



Annual LC Halloween Kids Parade

The Lake Claire Annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th. The parade is a great tradition for gathering all the trick-or-treaters to admire each other and one of the biggest n'hood events for kids of all ages! Note: We're changing the starting point to Marlbrook Drive. Gather at 5:30 pm at the dead-end of Marlbrook in front of the new parcel we hope to add to the park. Parade around the block

via Ridegewood and Almeta to the Park where there will be music, fun, and a dusk showing of The Great Pumpkin! Be sure to sign up for the Lake Claire email "newscast" at www.lakeclaire.org for reminders and up-to-date details. Let the fun begin!

General Gordon's Legacy of Education

By Teri Stewart

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the Hargrett Rare Book Archives at UGA in Athens where I spent two days reviewing their extensive Gordon family collection. I was able to acquire a copy of Caroline Gordon's Autobiography, "De General N' Miz Fanny", which are her memoirs of growing up at Sutherland, the Gordon Estate.

One large file was titled, "The Black Gordons". John and Fanny Gordon believed that the future of the south lay in educating ALL its people. They founded several "Negro" schools. A former slave, Buddy Hampton (Hampton Terrace?), helped nurse General Gordon back to health after he was severely wounded during the Civil War. After the war, in gratitude, General and Mrs. Gordon sent for Buddy and paid for him to acquire a college education. Years later, Buddy returned to thank the Gordon family stating that due to his education, he had prospered and was able to provide college educations for all of his own children.

John and Fanny owned two slaves named Jim and Sarah. When John and Fanny met and fell in love (1854), Jim and Sarah equally fell in love. The two couples were both married on the same day. Jim and Sarah also had a long and happy marriage. After emancipation, they chose to remain with John and



family as paid companions for 40 years. They had their own house at Sutherland and the black and white Gordon children grew up together. All four of Jim and Sarah's children graduated from Morehouse College. After Jim's death, Sarah moved to California to be with her children. Extensive correspondence between the white Gordons in Georgia and the black Gordons in California reveals an affectionate relationship as they recalled their happy days together at Sutherland. In 1955, Sarah's grandson, Walter A. Gordon, was appointed Governor of the Virgin Islands by President Eisenhower. Special thanks to the staff of the Hargrett collection for this information on Lake Claire's First family.



Boy Scouting makes a big difference at Harold Avenue Greenspace

Dan White, Chair

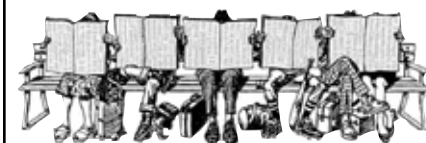
Harold Avenue Greenspace Committee

On Sept 20 and 27th Lake Claire Neighbors provided the materials necessary to make improvements to the streetscape of the Harold Ave green space. Using the volunteer labor of local Boy Scouts, The Greenspace Committee sponsored Wesley Swift (a Harold Avenue resident) in this project that will qualify Wesley for his Eagle Scout ranking, Scouting's highest achievement. The project consists of stream cleanup, stream bank tree stabilization, and invasive removal along the streetscape, mulching, and the installation of a new cedar fence along the edge of the streetscape.

This project was designed and implemented by Wesley who estimated and ordered all the materials necessary to complete the project. Wesley submitted his plan to the Greenspace Committee this summer along with his cost estimates of around \$700. The Committee unanimously approved to fund the project from the money budgeted in 2008 from Lake Claire Neighbors for green space maintenance. With these expenditures and the installation of new benches earlier in the year the committee will have spent the \$1000 budgeted for improvements to the green space for 2008.

Wesley and his fellow scouts are

to be commended for their civic activities and the improvements they have made to the green space. Please come and see the improvements on your next walk down Harold Avenue. Enjoy the new benches and the beauty of the Frazer Forest that adjoins the green space—the lungs of Lake Claire. 🌿



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A Letter to the Editor

About "Kill Animal Shelters"

