



McMansion City

— an opinion by Linda Maynard and Beth Damon

This picture taken at 1784 Delaware Avenue is a house that has recently been bulldozed in preparation for a McMansion. As with most of the postage stamp lots in Lake Claire, the McMansion will be out of proportion to the surrounding houses. This will not enhance the value of our houses but will increase our tax basis. Eventually the McMansions won't be eyesores, rather our charming, eclectic homes will become eyesores in contrast to the roomier and newly constructed McMansions. The unique character of our neighborhood will be no more. One house at a time, Lake Claire is being leveled, only to rise again as a McMansion.

If you know of a house that is going to be sold to a developer, consider taking a picture before it is bulldozed. We would like to catalogue each house as it gets the wrecker ball.

The purpose of placing these pictures in *The Clarion* is to share our awareness and concern for the "McMansion City" that continues to grow in population in Lake Claire.

Photo below: Carter and Louis having fun at last year's Frazer Center Fall Festival and Fundraiser. Support this event! Details on page 6.



Lovely ladies dancing for peace and justice at a recent Atlanta City Council meeting express their objection to the firing of Tom Coffin, Senior Arborist. See Editorial on page 9

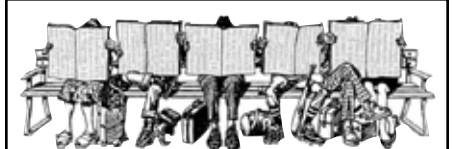
Lean, Mean and Green

Shopping bag in my pocket. Re-usable canvas shopping bags are great, but are a bit bulky when not in use. I save plastic shopping bags, fold and roll them up into a compact nugget, and rubber-band them to keep them that way. It's amazing how small and lightweight the resulting package is. I always carry several in my backpack (my version of a lady's purse), in the glovebox of my car, etc. When heading into the store, I just grab a few and put them in my pocket. I don't even have to make an initial purchase to collect bags to re-use; they are an abundant resource in our throwaway society. — *Steven Wing*

Got issues?

Here's your Atlanta City Council

Shirley, Franklin, Mayor.
Office of the Mayor, 55 Trinity Ave. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303; Tel. 404-330-6100; E-mail: mayorfranklin@atlantaga.gov
Councilwoman Mary Norwood, Post 2 At-large.
Atlanta City Council, 55 Trinity Ave. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303; Tel. 404-330-6302; Fax 404-658-6156; E-mail: mnorwood@atlantaga.gov
Also, Georgia Robert, Council Assistant, E-mail: mnorwood@atlantaga.gov
Councilwoman Anne Fauver, District 6.
Atlanta City Council, 55 Trinity Ave., SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; Tel. 404-330-6049; Fax 404-658-6073; E-mail: afauver@atlantaga.gov
Also, Sheila Parrott, Sr. Legislative Aide to Councilwoman Fauver, E-mail: sparrott@atlantaga.gov



What's Inside?

- 2 Pet News from AARF
- 3 Lake Claire Officers/Newsletter Staff
- 4 Mary Lin Alum to Gather
- 5 Mark Your Calendars
- 6 #6 Recycling Update
- 7 Coneheads
- 8 LC Safety Report
- 9 Editorial
- 10 Sean Beeching
- 11 City Church - Eastside
- 12 Great Baby Photos
- 12 Classified Ads

THE CLARION IS PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER.

Issues continued on page 2



Hey Bookworms!

We are looking to organize a Lake Claire Book Club. If you enjoy reading books and meeting new people—join us! Please contact Emily Veazey if you are interested in becoming a member of the group. advertising@lakeclaire.org



Got Issues?

Continued from page 1

District Council Members

Carla Smith, District 1 404-330-6039 404-658-7156 csmith@atlantaga.gov
 Kwanza Hall, District 2 404-330-6038 404-658-6454 khall@atlantaga.gov
 Ivory Lee Young Jr., District 3 404-330-6046 404-658-7093 ilyoung@atlantaga.gov
 Cleta Winslow, District 4 404-330-6047 404-658-6454 cwin-slow@atlantaga.gov
 Natalyn Mosby Archibong, District 5 404-330-6048 404-658-6659 narchibong@atlantaga.gov
 Anne Fauver, District 6 404-330-6049 404-658-6073 afau-ver@atlantaga.gov
 Howard Shook, District 7 404-330-6050 404-658-6510 hshook@atlantaga.gov
 Clair Muller, District 8 404-330-6051 404-658-6454 cmuller@atlantaga.gov
 Felicia Moore, District 9 404-330-6044 404-658-7966 fmoore@atlantaga.gov
 C.T. Martin, District 10 404-330-6055 404-658-6263 cmartin@atlantaga.gov
 Jim Maddox, District 11 404-330-6054 404-658-6061 jmaddox@atlantaga.gov
 Joyce M. Sheperd, District 12 404-330-6053 404-658-6454 jmsheperd@atlantaga.gov



atlanta animal rescue friends, inc.
 save a life and adopt a lifelong friend

From AARF...

Does your dog drive you crazy with that one bad habit? Could your pooch use a refresher on manners? Are you struggling with chewing or aggression issues?

We hope you'll join us at our Polite Pup seminars! Work with certified trainers to change your dog into a polite pup! And attend our informative, people-only seminars and learn about how to address issues like fear, aggression, chewing and potty training.

All participants MUST pre-register, because we want to make sure we'll have enough materials for everyone. Participants at each seminar will receive handouts related to the seminar topic, a training video so you can continue your training at home, and resources for additional training and support if you need it.

Participants attending the training seminars with a dog must include proof of rabies, distemper and bordatella vaccines with registration. Each seminar is listed to 8 dogs and their people.

Training seminars cost only \$15 per dog (or register for 4 for only \$50). Informative seminars are \$10 per person (or register for 4 for only \$30). Former AARF dogs and their families receive a \$5 discount per seminar.

All training seminars will be taught by CPDT trainers Lennox Gavin of PAWS-A-TIVE Results Dog Training and Susan Giordano of K9U Training & Behavior Modification. Informative seminars will be taught by Lennox Gavin, Susan Giordano and Susan Leisure, AARF Director.

To register, just download the registration form (www.aartatlanta.org/politepups.html) and waiver, and return them along with payment to AARF, PO Box 5336, Atlanta, GA 31107. You can also email your registration to susan@aarfatlanta.org or fax it to 678.318.1826 and pay online

by clicking the "Pay Now" button at the website. You will receive confirmation of your registration. Be sure to register at least 2 days in advance, so we can have your materials ready. Space is limited, and registration is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

September 7

Tricks & Games - (1:00 – 2:00)
 Manners Matter - (2:30 – 3:30)

September 21

Intro to Basics Part I - (1:00–2:00)
 The importance of socialization and training. How to build a bond with your dog based on mutual understanding and trust. Why positive? The basic equipment you will need to get started. The do's and don'ts of teaching basic cues. How to speak your dog's language and how to get your dog to behave.
 Puppy Socialization - Toy and Small Breed Dogs Only - (2:30 – 3:30)

What is Socialization? Why is socialization important? How to make the most out of the first few weeks of your puppy's life. The most important areas to cover when getting your puppy socialized. How long should I socialize? What should I do if my puppy is (fill in the blank 4,5,6,7,...) months old and is acting aggressively, or fearful, or shy?

