



Frazer Center Pre-K Graduation: Too Cute!

On Friday, May 15, Pre-k Classes Safari Room and Expedition Room graduated with pomp and circumstance. They demonstrated proficiency in counting to thirty in French, reciting the alphabet, reciting lovely and lengthy poetry by heart, and cheering each other on as they received their diplomas and graduation bears. The event was a lovely show of accomplishment, pride, teamwork and caring. Staff and parents hosted a reception afterwards. The event took place in the wonderful atrium of the Frazer Center.

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CTC, Rock Band

4th grader Connor Dowd with brothers Cab Bennett (1st grade), Thomas Bennett (3rd grade)

Linapalooza at Mary Lin

Photos sent in by Peggy Edwards, Mary Lin Mom

On May 15 Mary Lin Talent & Variety Show known as LINAPALOOZA was held at Agnes Scott College. IT'S SHOWTIME!

Lake Claire Softball

By Kathy Evans

Lake Claire is forming an adult co-ed team for summer softball. Practice began in May and a few more players are needed to round out the team (cost is \$30 - \$50 for the season to cover field rental, balls, chalk lines, and ump). The team will play seven other in-town neighborhood teams. The team is also looking for a team sponsor and is soliciting suggestions for a team name. If interested, contact "Coach" Kent Fisher at fishersfour@bellsouth.net. Fisher says his coaching specialty may be off the field at the happy hour(s) sure to follow games and practices.

All you fans out there, stay tuned to *The Clarion* for a game schedule!



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What do you think?

By Gay Arneri

I have been witnessing increased interest in bringing agriculture to the city. We have our wonderfully diversified Land Trust with its gardens, emu and pond, we have chickens on our street, Candler Park has its goats, many of us have our vegetable gardens. I'm loving it. Could it be time to take another look at our ordinances that govern what animals we can have intown? I myself have longed for my own private petting zoo compete with a miniature horse or donkey. I realize that I may be stretching just a bit here, but I could handle it. I bet odor control would probably be the most difficult neighborhood annoyance to overcome. Or take goats or sheep. Nowadays you can get miniature any things that are easier to keep and feed. They are almost like having dogs. They allow pigs, don't they? The ordinance that applies to us, as I understand it, requires either acreage or linear feet between where certain kinds of animals are kept and residences. I can almost squeeze in a couple of goats or sheep. Maybe I'm just looking for something to distract myself from the recent doom and gloom. Does it really matter? I enjoy animals but can't take the time to go out to the country to enjoy them up close. It would be so wonderful to go out back with my grandson and check on the mini goat or sheep. Can you imagine taking one for a walk? Gotta scoop that poop, too. And no roaming the neighborhood unleashed. Personally I like the sounds and smells of rural life. I practically have a farm as it is with my gar-

dening and pets. All I need is a couple of "exotic" pets; a couple of sheep or goats, maybe a mini donkey in there to keep the coyotes away and to let the little kids ride. I have a herding dog (border collie). He'd be in heaven. Could this be the answer to McMansion development? We would need more square footage on lots for agriculture.

It's all a pipe dream, anyway. I travel too much right now to take on such things. But I can keep dreaming and get ready. My time will come.

Please send your opinions re: allowing a greater diversity of animals intown to editor@lake-claire.org.

Claire's List

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June 11 - Thurs. - YARD WASTE PICK-UP

June 14 - Sun. - Flag Day

June 15 - Mon. - Deadline for ads and submissions for next issue

June 18 - Thurs. - RECYCLING PICK-UP

June 18 - Thurs. - LCNA Meeting, 7 pm at Frazer Center

June 20 - Sat. - Grady HS Electronics Recycling 8-4 8th Street Parking Lot

June 21 - Sun. - Fathers' Day

June 25 - Thurs. - YARD WASTE PICK-UP

July 2 - Thurs. - RECYCLING PICK-UP

July 4 - Sat. - Independence Day!

July 9 - Thurs. - YARD WASTE

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July 16 - Thurs. - RECYCLING PICK-UP

July 16 - Thurs. - LCNA Meeting, 7 pm at Frazer Center

July 23 - Thurs. - YARD WASTE PICK-UP

July 30 - Thurs. - RECYCLING PICK-UP

August 10 - Mon. - Atlanta Public Schools First day of school '09-10

Letter to the Editor re: Infill Development

I was disappointed to read an article by a real estate agent, who is not a Lake Claire resident and who was given press time in The Clarion to promote further development of our neighborhood, including a "plug" as a real estate agent He and any other real estate agents, along with McMansion builders, who actively seek Lake Claire houses to be torn down or empty lots to be consumed, are surely grinning from ear to ear. This is no thanks to the building codes in Atlanta that allow McMansion construction in Lake Claire along with the lackluster reaction by Lake Claire residents to this type of construction in our neighborhood.

