision
Charter Square

Hagen Rosskopf/Bike Law GA Celebrates 30 Years

Bruce Hagen and his legal team at Hagen Rosskopf/Bike Law GA are celebrating 30 years of running a personal injury law firm, serving victims of auto and bike crashes in Decatur and metro Atlanta. Hagen is a successful personal injury lawyer with more than 200 civil trials under his belt. Known by colleagues and clients as The Peeps Lawyer, he has been selected to the Georgia Super Lawyers



list for the past 17 years. Partnering with Decatur attorney Ken Rosskopf, the legal team rebranded and moved into Decatur's historic Marble House at 119 N. McDonough St. in 2003. As active cyclists, Bruce and Ken are passionate advocates for bike safety, and Hagen Rosskopf has developed a special niche serving victims of auto and bike crashes. The legal duo also helped write the statutory language for the 2021 update to Georgia's "Three Feet Law," which requires drivers approaching a bicyclist to take safety measures, including reduced speed and leaving three feet between the passing car and bike.

Outside of the office, Hagen and Rosskopf have been involved in community initiatives through Yellow Bikes, Decatur Streets Alive, Amplify Decatur, Decatur Recreation Center, the local Dero Fixit bike stations, collecting used bikes for kids, and volunteering at Beacon Hill Middle School to talk about bike safety. Bruce, Ken, and the team at Hagen Rosskopf/Bike Law GA look forward to many more years in Decatur. To learn more, visit hagen-law.com.

The Bodyhood Provides Wellness Therapy in Decatur

Scott Doss Wellness recently opened The Bodyhood, a coworking space for independent massage and bodywork professionals to offer pain management services in musculoskeletal alignment, visceral manipulation, scar work, yoga therapy, neuro-meditation and more.



Doss came up with the concept for The Bodyhood after meeting other therapists who specialized in unique therapeutic modalities but felt challenged to stand out in a field dominated by relaxation massage. Doss believes that personalized therapeutic work should be part of an overall wellness regime, and by offering a space where therapists can work together to help clients find solutions for chronic pain, injuries, stress, neck pain, and other conditions, both clients and therapists will benefit. With flexible room rentals and colleague mentoring opportunities, The Bodyhood provides a healing space where therapists can join forces to reach more people and offer elevated services to help patients with scoliosis, carpal tunnel, tennis elbow, back pain, neck pain, and more. The coworking space opened at 125 E. Trinity Place #306 in June and is taking applications from therapists and appointments from patients. Join The Bodyhood community by following their Facebook and Instagram pages, or visit thebodyhood.com.

Climate Action Through Home Energy Efficiency

Decatur ESB member and long-time Southface employee Mike Barcik recently contributed to GA Drawdown, responding to common home energy efficiency questions. According to Barcik, much of the work required to weatherize the homes of seniors during the MLK Service Project is applicable to many homes in Decatur. Whether you are an experienced DIY-er or if you never want to get your hands dirty, the toolkit offers tips for spending dollars and effort more wisely to maximize savings, comfort, and health benefits. Visit info.drawdownga.org/toolkits-for-georgians-to-reduce-carbon-emissions to learn more.

Decatur Arts Festival Invites Original Artwork for Official 2023 Poster

As Decatur prepares to celebrate its 200th birthday in 2023, the Decatur Arts Alliance, in partnership with the City of Decatur, announces a call for artists to submit original art for consideration as the official poster for the 2023 Decatur Arts Festival to be held in downtown Decatur May 5-7, 2023.

The submitted piece must be an original work and concept, and must portray Decatur and/or its community in any form or vision. New stylistic interpretations of Decatur, for example, abstract, contemporary works, are welcome, and all visual art media are acceptable (painting, photography, drawing, sculpture, digital, prints, fiber art, collage or installation) except sound and video art. The work will be digitally scanned and reproduced for the festival poster, and the work will become property of the Decatur Arts Alliance and subsequently donated to the City of Decatur public art collection. Submitting artists do not have to reside in Decatur but should be familiar with the area: its history, landmarks, and neighborhoods. The selected artist will receive \$1,500 compensation for the work and its reproduction rights, including the festival poster, shirts, and related merchandise. Applications can be submitted through the Decatur Arts Alliance website at decaturartsalliance.org/opencalls. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2023.



Note: Wednesday Meeting
MEETING PREVIEW
Wednesday, Sept. 28
5:30 p.m.

CREMALOSA

2657 E. College Ave., Suite B3

Cremalosa is hosting the September DBA meeting at its location on Decatur's eastside, in the courtyard upstairs from the College Avenue parking lot. For more information, visit decaturdba.com

West Ponce Music Stroll to Rock Downtown Decatur

Sept. 24, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., West Ponce de Leon Ave.

