



Members of City of Atlanta's "Green Team" met with Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong and concerned Lake Claire neighbors on June 4 to discuss the feasibility of expanding Lake Claire Park by 18% through the purchase of an adjoining parcel of land for sale at the end of Marlbrook Dr. Look for further details and updates in the Clarion.

## Update: Expanding Lake Claire Park

Submitted by: Evan Levy, Benita Carr, and Sagor

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, the City of Atlanta's Green Team, and Park Pride, the city is pursuing acquisition of this land to expand the park, protect the watershed, and help preserve an ecological corridor. The Conser-

vation Fund also 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.

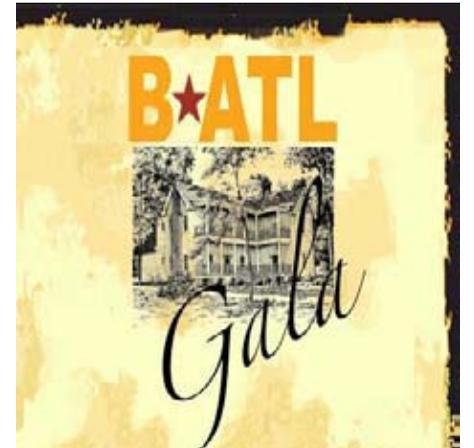
Are you interested in participating in a neighborhood effort to collect recyclables Atlanta's curbside program doesn't accept? We have found a way to recycle two such items: styrofoam and #6 plastic (most plastic cups and many takeout containers). Since most people don't accumulate these very fast, it 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 with civilian re-enactors, historic music concerts 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 day 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 Castles 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

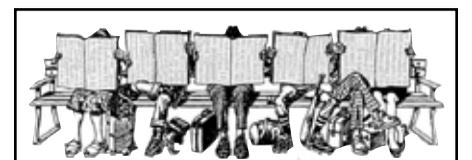


forth to visit Sylvia's sister. They purchased the house and had it painstakingly moved to its current location.

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 BATL Gala at the Kemp-Castle House\*  
 Spicy Southern Cheddar Pecan Cheese Ring cooled with Strawberry

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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@lake-claire.org](mailto:president@lake-claire.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](http://www.lakeclaire.org). Everyone is welcome!

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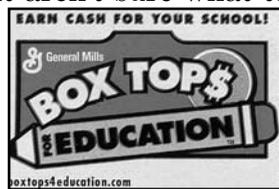
Fresh Green Beans, Southern Caviar (marinated Black Eyed Pea Relish) served with Toast Points, Sweet Potato Biscuits Filled with Ham and Chutney, Orange Blossom Brownies and Mud Brownies, Sweetened and Unsweetened Iced Tea and other libations. \*menu is subject to change as plans are finalized for the event. B\*ATL is raising money to erect and maintain National Park-like display signs across the battlefield area to augment existing historic markers. The new signs would have graphics and maps to involve readers more and provide a 365-day-a-year Battle of Atlanta experience for visitors as well as

area residents. Last year's event was hosted by Sylvia and Charlie Harrison, who graciously agreed to host the Battle of Atlanta Gala at their renovated antebellum home. Historically known as Meadow Nook, the restored home was open for tours the evening of Friday, July 22nd, as part of B\*ATL, a three-day event commemorating the 143rd Anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta. It was the second time Meadow Nook has played host to the B\*ATL Gala. Visitors traveled back to pre-Civil War East Lake at the home of original owner Col. Alston. The wrap-around porch, gardens and historic out buildings provided a picturesque vista perfect for an evening of food and entertainment. For information, visit [www.batlevent.org](http://www.batlevent.org).



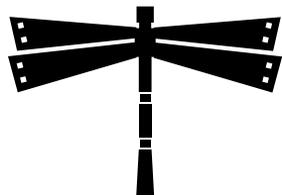
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## Continuing Series: From Lake Claire to the Heights of Mount Everest - and back!