October 5

Intro to Basics Part II - (1:00–2:00)
 How to use a clicker for lightning speed learning; More on Watch me and sit. Come, Loose Leash Walking, Stay, and Targeting. How to communicate really well with your canine.
 Training Tools - (2:30 – 3:30)

October 19

Building on the Basics - (1:00–2:00)
 Now that you and your dog are communicating effectively, what is the best way to perfect those basic skills you have taught him/her? (Hint – it's more rewarding than a Christmas Bonus check!)
 Puppy Socialization - Medium and Large Breed Dogs Only - (2:30 – 3:30)

What is Socialization? Why is socialization important? How to make the most out of the first few weeks of your puppy's life. The most important areas to cover when getting your puppy socialized. How long should I socialize? What should I do if my puppy is (fill in the blank 4,5,6,7,...) months old and is acting aggressively, or fearful, or shy?

Informative Seminars (without dogs)

Informative seminars are held at the Kirkwood Library 11 Kirkwood Road SE

Atlanta GA 30317 404-377-6471 from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm. The dates and descriptions of the seminars are:

September 9

Crate Training

Choosing a crate. How to ensure your dog loves his crate before he ever sees one. What to do if your dog already dislikes his crate. What are the best uses for a crate (not just for potty training). Alternatives to crate training.

September 16

Kids and Dogs

This seminar is geared toward children – register the whole family for one registration fee. The "Be a Tree program" is a dog bite prevention seminar program for school age children. This program focuses on fun and interactive activities to teach children how to read dog body language and how to act safely around their own dog and strange dogs. All seminar participants will receive take-home activities to reinforce the seminar activities.

September 23

Training Tools

My dog won't follow directions – help! This seminar will introduce a variety of positive training tools. We'll talk about positive reinforcement training vs. forced pain induced training. We'll explain how and why choke chains, prong collars and shock devices don't work, and we'll give you alternatives like clicker training and lure training. We'll also look at the myth of reward training, and learn how to address the problems that might arise. Finally, we'll explore classical and operant conditioning and plain English and teach you how dogs learn.

September 30

Dog Body Language

Do you know how to speak to your dog? Your dog knows how to speak to you – through body language. This seminar will explain body signals/language. Why, when, how and what is being said.

October 7

Potty Training

Everything you need to know about potty training your pup.

October 14

Destructive Behaviors

October 21

Overcoming Fears

To register, just go to our website: www.AARFatlanta.org/politepups.html and download the registration form and waiver. You can find additional instructions and complete class listings on the site.

www.AARFatlanta.org

Screen on the Green -Candler Park-

An Epworth Community Event
 for the whole family

September 27th
 movie begins at dark

Coming this fall...

Parents Morning Out

Mondays and Wednesdays

NEW Alternative Worship

Live Praise band

Sunday evenings at 5:00pm

Epworth UMC. See how things are changing.

Sundays . Worship 11:00 am . Bible Study 9:45 am
 1561 McLendon Ave . 404-525-4746 . epworthcandlepark.net

Next LCN Meeting

Thursday, September 18

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!

Mary Norwood Meet-and-Greet Party with LCNA

To be held before LCNA meeting on Sept. 18

Thursday, September 18, from 6 to 7:30 PM, in Lake Claire, at the home of Beth Damon, 1778 Delaware Avenue, co-hosted by Elizabeth Knowlton, Evan & Benita Levy, and William Teasley (Peopletown). 🌿

It's an Educator's Evening

Teachers Can Enjoy Exhibits, IMAX®, Curriculum Ideas and Fun at Fernbank Museum of Natural History's Annual Educator Evening.

Fernbank Museum of Natural History will host its annual Educator Evening on Tuesday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. to kick off the 2008-09 school year. This event is held exclusively for teachers and is offered free of charge, allowing educators to explore the Museum's exhibitions, experience an IMAX® film, meet Fernbank's education staff, and learn how Fernbank can help inspire students' learning of science and culture.

Fernbank Museum's Educator Evening includes:

A special screening of the new large-format film Wild Ocean Admission to the current special exhibition Ends of the Earth: From Polar Bears to Penguins with tips on how to incorporate related lessons into school curriculum

Opportunities to meet with Fernbank educators and learn about educational offerings, programs and classes

Admission to the Museum's permanent exhibitions

An opportunity to mingle with other teachers while enjoying complimentary wine and light hors d'oeuvres.

This event is open to professional educators and one adult guest only. Reservations for this free event are required by September 9 at 404.929.6400.

Fernbank Museum of Natural History is located at 767 Clifton Road in Atlanta. More information about the Museum, field trips and other educational programs is available at fernbank-museum.org.

Lake Claire Officers for 2008

President: Diane Moore - president@lakeclaire.org
VP-Zoning: Dan White - zoning@lakeclaire.org
VP-Finance: Cara Stevens - treasurer@lakeclaire.org
VP-Environment: Kathy Evans - environment@lakeclaire.org
VP-Safety: Sheila Finciguerra - safety@lakeclaire.org
VP-Communications - Glenn Frankel - comm@lakeclaire.org
NPU Rep: Jennifer Sams - npu@lakeclaire.org

Newsletter Staff

Editor: Gay Arneri - editor@lakeclaire.org
Advertising: Emily Veazey - newsletter@lakeclaire.org
Layout: Tish Ganey - layout@lakeclaire.org
Distribution: Troy Nielsen - distribution@lakeclaire.org
Webmaster: Glenn Frankel - comm@lakeclaire.org

The Second Annual 17th Street Art Fair

This annual event 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



A Reminder to Pet Owners

After recently viewing a photo of the "storage area" at a kill shelter, it seemed a good idea to provide pet owners the following list of resources to encourage us all to keep our pets from producing unwanted animals. I can't imagine anyone planning to provide the kill shelters with pet carcasses. Please spay or neuter your pets!

Atlanta Area Spay/Neuter Voucher Programs

SPOT - Stopping Pet Overpopulation Together

www.spotsociety.org

E-mail: info@spotsociety.org

Phone: 404-584-SPOT (7768)

Casper's Fund - A Program of Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends, Inc. (AARF)

www.caspersfund.org

E-mail: info@caspersfund.org

Phone: 678-318-1886

Friends of Animals

www.friendsofanimals.org

E-mail: info@friendsofanimals.org

Phone: 770-662-6033

PAWS Atlanta

www.PAWSAtlanta.org

E-mail: sheltermgr@PAWSAtlanta.org

Phone: 770-593-1155

SpayGeorgia

www.spaygeorgia.org

E-mail: spaygeorgia@spaygeorgia.org

Phone: 770-662-4479

Atlanta Area Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics

Lifeline Spay & Neuter Clinic • www.AtlantaPets.org • 404-292-8800, ext. 24

West Georgia Spay/Neuter Clinic • www.westgeorgiaspayneu-

ter.com • 678-840-8072

Project Catsnip • www.project-catsnip.com • 770-488-6806

SANTA - Spay and Neuter

Team of Atlanta • www.spay-neuterteam.com • 678-560-6070

Cat Care Hospital (Marietta) • 770-424-6369



The Cleaning Guys

Premium Residential Cleaning Services

Reasonable prices, local references, attention to detail, and high quality customer service make us the first choice for your home and office.