The latest McMansion built in Lake Claire, that I am aware of, was built fast and cheap with standard water heater, versus tankless on demand type and no solar components (passive or active) to conserve energy. There are two, not one, a/c condensers required to cool this particular house, churning away in what was once a quiet side yard. The turf was installed over drink cans and plastic containers left strewn in the yard. Many other recyclable beverage and food containers were many times over stuffed in a Herbie Curbie for the landfill, which is where the tear down house was relocated. I would describe this McMansion as energy inefficient, except for and likely new Star energy kitchen appliances and whatever R-factor for insulation.

Let's become a squeaky wheel at city hall, voicing the need for change of the current zoning regulations. Needless to say, I am very concerned with the trend in new house construction in Lake Claire. -Linda Maynard

Editor's Note: It is not the policy of *The Clarion* to adopt a point of view on any particular issue. It is, however, our desire to promote LC residents to develop their own point of view and hopefully act on it. Anything we print will hopefully serve that goal. We thank all our readers who make the effort to write back on what concerns or interests them, particularly those who encourage the rest of us to action.



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Dogs on the Run... Again

I would like to point out that at the entrances of Lake Claire Park, the Harold Ave. green space, and the Land Trust. Would anyone be interested in establishing a park just for dogs in any of those spaces, or at least researching it? Would it be possible for Lake Claire dog owners to agree to have dogs on leashes when not in an enclosed space (yard or dog park), even though it's not required in the DeKalb/City of Atlanta ordinance? Not sure how this would be enforced, but why not do it for the safety of runners, walkers, children, and dogs? If we had a dog park, the dogs could be unleashed there to run freely. As Alicia McGill pointed out in her letter, even "friendly" dogs can be triggered by something and will possibly attack. -Cecily Stevens

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**Good Dog
Bad Dog**

Atlanta Citizen's Review Board Weighs in

The following statement was written in response to the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's frustrations with the progress that they have been able to make since the Board was established in 2007. The purpose of the Board is to investigate allegations of misconduct by the Atlanta police and corrections departments. The ordinance establishing the Board gave the Board authority to investigate allegations of misconduct and to issue recommendations to the Chiefs, the Mayor and the Council. The ordinance specifically directs all employees to cooperate with investigations. Despite the unequivocal language of the ordinance, the police department has not complied promptly with requests for information. The Law Department has initiated a proposed revision to the ordinance and police officers have refused to answer questions from the investigator assigned to gather information after a complaint is received. The Committee on Council has not issued a subpoena as they are authorized by ordinance to issue in order to remedy the problems associated

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Pet Owners . . . Be Alert!

Artificial sweeteners are "especially problematic" for dogs, but grapes, raisins and macadamia nuts can cause toxic reactions and even kidney failure. I think most of us wouldn't have thought too much about it if these dropped on the floor and our dogs got them.

-Peg Ziegler



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with information gathering. The budget for the Board is small and cannot sustain the costs of investigating all of the complaints without access to the police department's records.

Cristina Beamud, Executive Director

Atlanta Citizen Review Board
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Position Statement: Attempts to undermine Police Oversight

Some things are better performed in the dark. Police oversight is not one of them.

In the aftermath of the shooting death of Ms. Kathryn Johnston, the Atlanta City Council unanimously passed and Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin signed into law, an ordinance creating the Atlanta Citizens Review Board (ACRB), a model of citizen oversight of the police. The thinking was that if a 92 year old woman could be shot by the police in her own home and police would plant drugs in her home and cover up facts of the killing, what other acts of misconduct have been undiscovered and not investigated thoroughly by the Atlanta Police Department Office, the police branch responsible for investigating police misconduct. Citizen oversight of the police is now an established part of American policing and is virtually universal in other parts of the English speaking world. There is no single model and it is difficult to find two oversight agencies that are identical. Nonetheless, the City of Atlanta established an investigatory model that requires the police and corrections departments to promptly turn over information requested by the Board. The law allows the Board to seek a subpoena by petitioning the Atlanta City Council Committee on Council when the Police Department refuses to give the ACRB requested information. The Board receives and investigates complaints and can hold hearings in order to make recommendations to the Atlanta Chief of Police, the Mayor and the City Council.