I used to volunteer at a Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) shelter in Massachusetts. You could label it as a "kill shelter" because they did have to euthanize animals when there was no chance for adoption due to illness, temperament, etc. I get defensive when I hear people labeling "kill shelters" as evil. I noticed some very strong language related to that label in the Sept. Clarion and would like to express a few points in response. I feel very strongly about this issue as dedicated staff and volunteers do their best to adopt and preserve animal life everyday. Labeling shelters as "kill shelters" is presenting a complicated issue as

very cut and dry (kill = evil and no kill = not evil) and perpetuating only one side of the story. "No Kill" shelters don't take in every animal presented to them. That's called "limited admission". That way the animals they do take can be adopted. There's nothing wrong with that policy, but people need to realize that in order for the shelter to be "no kill", animals that need to be cared for are turned away. "Kill" shelters have "open admission"--no animal, no matter how sick or mistreated, is accepted into the shelter. As a result, staff and volunteers work extremely hard with limited resources to increase the possibility of adoption. But, due to circumstances beyond the shelter's con-

trol, animals in their care can not be safely adopted out without putting others animals (including humans) at risk of harm. The key point is that a shelter is not to blame for having to euthanize animals. In my direct experience with SPCA shelters, I've seen staff put the animal's needs first despite low wages, paltry resources, and extremely heated personnel interactions. If you want to "point a finger" and say something is evil, point it at the people mistreating the animals to begin with. The shelters, "kill" or "no kill" are doing their best to deal with an inherently difficult and sometimes "no win" situation. Sincerely,

Troy Nielsen

Editor's Note: Troy and his fam-

ily also provide foster care for animals waiting permanent placement. While there was no intention to label kill shelters as "evil" Troy makes a good point. And, folks, please neuter and spay your pets. It's the responsible thing to do.

Update on Expansion of Lake Claire Park

By Evan Levy

We are pleased to announce that the expansion of Lake Claire Park is moving forward. The Conservation Fund, a national organization that acquires and protects land for the public, is working closely with the City of Atlanta Parks Department on protecting this land. After a meeting with Parks Commissioner Dianne Harnell Cohen, Council Members Natalyn Archibong and Mary Norwood and representatives from Lake Claire, attendees came away with an agreement to help with the land acquisition and stewardship of the park.

A new organization, Friends of Lake Claire Park, has been formed with the mission of helping with the acquisition and maintenance. Friends of Lake Claire Park need your help. We are eligible to receive up to \$50,000 as a match towards the land acquisition and maintenance. But we need to demonstrate community support. Large numbers of households contributing even a small amount will send the message that we want this land protected.

We are planning a fundraiser on Saturday, October 25th in conjunction with the annual Lake Claire Halloween Parade. But we need your support even sooner. Please contact Park Pride at Park Pride, Atlanta 675 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE 8th Floor

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(404) 817-7970 (office)

(404) 817-7988 (fax)

parkpride@parkpride.org, or online at www.ParkPride.org and make a contribution (no matter how small or large) to Friends of Lake Claire Park. [NOTE: To make online contributions to this effort go to the website, then to the "Get Involved" page, select "Fiscal Partners" from the Programs menu, and follow the instructions.]

You can also contact the following for more information:

Judy Hammack hammack1@bellsouth.net or Evan Levy carlevy@bellsouth.net

Editor's Note: Thanks to Park Pride for their numerous instances of helping keep our neighborhood ours. And thanks to Evan et al (members of the newly-formed Friends of Lake Claire Park and helpers) for their stewardship and activism.



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For Adoption



Meet Jake, a Chow/Lab mix pup who is looking for a forever-home, or could he be yours??? He was rescued by Lake Claire resident Linda Beckstein of Harold Avenue and has been lovingly fostered. His medical history includes successful heartworm treatment, neutering, and all his shots are up to date. He is a very affectionate dog and has a wonderful silky coat. The vet estimates his age to be about one year old. Our neighborhood animal behaviorist considers Jake to be an affectionate, intelligent and very trainable dog. Jake has benefitted from the services of a very dedicated vet and loving care while he recuperated and is now ready for his forever home. For more information, please contact Linda at 404-808-6955. No fees, but any donation towards his expenses would be appreciated.

Tip from the Trainer

From AARF

Are you or is someone you know about to bring a new little person into your pet's world? Trainer Susan Giordano of K9U Training and Behavior Modification offers this advice for making sure your expanding family is happy together:

New routines -- Carry a doll around the house before the baby comes, so your pet gets used to seeing you with something that size and shape. Talk to the doll and treat it like a baby.

Old routines -- Carve out time to be with your pet once the baby comes, so he won't build a negative association with the arrival of the baby.

Call Susan Giordano at (770) 355-3523 for more training guidance.

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Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries annual dinner will be held on Sunday, October 12th. Lake Claire extends an invitation to neighbors who would like to attend. Please contact Sarah Wynne by October 5th if you are interested in attending. Contact Sarah at: 404-377-5878

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Revitalize, Don't Supersize

By Beth Damon and Linda Maynard

In the September issue, we expressed our concern about in-fill development in Lake Claire with McMansions.

