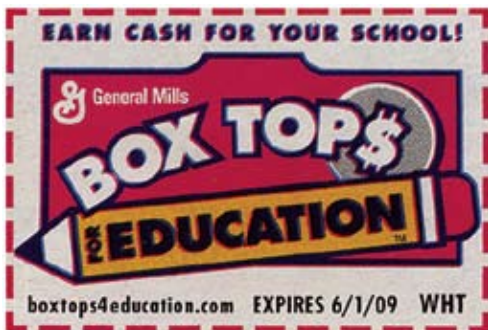


## Home Economics 101

How are you and yours faring in this economy? If you are making adjustments, we'd love to hear about them. What are you changing? Is it helping and how? Let's put our heads and pocketbooks together. Anything you have to add to our community knowledge or resources would be welcome. Send your thoughts to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org).

## Box Tops for Education

Ever wonder about those tiny emblems on the tops (or bottoms) of bake mixes and other shelf food items that say "Box Tops for Education"? Our own Mary Lin Elementary School collects and uses them to purchase classroom supplies and media center furnishings. If you want to help, please clip the box or pouch tops/bottoms with the emblem and drop them off at Mary Lin Elementary, or at 431 Harold Ave. (on the front porch in the Lake Claire Drop Box). Thanks for helping out!



## Lake Claire's list

### New Feature: "Claire's List"

Do you have a service or item that someone else might want? Something that perhaps can add to your income or be a thrifty option for a neighbor? Let's help each other out through these tough times. We now have a list of home-based services and merchandise for sale, rent, loan, wanted, barter or free locally. Add your home-based services and items for FREE! Deadline: 15th of the month prior to publication. Email submissions to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org).

### Cell Phone 911 Access Advisory

If you live in Atlanta-in-DeKalb and use your cell phone, your emergency 9-1-1 calls may not be immediately routed to the City of Atlanta's 9-1-1 call center. To ensure your safety, cell phone users in Atlanta-in-DeKalb are urged to dial (404) 658-6666 whenever a cell phone is used to contact a 9-1-1 operator.

When calling Atlanta 9-1-1, please advise the dispatcher that you are a City of Atlanta resident in DeKalb County if this is appropriate for your address. Speak as clearly as possible and give the dispatcher the basic information regarding your request as to who, what, when and where the incident is occurring or has occurred.

For responding Emergency Personnel to an emergency, readily identifiable, large community landmarks can be as important or more valuable than just the address of where the incident has occurred or is occurring.

For alarm system users: Ensure that your alarm system profile includes the correct 9-1-1 Center direct dial number, (404) 658-6666, as well as the proper phone numbers for the Police and Fire Departments who are charged with responding to your address. For Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Users: Ensure that your VOIP profile includes the correct 9-1-1 Center direct dial number, (404) 658-6666, as well as the proper phone numbers for the proper responding Police and Fire Departments. If there is a problem or a question call the 9-1-1 Center supervisor line at (404) 817-2382.

### From Lake Claire Community Land Trust:

Many thanks to Charlie Walsh, his parents and the Ben Franklin Academy for teaching our high school students the importance of volunteer work within our community. Charlie is a resident at Lake Claire Co-Housing and for the last 5-6 months has volunteered 8 hours of work each week at the Land Trust. Without the commitment and enthusiasm of Charlie and many other volunteers the Land Trust would not be the magical oasis it is today. – *Charlie Pope*

## Ways to Green Your Battery Use

[www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com)

*By Trey Granger*

This story is part of Earth911's "Green Eight" series, where we showcase eight ways to green your life in various areas.

You may not realize how often you use batteries until you have to operate for a few hours without electricity. Batteries are great at keeping a charge in our mobile devices, but the components that help generate these charges wreak havoc in landfills.

You can use Earth911 to find out where to recycle batteries. Here's eight ways to optimize your battery use so you'll create less waste in the first place:

### 1. Replace One at a Time

So your device stopped working, and it takes four AA batteries. Looks like you've got to buy four new batteries and dispose of four as well. Actually, only one of the batteries may be dead. If you invest in a battery-tester, you can find out which batteries have no charge left and only replace those. Some batteries even come with a tester on the cell itself.

### 2. Embrace Heavy Metal

In most circumstances, searching for a product with less hazardous materials is more eco-friendly. In the case of batteries, hazardous ingredients increase your chances of finding recycling options. Consider:

Car batteries contain lead and sulfuric acid and have a recycling rate around 90 percent.

Single-use dry cell batteries have been gutted of mercury in recent years, and it's now much more difficult to find locations that recycle them than rechargeables (which contain cadmium).

