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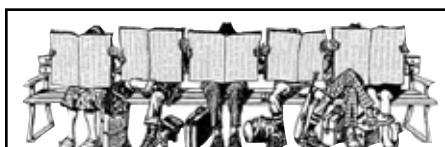
## Earth Day Starts April 22nd and Never, Ever Stops!

### Celebrate EARTH!

Welcome to *The Clarion's* EARTH DAY issue!! Celebrate Lake Claire's earth-friendly habitat and inhabitants. This month Lake Claire has much to offer to get us started in our new mission of becoming better stewards of our environment. Consider what would be helpful to you and your household in becoming part of a more ecologically sustainable community. Read our offerings, consider recommending some as well. As we continue this journey we will all meet neighbors who have common dilemmas, surprising solutions, and inspiring stories. We will also explore outside our immediate community for technical advice and inspiration. What would you like to know more about? Do you have an idea, inquiry, or opinion you would like to share? Join our community effort to become what we know we need to be to ensure a healthy lasting planet. Cheers to us all! 🌱

### B-Earth Day Party at the Land Trust!

Come join up at Lake Claire Community Land Trust (located at the end of Arizona Ave.) for a Huge B-Earth Day Party on Sunday, April 27th at 12:30 PM at the gazebo. Anyone among us who had a birthday in the past year is invited to celebrate with us, particularly the little squirts. Come in your birthday finery (clothing), whatever style you prefer and let's have some fun! We encourage y'all to walk, ride bikes or levitate if possible. To donate cupcakes please contact editor@lakeclaire.org, or call 404-377-2288. Leave a message re: how many you will bring and how to contact you in case we need to. This event will be followed by the Land Trust Grateful Dead Tribute at 1:00 PM, a fundraiser. Donations are requested!



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## Lake Claire Clarion Delivery Notes...

Delivery has always and continues to be a group effort. Please know that our aim is to get the Clarion out as close to the beginning of the month as possible. We are all volunteers in this endeavor which means we must work these obligations in as best we can. Deliverers, please ask for help when you need it, and potential volunteers, please let us know you are out there for occasional assistance! While our beloved newsletter is in print at or very near the first of the month it is a challenge to get it delivered in the first week and a half which is our goal. To help us toward that end, please email editor@lakeclaire.org with your input, comments, suggestions and let us know when you are receiving your copy. Thanks for helping us provide a quality newsletter!

## Tip of the Month

Don't put your trash or recycling in your neighbor's bins without their permission. As an example, it's aggravating to find electronics in your recycling especially if you are particular about recycling properly, usefully. Take responsibility for your own trash.

## Lean, Mean, and GREEN

*This month's article comes to us from Sierra Club's "The Green Life" an e-newsletter. Sierra Club Launches Partnership with Clorox's new Green Works Line*

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., (January 14, 2008) - The Sierra Club today announced their partnership with Clorox's newly-launched line of Green Works cleaners, a breakthrough line of natural cleaning products that are as effective as conventional cleaners but made from plant-based ingredients. Green Works is the first new line that Clorox has launched in 20 years. Green Works is 99 percent natural and made from ingredients derived from coconuts and lemon oil, and contains no phosphorus or bleach. The products are formulated to be biodegradable, non-allergenic, packaged in bottles that can be recycled and is not tested on animals.

Up until now, a big stumbling block for families who want to live a greener lifestyle has been the high cost of "green" products and the fact that they are not always easy to find. Green Works' natural, environmentally-preferable cleaning products are priced from \$2.99 to \$3.39-- much lower than other natural cleaning brands, which can be priced 50-100 percent higher than conventional products. Green Works products will also be easy to find in 24,000 mainstream stores in the United States and Canada. "The bottom line is that these products are environmentally safe, affordable, work well, will be available to millions of people, alter consumer behavior overall and support the good work of the Sierra Club," Pope adds. "This is a win-win-win for consumers, business, and the environment."

## Water Conservation Contest - Redux!

Let's see who is tops in conserving water. We will need a copy of your water bill plus the number of residents in your household. The household with the lowest per capita usage wins! Isn't that simple. Any 2008 water bill will do. You may email, mail, or drop-off your documentation and entry to editor@lakeclaire.org, or 431 Harold Ave. NE. Deadline for submission is May 15, 2008. Back by popular demand will be a lovely Lake Claire Banner for the winning household.

## Speaking of GREEN...

It's time for Mother Nature to take over the Greening of Lake Claire. Send us your pictures of our lovely burg as spring transforms us. Send them in via email to editor@lakeclaire.org and for each published photo you will receive a Lake Claire Bumper sticker! Now go knock yourselves out!

## Bumper Sticker Profundity

(Regarding the War in Iraq)

**The Endlessness Justifies the Meaninglessness**

## Member Thank You

Thanks to the following Lake Claire Neighbors who have paid dues (\$20 per household) for 2008:  
 John and Melissa Aberle-Grasse  
 Dan White & Sarah Wynn  
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Know that your dues are spent on the neighborhood for greenspace improvements and maintenance, to support deserving neighborhood service organizations such as The Frazer Center and Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, to help sponsor community events such as the Harold Avenue Greenspace Dedication and Native Waters Mural Dedication, production of the Lake Claire Clarion, and to support other activities that directly affect and involve Lake Claire Neighbors. If you haven't already, please visit LCNA's website [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org) and pay your dues by PayPal.

## Get Pet Meds, Help AARF

1-800-PetMeds is donating a portion of its sales to AARF! Here's how you can help AARF earn donations with your next order: Call 1-800-PetMeds (1-800-738-6337) and use the code "AARF", or Fax an order form to 1-800-600-8285, and be sure to have code "AARF" written on the order form, or visit the website and use reference code "AARF" during the checkout process. Simply enter it in the "Offer Code" box on the cart page.