The ACRB was pleased to announce in September 2008 that it was functional and actively accepting and investigating complaints against the Police and Corrections Departments. Complaints were received, investigations commenced, and the ACRB made requests to the Police Department for documents and records important to the investigation. Despite the requirement of the ordinance that it fully cooperate with the requests of the Board, however, the Police De-

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partment consistently and repeatedly refused to provide requested reports, information, recordings and other records to the ACRB. In an instance involving the police shooting an unarmed man, the Police Department has refused to give the ACRB any requested information. Consequently, the ACRB in accordance with the ordinance petitioned the Atlanta City Council Committee on Council to issue a subpoena to the Police Department for the requested records. The Committee on Council refused to issue the subpoena and initiated measures to change the ordinance so the ACRB's access to information may be limited.

As a result of these developments, it is clear that, despite public proclamations by Atlanta's politicians that this Board would be given the ability to conduct meaningful oversight, the Atlanta City Council, Mayor Shirley Franklin, and the Atlanta Police Department itself, have consistently created barriers and obstacles to restrict work of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board.

The latest assault on the ACRB was hatched by the Atlanta City Law Department lawyers who represent the Atlanta Police Department. They have concocted a proposal to significantly limit the Board's ability to get information from the Police Department as the information is generated. Instead of the Board getting information as the Police Department produces it, the Board would only get information from the Police Department when it decides the Board should have it. So long as an internal Police Department investigation is open and if the information may be important to an open criminal investigation, the Police Department would not have to give it to the Atlanta Citizen Review Board. Police Department internal investigations and criminal investigations routinely remain open for years. Changing the ordinance would result in the ACRB not having access to need information for investigations probably for years. The ordinance change will effectively give control of the ACRB to the very agency that it was created

to oversee, namely the Atlanta Police Department. This is unacceptable. The Atlanta Police Department Office of Professional Standards began its investigation into the death of Ms. Kathryn Johnston over two (2) years after she was shot to death by police. With the proposed ordinance change, the Board would still be waiting over two (2) years after Ms. Johnston's murder for information held by the Police Department about this case.

The Atlanta City Council and the Mayor, responding to public outrage to the shooting and attempted cover-up by police of 92 year-old Kathryn Johnston, passed the ordinance creating The Atlanta Citizens Review Board. Their promise was that the Board would be given authority to provide meaningful oversight of the Police and Corrections Departments. This volunteer Board is comprised of 11 representatives from the community who have sacrificed tremendous time and energy and have given their expertise to develop a credible oversight and complaint system for the City of Atlanta. Now, when the ACRB is ready to perform real oversight, politicians and bureaucrats alike are fearful of true police oversight and are putting on the brakes. Atlanta Police Chief Pennington, Atlanta Mayor Franklin, and now the Atlanta City Council (by way of the Committee on Council) have defied the ordinance and the will of the citizens. Police Chief Pennington and the Atlanta Police Department have consistently broken the law by refusing to comply with the ordinance. The Mayor, by way of the City of Atlanta Law Department, has actively assisted efforts of the Police Department to change to the law that would neutralize the Board. And, Atlanta City Council Committee on Council has refused to issue the subpoena needed for the Board to get information it requested from the Police Department. The Atlanta City Council promised the public an effective oversight system when it passed the law. It now is reluctant to enforce the very law it created.

In order for there to be effective police oversight in Atlanta, the ACRB must have prompt access to infor-

mation from the Police Department, as that information is generated and as mandated in the original ordinance. Any proposed change to the existing ordinance must fail. And, the Atlanta City Council must express the will of the citizens by promptly issuing subpoenas when the Police Department withholds requested information and refuses to follow the law. A fair, credible and transparent oversight system needs the light of day. Citizens of Atlanta deserve real police oversight. The Atlanta Citizen Review Board is prepared to ensure fair-minded, thorough and transparent police oversight, which will heal wounds and rebuild trust between the police and the community.

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Kenyon Thweatt, self-appointed president of the Greater Atlanta Men's Barbecue Club and Support Group, with David York, Clifton's development officer, and Alice James-Jenkins, executive director of Clifton Sanctuary, in front of the donation check from this year's golf tournament.



Barbecue To The Rescue

By David Gelin

"We're just a group of guys that eat barbecue, drink the occasional beer and try to be better men." Kenyon Thweatt is talking about the Greater Atlanta Men's Barbecue Club and Support Group (GAMBBQC&SG). "There's no dues, no charter, no secret handshake.... You just got to be a guy and show up," Vice President James Johnson adds.

The GAMBBQC&SG traces its origins to around 1999 when couples from Lake Claire and Candler Park with very young kids would gather at each others' homes for a "Happy Hour." Someone observed that the moms all had book clubs and so, in the name of fairness, the guys formed their own club.

Today, most are fathers whose kids attend Mary Lin Elementary, but more and more men are finding their way to Fox Brother's Bar-B-Q on Dekalb Avenue at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of every month. "They have the best fried okra around. It's fresh, whole okra, not those frozen little discs," Eric Dusenbury, the club's token vegetarian and a founding member, tells me over a beer. One of the other Erics, Eric Campbell, is the talent behind Wicked Que, a nationally ranked competitive barbecue team.