If your batteries have elements like lead, mercury or lithium, there will be more value to a recycler that can reprocess these metals. Just make sure they are kept out of the reach of children and pets in the meantime.

### 3. Laptops Aren't for Laps

Keeping the battery cool will help extend its lifespan.

You already know that batteries and heat do not get along together.

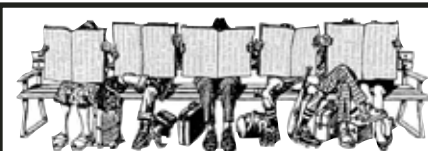
Well, your computer generates a fair amount of heat internally, which is why your notebook computer comes with a fan. Using your laptop on a soft surface (such as your lap) restricts air flow and actually heats up your battery. You can also invest in a cooling pad if you want to use a notebook on soft surfaces.

### 4. Keep Your Batteries Cool

You may have heard that putting batteries in the fridge or freezer will make them last longer. While this may be the case, you'll have to let the batteries thaw before using them to avoid condensation in your devices. Regardless, you should avoid storing batteries in hot places, because they could leak fluid.

### 5. Wait for Good Reception

"Can you hear me now?" That's good for more than just your phone manners. When your cell phone has low reception, it uses



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more battery power to search for stronger signals. Waiting for better reception will allow your cell phone battery to last longer.

#### 6. Insulate Your Car Battery

Think about it: your car experiences more temperature fluctuations than anything else in your life. It deals with hot and cold driving weather, gets heated up and cooled down on every trip and ends up stored in a poorly-insulated garage for the night (if it's lucky). You can find insulation blankets to allow car batteries to adjust better to all kinds of temperatures. The next time you're under the hood, check to see if your battery is insulated or have a qualified professional check for you.

#### 7. Crank Up Your Batteries

The days of hand cranks to generate power went out with draft cards and freedom marches. Or did they? You can actually find hand-cranked to charge up all sorts of devices, such as cell phones and mp3 players. You'll also get a little exercise. Another option is charging your gadgets with solar power. These are both forms of renewable energy so you won't have to use non-renewable electricity to power your batteries.

#### 8. Opt for Plugging In

Many devices will come equipped with battery compartments and an A/C power adapter, including some alarm clocks and lamps. You may be saving energy by working off batteries, but you're also producing waste when the batteries die. Don't forget you have to spend energy to recharge batteries as well. If you have the option, plugging in will use less resources. Interested in some amazing new electronics that will keep you powered up no matter what or where? Check out [www.voltaicsystems.com](http://www.voltaicsystems.com).



The Voltaic Backpack charges laptops and other electronic devices using solar panels.



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## Water Meter Replacement Project

By Gay Arnieri

I don't know about you, but my water meter is a mess since this project spread to our neighborhood. The UN-locked new cover (not locked because the NEW cover did not fit) fell into the hole and broke the meter right after the new cover was (improperly) installed. I have since been seeing bills that are based upon pre-water restriction billing. And the city cannot tell me when it will be fixed. This is since last July or August.

The city DWM wrote earlier this year as the project was launched in Lake Claire: "...The meter's appearance will not change; however, meters will now be covered with a locked lid to protect the AMR device and reduce meter damage and tampering.

Visit their websites: [www.atlantawatershed.org](http://www.atlantawatershed.org) and [www.cleanwateratlanta.org](http://www.cleanwateratlanta.org).

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Who are they kidding? Lack of oversight is obvious. Like I always say, Call 'em - they work for you!



## Water Restrictions

From City of Atlanta Website

Governor Sonny Perdue has signed 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](http://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.

## Recycling and Yard Waste Pickup

We have confirmed that trash will be collected weekly (on Thursdays), and recycling and yard waste will be picked up in a rotating fashion, every other week.

If you have questions, call City of Atlanta Dept of Public Works customer service call center at 404-330-6333 (Monday - Thursday 8:15 am - 6 pm).

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## Next LCN Meeting

### Thursday March 19

Lake Claire Neighbors meets every third Thursday of the month. Social Time begins at 6:30 pm; Meeting begins at 7 pm. at the Frazer Center. Meetings are open to all. Past months' newsletters and updates to agenda can be found at [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org).



## Trash Collection and Recycling Info & FAQs

*I am a new property owner, how do I get a trash receptacle/container?*

In order to receive a trash receptacle a/k/a Herbie Curbie, you must provide a copy of your settlement statement or warranty deed.