## Turn Your Toilet Into Cash!

Read about it on page 8 of this issue.

Then you can contemplate what to do with that old toilet. Porcelain containers DO make a great planters in some parts of town!



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## Next LCN Meeting

**Thursday, April 17**

Lake Claire Neighbors meets every third Thursday. Social hour at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7 pm. Past months' newsletters and updates to agenda can be found at [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org). Everyone is welcome!

## Mark Your Calendars

April 7 – 11th Spring Break At the Frazer Center - The center will be closed for the week of Spring Break!

April 17 – Thursday - Mary Lin's Annual Kindergarten Round up 9:30 – 11:00 am in the Mary Lin Auditorium.

April 19 – Saturday - Huge Yard Sale at Pete's Garage on DeKalb Avenue from 9AM to 6PM to benefit Granmaw Gordon and the DeKalb/Gordon Ave. Green-space. Please come by and show your support!

April 19 – Saturday - Children's Arts Festival, Horizons School, 10AM – 3PM 1900 DeKalb Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

Music, Face Painting, Masks, Llamas, Tattoos, Plays, Food, Fun

April 19 – Saturday - Electronics & Cardboard Recycling at Grady High School, third Saturday every month, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

April 22 – Earth Day

April 22 – Tuesday – The Frazer Center's 7th Annual Spring Golf Classic 10:30 a.m. at Piedmont Driving Club. See article for details. If you have any questions contact Valencia at [v.mcclinton@thefrazercenter.org](mailto:v.mcclinton@thefrazercenter.org) or 404-377-3836 ext. 25.

April 25 – Arbor Day

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May 17 & 18 - The 5th Annual Kirkwood Spring Fling & Tour of Homes, Bessie Branham Park, Saturday May 17th 10:00 am – 6:00 pm (festival), Saturday May 17th 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm (tour), Sunday May 18th 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm (tour only); More next month!

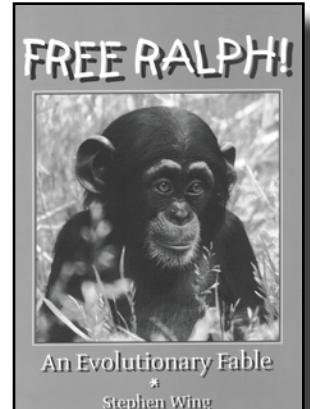
May 18 – Sunday - Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool 2008 Arts Auction Jubilee from 3 to 6 p.m. at the historic Solarium in Oakhurst Village. More about it in *The Clarion* next month!

## Congratulations to Stephen Wing

A big salute to Lake Claire resident Stephen Wing on the publication of his novel, *"Free Ralph! An Evolutionary Fable"*. His book-signing on Sunday March 16th was fun and well-attended. Please visit his website at [www.windeaglepress.com](http://www.windeaglepress.com).

## New Website to Check Out ...

We would like to announce the online publication of the Winter 2008 edition of Neighborhood Life. You may check it out at [www.neighborhoodlife.net](http://www.neighborhoodlife.net).



## FREE MONTHLY REAL ESTATE MARKET ANALYSIS REPORT!

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## Nimrod

### A Death in the Family By Peter and Patty Jenkins

We are so very sad to have to report that Nimrod, our beloved friend and teacher, has come to the end of his life. For those who don't know him, Nimrod (seen here on the right) is a 53 inch diameter white oak tree. Along with his sister tree, Dianna (on the left), he has anchored TCI at the Founder's Grove in Atlanta since Peter ("Treeman") began operations there 25 years ago. With his magnificent height and spread, Nimrod has been our primary climbing and teaching tree. Nimrod is something of an "institution" in the world of recreational tree climbing, being the tree that was used to introduce the world to rope and saddle climbing for recreation. Most of the first generation of tree climbing instructors and a great many basic tree climbing students learned to climb in his crown. Thousands of first-timers made their maiden voyage in his branches. He's hosted countless scouting events, birthday parties, church and school groups. And Nimrod's name and/or picture have appeared in innumerable written or filmed pieces about tree climbing all over the world, making him a very special "good will ambassador." Nimrod gave many climbers a new-found appreciation for trees. He also taught new climbers how to trust his branches, their equipment, and themselves while venturing aloft. For years he has seen climbers challenge their fears, support each other, laugh, and gain confidence in a skill previously unknown to them. Nimrod is one of many oaks recently attacked by a newly introduced beetle, the Asian ambrosia beetle. These borers brought a terminal fungus with them. Every possible effort was made to save him, but Nimrod just couldn't withstand the fungus while at the same time trying to survive two years of extreme drought. Nimrod quickly became dangerous as he rapidly died back and his branches became very brittle. We had no choice but to take him down. This was done on February 25th. Tree Climbers International will continue to climb at the Founder's Grove in Dianna until we have secured permission to climb in more suitable trees. We will keep the community informed about this on our website. Tree Climbers International®, Inc. [www.treeclimbing.com](http://www.treeclimbing.com).

*With a heavy heart,  
Peter and Patty Jenkins*

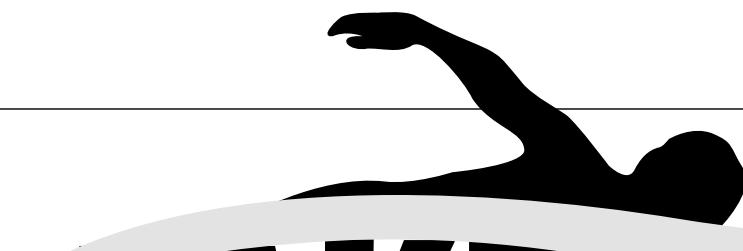
### A little background from the TCI's website . . .

