

BETTER TOGETHER

Helping Ourselves and Each Other



VOLUNTEERISM

Social Capital is a term used to describe the value of human connections. It's in the interest of communities to encourage and foster social capital because, when neighbors help neighbors and non-profits take on key tasks, nobody's looking to local government (and tax dollars) to solve problems. Less than a hundred years ago, it was not uncommon for local civic groups (such as the Masons or Elks) to provide all manner of services to their dues-paying members. Including health care.

Does Decatur do enough to facilitate volunteerism and civic participation? What further might be done, not just in helping our citizens help each other but in encouraging more residents to serve in leadership roles?



PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY



BIKE FRIENDLY



BUS ACCESS



RAIL ACCESS



OPEN TO NEW IDEAS



ADA COMPLIANT

PHYSICAL ACCESS

Social media may be all the rage but in-person interaction remains the foundation of our deepest community ties. People of all ages need easy access to those they rely on. Children to their daycare provider and play groups. Parents to their friends, commitments, and places of worship. Seniors to peers and activities. And remember: Not everyone drives.

What can the city do to help people get around and better connect with each other? Infrastructure enhancements? Policy initiatives? Coordination of resources? How can the city help us become as neighborly as we want to be?



CITY PROGRAMMING

One thing Decatur does better than just about anyone is gather. From festivals to evenings on the square to youth sports, programming provided by or coordinated by the city is the glue that helps hold us together. But is the "us" that participates in and benefits from city programming reflective of our entire community?

What can Decatur do to be more inclusive? Should every event be one that caters to everyone or should we simply, over the course of our full programming, strive to appeal to a wide variety of interests?

How can the diverse Decatur we know be the diverse Decatur we see when we celebrate?