But if you get the idea that this is just a thinly veiled excuse for a bunch of guys to ditch the wives and kids for some serious man stuff, you'd be incorrect. "Yes, the group is a lot of fun, but 'Support' is in our name and we not only support members, but the neighborhood as well." Kenyon says.

A few months ago, one member needed help constructing a fort for the kids in his back yard. The shout went out and he got what amounted to a modern day barn raising. The ranks of their "membership" range from doctors, lawyers and contractors to musicians and artists. "If we don't have one in our group, chances are someone has a friend who has what you need." Kenyon says. "We share tools, trucks and labor, and we're always ready to lend a hand."

The group occasionally leaves the neighborhood for semi-annual continuing educational purposes. Last fall, they took a tour of the Sweetwater Brewing Company (Lab & Lecture). The next Con. Ed. event will probably be at the Atlanta Brewing Company.

The group's big event is their annual golf tournament. The members split into teams and compete for a trophy. All the proceeds stay in the neighborhood. Last year the money went to Mary Lin Elementary. This year the proceeds were donated to Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, the residential shelter for homeless men at 369 Connecticut Ave. NE (www.cliftonsanctuary.com).

Recently, the neighborhood awoke to sirens at 2:00 am as firemen worked to extinguish a blaze on Oxford Place in Lake Claire. The GAMBBQC&SG provided food, clothing, and offers for shelter to the three people who lost everything in the burned triplex.

It's comforting to know that the GAMBBQC&SG is looking out for us all in the neighborhood.

David Gelin lives in Lake Claire and is the author of *BBQ Joints, Stories and Secret Recipes From the Barbecue Belt*, available on Amazon.com.

For more about Clifton or to donate, see www.cliftonsanctuary.com or call Alice at 404-373-3253.





The Conscientious Gardener

By Carol Vanderschaaf

The Color Purple . . .

is blooming in the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden at the corner of North Ave., and Candler Park Drive. That purple is the larkspur, *Delphinium L.*, a herbaceous perennial native to the eastern United States. Last month (April) Master Gardener Phil Edwards scattered some larkspur seeds in the garden and that burst of purple flowers is the result.

Larkspur prefer full sun, average soil and medium humidity. Some species of this plant can be toxic if eaten. Larkspurs are self seeding. Larkspur have some food and cover value for birds. It's also attractive to butterflies, including the Pipevine Swallowtail *Battus philenor*. Some *Delphinium* species are used as food plants by the larvae of some species of moth. The plants are pollinated by bees and butterflies. In herbal medicine its reported that the seeds can be used against parasites, lice and nits in the hair.. Larkspur has been thought to have been an effective Treatment for eye diseases.



A blue ink can be made from the juice of the flowers mixed with alum. . It was used to keep witches from the stables In Transylvania, probably because of its dark color. Its scientific name is the Latin for dolphin, for the shape of the opening flower. Larkspur was called larks heel by Shakespeare.

Sources: Wikipedia, Mobot.org, National Audubon Society field Guide to North American Butterflies.

If you're interested in getting a quarterly update on the garden please email cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net

Lean, Mean and Green

The following comes to us from The Green Life, Sierra Club

Reduce Food Waste

When it comes to portion size, Americans tend to overdo it. More than 25 percent of the food we prepare ends up in the trash. When food decomposes in landfills under anaerobic conditions, it contributes to global warming by producing methane. Order smaller portions at restaurants or split one entree between two people. The next time your eyes are bigger than your stomach, take home leftovers in a reusable container. If you've got the basics down, you can rev up your waste-reduction efforts by food gleaning or advocating for irregularly shaped produce, which is often rejected by grocery stores and left to rot in fields



Take a Walk on the Wild Side

By Rose Goff of Tuxedo Ave.

There is a tremendous amount of plant and animal wildlife here in the 'hood, mostly because of the watershed. Right now, what's fun is watching the birds.

I'm sure you all know we have an abundance of raptors around us – hawks of several varieties, and even owls. If you have very small animals, watch out for owls. Should you hear terrible screeching in the middle of the night, those are not ghosts or screech owls, they are barred owls. They mate over roughly two weeks about now.

If you are fortunate enough to see a brown bird a little bigger than a crow flying like a bullet, that's a Cooper's hawk or a rough-shinned hawk. I am a



bird feeder, but I know a lot of you aren't. If you are, watch out for your favorite birds. I have seen hawks scoping my feeders for birds to eat.

We are also privileged to have a Great Blue Heron who lives along the watershed somewhere. I saw it one day while I was walking.

