Earth Day Celebrates 40 Years on April 22

How Atlantans Can Get in on the Action

On Thursday, April 22, people in more than a hundred nations will celebrate the planet for the fortieth Earth Day: an opportunity to become educated on critical environmental issues, to promote sustainability, to commit—or recommit—one self to year-round Earth stewardship, and to simply honor the Earth, its resources, and those who work so diligently for a global green economy. What can you do to join in on the celebration? Here are some local events and opportunities, as well as ongoing efforts you can take to show respect for the planet and concern for protecting its natural gifts.

Events
1. Participate in the citywide cleanup or host your own. Keep Atlanta Beautiful and its BeltLine partners are looking for 150 volunteers to join them on April 17 from 8:00 a.m. to noon in a citywide effort to clear trails between Montgomery Ferry Road and Westminster Drive of litter and invasive plants. Register at www.keepatlantabeautiful.org to help restore the BeltLine’s walkable connections and greenspace.

Hardendorf Eco-house: A Jewel in Lake Claire’s Green Crown

When young Audrey Maxim-Rumley comes marching home from Mary Lin Elementary School, she enters a space heated and cooled by a geothermal HVAC system. When she takes her nightly bath, she splashes water warmed by a solar thermal hot water heater. And when she plays in the backyard of 621 Hardendorf Avenue, she tumbles on a lawn nurtured by a 1,500-gallon rainwater irrigation system.

The lively daughter of Hiram Maxim and Caroline Rumley is growing up in a very special dwelling—as her mother likes to say, an “eco-house,” as you soon discover when you read Hiram and Caroline’s blog at www.lakeclaireleed.com. Perhaps you’ve seen these four letters—LEED—and wondered what they stand for. Well, they’re short for “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design,” and Audrey’s home is among the first residential renovation projects in Georgia to attempt to earn the LEED Platinum designation.

When Hiram and Caroline decided to renovate their 1920s bungalow in Lake Claire, they turned to the Epsten Group for architectural renovation plans. Founded by Candler Park resident Dagmar Epsten, the award-winning architectural practice specializes in sustainable design. Eileen Gohr, project manager for the Hardendorf work, takes up the story here: “Our clients’ goals included redesigning the single-story structure over a crawl space to include a finished basement and a reconfigured main floor. That floor, once a closed-off series of distinct rooms, became an open and airy plan that links the living room, kitchen, and dining room along the entire south side of the home. The north side remains more private bedroom quarters.

"Hiram and Caroline were very interested in energy efficiency and in an environmentally sensitive selection of materials. They asked that as much as possible be salvaged from the 1920s house. For example, the existing doors were scheduled for careful removal, storage, and reuse where possible. The existing floors were...

From the front, the Hardendorf eco-house is your standard bungalow; the backyard provides a glimpse of how it’s not.

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The Lake Claire Land Trust: A Visitor’s View

I learned of the Lake Claire Land Trust when I heard about the drum circle held on every first and third Saturday of the month. When attending the drum circle, I felt a part of a community that was deliberately and thoughtfully placing itself out to me about the Lake Claire community. The drum circle mindset and openness to participation began to influence how the Land Trust came to be.

I found that the people in the Land Trust’s continued success are open-minded atmosphere that encourages active collaboration and communication and collaboration.

I began to attend the drum circle on the first or third Saturday mornings. I have attended the drum circle for several years. The drum circle community has a very diverse membership and a very broad membership.

Stephen Holsenbeck is a small business owner and inventor working on therapies for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Multiple Sclerosis. He became interested in the Lake Claire Land Trust in 2008.

The Clarion is searching for a volunteer layout designer.

Get in the case and help us find the person of interest.

Contact Tobi Gancy for details at layout@lakeclaire.org

Georgia Water Conservation Measures Adopted

Both the House and the Senate have passed the Water Stewardship Act, which includes some of the conservation recommendations from the governor’s Water Task Force, formed after a federal court determined in a 2004 case that the state’s water supply is insufficient for future needs.