We also offer Pressure Washing Services for decks, patios and exterior surfaces.

[678] 438-6085

www.cleaningguys.net

We specialize in creating quality time for you.



Mary Lin elementary

Mary Lin Alumni?

On Saturday, September 27, 2008, Mary Lin Elementary in Candler Park is hosting an Alumni/Grandparent Open House from 9am to 12noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for alumni to re-visit their early days of glory, share memories, and update the school on what you're up to. The latest Thin Client technology installation will show how the classrooms have changed. Grandparents are also invited to come see where their precious little angels spend their work-weeks. Light refreshments will be served. Mary Lin is located at 586 Candler Park Drive and the event is hosted by the newly-formed Mary Lin Education Foundation. Contact foundation@marylinelementary.com.

Volunteers Needed

DeKalb Rape Crisis Center is looking for dedicated volunteers to staff our 24-hour crisis line and serve as hospital companions for rape survivors. Our Fall 2008 Training begins October 2, 2008. We also are looking for volunteers to be part of the Speaker's Bureau, Outreach Team, and serve on our Special Events Committees. Our next special event is our annual "Take Back the Night" run/walk on October 4, 2008 at Agnes Scott College. Please come out and support DRCC at one of our biggest fundraisers of the year through volunteering or participating in this exciting event. Contact Allison White, Director of Volunteer Services at 404-377-1429 or by email at Allison@DeKalbrapecrisiscenter.org for more information and to request an application.

Flying with Your Pet

From Petfinder.com

Taking your pet on the plane? Here are some policies to note: Baby on board: While some airlines only fly pets more than eight weeks old, US Airways, JetBlue and Spirit don't have age requirements. Beyond dogs and cats: Delta allows birds, ferrets, rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs (and some dogs and cats) in the cabin.

Two's company:

Spirit, American and Northwest allow two pets per carrier (restrictions apply).

Load limit: AirTran and Delta don't have weight restrictions as long as pets fit comfortably in their carriers.

A Pet's Ten Commandments

From Anonymous on Craig's List

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so. Take a moment today to thank God for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them.

Current Water Restrictions

Governor Sonny Perdue has assigned legislation that overrides Atlanta's watering restrictions. As of May 15, the following is allowed: Hand-watering for 25 minutes. Hand watering is defined as one person with one garden hose with a spray nozzle that shuts off when it is released. Residents who complete the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program (www.urbanagcouncil.com) may water newly installed landscaping and newly seeded or aerated lawns for 10 weeks, subject to the same times and days mentioned above; and watering of personal food gardens. All watering is subject to the following time and day restrictions; Persons living at even-numbered addresses may water between 12:01 am and 10 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and those living at odd-numbered addresses may water between 12:01 am and 10 am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. The Department of Watershed Management urges customers to be aware that Atlanta is still suffering from a severe drought and to conserve water whenever possible. Check out <http://www.atlantawatershed.org/pdf/WaterSavingTipsWeb.pdf> for water-saving tips.

Consignment Sale

First Baptist Church of Decatur 2008 Fall/Winter Kids Consignment Sale

When: Friday and Saturday, September 19-20, 9 am - 3 pm

Where: 308 Clairmont Avenue Decatur, GA 30030 (in the Activities Building)

We sell gently used quality children's clothing (sizes newborn-16 and juniors 1-7), books, bicycles, puzzles, videos, shoes, strollers, swings, bedding, scout uniforms, nursery/bedroom furniture, baby equipment, sports equipment, indoor/outdoor toys, maternity, etc...

Interested in being a seller? Already a seller? Seller registration begins Aug. 12th and ends Sept. 12th. Reserve a seller slot and schedule your drop-off appointment by emailing tskidsale@bellsouth.net or calling Jeannie at 770-414-6099 (email registration preferred).

It is time to begin preparing your items for the Fall/Winter Consignment Sale at the First Baptist Church of Decatur.

Please email tskidsale@bellsouth.net or call 770-414-6099 with any questions.

A team effort is a lot of people doing what I say.

are you ready?

more than just your Realtor®...

YOUR LAKE CLAIRE NEIGHBOR,
LONG TERM RESIDENT AND
FORMER BUILDER-DESIGNER

When You're Ready
To List, Be Ready
To SELL!

- INSPECTION SUPPORT
- REPAIRS/UPGRADES RESOURCE
- DESIGN ASSISTANCE
- CONSTRUCTION KNOWLEDGE

LINDA JACKSON
404-217-3376 Cell • LindaJackson@AtlantaIntown.com

ATLANTA
REAL ESTATE SERVICES

THE ANDERSON GROUP
Premier Real Estate Solutions

25 Years Experience in Atlanta's In-town Market

- Nationally Recognized Real Estate Team Founded in 1982
- Top 2% in Gross Sales 2007, Keller Williams First Atlanta
- Aggressive Marketing Strategies with Proven Results
- Integrated Web-Based and Traditional Marketing Platforms
- Seller and Buyer Representation

www.tagatlanta.com

404-277-9581

KELLER WILLIAMS
FIRST ATLANTA
404-531-5700

Tom Anderson, REALTOR®



Leaning Toward Renovating?

HAMMER SMITH

CELEBRATING 18 YEARS
OF DESIGN & RENOVATION EXCELLENCE

www.HammerSmith.net

Mark Your Calendars

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.

September 14 - Sunday - Sunday Snow Days 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 www.fernbankmuseum.org.

September 16 - Tuesday - Fernbank Museum of Natural History will host its annual Educator Evening on at 5:30 p.m. to kick off the 2008-09 school year.

This event is open to professional educators and one adult guest only. Reservations for this free event are required by September 9 at 404.929.6400.

September 18 - Thursday - 6 pm to 7:30pm Mary Norwood Meet-and-Greet party before LCNA meeting on Sept. 18 in Lake Claire, at the home of Beth Damon, 1778 Delaware Avenue, co-hosted by Elizabeth Knowlton, Evan & Benita Levy, and William Teasley (Peoplestown).

September 19-20 - Friday and Saturday - First Baptist Church of Decatur

2008 Fall/Winter Kids Consignment Sale. Friday and Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm.

Where: 308 Clairemont Avenue Decatur, GA 30030 (in the Activities Building)

September 27 - Saturday - Mary Lin Elementary in Candler Park is hosting an Alumni/Grandparent Open House from 9am to 12noon.

September 27-28 - Saturday and Sunday - The Second Annual 17th Street Art Fair returns to Midtown's Atlantic Station. 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.

October 4 - Saturday - The Freedom Park Improvement Committee (PIC), working under the Freedom Park Conservancy is partnering with Hands on Atlanta and Park Pride to somewhat rejuvenate the light poles. With a cadre of volunteers we plan to

wire brush the rust, paint the base area with Rustoleum and paint the poles to a 5-foot level. Please consider joining us on Oct. 4 for the project. The day starts at 9 AM and ends at 1 PM with a Hands On picnic at Centennial Park for all volunteers. Parking will be on the south side.

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.

October 11-12 - Saturday and Sunday - The 8th Annual Candler Park FallFest returns to historic Candler Park this fall. Saturday from 11am to 7pm and Sunday from 11am to 7pm. The Candler Park 5K will take place at 9am on Saturday, October 11, 2008 and the Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2008 from noon to 6pm. Tour of

homes tickets may be purchased online beginning September 1st for \$12 or at neighborhood ticket outlets including The Mercantile, Candler Park Market, Donna Van Gogh's, Little Five Points Pharmacy, Intown Hardware in Decatur, and Inman Park Pet Works. Day of ticket price is \$15. For information, or to volunteer, call 404-577-4212 or visit www.candlerparkfallfest.org.