We are not anti-development. New construction is good for our neighborhood. Playing the devil's advocate, one might say "what about a family's need for a larger home in Lake Claire?"

This house shows one of many possible ways to enlarge the floor plan without dwarfing surrounding homes. With such creativity,

one gains needed space without disregarding neighborhood compatibility. The purpose of placing this picture and others in The Clarion is to share our concerns, with hopes that more neighbors will get involved in zoning ordinance changes that reflect a more reasonable height and percentage of footprint to lot size ratio. Consider attending meetings to review developers' variance requests; basically, paying closer attention while the McMansions are still the exceptions in Lake Claire.

Developers love Lake Claire, it is a gold mine. Let's not write them a blank check. Revitalization yes, but not by supersizing.

Mr. A.C. Davis Dies

By Dan White

Long time Lake Claire resident Mr. A.C. Davis passed from this life in September of this year. He moved to Harold Ave in 1949. Mr. Davis was a family man the proud father of two children. His wife died in 1990 and he never remarried and lived in his home till he moved to Wesley Woods 2 years ago.

I got to know Mr. Davis through a neighbor who has since moved away. He had "adopted" Mr. Davis following his wife's death and would visit him regularly. When Bob moved to Chicago I took his place and would visit with Mr. Davis at least once a month to see how he was doing. I ended up cleaning his gutters (for which he insisted on paying me) but I also enjoyed hearing his memories of the neighborhood and an earlier era. Mr. Davis was a vigorous 96 when he died. He was an independent man who well into his 90s would walk the neighborhood every day-no matter how cold.

He lost a finger to melanoma at one point but never got depressed about it. I guess anyone who lived through the Great Depression and WW II wouldn't let something like that get him down. It turns out he was also the Georgia State Chess Champion and he never mentioned that to me. Harold Avenue is not the same street without him. I will miss

having him as a neighbor.

Perhaps there is someone like A.C. Davis on your street. I'll bet they would love a visit,

Adopt Cat Siblings!

There are several advantages to adopting two kittens at the same time from the same litter. Most people don't know, and have never seen, but adult cats if from the same litter, play together just as kittens do. They are quite a show. A second advantage is that litter mates will lick and groom one another. Unrelated cats will do this but not to the same extent. A third advantage is that cats have one another for companionship during the day while the owner or owners are away at work. Cats are much more friendly to one another when from the same litter. A fourth advantage is that, in extreme old age, when cats need another for warmth in order to survive even in a well-heated house, a litter mate is much more likely to supply that than an unrelated cat.

It happens that I have two kittens that are three-and-a-half months old that I would be happy to see go together to a good home. For directions call 404-373-8169.

The above is based on forty years of observation as a cat (cats) owner, including the owner of a 20-1/2 year old cat and a pair of sisters who lived to the ages of 15 and 17 years.

Evening at Emory

Students are invited to explore the skies in Evening at Emory's upcoming "Ancient and Early Astronomy". David Dundee, Tellus NW Georgia Science Museum's observatory and planetarium director and former Fernbank astronomer and planetarium director, will guide students through several hundred years' of astronomy in this four session course. Classes will meet on Wednesdays from October 22 to November 12, 7-8:30 pm. Tuition is \$120 per person. Contact Krissy Witt 404-712-3944 or visit the Evening at Emory website: www.EveningAtEmory.org.

Fernbank Museum

Eases the Summer Heat with Sunday Snow Days in Celebration of Polar Exhibitions Now on View

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. Sunday Snow Days are included at no additional charge with Museum admission.

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The Conscientious Gardener

**Native plants:
Election Therapy**

By Carol Vanderschaaf

Fall is a great time to put native plants in the ground (and to get your mind off the tensions of this election). And while you're at it, consider planting for birds and butterflies. In the spring their colors will help you celebrate victory or ease that pain of loss. And planting in the fall will give your plants a chance to set their roots in the ground before winter. They will require regular water-

ing until the cold sets in (that is if it does set in).

If you do decide to go for the fauna remember that gardens for birds and butterflies need to have a variety of plants which provide food, shelter, water, a place to raise young and, in the case of some butterflies, a mud puddle. Plants which supply birds with food usually have berries and seeds available. Also, birds need small trees, bushes, vines and other sheltered places to nest as well as plants which provide nesting material.

Butterflies are attracted to plants which provide nectar. They like sunny places that are sheltered from the wind. They also need plants that their caterpillars can feed on. And some butterflies enjoy a mud puddle bath.

