

Here are some of our summertime tots enjoying our soon-to-be-expanded Lake Claire Park. Pictured are: The babies from left, Jonah Tarshis, Paulina Carrero, and Evan Fisher

#### Lean, Mean and Green... Tips for Greener Living in Lake Claire Just Say No to Styrofoam -The Sequel

## I keep a plate, bowl, cup, fork, spoon and knife at work for those occasions when management gets

in a generous mood and springs for a catered meal. I also carry a set of silverware in my daypack in case I get offered a meal someplace else. Instead of a plate, I carry a frisbee. When people no-



tice me eating from a frisbee, I often get a chance to explain why I avoid using throwaway styrofoam and plastic utensils.

Neighbors - Here's your chance to share your personal tips for greener living with other readers of The Clarion. Keep it short and practical. If you have something more elaborate to suggest, please submit an article. Include your name, street, occupation, or whatever else you want your neighbors to know. Thanks.

## Cooperative **Recycling Anyone?**

Many items not accepted at the curb accumulate slowly in an individual household, and hauling small quantities to a recycling location produces a different kind of waste in the form of energy expenditure and pollution. Is anyone out there interested in helping to set up and maintain a neighborhood drop-off and collection point for #6 plastic, styrofoam, and other items on this list? Send an email to editor@ lakeclaire.org, and let's set something up! – Stephen Wing

Stephen Wing of Arizona Ave. is the author of the eco-comedy Free Ralph! An Evolutionary Fable (available at Donna Van Gogh's and other neighborhood stores).

## R U Card "Bored"?

Yippee! Very exciting news. The City of Atlanta now accepts cardboard (yes, even corrugated) in the curbside recycling. Just break down cardboard boxes and place them with your other recycling. Hey, recyclers of Lake Claire what do you do with other recyclables that the city's curbside pickup program won't accept? Your neighbors might want to know! Send your ideas to The Clarion, and let's pool our information for a cleaner Lake Claire. 🤏



## Lake Claire votes for park expansion

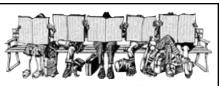
On July 17 Lake Claire Neighbors voted unanimously at its monthly meeting to pledge \$5000 to match Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong's \$5000 allocation towards the acquisition of land at the end of Marlbrook Dr that would increase the size of Lake Claire Park by almost 20%. The land in question contains significant old growth forest as well as a large cleared area that might be used for a variety of community activities.

The executive committee of LCNA has suggested that Park Pride be engaged by concerned neighbors about the future use of this space. As a result of this committment of funds by LCNA a Friends of Lake Claire Park committee is being formed to address the needs of the park and help with raising funds to implement the park's expansion. The possibility of creating and maintaining a wildlife corridor between Lake Claire Park, the Frazer Forest, the Harold Avenue Greenspace and the Fernbank Forest is a unique and wonderful opportunity for our neighborhood and all of Atlanta.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Friends of Lake Claire Park please contact Evan Levy @ zoning@lakeClaire.org 🦧

### Wait, there's more . . .

Additionally, planning has begun for a fund raising event for October and extra helping hands will be needed. The event/fundraiser would benefit the long term interest of improving Lake Claire Park. If people are interested in helping to plan this event contact Evan at carrlevy@ bellsouth.net or people can direct a contribution to Park Pride and it will be held in a dedicated fund. -Evan Levy



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# Partying Shots on Palifox

Grillin' and Chillin' in Lake Claire

By Diane Moore

Palifox neighbors took to the street with grills and lawn chairs in celebration of the 4th of July. The block party was the first of what will become an annual event.

Oh look, it's LCN President Diane Moore in the bottom right photo (that's her on the far left).











## **Next LCN Meeting**

#### Thursday, August 21

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. Everyone is welcome!

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## Mark your calendars

August 10 – Sunday – Sunday Snow Day at Fernbank Museum of Natural History noon to 3 pm. Fernbank Museum of Natural History is located at 767 Clifton Road NE. Museum tickets include access to Sunday Snow Days and are free for members and for children ages 2 and younger. Museum admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for students and seniors, and \$13 for children ages 3-12. To reserve tickets, call 404.929.6400. For more information, visit fernbankmuseum.org.

August 23 – Saturday – 11 am. Lake Claire Parents Association meeting. Sherry Neal will host a meeting at her home, 2089 Howard Circle, at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, please email Sherry by Thursday, August 21 sherry\_v\_neal@yahoo.com. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

September 6 - Saturday - Practical Tips for Starting Your Own Business, by Dan Wright, J.D., Neal & Wright LLC; Free seminar at 10:00 a.m. at our office, 115 North McDonough Street, Decatur (just across from Decatur High School.) Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

September 13 – Saturday – Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool; Beat the Street for Little Feet 5k. See www.oakhurstcoop.com to register.