*How do I get a recycling bin?*

Call the Customer Call Center at 404.330.6333

*How do I receive backyard collection?*

You may receive backyard collection for an additional fee of \$962.21 per year. However, if you meet the following criteria at no cost:

You must be 70 years of age or older, live alone, or have no one else residing with you who are capable of bringing your receptacle to the curb.

You must have a physical or medical disability, substantiated by medical documentation.

*Who do I call to request a collection for bulk rubbish/trash in my neighborhood?*

Call the Customer Call Center at 404.330.6333.

*When is the scheduled collection for my yard trimmings?*

Currently, yard trimming collection is based on the day of your household curbside garbage collection. For example, if your household curbside garbage is collected on Monday then your yard trimmings are to be collected on the same day.

*Who do I talk to about my sanitation bill?*

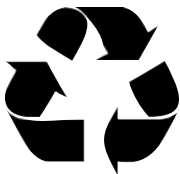
Current Year Charges - Fulton County - 404.730.6535.

Current Year Charges - Atlanta/DeKalb - 404.298.4000

Prior Year Charges - City of Atlanta Treasury Division - 404.330.6270.

*Who are the Trash Troopers?*

This is an elite strike force team comprised of heavy equipment operators and laborers.



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## Fitness Scholarship!

As you may know, Fun Fitness offers scholarships into each boot camp program. We are hopeful to offer five scholarships into the spring program which begins in March. We believe that fitness and the opportunity to participate in group exercise programs is not just a privilege for certain socio-economic groups. Help spread the word!

**Jaye Crawford** (at right) is the president of Fun Fitness, Inc. She specializes in 1-on-1 training, instructing FIT MOMS! Stroller Workout and boot camp programs at Candler Park. She is a certified Fitness Trainer and C.H.E.K. Institute Holistic lifestyle Coach, and a Lake Claire resident. For more information visit [www.funfitnessonline.com](http://www.funfitnessonline.com) or contact 404.378.5775.



## Letters to the Editor

### In response to Last month's letter re: Dog Biting Incident

The incidents that occurred with the post-woman and my neighbor were very unfortunate and I am very sorry for this. I now do not allow my dog out front unless I am with him and he is on a leash. I am remorseful for what occurred and have learned from the incidents that my dog is not safe when left alone. (Unfortunately my neighbor added inaccurate information in her letter published last month in the Clarion. The allegations regarding her mail, my living space, and the care of my dogs are untrue!)

Again, I am so sorry for the incidents and have taken measures to make sure this can never happen again. – SJ Schmieding

*Note from the Editor: While I consider myself to be a responsible dog owner I am not perfect. I think it is noteworthy that there are those in our community who can admit to making mistakes and learn from them.*

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## Can't Make This Stuff Up . . .

Nathan Gramling donned his new Krispy Kreme hat and happily proclaimed, "I'm a pilot!" Share your "too cute" moments with us! Email to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org).

## NEW Photo Contest!!!

### The theme is Me and Mini-Me

Pets and you is the idea, "Me and Mini-Me" is the theme.

It can be big person with smaller pet, or small person with bigger pet, or anything in between. It can be with or without costumes. It can be straight unretouched photography or you can go nuts with Photoshop. No matter, we want to see it all. Just have one human and one pet per photo. Winner gets prime "news" coverage in The Clarion and a Lake Claire bumper sticker. Knock yourselves out! Email entries to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org). Deadline: March 22, 2009. Winner will be announced in the April edition.



## We love our Volunteers!

Did you know that all the labor that goes into producing and delivering The Clarion is done by volunteers? Except for the printing, every bit of effort and creativity is donated by fellow Lake Clairians. What a team!

## Foster Care Volunteers Needed

### By Atlanta Humane Society

Our Foster Program allows fosterlings with qualified solvable and workable problems to be nursed back to physical and psychological health, allowing these animals that important second chance for life. This program is one of the AHS's efforts to increase adoption rates. The program is manned by dedicated and committed staff and screened volunteers. Fostering means the placement of special-care animals into nurturing temporary care situations until they are suitable for the adoption program. Although the definition is simple, the process to be successful requires precise and careful guidelines.

For more information about the Foster Care Program, please contact our Volunteer Foster Care Coordinator, by email at [fostercare@atlantahumane.org](mailto:fostercare@atlantahumane.org).

## Basic Life Skills Workshop

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Prestigious Events and Seminars has designed affordable workshops that will empower the community one skill at a time. Topics offered include Banking and Credit 101, Automotive 101, Home Maintenance 101 and much more! Registration is required due to limited space. Most workshops are only \$10.00 for a limited time only.

