

## I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream

### By Lolly Merrell

It's peak ice-cream season, but as you wander down to Cold Cream you may cruise right past the front door. "People don't recognize it right away," explained one of the employees, looking around the store's decor. Indeed, the shop has acquired new owners and a subsequent makeover: Along with a fresh coat of paint and an eclectic array of vintage furniture is a new menu with sandwiches, bagels and an impressive assortment of non-ice cream deserts from decadent brownies to deep red-velvet cake. And if you feel a sort of inexplicable effervescence that isn't dairy related it's probably the wireless internet - free for anyone with a laptop. The ice-cream will stay the same (yes, that means the Play-doh-hued Superman will never go....) and there's more fun to come, including an "open mike" piano, High Tea everyday at 4:30 with London-imported goods, and story readings by children's book authors whose work is featured at Donna Van Gogh's. And if the re-design doesn't fool you, the upcoming name might: next week, look for your ice-cream fix at "Dr. Bombay's Cold Cream." And relax! Drips are welcome, and expected, on the furniture.

## Digging in Your Yard Can Leave Your Neighbors in the Hole

It is safe to say we all want to be good neighbors. We enjoy sharing backyard barbeques, loaning yard tools, and mingling at holiday gatherings to enjoy good times and cheer. With careless digging you could risk the chance of being eliminated from the neighborhood guest list while leaving the neighbors in the hole. Be a good neighbor and call the Utilities Protection Center (UPC) before you dig in the yard. Established in 1974, the UPC is a non-profit, utility notification organization with over 700 member utility companies throughout Georgia, who benefit through reductions in lost time, accidents, service interruptions and costly repairs. The UPC provides the best in utility damage prevention through advanced technology and skill and an ongoing commitment to be a "state-of-the-art" once call center. Our notification system has saved the public-at-large and member utilities millions of dollars in expensive repairs and prevented countless potentially life threatening dangers and inconveniences associated with service interruptions. Georgia state law requires those who will be digging underground to call the UPC at least

48 hours in advance of the work (excluding weekends and holidays). The UPC in turn, notifies the member utility companies of the impending work. The 48-hour lead-time gives each of these companies, with lines in the work area, an opportunity to mark all underground pipes or cables so that they are easily identifiable. The UPC strives to encourage four Dig Safely practices: 1) Call before you dig. 2) Wait the required amount of time. 3) Respect the marks. 4) Dig with care. The UPC continues to remind those digging with mechanized equipment to "Call Before You Dig. It's the Law." You may reach the UPC at 1-800-282-7411 or if calling from the Atlanta area, dial 770-623-4344. For more information visit the Website at www.gaupc.com . The service is free - and it won 't cost you any friendships.

## **Thanks and Welcome Back!**

Many thanks to David Carter on Muriel Avenue, who along with other volunteers and staff from his work, who mulched trails in the Frazer Center Forest in June.

Welcome home to Bill Fleming and family. They are back State-side for a few months. Look for a report from him on how Lake Clairians have fared in Wales in an upcoming issue.

### Lake Claire Neighbors, Agenda for General Meeting: July 21, 2005

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

Social Time 6:30-7:00 PM (pizza and beverage) Meeting Starts 7:00 PM Guest Speakers & Announcements \*Recognition of elected officials and special guests that are present Current Issues for Discussion \*LCNA exec comm. mtg Tues Aug. 9, 7:30pm - 362 Connecticut Ave \*Dues drive/fundraising \*Pavilion update in Lake Claire Park \*Stop sign update Officers' Reports \*Public Safety-Randy Byrd

\*Treasurer's Report Volunteer & LCNA Member Reports
\*Anyone with issues they wish to bring to the membership
\*Battle of Atlanta festival July 23, 2005 in East Atlanta Variances
\*No variances submitted at this time
Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting June 21, 2005 Items voted upon:
\*Approved donation of \$1000 for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries
\*Designation of \$1000 in Lake Claire Neighbors funds for Harold Avenue Greenspace.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Dear Lake Claire Neighbors,

I wish to take credit for the prompt destruction of all the signs announcing the Frazer Center Forest's new policy of requiring that all dogs be on leash. I made sure those signs didn't even last as long as the silly pedestrian signs on McLendon. No doubt you agree with me that the Frazer Center has no right to tell me how I can behave on their property. Even if I wanted to follow their ridiculous policy, I couldn't; if all my dogs were on leash, I couldn't possibly hold them.

My five dogs have never hurt anyone or anything in the forest. Everyone know that dogs run free there. So parents are irresponsible if they allow any skittish child to encounter dogs; skittish children are a danger because they can provoke an attack with their highpitched screams. My dogs are fed an all natural organic diet and so their poop cannot possibly harm the forest and won't smell bad when stepped on. They are also discreet and always go under the cover of ivy. I just don't see what the Frazer Center's problem is with dogs. There are so few places to allow dogs to run free, that it just isn't fair for this private group to make me keep my dogs on leash. Who cares if DeKalb County says that's the law? Laws are made to be broken. I'd sign my name, but no doubt those anal, lawabiding nerds who are keeping their dogs on leash, bird-watching, playing on the tree swing, searching for tadpoles, pulling ivy and mulching paths would turn me in.