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**September 27-28** – Saturday and Sunday - The Second Annual 17th Street Art Fair returns to Midtown (see article).

October 4 - Saturday - Polar Lights on a Southern Night: A Timeless Affair 2008; from 7 pm to Midnight. Fernbank's largest annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$350 per person and patron levels begin at \$1,500. Please call Ms. Chris Comfort at 404.929.6404 for additional information.

#### **Photo Realism**

There are many more cutie-patooties out and about in Lake Claire who have not been featured in *The Clarion*. Send us a photo so we can all enjoy. We love our cuties and like to share! So tell us a little about your cutie and what street you live on, and, of course, send a photo! editor@lakeclaire.org.

## Got pets?

Send us a photo! You know we like to see them! Better yet, would you like to sponsor a "Pets Only" spot



in *The Clarion*? All that is required is a pet-related short piece (from a sentence up to about 250 words) and a photo sent in once a month. So even a photo with a caption would be welcome. If interested, email editor@lake-claire.org.

#### Homemade Pet Treats You Can Make

From www.petfinders.com

Here are the winners of the Petfinder Recipes for Pets contest! Though there were many great entries, we tried to choose recipes for a variety of animals, so people could share them with all their "best friends."

Super Simple Yum Drops (submitted by: Kristi Simmons of TX) Easy microwave treat for busy people that still want to cook for their furry companions!

#### Version I - For Dogs:

Ingredients:

3 jars baby food meat (or veggies)

1 and 1/2 c wheat germ (or cream of wheat)

**Instructions:** 

Mix ingredients together well. Drop by spoonfuls on wax paper covered plate and cover with wax paper. Cook on high in microwave for 5-8 minutes (until treats are formed and firm). Store in refrigerator.

#### **Version II - For Cats:**

Ingredients:

3 jars baby food meat (or veggies)

1 and 1/2 c wheat germ (or cream of wheat)

small amount of tuna juice

#### **Instructions:**

Mix well. Drop by 1/4 spoonfuls onto wax paper covered plate and cover with wax paper. Cook in microwave on high for 5-8 minutes until formed and firm. Store in fridge.

Editor's Note: Read the label of the baby food jars to be sure they don't contain Onion Powder. There have been cases where cats developed onion toxicosis after eating baby food. Avoid Garlic and Garlic powder as well.

## **TLC: Troops of Lake Claire**

Do you know anyone serving in the armed forces? Anyone serving in Iraq or Afghanistan? If possible, please share their contact info so we can send them reminders of home. We can forward *The Clarion* and Lake Clarians can send greetings, goodies, whatever. If they wouldn't mind, we could print their photo and any updates or personal messages they wish to share. Let's show our troops we care!





### **Q&A** with Jennifer Sams, Owner of City Issue and Lake Claire's NPU representative

By Diane Moore

Lake Claire neighbor Jennifer Sams is the owner of City Issue and volunteers as the neighborhood's NPU representative. Stop by for a visit and see what's happening at this really cool shop.

1. What is City Issue?

City Issue is Atlanta's source for vintage classic mid-century modern design furnishings. City Issue opened in 2001 on Peachtree Road in Garden Hills, and moved to 325 Elizabeth Street in Inman Park in March of this year.

2. How did you become interested in Mid-Century modern furniture? Can you recommend resources to other people who have the same interest?

The mid 20th Century was such an innovative and creative period, once you start learning about it, it's addictive. Designers were looking at furniture in a whole new way, and not just for design sake. Being the post war period they were not only forced to explore new materials, but also attempting to simplify. To me, once you start to understand why a piece was designed you can't help but to appreciate it on a different level than its basic function.

3. Is there a typical customer profile?

I've really seen the appreciation for modernism grow over the past 8 years. It has a pretty broad appeal today. We have loft dwellers, midcentury home buyers, contemporary home owners among others. I've met quite a few Lake Claire neighbors through City Issue. I think this



style works perfectly in my 1930 Lake Claire home because the many windows and smaller sized rooms hold this smaller profile furniture very proportionate-

4. What designers/manufacturers do you carry?

ly.

We love American and Scandinavian design from this period, and occasionally get in some pretty great South American modern pieces. Companies like Knoll and Herman Miller are frequently represented here, but if we find an interesting piece we like from the period, it really doesn't matter who made it. We are looking for good modern design and great quality from the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

5. Most interesting piece?

Honestly, about once a month I completely fall in love with a new piece I have never seen before. There are so many icons from this period, but it's the more obscure pieces that I am really fascinated with. We have a collection of oil paintings from the 1960s right now, all by different and unknown artists. I could stare at these pieces all day. Most are abstract, some more expressive, some more graphic, but they all have such inspiring use of color and texture.