These workshops are great for teenagers, single moms or anyone who needs to gain basic life skills or revisit them. Each workshop will be a mixture of classroom and hands on training. Every individual will leave educated and self sufficient in the area of the workshop they attended.

Banking Credit 101-Learn to properly do banking transactions, avoiding overdraft fees; how to build and use credit wisely, and much more. Hosted by Bank of America. Automotive 101-Learn to change a tire properly; jump start a car; roadside emergency procedures; and much more. Hosted by Graham Automotive.

Workshops:\$10.... Life Skills: Priceless. For more information, check out [www.basiclifeskillsworkshops.com](http://www.basiclifeskillsworkshops.com).

## Mark Your Calendars

March 7 - Saturday - Life Skills Workshop; Holiday Inn Conference Center; 130 Clairmont Ave., Decatur GA 404-246-3841. This is a recurring event. Fee: \$10.

March 8 - Sunday - Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time begins.

March 10 - Tuesday - Purim

March 12 - Thursday - RECYCLING PICK-UP

March 17 - Tuesday - St. Patrick's Day

March 19 - Thursday - LCNA Meeting; Frazer Center, 6:30 pm Social Time, 7:00 pm Meeting begins.

March 20 - Friday - First Day of Spring

March 21 - Saturday - GRADY/MIDTOWN ELECTRONICS AND CARDBOARD RECYCLING; Grady High School 8th Street Parking Lot - Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

March 31 - 8 p.m. the Bradley Observatory and Delafield Planetarium on the campus of Agnes Scott College will host the W. A. Calder Spring Equinox Concert and Open House. It's free and open to the public. For more info call 404.471.6222 or visit [www.bradley.agnesscott.edu](http://www.bradley.agnesscott.edu). Located off of S. Candler Street on the eastside of Agnes Scott campus in Decatur. Enter either via E. Dougherty Street or College Lane.

March 26 - Thursday - RECYCLING PICK-UP

April 5 - Palm Sunday

April 9 - First Day of Passover

April 10 - Good Friday (Traditional deadline to have your veggie garden planted!)

April 22 - Administrative Professionals' Day

April 22 - EARTH DAY

April 23 Grady High School Orchestra Spring Concert 7 PM GHS THEATER

April 24 - Arbor Day

Through May 17 - Scenic Stone Mountain: Photographs by Larry Winsett is on view at Fernbank Museum of Natural History from February 14 through May 17, 2009. The exhibition is included with Museum admission. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$14 for students and seniors, \$13 for children ages 3-12, and free for children ages 2 years old and younger and for Museum members. Fernbank Museum of Natural History is located at 767 Clifton Road in Atlanta. Tickets are available by phone at 404.929.6400 or online at [www.fernbankmuseum.org](http://www.fernbankmuseum.org).



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## The Conscientious Gardener

By Gay Arneri

One word: VEGGIES. Have you planned your veggie gardening yet? Since January, Lowe's has displayed their veggie seeds and perennial garden plants such as berries. This is when the die-hard vegetable gardeners are ordering their seeds and plants. It's not too early. Whenever the ground is not frozen you can be amending your soil with things like compost, yard waste, peat, coir, or anything that will loosen and enrich your beds. You can prepare to the point of planting by turning the soil and mulching. Then all you have to do when tie time is right is plant, replace mulch, and stand back. If you have a bed of asparagus, loosen up the soil around your

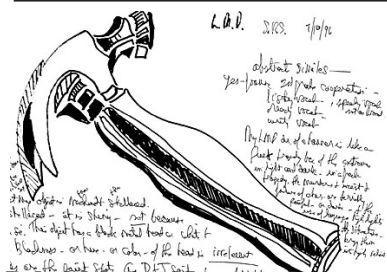
plants and dress with manure or some organic fertilizer such as kitchen compost or Troy's Compost Tea. I haven't done that in a couple of years and the plants are getting weak and anemic-looking, and produce less. A couple of the weaker plants have disappeared.

On a lark I purchased some new blackberry plants and two new blueberry plants. While the birds tend to get them before I do, I decided to go for it anyway. The blueberry plants are lovely in the fall with deep scarlet leaves.

I did get a lovely surprise recently from last year's garden. I went out to eyeball the yard and found tufts of new growth on the old collards plants. I picked a large pot full of

new leaves and cooked them up expecting them to be tough. They cooked in a flash and were the best I've ever had from the garden, tender and sweet. A lovely mid-winter blessing!