It was perched on the roof of 395 Claire, looking for prey. Maybe we should name it. Harry? Harriet? Anyone?

Most of the songbirds are mating and nesting right now. If you can stand it, throw your dryer lint outside, and let them use it for nest lining.

Fernbank Museum Puts New Face on Natural History

Grand Opening of Dinosaur "Entrance Plaza"

Visitors will soon get a life-size prehistoric welcome when they arrive at Fernbank Museum of Natural History. The Museum is nearing completion on its iconic new Entrance Plaza, which features a family of bronze dinosaurs poised to greet visitors—many of them families as well—as they arrive.

The pedestrian-friendly outdoor plaza also surrounds the museum entrance with elements of the natural world by converting part of the original driveway into expanded green space that includes lush plants, trees and flowers. The entrance plaza will provide an open atmosphere for outdoor enjoyment while instantly connecting visitors to nature and the prehistoric world, a journey that continues inside the museum as exhibitions, IMAX films and programs explore archaeology, paleontology, ecology, world cultures, and more.

The plaza, which will officially open on May 30, is the culmination of a major initiative to add more opportunities for visitors to engage with nature and further expand exhibition space beyond the walls of the museum. The forthcoming addition of an amphitheatre and a stage will help Fernbank meet the growing demand for outdoor programming, including performances and presentations.

"Fernbank Museum is the cornerstone of an environmental legacy that began over 100 years ago. The entrance plaza connects visitors with the beauty of the natural world as soon as they arrive," said Fernbank Museum's President & CEO, Susan Neu-



gent. "The scenery of the plaza also provides a natural setting for our new dinosaur family, which will welcome the families of visitors to Fernbank as they embark on a captivating exploration of nature, prehistory and culture."

Fernbank Museum is the first to reconstruct *Lophorhynchon atopus* using the most current science to bring the fossils to life through a family of three bronze dinosaurs pausing for a drink in a streambed.

"This plaza is an exciting addition to the Museum, both for its beauty and for its ability to expand Fernbank's exhibitions and learning outdoors," said Fernbank's Vice President of Education, Christine Bean. "Fernbank's exhibition design team did a remarkable job highlighting two of our key areas of focus—the environment and

paleontology—which maintains Fernbank's commitment to the newest research. We can already tell what a hit the plaza will be by the number of visitors who take photographs in front of the fountain, even though the dinosaurs have yet to arrive."

Fernbank Museum of Natural History is located at 767 Clifton Road NE in Atlanta. For tickets and more information, visit fernbankmuseum.org or call 404.929.6400. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Naturalist Center (Upper Level)

Learn more about dinosaurs during a special session of Weekend Wonders.

What dinosaurs are featured in the entrance plaza?

The family of dinosaurs is from the species *Lophorhynchon atopus*, a rare Southeastern hadrosaur that lived in the region that

is today Georgia. *Lophorhynchon* means "crested nose," and you can easily spot how these dinosaurs got their name.

How big was an adult *Lophorhynchon atopus* dinosaur?

Adults weighed 6,000 pounds, measuring up to 35 feet long and nine feet tall. The young adult female in Fernbank's exhibition measures 24 feet long, and the two juveniles each measure about 12 feet long.

What did they eat?

These dinosaurs were herbivores and likely ate leaves and other vegetation.

How long ago did they live in Georgia?

Lophorhynchon atopus lived 76-86 million years ago during the Cretaceous Period.

Did dinosaurs really have a "family life"?

Paleontological research of hadrosaurs reveals that they nested in large groups and continued to care for their young into their juvenile years.

Why did Fernbank choose this dinosaur species?

There are many reasons, including an opportunity to be the first museum to ever reconstruct *Lophorhynchon atopus*, which was native to our region. Also, a family of dinosaurs relates well to the many families that visit Fernbank every day.

Who made the dinosaurs?

Fernbank's Vice President of Exhibitions, James Hays, researched, designed and sculpted the original models, which were then reproduced at life size using sophisticated imaging and technology. Fernbank's experts, including Hays, and staff scientist and VP of Education Christine Bean, consulted with area paleontologists and worked with local studios to assist with the project.

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Lake Claire Safety Report

April-May 2009 (weeks 16-19)

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AUTO THEFT

5/1-5/2-Fri. overnight- 1300 blk McClendon Ave

2008 Black Scooter, GA Tag #CY5ZSF

Someone stole the victim's scooter from her yard over night.

4/25-4/26-Sat. overnight-400 blk Ridgewood Rd NE

1997 Green Honda Acc GA Tag AHR9476

Someone stole the victim's vehicle. Broken glass was found where the vehicle had been parked.