6. What's the most unusual request from a client?



Jennifer Sams, LCN's NPU representative

We keep a "wish list" for our clients, many people that come in have a very specific piece in mind, if not a specific designer. We've had requests for everything from single dining room chairs to complete a set to a certain knob or pull that a piece is known for having.

7. How long have you lived in Lake Claire? Why do you live here? I bought my house on McLendon in 1996. I fell in love with Lake Claire when living in Emory in the early 90's and would pass through on my way to GA State. The initial appeal was location within the city, diversity of architecture, diversity of the community, the huge trees and the walk to Marta. Today, my partner, Susan (Fitzsimmons), and I still love the neighborhood for those exact same reasons. I think our favorite part is having friends and family over to the back yard under the huge pecan and oak trees.

City Issue is open Sun, Mon 12-5, Tue, Thurs,-Sat 11-7 and closed Wednesdays

www.cityissue.com 🤏

## NPU News you can use! By Jennifer Sams

If you are in need of a recycle bin from the City of Atlanta, please email NPU@lakeclaire.org and give me your name, address and phone number. We will compile a group list to submit to the city.

Also, a report from the NPU:

KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org initiated a wipeout the graffiti campaign for the city. They have received grant money to be used by any City of Atlanta citizen at the Home Depot on Ponce de Leon for supplies to either cover or remove the graffiti. Call 404.330.6236 for more information about acquiring a HD gift card for this purpose.



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## **Exploring the Nature-hood**

by Nancy Lowe

Do you ever get the feeling that "nature" is something you watch on "Planet Earth"? Do your kids know more about the parental care of penguins than they know about that of woodpeckers? When was the last time your son lay on his back to watch the clouds change shape, or your daughter brought home a caterpillar to raise? OK, we're a progressive neighborhood and we'd like to think we are more in tune with nature—but even here, our busy lives and safety concerns often preclude time for letting our kids "waste time" playing in the woods or creeks. If your kids are climbing trees and catching frogs, your family is sadly an exception.

In his book, "Last Child in the Woods," Richard Louv coined the term "nature deficit" for this phenomenon and warns that playing outside in nature is vitally important for our health, especially for the health of our kids. There is a growing body of scientific data to show that unstructured play in nature can diminish the effects of ADD/ ADHD, combat obesity, reduce stress, and remedy other modern ills. And it's not just any kind of outdoor play that's important—soccer doesn't count. It is unstructured play in wild nature that makes the difference with improved focus, coping skills, creativity and even test scores. Something about the unpredictability of wild places sparks us when we spend time there, "not doing anything."

Our kids are missing the woods, but the woods are also missing our children. If we raise a generation of kids that don't know their own local trees, how will they as adults be motivated to care about forests? The emotional connection with a wild place known from childhood is the core of motivation for every naturalist, every environmental educator, every green activist.

A tipping point seems to have developed around Louv's book and its ideas. The concept of nature deficit really strikes a nerve. When I mention nature deficit to other parents, they usually nod in agreement and interrupt with enthusiastic stories of their own childhood play outdoors—fishing with their dad, playing in creeks, swinging under big trees—followed by the simultaneous lament that their own kids aren't having those experiences. Organizations to remedy nature deficit have mushroomed all around the country. Many states have launched campaigns to provide more greenspace, encourage parents to get their kids playing outside in nature, and even lobby for national legislation. Recently a "Leave No Child Inside" bill was introduced in

Congress, to increase environmental education in schools.

Until recently, Georgia lacked its own children-and-nature effort, but this spring a group of environmental educators, activists, parks directors, health care workers, scientists and parents met at Lake Claire Cohousing to launch our own campaign. Our group is focusing on three efforts. One, we have started a network of neighborhood naturalists that can lead guided nature walks and other activities, help identify plants and animals, and generate interest in the flora and fauna of the local neighborhood. These grassroots programs will be directed by and will serve the neighborhoods themselves, but will also be tied in with the larger network to share resources and ideas. A second effort is to create a celebrity event around the African American Earth Day Summit next April, to inspire more neighborhood naturalist groups in inner city neighborhoods and beyond. Third, we will use the health care angle to make parents more aware of the importance of outdoor play, starting by putting brochures in pediatricians' offices.

