



The Red Bird

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Winter / Spring 2010

Letter from the President:

I would like to start off by saying thank you to Dan Watch President of CLCA from 2007 through 2009, JoAnn Buck Secretary of CLCA from 2007 through 2009 and Christy Espy VP Pool from 2007 through 2009 for their time, energy and leadership they brought to the community in their roles. I know that they all have been involved in the community in many ways prior to their most recent roles which all of the CLCA membership owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude. I would also like to thank Jeff Hall VP Lakes, Jeanette Laskey VP Membership, Joe Waters Treasurer, and Chris Kudika VP Landscape/Beautification who return to the Board from last year for 2010 for their continued dedication to the community. I would like to welcome and thank Ly Harris Secretary for 2010 and Jerry McKinney VP Pool for 2010 for their willingness to make a difference for the CLCA community.

To those of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting I look forward to that opportunity when we can meet and get to know one another. I look forward to serving as President of CLCA for 2010 and becoming part of the fabric that is defined by CLCA and Cardinal Lake Community. As great as CLCA and the neighborhood are, I have the belief and philosophy that we can always continue to improve. Sometimes those improvements can be measured by fractions of an inch, while at other times they can be measured by miles.

As Dan Watch wrote in his article that appeared in the Winter/Spring 2009 Redbird Newsletter, *"Most of us are wrestling with difficult economic times, and this will continue for the foreseeable future."* Unfortunately we are in the midst of difficult economic times and there exists tremendous uncertainty surrounding how long this will continue, which is why I have developed the mindset that we are all in this boat together. That "boat" can range in size from CLCA to Cardinal Lake/Canary Lake Subdivisions to the surrounding Duluth area to Gwinnett County to the State of Georgia to the United States to entire planet! Since we are all in this boat together and it is leaking, we all have a few options; start patching the leaks in the boat, grab a bucket and start bailing the water out, or grab an oar and start rowing. In other words start focusing on the things we have in common and work together for a better future for ourselves and future generations.

The first opportunity to work together and make a difference is with the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District's - Pleasant Hill Bridge Project Steering Committee. The CLCA was asked by Joe Allen, Executive Director of the Gwinnett Place CID to participate on the Steering Committee. As a result of the email requesting members interested in serving on the committee, CLCA will be represented by Chere Stricker, Niki Pantelias, and Marty Laskey. We met with officials on Thursday, February 11 to discuss expectations and during the meeting Marty Laskey brought to their attention the rough paving at Hill Drive and Pleasant Hill Road and on Friday, February 12 we received notification that ER Snell is working to schedule paving for late in the week of February 15 with the weather permitting.

I feel that I have a fiduciary responsibility to the CLCA membership as its President for 2010 and view this as my primary role while working with the community to develop opportunities for continuous improvements. In addition to keeping costs down in 2010 my focus will also be on developing a teen board which will focus on managing events for the teen members while fostering leadership qualities in our future community leaders. As part of the teen board, they will focus on projects that will fund their events with the goal of self-sufficiency in funding their events. The fundraising will begin with the can drive that was announced in a recent email.

I encourage you to contact me with any suggestions or ideas that will make Cardinal Lake a better place for all of us to live. Remember, we are all in this boat together.

Dan Knox
President, CLCA

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:

One reason we have a general membership meeting in April is to adjust the budget. By April 5th we usually know the dues we expect to collect that year. Most members have mailed part of their dues by March 31st. In my experience, people who start paying by March 31st send the full amount, eventually. Knowing the dues income tells the board if we need to borrow funds or limit activities.

With the economic situation, the collection of dues is declining. Conversely, our contractual and discretionary expenses are rising. Unfortunately, the board is currently taking legal action to collect outstanding dues and late fees. We had to add late fees to flagrantly late members last year. By flagrantly late I mean people who made no contact with me to discuss their dues payment prior to the March 31st due date. I have discretion in approving payment plans. I keep all information private; until it appears legal action may be warranted.

To offset the decline in dues income and because legal action takes a long time for money to be collected, the board will apply the ten percent late fee to everyone who has not mailed their dues in full by March 31st. This includes those of you who will have contacted me about a payment plan before the March 31st. The late fee, authorized by our bylaws, will apply only to the outstanding dues not postmarked by 3/31/10.

Personally, because I am on a fixed income, I find it hard to pay the full \$500 in 3 months. In order for me to avoid any late fees, I have been paying my dues beginning in November of the year prior. Four other members are doing the same thing. Early dues payment helps with the expenses at the start of the year. If you need to spread your dues over more than 3 months you should start your 2011 payments late in 2010.

As always, I am available to discuss your individual situation regarding a payment plan for 2010. I will keep all information confidential, except when I am required by the bylaws to discuss certain things with the board. Contact me by phone at 770-813-9874 or by e-mail at jbwaters@bellsouth.net. Joe Waters

Doing the Right Thing!