October 25 - Saturday - Old House Fair Coming to Decatur. The City of Decatur, DeKalb History Center, and Decatur Preservation Alliance announce their first annual Old House Fair from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Decatur Conference Plaza, 130 Clairemont Avenue. The Old House Fair features exhibitors and speakers who will offer practical advice, materials, and services for the old house owner.

November 2 - Sunday - Frazer Center Annual Fall Festival and Silent Auction Fundraiser. See complete details about this event on page 6.



Recycling Tip

Sent in by Kathy Stedina of Southerland Terrace

(Kathy is a new Lake Claire resident, along with husband Mark, and son Adam; all formerly of Candler Park)

There is a community recycling dumpster behind the Whole Foods on Ponce de Leon. They accept all types of plastic 1-6, plastic bags, styrofoam. I save mine up and drop it off there about every 2 weeks when I go there to shop!

Open House at Kashi Atlanta

Kashi Atlanta will be having an Open House, celebrating 10 years of yoga, service and community, on Saturday September 6th from 11 am to 2 pm. The open house will feature a fabulous silent auction, kids activities, door prizes and light refreshments. Participants in the auction will bid on everything from a week in Barbados, to dinners at local eateries, to private yoga sessions with Kashi Atlanta instructors, and much, much more. All money raised from the open house will benefit Kashi Atlanta's ongoing community service programs including Street Meals and KidsArt. Please call 404-687-3353, or visit Kashi on the web at www.kashiatlanta.org for more information.



**Making Real Estate Real Easy For
All My Lake Claire Neighbors!**

Call Me With Your Real Estate Questions

Sherry Nemeth

678-420-1856 404-874-2262



Intown Office
1370 N. Highland Ave.
Atlanta, GA 30306
404-873-5254 Fax



©2002 NRT, Incorporated

Join Today! Only a few memberships remain
www.lakeclairepool.com



Mary Glen, Sloane Sinkule of McLendon, and Hazel Brady enjoying summer fun at Candler Park.



These are some happy people who attended last year's Frazer Center annual fundraiser. Auction donations needed this year. See page 11.

Oakhurst Cooperative
Preschool Presents

Beat the Street for Little Feet!

September 13, 2008
9 a.m. — Oakhurst



2nd annual fast 5K with
stroller division.

Fun run, one mile race and
post-race children's festival.

Pete the Cat race t-shirt
designed by award-winning
artist, James Dean!

On-line registration at active.com
and oakhurstcoop.com. In-store
registration at Big Peach
Running Co. in Decatur.

OAKHURST
COOPERATIVE
PRESCHOOL

www.oakhurstcoop.com



Frazer Center Annual Fall Festival and Silent Auction Fundraiser to be November 2nd

On Sunday, November 2nd, The Frazer Center will be holding its annual Fall Festival and Silent Auction fundraiser. The event is open to the public and takes place in the Cator Woolford Gardens (located near the front gate just off South Ponce).

The Frazer Center is a non-profit facility serving children and adults with disabilities since 1949. The children's program teaches children ages six weeks to five years who have a variety of special needs including Down Syndrome, spina bifida and development delays. In addition, typically developing children are admitted to The Frazer Center. It features a multifaceted program, which exists to maximize the potential of individuals by providing quality, comprehensive family and community based services

while also exploring research and training. The Frazer Center relies heavily on outside grants and fundraising activities in order to continue and improve.

The Festival and Silent Auction is the largest annual fundraiser for the children's program. Geared toward families with young children, there will be pony rides, a magician, train rides, moon walks, children's crafts, The Bubbleman, food, cash bar, and the silent auction. Items up for bid include gym memberships,

sporting event and concert tickets, original works of art, and gift cards to numerous local businesses. More items for the Silent Auction are needed!

Ticket prices are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, or \$20 per family and include all of the activities and food, excluding pony rides which are nominally priced at \$1. Hope to see you there! Any questions regarding the festival or silent auction donations can be directed to Beth Fucile beth.fucile@gmail.com, 404-687-8090.

#6 Plastic Recycling The Experiment Starts This Month

By Stephen Wing

On an experimental basis, our neighbors at Lake Claire Co-housing have agreed to provide a collection bin for #6 plastic in their parking area. Also experimentally, the Recycling Guy and His Dog - alias Paul

Reece and Otis - have agreed to begin picking it up. Once Paul has an idea what the quantity is likely to be, he will figure out what to charge us, and at that point we will figure out how to fund it. Please note that this bin is for #6 plastic ONLY, as this type is not accepted by the city's curbside pickup program. Paul is the only recycler we know of in metro Atlanta who accepts #6, and luckily his route brings him through our neighborhood every Wednesday. #6 plastic (PS, polystyrene) includes most disposable plastic cups and many takeout containers. Please look closely at the recycling symbol before assuming it's #6, as these items may also be #1 (PET, polyethylene terephthalate). Note that Styrofoam is also #6, but we are not collecting Styrofoam at this point. If any item has no recycling symbol (a triangle of arrows, usually on the bottom, with a number in the middle), it must unfortunately be considered trash. Of course, recycling a disposable cup or container is no substitute for carrying a re-usable one. Please accept any disposable item only as a last resort. (As in, "Darn, I washed that container and forgot to put it

#6 Continued on page 12



Morning Art School



Color Wheel After-School Art Studio is now accepting pre-school artists aged 3-5 for our new "Morning Art School" program!

August 2008 - May 2009

Schedule Options - 2, 3 & 5 days per week

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please contact our
Director, Cathy Spencer,
at **404-377-9800** to receive
additional program and
registration information.

color wheel
after school art studio

112 Church Street Decatur, Georgia



Coneheads are not aliens!

By Carol Vanderschaaf

Whatever Saturday Night Live propaganda you may have been exposed to it's time to face the fact: Coneheads (and their parental units) are natives! Coneheads, i.e., the ones with purple heads also know as Purple Coneflowers (Echinacea purpurea) are plants native to North America!

These Coneheads are likely to be found in dry open woods, road banks and prairies from Ohio and Iowa, south to Louisiana and Georgia. In the garden they grow to 5 feet tall, prefer sun to part shade and dry soil. They bloom from June to October and are both heat and drought tolerant. The seeds will spread easily and will resow in the garden. They can also be propagated by rootball division.

Coneheads – I mean Coneflowers – are great for wildlife. Insects and butterflies, including Tiger Swallowtails, love them for their nectar. Old flower heads provide seed for songbirds, including the beautiful American Goldfinch.

This plant has long been known for improving the body's resistance to infections of all kinds. Native people used it for to ease headaches, toothaches and sore gums. It is the infamous "snake oil" of the past, used as a poultice for snake bites and blood poisoning.

Echinacea, the coneflower's genus name is said to have been derived from the Greek word for hedgehog, which its central cone resembles. Check out the purple coneflower in the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden, at the corner of North Ave., and Candler Park Drive.

