

Historic Decatur Association



Letter from Your President
June 29, 2020

Greetings Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we learn to navigate the “new” normal. This year, COVID-19 has presented challenges none of us expected. These uncertain times are forcing the Historic Decatur Association to divide its efforts between preservation projects and protecting the health of our community. As I am sure you realize, this Spring, the Board of Directors had to make the tough decision to cancel our Garden Tour. As COVID-19 continues creating a sense of fear in us, it will be necessary for us to move this year’s Christmas Tour event to a virtual tour. Planning details are included in this newsletter. These decisions regarding the 2020 event season are based on doing what is best for the health of our guests, home/garden owners, our sponsors, and our volunteers.

On a positive note, this past Fall, our organization embarked upon a project 10 years in the making—Wayfinding Signage for Historic Decatur. In April of this year, the first 4 (entrance) signs were placed, 2 at Albany entrances and 2 entering Old Decatur. The HDA has since secured a reimbursement grant from Alabama’s Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource and Development Councils, Inc. for 4 additional entrance signs for Albany and Old Decatur with projected placement in August of this year.

The HDA is also continuing its focus on tree planting. Details about the project and an interest form are included in this newsletter. If you are interested in a tree, please respond using the interest form.

If you would like to share information with Historic Decatur neighbors, please pass it along to a board member. Remember, our goal is to get to know each other, get involved and make a difference in our beloved historic districts.

Lastly, a membership form is enclosed in this newsletter. If you are a new resident to Albany or Old Decatur, we invite you to join our organization. If you are a member but haven’t paid your 2020 dues, we ask that you do so.

Brenda Henson
HDA President 2020

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Welcome New Neighbors!

We would like to take a moment to **Welcome New Residents** to our wonderful historic neighborhoods. If you are a new resident, we would love to hear from you! First, we invite you to join HDA. A membership form is attached to this newsletter. We utilize several forms of communication and welcome your participation throughout this year. A great way to keep up to date on current events is through our website historicdecaturn.org, our Facebook group, *Historic Decatur Association*, and on Nextdoor. If you have not yet joined or would like more information on how to join the HDA, please contact any member of the HDA board or email me at bhenson4@wm.com for help. We would love to get to know you and your family.

Festive Fabulous

In 2020, uncertainty reigns, but The Historic Decatur Christmas Tour will prevail.

will be training our spotlight on past sponsors and supporters of this amazing annual event.

We are concerned about the health of our community during this pandemic, and our hearts break for our local merchants and business owners who have suffered through a financially chaotic climate in 2020. Therefore, this year, we are giving back on all fronts.



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Christmas Tour
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Donations will still be accepted :)

The Tour Committee will offer festive outdoor spaces that allow for safe social distancing for your strolling pleasure. Please help us reach **100% participation** in exterior decor to “wow” visitors to our historic residential and downtown districts!

To keep every individual and every business healthy, we are developing the 2020 Historic Decatur Christmas Tour as a virtual tour of homes. Instead of soliciting sponsorships, we

Please *like* our Facebook page for more info and fun tutorials on how to make your home, inside AND out, absolutely awesome for the holidays!

Harriette Mathews, 2020 Chair

www.decaturnchristmastour.com

Facebook: [HistoricDecaturChristmasTour](https://www.facebook.com/HistoricDecaturChristmasTour)

Instagram: [decaturnchristmastour](https://www.instagram.com/decaturnchristmastour)

Wayfinding Signage Installed

The first phase of Historic Decatur wayfinding signage now graces two separate boundaries of Old Decatur Historic District and the Albany Historic District.

Ten years in the making, the 2019-2020 Historic Decatur Association made the four 16-ft tall signs a reality. The project, spearheaded by HDA President Brenda Henson, came together through the talent, efforts and determination of State Senator Arthur Orr, Joel McWhorter and the McComm Group, Judge David Breland, Director of Decatur's Historic Resources and Events, Decatur Police Chief Nate Allen, Decatur Parks and Recreation Director Jason Lake, Interim Parks Superintendent Aaron Lang and the City of Decatur City Council.


The HDA is grateful to those who had a hand in delivering on this great addition to our districts. These signs announce to all visitors that they have entered truly distinctive locations in Decatur.



POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

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The Historic Decatur Association can provide trees to be planted on the city right of way areas near our homes. We are working to restore the tree canopy as well as bring natural beauty to our neighborhoods. We've worked with a professional horticulturist to come up with several possible trees of all shapes and sizes. We want the right tree for the right place. All we ask is that you keep the newly planted tree watered for at least the first year and to not remove or disfigure the tree. The tree will be delivered and planted at no cost to you.

*If interested or you would like more information, please contact: Marsha Ercegovic
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Membership/Change Form Historic Decatur Association

Print clearly & complete in full.

Mail To:

Brenda Henson
305 Lafayette Street NE
Decatur, AL 35601

Annual Dues:

\$25.00 Per Household
Make checks payable to:
Historic Decatur Association

Adults (will be alphabetized by last name in Directory)

_____ | _____ | _____
Last Name | 1. First Name | 2. First Name
(Names will be listed in above order)

Others in household (include other adults and/or children)

_____ | _____
First & Last Name | First & Last Name
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First & Last Name | First & Last Name

Address

_____ | _____
House or Apartment Number | Street

_____ | _____
Home Phone | Work Phone

_____ | _____ | _____
First Name: | Cell: | E-mail:

_____ | _____ | _____
Second Name: | Cell: | E-mail:

Additional Contribution: \$ _____
(All contributions above dues payment are tax deductible)

Thank You! If you are completing this form as a change in your personal information only, please circle the following: *This is a Change of Personal Information Only.*

Note: The information on this form may be used for publication of a new HDA directory. Please highlight any information you wish to be excluded from the directory.