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## MAK Neighborhood Meeting

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A MAK Neighborhood Association meeting will be held at 7PM, **Monday, February 12, 2007** at the Teasley Lecture Hall on the bottom floor of the Science Building at Agnes Scott College (same as last time).

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## Adams St. Church Site Sale Info

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The Nazarene Church property is "under contract". A purchaser has put in an offer based on their plans to build a number of townhouses (possibly 9) on the area that is currently zoned (in the absence of the church) for two single-family homes. Our understanding is that the offer to purchase expires March 31, 2007 and is contingent on the property being re-zoned for this use. Also, before any construction could begin, the development/design would need the approval of the Historic Preservation Commission. Based on this timing, the buyers have until February 6<sup>th</sup> to submit an application for the next City of Decatur planning/zoning meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, which will be followed by consideration at the City Commission meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. If this application is submitted, MAK should be prepared to have representation at these hearings. Assuming the application is made, this issue and the MAK response will be a primary topic at the February 12<sup>th</sup> MAK meeting (discussed above). Certainly, the neighborhood association will do its best to keep you informed of any significant news. Also, if you know of any important information regarding the sale of the church site, please pass it along (contact [MAKsecretary@mac.com](mailto:MAKsecretary@mac.com) below).

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## MAK Happenings-Announcements

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- ◆ **MAK Oak Initiative** –What a tremendous success! On Saturday, December 9th Trees Atlanta volunteers and MAK residents planted over **36 trees** in the front yards of the MAK neighborhood -- all in hopes of maintaining a beautiful MAK tree canopy for the future. The plantings included white oaks, tulip poplars, beech, ash, and yellow wood trees, to name just a few. All of the trees planted are native to this region. The Trees Atlanta staff liaison said the MAK project was the largest planting in front yards in his memory. Special thanks to Tamara Jones on Adams Street and the members of the MAK Oak Initiative for coordinating this extraordinary effort.
- ◆ **Property Tax Alert** - Miriam Mathura, MAK neighborhood realtor, reminds us to reduce property taxes by: (a) **New Neighbors** - apply for City of Decatur & DeKalb County Homestead exemptions by March 1, 2007. For information and to apply online for City of Decatur <http://www.decalurga.com>; click "Quick Find", click "Tax Information", then scroll to "Homestead Exemption". (b) **All Neighbors** - DeKalb County Homestead exemption (new neighbors) and the DeKalb County Property Assessment Freeze (all neighbors). This will help to offset future increases in property values. For information and to apply online go to <http://www.co.dekalb.ga.us/>; click "Homestead Exemption Application" then scroll to Online "Homestead Exemption and Property Freeze Application". The deadline is March 1, 2007

- ◆ Our call for a social-lite has been answered. Kim Hicks has volunteered to be the MAK Social Chair. Kim lives at 320 Kings Hwy and will be at our February meeting.

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## MAK Centennial Committee

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MAK has formed a Centennial Committee to organize events to celebrate MAK's centennial year beginning in 2007. We are brain-storming regarding opportunities to educate our community about MAK and its history throughout 2008. The Centennial Committee has some exciting news to report!

We have spoken with organizers of Decatur's Holiday Tour of Homes (TOH) and are happy to announce that the TOH Committee is interested in featuring MAK homes on its 2007 tour. We think this is a great opportunity to kick-off the MAK Centennial celebration and showcase MAK as an outstanding Decatur neighborhood. We already have some great ideas to celebrate the event and showcase our neighborhood, **but we need you!**

We have already had homeowners express interest in having their homes featured on the tour, but we need more. ***Please don't be shy – we are trying to get every sort of MAK home on the tour and to gather representation from each of the MAK streets.*** We want to gather a list of interested homes as soon as possible, but not later than the end of February so we can assure the TOH of our commitment to participate.

If you are interested, a member of the Centennial Committee will visit your home to gather interesting facts and stories about you and your home (date constructed; renovations; features). We will then present all of the interested MAK homes to the TOH Committee for further review and discussion. The Decatur TOH Committee will have a final say on which MAK homes are featured on the 2007 TOH. This is an outstanding opportunity for MAK, and we need your participation to make this a success.

Even if you are not interested in being on the TOH, please let us know if you would be interested in volunteering for the event – house captains; tour volunteers and the like are needed. We also need some homes for staging and break areas for volunteers.

Please contact Suzanne at [MAKsecretary@mac.com](mailto:MAKsecretary@mac.com) to express your interest or to volunteer your neighbors! The tour will be held the evenings of Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

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