Candler Park FallFest

The 8th Annual Candler Park FallFest returns to historic Candler Park this fall. Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 11-12, 2008, times are Saturday from 11am to 7pm and Sunday from 11am to 7pm. The festival includes live entertainment, a not-to-be-missed artist market with 80 artists, the Candler Park Tour of Homes featuring nine vintage Candler Park homes and one private garden, children's activities, food and beverage, the Candler Park 5K and the Publix Tot Trot. The Candler Park 5K will take place at 9am on Saturday, October 11, 2008 and the Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2008 from noon to 6pm. Tour of homes tickets may be purchased online beginning September 1st for \$12 or at neighborhood ticket outlets including The Mercantile, Candler Park Market, Donna Van Gogh's, Little Five Points Pharmacy, Intown Hardware in Decatur, and Inman Park Pet Works. Day of ticket price is \$15. For more information, or to volunteer, please call 404-577-4212 or visit www.candlerpark-fallfest.org.

FallFest!
Candler Park

No job too small.

JOHNSON
HANDYMAN SERVICES
404-520-2553
8 years in Lake Claire



Awww.... Bourdreaux and Daisy Vaughn cuddling up close.

YOUR DOCTOR IS INman Park



INMAN PARK PHYSICIANS — HERE FOR YOU!

The next time you are looking for quality health care in your neighborhood, make the short trip to our offices in the **North Highland Steel Lofts** at 240 North Highland Avenue, Bldg #3.

Enjoy the benefits of a quality primary care physician conveniently located in Inman Park, and backed by JCAHO-accredited hospital, Atlanta Medical Center.

Internist, **Dr. Amy Varner**, will greet you with a smile, and treat you with the care and respect that you deserve.

**CALL 404-524-2424
TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.**

Open Weekdays 7:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.



Lake Claire Safety Report

July-August 2008

Crime Statistics (Weeks 28-32)
KEEP AN EYE ON THE CRIME
AND THE TIME!

AUTO THEFT

7/16 Wed. evening- 7/17 Thurs morning- 200 blk Mathews Ave
2007 Silver Honda CIV
Someone stole the victim's vehicle after she parked it in front of the location. Victim left a spare key in the glove box.

7/17 Thurs. daytime- 1800 blk Indiana Ave. NE
2002 Bronze Chev SLV
Victim said as he was working on a house at the above location he noticed a black male get into his vehicle and drive away.
Suspect: Black male

LARCENY TO AUTO

7/5 Sat. evening-7/6 Sun. afternoon- 2000 blk McLendon Ave.

2005 Hyun TCN

Someone smashed the passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property.

Taken: I Pod, in dash Stereo

Prints recovered, turned in to ID

7/9 Wed. evening- 7/10 Thurs. morning- 400 blk Lakeshore Dr NE

1996 INFI J30

Someone smashed a window on the victim's vehicle and removed property.

Taken: In dash Stereo, A/C Control. No prints taken, victim had cleaned the vehicle

7/10 Thurs. morning- 1600 blk McLendon Ave NE

2001 Nissan ALT

Victim's passenger side window was smashed and property stolen.

Taken: Book bag, drivers license, \$304 cash, credit cards
Prints attempted

7/12 Sat. evening- 7/13 Sun.

morning- 300 blk Connecticut Ave NE
1986 BMW 535

Someone siphoned gas from the victim's vehicle

Taken: Gas
Prints recovered, turned in to ID

7/12 Sat. evening- 7/13 Sun. morning- 400 blk Leonardo Ave NE

2002 Toyota SQA

Someone removed property from the victim's vehicle. Victim stated

he may have left the doors unlocked.

Taken: satellite radio, suit jacket, ties, CDs. No prints taken due to rain

7/19- Sat. evening- 1900 blk DeKalb Ave

2002 Volk. Jetta, 1998 Toyota

Someone broke both vehicles' windows, but only took items from the Jetta.

Taken: leather purse, US Passport, \$50 cash, 2 visa credit cards. Prints attempted and recovered from the Toyota and taken to ID

7/27- Sun. daytime- 400 blk Lakeshore Dr.

2007 Silver Lexs R35

2007 Silver Chry Cru

Victims state both of their vehicles had been broken into through the passenger side windows.

Taken: GPS, laptop, briefcase
Prints Attempted

7/28 Mon. evening- 7/29 Tues. morning- 1700 blk Indiana Ave

2008 Gray Audi A3

Victim advised that someone broke the passenger's front window to her vehicle and took items.

Taken: Ins. Card, Registration, and owner's manual
Prints Attempted

7/28 Mon. evening- 7/29 Tues. morning- 1700 blk Indiana Ave

2003 Blk Nissan

Victim stated the passenger's front window was broken and his glove box searched and left opened.

Taken: N/A

Prints Attempted

7/28 Mon. evening- 7/29 Tues. morning- 300 blk Mathews Ave NE

2001 White Toy Cam

Victim advised his vehicle had been broken into overnight and items had been taken.

Taken: N/A

Prints Attempted

7/31 Thurs. morning- 1700 blk McLendon Ave NE

1997 Gray Toyota Camry

Victim reports that someone broke his passenger side window and removed property.

Taken: Car radio

THEFTS

7/5 Sat. evening- 7/6 Sun. afternoon- 200 blk Arizona Ave NE
Someone stole the victim's bike while his back was turned.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

7/6 Sun. morning- 2000 blk McLendon Ave NE

Someone smashed the glass to the victim's back door, entered the home and removed property. Taken: \$80 in rolled coins, digital camera, lap top bag, shirts
Prints recovered, turned in to ID

7/20- 7/27-500 blk Hardendorf Ave

Victim stated he returned home, after being gone for a week, to find the rear door to his home broken and several items missing.

Taken: electronic equipment

Suspect: N/A

Prints Attempted

7/13-Sun. - morning- attempted siphoning of gasoline from parked cars on Delaware Ave. and Arizona Ave. No suspect description available. Please call 911 to report any suspicious activity.



Neal & Wright LLC
Your Family... Your Business...
Your Firm!

Free Seminar!
Sept. 6, 2008 10 a.m.

Practical Tips for Starting Your Own Business

Coffee & Donuts will be served
No registration required

All free seminars are held at the Neal & Wright LLC office conveniently located in Downtown Decatur. Visit us online for directions and more information.

www.nealandwright.com

We're in the neighborhood!

7/12 Sat. evening- 7/13 Sun. morning- 300 blk Connecticut Ave NE
1986 BMW 535

Someone siphoned gas from the victim's vehicle

Taken: Gas
Prints recovered, turned in to ID

7/12 Sat. evening- 7/13 Sun. morning- 400 blk Leonardo Ave NE
2002 Toyota SQA

Someone removed property from the victim's vehicle. Victim stated

- * Adoption
- * Commercial Real Estate
- * Wills & Estate Planning
- * Probate

- * Corporate & LLC Formation
- * Other Business Legal Services



FOUND
Nice Ray Ban sun glasses at Palifox and Tuxedo Avenue. To claim, contact 404-377-2288.

