

What's Happening

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SUMMERHILL PLAN PRESENTED

A Mass Neighborhood Meeting was held on July 30th at the Thankful Baptist Church on the corner of Martin and Bass Streets. The Model Cities Summerhill Planning Committee and its Consultant reported on the 1970 and long-range planning for the Model Summerhill Neighborhood.

The Summerhill Planning Committee and its Consultant have met every week since May. Two Mass Meetings were held in June to inform the residents of the progress being made in planning Summerhill's future. Two newsletters were also distributed throughout the neighborhood to keep you informed. If you haven't received the newsletters, call a member of your Planning Committee. Watch for notices of future mass meetings. We need your participation!

THE LONG-RANGE PLAN

The recommended long-range plan for Summerhill was discussed by a member of the Consulting firm. The residents of Summerhill expressed general agreement on the proposals.

The long-range plan shows many improvements for Summerhill. The most outstanding new facility would be the Educational Park complex to be located east of Connally Street in both the Summerhill and Grant Park Neighborhoods. This would include a new middle school and community service facilities. A new primary school is also planned along Terry Street between Little and Love Streets.

The Plan shows that Georgia Avenue can have a new face when all improvements are completed. A new and enlarged shopping area is planned for the vicinity of Georgia and Capitol Avenues.

1970 SUMMERHILL ACTIVITY AREAS DISCUSSED

Activities which should be accomplished during 1970 under the Model Cities Neighborhood Development Program for Summerhill were discussed. Seven activity areas are recommended for next year. Four of the areas would be scheduled for clearance to provide land for schools and new housing, while another three areas would be for rehabilitation treatment. A MAP OF THE RECOMMENDED 1970 ACTIVITY AREAS APPEARS INSIDE. The proposed 1970 Activity Areas were received favorably by the residents attending the meeting.

SOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The traffic congestion that plagues the Summerhill Neighborhood whenever a major event occurs at the Stadium may finally be eliminated. Although no time table has been established, an improved street system, recommended in the long-range plan, is designed to prevent Stadium traffic from invading residential areas.

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YOUR VOICE IN SUMMERHILL'S FUTURE

DID YOU KNOW ?

by Mattie Ansley

Did you know that in the year 1866, on Fraser Street in the Summerhill Section of Atlanta, there stood a little red church? It was known at that time as Clark Chapel because it was named for Bishop Clark who was founder of Clark University.



The colored and white people worshipped together in Clark Chapel in those long ago years. One of the Trustees of Clark Chapel was Mr. Kimball, the founder of the famous Kimball House Hotel which was torn down many years ago.

Some years later the Congregation moved to Hunter and Central Avenues. It was there that an offer was made to sell to the Colored Membership of the Church. Later, this same Church was renamed the Lloyd Street Church; and under that name it saw the beginning of Clark University and Gammon Theological Seminary. Classes were held in the basement of the Church just like they are today. Now the Church sits at 503 Mitchell Street S.W. and is known as the Central Methodist Church.

Yes, Summerhill has something to be proud of! Fraser Street with her bumps and turns has her Historic Spot. Much good was done for the community through the little red church under the leadership of Reverend J. W. Lee.

Who knows what we may dig up later about Summerhill and her past history. We'll look for facts about those who lived in this Community regardless of race.

THE FACTS

ABOUT CLEARANCE & REHABILITATION AREAS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

IF YOU LIVE IN AN AREA WHERE HOUSES
WILL BE ACQUIRED AND CLEARED:

- You don't have to move right away!
- You will get a reasonable price for your property.
- You will get moving expense money.
- A relocation man will help you find another house or apartment.
- Your next house or apartment will be in good condition.
- A relocation man will help you get money for better housing.

THE ATLANTA HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS EXPERIENCED RELOCATION PEOPLE TO HELP MAKE YOUR MOVING AS EASY AS POSSIBLE. CALL YOUR RELOCATION MAN TO GET ALL THE CORRECT INFORMATION.

Don't listen to rumors--let the relocation man help you. That is his job!