4/16-4/17- Thurs. overnight-1700 blk New York Ave

2003 Silver Honda ODU Ga tag AHL5695

Someone stole the victim's vehicle while it was parked in the driveway. The vehicle may have been left unlocked. Victim also advised a valet key may have been in the vehicle.

ENTERING AUTO

5/7-5/8-Thurs. overnight- 1700 blk Adolphus St NE

2006 CHRY PCF

Someone damaged the passenger's side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property. Taken: Binoculars. Prints attempted.

5/7-5/8- Thurs. overnight- 1700 blk Adolphus St NE

2006 Toy PRI

Someone smashed a driver side window on the victims vehicle and removed property

Taken: Pocket knives, change. Prints attempted.

5/7-5/8- Thurs. overnight- 300 blk Arizona Ave NE

2003 Honda CIV

Someone smashed a passenger's side window on the victims vehicle and removed property. Taken: Garmin GPS. Prints attempted.

5/8(21:40-21:45) Fri eve.- 400 blk Claire Dr NE

2003 Volks Bug

Someone smashed the driver's window on the victim's vehicle and removed property. Victim stated she saw the suspect vehicle parked in the area around the time her vehicle was broken into. Taken: Purse and contents, I Pod, digital camera.

Suspect Vehicle: black or purple Toyota Scion. Prints attempted.

5/7(05:00) Tues. morn.- 300 blk Clifton Rd NE

2006 Toyt Rav

Someone damaged the front driver's side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property. Taken: GPs, bass guitar, \$2 in change. No prints taken due to wet surfaces

5/6(19:00-19:20) Wed eve.-1700 blk Indiana Ave

2003 Niss XTR

Someone removed property from the victim's unsecured vehicle. Taken: Lap top, Black Berry, XMrec cord, lap top, I-pod. No prints taken due to rain.

4/25- 4/26- Sat. overnight- 300 blk Arizona Ave NE

2007 Volks RAB

Someone smashed a passenger's side window on the victim's vehicle. Taken: Nothing. No prints taken.

4/25- 4/26- Sat. overnight -1800 blk Dekalb Ave

Someone smashed a passenger's side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property. Taken: Tom Tom GPS. Prints recovered, turned in to ID.

4/18-4/19-Sat. overnight- 2100 blk McClendon Ave NE

2002 Volks Pas; 2005 Honda ELE

Someone smashed the front passenger's side window on both vehicles and removed property. Taken: I Pod, cell phone. No prints taken due to rain.

4/19- 4/20- Sun. overnight-1900 blk Palifox Dr NE

2002 Mazd MPV

Someone smashed a passenger's side window on the victim's vehicle and rummaged through it. Taken: nothing. No prints taken due to rain.

4/15- 4/16- Wed. overnight- 400 blk Clifton RD NE

2004 Toyota 4RN

Someone smashed a passenger's side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property. Taken: Portable DVD Player, GPS Unit, Sun-glasses. Prints attempted.

4/15- 4/16- Wed. overnight- 400 blk Clifton Rd NE

2007 Blue HYUN ACC

Someone broke the passenger's side window and removed property from the vehicle.

Taken: Back pack, Wallet, GA License, books. No prints taken (vehicle was very dirty).

4/15- 4/16- Wed. overnight- 400 blk Clifton Rd NE

2000 Volks JET

Someone broke the passenger's side window and removed property from the vehicle.

Taken: Garmin GPS, Cell phone. No prints taken due to a lack of printable surfaces

4/13- 4/14- Sun. overnight- 500 blk Hardendorf Ave NE

2001 Blue Nissan FRT

Someone broke the passenger's side window and removed property from the vehicle.

Taken: GPS. No prints taken (wet surfaces inside and outside).

4/17- 4/18- Fri. overnight- 400 blk Harold Ave NE

2007 GMC YUK

Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property. Taken: golf club set, Garmin GPS, I Pod, phone charger, CDs, golf shoes, tennis shoes, sunglasses, rain suit. No prints taken due to condensation on the vehicle.

4/17- 4/18- Fri. overnight- 200 blk Southerland Ter NE

2005 Lexus 330; 2004 Toyt COA.

Someone damaged the driver's side window on one vehicle and smashed the driver's side window on the other. Property was taken from only one vehicle. Taken: FM Transmitter. Prints attempted.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

4/3(08:30) 4/12(18:30)- 9 day time frame- 1800 blk Indiana Ave Ne

Attempt to pry door open. Someone cut the screen on the victim's back porch and attempted to pry open the back door. Entry was not made.

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5/6(19:15-23:15)-Wed eve.- 1700

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1995 Honda ODY

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Clifton Sanctuary Ministry's Vegetable Garden is Happening!