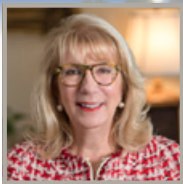
West Ponce businesses will open their patios and parking lots, transforming them into stages for a day of free live music and fun for the fourth annual West Ponce Music Stroll. The day kicks off with a 5K Run and 1

Mile Dog Walk hosted by Fleet Feet. Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy a Makers Market with local makers selling products, the work of various chalk artists, and scheduled yoga and fitness hosted by Clarity Fitness. Enjoy live music throughout the day at businesses along the route, and in the evening a large stage outside The Marlay will host three bands to close out the event.

Proceeds benefit the all-ages non-profit makerspace Decatur Makers. For more details about bands, the Makers Market, scheduled events, and to sign up for the 5K Fun Run, visit gowestponce.com.



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2022 AJC Decatur Book Festival

Sept. 30-Oct. 1, First Baptist Church of Decatur, 308 Clairemont Avenue

The 2022 Decatur Book Festival will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1, with a keynote speaker on Sept. 30 at First Baptist Church of Decatur. This year aims to build back the festival, bigger and better than last year, while keeping safety in mind. The event will highlight selected authors with new fall publications, featured in 15 sessions presented in three tracks: adult fiction, adult non-fiction, and children and youth. For more information, visit decaturbookfestival.com.



L'Arche Atlanta Celebrates Ten Years in Decatur and Opens Second Home

In 2012, the Community of Hospitality, a faith-based social justice community, invited L'Arche Atlanta to launch its first home in the Oakhurst neighborhood of Decatur. Today the house is home to four persons with disabilities and five assistants (three are residents) and has become a cornerstone of the neighborhood. Many in Oakhurst are familiar with the sound of bagpipes that play from the home during Corbin's practice sessions, and Terry has earned celebrity status as one of the judges at the Mead Road Mardi Gras parade.



In addition to commemorating 10 years in Decatur, L'Arche Atlanta is celebrating the opening of its second home adjacent to Woodlands Garden. This new home doubles L'Arche Atlanta's impact, which now supports a total of eight adults with disabilities and employs 11 assistants. Together, this small community of people with and without disabilities shares in the joys and challenges of daily life. Executive Director Tim Moore credits the City of Decatur for supporting their efforts to expand services to a second location.

L'Arche Atlanta will host a 10th Anniversary Benefit and Auction at DeKalb Conference Center at Piedmont Technical College, 495 N. Indian Creek Dr., Clarkston, on Sunday, Oct. 2; all are welcome to attend. For details and to purchase tickets, visit larcheatlanta.org/10ac.

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Madison Avenue Derby Announces 2022 Beneficiary

The organizers of the Madison Avenue Derby are pleased to announce that the 2022 beneficiary of the event is Friends of Refugees, an organization that empowers refugees through opportunities in education, employment, and well-being. Specifically, the funds will aid the Refugee Family Literacy program to support mother and child education classes, serving more than 250 students and 125 adult learners through a family literacy approach.

Each year, the Madison Avenue Derby selects a beneficiary to receive proceeds from the event, so the community can experience the thrill of Decatur's non-motorized racing event while supporting the Derby's partner organization. Both kids and adults are welcome to design, build, and race a human-powered soapbox derby car down one of our neighborhood's most iconic streets. Register now to secure your spot to race on Saturday, October 15, or save the date to attend this free, family-friendly event as a spectator. Visit madavederby.org for more information.



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The Book as Art, Volume 10: Transformation

Sept. 8-Oct. 31 • Decatur Public Library, 215 Sycamore St.

The Decatur Arts Alliance presents the tenth edition of the juried exhibition of The Book as Art, which will be installed at the Decatur Branch of the DeKalb County Public Library, home to the Georgia Center for the Book. The Book as Art series seeks to showcase beautifully made volumes, sculptural and conceptual interpretations, and one-of-a-kind approaches to the book format, including wall-hung interpretations. An opening reception for the exhibition is scheduled for Sept. 9. Visit decaturartsalliance.org for more information.

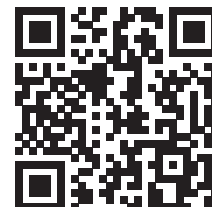


FREE CONCERT CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF DEF

Sept. 10, 4-8 p.m. • Legacy Park, 500 S. Columbia Drive

Pack a picnic and blanket or camping chairs and spend the afternoon enjoying great music and reconnecting with friends and neighbors. For 20 years, the Decatur community has supported kids through the work of the Decatur Education Foundation. To celebrate, DEF is inviting all Decatur residents to a free concert, featuring performances by The Sundogs and Decatur favorites JohnBoy and SurroundSound. The event will also showcase talented Decatur High School students.

