



## Incredible Volunteers Make Magical Mural



**The Watershed Mural** is a community effort to illustrate Atlanta's little known natural feature, the Eastern Sub-continental Divide. The Divide follows the ridge along what is now Dekalb Ave. and separates water that ultimately flows to the Atlantic Ocean from water that flows to the Gulf of Mexico. The design, which will feature native flora and fauna found from the Gulf to Atlanta to the Atlantic, is a collaborative effort between people living in the watersheds depicted and nationally acclaimed muralist, David Fichter. The mural will cover some 5,000 square feet along the wall between Arizona Ave. and Connecticut Ave. The mural project has received funding from the Georgia Forestry Commission, Dekalb Council for the Arts, the Atlanta Mural Project, Lake Claire Neighbors and friends of public art and the environment like you! For more information see [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org) or call Kathy Evans at **404.234.9603**

### Lake Claire Neighborhood Meeting: FEBRUARY 16

Frazer Center - 1815 S. Ponce de Leon or back entrance at end of Ridgewood Road

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- Planning neighborhood events
- Reviewing variances to city zoning within Lake Claire
- Providing a community voice to city elected representatives
- Allowing neighbors to voice their concerns, meet and/or share interests

Meetings from past months' meetings, upcoming meeting agenda and more can be found at [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org).

## Thank you Mural Supporters!

Thank you to the scores of volunteer painters from Lake Claire, Edgewood, Candler Park, Kirkwood, East Lake, East Atlanta, Decatur, Grant Park, Sandy Springs, McDonough, and beyond! Special thanks to the following individuals:



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- Ø Late-breaking news between newsletters
- Ø Monthly meeting reminders, agendas, and voting items
- Ø Public safety alerts

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# Projected Mural Schedule

## FEBRUARY

- \*volunteer carpenters cut shapes from wood for mural "pop-ups"
- \*volunteer artists paint "pop-ups" indoors at Horizons School
- \*Fichter finalizes design of second half (Atlantic) of the wall;
- \*fund-raising continues

## MARCH

- \* volunteers power-wash and prime the second half of the wall;
- \* fund-raising continues.

## APRIL

- \*Fichter travels back to Georgia;
- \*Fichter and experienced artists work to refine and complete Gulf side of mural
- \*volunteer carpenters cut out "pop-ups," volunteers paint them, and carpenters install them
- \*Fichter draws Atlantic side of mural
- \*volunteers work with Fichter to paint Atlantic side of mural.



About 75 volunteers, under the direction of muralist David Fichter, accomplished tremendous work over the course of two weeks.

## MAY/JUNE

- \*Fichter's final visit to complete mural
- \*Fichter and experienced artists work to refine and complete Atlantic-side of mural
- \*Fichter oversees installation of protective coating over mural
- \*Mural dedication and party!!!

Check [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org) write [mural@lakeclaire.or](mailto:mural@lakeclaire.or), or call 404.234.9603 for schedule updates and to volunteer to help with any aspect of this community effort.

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*Late November and December crime listing for Lake Claire and immediate surrounding area*

### AUTO THEFT

**-Sat. 11/19 - 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm – 2000 Mclendon**  
– 1992 Jeep Cherokee was parked in front of the location. The victim left the house for a while and when returned the vehicle was gone.

### BURGLARY

**-Mon. 11/21 - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm – 300 Nelms –**  
Victim stated an unknown suspect entered home by climbing a ladder to deck. Suspect entered through the back door of the location; door not locked. Items taken: laptop, jewelry, black leather jacket, silver mountain bike, gym bag and mp3 player.

**-Weds. 11/23 - 6:00 pm to 11/26 5:00 pm – 400 Hardendorf –** Victim stated that they left home and when returned found rear dog door was broken and the door leading to the rear door was unlocked. Items taken: REI camping lanterns, flashlights, and mountain bike.

**-Fri. 12/02 - 8:45 am to 9:20 am – 400 Callan –**  
Victim was asleep inside the house and was woken up by a noise and thought it was roommate. Later, a B/M appeared in doorway. The male said, "It's ok, the police is looking for someone". The male then shut the door and left the house. The victim then went down stairs and found the first floor area was ransacked. The front window was left unlocked. Items taken: jewelry.

**-Thurs. 12/15 – 7 a.m. to 11:50 p.m. – 1200**

**Mclendon Ave.** – Victim stated, upon return home, found that the screen to the kitchen window had been removed. There was a ladder lying on the ground. Laptop computer, video gaming system, and \$50 jar of change taken.

**-Sun. 12/25 - 1500 Mclendon Ave.** – AC unit pulled out of the window; reporting person states window found open and a door open.

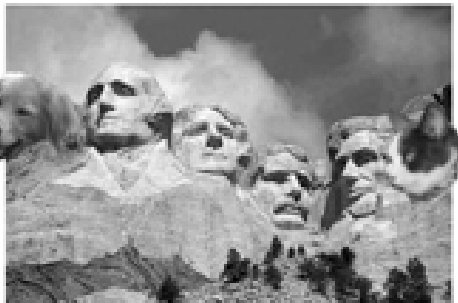
### ROBBERY

**-Wed. 11/23 - 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm – 1500**

**Mclendon** – Victim states he was robbed by two B/Ms while he was walking down the street. The victim states the suspect showed him the butt of a gun and took his wallet. A second suspect drove up and patted him down for his cell phone. The suspects then fled in a sedan. Unknown type. Taken: \$20 cash, wallet. Suspects: Two B/Ms - one 18 to 25 years of age and 5' 9" tall; second 25 to 28 years of age and 6" tall.

