



4th of July in Lake Claire

By "Maggie" - Harold Avenue Resident

As you can see from my picture on the right here, my family did not have much planned for the 4th of July, but I hope you did. What a great time to hang out with the neighbors and get a running start on all that fun summer stuff. I try not to bark at everyone, but I just get so happy to see the neighbors. The people walking them are nice, too. Then there's all those little buggy-looking things with little legs and arms hanging out. I bet there is something in there that would love a big doggy kiss.

Please, if you have a furry friend like me at your house, don't forget to keep the water dish filled, the dog door working, and lean over for a nice sloppy smooch once in a while. 🐾

Barred Owls, Valued Lake Claire Residents

By Kathy Evans, Photo by David White

Have you heard the distinctive "Who-cooks-for-you?" call from The Frazer Center Forest at dusk? It was probably a member of the resident Barred Owl family.

Barred owls, native to Georgia, are approximately 21 inches tall, with a three foot wingspan and a distinctive "barred" chest. They are the only large eastern owl, other than the Barn Owl, with dark eyes. In addition to their unique call, they have an amazing repertoire of sounds including a spine tingling scream! You often hear pairs calling back and forth, especially during winter courtship and in spring and fall when they defend their territories.

Barred owls are more often heard than seen. Scientists believe that pairs mate for life. Together, they take care of their young until they are able to hunt for themselves, sometimes up to six months after fledging. The young move to find territory of their own in Spring.

Barred owls prefer deciduous woodland habitats and need an average of one square-mile (640 acres) of territory to produce enough prey to support a pair. The prey of Barred Owls includes chipmunks, squirrels, rabbits, voles, mice, rats, birds, frogs, salamanders, lizards, fish, and insects. This means that the pair of Barred Owls who are raising young (offspring pictured below) in the Frazer Center Forest (which covers about 33 acres) also depend on most of Lake Claire as their hunting ground.

We can therefore assume that the role of the Barred Owls in our community in controlling rodent populations is very valuable. Conservationists urge us to keep this in mind when selecting (other) methods for controlling mice and rats since poisons can potentially kill owls as well as the rodents they eat. 🐾





Next LCN Meeting, Thursday, July 19

Next Meeting at 7 pm, Frazer Center.
Social time 6:30 - 7:00 pm. Please join us!
No voting items as of print date.

Lake Claire Neighbors – Meeting Highlights

Thursday, June 21, 2007 @ 7pm
The Frazer Center Atrium

Attendance: Approximately 21 people.
Officers present: Kathy Evans, President; Diane Moore, Treasurer; Dan White, VP Zoning; Boyd Baker, VP Fundraising; and Dan Wright, VP Public Safety.

Announcements/Discussions included:

- Welcome to several new residents and first time attendees.
- Introduction of Tom Zarilli, new Freedom Park Conservancy Board Alternate and successor at end of term for Diane Moore as LCN Rep. in Fall.
- Community Development Plan (CDP) is being replaced by Atlanta Strategic Action Plan (ASAP); next month ExComm will present outline of objectives for comment.
- Harold Avenue Greenspace will be dedicated in

October; date to be determined.

- New sculpture entitled “New Endings” will be re-located from Walton Spring Park to Freedom Park/Goldsboro Park at the corner of North Ave and Euclid Ave.

- The NPU voted to adopt the proposed Residential Scale Ordinance with amendments 1) to reduce max. lot coverage; and 2) to use definitions originally proposed by AIA Infill Panel, consistent with LCN's May vote. The ZRB will address these issues at a special meeting June 28.

Officers Reports:

- Treasurer, Diane Moore, reported that accounts are steady, with a general account balance of \$3,879.00.

- Public Safety. Sgt. Hutchinson, new officer for Zone 5; reports that car thefts have dropped since a couple of suspects have been in custody; will check into rumor that crimes in area have been committed by people posing as contractors.

Voting Items:

- LCN voted unanimously to contribute \$1,000 to Freedom Park Conservancy; \$500 now and \$500 within the year.

- Request for variance at 502 Harold to add second story addition on current footprint of house, passed unanimously. (Denied last month to give opportunity to speak with property owner, who was not able to be present, about how to better address concerns of neighbors).


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Disability 101

Charis Circle presents a three-part series

Part One: The Analysis will take place on Thursday, July 19 at 7:30pm at Charis Books and More (located at 1189 Euclid Ave. N.E. in Little 5 Points) and will focus on introducing the basic ideas of disability theory, including ableism and the social construction of disability, as well as the difference between social and medical approaches to disability.



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Part Two: Disability Etiquette and How to be an Ally will take place on Thursday, August 23rd (time and location to be announced) and will help answer the questions people are often afraid to ask about interacting with people with disabilities. We will discuss ways people without disabilities can be allies to people with disabilities and ways we can support each other in our activism and everyday lives.

