

# The Red Bird

The Lake Community of Cardinal & Canary Lakes  
An Audubon Approved Neighborhood

## Summer '07: In Review

### A Note From The President:

It was a busy summer here on Cardinal Lake. A new display & sign-in station was constructed at the beach gate. The playground is a welcomed asset to our community. The ramp providing accessibility to the lower deck was built. There were many successful activities and no real problems to speak of this summer. Thank you!

There are many projects to work on later this fall and well into next year. These projects include placing a fence around the playground and across the dam, building an appropriate pool storage building, resurfacing the boat dock and floating platform, cleaning up the kudzu lot (the potential buyer is no longer interested in the property which has been determined to be in a flood plain and completely unbuildable), cleaning up both sides of the dam and maintaining the lake valve, moving the parking curbs further off the street, moving the canoe sign and installing a message board, addressing the acoustics and furniture in the clubhouse, winterizing the pool and looking into the possibility of a salt water filtration system. We will also study the feasibility of installing a handicap lift in the pool. And finally, if anyone is interested in exploring the possibility of adding tennis courts in the neighborhood, we would invite you to put a committee together and present options to the board in 2008.

It takes all of us working together to maintain our existing amenities while making improvements for the safety and enjoyment of our members. Your help will be needed and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Dan W

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE CLCA ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING -- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007 --  
3-5 AT THE CLUBHOUSE!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

From CLIF's to campouts, games to giving, there are many exciting events for you to choose from this fall in Cardinal Lake! Please see page 2 for more detailed information. We look forward to seeing you soon!

- 14 children took swim lessons at the pool
- 7 families camped out on the beach
- 19 children led the 4th of July Parade
- 200 hot dogs & hamburgers were served
- 26 letters were sent to soldiers
- 1500 dollars were raised for the fireworks
- 29 children & adults in the art classes created
- 82 pieces of pottery
- 25 squares for the clubhouse wall quilt
- 14 weaving projects
- 32 bingo participants won
- 15 fabulous prizes
- 12 teenagers earned a total of
- 54 guest passes for their volunteer efforts
- 18 volunteers helped with the new playground
- 12 volunteers helped build a new ramp
- 14 new Permanent Members brought our total to
- 180 PERMANENT MEMBERS!

**1 GREAT SUMMER!**



## CLCA SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR FALL/WINTER 2007

**FALL CAMPOUT ON THE BEACH** – more details coming soon. r.s.v.p. to Maryann Bianchi with questions at [ebianchijr@hotmail.com](mailto:ebianchijr@hotmail.com)

**BINGO NIGHT!** – Saturday, Sept. 29th, 7 – 9 p.m., in the Clubhouse. Please contact Laura Baun at [laurab3178@yahoo.com](mailto:laurab3178@yahoo.com) with questions.

**SCRAPBOOKING SATURDAY** - Anyone who is interested in organizing this event, please contact Christy Espy at [christywaite@yahoo.com](mailto:christywaite@yahoo.com).

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT/BRIDGE** – Anyone who is interested in organizing this event, please contact Christy Espy at [christywaite@yahoo.com](mailto:christywaite@yahoo.com).

**OCTOBER C.L.I.F.** – Friday, Oct. 12th, 7 – 10 p.m., Clubhouse. Bring a dish to share & beverage of your choice. We'll have paper goods & soft drinks.

**FAMILY PUZZLE NIGHT!** - Saturday, Oct. 20th, 7 p.m., in the Clubhouse. Please r.s.v.p. to Rebecca Deitsch by Oct. 15th, [rdeitsch@bellsouth.net](mailto:rdeitsch@bellsouth.net)

**HALLOWEEN!** - Oct. 31st, 6 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Hotdog dinner and a COSTUME PARADE AT 6:45! r.s.v.p. [christywaite@yahoo.com](mailto:christywaite@yahoo.com) so we'll know how many hot dogs to prepare.