Through the efforts of this group, our own neighborhood will be the first to launch a neighborhood naturalist program. There are several different ways to participate, all detailed on the website www.nature-hoods.org - (click on Lake Claire/ Candler Park). The mission of NA-TUREHOODS is to connect neighbors to the nature in our own back yard. Families are encouraged to bring their kids to play in the Frazer Woods on Thursday evenings between 5pm and 7pm. Since other families will be there also, kids will have an opportunity for group play and parents can get to know one another. During the warmer

months, you can join us for "Friday Night Lights"—we will set up a light trap to observe moths and other night fliers, just after dark. If you haven't ever watched moths at a light trap, you don't know what you're missing! BYOB—it's fun! For locations, check the website. On Sundays from 2pm to 6pm we will offer guided nature hikes and nature journaling workshops. Check the website for details on that one, too, and for other links and information about combating nature deficit.

See ya outside!

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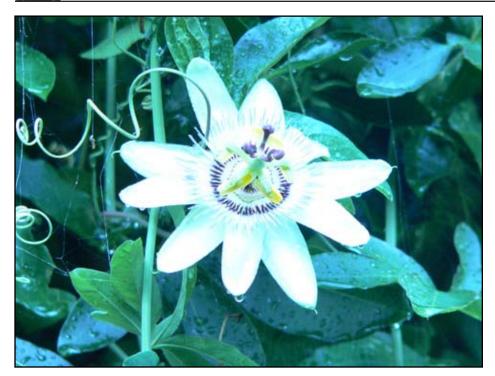
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### Going Naked —er—Native

Carol Vanderschaaf

A few words about passion. We all want some but aren't necessarily able to have it all the time. So how about the passion flower? What can it do for us? Perhaps improve our love life? Hmmm....

The native passion flower (Passiflora incarnata) is an herbaceous perennial vine, growing to 6–15 feet in length or height. Its exotic flowers are white and purple and bloom through summer to mid-fall (see picture). Its fruits are about the size of a hen's egg. It likes full sun or partial shade. It has average water needs, will grow in most soils but prefers those rich, acid soils.

Also known as Maypop, for the sound the fruits make when stepped on, the vine is a fast grower, dying down in the winter and growing back quickly in the spring. It can be propagated by seed, cuttings or dividing rhizomes.

Gulf and variegated fritillaries and zebra longwing butterflies are passionate about the passion flower. Fritillary caterpillars can ravage



its leaves when feeding. (See picture of Gulf Fritillary caterpillar). Its fruits of passion are eaten by rabbits and deer.

But alas, the term "passion" regarding this flower nothing to do with the passion of love. The flower was named by 15th- and 16th-century Spanish missionaries as it reminded them of certain aspects of the Passion of Christ (though not featured in the movie).

Don't despair, however! The plant can be used to treat nervous anxiety and insomnia brought on by lack of passion. It is also a good passa-long plant which might lead to a passion flower relationship.

You can see a passion flower in the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden. It's small, having just been planted, but we're hoping it will some day wind up the white oak it's been planted next to. And if you would like to sign up to volunteer at the garden (for a work day, to water when needed or to clean the bird bath occasionally), please email me at cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net

Internet sources for article: Georgia Wildlife Federation, DavesGarden.com, Floridata.com, Wikipedia

Thanks to Carol Vanderschaaf for sending this in.



## Mary Lin Elementary School Foundation Formed

Who started a Mary Lin Elementary School foundation?

Well, the Mary Lin Education Foundation, Inc. was created in 2008 with the help and support of the school leadership to support and fund the needs of teachers and students at Mary Lin Ele-

mentary. The foundation is composed of parents, community members, and PTA representatives.

Why does Mary Lin need a foundation?

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lic Schools can only do so much to keep up with technology and the varying needs of their students. A Foundation works proactively to find ways to improve the resources available to Mary Lin's diverse population. Morningside Elementary, Inman Middle, and Grady High all have foundations to supplement what APS provides. Mary Lin hopes to do as well as they have.

Our goals are to improve technology (Promethean Boards for every classroom), acquire instructional materials (Weather Studies Equipment, Early Learning Phonics, Accelerated Reader support), and provide professional development programs for our teachers. All of these things are beyond the scope of what APS can provide and will cost in excess of \$25k.

## How can you help your community elementary school?

The hope of the foundation is to secure other sources of funding (corporate, donations, grants, etc.) in an effort to give our students every advantage in their continuing education. If you know of any grants, foundations, or corporate sources that support technological or educational goals of schools, please contact us at foundation@marylinelementary.com. Do you have Foundation Grantwriting experience and want to donate an hour or two? Give us a shout.