**-Sunday 12/11 - evening - 1300 Iverson St.** – Victim was delivering items on Iverson St. when victim got into victim's PT Cruiser and was approached by two black males who asked for directions to the train station and then both pulled pistols and advised the victim to get out of the vehicle. Victim remembered both subjects standing on the sidewalk while victim was making deliveries.

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## Big Thanks to Dues-Paying Lake Claire Neighbors

Approximately 135 households paid dues and/or contributed to the Lake Claire Mural in 2005. How has the money been spent?

- A new roof has been installed on the pavilion in Lake Claire Park.
- Kudzu has been removed in Lake Claire Park and the Harold Avenue greenspace.
- Money has been contributed to outside organizations such as the Freedom Park Conservancy, the Olmstead-Linear Park Association, and the Frazer Center.
- The Clifton Sanctuary Ministries received much needed money to keep its operation afloat.
- Printing of the monthly Lake Claire Clarion newsletter and hosting of the Lake Claire website.
- The Lake Claire Mural.

Thank you to the following neighbors who have contributed to everyone's quality of life in the 'hood:

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## New Technology Saves Animals Lives

*by Susan Feingold*

Implanting a computer chip inside the body of a pet may sound like “Big Brother” to some, but for hundreds of thousands of pets, microchip implantation has been a lifesaver.

The leading cause of death among pets in the United States is not disease, parasites or injury – it is the euthanasia of lost pets whose owners cannot be identified. “Without an ID tag or a microchip, if your pet gets lost it may be put to sleep after a shelter’s stray waiting period or adopted into a new home,” says Stacey Hall, President of the Southern Hope Humane Society which manages Fulton County Animal Services. “With a microchip, the owner can be immediately called and can quickly reclaim their lost pets.”

In the Atlanta area, less than 5% of lost pets in animal shelters enter the shelter with any kind of identification. Microchips serve as a permanent form of identifications

so that if your pet gets lost, a shelter worker can help reunite you with your lost pet.

At first, it was just farmers who used the microchips to help keep track of their livestock. Today, more than a million dogs or cats are registered with either HomeAgain or American Veterinary Identification Devices (AVID). And more than 150,000 lost pets have been reunited with their owners through these systems.

The silicon chip, which store a numeric ID code, is fastened to a miniature antenna that transmits the radio signal containing the code. The silicon chip and antenna sit inside a tiny, hermetically sealed glass container. The chips, technically called transponders, are injected between the shoulder blades through a needle. The procedure, which takes less than 10 seconds, hurts about as much as a regular injection. The chips are designed to stay just under the skin. They cannot move into the bloodstream or pass through the digestive tract.

Animal shelters and veterinary clinics use a scanner to determine if an animal is microchipped. The electronic code found by using the scanner corresponds to your contact information within a database. Your contact information can be updated within the database if you move or change phone numbers. The microchips don’t have batteries that run out, or any other kind of internal power source for that matter, so you never need to replace parts. There have been no side effects to the procedure.

Atlanta area animal shelters are strong advocates of microchipping because they see the happy reunifications that occur. “If you love your pets and want peace of mind, we strongly recommend you contact your veterinarian about getting them microchipped,” says Hall. “It is the only permanent way to make sure that your beloved pets are identified.”

*Susan Feingold is the Assistant Manager at Fulton County Animal Services, managed by the Southern Hope Humane Society. For more information or to look at lost pets or pets for adoption, visit [www.fultonanimalservices.com](http://www.fultonanimalservices.com).*

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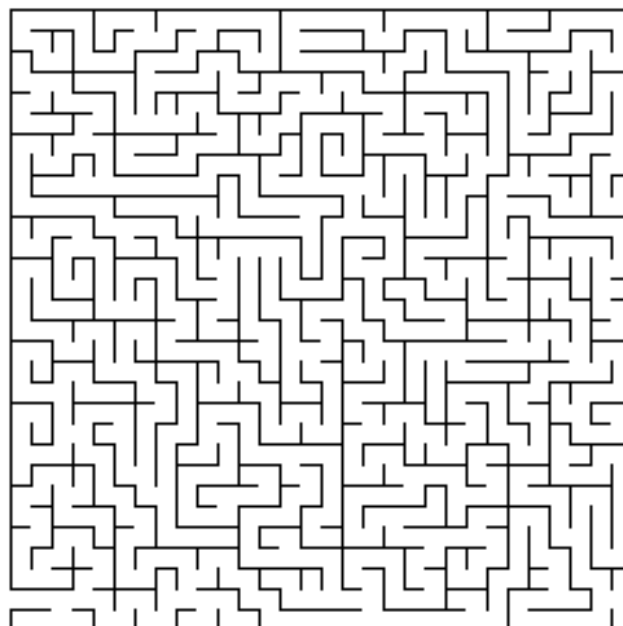


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