What, then, about the lawn, you say? If you haven't already, take time to aerate, apply some lime, and over-seed to freshen it up once you feel brave enough to risk a hard freeze. I use a winter feed-and-weed product applied during a warm spell. The weed control works best when there is active new growth, so timing can make a big difference on the effectiveness of such products.



## Did You Know?

### Online permitting General Repairs

Residential general repair permits are required for improvements to existing single family or two-family residences; however, if the total cost of materials and labor are less than \$2,500, a permit is not required.

### Online Permitting

The City of Atlanta's Online Permitting for General Repairs is a secure, web-based online permitting system. General repair permits that do not require plan review can be submitted online. Visit [www.apps.atlantaga.gov](http://www.apps.atlantaga.gov) - City of Atlanta - General Repair to apply for a general repair permit online.

General Repairs do not include:

- Additions to the structure
- Changing unheated space to heated space (such as attic or basement)
- Changes to floor plan, new concrete work, new paving or other site work
- Complete rehabilitation of an existing residence
- Conversion of the existing structure to another use (such as duplex to single family residence).
- Full replacement of steps, floor boards and railings

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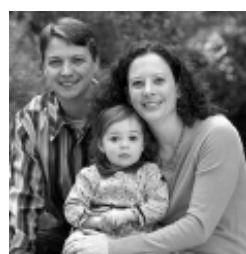
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## Focus on Stone Mountain

Stone Mountain's Rock Outcrops, Forests, Streams and Lakes are the Focus of New Photography Exhibit at Fernbank Museum.

Fernbank Museum of Natural History reveals the natural beauty seen within Stone Mountain's parks and nature trails in the new exhibition **Scenic Stone Mountain: Photographs by Larry Winslett**, on view from February 14 through May 17, 2009.

Scenic Stone Mountain features 51 color photographs taken by Winslett during 30 years of exploration of the mountain. The photographs reveal the personal and intimate connection Winslett feels with Stone Mountain.

"They [the photographs] have been part of a spiritual journey to connect with nature and share that connection with the viewer," Winslett says about the exhibition. "It is my sincere hope that these images capture some of the beauty and mystery that is to be found in Stone Mountain Park."

The collection reveals much beyond the granite outcrop seen rising above the Atlanta skyline. From sunsets to blooming flowers, and from Native mortars to winter scenes reflected on Venable Lake, the exhibition offers many sights familiar to park regulars and some vistas that are unknown to all but a few. The majority of the photographs were taken throughout Stone Mountain's Natural District, which is accessible to visitors, but other photos showcase the restricted areas of the famous mountain, including the steep South slopes and quarries.

When Winslett first started his photography career, he lived and



worked near the mountain, finding inspiration in the rock outcrops, forests, streams and lakes surrounding Stone Mountain—natural features that can rarely be found in one park, especially in an urban area. "Every afternoon, I would walk there, with camera, and I quickly realized what a special place it is for photography. Over time I have learned a lot about both nature and photography at the mountain. It will always be a special place to me," he says. He says that as an artist, it's difficult to choose a favorite photo-



graph from Scenic Stone Mountain, but he admits autumn provides some beautiful scenery. "The fall shots are some of my favorites," Winslett says. "The great tree diversity in the park helps it have one of the better fall color displays in Georgia."

The park is also home to hundreds of species of flowering plants and boasts one of the highest concentrations of biological and habitat diversity in the state. Winslett says he hopes the exhibition will open people's eyes to how much beauty exists here and will also help lend inspiration to protect Georgia's remaining wild places.

"Most people see my Stone Mountain photos and say, 'Wow, I didn't realize there was any nature left there,'" Winslett says. "Most people who haven't really explored it think the park is totally developed, when in reality the majority of it is off-limits to development, and there has been a major commitment to preserve those areas by the state and park managers."

Winslett studied photography at the New York Institute of Photography and learned by studying with several well-known nature photographers, including John Shaw and David Middleton, but he says experience has been his biggest teacher.

"When I first started in nature photography, I would go out and say, 'Today I'm going to get this shot or that shot,'" Winslett says. "That almost never worked out."

"With nature photography, at least for me, the more time I spend with the subject or place, the more possibilities begin to open up. Very often, if you are open to it, something totally unexpected will reveal itself to you. For me, it gets very intimate—it's then that I usually get the shots I like best."

**Scenic Stone Mountain: Photographs by Larry Winslett** is on view at Fernbank Museum of Natural History from February 14 through May 17, 2009. The exhibition is included with Museum admission. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$14 for students and seniors, \$13 for children ages 3-12, and free for children ages 2 years old and younger and for Museum members.