If you have any questions, call the members of your Planning Committee whose names are listed in the first two newsletters. Or call one of these supervisors at the Model Cities Neighborhood Development Program Area Office. Their number is 523-0245 before September 1st. After September 1st, call 523-5851

W. R. Wilkes, Project Director
Thomas Walker, Assistant Project Director
Walter Reid, Family Services Consultant
Supervisor

IF YOU LIVE IN AN AREA WHERE THE
HOUSES WILL BE REHABILITATED:

- Don't do any major remodeling until a rehabilitation advisor from the Atlanta Housing Authority comes to see you.
- Architectural services are available through the Atlanta Housing Authority.
- Rehabilitation grants and loans are available.
- Don't become the victim of an unethical contractor. Talk to your rehabilitation advisor first.

WHEN YOU DECIDE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY, CALL YOUR REHABILITATION ADVISOR.

Don't sign a contract for home improvements until it is approved by your rehabilitation advisor.

The Atlanta Housing Authority will get estimates from several reliable contractors. You and your advisor can decide which one will give you the most for your money.

R. C. Littlefield, Rehabilitation Supervisor
C. V. Dickens, Financial Advisor
Miss Dorothy Moon, Secretary

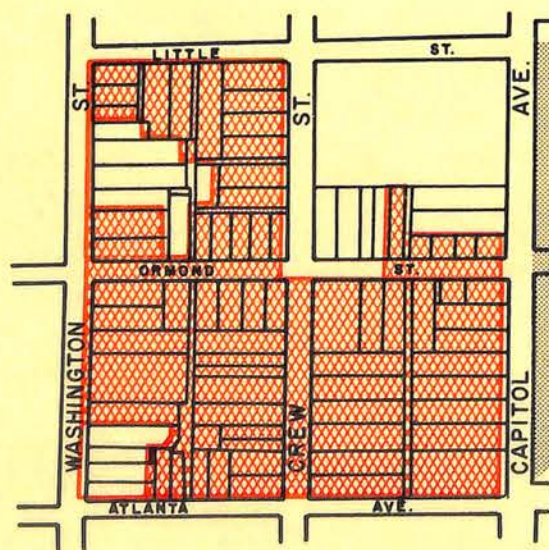
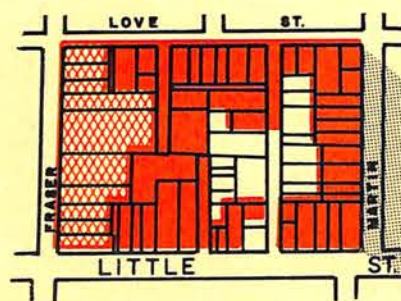
IF YOU RENT, PLEASE SHOW THIS NEWSLETTER TO YOUR LANDLORD. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEND HIM A COPY, IF WE RECEIVE HIS ADDRESS.

RECOMMENDED SUMMERHILL ACTIVITY AREAS FOR 1970*

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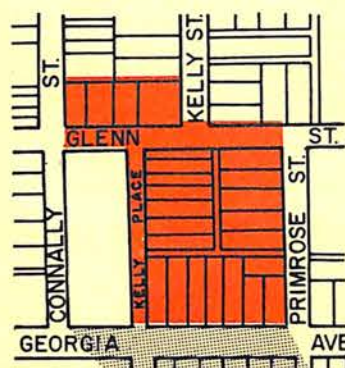
Clearance Area

A new primary school is scheduled for construction on this site. During 1969, the Atlanta School Board will acquire buildings in the center of the site. In 1970, the 34 buildings in the red area will be acquired and cleared. Property owners and tenants who move before the Housing Authority contacts them could lose out on relocation assistance and benefits. DON'T MOVE UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN 1970!



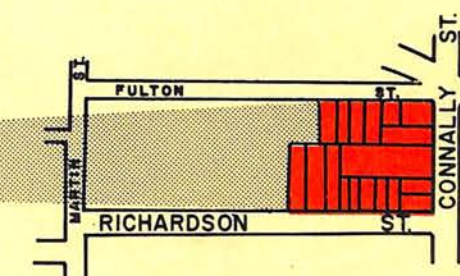
Clearance Area

Twenty-two buildings on this site are scheduled for clearance. The parcel will become part of the proposed educational park complex.



