Sealed lids are becoming widely re-usable “travel cups” with well-tightened lids. Just Say No To Styrofoam.

Benita Carr, and Sagor
Submitted by: Evan Levy, July 2008

Update: Expanding Lake Claire Park

Keep your fingers crossed. Lake Claire Park might grow in size by 18%! Many residents are not aware that the wooded land and stream to the north of the park—with forested trails to Marlbrook Drive and The Frazer Center—are in fact privately owned. Thanks to our District Council Member Natalyn Archibong, Citywide Council Member Mary Norwood, in fact privately owned. Thanks to our District Council Member Natalyn Archibong, Citywide Council Member Mary Norwood, the city is pursuing acquisition of this land to expand the park, protect the watershed, and help preserve an ecological corridor. The Conservation Fund has agreed to step in and help negotiate securing the land for future transfer to the City of Atlanta. Many thanks to all of you who responded to the call for support and helped let the City know we’d like to protect the land and grow the park. One goal of the acquisition would be for the enlarged Lake Claire Park to become a protected link in the biological corridor that extends through the Frazer Center property, the Olmsted Linear Parks, the Fernbank Forest, and protected areas of woods on the Emory campus. Fernbank’s old growth urban forest environment is the largest in any metro area.

Lean, Mean and Green...

Tips for Greener Living in Lake Claire

Just Say No To Styrofoam
By Stephen Wing

Re-usable “travel cups” with well-sealed lids are becoming widely used among coffee drinkers. But what about food? I always carry a selection of re-usable “Tupperware”-type plastic containers with lids in my car. Many restaurants will accept them as a substitute for styrofoam or plastic take-out boxes. (The restaurants that don’t, I cross off my take-out list.) The containers also come in handy to carry home leftovers at the end of a dine-in meal.

Are you interested in participating in a neighborhood effort to collect recyclables Atlanta’s curbside program doesn’t accept? We have found a way to recycle two such items: styrofoam and #6 plastic (most plastic cups and many takeout containers). Since most people don’t accumulate these very fast, it makes sense to set up a neighborhood collection point. Volunteers are also needed to maintain the collection point.

Let the Clarion know if you’re interested in participating at editor@lakeclaire.org.

B*ATL: An Explosion of Food, Fun and History
July 18-20

July 22nd will mark the 144th Anniversary of the historic Civil War Battle of Atlanta. To commemorate the important event, the neighborhoods in Atlanta’s 5th Council District have teamed up to organize B*ATL on the weekend of July 18th-20th. The battlefield is actually in these neighborhoods where people live and work and play today. This will not only be an event of remembrance but also one with fun for everyone including: a Gala Dinner and House Tour, a 5K run, Van and Walking Tours, a re-creation of the Frontlines with Re-enactment Soldiers and artillery, a Civil War Village for civil re-enactors, magic, music and dramatic performances, shopping and dining in East Atlanta and Kirkwood and more!!

Leading off the weekend will be a gala evening at Kemp-Castle House in the East Lake Neighborhood. The home is a marvelous example of an award-winning renovated farmhouse from the turn of the 20th century. The Gala Dinner will feature barbeque, libations, and entertainment on Friday evening, July 18th. Kim and Craig Castle, present owners of Kemp - Castle House, will host the event. In July of 1864 soldiers traversed this area during the Battle of Atlanta. Current residents have planned this event to celebrate the surviving plantation home and the New South development that began soon after the battle took place there. Join other history lovers as the Harrisons were pre- pared to open their home for an evening of history, celebration, good food provided by Southern Traditions and bluegrass music.

The gala, beginning at 7:30 pm, is just one of the weekend’s events to commemorate the 144th anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta. The Kemp-Castle House has literally come a long way over the years...it even traveled from Kennesaw not too long ago. Shortly before its relocation, the farmhouse, which had been constructed in 1900, was slated for demolition. Sylvia and Charlie Harrison of East Lake and owners of nearby Meadow Nook (one of Atlanta’s few antebellum homes), fell in love with the house as they drove back and forth to visit Sylvia’s sister. They purchased the house and had it painstakingly moved to its current location.

