

Shield's Market to the rescue!

You may have read about this in the *Atlanta Journal* or *Constitution* in mid-April. On his way to Atlanta to receive the 2001 Delta Prize for Global Understanding, former Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev recalled a delicious osso bucco he had been served at *Maggiano's Little Italy*, a Buckhead restaurant. As you may know, the key ingredient in this complex dish is the veal shank, not easily found in local stores. However, the chef knew whom to call – Geoffrey Irwin, owner of Shield's Meat Market right here in our own Emory Village. Geoff quickly supplied 20 veal shanks, and the private dinner was enjoyed by all.

One rarely needs 20 veal shanks, but Geoff and his staff will take advance orders for special items (404/377-0204). This is in addition to the hand-cut beefsteaks, pork, lamb, really fresh chicken, shrimp and other items readily available. The freezer holds additional meats, fish and poultry. Premium deli meats, cheeses and ice creams and a nice selection of wines and condiments are offered. Geoff buys fresh vegetables from the Georgia Farmer's market; recent choices have included pencil-slim asparagus, loose Yukon Gold potatoes, fresh salad greens, fruits in season, and lots more. When you are in a hurry, try the prepared foods, such as roast chicken and barbecue. Bakery products arrive fresh daily from the Breadgarden Bakery.

Shield's Market is an independent business located in the same building as the CVS Pharmacy. It was a major result of the Druid Hills Civic Association's efforts, in cooperation with local merchants, to bring us some great shopping right here in Emory Village. Many of us knew Shield's as a Decatur mainstay for many years. We are very fortunate that Geoff and his crew are in the Village every Monday through Saturday. If you haven't been in yet, you owe it to yourself to pay a visit.