*Editor's Note: In this segment of our series, Lake Claire resident Jim Curtin journals about his time at base camp this past May before descending from Mount Everest.*

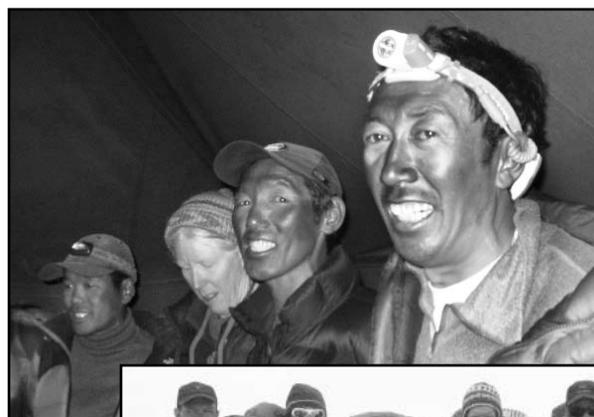
### Goodbye Base Camp May 27; 5:59am Base Camp

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 should be ours (I am very excited about this!). Our minds and bodies got a bit beat up on the mountain - particularly over the past week - so the lower elevations should help whip us back in to shape. Hopefully, we'll be able to put some meat on our bones too. I'm not sure what the average weight loss is, but it's certainly in the double digits. The taller, skinny guys like John, R.C., and I are particularly in need of some fattening up. I'm personally looking forward to my rib healing (finally) too. Every time I cough (too often), it's like someone is jabbing me in the side. I'd take this

any day though relative to some other illnesses I've seen here: sun blindness, bad frostbite, diarrhea to the point people simple go to the bathroom in their down suits (yuk!). Yep, we are a fairly worn and ragged crew after two months - but nothing that a few hot showers and some proper spring weather won't take care of.

Last night, our last in base camp, was marked by a Sherpa party. One regret that I have is that I have not profiled these fine people in depth as I'd have liked (I'll point to the communication ban of a few weeks back as a major reason, but also to the fact that the Sherpa are almost always out and about working hard). That said, a short overview of the party last night will paint part of a picture.

After dinner, we gathered in the main Sherpa tent. I think there may have been thirty of us, western climbers and Sherpa combined. At this time, we formally thanked them for the excellent job they did this season- we also provided gratuities to each of them... one by one calling them up, recognizing their role, giving them an envelope (containing tip), and a nice round of applause. It was nice and certainly appropriate. These hard working guys made the trip a success. Next, it was time to drink and dance. An impressive selection of alcohol was available (soda too) - I was first provided some champagne, but also soon Triple X, a local rum that is super strong but also (supposedly) good for coughs. Then came the Sherpa dances. Very interesting, you basically all line up in row, arms on each others shoulders, and move your feet according to the Sherpa dance step (I never quite got it).



Sherpa songs are playing and everyone is singing (the westerners humming along)... and this goes on for what seems like eternity. No joke, you keep dancing like this without break for a long, long time. Then, when there is a short break, it's like 10 seconds short... and the dance to a very similar sounding tune resumes again. These guys are in super cardio shape on the mountain, but also on the dance floor it seems. The night was fun and a great way to wrap up our base camp experience. Whereas I will not shed a tear when I leave base camp, the camp played a vital role in our expedition. It was our temporary home and when high up on the mountain, it was always nice to return to it.

The next few days I will be trekking, lodging in teahouses, and really covering territory I've already been to a few times before. I do not want to write simply for the sake of writing, so, I think this is the start of my blogs winding down. I do have many pictures to

post and also a few videos that I think people will enjoy (these will require some editing prior to posting though). I hope to share this info prior to leaving Nepal in a few days time.

