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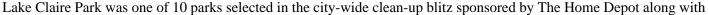
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Home Depot Park Clean Up a Success!

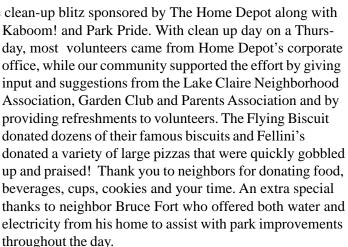
by Kelly Crutcher

If you passed by Lake Claire Park on Thursday, September 8th you may have noticed a flurry of bright orange all over the place. Approximately 50 volunteers from The Home Depot began working at 8am to unload supplies, spread new mulch for the playground and sitting areas, install new arbors and benches and build a picnic table and platform for the neighborhood bulletin board. All benches were given a fresh coat of paint, while flowers, shrubs, vines and trees were planted throughout the park. Thanks to all the neighbors who have adopted the new shrubs and have committed to keeping them watered.

Many invasive plants and weeds were removed and repairs made to existing stairways and retaining walls. It's amazing to see the improvements that can be made in just one day with great leadership, plenty of volunteers and terrific weather!







One final thanks to Home Depot for supporting our neighborhood park and for generously supporting parks throughout the City of Atlanta and beyond.

Lake Claire Neighbors, Agenda for General Meeting: October 20, 2005

Frazer Center - Use entrance at north end of Ridgewood Rd. **NEW & LONG-TIME NEIGHBORS WELCOME**

Social Time 6:30-7:00 PM (cheese & crackers and beverage) Meeting Starts 7:00 PM

WELCOME AND "GOOD NEWS"

- *Natalyn Archibong City Council 5th District CURRENT ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION
- *Stop Sign update
- *Pavilion update
- *Harold Avenue update
- *Seek nominations for officers

VOTING ITEMS & LCNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

*Zoning/Planning

- *1955 DeKalb Ave & 255 Southerland Terr. (Hayes Auto Site) Zoning change to allow for construction of 16 townhomes
- Zoning change to allow for construction of 16 townnomes NEW BUSINESS

SEPTEMBER ISSUE

- *Approved striped pedestrian crossings, in-street crossing signage and bike lanes
- *Amended bylaws to create VP Environment & VP Fundraising positions
- *Adopted support resolution for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries
- *Approved neighborhood acquisition of greenspace on Lakeshore Drive from Garden Club





LAKE CLAIRE'S 5TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE



This year's fun and festive neighborhood parade will take place Monday, October 31 and will begin at 5:00 p.m. Participants, young and old, costumed and not, are invited meet at the corner of Claire and Lakeshore Drive. Scary ghosts and goblins, along with a few superheros and princesses (and maybe a basket of laundry!) will lead us to Lake Claire park. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner and let's enjoy the new improvements to Lake Claire park. Bring kazoos, tambourines, drums, or any other noise makers you can think of.



Meeting on Safe Routes to School Program

In September, Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety (PEDS) hosted a meeting at Mary Lin to discuss ways to improve the safety of walking routes to the school. Over 30 residents from the surrounding neighborhoods met to hear the PEDS presentation and to ask questions of one of the City's traffic engineers. The group identified three areas that are in need of traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety:

- 1) Clifton Avenue between McLendon and Ponce de Leon
- 2) Candler Park Drive between McLendon and through the intersection with North Avenue
- 3) Euclid Avenue, between the school and Little 5 Points

Recommendations developed for Clifton Avenue include creating striped crosswalks with in-street signage along Clifton, and perhaps placing stop signs or signals at the intersections along Clifton. For Candler Park Drive, the recommendations include placing a blinking school zone sign on North Avenue as cars approach Candler Park Drive; making the intersection of North and Candler Park Drive a two-way stop; creating raised crosswalks on Candler Park Drive, where the existing school crosswalk is, and where the path from Candler Park meets Candler Park Drive near Miller Avenue; and improving signage to mark the 20 foot no-parking zones next to crosswalks on Benning and Candler Park Drive. For Euclid the main recommendation was to place and improve sidewalks along the street. Further discussions will be held. If you would like to be included in the discussions, contact Eric Dusenbury, Mary Lin's PTA president, at dusenbur@bellsouth.net.



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Needs & News

by Dan White, President LCN

The Lake Claire Clarion (our monthly newsletter) needs a distributor to get the newsletter to our neighborhood network of block captains. If interested please contact: president@lakeclaire.org. The Clarion also needs volunteer distributors in areas where the newsletter in not being delivered. Not getting your newsletter- then volunteer to deliver it on your street.