The bill’s critics assert that delayed implementation of conservation measures will not be effective. And that the beneficial use of the conservation measures for outdoor watering are too restrictive. Other water legislation passed this year would also have individual water meters, which presumably will promote conservation.

4. Audits of water usage will be required of all governments with over 10,000 water customers. This provision hopefully will address the issue of water theft, a major source of water loss.

5. To be enforced by the state’s Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is responsible for enforcing the state’s pollution laws.

——Taken from the email newsletter of Representative Mary Margaret Oliver, HD 43, R-Deacaun

Bike-sharing System Coming to Emory

When I was in the Netherlands in the 1980s, I was impressed by the bike sharing system. I called it the "White Bicycle Plan." You could ride any of the white bikes available in a public place and leave it for another person. The program was started there in the 1960s and is active in some parts of the Netherlands, but because of traffic congestion, it is mostly limited to public parks and places where bikes can be monitored more closely.

In the spring of 2005, Montreal launched a bike-sharing program to encourage people to use the city’s well-established system of bike paths. Several cities in other countries have bike-sharing programs, including Paris and Copenhagen, but bike thefts or parts remains the main obstacle.

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More than forty Lake Clairians stopped by the cheering zone along South Ponce in Olmsted Park at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 21, to cheer on the runners in the ING Marathon. Headed up by Leonardo resident Lisa Waugh, the cheering section committee painted tons of signs—including an oversized reproduction of the Lake Claire banner—and neighbors came out in various skiing-themed gear to shout encouragements, wave orange pom-poms (courtesy of Sarah Wynn), and shake cowbells. Although we didn’t win, we had a great time, and the runners appreciated the support.
Paideia is Green
Beyond Bricks & Sticks
The Paideia School’s junior high building is one of twenty buildings featured in a Museum of Design Atlanta (MODA) exhibit on examples of sustainable buildings in Atlanta. The exhibit, Atlanta: Beyond Bricks & Sticks, currently at the Cobb Galleria Centre, will move to different facilities in the metro area throughout 2010. It highlights how green design is changing the places in which we live, work, learn, and play. Exhibit components include an interactive Atlanta Green Map, a “What Is Your Carbon Footprint?” quiz, video interviews, and many other features that explain and celebrate “green” living. Curiation of the exhibition includes a broad spectrum of buildings reflective of the metro area’s commercial and residential projects, along with large-scale developments that incorporate environmental features. All of the exhibit’s projects meet either the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system or the Southeastern EarthCraft House certification program. The Paideia School is also a recipient of a Grant to Green award from the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. Paideia is using the grant to assess energy use in the high school building.

Traveling schedule for Atlanta: Beyond Bricks & Sticks:
Cobb Galleria Centre
March 1–April 12
2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339

Atlanta Dogwood Festival
April 16–18
 Piedmont Park, Atlanta, GA 30309

Atlanta City Hall
April 20–May 5
56 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303
—Beth Danson

Visiting the Deer
Going up to visit the long
at the top of the hill
I traveled the deer-trails
bending to duck under
where the deer duck under branches,
leaping where the deer leap
down on human hospitabilities
with wild shyness—
When I caught my breath
I looked down and saw
only the houses of my
neighbors, the loop of road.
Going back I traveled
as usual down the track of
the deer.
—Stephen Wing

Baby the Clown and a friend at a past event.

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Volunteers Needed for the 7th Annual Day of Beauty
Last year, I was privileged to participate in the Day of Beauty: an amazing event that celebrates the beauty and value of disabled teens and their teachers. Gloria Owczarek, a Special Olympics swim coach and big sister to a Special Olympics swimmer started the event seven years ago. Besides being greatly invited to be a part of this event, I was able to meet some wonderful people, like Gloria, who help us remember our loved-ones through beauty and caring compassion.

The 2010 event will take place on Monday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Paul Mitchell School-Atlanta (845 W. Marietta Street, at the King Philip Arts Center). Students and teachers at high schools in the DeKalb County school system with Special Needs programs are invited to come for a range of beauty and pampering services, including a full-service facial waxing, highlights, haircuts, chair massages, updos, and makeovers. All services are free of charge and donated by local talent from various Atlanta areas. Students and teachers will receive a day to school feeling like a million dollars, and so do their teachers.