Adapted from an email from Robby Handley

(An impromptu work day came together on Saturday May 2). "It went great! We got everything done that I was hoping to get done. It only took us 2 1/2 hours. We planted 3 potato rows, interplanted with spring oats. My mulch guy didn't come through, but we covered everything with plastic and leaves..."

(When asked about responses from Clarion readers...). "I have received a couple emails from folks. One was from Frank Holzman with 'REAP'... wanting to donate seed and another, Katherine Branch, was offering up some cucumber seedlings. Good stuff. CSM had a day off today but I can't wait until tomorrow when they see what we accomplished. The volunteers I had today were all friends of mine... neighbors, music buddies, and permaculture colleagues."

To help with this project, please contact Robby Handley at oklahomarob@hotmail.com.



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LC Community Land Trust Hosts EvolverFest Inaugural Festival

On Sunday, June 7th, Evolver Atlanta presents the first annual EvolverFest, a one-of-a-kind festival experience bringing together our city's most visionary Evolutionaries for a day of enlightening ideas and conscious celebration.

EvolverFest will be held at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust (LCCLT), an idyllic, communally owned "greenspace" in the heart of the city and the ideal home for this event. Festivalgoers can shop for eco-conscious gifts and explore cutting-edge green technologies while sipping an iced chai in the Evolver Bazaar. Pioneering non-profit organizations and innovative local initiatives will also be on hand, for those looking to link up and join the evolution. Enjoy healthy snacks and frosty drinks available all day, and be sure to bring a bottle for complimentary water from the solar-powered well!

EvolverFest runs from Noon to 10 PM, rain or shine. The cost of entry is 10 dollars for adults, and free for children aged 10 and under accompanied by a parent or guardian. A portion of admission proceeds goes to benefit the LCCLT and the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

Water Restrictions (as of 05/20/09)

The State of Georgia has loosened watering restrictions to allow drip irrigation and soaker hoses in Atlanta and the 55-county North Georgia region still under Drought Level IV watering restrictions.

Allowing drip irrigation and soaker hoses gives citizens more water efficient options to help maintain healthy landscapes during drought. Watering is restricted to:

- 1 hour
 - Between Midnight and 10 am
 - 3 days a week, depending on address
 - Odd-numbered addresses – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays
 - Even-numbered addresses – Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays
- The new rule does not apply to watering turf grass, which is still prohibited.

Customers can still hand-water for 25 minutes a day during the same times and on the same schedule as listed above. New landscaping can be watered up to three days a week on that schedule. Anyone wishing to water new landscape must register with the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program by going to the Urban Agricultural Council web site at www.urbanagriculturalcouncil.com.

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/WaterSaving-TipsWeb.pdf> for water-saving tips.

For more information about water schedules in your area, contact your local water provider. For more information on water conservation and outdoor water use, please go to www.conservewatergeorgia.net. Please consult www.atlantawatershed.org for current information on water restrictions.