Bird and butterfly gardens are best if multi-layered, that is, having plants and trees of various heights and widths. The more diverse the merrier, much like we'd like the world at large to be.



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The remaining Sunday Snow Days schedule is: October 12 from noon to 3 p.m. Free samples of Creamy Matcha Tea Drinks from Chocolate Pink Pastry Café.

November 9 from noon to 3 p.m. Free ice cream samples from Bruster's Real Ice Cream (Toco Hills and Decatur)

Free screenings of March of the Penguins in Auditorium (Lower Level) at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Make your own snow goggles activity

Polar habitat toss game
Snow flake craft

Fernbank Museum of Natural History, 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.

Here's a sample of some native plants that are easy to grow:

Native plants for birds and/or butterflies:

Black-eyed Susan
Purple Coneflower
Lantana (see photo with Buckeye butterfly)

Golden Fleece Goldenrod

Virginia Creeper

Cardinal Flower

Crossvine

Native plants for birds:

American Beautyberry

Pokeweed

Blueberry

Yellow root

Native plants for butterflies:

Butterfly Weed (not Bush)

Joe Pye Weed

St. John's Wort

Host plants for caterpillars:

Milkweed

Passionflower

Fennel

Parsley

Native plants are often hard to find. One of the best places to get native plants is Ga. Perimeter College Botanical Gardens on Panthersville Road in Decatur-
www.gpc.edu/~decbt/othrgrdn.htm. Sales will be going on there

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm through Oct 29.

For a peek at the plants above visit the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden at the corner of North Ave., and Candler Park Drive. Volunteer at the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden please email Carol Vanderschaaf at CVanderschaaf@bellsouth.net

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Mark Your Calendars

October 2 – Thursday - Tours for Prospective Mary Lin Elementary School Parents. See Article.
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 10 – Friday - The first annual Candler Park Fall Ball will be held at 7PM at the First Existentialist Congregation located at 470 Candler Park Drive. Tickets are on sale now (\$10 for Fall Fest volunteers, \$15 for everyone else), but you'd better hurry, tickets are

limited. BBQ dinner is included.
October 11-12 - Saturday and Sunday - The 8th Annual Candler Park FallFest returns to historic Candler Park this fall. Times are 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, In-

town 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.candlerparkfallfest.org.
October 25 – Saturday - Lake Claire Annual Halloween Kids Parade. For details, sign up for the Lake Claire email "newscast" at www.lakeclaire.org. Kids of all ages invited! Sherry Neal, organizer.
Contact Sherry at sherry_v_neal@yahoo.com.
October 12 – Sunday - Clifton Sanctuary Ministries Annual Dinner. Lake Claire extends an invitation to neighbors who

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would like to attend. Please contact Sarah Wynn by October 5th if you are interested in attending. Contact Sarah at: 404-377-5878 October 17-18 – Friday and Saturday - 8th Annual Little 5 Points (L5P) Halloween Festival & Parade. See article.

October 22-November 12 – Wednesdays – Ancient and Early Astronomy' Evening at Emory. See Article.

October 25 – Saturday - Lake Claire Annual Halloween Kids Parade, assemble at Lake Claire Park at 5:30 PM. Sherry Neal,

organizer. Contact Sherry at sherry_v_neal@yahoo.com .

October 25 – Saturday – Friends of Lake Claire Park Fundraiser. Watch for upcoming webcast for details (sign up for the Lake Claire email "newscast" at www.lakeclaire.org) or contact Evan Levy at carrlevy@bellsouth.net . 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. See ar-

ticle.

November 2 – Sunday - Frazer Center 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). 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.

The Fall Festival will have tons of activities including pony rides, moon walks, magician, train rides and a special appearance by the Bubbleman. Adults will also enjoy a cash bar and a silent auction that offers a diverse number of items such as fine dining gift cards, original artwork and a variety of items from local retailers. Tickets include food, non alcoholic beverages and most activities. November 6 – Thursday - Tours for Prospective Mary Lin Elementary School Parents. See Article.

December 4 – Thursday - Tours for Prospective Mary Lin Elementary School Parents.

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Author Doreen Cronin Visits Mary Lin Elementary School

By Mary Jo Bryan

Acclaimed children's author Doreen Cronin visited Mary Lin Elementary School on Friday, August 29th. Cronin's first book Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That

Type, published in 2000, was a Caldecott Honor book and spent over a year on the New York Times Best Sellers list. Ms. Cronin spoke at an assembly of pre-kindergartners through second graders and read her newest book, Thump, Quack, Moo: A Whacky Adventure. The children were thrilled to ask a "real live author" questions and have Ms. Cronin sign

books. Ms. Cronin's message to the children was that reading is a lifetime adventure and that they are all authors who can write and illustrate their own stories.