To make room for modern conveniences and expand the house, a second floor was added. Exterior siding and wood flooring original to the house clad the interior walls and floors respectively. For their efforts in remaining true to the historic character of the home, the Harrisons were presented with an Atlanta Urban Design Commission award in 2000 for historic adaptation.

Tickets are available in East Atlanta at Traders and from East Lake’s Peach State Realty, Inc. Individual tickets are $45 and a table for 10 can be purchased for $400. Menu for the 2008 B*ATL Gala at the Kemp-Castle House*

Spicy Southern Cheddar Pecan Cheese Ring cooled with Strawberry Chutney

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Lake Claire Spring
Progressive Dinner

By Diane Moore, President, Lake Claire Neighborhood Association

Fabulous food and new friends
were on the menu for Lake Claire’s first spring Progressive Dinner. Our first stop for appetizers
was the Arizona Co-housing commons. I could hear the voices of party goers as I approached
the commons and was pleasantly surprised as I entered the room.
Lots of people and lots of energy.
I knew immediately that this
was going to be fun. The commons at Arizona Co-housing was
the perfect place for a party and
it was obvious that the co-housing
group are social veterans.
This kid-friendly event was off to
a great start thanks to the organizing efforts of Tom Chapel.
I was reluctant to break up this spirited group but it was time
to go to our next stop. We traveled
through the light rain to Lakeshore Drive and the beautiful
home of Cindy Davis. I had always been curious to see the
inside of this house and was just
blown away. The house had so
much old world charm and the garden area was a slice of paradise.
The Progressive Dinner was set up so that everyone who
attended brought a dish to share
at one of the houses. The main course was served here and the offerings spanned from vegetarian
shepard’s pie to homemade pizza to roasted chicken and on
and on. Plates were filled more than once, recipes discussed,
and the lively conversation continued
until it was time to go to our final stop on McLendon Avenue—the
home of Lex Gilbert and husband
Bruce.
Like Cindy, Lex and Bruce were
also new to the neighborhood.
Also, like Cindy, their house was
impeccably furnished. (I made a mental note to clean my house the next day.) We all wanted a
tour of their home and information
about the interesting art displayed
throughout. Lex obliged and we followed our guide while
nibbling desserts. The tour ended
upstairs and, to our surprise, in
Bruce’s music studio. More coffee and desserts were enjoyed in the studio while we listened to Bruce perform. It was the perfect ending to the evening.

Many thanks to everyone who attended and especially to Tom Chapel of Arizona Co-housing, Cindy Davis, and Lex Gilbert and husband Bruce for sharing their homes.

It was so much fun! I would like to organize another Lake Claire Progressive Dinner — anyone interested? If so, please contact Diane Moore at president@lakeclaire.org
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Next LCN Meeting
Thursday, July 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. Everyone is welcome!

Box Tops for Education
Do you ever notice those tiny emblems on the tops (or bottoms) of bake mixes and other shelf food items that say “Box Tops for Education”? You’d like to pass them on but aren’t sure what to do? They really are worth valuable merchandise for our schools. Our own Mary Lin Elementary School collects and uses them to purchase things like classroom supplies and media center furnishings. If you are wanting to help, please clip the box or pouch tops/bottoms with the emblem and you can drop them off at Mary Lin Elementary, OR at 431 Harold Ave. (on the front porch in the Lake Claire Drop Box) and we will make sure they get to Mary Lin.

Squeezing Energy out of every drop
The Union of Concerned Scientists tells us that dropping from 70 to 60 mph improves fuel efficiency by an average of 17.2 percent. Dropping from 75 to 55 improves fuel efficiency by 30.6 percent! (3) Put another way, in a family sedan, every 10 mph you drive over 60 is like paying 54 cents per gallon more for gas you bought at $3.25 a gallon. (4) That extra cost is even higher for big SUVs and other less-efficient vehicles.