Fernbank Museum of Natural History is located at 767 Clifton Road in Atlanta. Tickets are available by phone 404.929.6400 or at the website at [www.fernbankmuseum.org](http://www.fernbankmuseum.org).





# Grady High School Orchestra strikes a chord!

## Volunteer at Grady

### Grady High School has Volunteer Opportunities for Musicians, Music Instructors and Stringed Instruments

*By Megan Gideon Swift*

Henry Grady High School has an outstanding orchestra that has been growing and improving by leaps and bounds. While many of the orchestra members take private lessons, there are many who cannot afford lessons outside of the class instruction at school.

Sergio Rodriguez, Grady's orchestra director, would like to organize a volunteer tutoring program for these students who are talented and motivated but lack the financial resources for private instruction. In exchange for their contribution of time and talent, musicians and music instructors will be promoted via ads on the Grady orchestra website and on posters and programs for performances. There will also be an article about the tutoring program in the Knight Lights, Grady's monthly parent newsletter.

To become an orchestra tutor, contact Sergio Rodriguez, [sergio.raulrodriguez@gmail.com](mailto:sergio.raulrodriguez@gmail.com). You'll be glad you did!

A recent AJC (February 10, 2009) featured Grady High School's orchestra on the front page of the Living Section: "Cue the String: Grady High School Orchestra Back." The article spotlights the orchestra's current achievements and the challenging road taken to get where it is today. People in our neighborhood can help the orchestra build a music library of etudes, sheet music, books, music cds and dvds. If you have any such items you would like to donate to the orchestra, it would be most appreciated.

The orchestra is also in need of stringed instruments for those students who cannot buy their own. Start spring cleaning early and donate any string instruments that no one in your household is playing. Contact orchestra director Sergio Rodriguez, [sergio.raulrodriguez@gmail.com](mailto:sergio.raulrodriguez@gmail.com) to make a donation and contribute to the orchestra's success.

Several Lake Claire residents are members of the Grady orchestra, including Wesley Swift and Lucy Beeching.



## When does City Council meet?

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](http://www.atlantaga.gov), click on "city council," and click on their pictures. If you need additional information, contact the Council Offices directly.





*Tendal and Royce Mann meeting Nancy Pelosi.*

## The Inauguration A Time to Remember

*By Tendal Mann, age 10*

The Inauguration was very cool. I've never been to an Inauguration in my life, but this was a good first one. We were gone for almost a week, and in that week, we did a lot. We went to the Georgia Democratic Party Champagne Jazz Brunch, which was very cool, and we got to meet Shirley Franklin and Andrew Young. We got to go on a special tour of the Capitol, and we got to go down on the floor of the House and place a vote in honor of John Lewis, and we got to meet Nancy Pelosi.

The day before was Inauguration Day. We got up at 3 in the morning so that we could go get in line. We waited in line for a long time. We would sometimes sleep while we were waiting for the line to move. When we finally got in to the Silver Ticket area, we got really good seats.

While we were in DC, we got to go to lots of historic places and sites. We got to go to the Air and Space Museum which was very fun, and after the Inauguration, we went up and we got to walk on the Reflecting Pool which was frozen. I think that this Inauguration will be one of the best I will ever get to see in my life.

## Seeing History

*By Royce Mann, age 7*

The Inauguration was a great experience for me. While we were there, history was made. We had a wonderful time. We had Silver Tickets for the ceremony, and on Inauguration Day I woke up at 3:30 a.m. We went to wait in line and while we were waiting in line, I got some rest to have a fresh start for a new Presidency. When we got to the Silver Ticket area, we found a place to lay out a mat and sit down to see history. When the ceremony started, they introduced former presidents. Then when Obama's turn came, his speech was amazing. And then after that, we went and we walked on the frozen Reflecting Pool, and then we went to the Air and Space Museum. It was cool. The next day, we got a special tour of the Capitol. We got to go to the floor of Congress to place a vote in honor of Congressman John Lewis, and we got to meet Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. A few days before that, we went to the Georgia Democratic Brunch. We got to meet Mayor Shirley Franklin and former Ambassador Andrew Young.



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(clockwise from top left) Tyralynn Frazier, Angela Edmond, Jazz Sibille, Laurent Sibille, Sheri Mann Stewart, Barry Stewart Mann, Royce Mann, Tendal Mann.

## Highlights of Inaugural Week

### From the Stewart-Mann Family

Highlights for us included getting last minute Silver tickets for viewing from our Congressman John Lewis' office, securing an unobstructed view at the front of the second standing section at 3rd street and spending the day after on a behind-the-scenes tour of the capitol and with the boys on the House floor with Lewis, voting on his behalf, and meeting Nancy Pelosi and astronauts from the parade.