Part Three: Disability Activism will take

place on Thursday, September 6th (time and location to be announced) and will close out the series with a facilitated discussion on the past, present, and future of disability activism. We will highlight the work that disability activists in Atlanta are doing and share ways to get involved.

All programs are open to people with and without disabilities. All programs will take place in wheelchair accessible locations and American Sign Language interpretation will be provided.

Decatur Mayor Bill Floyd Wants to Cook You Dinner!

On Tuesday, August 7th, DeKalb Rape Crisis Center and Voila Market Café will join together to host a very special evening. Decatur's own Mayor Bill Floyd will be the Chef du Jour preparing a wonderful New Orleans meal for everyone in attendance. Mayor Floyd's menu will include traditional New Orleans dishes of gumbo, jambalaya and beignets. Cocktails will be available including the evening's signature cocktail called "The Floyd." Tickets for the 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. seatings are \$60 and available through DeKalb Rape Crisis Center. All profits benefit the services and educational programs of the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center.

DRCC offers a 24/7 crisis line, follow-up care, accompaniment, advocacy, individual and group therapy for adults and adolescents, including services for Spanish-speaking survivors. DRCC also offers a comprehensive education program for middle and high school students throughout DeKalb County.

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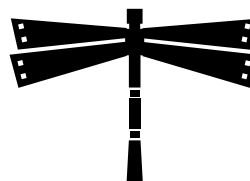


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B*ATL – Even More Fun and History This Year

By Henry Bryant

July 22nd will mark the 143rd Anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta. To commemorate this important date in Georgia's history, the neighborhoods in Atlanta's 5th Council District have teamed up to organize B*ATL on the weekend of July 20th-22nd. These neighborhoods are where the Civil War battle occurred. This will be a day of remembrance but also fun with something 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 horses, historic music concerts and dramatic performances, shopping and dining in East Atlanta and more.

A fifteen year old Grady High School student, Wes Swift, will bring his fiddle and authentic Civil War period music to the East Atlanta Village for a Concert at Naio Gallery on Flat Shoals in East Atlanta. Wes was born and raised in Lake Claire. The concert will be at 1 pm, but Wes will also be appearing as part of the living history display set up not far from the BATL headquarters in the East Atlanta Village. The living history area will actually be very

very close to Lake Claire - just south of the Watershed Mural and Dekalb Avenue at the dead end of Arizona.

Additional information is available at www.batlev-ent.org or by calling 404-377-6148.

Flicks on 5th at Georgia Tech's Technology Square

Georgia Tech's Technology Square Flicks on 5th annual outdoor film series starts at dusk (approx. 9pm) every Wednesday evening starting June 6 through July 25, 2007. 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. For a more detailed movie schedule, please visit www.flicksonfifth.com or call 404-894-2805.

July 11 - Stranger Than Fiction

July 18 - Dreamgirls

July 25 - 300 (rated R)

Other Items of Note

July 4 – Wednesday – INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 10 – Tuesday – Next session of APD Citizens Police Academy begins.

July 11 – Wednesday – Flicks at Ga. Tech. "Stranger than Fiction" 9 pm

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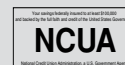
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Other Items of Note

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July 18 – Wednesday – Flicks at Ga. Tech. “Dream Girls” 9 pm

July 19 – Thursday – Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting, Frazer Center, 7 pm

July 19 – Thursday – Charis Books and More, 119 Euclid Ave. NE, Disability 101 Part One: The Analysis. 7:30 pm

July 20 – 22 – Friday, Saturday, Sunday – B-ATL celebration of the 143rd Anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta, in various 5th Council District Neighborhoods. Additional information is available at www.batlevent.org or by calling 404-377-6148.

July 25 – Wednesday – Flicks at Ga. Tech. “300” (rated R)

August 7 – Tuesday - DeKalb Rape Crisis Center and Voila Market Café will host Decatur’s own Mayor Bill Floyd, for “The Floyd” epicurean event. To purchase tickets, please contact the Director of Development, Tonja Holder, by phone at 404-377-1429 or email tholder@dekalbrapecrisiscenter.org

August 23 – Thursday – Charis Books and More, 119 Euclid Ave. NE, Disability 101 Part Two: Disability Etiquette and How to be an Ally (time and location TBA)

September 6 – Thursday - Charis Books and More, 119 Euclid Ave. NE, Disability 101 Part Three: Dis-

ability Activism (time and location TBA)

Don't forget...

Preschool Visitors - Book Nook and Garden Safari, Jimmy Carter Library. Mondays, at 10:00 a.m. Free and Open to the Public. Best for ages 3-7. For more information, please call 404-865-7101.