Find a 300-mile trip, driving 65 instead of 70 mph would cost you only 20 minutes — but save money and spew less carbon.

Lake Claire Clarion @ www.LakeClaire.org
Goodbye Base Camp May 27; 5:59am Base Camp

Good morning. It’s May 27, early morning here. Good news is that we have all safely made it to base camp. We’re now in process of packing up our things as we’ll be heading down the Khumbu Valley on a three day route to Kathmandu. Today, thick air, green grass, and warmer temperatures.

We have all safely made it to base camp this past May before descending from Mount Everest.

Jim Curtin journals about his time at base camp this past May - so the lower elevations.

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Have you pitched in?

Neighbors Who Have Paid Their 2008 Dues:

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You can join these generous Lake Clairians by visiting www.lake-claire.org and sending in your dues today! Many thanks to all those who support Lake Claire in so many ways! 👍

Mark your Calendars

July 4 – Independence Day
Enjoy fireworks at Centennial Olympic Park, Lenox Square, and Turner Field – or from your own rooftop!

July 5 – Drum Circle, Lake Claire Land Trust

July 5 - Full Moon
July 19 - Drum Circle, Lake Claire Land Trust

July 19 - Public Art Safari Tour
Bicycle tour of Public Art, starts at the Grant Park Cyclorama
9 am - 1 pm. www.pba.org/programming/programs/newgenre/


August 11 – Monday - Atlanta Public Schools FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2008-2009

From Grammaw Gordon’s Family Fun Fest

The Chili Contest winner is Texas Ranch House Chili!

Four great chilies competed. This was a blind test; judges did not know who made which chili. Approximately 25 judges paid $5 each for the honor of judging. All the chilies received votes and the winner was Texas Ranch House Chili. From Teri Stewart’s kitchen to yours, enjoy this winning recipe.

Texas Ranch House Chili

Two days ahead, soak 2 cups red kidney beans at room temperature. If they start to sprout, even better. Rinse before adding to chili.

One large chuck roast, chopped and browned in ¼ c. bacon grease.

Chop and add:
1 c. celery
2 c. onion
1 c. mushrooms
2 ½ T garlic
1 seeded Jalapeno pepper

When this is lightly browned, add beans and the following:
½ tsp. crushed red pepper
Dash of Habanero pepper
½ T paprika
2 beef bullion cubes
2 c. water
2 T Worcestershire Sauce
¼ tsp ground cumin
¼ tsp coriander
1 large can crushed tomatoes
1 small can tomato sauce
2 bottles of beer or equal amount of brewed coffee

Simmer on low heat about 2 hours or until tender. Mash lightly with a potato masher. Stir and adjust seasonings if necessary.

This is also good in tacos or over rice. Chow down, y’all!

Already have I
once been a boy
and a girl, and a
bush and a bird,
and a silent fish
in the sea.
– Empedocles

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Freedom Park Garden Spring (almost Summer) Update

By Carol Vanderschaaf

Mockingbirds overthrown—bluebirds rule! Yes, the mockingbirds have been pushed off of their perch on the bluebird box and the bluebirds have established a nest! And the bluebirds were feeding young this week. The robins also have crowded the mockers off the birdbath. The garden is no longer mockingbird hill—trn la.

Now in bloom: Wine cups, Purple Coneflowers, St. John’s Wort, currently in bloom:

their perch on the bluebird box

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the mockers off the birdbath.
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mockingbird hill—trn la.

What is new:

Their favorite nectar
ranges throughout the southern
United States, usually occurring
in force this month. The
Cabbage White (Artogeia rapae)
and Gulf Fritillary (Agraulis va
nillea) are frequenting garden
areas even as I write. Cabbage
Whites are hereby ousted as non
native, having been introduced
in Canada in 1860. They’ve since
spread out all over North Ameri
can. They’re those white butterflies
(about 1 1/2 inches in size) with
one or two white spots on their
wings and slightly charcoal wing
tips. The Gulf Fritillary, about 2
1/2 inches in size, is a bright or
ange butterfly with black spots,
ranging throughout the southern
United States. Its favorite nectar
plants are phlox and lantana.