Anonymous

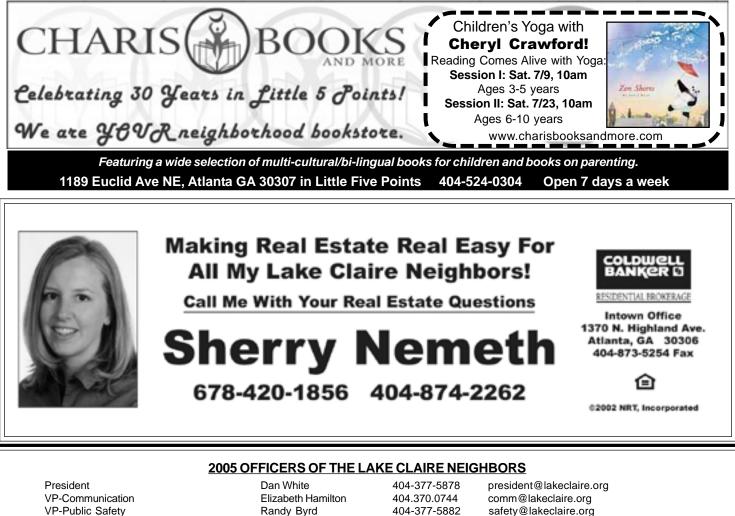
### SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE SIGNS

Stop signs have been installed at Marlbrook and Ridgewood as well as Connecticut Ave and Ivy Place in response to resident's requests. All the other requested stop signs were turned down by traffic engineering. Dan White will continue to pursue the other requested stop signs through Natalyn Archibong's office.

On street pedestrian crossing signs at all crosswalks has been requested and will be installed when the City has more flexible signage that will withstand the rigors of McLendon Ave. Two previously installed sets of signs didn't last a month on McLendon so clearly a better grade of sign is required.

#### NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN

A community garden has been started on the street side of the new greenspace on Harold Avenue as well as the installation of a stacked rail fence. I am still hoping to hear from landscape architects interested in developing a master plan for the space but its already looking cared for.



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## YOU can make a BIG Difference!

All it takes is \$20 from 500 of the more than 1,300 Lake Claire households to raise the necessary funds for neighborhood initiatives such as: Improvements in Lake Claire park including a new pavilion; landscaping in the newly acquired greenspace on Harold Avenue; establishment of pathways in the Frazer Center woods; creation of a mural on DeKalb Avenue at the Arizona co-housing; and continued support of the Clifton Sanctuary and Frazer Center. Add your name to the growing list of neighbors who are willing to invest in their quality of life. Please, stop what you're doing and write that check! It'll only take a few seconds. **Make your checks payable to Lake Claire Neighbors and mail to LCN, attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107**. Thanks to the following neighbors who've paid their 2005 dues:

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## LOCAL DOINS'

**Rockin' for Rhinos**. The Lake Claire Community Land Trust, along with the American Association of Zoo Keepers, is hosting an event to raise money to protect rhinos in their natural environment. Saturday, July 23, 2005 from 6 to 10 p.m. 5 Day Drive will perform. An \$8.00 donation is requested. Please walk or carpool. Be considerate of the neighbors along Arizona and don't block driveways.

**Children's Yoga.** Charis Books in Little 5 Points is hosting two sessions of children's yoga and story-telling with Cheryl Crawford. The first is Saturday, July 9, at 10:00 a.m. and is intended for children aged 3-5 years. The second is Saturday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. and is intended for children aged 6 - 10. Cheryl will be leading the young ones in traditional yoga poses, reading exciting stories, and guiding them in creative activities. For more information, call 404-524-0304 or go to www.chariscircle.org.