**LADIES BUNCO!** - Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 7 p.m., in the Clubhouse. Adults Only please. r.s.v.p. to Christy Espy at [christywaite@yahoo.com](mailto:christywaite@yahoo.com) by November 1st if you're coming. \$5 per player goes towards door prizes.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** - Sunday, Nov. 11, 3 - 5 p.m., in the Clubhouse.

**CLUBHOUSE DECORATING C.L.I.F.** – Friday, Nov. 30th, 7 – 10 p.m. Come share some holiday cheer and help decorate the Clubhouse for the holiday season! Bring a dish to share and beverage of your choice.

**HOLIDAY GIVING – ANGEL TREE** - Choose an angel from the tree and purchase a specific gift to help a family in need from our community. Please contact Courtney at [courtneymbernardo@yahoo.com](mailto:courtneymbernardo@yahoo.com) with questions or to arrange to pick up an angel.

**HOLIDAY CARROLING!** - Please contact Gail Williams at [cheftimandgail@hotmail.com](mailto:cheftimandgail@hotmail.com) for details.

**HOLIDAY GIFT BAZAAR!** - Saturday, December 1st, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the Clubhouse. For information please contact Terrie at 678-984-9549 or [terriewatch@comcast.net](mailto:terriewatch@comcast.net). Table Fees: CLCA Members: \$10; Non-members: \$15; Member teens: Free!

**SANTA VISITS THE CLUBHOUSE!** - Saturday, December 15th, 4 p.m. Bring the kids, say hi to Santa, have some hot cocoa and get in the holiday spirit! Please bring a gift-wrapped book with your child's name on the outside to 2888 Cardinal Trace no later than December 12th. If you have questions, or if you can help with this event, please contact Christy Espy at [christywaite@yahoo.com](mailto:christywaite@yahoo.com). Thanks!

**HOLIDAY C.L.I.F.** – Friday, Dec. 14th, 7:30 – 11 p.m., at Rob and Nancy English's home, 2835 Cardinal Lake Circle. This is an Adults Only CLIF. Bring a dish to share and beverage of your choice.

**BRIGHT LIGHTS CONTEST!** - Saturday, December 22nd – To participate, make sure your lights are on by 7 p.m. Our judges will travel the entire neighborhood & choose the top three winners. Only members are eligible to win. Winners will be posted on our website: [www.cardinallake.com](http://www.cardinallake.com).

## FALL 2007 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to all CLCA members for supporting your community! We have had a great year – 14 new permanent members! That gives us a grand total of 180 permanent members, 17 voluntary members and 6 sponsored members for 2007.

Permanent membership is the best way you can help Cardinal Lake remain the strong, special neighborhood we all love. We thank you for doing your part (financially, physically, or both!), to support the maintenance of our resources and common areas. All of our property values are higher because these resources exist and because we keep them in good condition.

I invite you to take advantage of our special membership recruitment incentive. Permanent Members who recruit another eligible Permanent Member (i.e., the recruited member has to have lived in the neighborhood for at least one year prior to being recruited), will receive a \$200 credit off their dues for the following year. In addition, the recruited Permanent Member will also receive \$200 off their dues for the following year. (Complete rules can be found at [www.cardinallake.com](http://www.cardinallake.com))

We will vote in our new CLCA Board of Directors at the November membership meeting. Our Nominating Committee has been hard at work finding candidates for each open position. This can be a challenging task! If you have anyone you'd like to nominate (including yourself!) please contact me as soon as possible.

Our Social Committee has also been hard at work, volunteering their time and talents and planning all the activities you enjoy in the neighborhood. There is always an open seat at our meetings – we welcome you to join us! We need many hands to make all these events happen. You don't have to commit to each event – any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you'd like to help.

I look forward to hearing from you!  
Christy Espy, VP Membership, at 770-623-6874 or by email at [christywaite@yahoo.com](mailto:christywaite@yahoo.com).

### CLCA Welcome Baskets

If you have a new neighbor, please email Raina Raflo at [raina@sparklecare.com](mailto:raina@sparklecare.com) or call 770 418 1789, so she can get a welcome basket to them. We count on you to help us identify new neighbors – thanks for your help!