Highlighted Plant: St. John’s Wort
(Hypericum frondosum) St.
John’s Worts in the garden. St.
John’s Wort has been used as a
treatment for depression and is
also said to help in decreasing al
cohol intake.

Workday 6-6-08: Volunteers Bob Sattelmeyer, Cecilia Mar
tero, Pandra Williams, Dorothy Dabbs and Phil Edwards and I
watered and weeded the garden and cleaned the adjoining side
walk. Also twenty new plant
markers were added. Pandra had
invited Connie Gray, Ecological Resource Specialist with DeKalb
County, to see the garden.

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Freedom - Continued on page 7
Winter construction is over, and endless summer swimming has begun at Candler Park Pool!

Candler Park Pool Make-Over

By Donna Palmer

If you got a chance to see the pool this past winter – or rather where the pool used to be before the bull dozers were brought in and turned it into a science fiction landscape – you’ll be pleased to know that the pool is now totally refurbished, filled with sparkling clean water and there is no longer a flood of H2O streaming from the defunct pump. Truly a miracle.

Our pool has had a total overhaul with upgrades to nearly every feature...pool deck, pool house, pool pump. All this and no increase in admission! Cool summer fun costs only $2 for adults or $1 for seniors (over 50) and kids (6-12). Children under 6 are free with the admission of an accompanying adult. And you bargain shoppers can choose to buy an annual pool pass for $90...$45 for seniors.

Pool Hours
Mon-Fri 9 am -1 pm Swim C amps and Groups
Mon-Fri 1:30 pm – 4 pm Free Swim
Mon-Fri 4 pm – 8 pm Open to the Public
Sat-Sun Noon – 8 pm Open to the Public

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me. If you happen to be passing the garden, feel free to deadhead the flowers or pull up some crab grass or other weeds. Or, if you have an extra gallon of gray water, our plants can always use a cool drink (couldn’t we all?).

Good links:
www.ecoaddendum.org. This is a link to Ecoaddendum; a project to bring native plants back to the Metro Atlanta area, spearheaded by Pandora Williams.

www.caes.uga.edu/publications/

Thanks to Tom Painter for info about this link to a guide to native plants of Georgia—most useful. Once you get to the site, type in “B987” (the publication number) in the appropriate area.

Thanks for your time and good gardening, good birding and good butterflying to all!

Morning Art School

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112 Church Street  Decatur, Georgia
Urban Warming Study: major cities heating up faster
By Kimberly Link-Willa

Director and Managing Editor of Alumni Publications, Georgia Tech Alumni Association

Associate professor Brian Stone’s research shows that an average July day in Atlanta in 2100 could be as high as 112 degrees. Are large cities warming at a faster rate than the rest of the planet? Brian Stone, an associate professor in city and regional planning in Tech’s College of Architecture [and Lake Claire resident], says they are. Stone’s research points to “an increase in the rate of urban warming more than 30 percent greater than the rate of rural warming.” He shared the findings in April as part of the Tuesday Talks series hosted by the Georgia Tech Library and Information Center. “Most of our attention today is focused exclusively on greenhouse gases. Very little attention is given to land surface changes,” said Stone, who earned his doctorate in city and regional planning at Tech in 2001. “Carbon dioxide is very slow to be removed from the at-

Brian, Stone

mosphere,” Stone pointed out. “If you want to cool down cities, the places where the majority of the global population now resides, reducing greenhouse gas emissions is a long-term strategy. Strategies focused on revegetation and surface reflectivity are likely to cool cities much faster than greenhouse gas controls.”