Of course, now as our expedition is coming to end, I need to switch gears and climb some mountains of another nature. I'll share a few details of my plans in a later post for anyone that is curious. And then, I think, we'll be calling things a wrap. I've stated it before... but would like to reiterate... you've been a mighty fine audience. I never guessed there would be such a great deal of support and I certainly did not anticipate that the information shared via the site would be so well received. Thanks for all the kind words- it truly had been my pleasure to share this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

We're off to lower lands. I loved being on top of the world - but when I think of what lies below, the word 'yippee' comes to mind! *Welcome back Jim!*

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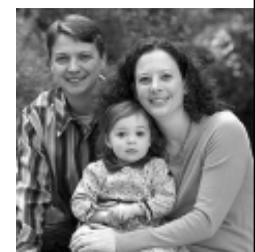
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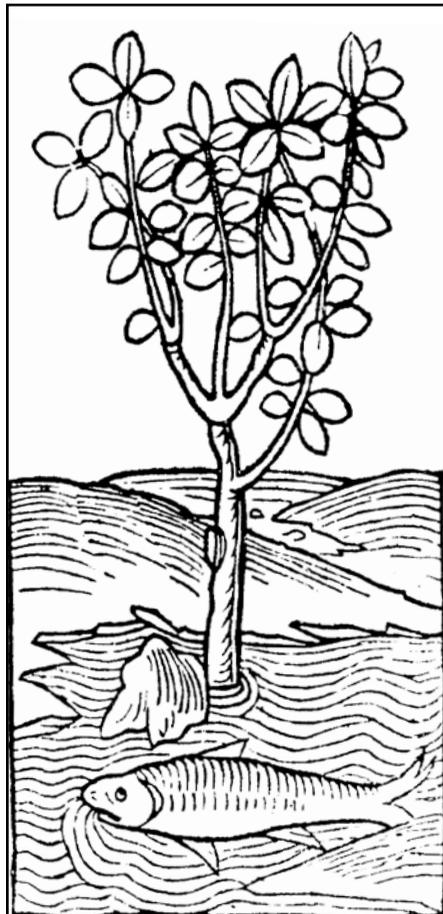
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**July 4** – Independence Day  
 Enjoy fireworks at Centennial Olympic Park, Lenox Square, and Turner Field – or from your own rooftop!  
**July 5** - Drum Circle, Lake Claire Land Trust  
**July 5** - Bird Walk in Piedmont Park. [www.piedmontpark.org](http://www.piedmontpark.org)  
**July 18** - Full Moon  
**July 19** - Drum Circle, Lake Claire Land Trust  
**July 19** - Public Art Safari Tour  
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**August 11** - Monday - Atlanta Public Schools FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2008-2009



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

– Empedocles

## From Granmaw 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
- ½ 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!



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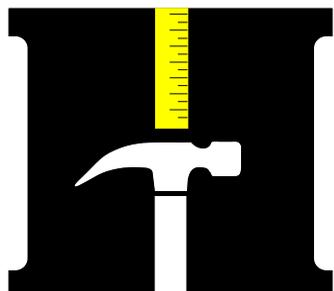
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## Freedom Park Garden Spring (almost Summer) Update

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—tra la.

**Now in bloom:** Wine cups, Purple Coneflowers, St. John's Wort, Rising Sun Tickweed, Butterfly Weed and Larkspur.

**Butterfly garden planting:** We planted a special butterfly garden in the third driveway of the garden area on May 10. After we prepared the soil, we sowed seeds of butterfly-attracting flowers (many of which have since sprouted). Later Phil Edwards, Master Gardener, planted many native butterfly-attracting plants: fennel, butterfly weed, bee balm and parsley, among them. Thanks to volunteers Gail Todd, Pandora Williams and Stella Chamberlain for their help.