CUSTOM FRAMING AT




Mention this Ad for a
20% DISCOUNT
on framing from September
through the end of December


(404) 668-9678

themooggallery@hotmail.com

1653 McLendon Ave. (next to Flying Biscuit)
Open Tuesday - Sunday Closed Monday

Tired of seeing this  little guy? **B.O.N.D. Community FCU**

feels that you deserve better than a *fake* ad, so here's **BUSINESS CHECKING** without the **ASTERISK (*)**



Working Together to
Make a Difference

B.O.N.D. Community Federal Credit Union
433 Moreland Ave NE Atlanta, GA 30307
404-525-0619 www.bondcu.com

No monthly fee with \$300 minimum balance (otherwise just \$5 a month)

Free & unlimited check writing, with no "per check" fees

Free & unlimited over-the-counter transactions

Free coin & currency service (business change orders)

Free & unlimited Online Banking & Bill Pay, which syncs easily with financial software such as QuickBooks® or Quicken® and allows you to view & print cleared checks online for free

Free & unlimited use of Business & Personal VISA® Debit Cards

Free eStatements or mailed Paper Statements - *your choice*

Free Audio Response toll-free phone access

Free Money Orders, Travelers' Cheques, & American Express Gift Cards

Free 24hr access to Night Depository

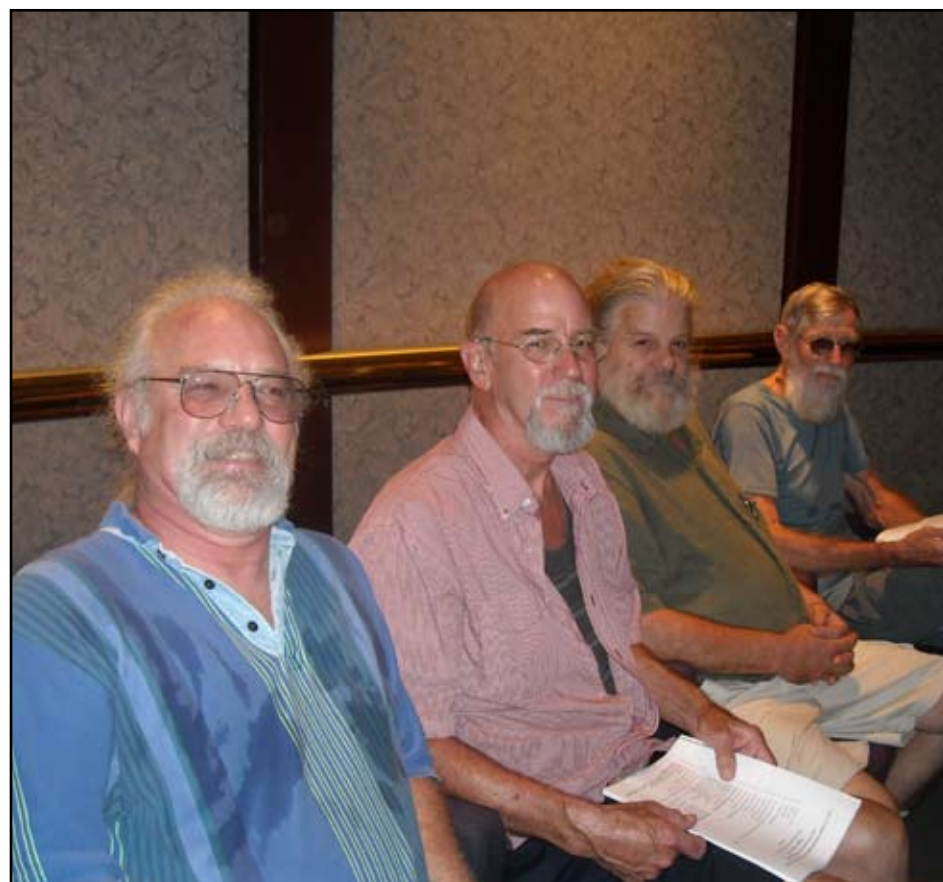
Free access to our lobby's Community Bulletin & Business Card Boards

Free link to your homepage available on our website

Free Identity Theft 911® fraud protection

Thousands of physical point-of-access locations around the globe

*See. No fine print, no catches. Just one great account.



Editorial

Dear Lake Clairians,

I have recently been struck by the constellation of examples of assaults on the integrity of our neighborhoods as well as the examples of citizens attempting to address them. For whatever reason, a bigger picture seems to be emerging as I observe a number of "local" issues being played out. Last week, for example, I attended the Atlanta City Council meeting at which several seemingly unrelated issues were addressed by citizen speakers. It was an "aha" moment.

We heard from individuals objecting to the firing of Tom Coffin, Senior Arborist. He has made available statistics which support his contention that his firing may have been prompted by his being tenacious in his enforcement of the current tree ordinances. Others spoke their objections to the closing of Firehouse #7, said to have been done due to a budget shortfall. Another group of citizens from the Georgia Dome were there to bring attention to their community's plight in part due to the lack of enforcement of existing codes and ordinances. Their community is clogged with burned-out or abandoned houses, trash, vagrancy, drugs and more. All they wanted was for the City to do its job and with the same value and regard for their neighborhood as city council would want for their own.

I sat there listening to all this as I mulled over the problems we try to address here in Lake Claire. We have in-fill development issues many of which stem from lack of enforcement of current ordinances. We have new water meter hardware that may or may not work or fit yet no one is coming around to fix the new equipment. We paid for this and it seems no one is enforcing the contract. Crime is up. On and on. Then it occurred to me that we are in danger of losing our neighborhoods. There is a slow process of erosion happening. Decisions, actions and inactions are happening at our expense and to the benefit of people who do not live here. We are losing our precious trees. We are losing touch with the people who supposedly work for us. We are not getting the services and protections we expect and pay for. We may think we are not English Avenue but we are in the same boat.

We need to decide where to draw the line and then stand there and draw it. Drawing the line means placing ourselves in some way between where we are and where we may end up. That means getting involved. That means being

vigilant, being present, sharing your experiences (good and bad) of this neighborhood, helping the rest of us benefit from your experience, letting us help each other when needed, going to neighborhood meetings, attending city council meetings, communicating with your representatives, be they neighborhood, city, county or state level on up. We are not alone and we are by no means out of the woods.

In response to my email to Mary Norwood about my concerns, she wrote back: "At today's council meeting, I will introduce a resolution calling for investigation of the termination of Tom Coffin and broader questions regarding accountability for all city employees as well as their fulfilling their duties and tasks assigned. All of our employees must be accountable for the



Tom Coffin

Editorial continued on page 12



**AUTO
SERVICE
IN-TOWN**

We wash your car with each service!

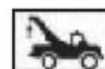
641 East Lake Dr. Decatur, Ga. 30030

Tel: 404-377-0202 Towing: 678-614-9268

www.intownautocare.com



Full Mechanical Repair



Towing Service



Shuttle Service



Pickup and Delivery

Sean Beeching: Lichenologist

By Lucy Beeching

Many people are unfamiliar with lichens, a cross between an algae and a fungus. Lake Claire neighbor Sean Beeching, on the other hand, is very familiar with these specimens, as he happens to be one of Georgia's own well known lichenologists.

Mr. Beeching first became interested in lichens in 2003, while on a field trip with the Botanical Society about lichens. For those who knew Mr. Beeching well, his sudden interest in lichens did not come as a surprise. Even as a young boy Mr. Beeching showed interest in microscopes, plants, and identifying things in nature. He can't describe exactly what it is about lichens he finds so interesting, but Mr. Beeching says one of the things he enjoys most is the field work involved with studying lichens. "You get to spend just as much time out in the field looking [for lichens] as you do indoors identifying them," Mr. Beeching said. "This is not usually the case [when studying things]."