In September there will be a meeting at Mary Lin to answer questions and lay out future plans. The whole community is invited to have their questions answered

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### Tracks, Trails and Tales: A Summer Vacation in Colorado

By Gay Arnieri with help from Sheila Swan and Portia Coyne

Once again it's time to visit our Lake Claire resident Sheila Swan in Cuchara, Colorado. The last visit was in November 2007 when the air was crisp and Cuchara had already had its first snowfall of the season.

Summertime in Cuchara is splendid. The air is cool and dry. Believe it or not, air conditioning is not needed. Ever. Windows are open during the day and closed at night. The chill at night usually causes one to put on a wrap of some sort.

The altitude was more noticeable this time, perhaps because we were more active outdoors. We tired quickly while getting a heavy feeling in the chest as we took brisk walks. Short rest stops fixed that in a hurry.

Cuchara and surrounding towns like La Veta and Walsenburg cater to summer residents. The population skyrockets during the summer with riding stables and train outings booking up regularly. The art and antique shops in La Veta and Walsenburg come to life and an extensive arts community is active all year long. Yard art seems to be a passion here. Many seem to blend art with other lines of work to present many creative takes on otherwise common pursuits.

Our visit was enchanted. While we did not see the culprit, there was evidence of a bear visiting and raiding bird feeders with return visits to suck the juice out of the hummingbird feeder. Bears in the afternoon (while we were away), the hummingbirds in the morning searching for their feeder created a predictable cycle of entertainment. Sounds resembling children screeching at play turned out to be foxes screeching at play. Friendly and familiar pooches visited us at our table at Dog Bar, our favorite restaurant (walking distance to Sheila's). Prairie dogs popped up in the flat land portion of a trail ride. Amazing vistas greeted us at every turn and over every rise. Wildlife surprised us with quick glimpses. We managed to see bear, elk, deer, prairie dogs, and antelope, among others. Ranches lined the valley from Walsenburg through La Veta and into Cuchara harboring horses, cattle, miniature donkeys, and many babies of all species.

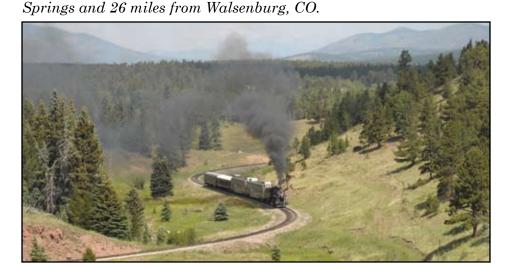
The area has some very unusual rock formations, simply called "rock walls". They appear to emanate from the ground but are actually formations that were beneath the earth and have been exposed over time by erosion. These formations begin at a central point and radiate from there. It is thought that they are related to volcanic activity. They are dramatic, mysterious-looking and quite beautiful.

The three of us took a train trip from La Veta to Alamosa and back. We had the pleasure of watching an old steam engine pull its passengers through a breathtakingly lovely valley to meet us and exchange a few passengers. We then switched tracks and went on our way. While waiting to meet and switch I gathered some random railroad spikes and other scrap metal to use in my garden. With no other plan than to carry the deceptively heavy load home, I apparently earned the nickname of "Iron Maiden".

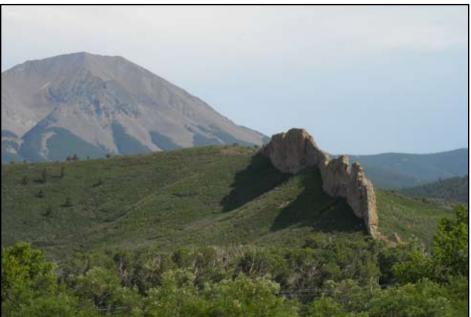
A road trip to Trinidad brought us to a Wal-Mart, lunch at a divine local bistro, some world-class gift shopping, views of the area's historic mining and an abundance of wildlife and nature viewing.

You really can't lose no matter what you do there. Even if you go nowhere, hanging out with the girls is relaxing, waiting for the next species of wildlife to walk on by, or listening to the water circle the cabin, admiring the latest flush of wildflowers blooming, or walking up to Dog Bar for refreshment or dinner, any choice is a winner. It helps to have a good pal like Sheila who is willing to share her piece of heaven.