Second grade teacher Posey Arillo had the idea of bringing authors to visit the students as a way to support Mary Lin's introduction of the Writer's Workshop curriculum. Through collaboration with parents and the PTA, Ms. Arillo began working with Decatur bookstore Little Shop of Stories to identify authors who would be available to visit the school. When the good folks at Little Shop of Stories said that Ms. Cronin would be in town for the Decatur Book Festival, Mary Lin quickly issued an invitation to Ms. Cronin to visit our neigh-

borhood school. Ms. Cronin, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., was impressed with the beauty of our neighborhoods and the charm of Mary Lin.

Mary Lin Elementary School is located in Candler Park and currently serves approximately 500 students in Kindergarten through 5th grades in the Candler Park, Inman Park, Lake Claire, Poncey Highlands, and Druid Hills communities. Mary Lin is one of the premier elementary schools within the Atlanta Public Schools system, having met Adequate Yearly Progress each year, and with CRCT scores that exceed the state of Georgia's CRCT scores. Lin's student, teacher, and parent community is a tightly-knit group focused on ensuring that students have a pleasant, well-rounded, art-filled experience during these extremely important years.

Further information about the school can be found at <http://marylinelementary.com> or by calling the school directly at (404) 802-8850.

Get Out Yo High Top Sneakers and Put Yo Red Dress On!

By Donna Palmer, CPNO

The first annual Candler Park Fall Ball will be held on Friday, October 10th at 7PM at the First Existentialist Congregation at 470 Candler Park Drive. Tickets are \$10 for Fall Fest volunteers, \$15 for everyone else, but you'd better hurry, tickets are limited. BBQ dinner is included. Dance to the exciting sounds of the ExPand Band - featuring everyone's favorite Lake Claire red head Bill Fleming. BYOB. Fancy or Schmancy Dress Code OR Wild West Costumes. Ticket requests must be in by October 7th. Checks or Money Orders made payable to the "Candler Park Neighborhood Organization" No children, no pets and no farm animals.

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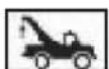
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LCNA sponsors ivy removal in Frazer Forest

By Dan White

On September 19, 2008 The Friends of the Frazer Forest under the sponsorship of Lake Claire Neighbors initiated an effort to remove 1.5 acres of English Ivy and Wisteria from the entrance to the Frazer Forest along the drive leading from the front gate to the stone bridge - a distance of 450 ft. On each side of the road -100 ft on the right side and 50 ft on the left side of the drive - the ivy and wisteria will be removed by herbicide by a state licensed contractor.

The Friends of the Frazer Forest over the last 5 years have made a series of improvements in the Frazer Forest- a 30 acre parcel of old growth hardwood forest in Lake Claire. Over this time period trails have been mulched, pedestrian foot bridge and benches installed, stream bank stabilization implemented in critical areas due to storm water erosion coming from our neighborhood, and invasive plants removed. There is much to be done but much has been accomplished. Lake Claire Neighbors through its annual gifts to the Frazer Center earmarked for forest care has spearheaded all the improvements made to the forest.

Thanks to our membership for the support of this vital resource. By next spring the view along the drive will be very different and with any luck native plants will have started to regenerate in this portion of the forest.

The Frazer Center appreciates the cooperative relationship with the LCNA and welcomes neighborhood participation in volunteer activities in the Cator Woolford Gardens. If you are interested in helping maintain the historic quality of the gardens, please contact Mr. Ken Tarczewski, The Frazer Center, Director of Facilities and Gardens 404-377-3836 x11

More about the Frazer Center

The Frazer Center was established in 1949 as The Cerebral Palsy School of Atlanta to meet the educational needs of children with disabilities. Today the Center provides services to children and adults with disabilities as well as children who are typically developing. The Frazer Center is located on 33 acres of virgin piedmont forest and historic gardens, created originally in the early 20th century by the prior property owner, Mr. Cator Woolford. Today revenues from rentals of the Cator Woolford Gardens support the educational programs of The Frazer Center.

2008 Candler Park Tour of Homes

Sunday, October 12th

The Candler Park Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2008 from noon to 6 pm. This year's 9-stop tour promises to have something for everyone. The tour will feature eight beautiful houses and a loft on DeKalb Avenue.

