



Newsletter

2007 Summer Recap

The Summer of 2007 has been one of MAK's most fun and active. The annual 4th of July cookout was by all accounts the best ever (really!) and the summer porch parties have offered another great opportunity for MAK neighbors to get to know one another. I have listed "thank-yous" for sponsor businesses and neighborhood participants that made the 4th celebration so great at the bottom of the newsletter.

**The final porch party of Summer 2007 is:
Saturday, October 6th, 6PM-8PM
252 Kings Highway, Rick and Sally Abt**

Be a Good MAK Neighbor

MAK officers receive many comments from MAK residents regarding neighborhood complaints.

Many of these relate to: residents' cars parked/abandoned on the street in front of neighbors' homes; loud music; barking dogs; failure to clean up dog waste; blocking or failing to clear sidewalks and leaving debris and trash at the front of homes for extended periods. In many cases, Decatur ordinances regulate these circumstances, but MAK neighbors are hesitant to invoke them for fear of increasing tension.

Please consider and respect your neighbors' preferences and convenience. Our homes are close together and space is tight. Take action to be a good neighbor and hopefully your neighbors can return the favor.

Street Sweeping Schedule

The Decatur Sanitation Department has just published the latest street sweeping schedules. The schedule for all MAK streets is the **First and Third Tuesday of every month**. Let's keep MAK beautiful! Please keep the streets clear on these days so we can get the full benefit of the Sanitation Department's efforts.

MAK Centennial Events

The Arts subcommittee of the Centennial Committee is gearing up for the production of the MAK note cards. The note cards will feature 6 Leila Ross Wilburn homes in MAK. The homes will be chosen by Tom Meyer, professional photographer who lives on Adams Street. He will contact these homeowners for permission. The purpose of the note cards project is to inform the public of the MAK Centennial Celebration, to promote the MAK historic neighborhood and to inform the public of the significance of architect, Leila Ross Wilburn. The note cards will be sold for \$5 per box during the 2007 TOH and at various merchants in Decatur and Oakhurst for a slightly higher price. They would make great Christmas gifts so if you want to reserve a box(es) please let Judy Parady know (judy@judyparady.com).

MAK Happenings

- ◆ Our former MAK president, Dan Branch, has moved to Oakhurst in search of a larger home for his family. Tim Bricker has assumed the role of President. We will hold MAK elections early next year.
- ◆ Ansley Street Construction. The DeKalb County Water Department has installed a new water line along Ansley Street. The work has caused a big, dusty mess of which the City of Decatur is aware. The good news is that the work should be done soon.
- ◆ C. Renfroe Middle School - A new 1,000 seat auditorium was funded as part of the recent bond issue and 1% sales tax extension. The school board is currently in the process of selecting a design firm. MAK has a representative on committee. Construction is scheduled to run from 2008 to August 2009.
- ◆ The Nazarene Church property has been sold to another church; so our fears regarding residential developments taking over the area may soon be over. We will try and make contact soon to ensure good relations.
- ◆ What tough summer it has been on the MAK median on Kings Hwy. We planted this area in the Fall of 2006 and while some of the best plants "made it" - some suffered un-timely deaths. We will be working to rejuvenate the area once the threat of heat has passed. Likely Saturday October 15th.

Final Thanks, Again!

Hopefully, when you purchase from these businesses you will thank them for their donations to the MAK 4th Cook-Out.

Salon Red	\$50.00 certificate
Victory Vintage	\$40.00 certificate
Brick Store	\$25.00 certificate
Starbucks	Art pieces coffee & Mug(s)
Mezcalitos	3 -\$20.00 certificate
Trackside Tavern	2-\$20.00 certificate
5th Earl Market	Two free lunches
Wiggles	\$15.00 certificate
MOJO's Pizza	\$10.00 certificate
Java Monkey	\$10.00 certificate

Also lots of neighbors contributed tables and chairs (Lib Kennedy, the Crenshaws), awesome tents (the Evatts) and the grill and keg (Royce Ruland) to the event.

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