

THE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

TOBIE GRANT MANOR



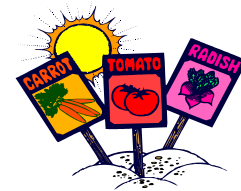
Tobie Grant Manor Apartments
3218 Tobie Circle, Scottdale, Georgia 30079
(404) 270-2594 Office and (770) 553-0602 Emergency Number

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Five Tips For Building A Raised Bed Garden

- ◆ Choose the right location
- ◆ Choose the right materials
- ◆ Consider the shape and size
- ◆ Choose The Right Soil
- ◆ Keep it Simple



Step 1. Garden Location:

Selecting the proper site for your garden consists of light, drainage, soil and nutrients. Maximum light = maximum growth. Pick a location that gets 6-8 hours full sunlight daily. Better drainage = less wet feet for your garden plants. Grade with a gentle slope & bow. Raised beds = better and easier soil preparation. Mark out your area and install timbers.

Step 2. Choosing Plants and Design:

Prepare an inventory of plants you wish to grow, divide your plant list by cold and warm season plants, determine when it's safe to plant each crop, which plants co-exist together by height, compatibility & soil requirements and sun/shade tolerance. Draw a design.

Step 3. Purchasing Plants:

Allow plants space to grow whether planted from seeds or transplants. Determine how many plants per sq. ft. you'll need. Determine which crops grow best from transplants: tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cabbages, collards, broccoli, brussels sprouts; and crops best grown from direct seeds: carrots, beets, cucumber, squash, melon, beans, corn.

Step 4. Amending your soil:

The goal in amending garden soil is to achieve a loose, fertile, well-drained, humus soil. First get rid of the weeds. To reduce the potential of weeds in a new bed, strip out and remove existing grass. Or cover the grass with landscape fabric or 5 layers of newspaper (bottom of bed). The landscape fabric or paper will inhibit the emergence of the existing grass up to the plants. Do this BEFORE adding any topsoil or amendments of organic matter, sand and fertilizer. To loosen garden soil in a freestanding garden, add organic matter (sphagnum peat moss and/or well-rotted compost) and create a soil that when squeezed into a ball it crumbles when broken. Start by laying a 2-inch thick layer of organic material over the garden soil and work it into the soil to at least an 8-inch depth by mixing it up with a spade shovel. A sticky garden soil indicates high content of clay particles or poor drainage, add coarse sand or perlite to improve drainage. A soil that will not hold together indicates too much sand and inability to hold adequate water, add organic matter (peat moss or compost). The garden soil should be a mixture of topsoil, organic matter and coarse sand or perlite at a ratio of 3 parts soil: 3 parts organic matter: 1 part sand or perlite. This makes an evenly drained soil with nutrient holding capacity. If you have no topsoil, purchase a bag of screened topsoil from your home / garden center.

Step 5. Take advantage of every square inch of space:

Before planting, learn the relationship of plants & their needs. See charts by Frame It All: Timbers / Supplies: <http://www.frameitall.com>
General Plant Info: http://www.frameitall.com/documents/general_garden_info.pdf
Plant Friends / Enemies: http://www.frameitall.com/documents/friends_and_enemies.pdf

The Advocate is published monthly with news for the Tobie Grant Manor residents by the HADC Compliance Department. Residents or clubs are invited to submit short "announcements" and/or pictures from activities held. Please submit to your property manager and we will publish (depending on space) in the next available newsletter.



RESOURCE NUMBERS

Lou Walker Senior Center 770-322-2900

DeKalb Senior Link Line 770-322-2950

Friends of Disabled Adults & Children
770-491-9014

Oakhurst Medical Center 404-298-8998

CVS Pharmacy 404-508-8058 24 hr

Poison Control 404-616-9000

Police ~ Fire ~ Ambulance 911



Non-emergency Police 404-294-2323

United Way 211

HADC Central Office 404-270-2500

HADC website www.dekalbhousing.org

FREE DeKalb County Prescription Discount Card

No forms or enrollment fee ~ Any age ~
Begin using it immediately ~ No
restrictions or limits on how often you use
it. This plan is not an insurance plan but a
joint effort of DeKalb County and the
National Association of Counties (NACo).

Available at participating pharmacies
and savings may vary by drug type.

Pick up a card at any HADC office
call 877-321-2652 for more info or
visit <https://naco.advancerx.com>

HEALTH CORNER



Central DeKalb County Health Center

404-294-3762 or 404-294-3700

Hours Monday - Friday 8:15 am - 4:00 pm

The DeKalb County Board of Health offers many
clinical and health services at the Central DeKalb Health
Center located at 440 Winn Way, Decatur.