Wednesdays, through August 1 - Log Cabin Hour for children 4-12 meets at the Dekalb History Park, Decatur - reservations required - call 404-373-1088 or email director@dekalbhistory.org.

Atlanta Police Department Citizens Academy

The Atlanta Police Department is hosting Citizens Academy classes to increase the awareness about the operation and services of the police department for the residents of Atlanta. The Academy hopes to enhance police and community relationships by providing insight into the internal workings of the police department.

Participants are selected through an application process. Potential candidates for the Citizens Academy must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of the City of Atlanta or an employee with the City of Atlanta
- Minimum age of 21 is required

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The fabulous cats available for adoption through AARF (like Pepper here) can be seen anytime at www.aarfatlanta.org. A new group of 10 kittens (5 months and younger) will be ready for new homes this month, as well.

AARF works to assist abandoned, abused and stray animals in finding new, loving homes. AARF is operated solely on adoption fees, private donations and charitable grants without government support. It is a state-licensed, 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal rescue organization and donations are tax deductible. 



Citizens Academy continued from page 6

- Have no felony convictions
- Have no misdemeanor convictions within one year of application

The Atlanta Police Citizens Academy will receive 30 hours of instruction taught in three-hour sessions and covers a variety of police-related topics and hands-on workshops included but not limited to:

- The entry-level training received by police officers
- The myths about law enforcement
- The barriers between citizens and police
- How the department can meet residents on common ground
- Knowledge of constitutional law, state law and general police procedures
- Police patrol ride-along program is offered

The Atlanta Police Academy encourages all city residents and employees to take advantage of the Citizens Academy.

Summer Sessions will begin July 10, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m. at The Herbert T. Jenkins Atlanta Police Academy.



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Nationwide, the estimated 60 million barbecues held on the Fourth of July alone consume enough energy — in the form of charcoal, lighter fluid, gas, and electricity — to power 20,000 households for a year. That one day of fun, food, and celebration, says Tristram West, a research scientist with the U.S. Department of Energy, burns the equivalent of 2,300 acres of forest and releases 225,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide as well as other pollutants.

Just a few changes in your cooking style can make a difference. Probably the single biggest consideration is how your grill is powered. Whether you fire up with natural gas, propane, charcoal, or electricity, you're consuming natural resources and releasing toxins, but not all cookouts are created equal. Grilling with charcoal, the traditionalist's choice, gives off more health-harming carbon monoxide, particulate matter, and soot than other methods.

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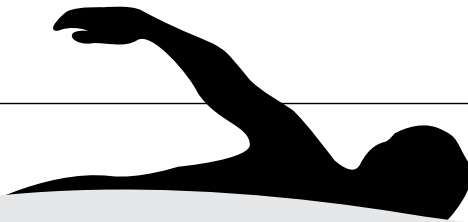
The Conscientious Gardener

By Kathy Evans (see related story, page 1)



Things you can do to encourage owls to live or visit your property: :

- Retain multi-acre patches of coniferous and/or deciduous trees.
- Protect quiet, secluded areas near rivers, creeks, and lakes and away from human activity.
- Retain large dead or dying trees over 20 feet tall as potential perches.
- Protect or plant thickets to attract small mammals that owls eat.
- Leave large grasslands alone or mow them only infrequently to provide habitat for small mammals that owls eat.
- Manage mice and rat problems without poison baits, which can potentially kill owls.



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Outdoor Water Use Restrictions Adopted in Atlanta

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Prolonged Drought Forces Conservation June 19, 2007

The Atlanta City Council approved establishing comprehensive outdoor water use restrictions in response to the ongoing drought.

The new ordinance adopted Monday by the Full Council (Legislative Reference # 07-O-0956) calls for a written warning to be issued to first time violators. A second violation would result in a \$100 fine; a third violation would result in a \$500 fine and a fourth violation would result in a \$1,000 fine.

A fourth violation would also subject users to termination of water service. The penalties will appear on the water/sewer bills.

City of Atlanta customers with even-numbered addresses may only water outdoors on Saturdays from 12:01 a.m. to 10 a.m. Customers at odd-numbered addresses may water on Sundays between midnight and 10 a.m. The affected area includes the City of Atlanta, Sandy Springs and unincorporated South Fulton County. The City's largest outdoor water users – parks and golf courses, for example – can choose to water on Mondays or Fridays during the restricted hours rather than on the weekends. They must contact the Department for permission.

The following activities are exempted from the City of Atlanta's new watering restrictions:

1. Personal food gardens
2. Newly (in place less than 30 days) installed landscapes – these may be watered any day of the week between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 10 a.m. for a period of 30 days following installation.