Do you have a piece of heaven to share with us? Please do! And don't forget the photos—send it all in to editor@lakeclaire.org. \*\*Cuchara is located 185 miles from Denver, 117 miles from Colorado













### **Practical Tips for Starting Your Own Business**

by Dan Wright, J.D., Neal & Wright LLC

So you want to start a business. That's great! Being an entrepreneur can be exciting and rewarding. But how do you get started? Depending on what your business will be, you may have different spe-

Depending on what your business will be, you may have different specific needs or regulatory requirements or practices to address. However, there are several issues that all businesses must consider:

• Liability protection. This is a critically important issue. From the moment you consider starting a business, you should be concerned with how you can shield your personal assets from your business creditors. Generally, you can accomplish this goal by forming a corporation, a limited liability company, or a limited partnership. Once the entity is formed, all business assets and contracts should be transferred to the entity. Note, however, that just because you have formed your entity and transferred business assets and contracts over does not mean that you are done. You must respect the entity you have created. All future business assets, contracts, and everything connected with the business must run through the entity, or your personal assets could be on the line. Adequate insurance is also key for your protection in case of unexpected liabilities.

• Business Licenses, Permits, and Other Registrations. Generally speaking, you must be licensed in order to operate a business. Licenses may be obtained from the local municipality where the business is located. If you are located in a city, then the city is where you would obtain your license; if you are in an unincorporated portion of a county, then the county is where you would go. You may also want to file a trade name in the county of the business's residence if the business is oper-



ating under a name different from its full legal name. If product or service recognition is fundamental to your business plan. you may also want to consider obtaining a trademark or servicemark to protect the intellectual property associated with product your or service.

• Tax Issues. If your business entity is a corporation or an LLC (with a few exceptions), you will probably need to obtain a federal employer identification number from the Internal Revenue Service. Before creating your business entity, among other tax concerns, you will need to decide whether you want the business to be taxed as a partnership or as a corporation. You may want to consult with your CPA about that decision. Several cities and counties also levy a tax on business personal property: as with business licenses, the amount and system for taxing business property varies widely depending on the city or county. Finally, if your business is a retail business, it will owe sales tax and will have to set up an account with the Georgia Department of Revenue.

The above is an abbreviated summary of some of the essential start-up tasks for your business. If you want to learn more, please attend our free seminar on Saturday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m. at our office, 115 North McDonough Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030 (just across from Decatur High School.) Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

Dan is a lawyer, Lake Claire resident, and former LCN VP for Public Safety. Dan practices law with his wife, Sherry Neal, and, yes, they really do get along quite well working together.

Important Disclaimer: This article is not legal advice and establishes no attorney-client relationship between the reader and writer, nor may this information be relied upon to make legal decisions. Everyone's situation is different. Please consult an attorney before making decisions involving legal matters; and, yes, we would be glad to speak to you!

### Dog lover's poem

(Edited from an Internet post)

A man and his dog strolled along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him...that he was dead.

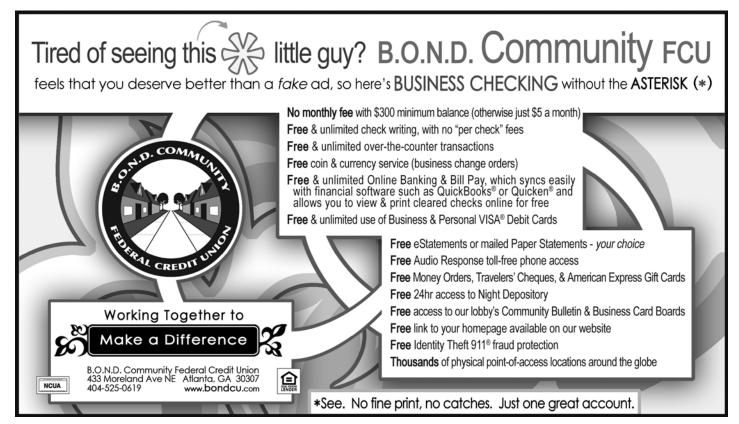
He remembered dying, that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years, and wondered where the road was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white, stone wall along one side of the road that looked like fine marble, broken at the top of a long hill by a tall arch glowing in the sunlight. Standing before it, they saw a magnificent gate of mother-of-pearl, the path leading up to the gate paved with pure gold. As he and his dog approached the gate, they saw someone at a desk to one side. Drawing to a stop, the man called out, "Excuse me - where are we?"

"This is Heaven, Sir," the attendant answered. "Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the traveler asked. "Of course, Sir", came the answer," "Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The attendant waved a hand, and the gate began to open. "Can my friend come in, too?" the traveler asked, gesturing towards his dog. "I'm sorry, Sir, but we don't accept pets." The man thought a moment, then turned and continued along the road with his dog.