Ryan and his father, Rob McKinnon were fishing and noticed something that could have been dangerous for other people in the neighborhood. Young Ryan and his father decided it best to turn the items over to the police in order to keep other people safe. We, the CLCA Board, would like to thank Ryan and Rob for looking out for the rest of their friends and neighbors.

Good job Ryan and Rob!

A FEW WORDS FROM VP, LAKES

As I enter my third year of serving as VP of Lakes, I look forward to trying to help improve this wonderful resource that we here in Cardinal Lake can enjoy for many years to come.

Many of you have surely noticed that we lowered Cardinal Lake beginning on January 23rd. This was done in order for several of the lake front property owners to do some needed repairs or installation work after the flooding that we encountered this past September and also give us an opportunity to survey the damage to the lake. Our lake took on more silt in 1 day than it probably has taken in the last 5 years combined. This is very evident now that the lake has been lowered. Yes, I am sure we lost some of our fish population during this period but, it could not be avoided. We are planning on lowering the lake during the winter months of 2010 – 2011 as well. This is a needed procedure to do maintenance on the valve system to keep it operating properly year after year. We are still trying to get some help from local, state and federal agencies for the cleanup of the lake. I am sorry to report that we have not had much success in doing so as of this writing. But, we will continue in our efforts!

Unless there are some unforeseen problems, the lake should be back up to full pool by the middle of March. All is going as planned so, we don't really see why Cardinal Lake will need to be left at low pool for any longer than we planned.

We are still planning on having our annual spring bass tournament but, we need someone to take the lead on this event. Please contact me if you are interested in helping CLCA put this event on. Last years event was outstanding, thanks to Ray Doss and Ken Johnson for making this possible.

I also want to thank the people who have enlisted their time and efforts throughout 2009 in helping take care of our lakes. Without your assistance many of the items that we need to take care of just would not get accomplished.

We will be installing a new gate system on the dam parking area in the coming weeks that should make it easier for all of us to access and use this area. We will also be working on installing a new gate system for Canary Lake in the coming months. We would like to construct a fishing pier on Canary and add a small picnic area as well in 2010. These projects will require some assistance from our membership, be it through physical help, donations of money or materials to allow CLCA to add some additional recreational space for our community.

As always, feel free to contact me with any suggestions, ideas, or offer to help make CLCA a better neighborhood for all of us live and play in.

Thank you and let's all make CLCA a better place in 2010!

Jeff Hall
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A MESSAGE FROM VP OF MEMBERSHIP

Hello Cardinal Lake Neighbors!

As Membership VP my role covers many responsibilities which include, closings letters for attorneys, welcome baskets for new residents and on boarding of new members. At the beginning of each year I will record results to compare to the years past. Expect to see this in the newsletter each April.

This tally gives us information to compare each year. It also shows that permanent member houses are just as successful selling as non-member houses. As well as how important delivering a warm hello and a welcome basket is to our new residents. Although there are a few mistakes that can happen, a closing without CLCA's official closing letter or a new resident moves in without our knowledge.

With your help we can minimize the families we miss by establishing a system for "block keepers." Each area will have a volunteer that will be considered a member on your welcoming committee. So perhaps you cruise the neighborhood with dog and leash or even in your car you can be a vital part of reaching out to new members! Creating block areas and "keepers" within each block will allow new ways to bring events and information to Cardinal Lake Community. Contact me, Jeanette Laskey at jmlaskey@bellsouth.net or 770-476-7535 to volunteer.

2009 years results:

188 permanent members, 11 voluntary members, 2 sponsored members
18 new residents
8 out of 18 moved into permanent member homes
2 out of 10 became members
12 of the 18 received a welcome basket

Three Years combined 2006, 2007, 2008

36 new residents
14 out of 36 moved into permanent member homes
9 out of 22 became members
15 of the 36 received a welcome basket

MEMO FROM VP, POOLS

Happy New Year!!!

Wow, it's nice to have had some snow. Lisa, Lindsey and I found our way over to McDaniel Farm Park along with most of the McGehee family for some fun in the snow. Don't tell anyone but there is a great place for sledding in that park.

Well enough of that, I'm glad to be working with the pool again. As always I enjoy being a part of things going on in our community. We will be using the services of AMS Inc. for our pool services as we have for the past few years. AMS is scheduled to have the pool "READY TO SWIM" on or before May 15. Well I'm looking forward to seeing everyone down at the pool this summer. I always enjoy cooking out at the beach, swimming in the pool and fishing in the lake. Jerry McKinney (H) 770 813-0735 (C) 404 234-5622 (W) 404 538-7457

As it stands right now lifeguard services will be furnished by AMS as follows:

May 15, 16, and 22, 23
May 27 through August 15
August 21, 22 and 28, 29
September 4, 5, 6

Pool Lifeguard Hours:
Monday through Saturday 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

THOUGHTS FROM THE VP, BEAUTIFICATION/MAINTENANCE

Greetings, Hello, and Happy New Year!