Mr. Beeching currently devotes about three or four hours every day to finding and identifying lichens. He does most of his searching in public areas like parks and state hunting grounds. He is occasionally granted permission

to use private land, and he also finds riversides and roadsides to be excellent lichen areas. In fall 2003 Mr. Beeching started getting involved with other Georgia lichenologists when he contacted UGA professor Bob Hill on the internet. Mr. Beeching and Dr. Hill began collaborating and Dr. Hill decided to start a workshop at UGA, to educate teachers about lichens, with Mr. Beeching as one of the workshop instructors.

"Once I was hired to teach I decided to systematically identify all of the lichens in Georgia," Mr. Beeching said. "And that's when I got serious."

Dr. Hill introduced Mr. Beeching to the rest of Georgia's lichenologists, including James Lendemer. Mr. Lendemer and Mr. Beeching ended up discovering a new species of lichen, *Megalania beechingii* Lendemer, found in Rabun County. They also renamed a lichen *Piccolia nannaria* (Tuck.) Lendemer and Beeching, based on Mr. Beeching's findings of the species in Talbot County.

"Finding a new species that you can take credit for or help take credit for is the most exciting part [of studying lichens]," Mr. Beeching said. "When people want to know if I'm worth while or not I tell them about these two lichens, because I don't have a degree."

In addition to these two lichens, Mr. Beeching has also found about five species of lichen that

hadn't been seen in North America before. He's sent species to Germany, England, and Austria to be studied by lichenologists in those countries. He found a lichen, *Lepraria squa-*

matica, on Cumberland Island that had never been seen before except in Austria and Brazil. Mr. Beeching expects that only 800 out of 1000 species of Georgia lichen have been identified.

"Lichens are pretty unexplored in the southern US," Mr. Beeching said. "But the Southeast is a very good place for [lichens], which means there are a lot out there, waiting to be discovered." The UGA lichen course has been taught for four years and a grant will allow the workshop to continue for another two years.

"The most important part of what I do is teaching other teachers about lichens," Mr. Beeching said, "so they can teach their own students about lichens, even if they don't become lichen experts themselves."

Freedom Park Work Day

If you jog, walk, or bike the PATH that traverses Freedom Park, you know what a wonderful asset the park is to our neighborhoods. You may have also noticed that the light fixtures in the park are deteriorating and rust is eroding the poles at the base. The Freedom Park Improvement Committee (PIC), working under the Freedom Park Conservancy, has helped the city maintain the park over the years by removing unsightly graffiti and kudzu. On Oct. 4, the PIC is partnering with Hands on Atlanta and Park Pride to somewhat rejuvenate the light poles. With a cadre of volunteers we plan to wire brush the rust, paint the base area with Rustoleum and paint the poles to a 5-foot level. Please consider joining us on Oct. 4 for the project. The day starts at 9 AM and ends at 1 PM with a Hands On picnic at Centennial Park for all volunteers. Parking will be on the south side of the Carter Center and work will begin between Highland and the ice canopy along the PATH. All materials and water will be provided. Volunteers can sign up on the Hands on Atlanta website or walk up on Oct. 4 ready to work. Join the fun! Help keep Freedom Park attractive.

For more information contact Carol Gregory, 404-523-9067.

Old House Fair Coming to Decatur in October

The City of Decatur, DeKalb History Center, and Decatur Preservation Alliance announce their first annual Old House Fair on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Decatur Conference Plaza, 130 Clairemont Avenue. The Old House Fair features exhibitors and speakers who will offer practical advice, materials, and services for the old house owner. This day-long celebration includes a large exhibition space with vendors in the home improvement, historic preservation, renovation, interior furnishings, and construction business. There will be a variety of seminars including hands-on demonstrations on restoring historic windows, improving an old house's energy efficiency, developing a maintenance plan for your old house, researching old houses, and tax incentives for certified rehabilitation. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Decatur City Hall, 509 N. McDonough Street; Smith Ace Hardware, 601 E. College Avenue; Intown Hardware, 1404 Scott Blvd; 17 Steps, 235-M Ponce de Leon Place; Kudzu Antiques, 2928 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue; Mission Motif, 1963 Hosea Williams Drive, and Intown Ace Hardware at 854 N. Highland Avenue. Cash or check only for tickets. For more information, visit www.decaturoldhousefair.com or email regina.brewer@decaturga.com.

CrossFit Rx

The Prescription for Elite Fitness

Small group CrossFit training for everyone.
Free Open House session every Sat. @ 9am

404.387.8729
1522 Dekalb Ave. Atlanta, GA 30307

www.crossfitrx.com

"Every person you meet will say,
"I have the best real estate agent."

– But I really do! My husband and I have used Jo for our past two houses, and we'll use her for our next ten. Selling or buying, I really can't say enough good things about Jo.

–The Locascios (2007)

"As two architects we debated hiring a realtor because our business is selling people on our designs. We were astonished by how much we actually needed Jo!

We still question if she sleeps."

–The Baxters (2007)



Jo Gipson, ABR
Company Wide: Top Producing Agent – 2006
Lifetime Member Million Dollar Club
404.405.5363
JoSellsAtlanta.com
AtlantaIntown.com



SLOW MARKETS DON'T STOP HOME SALES!

YOU NEED A REALTOR WITH EXPERIENCE, TOOLS, AND TECHNIQUES TO SELL YOUR HOME NOW.

PUT MAYA'S 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE TO WORK FOR YOU TO BUY OR SELL REAL ESTATE.

SEE WHY HUNDREDS OF YOUR NEIGHBORS HAVE MADE SUCCESSFUL MOVES, EVEN IN SLOW MARKETS, THANKS TO MAYA HAHN.

MAYA HAHN WILL MAKE MONEY FOR YOU AND LAKE CLAIRE, TOO.



MAYA HAHN
404-522-0011
Re/Max Metro Atlanta Cityside
mayah@mindspring.com
each office independently owned and operated

For each home sold in Lake Claire, Maya will donate 2% of her net commission to the Lake Claire Neighborhood Org. For every referral you send her, she'll donate \$40 to the Lake Claire Neighborhood Org. or to MaryLin School, if you prefer.