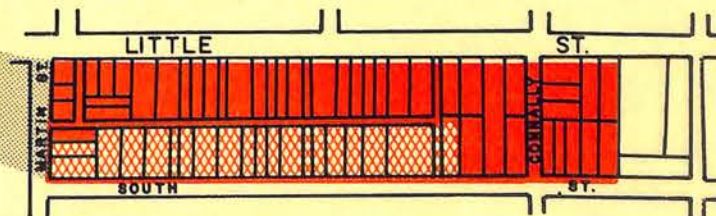
Rehabilitation Area

A total of 93 buildings are located in four areas scheduled for rehabilitation treatment during 1970. Where rehabilitation is not feasible, buildings will be acquired and cleared. The Atlanta Housing Authority is prepared to assist homeowners to rehabilitate their properties. Grants and low-interest rate loans are available to all who qualify.



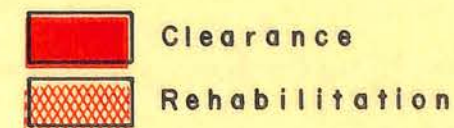
Clearance Area

Twelve buildings will be cleared from this site to provide needed space for the E. P. Johnson School. Property owners and tenants will be contacted by the Housing Authority during 1970. Don't move until you hear from the Housing Authority next year!



Clearance Area

Thirty-three buildings will be cleared from this site to provide land for the widening and improvement of Little Street. New curbs and sidewalks are planned. The land remaining will be developed for low and moderate income housing.

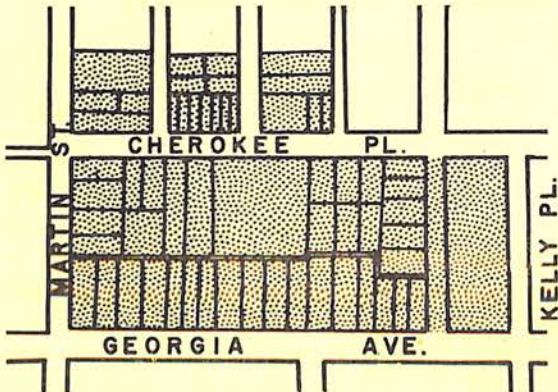


*Although the activities on this map are recommended for 1970, limited funds and time could delay some of the activities until after 1970.

Here's The Information You Asked For

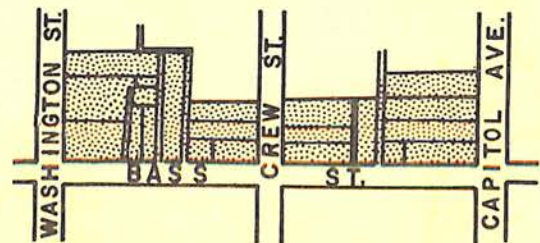
A Progress Report On 1969 Summerhill Activity Areas

AS OF THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY, 1969



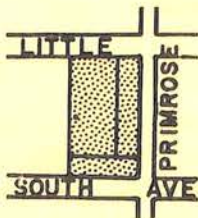
SITES NUMBER 69C3 and 69C5T21

Fifty-nine (59) parcels scheduled for acquisition and clearance. Eleven (11) of the parcels have been purchased and options have been taken on twenty-two (22) additional parcels.



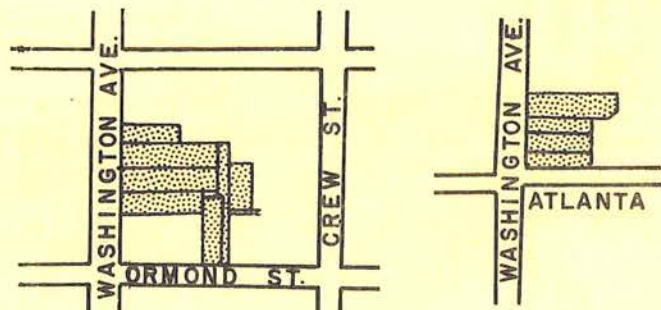
SITE NUMBER 69C6

Three (3) of the parcels have been purchased and options have been taken on four (4) parcels.



SITE NUMBER 69C5T16

One (1) parcel has been purchased.



SITE NUMBER 69C5T11-12

Eleven (11) parcels scheduled for acquisition and clearance in 1969.