As we emerge from winter and the daylight hours grow longer, I find myself asking again, 'Why is the weather in Georgia so weird?' We have a blanket of snow one week, and then sunny skies lead to thunderstorms reminiscent of summer the next. Ever since moving to the south I have tried to figure it out, but only since I have moved into Cardinal Lake have I realized that how beautiful it can be!

The frozen lake and white rooftops were picturesque, and then the blue skies and warm weather this weekend gave us a taste of what lies ahead; Sun, Sand, and good times with friends. The heart and soul of Cardinal Lake!

As the lake fills back up and we approach the summer months, I look forward to gathering at the pool and picnic tables. This year we will have professional management of the beach, dam, and other common areas, as well as all of the new look of the upkeep done while the lake was down. However, there are never too many volunteers to help with keeping Cardinal Lake as beautiful and special as in years past. I look forward to seeing you all this summer and look forward to fun, sun, and maybe even getting our hands a little dirty. Here is to a great 2010, and another great year at Cardinal Lake! Cheers! Chris Kudika, VP Landscaping ~ Kudika.Chris@gmail.com ~ 770-337-4313

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CARDINAL LAKE WEBSITE NEWS

*If you haven't looked at our website lately, please consider visiting us at www.cardinallake.com! We've added a new page called "**Cardinal Lake Bird of the Month.**" On this page you will find monthly articles (courtesy of Teresa and Patrick Mawhinney) featuring birds found locally in our neighborhood and lakes. Check in regularly to learn about the birds around us. The website is also a great source of information including events coming up in the neighborhood, Redbird newsletters, membership information, clubhouse rental information, board member contact information, photos, covenants and bylaws. If you have photos you would like posted to the website or would like to see any other information posted to the website or in the next Redbird newsletter, please contact Ly Harris @ ly.harris@bellsouth.net.*

CLCA Welcome Baskets

If you know of any new residents in the neighborhood please email Raina Raflo at raina@sparklecare.com so she can get a welcome basket to them. Thanks for your help!

Clubhouse Rentals

CLCA Members: If you are looking for a place to have a special party or event, then the Cardinal Lake Clubhouse is the place for you! For more information, visit our website @ www.cardinallake.com and download the information letter and rental agreement which are found under the "**Just For Members**" tab. Or you can contact Susanne MacKinnon @ 770-232-2616 or gaos@mindspring.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**CARDINAL LAKE EASTER EGG HUNT AND BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 10 AM AT THE CLUBHOUSE
THE EASTER BUNNY WILL BE THERE!!**

WE'LL HAVE FUN EGG HUNTS FOR THREE AGE GROUPS:
0-3 years old, 3-8 years, and 8 and up.
TONS OF FUN FOR THE KIDS!

COME BUY SOME YUMMY GOODIES BAKED BY YOUR
NEIGHBORS – MAYBE EVEN BUY YOUR EASTER DINNER
DESSERT!!

Donations for the bake sale are very much appreciated – please bring your baked goods to the Clubhouse by 9 am on Saturday, April 3

**** THE EGG HUNT IS A CLCA MEMBERS ONLY EVENT ****

We still need volunteers to coordinate this event!

Cardinal Lake Ads

REMINDERS

- Permanent and Voluntary Member dues are to be paid in full no later than **March 31, 2010**. Contact Joe Waters at 770-813-9874 with any questions.
- The boats stored at the beach are individually owned, and are not for members to use without permission of the owner. Also, if you own a boat that you are storing at the beach area, please remember to identify it with a label with your name and contact information inside. Storage of your boat at the beach area is at your own risk.
- We are still looking for 2 volunteers to coordinate the upcoming **Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale**. This event is scheduled for April 3rd. Please contact Terrie McQuilkin if you are interested.
- **APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 18, 3-5 PM**
Important Membership Meeting at the Clubhouse
(ALL MEMBERS WELCOME)
- The **Neighborhood Yard Sale** is scheduled for May 1st, so please keep that in mind as you prepare to spring clean in the coming months. More details will be forthcoming in the next couple weeks!



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By Dawn Starr

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~Happy St. Patrick's Day~
March 17th



Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck. Author Unknown

Virginia Klaer. ARR. CRB. CRS. GRI. PMN



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CARDINAL LAKE TEEN ADS:

Hello, my name is **Angelina Faria**. I **Baby sit for \$7.00 per hour** per child. All **prices are negotiable**. I am trained and certified in CPR/First aid. I am certified by the Red Cross in child care classes. My previous work experience includes a bagger at Kroger, lifeguard for AMS Pools, and working in the day care at American Sports Plex Gym. I am sixteen and have my license and a car also. Please call or email me with any Questions you may have. THANKS! :)

CELL: 678-491-5493

HOUSE: **770-622-3842**

E-MAIL: footballchick92393@yahoo.com

Baby-Sitting:

My name is **Rachel Holden**; I am 13 years old and I have about 2 to 3 years of experience. My rates are reasonable. My number is: **678-697-6411** References supplied upon request.