The nominating committee is looking for nominees for the positions of Vice President Fundraising and Vice President Communications . Please contact president@lakeclaire.org if interested in serving as an officer of LCN next year.

Many thanks to Kelly Crutchfield of Hardendorf Ave for coordinating the Home Depot park beautification day. Kelly made it possible for \$2000 worth of park improvements to be installed by over 50 volunteers from outside our neighborhood at no cost to our neighborhood. We are all the beneficiaries of her efforts.

Many thanks to the senior class of the Howard School who for the second consecutive year are mulching trails in the Frazer Center Forest. If you haven't taken a walk in the forest lately you'll be impressed with their efforts. We hope to have all trails mulched this fall semester.

Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Confidential

by Carol Vanderschaaf, carovan@mindspring.com

Have you noticed the new garden at the corner of North Avenue and Candler Park Drive? A group of dedicated folks have been working on a new bird and butterfly garden. Here's what's been happening lately: This month a Blue Jay was seen and White-breasted Nuthatch was heard near the garden. Also Tiger swallowtail, Black Swallowtail and Cloudless Sulphur butterflies fluttered by. Phil Edwards, DeKalb Master Gardener has been busy planting what weather and heat will allow. Earlier this month he put in Green and Gold (Chrysogonum virginianum), American Beautyberry (Callicarpa Americana), Golden Fleece Goldenrod (Solidaga sphacelata) as well as some native ginger. Audubon Master Birders Tom Painter, Linda Jones, Martha Treadwell and Becky Valentine, as well as Panke Miller, have been busy weeding and watering. Also, thanks to Ellen Powell, challenge teacher at Mary Lin School, we've been connected to Michael McCanon, scoutmaster, and the Mary Lin cub scout troop, which began helping us with watering this month. The Cardinal Flowers are blooming profusely and, hopefully, some hummingbirds may be using them when we're not around. Also the American Beautyberry already has purple fruits on it and should start attracting American Robins, Northern Mocking-birds, Wood Thrushes, Grey Catbirds, Carolina Wrens and our sleek state bird, the Brown Thrasher.

We've had a couple of "challenges" this month. First the mulch we placed around the small plants between the sidewalk and the street was washed against the plants during a rainstorm, destroying several of them. We removed the remaining mulch to save the other plants. Secondly, a neighbor reported that a Georgia Power crew had placed the branches they'd been clearing on top of the plants between the sidewalk and North Avenue. After several calls to Georgia Power, Matt Chambers, 770 995 4805, who directs the contracted crews, gave assurances that he would speak to the crew responsible for the garden area so that this wouldn't happen again. Also the crab grass and poison ivy keep popping up so Phil will be spraying one more time.

We have been in contact with several people at Mary Lin school and hope to be able to be a resource for students, teachers and parents there. Thanks to Cathi Barlow for putting us in touch with folks there. In October we plan to have a Big Day when we put in the majority of our native plants. We're hoping to have lots of community participation. The date will be announced soon. Thanks again to everyone for your support and interest.



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Fall Planting Tips

by Maggie O'Connor, Imagine Garden Designs, maggieoconnor@imaginegardens.com

Fall is the best time for planting most trees, shrubs and perennials here in Atlanta. The summer heat puts enormous stress on plants, but our mild winters allow the new additions to get a foothold in the garden before spring and summer make their demands. You may lose tender plants if the weather becomes bitterly cold and dry, but by far more plants die if planted in the spring than in the fall.

Prepare soil for 1-gallon size trees and shrubs by digging a hole 12 to 18 inches deep and twice as wide. Break up the soil with the shovel or a garden fork, but do not add compost or other amendments. Organic amendments tend to hold more water than our red Georgia clay, so a mixture of compost and clay creates a "bathtub" in which the roots suffocate from too much moisture and not enough oxygen. Position the plant in the center of the hole, mounding and firming soil under it if necessary to bring its soil line up to or slightly above the soil level of the garden. Fill the hole back in, firm the soil around the roots, and water it thoroughly. This last step is necessary to make sure the roots touch the soil with no air pockets.