Typically, temperature data is garnered from rural weather stations, said Stone, who drew from records in large urban areas, including Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. He used weather data from 1950 to 2000 in 50 of the 60 most populous U.S. regions. According to Stone’s documentation, “The actual magnitude of warming in urban areas is likely to be much greater than that forecast by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, greatly elevating the need for climate-responsive design strategies to counteract the impact.” Currently, an average July day in Atlanta is 89 degrees, Stone said. His calculations project the temperature on that same day in Atlanta in 2100 could be as high 112 degrees Fahrenheit, assuming trends continue. “This presents a serious public health challenge, serious public health issues,” said Stone, who asserted that annually more fatalities on average are attributable to heat waves than to hurricanes or tornadoes. City planners, builders and homeowners could help increase surface reflectivity by using lighter colors of asphalt and roofing materials, said Stone, who pointed to the black shingles typical in North America. “A lot of it is driven by cultural preference,” he said.

“It makes very little sense to do that in a place like Atlanta.” Atlanta is rapidly losing trees to asphalt, Stone said, asserting that the region should follow Los Angeles’ lead and adopt its campaign to plant a million trees throughout the city. “You could significantly cool down cities by planting trees and using highly reflective materials,” he said. Stone also recommends reducing lot sizes in the suburbs. “The displacement of forested areas by the expansive lawns and large houses of low-density development serves to increase surface heat production. Lawns are better than driveways and streets in reducing temperatures, but they’re not as effective as the naturally forested areas they displace.”

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The Lake Claire shop
www.lakeclaire.org
July 2008
Lake Claire Security Report

– Compiled by VP-Public Safety, Sheila Viniciguerra

May-June 2008 Crime Statistics (Weeks 20-23)

KEEP AN EYE ON THE CRIME AND THE TIME!

AUTO THEFT

Tues. – 5/13- Wed. 5/14
500 block Claire Dr
Victim states someone stole his vehicle after he parked it on the street. The vehicle is 1994 green Toyota.

Friday – 5/16- afternoon
500 block Terrace Ave NE
Victim stated he left his vehicle running while he was doing work in the backyard. When he returned, the vehicle was gone. The vehicle is a 1994 white Ford F150 truck.

Mon. 5/26- morning
1600 blk. McLendon Ave
Parking lot
Victim stated she locked her keys in the vehicle and was walking home when the suspect drove past her in it. She states the suspect brought the vehicle back the next day and dropped her keys off with the manager of the restaurant where she works. The suspect told the manager that he went for a joyride in the vehicle. Victim states property was missing from the vehicle.
Taken: $5 cash, cigarettes
Suspect: “Dave”

LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE (car break-ins)

Sat. 5/17-morning
1600 blk Maribrook Dr
Residence
Someone smashed the passenger side window on the victim’s vehicle and removed property.
Taken: I Pod, GPS
Prints attempted

Tues. 5/13- Wed. 5/14
1200 blk. McLendon Ave NE
Victim states someone smashed his rental vehicle’s passenger side window and removed property.
Taken: Garmin GPS
Prints attempted

Fri. 5/30-Sat. 5/31 overnight
1300 blk. DeKalb Ave NE
Residence
Victim states someone removed the radio from his vehicle.
Taken: JVC stereo
Prints attempted

Fri. 5/30-Fri. 6/6
600 blk. Hardendorf Ave NE
Residence
Victim states someone removed the decal from her vehicle’s license plate.
Taken: DMV Decal

Sat. 6/7-morning
1200 blk McLendon Ave NE
Parking lot
Victim states someone smashed her vehicle’s front passenger side window and removed property.
Taken: I pod
Prints recovered, turned in to ID

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (home break-ins)

Tues. 5/13- day
1300 blk. DeKalb Ave NE
Residence
Front door pried open
Victim states someone pried open his front door, entered his home, and removed property.
Taken: 27” flat screen TV, Jewelry
Prints attempted