*Thanks to all of you who were so supportive of us and our trip and the election. Sheri, Barry, Tendal and Royce*

Shown at right are Candler Park/Lake Claire residents in DC for the Inauguration. We found each other at the GA Democratic Party Inaugural Champagne Jazz Brunch at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. The names in order of appearance in the photo are: (clockwise from top left) Tyralynn Frazier, Angela Edmond, Jazz Sibille, Laurent Sibille, Sheri Mann Stewart, Barry Stewart Mann, Royce Mann, Tendal Mann. The photo on the left is of my sons, Tendal and Royce Mann meeting Nancy Pelosi as guests of Rep. John Lewis the day after the Inauguration. Rep. Lewis also allowed the boys to cast votes on his behalf on the floor of the House.

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## Lake Claire Safety Report

January -February 2009  
(weeks 3-6)

As crime goes up, keep your heads up. Watch out for your neighbors and report any suspicious activity by calling 911 immediately.

### AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

1/17- Sat. even. 7pm- 2000 block DeKalb Ave

Victim stated he was walking to his vehicle when the suspect ap-

proached him with an unknown type of handgun. Victim heard one shot after he began to run. A female gave the victim a ride to Ponce De Leon where he called 911. No shell casings were located.

Suspect: B/M, 6'00", 200lbs, 20-40YOA, brown work coat, black hoodie underneath, dark colored pants.

### LARCENY TO AUTO

1/31- 2/1-Sat. overnight- 300 block Nelms Ave

2004 Toyota Highlander

A neighbor noticed that someone had smashed a driver's side window on the victim's vehicle. The victim was contacted and stated that property had been taken.

Taken: \$5 in change; Prints

attempted.

1/29- 1/30- Thurs. overnight-400 block Hardendorf Ave

2003 Dodge VCN

Someone damaged a passenger's side window and the ignition on the victim's vehicle; Prints attempted.

1/25- 1/26-Sun. overnight- 100 block Arizona Ave

2001 Nissan Exterra, 2003 Toyota

Someone smashed a driver's side window on each vehicle and removed property.

Taken: Gerber SUV kit, folding shovel, folding saw, multi tool, tool kit, tool box, CDs, \$10 in change; No prints taken due to rain.

1/22- Thurs Eve- 1700 block McLendon Ave.

2000 Toyota Prius

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

Taken: Purse and contents; Prints attempted.

1/21- 1/22- Wed. overnight-300 block Mell Ave

1995 Honda Accord

Someone removed the wheels from the victim's vehicle.

Taken: wheels; No prints taken due to a lack of printable surfaces.

1/19-1/20- Mon. overnight-200 block Mathews Ave

1992 Gold Honda Accord

Victim reports that someone broke the passenger's front window and removed property.

Taken: Cosmetics bag, car stereo; Prints attempted.

1/12- 1/13- Mon. overnight-400 block Claire Dr

1999 Subaru Legacy

Someone smashed the driver's side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property. Victim states her credit cards had been used.

Taken: Purse and contents; No prints taken. The vehicle had been cleaned and driven before the theft was reported.

1/12- 1/13- Mon. overnight -200 block Connecticut Ave NE

1999 Toyota SNA

Someone smashed the driver's side window on the victim's vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing was reported missing.

Taken: Nothing; Prints attempt.

### RESIDENTAL BURGLARY

2/6-Fri midday-12 hour time frame- 400 block Lakeshore Dr

Victim came home to find the basement door open and property missing. There were no signs of forced entry.

Taken: Lap top, Wii vide games, \$40 in change; Prints attempted.

2/6 (22:30)- Fri even.-2000 block

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Palifox Dr., Residence

Door kicked in.

Officer responded to an alarm call and discovered that someone had kicked in the victim's back door. The home was searched but no one was located inside. The victim's brother responded to the scene and reported that property had been taken.

Taken: Lap top; Prints attempted.

2/2(20:20-20:25)-Mon even.-300 block Lakeshore Dr.

Door kicked in.

Officer responded to an alarm call and discovered that someone had kicked in the victim's front door. The home was searched,

but no one was located inside. The officer did see a space on the wall that had wires hanging out and a TV mount with no TV. Officer was not able to contact the victim

Taken: TV; No prints taken due to the wet surfaces on the door.

2/2(22:00-22:02)- Mon even.-1800 block Indiana Ave

Door kicked in.