The homes range from classic Craftsman bungalows to modern lofts. The construction dates span 106 years. Several renovations have used the latest "green" construction techniques including solar panels, sourcing construction material locally, recycling all waste material and using energy efficient cellulose insulation. The tour booklet also includes the popular article, "How to Research the History of Your Home" by Robert Craig, Professor, College of Architecture, Georgia Tech.

Tickets are \$15 on the day of the tour. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$12 at the following locations:

The Mercantile, Candler Park Market, Donna Van Gogh's, Little Five Points Pharmacy, Ace Hardware on Scott, Inman Park Pet Works or online via PayPal. Tickets may also be purchased during Fall Fest on Saturday and Sunday, October 11-12, 2008 at the Gilded Angel located at 1404 McLendon Avenue, the CPNO booth and each house on

the tour.

For more information, call 404-522-5455 or visit www.candler-parkfallfest.org.

Ticket available at:

The Mercantile
1660 Dekalb Avenue
Candler Park Market
1642 McLendon Ave
Donna Van Gogh's
1651 McLendon Ave
L5P Pharmacy
484 Moreland Ave
Ace Hardware
1404 Scott Blvd.
Inman Park Pet Works
914A Austin Ave

Old House Fair coming to Decatur

By Regina Brewer


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 am. - 5 pm. at the Holiday Inn Decatur Conference Plaza, 130 Clairemont Ave. 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 in-

cludes 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. Purchase at: Decatur City Hall, 509 N. McDonough St; Smith Ace Hardware, 601 E. College Ave; Intown Hardware, 1404 Scott Blvd; 17 Steps, 235-M Ponce de Leon Pl; Kudzu, 2928 E. Ponce de Leon Ave; Mission Motif, 1963 Hosea Williams Dr, and Intown Ace Hardware at 854 N. Highland Avenue.

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Hotoberfest '08

Atlanta's premier fall event, HotoberFest - Earth Beer Music has been set to take place on the grounds of the landmark neighborhood development of Glenwood Park in Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, October 4, 2008.

The event is being produced to raise awareness of sustainable choices in construction, farming, health, recycling and more by bringing people together for a day of live music and an Oktoberfest style beer tasting. This one day event, (free of charge public area) is open 12 noon - 7:00pm (Ticketed portion of the event is open 1:00pm - 6:00pm). All three aspects of the theme Earth, Beer, Music will be featured throughout the day.

The main thrust of the day is EARTH consciousness. The festival atmosphere is designed to be a fun way for people to gather and learn more about new choices and decisions they can make to help make our precious earth a healthier place in which to live. Affiliates and sponsors will be onsite with information regarding amazing technologies and advances in many areas including; Earthcraft construction practices, recycling programs, healthy lifestyle choices, pet care and adoption, alternative energy production, organic gardening and more.

The second part of our theme is

BEER. This component of HotoberFest is driven by quality and consciousness. We have chosen breweries that exemplify quality choices in ingredients, brewing methods, or use of organics and sustainable operations within the process or as a result of it. such as water purification, post-brewing composting of grains, CO2 recovery and more. For the true Oktoberfest enthusiast, a limited quantity of VIP Green Tickets will be available. This ticket entitles the holder to added features such as: private VIP Tent admission, additional beer brands that are not available in the Garten Tents, VIP restrooms, free appetizers, commemorative T-shirt & more. The Garten & VIP areas are gated and open to persons 21 years or older. Admission includes open entry to the entire festival grounds, music area, food vending and affiliate information tables.

MUSIC. This component of HotoberFest is as diverse as our city. Bands and Live DJs from around Atlanta will perform throughout the day, providing a variety of sounds rarely heard in one place.

Public Festival Area
free of charge public area
(12:00pm - 7:00pm)

There is no charge for entry to the public area of the festival. Enjoy free live music all day, visit information booths hosted

by our affiliates and sponsors, and feel free to purchase beer and food items from various local vendors. A \$2 donation for retail beer purchases will be donated to one or more of our non-profit affiliates. No

outside food or alcohol will be allowed into any part of the festival area.

Beer Garten at HotoberFest
Tickets \$30.00 advance/\$35 day of (1:00pm - 6:00pm).

For one price, enter our Oktoberfest style "Beer Garten. Beer Garten wristband includes open passage between the Garten and Public areas. (No one under 21 years old, no pets, no trouble, no kidding.)

The VIP Green Ticket (limited to 500 people)

\$50.00 advance/\$55 day of (1:00pm - 6:00pm)

Features access to the Beer Garten tasting and Best Brew competition area AND access to the VIP Green Tent.