Thurs. 5/15- daytime
1200 blk. DeKalb Ave NE
Apartment
Door window smashed
Victim states someone smashed the window in her front door by throwing a brick through it, entered her home, and removed property. One of the victim’s bed sheets was used to carry the items out of the home.
A cell phone that didn’t belong to the victim was located in the garage.
Taken: 46” flat screen TV, Digital Camera, Guitar, MP3 player, Ipod speaker, Dell lap top, Camcorder, Art work, CD’s

LARCENY OTHER (Theft)

Wed. 4/28-daytime
400 blk Sutherland Pl NE
Residence
Victim states someone stole her outgoing mail which contained a $500 check. Someone counterfeited the checks and used them to pay the suspects, and shop online at Wal-Mart.
Taken: Mail

Flicks on 5th returns this summer to 5th Street at Technology Square in Midtown with an incredible lineup of the years’ blockbuster titles including: I am Legend, Horton Hears a Who, The Bourne Ultimatum, Hairspray, Superbad and 21. This free summer movie series starts at dusk (approx. 9pm) every Wednesday evening starting June 11 through July 23 (no showing on July 4th week). This year 5th Street will be closed between Spring Street and Techwood Drive so guests can bring their own blankets and chairs for viewing and dining. Moviegoers can eat in or carry out dinner at any of the many restaurants located on 5th Street at Technology Square. The event is scheduled rain or shine. Please leave coolers, umbrellas, grills and pets at home. Hourly parking is available in the surface lot at 5th and Spring Streets across from Barnes & Noble and the parking deck adjacent to the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center on Spring Street. For a more detailed movie schedule, please visit www.flicksonfifth.gatech.edu or call 404-894-2805.

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The Conscientious Gardener
By Gay Arnieri

Are you tired of hearing about my garden yet? I’d love to hear about yours. Personally, I am particularly interested in hearing about your veggie gardening. I’ve had limited success due to access issues this season and my back just won’t allow me to do a lot of what needs to be done this year. So I’d rather hear about your gardening. I will tell you that my corn did come up and I’ve had a few ears of absolutely delicious Silver Queen corn on the cob. If I had more time watching over it at an earlier stage I think the production quantity would have been much better. Lettuce has done particularly well also, I have watered twice from the sprinkler thus far though I’m trying very hard to keep water use low. Even though water restrictions have been eased a bit, I have been acting like they are unchanged and I use rainwater to supplement for container plants and thirstier plants in the veggie garden. I think it would be fun to swap crops. By that I mean if you have an overabundance of something and I have a lot of something else, let’s swap. Now that I say that, I can’t think of anything I have an overabundance of this year. I know if I had more corn I’d get plenty of takers. Maybe for next year some of us could get together and plan to grow what we enjoy growing the most, then swap out crops to even out what we consume. That would be like starting an urban veggie co-op. Did anyone see the TV news item about the guy in California that turned his urban average-sized yard into a working farm, producing enough to feed his family and sell to local restaurants? Inspiring.

I like the idea of bringing practical agriculture to the city. It’s the epitome of carrying out the principle that less transportation to market is “greener”. How efficient is that? Any takers? editor@lakeclaire.org

Recycle My Old Fridge Campaign

Energy Star invites members of the Freecycle to check out two cool contests from the 2008 Recycle My Old Fridge Campaign for a chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C. Through July 28, the Video Challenge invites consumers to tell their story about recycling that inefficient old fridge. Up to three entrants will win a trip to the nation’s capital to be honored at the campaign celebration in September at the National Building Museum. The winners will be selected, in part, based on the number of votes received. Let Ben Franklin tell you all about the video challenge at www.recyclemyoldfridge.com/videochallenge.aspx. Have an artistic bent? Check out the Art Fridge Contest. Those actively promoting the campaign are invited to submit a decorated refrigerator or refrigerator door by July 15 for the 2008 Energy Star Recycle My Old Fridge Campaign’s national Fridge Art Exhibition. Three top entries will win a trip to D.C. to be exhibited at the campaign celebration in September. Once again, Ben knows all about it – www.recyclemyoldfridge.com/partners.aspx.