The following commercial outdoor water uses are exempt from watering restrictions:

1. Professionally certified or licensed landscapers, golf course contractors, and sports turf landscapers: during installation and 30 days following installation only. (Professional landscapers must be certified or licensed for commercial exemptions to apply)
 2. Irrigation contractors: during installation and as needed for proper maintenance and adjustments of irrigation systems and equipment only
 3. Sod producers
 4. Ornamental growers
 5. Fruit and vegetable growers
 6. Retail garden centers
 7. Hydro-seeding
 8. Power-washing
 9. Construction sites
 10. Producers of food and fiber
 11. Car washes
 12. Other activities essential to daily business
 13. Watering-in of pesticides and herbicides on turf
- For further information contact: Dexter Chambers,

City Council Communications Director (404) 330-6309; (404) 392-0159

Also from our City Council...

In other news, the City Council also approved an ordinance amending the Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance so as to make it easier for the removal of trees within five feet of the structural foundation of existing single family residential structures or duplexes.

The legislation adopted by the Full Council (Legislative Reference # 07-O-1101) was sponsored by Councilmembers C.T. Martin, District 10, and Mary Norwood, Post 2 At-Large.

A homeowner must still obtain an opinion from a city arborist and a permit.


On June 4th, the City Council approved an ordinance allowing for residents within the same Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) to appeal an arborist's decision, or someone living within 500 feet of said tree.

The above legislation and a complete list of other items on the council's agenda can be viewed in their entirety on the Web at:

<http://apps.atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/2007/Fca0618.htm>

All adopted legislative items and any amendments to those items or substitute papers can be viewed at: <http://apps.atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/captions/> City council minutes can be viewed at: <http://apps.atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/minutes2.htm>

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Lake Claire Security Report

*Compiled/reported by
VP-Public Safety, Dan Wright*

May, early June 2007 crime stats (Weeks 20-23 2007)
for Lake Claire and Closely Surrounding Areas

KEEP AN EYE ON THE CRIME AND THE TIME

Date -- Time -- Block Address -- Description

ASSAULT

Wednesday -- 6/6 -- 9:00 p.m. -- 1600 block McLendon Ave -- Victim was sleeping in sleeping bag in a parking lot when he was approached by suspect. Suspect demanded \$5.00 for crack and hit him with a stick. Suspect, homeless 51 year old black female, was arrested.

AUTO THEFT

Friday -- 6/8 -- morning or daytime -- 2000 block Dekalb Ave -- Buick stolen from parking lot while it was parked outside of victim's apartment.

BURGLARY

Sunday -- 5/13 -- evening -- 400 block Ridgewood Rd -- side door of basement of house kicked in, various tools and bicycle removed. Prints were attempted.

LARCENY FROM AUTO

Wednesday -- 5/23 -- 5:30 p.m. -- 200 block Southerland Terr -- Survey equipment removed from unsecured Jeep.

Saturday -- 6/9 -- morning -- 1700 block Delaware Ave -- Driver side vent window of Jeep smashed, stereo removed. Prints were attempted.

Saturday -- 6/9 -- morning -- 400 block Ridgewood Rd -- Passenger side window of Honda smashed, purse stolen.

Saturday -- 6/9 -- morning/overnight -- 1800 block Almeta Ave -- Passenger side window of Toyota smashed, dashboard damaged. Electronic equipment taken. Prints were attempted.

***Special Note—Identification of Suspects: All information relating to the identification of any suspects as reported by the police to us is included in this report. The goal of providing descriptions is to aid in the arrest of the identified suspects; hence, all identifying information whatsoever is included. Where information appears to be missing, it is because it was not reported and not because it has been edited by this organization.



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Edited and reprinted from email written by Greg Haegele, Director of Conservation, Sierra Club

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The Sierra Club's "Cool Cities" Campaign is a big part of the answer . . . Scientists say we have to cut carbon emissions 80% by 2050 to stabilize our climate. And cities are responsible for 75 percent of the world's global warming pollution. It's in the cities where transportation, construction, land use and pollution issues are most acute, and the opportunities for dramatic gains the largest.

Washington doesn't understand the urgency but we do. And so do mayors across America who are stepping up to solve global warming one city at a time. As of May 23, 522 cities have now signed onto the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement to cut global warming pollution.

Already Sierra Club activists are partnering with city administrations from Seattle to Charlotte, North Carolina to help them green their cities by making municipal office buildings and schools more energy efficient, using LED technology and compact fluorescent bulbs in their traffic and other city lights, and replacing the cars and trucks in the fleets with hybrids and other fuel efficient cars.

For more information contact: www.coolcities.us 

Local Cool Cities include:

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