Contact info@hotoberfest.net

Event Address:

916 Glenwood Park Drive

Atlanta, GA 30316

HotoberFest, Inc.

1015 Eden Avenue

Atlanta, GA 30316

404-627-0800 Fax

(General Info. Volunteer, Sponsorship)

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Tours for Prospective Mary Lin Elementary School Parents

For parents that are interested in learning more about one of the premier Atlanta Public School elementary schools, which is located in our area, we will be holding informational meetings and tours at 9:30am on the following dates in 2008:

Thursday, October 2nd

Thursday, November 6th

Thursday, December 4th

The meeting will begin in the

Mary Lin auditorium. Lin's principal, Dr. Brian Mitchell, will give a brief presentation about Mary Lin, with time for Q & A. This will be followed by a tour of the school building and grounds. These tours are focused on rising Kindergarten parents, but all parents are welcome.

Mary Lin Elementary School is located in Candler Park and currently serves approximately 500 students in Kindergarten through 5th grades in the Candler Park, Inman Park, Lake Claire, Poncey Highlands, and Druid Hills communities. Mary Lin is one of the premier elementary schools within the Atlanta Public Schools system, having met Adequate Yearly Progress each year, and with CRCT scores that exceed the state of Georgia's CRCT scores. Lin's student, teacher, and parent community is a tightly-knit group focused on ensuring that students have a pleasant, well-rounded, art-filled experience during these extremely important years.

More info at <http://marylinelementary.com> or call the school directly at (404) 802-8850. Questions regarding the tours? Contact Jennifer Hubert at pr@marylinelementary.com.

Calling All Lake Claire Parents!

By Sherry Neal

If you are a Lake Claire resident with children, we have a resource for you: the Lake Claire Parents Association. All Lake Claire parents are invited to join our email group. For information about joining, email group moderator, Sherry Neal, at sherry_v_neal@yahoo.com.

As a result of our organizational meeting on August 23, two initial playgroups have started:

Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for the "under-four" crowd: Parents with infants, toddlers, & preschoolers are welcome to meet up at Candler Park. If the weather is bad, an email will go out to the list-serve about the rain location. For more info, contact LCPA parent Cynthia Baer at 404-228-0258 or cin0118@yahoo.com.

Saturday at 10:00 a.m. for all ages: We want to meet all parents! In recognition of the fact that not all parents & kids are available during the week, LCPA will hold a once-a-month Saturday event. The first event will be September 20 at Candler Park. If you are interested, please email your name and child's name and age to Megan Anderson at manderson@furniturebankatlanta.org.

LCPA will also be planning activities for the annual Halloween Parade, Saturday October 25. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sherry Neal.

Stay tuned for more fun events!

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Lake Claire Crime Report

August- September 2008 Crime Statistics (Weeks 33-36)
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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

8/22- 8/23- Fri./Sat. 24 hour time frame- 2000 blk Howard Cir NE

Residence

Access: Window pried open

Window of victim's home pried open, entered, and removed property.

Taken: Laptop computer, I Pod, I Pod, stereo system.

Prints attempted.

8/22- Fri. daytime- 2000 blk Howard Cir NE, Residence

Access: Rear door

Upon arrival, officers found that someone had smashed in the back door. The home was searched, but no one was found inside. The victim arrived and reported that property had been taken

Taken: laptop computer, gym bag, antique broach.

Prints attempted.

8/19- Tues. daytime- 200 blk Gordon Ave NE, Residence

Access: Rear door

Someone damaged the lock on the victim's back door, entered the home, and removed property. A neighbor reported seeing the suspect and a vehicle in the victim's driveway around noon.

Taken: 42"TV, 52"TV, Sony WII< DVD Player, laptop computer, Jewelry

Suspect: B/M

Suspect Vehicle: silver 2 door vehicle, Prints attempted.

8/18- Mon. daytime- 400 blk Hardendorf Ave NE, Residence

Access: Window smashed

Witness reported seeing the suspect standing in front of the location with the victim's TV. She chased the suspect until he jumped a fence to the rail yard. Taken: digital camera, laptop computer, credit card.

Recovered: 32" TV

Suspect: B/M, white t shirt and blue jeans

Prints recovered, turned in to ID

8/18- Mon. daytime- 400 blk Hardendorf Ave NE, Residence

Access: Rear door pried open

A witness reported chasing the suspect from the location.

Recovered: 32" TV: Taken: laptop computer, cell phone, TV Remote.