Perennials that you purchase in containers can be planted in soil prepared as above, but it's not necessary to dig the hole twice as wide. For bulbs, follow the directions on the packaging, or if there are none, plant twice as deep as the height of the bulb. For example, a daffodil bulb can be two inches from roots to nose; plant it 4 inches deep. If you're preparing an entire bed, you can add organic amendment such as compost or Black Cow at the rate of 2-4 inches for a 6-8 inch deep bed. For example, if a bed were 20 sq. ft. and 6 inches deep, you would apply 480 cubic inches ((20 x 12) x 2), or about 3.6 cubic feet. Till the amendment thoroughly into the soil, then set the plants in. Make sure the plants have room to grow without interfering with each other, and in order to do that you must know how big they get.

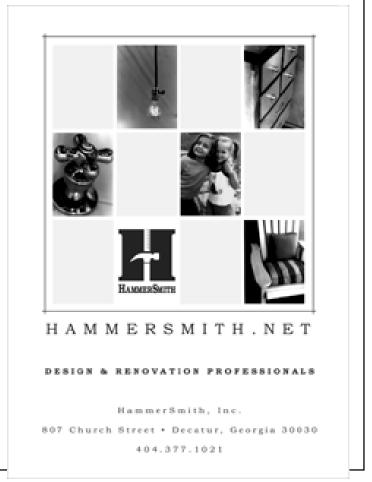
Some plants with winter interest for shady gardens are: Perennials: Christmas Rose, Lenten Rose, Colchicum, Hardy Cyclamen (smaller version of florist's cyclamen); Trees and shrubs: Camellia Sasanqua, Japanese Camellia, Winter Daphne (incredible fragrance of lemon vanilla). For sunny gardens: Annuals: Snapdragon, Iceland Poppy, Pansy, Viola; Perennials: Dianthus, Galanthus (Snowdrop), Verbascum bombycifera (huge rosette of wooly leaves stays through the winter; biennial.). Trees and shrubs: Witch Hazel, Flowering Quince, Flowering Cherry, Peach. All these plants are easily obtained at local nurseries and do very well in the Southeast.

Recycle 101

by Gay Arnieri

Have you given any thought to how best to prepare your recycling for pick-up? Well, we asked our recycling pick-up crew how best to package up the recycling to make the process most efficient, and here's what they said. You can combine ALL recyclables (cans, plastics, glass, and misc. paper) in the bottom of the bins. They all get tossed into the truck together. THEN put flat newspapers on TOP. That's it! They can make quick work of pick-up if we will do this. No need to separate cans, etc., since that will actually make more work for the collectors. Thanks for recycling!







Meet Your Neighbors: The Stubbs

by Hlee Vang

Lake Claire is considered a bit of a haven - and heaven - to its residents. While just minutes from all that's considered the privileges of living in a big city, from top-notch restaurants and entertainment in Midtown and Downtown, those who've live in Lake Claire say it's the small-town feel they have when they're home that makes the neighborhood so special to them. From welcoming neighbors and its family-friendly sidewalks to its quietness and greeneries, newcomers Thomas and Susannah Stubbs and their 17-month-old daughter, Edith, are among those residents. The family moved to their Hardendorf Avenue neighborhood about a month ago from Virginia Highland, where they first lived after settling into Atlanta two years ago. Susannah was pregnant with their daughter when the couple - who met, married and spent several years in London, England - made the trans-Atlantic move to be closer to Thomas' aging parents in Atlanta. Thomas said the traffic along Monroe Drive at their previous home in Virginia Highlands just got too busy for his family. "It's nice and quiet and there's a park," he said. He also liked that the homes were so architecturally interesting and not a cookie-cutter copy of one another. "Here on Clifton, you can walk and see that every house is a different style. Many of the homes are beautiful." Thomas said.

The Stubbs' home is no different. It's one big reason they chose to settle in Lake Claire. Their home, while it has an upstairs and downstairs as they prefer and a pool in the backyard that Edith particularly enjoys during the hot summer days, also comes attached with an in-law suite. Susannah is Scottish and has family still in the United Kingdom. When her family comes to visit, the in-law suite becomes a bit of a home-away-from-home where they have privacy during their stay. Thomas' family lives in Atlanta. His father grew up in Ansley Park and his mother moved to Atlanta when she was 18. Thomas himself was born in Columbus and attended Woodward Academy in College Park. He left Georgia in 1993 to work in Dallas, Texas, but found himself unhappy with his job. When he announced that he was ready to quit, his boss sent him to London for a six-week work-related visit. Thomas ended up staying in the UK for ten years.