The event requires a huge amount of planning and a great number of volunteers. In addition to volunteers to perform the services, Gloria is in need of beverages and breakfast, lunch, snacks, and dessert items for the participants, plastic cutlery, paper goods, decorations, goody bag items, such as coupons for local businesses, gift cards, sample items, and toys; and door prizes, such as a gift certificate or goody basket. Lake Claire’s own Reuben Haller has performed as Baby the Clown at the Past Days of Beauty.

For more information about the event or on donating prod-
ucts/services for this year’s Day of Beauty, visit www.atlanta-
beauty.net or email Gloria at glo-
ria@mydayofbeauty.net.

—Gay Arnieri

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Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting: March Hours

March 18, 2010

Led by Glen Frankel, LCN president

Attended by 11 neighbors (4 LCN officers & 7 guests)

Glen Frankel passed around the agenda to get the meeting started at approximately 7:00 p.m. by asking the gathered to give introductions.

Mona Pressman was invited to make her announcement, which was not on the agenda. She gave a report to discuss neighborhood projects, specifically discussing the building of a dog park in Lake Claire Park. She suggested that it would be possible to convert a small part of the park where the terrain isn’t suitable for human use into a fenced dog run. Glen suggested that she find out about the success of other small dog parks. Cara Stevens mentioned the dog park in Oakhurst. The group discussed the exact area of the park owned by Lake Claire. Glen closed the discussion by asking Melani to meet with members of the neighborhood executive committee to discuss the project in more detail.

David Safety Horn could not attend the meeting, so Glen gave a report to discuss the Lake Claire Security Patrol. He said it had gathered for a full ride through August, and the push for funds would continue. He added that they are also looking into ways to get more neighborhood funding. David suggested three ways to be accessible for financials for neighbors. (Glen suggested options, such as a neighborhood membership fee and creating a pool account.

Cara Stevens LCN treasurer gave her report of the neighborhood financials. The neighborhood has $6,400 in its checking account. She emphasized that they have offered to present their bills to Melissa. She also suggested that the neighborhood take a closer look at how the money raised to the security patrol.

Glen then discussed the event calendar and asked for feedback on dates and locations. Time frame of late August was suggested for the annual meeting. Glen said the neighborhood for visits with councilmember Natalyn Arnholt for the neighborhood’s efforts to protect the green spaces on DeKalb Avenue. DeKalb Avenue was brought up to discuss the neighborhood association. It was discussed that the race would open up the challenges of a 5K or more. A friend offered to help with the event.

Glen also talked about the possibility of a neighborhood dance. Glen said that this idea had been suggested by Teri's packet and talk with Teri to discuss the proposal. Teri agreed to be called Lake Claire. It was discussed that the race could be called on the trail into Lake Claire Park from the parking lot. The group had suggested that the lake be called “Lake Claire.”

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Welcome, New Neighbors!

Lake Claire welcomed a number of new babies in February and March. Here are four of our newest neighbors.

Noah Kavi Cohen-Frankel was born Valentine’s Day, February 14, weighing 5 pounds 8 ounces, 19 inches long, and with a full head of blond hair. He is happy at home on Harold Avenue with dads Adam and Glenn and big sister Lucy.

Mary McNeill Veazey, who goes by McNeill, was born February 20 and welcomed by mom Emily, dad Marcus, and big sister Marjorie, of Leonardo Avenue.

Lucinda Elise Werner, new arrival to the Werner family—Chad, Priscilla, and big brother George—was born on March 24. All are settling in at home on Indiana Avenue.

Corey and John Massey, of Palifox Drive, welcomed their first child, daughter Caroline Harper Massey, on March 3.

![Baby Noah](image1.png)
![Baby Mary](image2.png)
![Baby Lucinda](image3.png)
![Baby Corey](image4.png)