The TCI Founder's Grove was established in Atlanta, Georgia by Peter "Treeman" Jenkins in 1983 when he bought a piece of property with two magnificent 100-year-old white oak trees. "Nimrod," the larger tree was 53 inches in diameter, and stands over 90 feet tall. Next to Nimrod, "Dianna" is 48 inches in diameter, and grows her branches in more of a vertical arrangement than Nimrod's spreading branch system. [climbing\\_pics/founders\\_grove.jpg](#)

Many thousands of climbers have taken their very first excursion up into the tree-tops at the TCI Founder's Grove, and hundreds more have learned to climb in TCI's Basic Tree Climbing Course there. In addition, most of the instructors who now teach recreational tree climbing got their training from Treeman in Nimrod's branches. It can truthfully be said that Nimrod easily qualifies as "the most climbed tree in the world"!

No matter where they climb, however, children and adults delight at the sensation of hanging suspended from a rope while high in a tree. It is at once a thrilling, calming, and enchanting experience. We hope you will try it with us some time!



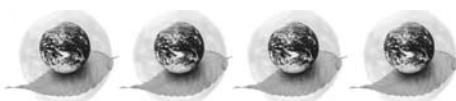
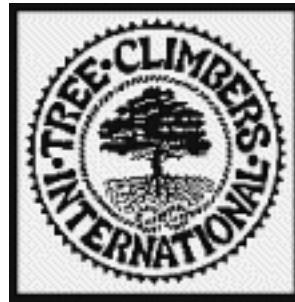


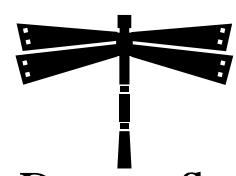
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## Lake Claire Security Report

2008 February-March Crime Statistics (weeks 7-11) for Lake Claire  
KEEP AN EYE ON THE CRIME AND THE TIME!

### ATTEMPTED AUTO THEFT

\*Saturday-Monday - 2/9-2/11 1200 block DeKalb Ave NE Parking lot

Victim reports someone damaged his vehicle's front driver side door lock and steering column. No prints taken

### LARCENY FROM AUTO

\*Thursday-2/14-morning - 200 block Gordon Ave NE

Officers responded to a prowler call. When they arrived they located the suspects. During the investigation it was determined that the male suspect was looking into vehicles in an attempt to locate navigation devices. The female was looking for oncoming cars. A Gold Honda Accord was located which had damage to a window molding. A screwdriver that had been recovered from the male suspect was placed against the damaged molding and was exactly the same size. The suspects stated they were dropped off by a subject known as "Twin" and told to get some good stuff, and they were to call him when

## The Frazer Center Spring 2008 Golf Classic

*The Frazer Center Spring 2008 Golf Classic is a golf tournament to benefit children and adults with disabilities. It will be held at the Piedmont Driving Club, 1215 Piedmont Ave. on Tuesday April 22, 2008*

The two main goals of this event are to raise money for the very special programs at The Frazer Center and to raise visibility of the vital services that The Frazer Center provides.

The Frazer Center is a nonprofit agency with a long-standing history of providing exceptional, quality services to infants, preschoolers and adults with physical and mental disabilities such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Down Syndrome and other genetic anomalies and global developmental delays. During the course of its fifty-nine year history, the Center has assisted children, adults and their families with therapeutic, educational and vocational services that maximize their potential for independence. In 1949, Mrs. James N. Frazer and Mrs. Mills B. Lane founded the Center because they refused to believe that children with cerebral palsy couldn't benefit from remaining in the community and living with their families.

Golf Committee: Vennie Owen Co-Chair, Justin Hayes Co-Chair; John Carpenter, Martha Taylor,

they were done.

\*Tuesday evening - Wednesday morning- 3/11-3/12- 300 block Connecticut Ave NE Victim reports someone broke his driver's side window and removed property.

Taken: Gas tester, GPS, Mold machine, Tools

Prints recovered and turned in to APD ID

\*Tuesday daytime - 3/11 - 1300 block McLendon Ave NE

Victim reports someone broke the driver's window and removed property. The laptop lying on the floorboard was not taken.

Taken: GPS

Prints recovered and turned in to APD ID

### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

\*Friday - daytime - 2/22 - 500 block Claire Dr NE

Rear window smashed

Witness called 911 and reported that the suspects had broken in to her neighbor's apartment. She stated that the suspects ran from the apartment, leaving a TV and a jeep in the driveway. The area was searched but the suspects were not located. A round rock from the patio was used to smash a rear window. Several items were recovered in the vehicle. The victim of a North Ave burglary was contacted and identified the items as hers.

Taken/Recovered: 27" Plasma TV

Suspect: B/M, 6'00", 2 gold ear rings, black ski cap

Suspect: B/M, 5'09", 2 gold ear rings, black ski cap

Suspect vehicle: 2000 Silver Jeep CHK, Ga Tag AEY6345

\*Friday - daytime - 2/22- 500 block Page Ave NE

Rear window smashed

Officer responded to an alarm call. When he arrived he found that someone had smashed a rear dining room window. A dog was in the dining room and it appeared that he may have scared the suspect away. Tire tracks were found in the grass, but there were no clear tread marks visible.

Taken: Nothing

Prints attempted

\*\*Note APD believes that the residential burglaries on Claire and Page were committed by the same suspects. Three juveniles were later arrested and charged with a series of similar residential burglaries in Zone 6.

However, APD believes that there are other juveniles still at large that are still committing similar burglaries in and around our neighborhood. PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD....be on the lookout for any suspicious and unfamiliar persons in your neighborhood and call 911 to report their activity.