Officer responded to an alarm call (E911. 21:53, Rec.22:02, Disp. 22:03, Arr. 22:14) and discovered that someone had kicked in the victim's front door. The home was searched but no one was located inside. Contact with the victim was made by phone. She advised she would be back next week.

Taken: TV; Prints attempted.

1/26(11:00-11:40) Mon daytime-500 blk Hardendorf Ave

Door kicked in

Officer responded to an alarm call.(Rec. 11:41, Disp. 11:42, Arr. 11:48) When he arrived it was discovered that someone had kicked in the victim's front door. The home was searched but no one was located inside. The victim responded to the scene and reported that property was missing. ID was called to take photos of a foot print on the front door. Taken: 40" TV, Lap top; Prints attempted.

1/19(12:30-13:00)- Mon daytime-1900 blk McLendon Ave

Door kicked in

Officer responded to an alarm call(E911. 13:00, Rec. 13:02, Disp. 13:02, Arr. 13:09) and found that someone had kicked in the victim's side door. The home was searched but no one was found inside. The victim is out of town and it was not determined if anything was taken.

Taken: Unknown; No prints taken.

1/15(19:00-19:55) Thurs Eve -500 blk Harold Ave NE

Door glass smashed

Someone smashed the glass to the victim's front door, entered, and removed property.

Taken: 32" TV, Lap top; Prints attempted.

**THEFT**

1/16(1130)-1/17(1230)- Unkn. 25 hour time frame- 400 blk Harold Ave NE

Victim reports placing an envelope inside her mail box with two checks inside the envelope for pick up by the mail carrier. Victim was notified by a citizen on McLendon that found her envelope without the checks.

Taken: two personal checks

1/15(17:00-18:00) Thurs even.-Kelly's Boutique

Victim walked in the Zone 2 precinct and reported that someone had taken her wallet out of her purse. She stated that she had put her purse down while she was shopping and noticed that her wallet was missing when she picked it back up.

Taken: wallet and contents

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## Team up Against Crime

**From the Feb. LCNA meeting presentation**

**by Andre Golubic**

Here is one plan that can aid in the successful capture and/or deterrence of a suspicious person / thief: Draft a text message to the cell phone numbers of each of your immediate neighboring houses (i.e. the two to the right, two to the left, across the street, etc.) the message might say something to the effect of, "perpetrator outside, turn on your lights!". You save the message in your draft folder of you phone and when you see someone hopping a fence, peaking into parked cars, etc. you can immediately notify the people in a 100+ foot radius. This will drastically reduce the amount of time and thinking required to respond to a threat.

Thanks for sharing this, Andre.

Another helpful suggestion for fending off potential burglars is reinforcing exterior doors with steel strips installed in the door frame. This will make your entry much more resistant to being kicked in. For details on how this can be done with materials locally available or for getting help to have this done at very reasonable rates, contact: Andre Golubic [tuffhouse@rocketmail.com](mailto:tuffhouse@rocketmail.com) or cell phone: 678-TURN KEY or Steve Bailey [Steve@DecaturHandyman.com](mailto:Steve@DecaturHandyman.com) or 404-534-0781(O), 404-319-0201(C)

## Crime Alert

As the economy struggles, crime is up across the city - including in Lake Claire. We've seen a rash of car break-ins and a few auto thefts over the past couple of months, and this month we've heard about at least three residential burglaries (one by police report and two via neighbors' reports).

As a neighborhood and as neighbors, it is important that we band together to keep ourselves and our neighborhood safe. There are things we can do! Here are suggestions from neighbors and the Atlanta Police Department.

- Consider installing steel strip in door jamb (sold at hardware stores for about \$100) so deadbolt cannot be opened by ripping wood (which occurred in one of these incidents). Example: Strike Master door security guard.
- Keep flat screen TVs (a current target) and other expensive electronics out of view from windows
- Hide laptops when you leave the house
- Do not leave keys inside of double deadbolts
- Install auto-lights outside your house
- Put on timer lights inside your house (that turn on at different times each day)
- Never leave valuables in autos, not even cell phone chargers (which police report are often mistaken for gps chargers)
- Swap phone/cell numbers with your immediate neighbors so you can call them if you see something suspicious or are going to be out of town.

Together we are the most effective deterrent!

Take action when you see something unusual -- take down plate numbers, notice faces, call the police at 911.





Here is Samantha enjoying the Harold Avenue Greenspace with her mom Judy Fleming and their Labradoodle Auggie.

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We limit emails to a few a month.

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## A Big THANK YOU To These Neighbors!

### LCNA Dues Report

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