Another long walk, the top of another long hill, and the road beneath them gradually turned to dirt. As far as they could see, there was nothing but warm, sunlit meadows, tall grasses waving gently in a slow breeze—and not a single fence in sight. Presently, they saw a man sitting against a tree, reading a book. "Excuse me", the traveler called to the man, "do you have any water?" "Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there. Help yourself". "How about my friend here?", the traveler asked as he gestured to his dog. The lone man nodded with a smile. "There should be a bowl by

the pump." They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an oldfashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the bowl and took a long drink himself, then gave some to his dog. Their thirst quenched, he and his dog walked back toward the lone man who was now standing by the tree. "What do you call this place?" the traveler asked. "This is Heaven," their host answered. "Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The attendant down the road said that was heaven, too." "Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's Hell." "Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No. We're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."



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## Smart moves to protect your identity!

(Sent via email and edited – unknown contributor)

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday.

- 1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHO-TO ID REQUIRED.'
- 2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
- 3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address.

Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have It printed, anyone can get it. Also, when you have checks printed, have your first and middle initial along with your last name on the check. The bank only cares about how you sign the check using your full first name. 4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad.

We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a Name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieve(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen.

This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the internet in my name.

The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, if it has been stolen: 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union: 1-800-680 7289 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

"The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority".

- Ralph W. Sockman

### Lake Claire Safety Report

June-July 2008 Crime Statistics (Weeks 24-27) Keep an eye on the crime and the time!

#### **Auto Theft**

6/13-Fri.-afternoon-400 blk Clifton Rd NE
Residence
2002 Red Motorcycle
2002 Red Honda Motorcycle
Witnesses state the suspects took
the victims' motorcycles. The witnesses attempted to confront the
suspects but they dropped the
vehicle and fled in a gray Ford

Escort Suspect: B/M, 180lbs, braids Suspect: B/M, 5'11', 160lbs Suspect vehicle: Gray and orange Ford escort.

6/11-Wed.-daytime- 1900 blk McLendon Ave NE 2000 White Dodge CVN

Victim states someone stole his vehicle after he parked it at the location. No broken glass was found where the vehicle had been parked.

#### **Burglaries**

7/5-Sat.-evening- 2000 blk McLendon Ave NE Residence Glass smashed from back door

Someone smashed the glass from the victim's rear kitchen door, en-

tered the home, and removed property.

Taken: fire safe with valuable personal identification, cash, jewelry, wallet, watch collection, digital camera, digital camcorder, and keys.

Prints recov-

ered
6/25-Wed.-afternoon- 1800 blk
New York Ave NE
Residence
Basement door broken
Victim states that someone broke
into the basement door and removed property.
Taken: IPOD
Prints attempted

#### Car Break-ins

6/22-Sat.- evening- 300 blk Arizona Ave NE

1998 Silver Honda ACC

Victim states that someone had entered his vehicle and removed property.

Taken: Laptop and carry case, stereo face plate, cell phone Prints attempted

6/10-Tues.-6/11-Wed.- overnight-1300 blk McLendon Ave 1998 Gold Honda ACC

Victim stated that someone broke the driver's side window and damaged the console area around the stereo system, but nothing was reported missing.

Taken: nothing Prints attempted

#### Theft

6/9-Mon.- overnight- 200 blk Southerland Ter NE Apartment

Victim states someone removed an outside A.C unit two weeks ago.

Taken: A/C Unit















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Rose Goff wrote: I have pulled in about 6 pounds of green beans and 16 tomatoes. The cukes are just starting to come in. The limas are making up now too. I made a little raised bed.

## Fernbank Museum Eases the Summer Heat with Sunday Snow Days

Fernbank Museum of Natural History has launched a monthly series of Sunday Snow Days in conjunction with the current exhibitions Ends of the Earth: From Polar Bears to Penguins and Penguins of the Antarctic, and the IMAX® film Antarctica. The Museum hosted its first Sunday Snow Day on July 13. A huge

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hit among patrons, it boosted attendance by more than 50% over the previous Sunday. Throughout 2008, Sunday Snow Days will be held the second Sunday of each month and will feature free samples of cold treats, special activities for children, and screenings of popular polar themed films in the Auditorium. The Fernbank

Café will also provide a free 2-foot inflatable penguin with each kid's meal purchase.

Sunday Snow Days are included at no additional charge with Museum ad-

mission.
The remaining Sunday
Snow Days
schedule\* is:

August 10 from noon to 3 p.m.Free ice cream samples from Publix Supermarket

• Free chocolate fondue samples from The Melting Pot

• Free screenings of Arctic Tale in Auditorium (Lower Level) at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Musk Ox hat craft

Polar habitat toss game

Snow flake craft

September 14 noon to 3 p.m.

• Free chocolate fondue samples from The Melting Pot

• Performances of The North Pole Fa-la-la-la Follies, by Lee Bryan "That Puppet Guy" at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Make your own snow goggles activity

· Polar habitat toss game

Snow flake craft

Check for other dates in October and December.