## Dog Found March 10

Candler Park – McLendon and Clifton, 50 lb Male, 1-2 years old, Mutt. Housebroken, plays well with other dogs, quiet Available for rescue/adoption Mike @ 404.849.6034

## going once... going twice... get going to the Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool Arts Auction Jubilee

The Solarium in Oakhurst Village  
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## Trash Talk

Welcome to a new feature of the Lake Claire Clarion. We will be highlighting topics related to recycling or reducing land fill use. This month we ask the question, what's left to recycle after curbside has done what it does? And what can you do with that stuff? Here's our answer:

## Extreme Recycling

**Atlanta's Next Trendy Sports Fad Isn't Just for Athletes!**

by Stephen Wing, Recycling Coordinator at New Leaf Distributing Co., and Lake Claire resident

Hey, recyclers of Lake Claire - what do you do with recyclables that the city's curbside pickup program won't accept? Your neighbors might want to know! Send your ideas to *The Clarion*, and let's pool our information for a cleaner Lake Claire.

"Cleaner," of course, refers not only to cleaner houses and yards but to reducing the waste stream that is a major part of our ecological footprint as city dwellers in the most wasteful society on Earth.

Recycling is a win-win-win for three basic reasons.

1. It keeps stuff out of landfills - saving taxpayers on landfill costs, saving land for other uses, and reducing the poisonous by-products that leak out of landfills (invariably located in poor neighborhoods).

2. It saves raw materials - aluminum, plastic and paper are all made from materials that are mined, drilled and logged in very destructive ways.

3. It saves energy - recycling used material takes less energy than manufacturing from raw materials, which is a major cause of global warming and pollution. For general recycling info not covered here, try [www.recycle.net](http://www.recycle.net), or [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com), or call 800/CLEANUP.

Here's what the city currently picks up weekly at curbside:

**#1 plastic bottles** (usually clear; most soda and juice bottles)

**#2 plastic bottles** (usually white or translucent; most milk jugs) Aluminum and steel (tin) cans Glass jars and bottles 1-ply cardboard (i.e. cereal boxes) and all other paper except corrugated cardboard.

**Yard waste** (yes, now it is picked up weekly the same day as our trash - now on Thursdays). It must be in paper yard waste bags, no heavier than 25 lbs. with branches under 6 inch diameter and no longer than 4 feet.

**Here are some places that take other recyclables:**

**Corrugated cardboard**

Break down boxes before recy-

cling.

Your DeKalb Farmer's Market, 3000 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur; 404-377-6400.

Grady High School, 929 Charles Allen Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30309 (8th Street parking lot)

Whole Foods, 650 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30308, directly behind the building (by the way they take just about everything and no sorting necessary!).

### Compact fluorescent light bulbs

Like all fluorescent bulbs, these contain mercury and other hazardous substances and should not go in your trash.

IKEA, 441 16th Street NW (Atlantic Station); 404/817-0438. Drop them off at the Returns desk.

Grady High School, 929 Charles Allen Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30309 (8th St. parking lot). Every third Saturday of the month, 8:00am-4:00pm. (See sidebar.)

### Computer components

Reboot Georgia. These folks use your castoff components to train people with disabilities in computer repair, then donate the refurbished equipment to non-profit organizations. However, they can only accept equipment of relatively recent vintage. Drop off or ship to 4508 Bibb Blvd., Suite B-10, Tucker, GA 30084. 770-934-8432; [kenwill2@bellsouth.net](mailto:kenwill2@bellsouth.net). See their website at <http://www.gatfl.org/reboot/default.htm> for a complete list of what they accept.

Grady High School, 929 Charles Allen Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30309 (8th Street parking lot) - Drop-off days every third Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (See sidebar.)

Decatur High School - Drop-off days twice a year, spring and fall

Zentech - Will pick up any amount for a fee. 404-551-5174 or [recycle@zentech.org](mailto:recycle@zentech.org); 109 West Lake Drive, Roswell, GA 30075; [www.zentech.org](http://www.zentech.org)

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### Cell phones, hearing aids & eyeglasses

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, 1775 Clairemont Road Decatur GA, 30033; 404/325-3630, 800/718-SITE(7483), or [www.lionslighthouse.org](http://www.lionslighthouse.org). The Lions have partnered with PaceButler Corp. to help women receive eye surgery using money from recycling cell phones. They donate the glasses and hearing aids to people who can't afford them.

### Other electronic equipment

Value Village Thrift Store, 3503 Memorial Dr. Decatur, GA 30032, and several other locations (asso-

ciated with the American Kidney Fund). They repair donated electronic equipment if possible, and recycle the rest. Please don't take them stuff you know can't be repaired.

### Gym shoes

Nike accepts all brands of old sneakers for recycling. Ship them to Nike Recycling Center c/o Reuse-A-Shoe, 2675 SW 95th Ave., Wilsonville OR 97070, or drop off at Niketown Atlanta, 3500 Peachtree Rd NE #A18; 404/841-6444.

### Batteries

Auto batteries can be recycled through any dealer. Rechargeable battery manufacturers have jointly funded a recycling program. The nearest participating centers are Lowe's and Office Depot at Edgewood Shopping Center, Moreland Ave. & Caroline St. More info: Environment, Health & Safety Online, [www.ehso.com](http://www.ehso.com). Grady High School accepts both regular and rechargeable alkaline batteries, third Saturday every month. (See sidebar.)

### Juice boxes

"Aseptic packaging" is a combination of paper, plastic and foil, used for soy milk, children's juice, soups etc. Please rinse before recycling.

Roswell Recycling Center, 11570 Maxwell Road, Roswell, GA 30075; 770-442-8822. They accept shipments or drop-offs if you're in the neighborhood (corner of Hembree Road and Maxwell Road).

### Clean dry plastic bags

Any Publix supermarket Roswell Recycling Center accepts shipments of these.

### Automotive oil

Any auto business that changes oil must recycle it, and most will accept yours if you change your own.