**Bird News:** A Chipping Spar-

row (*Spizella passerina*) visited the garden earlier this month. This little bird is a full-time resident in this area and is often seen eating seeds under feeders. It's easily identified by its rusty cap and ground foraging habit. Its "chip", from which it gets its name, can also help with identification. Chipping sparrows build their cup-shaped nests in trees or vines up to 11 feet off the ground. They can have two broods a year averaging 4 eggs per brood. This bird might be nicknamed the camel bird as it can live on dry seeds without drinking water for up to three weeks. (*The Birder's Handbook*, Ehrlich, Dobkin and Wheye, Simon and Schuster, 1988). Also seen near the garden recently: Red-headed Woodpecker, American Robin, Chimney Swift, White-breasted Nuthatch, European Starling and that ole Northern Mockingbird. Also the pool is open! The bird bath had some visitors shortly after I put fresh water in the other day—a Tufted Titmouse and two Mourning Doves.

**Butterfly News:** Butterflies are

around in force this month. The Cabbage White (*Artogeia rapae*) and Gulf Fritillary (*Agraulis vanillae*) are frequenting garden areas even as I write. Cabbage Whites are hereby outed as non-native, having been introduced in Canada in 1860. They've since spread out all over North America. 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 orange butterfly with black spots, ranging throughout the southern United States. Its favorite nectar plants are phlox and lantana. (*National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Butterflies*, Alfred A. Knopf, 1998) Passionflower (*Passiflora incarnata*) vines are one of its larval host plants. We've just planted this vine in the garden.

**Highlighted Plant:** St. John's Wort (*Hypericum frondosum*) St. John's Wort, a deciduous shrub, is native to the southeastern United States, usually occurring on rocky hills, in limestone

glades and barrens. It is drought tolerant. The gray hairstreak butterfly lays its eggs on St. John's Wort. Caterpillars eat the foliage. Adult butterflies sip flower nectar. The plant was named for St. John the Baptist because it blooms around the day of his feast. It does best in full sun, but will tolerate partial shade and prefers some shade in the hottest climates. It grows to 2-4 ft tall with about the same width. It likes well-drained soil. It sports bright yellow flowers late spring to early fall. It can be propagated by cuttings or sowing seeds outside in the fall. We have two 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 alcohol intake.

**Workday 6-6-08:** Volunteers Bob Sattelmeyer, Cecilia Marrero, Pandora Williams, Dorothy Dabbs and Phil Edwards and I watered and weeded the garden and cleaned the adjoining sidewalk. Also twenty new plant markers were added. Pandora had invited Connie Gray, Ecological Resource Specialist with DeKalb County, to see the garden. Connie gave us some great input.

**Thanks, too, to:** Janea Boyles for again helping with gray water (Janea, by the way, runs The Mercantile in Candler Park, which uses "sustainable local ingredients" prepared in an "environmentally conscious" way. See [www.themercantileatl.com](http://www.themercantileatl.com) for complete information). Also thanks to: Jennifer West, who donated some bricks which we used to heighten the wall of the butterfly area, and to Robert McLeod, who's been watering the garden when he can with his own gray water.

**Help, help!**

We can always use some help with watering and weeding. If you'd like to be signed up for a workday or would be willing to water occasionally, please email

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# 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.

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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](http://www.ecoaddendum.org). This is a link to Ecoaddendum, a project to bring native plants back to the

Metro Atlanta area, spearheaded by Pandra Williams.

[www.caes.uga.edu/publications/](http://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!

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Granmaw Gordon supporters are still seeking funds to cover the costs of litigation. See past issues of *The Clarion* online at [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org) for details.