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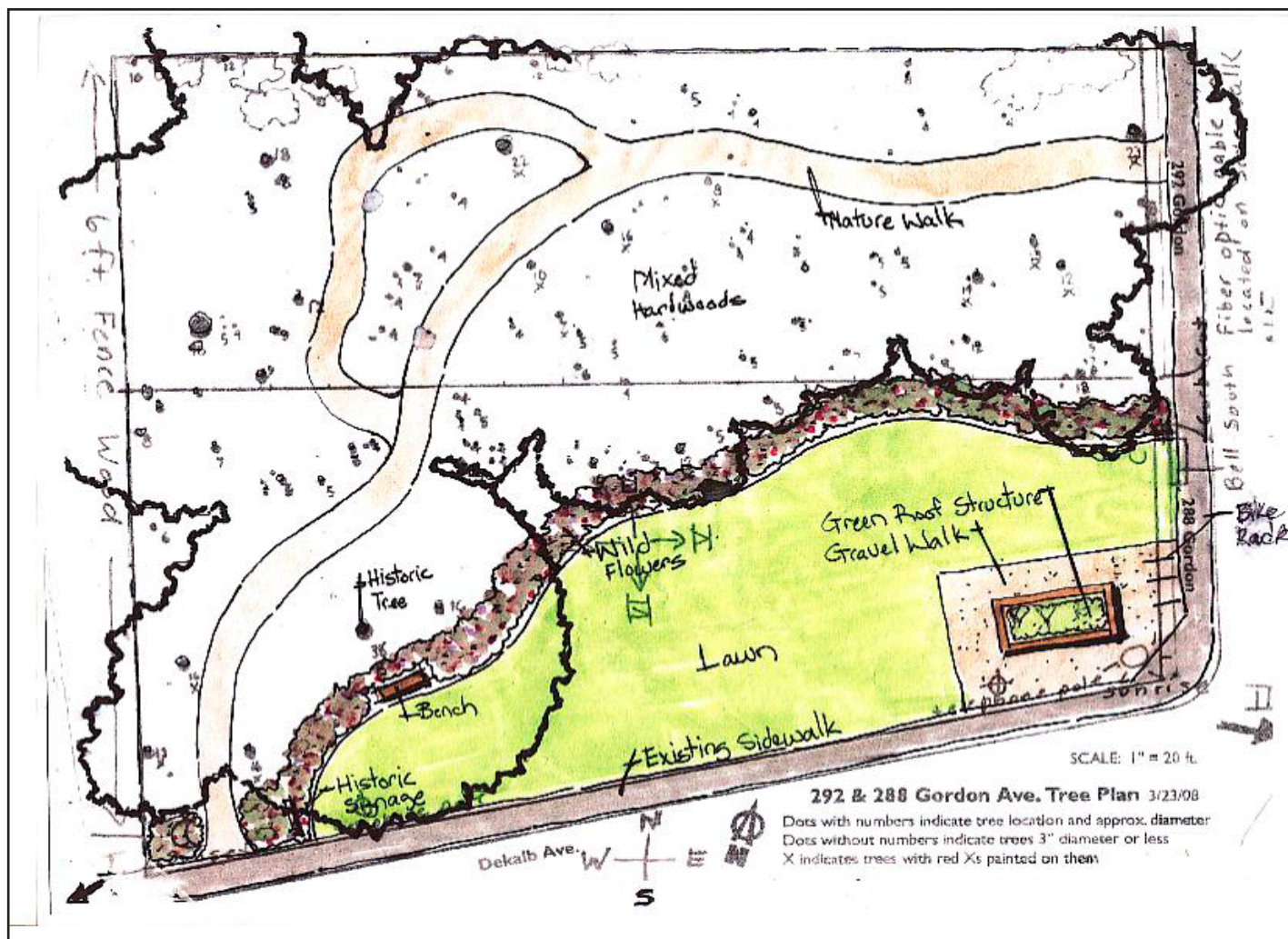
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Atlanta Public Schools is conducting a very brief survey of parents and community members to get your opinions on changes to schools in your area. We greatly appreciate your time to help. The APS High School Transformation Initiative will reconfigure local high schools into two models: small schools and small learning communities. In the small schools model, one principal will be in charge of each autonomous school on the campus. With small learning communities, one principal oversees the entire campus, with an academy leader overseeing each small learning community. Each of these small schools and small learning communities' primary focus will be on quality instruction in preparation for post-secondary success. The theme will be the “hook” to help keep students engaged, and that is where APS needs your help! APS wants your opinions on the possible themes available for schools in your area. Below you'll find a description of each theme that you can reference as you take the survey online. Your opinions will help APS develop programs that best suit the needs of its students and community. The deadline to submit the survey is Tue, Jun 2nd. To begin, please click on the link below or paste the text in your browser's address window, <http://tinyurl.com/APStthemes>

Summer is almost here. . .

Thanks to Georgia Tech, Flicks on 5th returns this summer to 5th Street at Technology Square in Midtown with an incredible lineup of the years' blockbuster titles including: Quantum of Solace, Slumdog Millionaire, Duplicity, Taken, Monsters vs. Aliens, and I Love You Man. This free summer movie series starts at dusk (approx. 9pm) every Wednesday evening starting June 10 through July 22 (no showing on July 4th week). This year 5th Street will be closed between Spring Street and Techwood Drive so guests can bring their own blankets and chairs for viewing and dining. Moviegoers can eat in or carry out dinner at any of the many restaurants located on 5th Street at Technology Square. The event is scheduled rain or shine. Please leave coolers, umbrellas, grills and pets at home. Hourly parking is available in the surface lot at 5th and Spring Streets across from Barnes & Noble and the parking deck adjacent to the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center on Spring Street. For a more detailed movie schedule, please visit www.flicksonfifth.gatech.edu or call 404-894-2805.

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New Lake Claire Residents

Sent in by Katie Brady

Here is a picture of a few new Lake Claire residents on a play date. From left to right: Robert Garibaldi (3 months), Jack Bertelson (7 weeks), Duncan Brady (3 weeks)

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WEDNESDAYS - All movies begin at nightfall (~ 9pm)
RAIN OR SHINE;
Movie schedule is subject to change.

June 10 Quantum of Solace (PG13)
June 17 Slumdog Millionaire (R)
June 24 Duplicity (PG13)

July 8 Taken (PG13)
July 15 Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)
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