### Styrofoam

All clean styrofoam can be dropped off at FP International, 5800 Wheaton Dr. SW, in Gateway Industrial Park off Fulton Industrial Blvd., which is 1 exit past I-285 going west on I-20. Publix also accepts small items such as styrofoam trays and egg cartons.

**#6 plastic** (Most plastic cups, many takeout containers, etc.)

There does not seem to be anyone in Atlanta who accepts this common type of plastic except Paul Reece and Otis, "The Recycling Guy and His Dog," who make pickups in our neighborhood on Wednesdays. Call him at 404-401-9677.

### Major appliances & furniture

UnwantedAppliances, 1-888-886-9268 or [www.unwanted.com](http://www.unwanted.com). These folks will pick up anywhere north of I-20 five days a week. Drop-offs also accepted during business hours, but their warehouse is in Norcross. They



## Electronics and Cardboard Recycling at Grady High School

Third Saturday every month, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are 4/19, 5/17, 6/21, and 7/19. Grady High School, Keep Atlanta Beautiful and Midtown Neighbors' Association have teamed up to recycle electronics and cardboard. Look for the big Georgia E-Waste recycle truck in the parking lot on 8th Street.

### What they accept:

- Audio/visual equipment
  - Batteries (household)
  - Cell phones with or without battery
  - Coaxial cables
  - Computers, monitors, mice, keyboards, printers, scanners, cables, misc.
  - Peripherals
  - Copiers
  - Digital cameras
  - Fax machines
  - Ferrous & non-ferrous metals
  - Microwaves
  - Pagers
  - Palm Pilots
  - Projectors
  - Server Cabinets
  - Steel and alloy rims
  - Steel scrap
  - Stereo equipment, speakers, Walkmans, MP3 players Telephone systems Toner cartridges TVs, VCRs, DVD players, video game systems Vacuum cleaners Wire Wireless Devices
- Not Accepted:**
- Car Batteries
  - Furniture
  - Light Fixtures
  - Household Appliances
  - Lamps
  - Smoke Detectors
- You can recycle cardboard at this location every day, courtesy of Pratt Recycling.

also take electronics.

### Compost

Mother Earth accepts all organic matter. The simplest (and easiest) composting method is probably the following. Buy 8 or 10 feet of hogwire fencing, 4 or 5 feet tall. Link the ends into a circle and set it up on end. Place it in your yard in an out-of-the-way spot. But first, dig up the grass there to allow free access for earthworms. Collect bags of leaves in the fall, and completely cover each layer of com-

## Cooperative Recycling, Anyone?

Many of these items accumulate slowly in an individual household, and hauling small quantities to a recycling location produces a different kind of waste in the form of energy expenditure and pollution. Is anyone out there interested in helping to set up and maintain a neighborhood drop-off and collection point for #6 plastic, styrofoam, and other items on this list? Send an email to editor@lakeclaire.org, and let's set something up!

post with leaves. This smothers any bad smells as well as adding bulk to your compost. When your bin is full, "harvest" it by picking a new spot four or five feet away from its original position, digging up grass in the new spot, then tipping it over on its side, then over one more time so it stands upside-down, right on the newly cleared spot. It will carry with it any unfinished compost, and leave behind a neat pile of rich dark fertilizer. The next time it fills up, tip it over the opposite way so it ends up in its original spot. It's probably best not to recycle meat products.



### Happy B-Earth Day Native Waters Mural!

This time last year we had one of the biggest neighborhood parties ever to celebrate the completion of our latest and greatest neighborhood landmark. This photo is from that dedication celebration.

#### Reusable goods

Freecycle.com. A great resource for giving things away is Freecycle, a network of thousands of Yahoo groups in different localities. Like any Yahoo group, you can either receive every post, receive a daily digest of that day's posts, or visit the group's Yahoo site to see what's available. There is a metro Atlanta group, an inside-the-perimeter group, a North Georgia Group, and groups in several surrounding counties.

For Atlanta: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecycle-ATL>, or click on "Groups" on the Yahoo home page and do a search.

American Kidney Fund, 770-441-2220 or [www.akfpickup.org](http://www.akfpickup.org). You can schedule a pickup if you have a load. Once you get on their list, they will contact you when they do pickups in our area. You can also drop stuff off for them at any Value Village.

Lastly, something recently post-

ed on Craig's List:

ATLANTA METRO Looking to get rid of your old working computers, laptops and monitors, 1 or a 100. I will come by and take them away for free in the Atlanta Metro area. I am a retired computer tech who will rebuild them for needy kids. What ever I cannot fix, I will take them to the PC recycling center. A Million Thanks 770-977-4977. No answer please leave voice mail. 

## Land Trust Capital Campaign Needs Your Help

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is working to acquire the tree climbing lot on Arizona Ave. Due to the condition of the two White Oak trees, affectionately named Nimrod and Diana by Peter and Patty Jenkins owners of Tree Climbers International (TCI), TCI must find a new place to climb. Nimrod was taken down February 25th and Diana will probably follow some time this year or the next.

While we are sad to lose our fine

human neighbors and our gorgeous tree neighbors, this passage nonetheless offers a wonderful opportunity for the Land Trust (LT) to expand its holdings and preserve greenspace. The nearly 1/4 acre TCI lot extends almost all the way back to the shower area — a significant piece of land!

The Land Trust needs your help to purchase the land. The Land Trust is kicking off a capital campaign to fund the purchase of the

TCI lot as well as to fund other land acquisitions such as purchasing adjoining back yards. Our goal is to raise \$275,000 as soon as possible.