Susannah was born in Troon, Ayrshire, a traditional seaside town famously known as the "golf land" in Scotland. She moved to London after attending the University of Glasgow, met her then future husband, Thomas, at a dinner party, and married him 18 months later. After having lived in London, Susannah said she finds it amusing that the city shuts down when it gets a little snowfall. She'd also like to see more bookshops and trains in Atlanta for public transportation but, apart from missing her family and the hot July and August months, she "really loves Atlanta." "It's really beautiful here





in fall and spring," she said. Thomas currently is an Internet consultant and builds Web sites. Among his clients is Coca-Cola. Susannah looks after Edith and writes when she has time. She has a master's degree in decorative arts and is an expert at decorating cruise ships. In Atlanta, however, and when her daughter is older, Susannah said she may consider applying her skills toward interior decorating. Edith loves Candler Park and the pool in her backyard. She's a huge fan of climbing into the dark chair in Dr. Bombay's on McLendon Avenue.

Local Doins'

Little 5 Points Halloween Parade. On Saturday October 22 at 500pm Lake Claire neighbors, friends, kids, and pets are invited to participate in the 5th Annual L5P Halloween Parade. This year's theme is "ANIMALS." Hey it's free, fun and only lasts an hour! Just show up in costume at the Horizon Theater/WRFG building and look for the LCN contingent around 4:30pm. We march down Euclid Avenue to Moreland with folks on floats, bikers, drag queens, aliens, monsters, rollerbladers, hearses, gypsies, and marching bands! INFO? Pat Marsh 404-373-8982 or goesemarsh@yahoo.com.

The Frazer Center Fall Festival. This year's fall festival is scheduled for October 30, 2005, from 2 pm - 6 pm, at Cator Woolford Gardens, 1815 Ponce De Leon Avenue. Everyone is invited to attend. The festival will be a Halloween party with games, a silent auction, food and music.

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Kirkwood Halloween Haunting. The Kirkwood Neighbor Organization is hosting its first annual Halloween event, "Haunted Howard Street", a fundraiser to benefit the Clay Cemetery in Kirkwood. The event will take place Saturday, October 15th, 2005 from 7:00 to 11:00 pm, in the 100 block of Howard Street NE north of Hosea Williams. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. There will be a sixstop walking tour of Howard Street featuring the stories of houses that have ghosts or mysterious histories. Young people's activities such as face-painting, pumpkin decorating contest, palm reading, hayrides, and children's ghost stories (courtesy of Little Shop of Stories in Decatur) will be in place for a per-activity charge. Food and beverages will be available. The Clay Cemetery, on Clifton Street between Hosea Williams and Wade Avenue, predates the establishment of DeKalb County. For more information, call 404-373-1882 or go to http://www.historickirkwood.com.

Candler Park Tour of Homes. Candler Park is hosting its tour on Sunday, Oct. 16, from noon-6 p.m., in conjunction with the neighborhood's FallFest celebration Oct. 15-16. Tickets are \$12 in advance and are available for purchase from the Candler Park Market, 1642 McLendon Ave., or by

calling 404-688-1299. Day of tour tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in front of The Gilded Angel, located on the corner of McLendon and Oakdale Road. Most houses are within walking distance of The Gilded Angel. This year's tour will feature an unusual two-acre conservation easement and eight homes, the majority of which were built between 1908-1915 in a post-Victorian style. For more information about the Candler Park Tour of Homes, contact Fred Rossini, Candler Park Neighborhood Organization president, at 404-688-1299, or by e-mail: frossini@mindspring.com.

Family Day at the Opera. On Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the Atlanta Civic Center introduce your children to the world of opera and music at the Atlanta Opera's family day! Some of the day's highlights will include an Instrument Petting Zoo, Stage Combat demonstrations, Interactive Costume Shop, Backstage Tours, and Make Your Own Instrument. Admission is \$5 per person, with children under 3 admitted free. Admission includes all activities. Lunch and snacks will be available for sale from Chick-fil-a and Jake's Ice Cream. For more information, contact Jennifer McPherson at jenniferm@atlantaopera.org or 404.881.6866.