**Calling All Bargain Hunters** Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is having a yard sale on Saturday, July 16th, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. If you've finished spring cleaning and have some items to donate, that will be greatly appreciated too. The following items are needed: kitchen and household equipment, electronics, and small appliances (in working order, please); decorative and art objects, bric-a-brac, lamps, antiques and collectibles; sporting goods - bicycles, golf clubs, tennis rackets, etc.; infant and children's furniture and toys, etc.; videos, CDs, DVDs, and books; musical instruments; furniture. (No clothing or shoes, please!) Please drop off donations at Clifton, 369 Connecticut Ave., from July 11-15. Please call 404-373-3253 if you have questions or need additional information. Thanks! Author Events: The Jimmy Carter Library and Museum presents several authors this month. David Poyer, author of "That Anvil of Our Souls: A Novel of the Monitor and the Merrimack," will speak Thursday, July 21 at 8 p.m. Ron Rash, author of "Saints at the River," and Martha Witt, author of "Broken As Things Are," will speak Friday, July 29 at 8 p.m. Rash's novel is set in the Appalachians and tells the story of a local tragedy that brings a journalist back to the community of her childhood. Witt's first novel is set in the Deep South and explores the complex relationship between a young girl and her older brother. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Charis Books, in Little 5 Points, is also hosting several authors this month. Local author, activist and survivor Zoë Flowers will read from her new book, "Dirty Laundry: Women of Color Speak up about Domestic & Dating Violence" on Thursday, July 21, 7:30pm. Selina Swann, author of "Healthy Me Book," will give a reading and sign copies of her book on Friday, July 22, at 7:00 p.m. Her work tells how prayer, faith and the adoption of a holistic diet changed her fate with infertility. Shahara Ruth will present two showings of the play "Women Dating Badly," which addresses issues of choice, fate, or karma, when women decide to mate. Thursday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m.

**Candler Park Pool Events.** Upcoming events at the neighborhood pool: Saturday, July 9 — Tiki Night; Saturday, July 16 — Dive-In Movie Night (Shrek2!!!); July 30 — Margaritaville Party; August 6 — Brats & Beer Night; August 13 — Back to School Party.



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### KEEP AN EYE ON THE CRIME AND THE TIME

Late May and June Crime Stats For Lake Claire and Candler Park

### AUTO THEFTS(3), ATTEMPTED(0), Recovered(2)

\*Tues. 5/31 12:15pm to Thurs. 6/2 – 1500 McClendon Ave. – 1998 Jeep Cherokee recovered after officer received call of man using illegal drugs in the parking lot of the church. The arrestee was standing next to the S.U.V. with the key in his hand. When the officer ran the vehicle it returned as stolen and the arrestee was charged with theft by receiving stolen auto. The car stereo and speakers were missing from the vehicle.

**\*Thurs. 6/2 2:00am -- 1200 DeKalb Ave.** – 1996 Ford Economize Van recovered during traffic stop at Dekalb Ave./Maryland. Driver eluded police on foot, but passenger was arrested and charged with auto theft by receiving.

\*Thurs. 6/16 7:00pm to 7:30am 300 Candler Park Dr – 1996 Toyota Corolla, beige. The victim stated that he parked his vehicle in front of his residence on the street. There was no broken glass in the area.

### **LARCENY FROMAUTO**

\*Sat. 5/28 11:00pm to 5/29 12:00pm – 300 Elmira Pl. – Driveway. Cellophane, Zoom Lens- Passenger side window left down. \*Mon. 5/30 10:00pm to 10:15pm –1500 Dekalb – Parking lot. Car Stereo -Drivers side window broken out, no prints recovered.

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### Suspect: W/M 20-25 YOU 6-00 180 lbs.

\*Weds. 6/8 3:30pm to 6:30pm – 300 Candler Park Dr. – Residence. Briefcase taken from trunk—not known if vehicle was locked. \*Fri. 6/10 6:00pm to 6:05 pm – 1500 Mclendon Ave. – Left doors unlocked and 2 back windows down. Went to park to walk dogs and when she returned to her vehicle the listed items were missing. Purse, Debit Card, Check Card, MasterCard, Cell. Phone, Car Keys, GA Driver's License.

\*Sun. 6/12 9:30pm to 11:50pm – 500 Page Ave. – Residence front passenger side window broken. Taken: Stereo, Flashlight.

\*Fri. 6/17 10:00pm to 5:30am – 300 Arizona Ave. – The vehicle was parked on the street in front of victims house. When she returned she found the passenger side vent window removed. The stereo was removed from the dash.

\*Fri. 6/17 9:00am to 12:30pm – 400 Ridgewood Rd. – The victim parked the vehicle on the street overnight in front of house. When victim returned, found the vent window shattered and items stolen. Taken: JRC Stereo faceplate, CD' s.

### LARCENY OTHER

\*Sun. 5/29 12:00pm to 5/31 9:00am - 2000 Dekalb Ave. -





Maya Hahn wants you!\*

Residence (behind unlocked fence) Pressure Washer stolen. Victim came to precinct to report that he was in the process of moving and when he returned to pick up the listed item, it was not there. **\*Thurs. 6/2 5:00pm – 600 Terrace Ave. –** Residence. Trailer-Trailer was parked in front of the house and was attached to the victim's truck. Tag TL5237I.

\*Sat. 6/4 3:00pm to 6/18 5:00pm – 300 Candler St. – Shed. Hasp

removed, lawnmower and chainsaw taken.

\*Sun 6/5 10:am to 11:30am – 400 Oakdale Rd. – Apartment. Victim stated that they discovered that clothing had been stolen out of the dryers of the apartment complex facility. Victim stated one load of clothing was missing.



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