SUMMERHILL PLANNING COMMITTEE

VICE CHAIRMAN

GETS SCHOLARSHIP

Exciting things are happening to Summerhill residents. Take Jimmie Kennebrew for example. Mr. Kennebrew is Vice Chairman of the Summerhill Planning Committee. He was awarded a scholarship to attend the Ecumenical Institute in Chicago, Illinois where he will take a course in Social Service and Community Organization.

Mr. Kennebrew left Atlanta on July 19th and will spend eight (8) weeks at the Ecumenical Institute. When he returns, he plans to use his new training in working with the Summerhill Planning Committee and on other Community Activities.

Community service is not new to Jimmie Kennebrew. Since he came to Atlanta in 1944, he has been involved in many activities which serve the Neighborhood. At present, he serves as Vice Chairman of the Model Cities Summerhill Planning Committee, Vice Chairman of the SuMac Community Neighborhood Advisory Council, Chairman of the Manpower Committee of the EOA Central Citizens Advisory Council and a member of the Summerhill Model Cities Advisory Council and Chairman of the Housing Committee. He is also a member of CAMPS Advisory Committee, a city-wide group concerned with employment.

Why is Jimmie Kennebrew so active? This is what he said when we asked him:

Living in the Summerhill Community I became aware of the disadvantageous conditions and decided I wanted to help do something about them. We have to show the rest of Atlanta that we are anxious to help ourselves and do our part to make Model Cities a success.

Besides being active in community service, Jimmie Kennebrew works hard at his regular job. He is a certified Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic and has DeKalb County Air Conditioning Board certification for warm air, air conditioning, steam and hot water. He trained for this work at the Hoke Smith School.

In his spare time (do you think he has any?) Mr. Kennebrew likes to bowl, attends ball games and chaperones at dances at the SuMac Center. Although he was not born in Atlanta, it has been home to him for most of his life. He and his wife, Dorothy, live at 79 Richardson Street, S.W.



**ATLANTA SOUTHSIDE COMPREHENSIVE
HEALTH CENTER**
Ridge Avenue, Peoplestown

YOU JUST WON 'T BELIEVE IT UNTIL YOU SEE IT FOR YOURSELF! It took some kind of a miracle to turn the old bed spring factory into one of the most modern comprehensive health centers in the entire United States.

Of course, the perseverance of Mrs. Grace Barksdale's Health Sub - Committee of the Central Advisory Council helped that miracle along quite a bit. As Grace tells it, the Committee "Just didn't rest until it knew that the first tooth would get pulled at the new Comprehensive Health Center Building."

But the Center does more than just pull teeth. Mrs. Martha Weems, the Center's Public Relations Director, likes to describe the Center's services by saying, "We've got everything from Pediatric Doctors to Podiatrists on our staff." We are just as prepared to help the arthritis victim cope with this problem as we're prepared to fit eye-glasses and diagnose ear, nose and throat problems.

Can you believe it? If you live south of Georgia Avenue in the Peoplestown or Summerhill Neighborhoods, and can qualify under the OEO income guidelines, all the services of the Health Center are available at NO COST TO YOU. There isn't even a charge for medicine; and a Pharmacist is on duty to serve you whenever the Center is open.

If you qualify for services at the Comprehensive Health Center, all you have to do is register. The Health Center staff will take it from there and see that you receive the kind of help you need.

And while you're at it, bring the whole family along to be registered. That way you'll save time when other members of your family need treatment.

You don't even have to worry about the little ones getting in the way. The Center is equipped with a Child Care Section staffed by folks who are trained to take good care of your children while you are visiting with the doctor.

If you don't have a way of getting to the Health Center all by yourself, don't fret. The Center is even prepared to do something about that problem. If you call the Center, they will arrange for one of their drivers to call

for you. When you are ready to leave, you will be delivered back to your home.

YOU'RE IN FOR A SURPRISE WHEN YOU VISIT THE CENTER FOR THE FIRST TIME. The offices and rooms are the brightest and cheeriest colors you can imagine. The whole place is as pretty as a picture.

And the Staff just couldn't be nicer. We're sure you'll recognize some of your neighbors because the Center has an educational unit for training community residents who then become members of the Center's staff.

Why not take advantage of the Center's services? Plan to get the whole family registered now!