The LT was founded by a visionary group of neighbors who bought the land from MARTA and turned it into the wonderful haven that it is today. People come from all over to walk their dogs, play with their kids in the sand pile, garden, enjoy the greenspace, the sunsets and

the shade of the magnificent trees; and to celebrate community through festivals, craft fairs, drum circles, taking saunas and sharing food.

Your contribution will protect the Tree Climbing lot from development and ensure preservation of vital bird habitat and green-space.

Contributions can be made payable to the Frank Foundation which is run by Erica Frank, formerly of Lake Claire Co-housing Community. The Frank Foundation has generously offered to act as the fiduciary agent of the Land Trust until the LT receives its own 501c3 status.

All donations are tax deductible. Please make check payable to Frank Foundation and write "for land conservation" on check. Be sure to include your address so we can write you a letter of acknowledgement. Send completed donation form to 1838 New York Ave, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Please, give generously! Thank you from all of the Land Trust Board of Directors:

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Any amount between \$10 and \$200,000 is welcomed!

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Make checks payable to Frank Foundation. Specify "For LCCLT land conservation" on check

Mail check and donation slip to: 1838 New York Ave, Atlanta, GA 30307

\* Check here if you do not wish to receive a thank you gift. Forgoing your gift allows more money to go to the actual purchase of the land. No thanks! \_\_\_\_\_

**Support Your Local Land Trust! Donate now to help us reach our \$275,000 goal!**

## **City Announces \$50 & \$100 Toilet Rebates**

*City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management, 55 Trinity Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303*

### **\$1 Million Toilet Rebate program for Atlanta Residents**

Mayor Shirley Franklin proposed and the Atlanta City Council approved an allocation of \$1 million rebate program for Atlanta residents to replace older, water-wasting toilets with new, low-flow models. Today, the Council authorized the City to participate in a metro-wide toilet rebate program to be administered by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (the District). The money authorized by the individual jurisdictions will be offered as rebates to the customers of each jurisdiction. The City's \$1 million contribution could fund as many as 12,000 rebates to Atlanta residents. "Atlanta is making a major commitment to this project," said Mayor Franklin.

"We are putting our money on the line for a program that we believe will ultimately prove beneficial not just for our City, but for all of North Georgia. This program, along with the MOST which was reauthorized by the voters on February 5th, will enable residents to conserve water and save money on their water bills."

"Toilets are the largest water users and water wasters in the average home," DWM Commissioner Robert Hunter said. "Through this program, we hope to encourage our customers to replace their inefficient toilets with new water-saving models. Doing so will not only lower their water/sewer bills, it will also help Atlanta conserve water in this serious, ongoing drought."

#### **To receive a rebate, Atlanta water/sewer customers must:**

Live in or rent a residence that was built prior to 1993 and have fixtures not currently in compliance with current water efficiency plumbing code standards;

Have a water account in good standing with one of the participating utilities;

Purchase and install a toilet from an approved list of 1.6- or 1.28-gallon-per-flush (gpf) toilets;

Provide the District with their most recent water/sewer bill; and

Provide the District with proof of purchase (showing make, model, flow rate and installation.)

Customers who replace their old toilets with 1.6-gpf toilets can receive a \$50 rebate, and those who install 1.28-gpf toilets can receive a \$100 rebate. There is a limit of two rebates per household. Only toilets purchased after September 27, 2007, are eligible.

Toilets purchased prior to 1993 use between 3.5 and seven gpf. There are an estimated 46,000 structures within Atlanta's service area with pre-1993 toilets. Replacing a 3.5-gpf toilet with a 1.6-gpf model saves about two gallons a flush or 54 percent of an average household's water use. Replacing a 7-gpf toilet with a 1.6-gpf model saves 5.4 gallons a flush or 77 percent of an average household's use.

For information about Atlanta's Toilet Rebate Program, go to [www.northgeorgiawater.com](http://www.northgeorgiawater.com) or call 404-463-8645 (M-F, 8 am - 5 pm) for an application. For eligibility requirements and information on how to get your FREE Water Saving Kit, go to [www.atlantawatershed.org](http://www.atlantawatershed.org) or call 404 546-1264.



## **Cat Litter Alternatives**

*By Troy Nielsen*

Cat owners are familiar with the daily scooping and sifting known as "cleaning the litter box". I recently became aware of two environmental impacts from the manufacture and disposal of common clumping litter. Here are the impacts and one of many alternatives. Cat litter clumps because of the super-absorbent material "sodium bentonite" (commonly called "natural clay"). Many sources indicate that sodium bentonite is strip mine, which is a devastating way to cull material from the earth.

With about 30 million indoor cats in the US, the amount of litter sent to landfills is staggering. According to the Bureau of Waste Management, billions of pounds of litter are sent to landfills every year.

What to do? There are many options, each with their own advantages and disadvantages. You can purchase litter made from newspaper, straw, or corn cobs. These products tend to be expensive and of course you have to haul it home from the store. As an alternative, I've been shredding junk mail, newspapers, etc. and using it as litter. Shreds from a cross-cut shredder produce better results than shreds in long strips. While paper is not as absorbent as litter, it will handle your kitty's business just fine. Be sure to dump out and replace all of the paper every day. Also wipe the bottom of the box before refilling. If your cat has really smelly waste, sprinkle baking soda on the fresh paper. This method may not work for all cats, but our review board of ten indoor cats gave shredded paper litter a "two paws up!" 

## **Home Performance with Energy Star**

*Courtesy of: United States Environmental Protection Agency and United States Department of Energy*

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# my big AMAZING renovation

## HGTV in Atlanta!

Check this out ... Sent to Lake Claire for our consideration. HGTV Kicks Off Its Second Season in Atlanta!

One of HGTV's newest weekly series, "My Big Amazing Renovation," is coming to Atlanta, and surrounding areas to film BIG, AMAZING, renovations! Each half-hour episode features some of the most incredible renovations throughout the country and the inspiring homeowners who roll up their sleeves and transform their current home into their dream home!