These special family programming days further enhance the popular hands-on activities in Ends of the Earth: From Polar Bears to Penguins, an exhibition that appeals to all ages as it transports visitors to the fascinating and freezing worlds of the North and South Poles through a combination of hands-on interactives, artifacts, specimens and multimedia experiences.

Penguins of the Antarctic, which is on view in conjunction with Ends of the Earth through January 2, 2009, gives visitors a closer look at the varied species of penguins that live within the whiteon-white wilderness of Antarctica through this collection of 90 color photographs by J.J. L'Heureux. The IMAX® film Antarctica (separate ticket required), highlights the extreme environment of Antarctica as it explores life above the mountains and beneath the glaciers of this icy continent the coldest, driest and windiest continent on Earth.

Fernbank Museum of Natural History is located at 767 Clifton Road NE in Atlanta. Museum tickets include access to Sunday Snow Days and are free for members and for children ages 2 and younger. Museum admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for students and seniors, and \$13 for children ages 3-12. To reserve tickets, call 404.929.6400. For more information, visit fernbankmuseum.org. Media support for Fernbank's Sunday Snow Days provided by The Sunday Paper. Local support for the November 9 and December 14 Sunday Snow Days provided by the WSB-TV Family 2 Family Project: AirTran Airways, Kroger, Northside Hospital, SCANA Energy and Waffle

\*Schedule is subject to change. Free samples available while supplies last. Special screenings will be in Fernbank's Auditorium and are not presented in IMAX® format.





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Dear friends and neighbors,

Many of you are probably familiar with, and may have attended or currently attend functions at the Little Five Points Community Center on Euclid Avenue in Inman Park.

The Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that provides facilities for the arts and alternative service organizations, fosters community development, and has served surrounding communities in many specific ways since it was founded 25 years ago in the nearly 90-year old former Moreland School building.

The Center is the home to 15 resident organizations, including the Horizon Theater, WRFG-FM (where I first heard Danny "Mudcat" Dudeck, founder of the blues band of the same name, playing slide guitar shortly after we moved to Atlanta in 1993), the Committee for Women, Population and the Environment, Neighborhood Planning Unit N, and the Atlanta Jugglers Association (I often see them practicing outside the building - amazing!).

Former residents that were incubated at the Center include the 7 Stages Theater, what is now the SouthFace Institute, the Gay Men's Chorus, and ACORN.

The 90-year old building has significant needs for renovation, and the Center's Board of Directors has launched a major fund-raising cam-

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paign to address these needs.

Individual contributions to this effort are welcome!

Please contact the Center for additionaldetails on how you can help: 404-522-2926.

TheCenter's website is www.



L5PCC.org.

Candler Park neighbors Randy Pimsler (404-875-1517) and Don Bender (404-525-0457) may also be able to provide helpful information. Thanks in advance for supporting a community institution!

Tom Painter

Candler Park neighbor and member, CPNO Board

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Little Lake Clarion, Marjorie Veazey, daughter of Marcus and Emily Veazey, is being held up by her adoring dad and hamming it up for mom's camera.

## Calling All Lake Claire Parents!

If you are a Lake Claire resident with children, we have a resource for you: the Lake Claire Parents Association. LCPA currently provides an email group for residents to ask questions and share information about children's activities, pediatricians, childcare providers, and more. All Lake Claire parents are invited to join the listserv. For information about joining, email the group moderator, Sherry Neal, at sherry\_v\_neal@yahoo.com.

Many parents have expressed an interest in seeing LCPA do more, such as arrange periodic play-dates and outings, establish a babysitting co-op, or provide resource lists. Email group moderator, Sherry Neal, will host a meeting for all those interested in working with the group on such projects at her home, 2089 Howard Circle, on Saturday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, please email Sherry by Thursday, August 21. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

## 17th Street Art Fair

## Bringing the Fine Arts to Atlantic Station this September

The Second Annual 17th Street Art Fair returns to Midtown Atlanta September 27-28, 2008. Located in the heart of Atlanta's newest live, work, play district – Atlantic Station, the fair will feature 125 artists, music and beverage sales. The juried artist market will feature fine art and fine craft artists in a variety of media including painting, clay, glass, jewelry, photography, fiber, wood, metal and mixed media. Artists and craftsmen will be showcased all along 17 ½, 18th and 19th Streets in the Central Business District of Atlantic Station. This is a wonderful opportunity to add to your art collection. Festival hours are Saturday from 11 am to 6 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. For further information, visit www.17thstreetartfair.com or call 404-634-8876.



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