Suspect: B/M, white t shirt, blue jeans

Prints recovered, turned in to ID

ENTERING AUTO

9/4- 9/5- Fri. overnight- 1500 blk McClendon Ave NE

Victim reports that someone broke a vent window and removed property.

Taken: MP3, Prints attempted

9/3- 9/4 Wed. - Thurs. morning- 1700 blk McClendon Ave NE 9

Someone smashed a passenger's side window on the victim's vehicle, entered, and removed property

Taken: Alpine stereo, satellite radio, subwoofer, briefcase with misc. electronics. Prints attempted

9/1- Mon. midnight- 5pm (17 hour time frame)- 400 blk Lakeshore Dr NE

Someone damaged the passenger's side vent window and door lock on the victim's vehicle. Victim did not see anything missing.

Taken: nothing, Prints attempted

8/28- 8/29- Fri. morning- 1700 blk. Indiana Ave NE

Someone smashed the rear driver's side window on the victim's vehicle, entered, and removed property.

Taken: black tote bag. Prints attempted

8/29- Fri. after midnight- 1700 blk Marlbrook Dr NE

Someone smashed the passenger's side window of the victim's vehicle, entered, and removed property.

Taken: black bag with wheels, Prints attempted

8/28-8/29- Thurs./Fri. overnight- 1800 blk Marlbrook Dr NE

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

Taken: I pod car charger, Prints attempted

8/27- 8/28- Thurs. morning- 800 blk Lullwater Pkwy NE

Someone smashed victim's rear driver's side window and removed property.

Taken: MP3 player, Prints attempted

8/20- Wed. morning- 2000 blk McClendon Ave NE

While on patrol the officer noticed the suspect kneeling down in front of a residence on McLendon Ave. When the suspect saw the officer he fled on foot. He was located and taken into custody a short time later.

During the investigation the officer located several vehicles broken into. The driver's side window on a Volkswagen had been smashed and the vehicle had been rummaged through. A driver's side window

had been smashed on a Saab, and property had been taken. A driver's side window on an Acura had been smashed and the vehicle rummaged through. The suspect stated he was just looking for a place to sleep and had a spark plug in his pocket. Recovered: Checkbook

Arrestee: Nathan Tyrus, B/M, 20YOA, Lives in Riverdale

No prints taken

8/19- 8/20- Tues./ Wed. - overnight- 2000 blk Howard Cir NE Residence

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

Taken: Garmin GPS

Prints attempted

8/18- 8/19- Mon./ Tues. overnight- 400 blk Lakeshore Dr NE

Someone smashed the driver's side window on the victim's vehicle, entered, and removed property.

Taken: Magellan GPS, MP3 player, Prints attempted

8/16- Sat.- early morning- 300 blk Nelms Ave NE

Someone smashed the front driver's side window on the victim's vehicle, entered, and removed property. Taken: GPB, checkbook.

Prints attempted

8/14- Thurs. morning- 2000 blk Howard Cir NE

Someone smashed the rear driver's side vent window to the victim's vehicle, entered, and removed property.

Taken: stereo, laptop computer, cell phone, digital camera, , backpack, briefcase. Prints attempted

8/13- 8/14-

Tues./Wed.-

overnight- 1700

blk Indiana Ave

NE

Someone

smashed a driver's

side window on two

vehicles, entered,

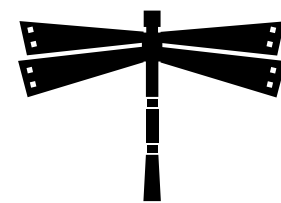
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Taken: MP3

Player. Prints

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1. Hardendorf
2. Ridgewood
3. McClendon
4. Arizona
5. Casson
6. New York
7. Indiana
8. Sutherland Terr.
9. Oxford

10. Dekalb Ave
11. Howard Circle
12. Lake Claire Ct.
13. Tuxedo
14. Nelms
15. Delaware
16. Matthews

We are not asking block captains to patrol the streets, work radar guns, or use binoculars to spy on your neighbors. Block captains serve as the point of contact for the street and have the responsibility of holding quarterly crime watch meetings on the street. That's it. This means a chance to socialize with your neighbors 4 times a year. Take responsibility for keeping Lake Claire Safe. JOIN TODAY! Contact safety@lakeclaire.org.



Movin' and Groovin'

Our former Harold Ave. neighbors, The Greenfields, have relocated to Sacramento, California. As you can see, 10 month old Miller is trying on certain aspects of the California lifestyle. Miller's Dad says he misses Braves games, the Flying Biscuit, and Fellini's.

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