Led by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Energy Star Recycle My Old Fridge Campaign encourages consumers to recycle old, inefficient refrigerators and, when needed, replace them with new Energy Star qualified models, which are at least 20 percent more energy efficient than the minimum federal standard. To learn more about the campaign, the Art Fridge Contest and the Video Challenge, visit www.RecycleMyOldFridge.com or contact info@RecycleMyOldFridge.com. On behalf of Energy Star, www.energystar.gov.

Lake Claire Pool, another Lake Claire Oasis

Lake Claire Pool will consist of approximately 400 family and/or individual memberships. Initiation Fee: $2,500. Annual Dues: $300/individual; $450/family

Lake Claire Pool is located at the intersection of Southerland Terrace and DeKalb Avenue. To view hours, swim team information, lessons and adult swim times, visit www.lakeclairepool.com.
Looking for an organic weed killer? Try vinegar!
Not all “chemicals” are a no-no in organic gardening. Vinegar—which is in fact dilute acetic acid—can be used as an effective and natural way to kill weeds. If you can’t pull up a particular weed or don’t want to deface your garden or yard, zap the weed with vinegar on a sunny day. Here’s a before-and-after shot from using our 20 percent vinegar organic weed killer product.

We sprayed on the vinegar at about 9 a.m., and then came back to check it again around 3 p.m. Although you can use plain old vinegar that you get from the grocery store, it isn’t as strong as 20 percent vinegar solution, so it won’t work as well. It works as a contact defoliant, and not as a poison. Basically, it burns up everything it touches when you spray it on a plant. So you need to be careful not to spray the “good plants” when you apply it. On really tough plants, it might take a couple of applications if the plant starts to recover.

New Water Meter Alert
New water meters are being installed in Lake Claire. They have locking lids which will prevent you from turning water off or on from the street. If you depend upon access to turn your water off in an emergency or when service is being done, the new meter assembly will prevent this. So, find out where your water cutoff is inside your home OR make arrangements to have one installed ASAP. Older homes may not have one; newer ones should have one.

Our intrepid City Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong attended the last Lake Claire Neighborhood Association meeting at the Frazer Center. At that time she updated us on a number of issues, one being the status of water meter replacement. She noted as many of us did that many meter covers do not fit and therefore are not locked. Some are loose and pose a hazard. Please be aware of these points and know that City Hall is aware and hopefully addressing these issues.

Weeds look dead.

Weeds are dead.

The Summer Read-a-Thon
READ FOR PETS IN NEED!

HAPPY READING AND THANKS FOR HELPING HOMELESS PETS!
**Here's a Summer Girl, Latha of Howard Circle, taking in brain food at Fernbank Museum. Latha is Dan Wright and Sherry Neal's daughter.**

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- **Atlanta City Council Citywide Post 2** 3371 Habersham Road NE Atlanta, GA 30305 mary@marynorwood.com

### Photos From Around The Lake

Lake Claire is such an interesting place to live! Everyday should be a celebration to the variety of sights found along the streets in our neighborhood. Hats off (and camera shutters open) to the fabulous color, texture, and character found in Lake Claire. Never dull, never homogenized—Lake Claire is unique. Capture images around your street and send them in for publication in *The Clarion*. We need ‘em! *Send in your photos to The Clarion and share your part of Lake Claire with your neighbors.*

**Email editor@lakeclaire.org**

In The Wizard of Oz one is urged to not go IN the forest. In Lake Claire, visitors are advised to turn back and RETURN to the forest!

**VOTE 2008**

The July 15th Democratic Primary is now less than a month away. Make sure you take your Photo ID with you to vote if you’re voting in person on July 15th. You can also vote absentee, or participate in early voting July 7-11.

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**U.S. Congressmen**

- **Lewis, John (D - GA)** 5th Congressional District The Equitable Building 100 Peachtree Street, NW Suite #1920 Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 659-0116
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