They are currently looking for homeowners who are:

- \* Just starting a major renovation
- \* Are doubling the size of their house
- \* Are transforming the original space including the kitchen
- \* Have several unique design projects planned for the renovation
- \* Have a set budget and time frame for the completion of the renovation
- \* Are passionate about their renovation, and eager to share their experience with others.

The series will premiere this fall and is produced for HGTV by High Noon Entertainment in Denver, CO. You can learn more about High Noon Entertainment by visiting our website at [www.highnoonentertainment.com](http://www.highnoonentertainment.com).

Homeowners who would like to be considered for the program should contact Sara Adams at (303) 712-3125 or email at [SAdams@highnoonentertainment.com](mailto:SAdams@highnoonentertainment.com)

## Thinking about a hybrid car?

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Buying a hybrid isn't the only way to reduce your car's impact on the environment. Changing your driving habits can increase your vehicle's fuel efficiency and reduce its carbon emissions while keeping you safer on the road. Here's how:

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## Energy Star continued

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of food or litter, or help us find loving temporary and permanent homes. There are so many positions to play on our team -- even one hour a week is a great way to get the joy of love that we give. If you want to help doggies, our pet lover friend Dawn Aura can connect you to that noisy wagging tailed bunch, too. Her phone is 404-378-6815 and her email is [dawnaquamarine@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnaquamarine@yahoo.com). The website for the group is [www.animalactionrescue.org](http://www.animalactionrescue.org). Hope to meet you soon -- we could use some petting!

## Mew . . . we're waiting for yew!

(at Animal Action Rescue)

*By Dawn Aura*

Hello, we are the kitties in the cat room at our vet's, Dearborn Animal Clinic. We have been taken in by their rescue group, Animal Action Rescue. Some of us are happy, some of us have "cat attitudes" and some of us are shy. Living here at our clinic in Avondale are young cuddly kittens, beautiful adults, and some special needs kitties, in a rainbow of colors and fur. We would love for you to be on our kitty team of volunteers to play with us, love us, feed us, put our beautiful pictures online, bring us bags

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## Reduce Mailbox Clutter with Catalog Choice

*By Susan Davis*

Are you burdened by too many catalogs in the mail? Catalog Choice is an easy to use, free web-based service that lets consumers decide which catalogs you actually want to receive and which ones you would like to banish forever from your mailbox.

This is not the only service I have used to try to control the glut of catalogs that I get, but it is the easiest, the most comprehensive, and the most successful. I started the catalog shedding process right before Christmas and I have declined over 70 catalogs. I am noticing a definite reduction in unwanted contents of my mailbox.

Catalog Choice works with mail order companies as well as consumers. In fact, LL Bean and Lands End are sponsors. According to their web site, "Catalog Choice is a sponsored project of the Ecology Center. It is endorsed by the National Wildlife Federation and the Natural Resources Defense Council, and funded by the Overbrook Foundation, the Merck Family Fund, and the Kendeda Fund. The mission of Catalog Choice is to reduce the number of repeat and unsolicited catalog mailings, and to promote the adoption of sustainable industry best practices. We aim to

accomplish this by freely providing the Catalog Choice services to both consumers and businesses. Consumers can indicate which catalogs they no longer wish to receive, and businesses can receive a list of consumers no longer wanting to receive their catalogs."

The Catalog Choice web site is speedy and easy to use. Register with your name, email address, and a password. The web site keeps up with which catalogs you have declined and which ones have removed your name or are in process. It's easy to tell at a glance if any company is still sending you a catalog after they claimed to have removed your name. You report this to Catalog Choice and they contact the company.

Take a few minutes to read the instructions before you start declining so that you get the maximum service. For example, it's easy to enter variants of your name and address with pull downs and to enter a second name at the same address. And, if you take the time to enter the customer number from each catalog, you greatly enhance your chances of being removed, regardless of name or address variants.

Do it now! It takes about 10 weeks for the removals to take effect. What to do with all those catalogs while you are waiting to be free? Recycle them with City of Atlanta curbside and also at the Emory recycling center by the CVS on North Decatur. www.catalogchoice.org

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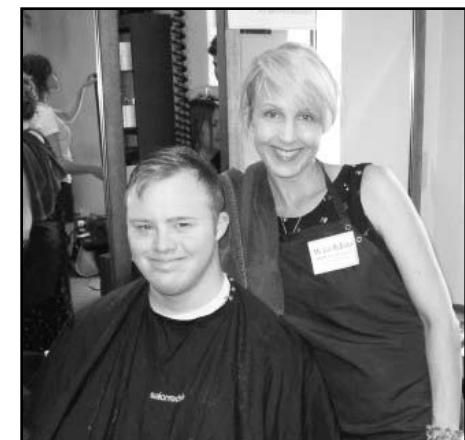
## Decatur Salon gives Royal Treatment to DeKalb Students

*By Gloria Owczarski*

Salon Red is hosting its fifth annual "Day of Beauty" for some very special, Special Needs children including those with Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and Autism.

On April 21st, Salon Red will be offering to these students and their teachers the opportunity to get their hair colored, cut, updos, manicures, facial waxing, makeovers and chair massages and new this year, makeovers; absolutely free.