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**Urban Warming Study: major cities heating up faster**

By Kimberly Link-Wills  
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 as 112 degrees Fahrenheit, assuming trends continue. "This presents a serious planning 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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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Event	Description & Location
Lake Claire Neighbors monthly meeting	Thursday, July 17, 2008 6:30 social time; 7:00 pm meeting
Out monthly neighborhood meeting at the Frasier Center	1811 Peachtree Lane Ave NE, South of Cityline. Please join us!
Upcoming LCW meetings:	
	• Thursday, August 21
	• Thursday, September 18
	• Thursday, October 16

## 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 Marlbrook 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- daytime  
500 blk Claire Dr.  
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, CDs

Suspect: B/M, 6'00"  
Suspect: B/M, 5'07"  
Prints attempted

Mon. 5/19- daytime  
300 blk Mathews Ave.  
Residence  
Front door kicked in  
Victim states someone kicked in his front door, entered his home, and removed property.  
Taken: 42" Flat screen TV  
Prints recovered, turned in to ID

Fri. 5/23-Tues. 6/3  
1800 blk. Gordon MNR NE  
Apartment  
Storage room  
Victim states his storage room is located in the basement of his apartment complex. Someone entered it through the front door and removed property. There were no signs of forced entry.  
Taken: Golf clubs, Golf bag, and golf shoes  
No prints taken due to unprintable surfaces

**LARCENY OTHER (Theft)**  
Wed. 4/28-daytime  
400 blk Sutherland Pl NE  
Residence  
Victim states someone stole her outgoing mail which contained a \$900 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.RecycleMyOldFridge.com) or contact [info@RecycleMyOldFridge.com](mailto:info@RecycleMyOldFridge.com).

On behalf of Energy Star, [www.energystar.gov](http://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.

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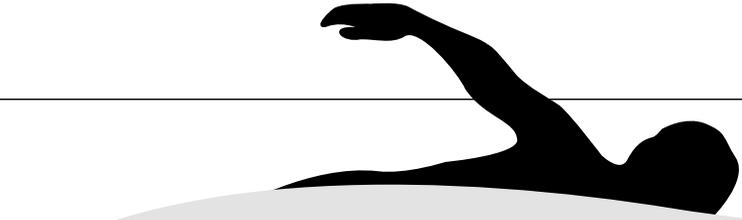
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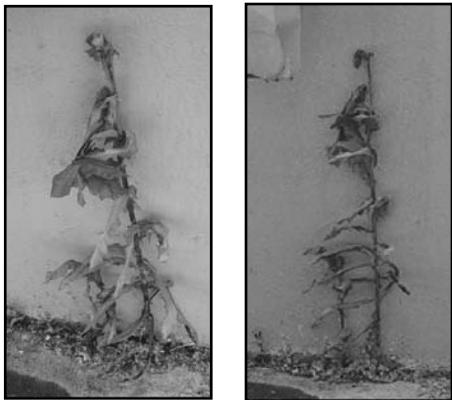
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## Looking for an organic weed killer? Try vinegar!

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 cut-off 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.



## Fun in nearby Candler Park



# READ FOR PETS IN NEED!

## The Kids N Kritters Summer Read-a-Thon

Reading is even more fun this summer with the Read for Pets in Need Read-a-Thon to benefit homeless pets! Just pick up a stack of books having to do with animals and start reading! You could win a prize, and best of all, you’re helping animals!

### HERE ARE ALL THE DETAILS!

**WHAT:** Read for Pets in Need -- A summer Read-a-Thon to raise money for homeless animals while promoting humane education and literacy

**WHO:** Kids ages 9-13

**WHEN:** Monday, June 2- Thursday, July 31, 2008

### HOW THE READ-A-THON WORKS:

Once the Read-A-Thon starts, read books having to do with animals and keep track of your reading on your Reading Chart. Each AARF seal is worth 15 minutes. Have an adult or reading partner initial the seal when you are finished reading. After the end of the Read-A-Thon on Thursday, July 31, you will ask your supporters for the money they pledged.

Then send your donations, along with your Reading Chart and Pledge Sheet to: AARF/Kids N Kritters, P.O. Box 5336, Atlanta, GA 31107.

Donations and forms must be received by AARF by Monday, August 11, in order for participants to be eligible for prizes.

### THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO PLEDGE:

- 1. 15-Minute Blocks of Time Spent Reading:** For example, a supporter pledges a quarter for every 15 minutes the participant spends reading. If the participant reads for 10 hours, then the total pledge is \$10.
- 2. Per Book:** For example, the supporter pledges \$1 per book. The participant reads 10 books, so the total pledge is \$10.
- 3. Set Amount:** For example, the supporter chooses to donate a total of \$10 regardless of the number of books read.

**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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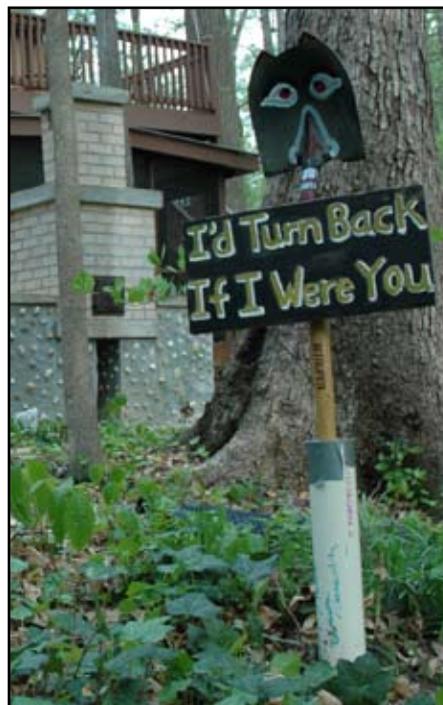
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## Photos From Around The Lake

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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**BUY • SELL • TRADE • RECYCLE**  
• **YARD SALE!** List your personal stuff for FREE!! Contact newsletter@lakeclaire.org

**GREAT DOG LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME** Female, about a year, fully vetted and recently spayed. Super sweet and affectionate. Please Call Tess @ (404) 216-4864

**HOME FOR RENT** 1788 Delaware Ave. 2/1 that "lives large" w/Sunroom, bonus room, basement storage, front & back fenced yards. \$1600 /mo+1 mo. Security deposit; you pay utilities & maintain yard. Length of lease is negotiable. Walk to local parks, shops, restaurants, MARTA. Easy commute to Emory or downtown. Application & credit check required. Contact jinnie.schmid@gmail.com or 678-778-0994.

## Business Classifieds

Business classified ads are ONLY \$3 per line prepaid! For more info contact newsletter@lakeclaire.org

**LET ME PLAN IT FOR YOU!** Do you need help planning an upcoming event? Birthday, anniversary, company event? Simplify your life and call Emily 404-963-2722

**NEED CHILDCARE?** Stay at home mother of one has space for your little one (6 mos.-2 years) in her Lake Claire bungalow! If you need help raising a happy, free-thinking child please call Christy at 404-218-2894 for more details.

**NOOK AND CRANNY MAID SERVICE** 404-688-3766 "Let Us Do Your Dirty Work!" Est. 1990 Dependable, personalized service, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, one-time. Move-in/Move-outs, Spring cleanings-homes/offices. Licensed, bonded, and insured.

**ABOVE THE HEDGES** Hot'lanta summer and livin' should be EASY! Sip a Mint Julep and let us make cool work of landscape chores. Design, Installations, or Maintenance. Ask about our bi-weekly deal - nice on your budget! Free Estimates, Licensed & Insured. Admiration Guaranteed! 770/621-Yard (9273)

**PETS/BABYSITTING** Mature teenage girls can provide babysitting and pet cares. Call Selena 404-378-5683 or Emily 404-377-4569

**PIANO TUNING, REPAIR, REBUILDING, SALES** Jane Purtzer 404-378-8310.

**MINOR HOME REPAIRS** and installations. Electrical, phone/cable, plumbing, light carpentry. 20 years experience; neighborhood references. Intown only, within 3 miles of L5P. \$35/hr. + \$20 house call. Norman Glassman 404-704-5546 nglassman5@gmail.com.