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Candlelight Vigil to End Domestic Violence. Thursday, October 20, 7pm on Downtown Decatur Square, the Gazebo. This annual event commemorates those who have lost their lives to Domestic Violence; celebrates those who are working to move on from Domestic Violence; and challenges our community to continue the fight to end Domestic Violence. Those wishing to show their support to end domestic violence are encouraged to attend this dramatic and meaningful event. This year's vigil is themed

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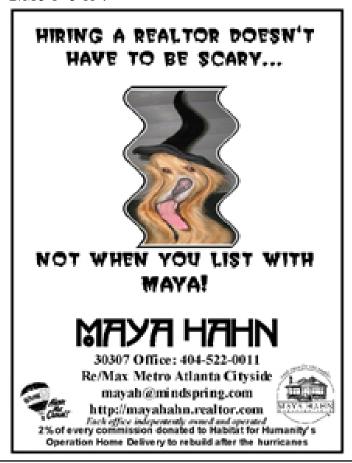
"Voices of Hope: The Impossible Will Take A Little While." There will be musical performances by DrumSista and other local artists. Participants are asked to gather at the Gazebo at 6:45 p.m. Candles, ribbons, and programs will be supplied.

So you want to be a star. HGTV is filming in Atlanta in October for a new show "Look What I Did!" and is looking for local folks and their homes to feature. The show will profile creative, outgoing and fun individuals who have done something amazing to their home environment without having hired professionals to do the work. If you've transformed your garage into a wine room, built Fido his own futuristic pad or designed the most fabulous fireplace ever, e-mail a description of the project (with pictures) of the area you've improved, and your contact info to Amy Turner at: aturner@wellergrossman.com.

CRIME STATS

ROBBERY

Sun. 9/11 2:30pm-3:50pm - 1200 Fairview – Victims were walking home when 2 B/M came from the bushes, placed a small black hand gun in their backs and demanded their pocket books. Subjects patted the victims down and told them to walk and not look back. Suspects fled the area in a "fast" vehicle. Suspects B/M 6'01"-6'02", B/M 5'1"-5'11".





Mon 9/18 2:00am-2:30am - 1200 Euclid – Red Dodge Neon approached the victims. The driver got out and pointed a handgun at the victims and commanded them to empty their pockets. Suspect B/M 25-30 years of age 5'10"-6'00" 155-165lbs.

Thurs. 9/21 - 1200 McLendon – Subject came out of the shadows, pointed a handgun at the victim and demanded money. Subject then told the victims to run. Suspect: B/M 6'4" with braids and a white t-shirt.

BURGLARY

Fri. 8/19 4:40pm-11:00pm – 300 Candler Park Dr. – Items stolen: laptop computer, palm pilot, jewelry. No signs of forced entry.

Sun. 8/21 2:30pm-2:58pm – 1200 Mansfield Ave – B/M kicked in the basement door and took pressure washer. The victim ran after the male, who jumped into a white truck with another B/M driving and they got away. Suspect: B/M, age 25 – 35, 5'9", Av. Build, gap between his front teeth AKA: Man or Daryl.

Fri. 8/26 10:00am-1:30pm – 200 Connecticut – Home was entered through the rear window that was broken out. Items taken: jewelry, digital camera, X-box and Radio alarm clock.

Fri. 8/26 10:00am-1:50pm – 200 Connecticut – Shed Door pried open and Specialized bike stolen.

Fri. 9/9 6:50pm-7:00am 1600 Mclendon – Suspect entered through open window and took electronics and clothing. Tues. 9/6 1:21pm – 500 Oakdale – Subject entered basement through window screen, possibly spent the night in the basement, stole a laptop computer and attempted to steal a plasma screen TV.

Sun. 9/11 7:00pm-9/12 8:85pm 1700 Indiana – Lawnmower, pressure washer and meat out of the freezer stolen, after suspect entered through unlocked garage door.

Tues. 9/8 9:00am-9/11 5:00pm - 300 Clifton Rd - Shed door forced open and lawn equipment taken.

Thurs. 9/15 9:30pm-1:15pm – 1500 Iverson – Suspect entered through back window and Sony Playstation, X-box, video recorder, laptop and jewelry taken.

Sat. 9/10 11:00pm-12:15pm – 500 Candler Park Dr. – Screen peeled back and front window broken during night. **Fri. 9/16 11:00am-3:50pm** – 300 Clifton –Suspect broke front door glass pane and stole laptop, carrying case, and software.

July 9 - Sept. 19 –500 Clifton –Check book and jewelry stolen from home with realtor's lockbox on it. B/F suspect attempted to cash forged checks.

Thurs. 9/14 8:00am-7:30pm –300 Brooks – Shed door removed and mountain bike and gas trimmer stolen.