Imagine waking up on a Monday morning knowing that your day will involve a five-hour pampering session; well, this was the case for many DeKalb County School System teachers and students. On a fieldtrip this week, 65 students and teachers traveled to downtown Decatur to participate in DeKalb Exceptional Education's Fourth Annual Day of Beauty. Hosted by SalonRed and Spa in Decatur, the Day of Beauty provided DeKalb's students with disabilities an opportunity to receive full-salon services from hair cuts, to hi-light hair coloring, manicures, massages and more. With over 25 volunteer stylists and estheticians from the metropolitan Atlanta area providing the pampering, DeKalb's special education teachers and coaches were able to share in the spa experience with students too. "The students love it; they pose, model and show you their nails! It's fun, we love it," said Gloria Owczarski, a SalonRed stylist, mastermind and organizer of the Day of Beauty. Owczarski explained that in order to "spread the love," each year, the Day of Beauty services students from different DeKalb Schools—with this year Druid Hills, Stone Mountain and Avondale High School students being



the blessed beneficiaries. With sponsorship from local eateries and grocery stores, the day was made more special with a large lunch spread full of delectable favorites. Pamela Roberts and Boni Powell, DeKalb Exceptional Education liaisons, said the Day of Beauty is one the students won't soon forget. "They will talk about it on the bus, they will talk about it at school and at home," Powell and Roberts said of the students who are already excited to make hand-made thank you cards for all the stylists who participated in the event.

Next year, the Exceptional Education department and SalonRed hope to expand the event—involving multiple salons in DeKalb to accommodate more students.

Sixty students and teachers participated last year. About 80 total participants are anticipated this year.

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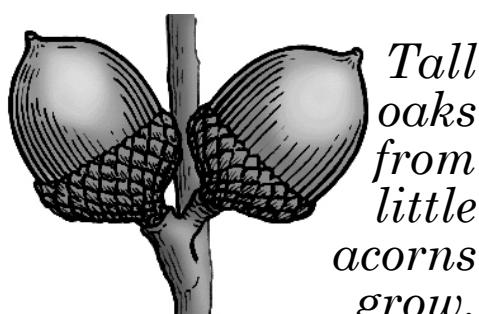
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—Anonymous

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Registration packets will be distributed, and members of the Front Office Staff will be on hand to accept registrations for your up-and-coming Kindergartner!

In order to pre-register your Kindergartner for the 2008-09 school year, you will need the following items:

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## Lured to the Lake...

WELCOME to Amelia Burke Stevens, born January 21, 2008 to Cara Gasses and David Stevens of Leonardo Avenue. She looks like she's going to stay awhile!

## Continuing Series: From Lake Claire to the Heights of Mount Everest



From Lake Claire to the Top of the Earth! Jim Curtin makes his sojourn to Mount Everest.

### Travel Itinerary:

Flight to Nepal:  
Depart Atlanta March 28  
Arrive Kathmandu March 30  
Flight Home:  
Depart Kathmandu June 1  
Arrive Atlanta June 2

## The Tigers of Everest

*From the blog of Jim Curtin*

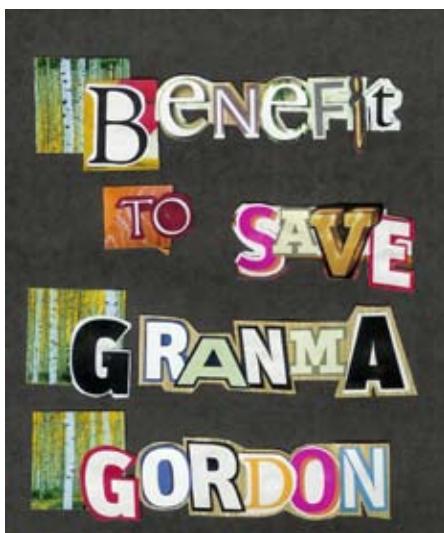
To most people, the name "Sherpa" conjures up images of a hardy-looking porter who diligently carries heavy loads up Mount Everest for mountaineers seeking to make it to the top of the peak.

Were it not for Sherpas, however, the successes that exist today for mountaineers on Everest would not have taken place. Sherpas'

knowledge and experiences, combined with their natural physiological ability to thrive at high altitude, made them the force behind all the significant summits of the world's tallest mountain. The strength and prowess of Sherpas allowed heavy loads of supplies to be hauled up to the high-camps on Everest as climbers push for the summit.

Sherpas, however, literally translate to "People of the East" because they are Tibetans who originated from eastern Himalaya to settle in what is called the "gateway" to the south side of Mount Everest. Prior to outsiders' interest in scaling Everest, Sherpas were traders, farmers and herders. They were Buddhists and animists who believed the mountain was considered sacred and the people had no interest in climbing it.

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## Update: Last Greenspace on DeKalb Avenue

While the appeal to the City of Atlanta was denied, the process will continue through the Superior Court and trees will have further temporary protection. The Granma Gordon Green-space fund is now set up through Park Pride – and all donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. You can donate online by going to [www.parkpride.org](http://www.parkpride.org) and clicking on "donate" at the top. Be sure to choose the box for a specific project and type in "Granma Gordon Greenspace". You can also mail in checks made out to "Park Pride - Granma Gordon Green-space".

On April 19th (Saturday) there will be a **huge yard sale** at Pete's Garage on DeKalb Avenue from 9 am to 6 pm to benefit this effort. Please come by and show your support!

If anyone has ideas as to where we may find funding to save the land to make it into a pocket park for pedestrians and cyclists, Granma Gordon would appreciate it. For any of the above contact Teri Stewart with questions at 404-370-1003.

What's so special about one more tree? Teri Stewart explains it in a portion of the appeal she wrote which will be included in next month's issue. It is a compelling piece.

### *Mount Everest continued*

However, when Westerners began showing up to try their luck at summing the high peak, the role of porter and partner for these outsiders translated into an economic and financial boost for Sherpas and their high-altitude communities. The work, however, also pits them against deadly situations on the mountain. Many Sherpas have paid with their lives to go on the treacherous journey. Despite the associated dangers, though, mountaineering continues to be a part of Sherpa lifestyle and livelihood. For some Sherpas, it's an aspiration to be recognized among the best in their line of work.

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