My name is **Brandon Rice** and I offer mowing services for Cardinal Lake Residents. I am 15, reliable, professional and affordable. Please call me at **770-789-0163** for all your mowing needs.

Are you a Cardinal Lake Member Teen? Would you like to advertise for FREE in the Red Bird? Well then send your ad (two to three lines max) to Terrie McQuilkin at tergig76@aol.com and look for it in the next edition of the Red Bird!

A Letter of Thanks...

Dear Cardinal Lake residents,

It has been our displeasure to spend the last few hours writing letters to the local news services to express discontent with the federal, state, and county response to the loss of our house in the flood September 21st. We lived at 2985 Cardinal Lake Cir (known locally as the "flood house") and lost most everything that was less than three feet off the floor to the rising water that day. The lake and the creek are both back in their banks and peaceful now, and the house looks relatively undisturbed, but our lives have been left in disarray. After 4 inspections by the insurance company, 2 by the county, and 1 by FEMA, it has been determined that our property has been newly classified as a flood way and the house will be demolished and the property turned back into green space. Although we applaud this decision, this process has to go through county, state, and federal agencies over the next 12 to 24 months, leaving us with 2 properties to pay for, insure, and keep up until everything is finalized and we can move on with our lives (hopefully in another house on Cardinal Lake). But our disenchantment with our elected officials pales in comparison with our love and appreciation for our neighborhood.

Tuesday morning after the waters receded, as we splugged mud out of our home, another flood cascaded across our lawn. But this time, instead of muddy water, it was a flood of neighbors. Some came to talk. Some brought food. Others offered us a place to stay. And still others brought gloves and tape and boxes and helped us fill a truck with the few belongings that survived. We were muddy, shaken, wet, and miserable, but even more so, we were overwhelmed and awed by the outpouring of neighborly concern and care. We've waved at you as we walked our dogs or said "hi" as we passed in the street, but we were strangers to most of you. You didn't know our names and we didn't know yours but you came with your children and stood in the mud to pack boxes; you invited us in and gave us a place to call home as we tried to put our lives back together; you asked us to dinner and made us part of the family; you even braved chest deep waters during the height of the flood to check on our dogs. We thank God that you live next door and across the street and down the block because, when we were in desperate need, you were there for us. You helped us because, as one of you said, "It's what neighbors do." The words "thank you" seems insufficient to express our gratitude. Maybe if it's all in caps.... THANK YOU.

David and Diana Rigg
Still in Duluth,
Hoping to return soon to Cardinal Lake



In Memory of

Our sincere sympathies and prayers go out to the Davis and Yokelev families

We are so saddened to report that one of our longest residents of Cardinal Lake, in fact the 8th house ever built in our fine community, has passed. Mrs. Grace Davis of 2962 Cardinal Lake Drive passed away from a battle with kidney failure. She is survived by her husband James Davis and her great nephew Dan Knox. Our sincere sympathies go out to Mr. James Davis and their entire family.

Nomer Bogus Yokeley - 75 years old of Duluth, Ga. Born August 16, 1934 died February 7, 2010. She is survived by her husband Donald Yokeley of Duluth GA.; Children: Martha Nell Bogus Fridge, Flowery Branch, Milton Lance Bogus, Lilburn, Kevin Dwight Bogus, Sr., Winder, Daughters-in-Law, Tammye Arlene Bogus & Sharon Ann Bogus; Grandchildren: Steven Paul Brown, Alecia Ann Padgett & husband Benjamin Austin Padgett, Christina Lynn Bogus, Kevin Dwight Bogus, Jr. "Bo", Joshua David Fridge, Joseph Steadman Fridge; Great Grandchildren: Taylor Ann Padgett & Caleb Alexander Padgett; Local Niece - Alma Daughtry & husband Tommy Daughtry; Step-children, Jeff & Sharon Adams - Toccoa, Randy & Leslie Yokeley- Duluth, Chris & Jennifer Taylor- Snellville; Step-Grandchildren, Kelley Adams Lips, Phillip Adams, Hanna Yokeley, Maddie Yokeley, Alden Taylor, Olivia Taylor & Elaina Taylor. Those desiring may make donations to Peachtree Christian Hospice, in memory of Nomer Bogus Yokeley. Randy and Leslie have been voluntary members in the past. Our sincere sympathies go out to the Yokeley Family.

**CARDINAL LAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
2010 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS DIRECTORY**

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