DEF was established in 2002 by a group of visionary residents who sought to bring the community together to ensure that every Decatur student has the resources to reach their full potential. Twenty years later, DEF has grown into an independent non-profit that works collaboratively to solve the problems facing our youth including systemic racism, income inequality, food insecurity, and behavioral health challenges. To learn more, scan the code at right to visit decatureducationfoundation.org.



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Postpartum Classes for New Moms and Dads

If you are expecting or your infant is less than two months old, you may be eligible for Music Together of Decatur's postpartum program. If your baby is older than two months, Music Together of Decatur has classes specially designed for them as well. While in the womb, babies are alert to the sounds of music similarly as they are alert to the sounds of speech. And immersion is one method for teaching infants language and music. Registration for the nine-week fall session begins Sept. 12, and space is limited so register today at musictogetherofdecatur.com/postpartum-classes-for-new-moms.html.



Fall Plant Sale at Woodlands Garden

Sept. 17-18, Woodlands Garden, 932 Scott Blvd.

Come and shop a unique plant buying experience during the Fall Plant Sale at Woodlands Garden. Under the canopy and along the trails, shoppers can find a diverse selection of native Piedmont plants, hard-to-find specimen dug from Woodlands, and featured pass-along plants shared by local gardeners. The two-day fundraiser is organized with the help of volunteers to support maintenance of the garden. You must register at woodlandsgarden.org/fall-plant-sale to shop. Visit woodlandsgarden.org to learn more about ways to support the garden and volunteer.

Pictured at right:
Woodlands volunteers Max and Beth



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The Decatur Beer Festival Returns

Saturday, Oct. 15, noon-5 p.m.,
Legacy Park, 500 S. Columbia Dr.

The Decatur Craft Beer Festival features local breweries and the best of craft from around the country, local favorite restaurants, lively music, and good vibes. Hosted by the Brick Store Pub and Be-Athena, all tickets will receive a VIP experience.

Located on the front lawn of Legacy Park, there will be plenty of room to spread out with blankets and chairs to enjoy the festival offerings. Proceeds from the event help fund grants to local Decatur nonprofits. For more information and updates on ticket sales visit decaturbeerfestival.com or find the event on Facebook.

Formerly BBQ Blues & Bluegrass Festival

Save the Date for BBQ & Bands

Saturday, October 22, 2-6 p.m., Harmony Park (Oakview at East Lake Drive)

The Community Center of South Decatur Board is excited to present one of Decatur's favorite community events and return it to where it all started nearly 20 years ago — Oakhurst's Harmony Park. This year's festival will feature free entry, a variety of BBQ and food options, beer, live music, a vendor marketplace, and more. Tasting and sip tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

Many thanks to this year's presenting partner, Ford's BBQ, which recently opened a location in Oakhurst Village. Proceeds from the festival will continue to benefit The Solarium at Historic Scottish Rite and their Community Grant Program. For those interested in volunteering, meeting neighbors, and being part of the action, email your contact information to events@fords-bbq.com. The first 30 volunteers will receive an exclusive volunteer event t-shirt.



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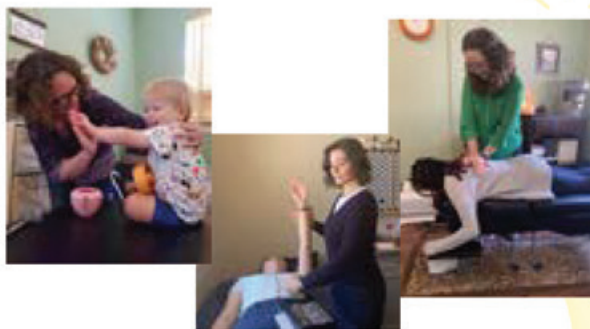


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Trinity High School Star Named to Georgia High School Football Hall of Fame

Clarence Scott, a 1966 graduate of Decatur's Trinity High School, is among 36 players (from pre-1950s to 2000s) who will be inducted into the Georgia High School Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta on Oct 22. Trinity was an African-American high school in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Decatur until 1968, when it merged into what is now called Decatur High School. Scott went on to play for the Cleveland Browns for 13 years, helping his team make the playoffs in four seasons and earning a Pro Bowl invitation.



Waldorf School Offers Infant and Toddler Programs

The Waldorf School of Atlanta (WSA) has offered parent-toddler programs to the community for more than 25 years. New for 2022, WSA is offering an hour-long adult-infant program on Friday mornings in one of the classrooms at the Decatur campus. The focus will be on cultivating well-being in a nurturing space for the four or five families who participate together as a group. Enrollment is open for the fall session, which runs Sept. 12 through Dec. 5. For more information, visit waldorfatlanta.org or contact Stacey Alston at 404-377-1315 Ext. 1.

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