Grassroots Service and City Church - Eastside

By Scott Armstrong

As a three year resident of Lake Claire and a pastor, I have been keen to lead a church whose work would seamlessly blend into the fabric of our local community. Six months ago, we launched a new church for the city's Eastside, appropriately called City Church-Eastside (www.citychurcheastside.org), currently meeting in the community center at Studioplex Lofts, near the confluence of Old Fourth Ward and Inman Park neighborhoods. In addition to communicating historic and orthodox Christianity on Sundays, we seek to communicate a community-oriented vision of service through our hands and feet, encouraging the City Church community to serve locally. We are accomplishing this in two ways right now. First, we encourage our church community to partner with local communities and social service providers rather than "reinventing the wheel" with a separate(d) ministry. This allows us to be more de-centralized into the communities we live in. Second, each City Church-Eastside neighborhood has a "missional community group" (including one in Lake Claire) who once a month, in lieu of a more traditional meeting in a home, meet in the community to serve. Each missional community becomes a "church" within a community in this way. At the July Lake Claire neighborhood meeting, I had the opportunity to share about one of our community service efforts that represents this vision. For many months now, Fire Station #12, on DeKalb Avenue in Candler Park, which serves our neighborhood, has been in the news due to their



desperate need for repairs to their station at a time when the city's budget was tightened and money could not be found for the repairs. So, on June 28th, we held at the corner of McLendon and Clifton a community-wide yard sale that raised nearly \$3000, beating our goal of \$2500! Channel 46 news, which originally aired the story of the station's misfortunes, ran stories on the fundraiser on two different nights, getting out the



word about how a community was able to rally around those who put their lives on the line daily to serve us. As a result of the successful yard sale, we have decided to make this an annual event, picking a local service provider or similar entity for which to raise funds. Let me just personally say "thank you" to those of you who either donated goods for the sale or purchased items. In doing so,



you gave back to our awesome community! If you would like to hear more about whom we are and how we serve, please don't hesitate to reach me at scott@citychurcheastside.org.

Upcoming City Council Meeting

To be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 02 September 2008 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta 30303.

Save this information for future reference:

Except for holidays, the City Council meets on Mondays of the first and third week of the month. The meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303, Telephone: 404-330-6030, Fax: 404-658-6454. There is no central e-mail address. To contact City Council members, e-mail, telephone, or fax them directly. For contact info go to www.atlantaga.gov, click on "city council," and click on their pictures. If you need additional information, contact the Council Offices directly.



We welcome
small projects.

(404) 521-3441
dragonflyrenovation.com

WANTED:
For Selling Houses!



If you see this
man, hire him to
sell your home!



Michael Lewis, ABR
Top Sales Agent 2004 & 2005
Top Sales Team 2006 & 2007
www.MichaelLewis.net
Call 404-402-4643

**REMICK
ELECTRIC INC**

**OLDER HOME
SPECIALIST!**

Licensed/Insured

REMICELECTRIC.COM
Your electrical pro!

404-361-7964

**Exceeding your
Expectations**



**ARE YOU
READY TO
BE ON THE
SOLD LIST?**

CALL KEN PRICE TODAY
404-347-3099
Price Sells!!!

RE/MAX
Greater Atlanta

**OPERATION
BOOT CAMP**

**GET READY FOR THE
CANDLER
PARK 5K!**

Proud Sponsor of
Candler Park Fall Fest

30 Day Fitness Boot Camps For All Fitness Levels — JOIN NOW!
888-7-FIT NOW
operationbootcamp.com
Locations throughout Atlanta



Mr. Charlie (a 5-year old Beagle/Jack Russell mix) was very eager to welcome our daughter, Amelia, to the world. He has always been loving towards her and liked to sleep near her when she first came home. In this picture, Amelia was nestled in her boppy pillow on the couch when Mr. Charlie snuggled up to her for a snooze of his own.

Hope you enjoy it as much as we have!

Sent in by Cliff, Lindsey & Amelia Edelmann of Palifox



Michael Vaughn born May 1, 2008. He's the bee's knees! Great photo sent to The Clarion by Angie and Chris Vaughn of McLendon Ave.

Editorial continued from page 9

fair and impartial enforcement of all city rules and regulations and for the diligent and efficient performance of their jobs."

Think about it. Accountability is at the heart of our challenges here in Atlanta. Our city employees seem to be allowed to do as they please rather than as they were commissioned. Where is the supervision and accountability? We need to let the powers that be know that we have noticed, and demand that our employees be held accountable for the performance of their duties. And insist that those who chose not to do their jobs are fired and replaced. Amen.

Gay Arneri

Editor, Lake Claire Clarion

Note: This opinion may not represent that of the LCNA; it is solely the opinion of the writer. You are invited to send in your opinions to editor@lakeclaire.org for consideration for printing.

#6 Continued from page 6

back in my car!" . . . not "Darn, I forgot to bring that container in with me from the parking lot!") The cost for this service is likely to be minimal. But your plastic must be clean before you drop it off! The biggest unknown in the "experiment" is how respectful of this requirement our neighbors will be. The collection bin will be immediately on your left as you turn into the Cohousing parking lot from Connecticut Ave. (the first driveway on your left as you turn off DeKalb Ave.) Volunteers are also needed to maintain the collection bin. If you're interested, or have questions, contact the Clarion at editor@lakeclaire.org. Stephen Wing lives on Arizona Ave. His eco-fable Free Ralph! is available at Donna Van Gogh's, Sevananda and other neighborhood stores. Support your local author!

Personal Classifieds

BUY • SELL • TRADE • RECYCLE
• **YARD SALE!** List your personal stuff for **FREE!!** Contact newsletter@lakeclaire.org

FOUND Nice Ray Ban sun glasses at Palifox and Tuxedo Avenue. To claim, contact 404-377-2288.

FREE ADORABLE KITTENS
Four solid black, one Siamese (recessive gene) kittens. 404-373-8169.

HOME FOR RENT 1788 Delaware Ave. 2/1 that "lives large" w/Sunroom, bonus room, basement storage, front & back fenced yards. \$1600 /mo+1 mo. Security deposit; you pay utilities & maintain yard. Length of lease is negotiable. Walk to local parks, shops, restaurants, MARTA. Easy commute to Emory or downtown. Application & credit check required. Contact jinnie.schmid@gmail.com or 678-778-0994.

Business Classifieds

Business classified ads **ONLY \$3** per line prepaid! Get info at newsletter@lakeclaire.org

WHITE HOUSE INN B&B Yatesville, GA, 70 mi south, near Macon, Barnesville, Flint River. Biking, Canoeing, Hiking, Quiet. Fri-Sun \$50 couple \$35 single per night 404-377-5878 for details.

MINOR HOME REPAIRS and installations. Electrical, phone/cable, plumbing, light carpentry. 20 years experience; neighborhood references. Intown only, within 3 miles of L5P. \$35/hr. + \$20 house call. Norman Glassman 404-704-5546 nglassman5@gmail.com.

PIANO TUNING, REPAIR, REBUILDING, SALES Jane Purtzer 404-378-8310.

NOOK AND CRANNY MAID SERVICE 404-688-3766 "Let Us Do Your Dirty Work!" Est. 1990 Dependable, personalized service, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, one-time. Move-in/Move-outs, Spring cleanings-homes/offices. Licensed, bonded, and insured.

ABOVE THE HEDGES

FALL IN to the color. Cool is perfect for installation. Activate those landscape plans for flower beds, shrub screens, retaining walls with borders...think FALL now and SPRING forward. Nice prices! Free Estimates. Licensed & Insured. Admission Guaranteed! 770-621-(YARD) 9273

PETS/BABYSITTING Mature teenage girls can provide babysitting and pet cares. Call Selena 404-378-5683 or Emily 404-377-4569

HOUSE REPAIR Rotted wood repair, siding, porch columns, railings, porch floors, windows, etc. Sheetrock repair, interior-exterior painting, trim carpentry, small projects. 15 years experience. Candler Park resident for 15 years. Free estimate. Lee Nicholson 404-378-1343.

Sellers.

Buyers.

Chris.



Good Karma. It Happens.

Real Estate by Your Neighbor Chris M. Christian

RE/MAX Metro Atlanta Cityside

404.377.0080