Services:

- **Adult primary care** (by appointment)
- **Blood test for marriage**
- **Breast and Cervical Cancer screening**
- **Family Planning services**
- **Hearing and Vision screening**
- **HIV testing and counseling**
- **Immunization for travel**
- **Mammogram referral**
- **Medicaid enrollment (available)**
- **Obstetric services** (by appointment)
- **Post partum exams**
- **Pregnancy test**
- **Prenatal care**
- **Sexually transmitted disease tests/treatment**
- **Tuberculosis services**
- **Dental services** (by appointment - **404-508-7890**)

Tobie Grant Recreation Center

644 Parkdale Drive, Scottdale - Phone 404-508-7594

FREE SERVICES:

- ♦ **4-H Club** (ages 5-13) 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- ♦ **Senior Spot** (ages 60+) Mondays & Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon
- ♦ **Project Turning the Corner** (ages 13-17) Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- ♦ **Y.E.S. Young Ladies Strive** (Girls 12-18) Saturdays 9am - 12 noon
- ♦ **J.A.B. STEP Basketball** (Boys 9-12) Mondays 6 - 8 pm
- ♦ **G.I.R.L.S.** (Girls 13+) date & time TBA

BOOKNOOK CORNER



Scottdale-Tobie Grant Branch

644 Parkdale Drive, Scottdale, GA 30079

Hours: 2 pm - 7 pm Monday - Thursday

Phone: 404-508-7174

*Library cards are FREE to DeKalb County
residents – visit your branch today!*

www.dekalblibrary.org

DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- a great place to go to keep your mind sharp

Here are some of the programs available:

- Large print books
- Free mailbox books (books mailed to your home)
- Services for people with disabilities
- Adult "Basic Education" classes
- Free "English as a Second Language" (ESL) classes
- Free "U.S. Citizenship" classes
- Computer classes (Internet, MS Word)
- Free computer lab (call ahead to reserve)
- Test preparation (GED, ASVAB, & many others)
- Free "Small Business" resource center & materials
- Free reading programs for children

TGM GRADUATING CLASS OF 2007

Traneka Hondon

Fardowsa Ali

Nikita Kemp

Tommy Bell

Tangela Stewart

Kerry Weaver

Kenda Miles

Billy Ward

Shannon Weems

Edward Coleman

Alecia Ivey

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS GOOD JOB!
you do us proud!



May is Older Americans Month

Mayors' Walk - Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The 21st annual Mayors' Walk is being held at Grant Park in Atlanta for individuals 50 & older. The event includes timed/competitive 1-mile & 3-mile walks. Awards are given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place walkers. **Pre-registration is required.** The \$10 registration fee includes an information fair, a boxed lunch, entertainment and T shirt. Stop by the office to p/u a registration form now. Transportation is being provided. **Bus p/u is at 8 am from the office.**

Senior Olympics - May 14th thru May 22nd

The 2007 Atlanta Senior Olympics will be held at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta & at venues around metro Atlanta for adults 50 & older.

Pre-registration is required. Register at:
www.atlantaseniorolympics.org

Attention 1st Time Homebuyers in DeKalb County!



Applications are now being accepted for the DeKalb County First Time Homebuyer Program and the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program.

The next Homebuyer Orientation will be held on **Tuesday, May 1, 2007 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

The next Realizing the American Dream Future Homeowners Educational Workshop will be held on

Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The orientation and workshop are held at the central office of the HADC and advance registration is required for both the orientation and the workshop.

For more info call **404-270-2600** or register by email at bdh@dekalbhousing.org

A Message from Property Management

We would like to wish all TGM mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

Maintenance Work Orders

To place any work orders, to request repairs or to have your apartment serviced by pest control, please call (404)-270-2594.

Management Notification

Residents are required to contact property manager in advance for the installation of a satellite dish or to keep a pet. Note there is a \$300 pet deposit.

Community Service

Need some community services hours for this month? Contact Mr. Corey (404)-270-2590 for more information.



will be distributing **Commodity Foods** from the U.S. Dept of Agriculture TEFAP (the emergency food assistance program) commodities to low income residents in DeKalb County on

Wednesday, May 9th

Tobie Grant Manor Community Center 10 am - 3 pm

1 distribution per family - Call **404.929.2500**

HADC Resident Advisory Board (RAB)

RAB Meetings - Held the 1st Monday of each month at the HADC central office from 6-8 pm

Next meeting: Monday, May 7th, 2007

Bus Pick-up Schedule:

Johnson Ferry East	4:00 pm
Hairston Lake	5:00 pm
Spring Chase	5:15 pm
Tobie Grant Manor	5:30 pm



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TOBIE GRANT MANOR COMMUNITY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mayor's Walk 10 am - 1:30 pm Grant Park Bus p/u @ 8 am	2 HADC Bus to Store / Wal Mart @ 9 am	3	4	5
6	7 Pest control here Last day for Rent RAB Meeting 6-8 pm bus p/u at 5:30 pm	8	9 HADC Bus to Store / Wal Mart @ 9 am Food Distribution from 10 am - 3 pm TGM Community Center	10	11	12 R S V P
13 Happy Mother's Day	14 Pest control here	15	16 HADC Bus to Store / Wal Mart @ 9 am	17	18	19
20	21 Pest control here	22	23 HADC Bus to Store / Wal Mart @ 9 am	24	25 Last day of school	26 R S V P
27	28 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY 	29	30 HADC Bus to Store / Wal Mart @ 9 am	31		

Property Manager - Bonita Tucker

In case of Maintenance Emergency Call 770-553-0602
To place Work Orders Call 404-292-2594