### A Note From Our Neighbor...

“Paula and I were very surprised to see not just a ramp, but a fabulous ramp, when we arrived at the annual 4th of July Cardinal Lake Party. For the first time since arriving here at Cardinal Lake, I was able to get to the lower lake level and get a hot dog. It was GREAT! We also noticed that many of the folks, adults and kids alike, were using the ramp in lieu of the stairs all day like it was “always that way.” I know it took a lot of effort by a lot of good folks to get the ramp installed. Obviously I do not know who they are and need a favor from you. Please thank all of them for us. Not only did Paula and I enjoy the day, everyone we spoke with did as well.”

- Al Jacobsen



Cardinal Lake families gathered on August 17th to dedicate the new playground in the memory of Mary Paulsen. For those of you who never had the pleasure of knowing Mary, she was a Cardinal Lake resident and an active volunteer; she was a wife and mother; she was a friend to everyone she met. Mary lost her battle with breast cancer at the age of 38. It was the wish of Mary's family to commemorate her and her love of this neighborhood, and thus the idea of a new playground was formed. Many thanks to Mary's extended family for contributing in so many ways to this effort. And thanks to our volunteers who cut and moved sod, built the wood border and spread the wood chips. But most of all, thanks to Mary for all her contributions to our very special neighborhood.

Thanks to all the members that helped to make this summer a nice one down at the pool. To all the people who helped with the gate monitoring and all the other projects that went on down at the Clubhouse. I hope to see all of you down at the pool next summer.

Thanks - Kirk

### EXPERIENCED WEB DESIGNER

**NEEDED** for Cardinal Lake website. Must be member of CLCA. Call JoAnn at 770-497-9339 or email: [joann.buck@comcast.net](mailto:joann.buck@comcast.net).

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### Don't send the message that nobody cares...Report the issues! In Cardinal Lake & in Gwinnett County, people care.

You can help by being another pair of eyes looking for problem areas and reporting Gwinnett County Property Maintenance Ordinance Issues. By working together, we can make a difference.

#### If you see...

Junk cars, front yard parking or parking on any unpaved surface, more than 8 people residing in a single dwelling, grass and weeds over 12" high ...call the Gwinnett County Quality of Life Operations Section at 770-417-3434.

#### MORE IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND:

Gwinnett County Police – Non-Emergency: 770-513-5000  
Gwinnett County General Information: 770-822-8000

For more information, visit [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com) or [www.gwinnettqualityoflife.com](http://www.gwinnettqualityoflife.com).



# Cardinal Lake Ads

Susan is a 20-year resident of Cardinal Lake and an active member of the Cardinal Lake Homeowner's Assoc. Who better to market your home than someone who lives here and loves it!

Susan understands that real estate means helping people and holding their hand through one of the most important, and sometimes, stressful times in their life. She believes her clients are entitled to an experience that's convenient, stress-free, and remarkably satisfying. She achieves this goal through constant communication, listening to and understanding your needs, and personal attention to detail.

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When it's time to move, it's time to talk to a real estate professional – especially one knowledgeable about marketing homes in Cardinal Lake Estates.

Over a dozen homes listed and sold by me in our neighborhood!

Our website at [www.cardinallake.com](http://www.cardinallake.com) is an excellent resource!!! Check it out!!!

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## CARDINAL LAKE TEEN ADS

Hello, my name is Angelina Faria. I am 14 years old. I just moved to Cardinal Lake. I babysit and am trained in CPR, First Aid, and have taken babysitting classes. References available upon request. I charge \$5.00 per hour per child, discount with two or more. I also tutor 6th grade to 8th grade. I have been in gifted classes since I was in first grade. I charge \$10.00 per hour. I clean houses for \$10.00 per room. I will walk your dog for 30 minutes every week day. I charge \$15.00 per week. Also, I will pet sit for you. My number is 770-622-3842 please give me a call with any questions.

Babysitting By Ana Kilmer. Certified. Babysitting in your home, anytime after 4:30 on weekdays and anytime on the weekend! Call me at 770 335 0705 or email me at [ana.soccergirl@gmail.com](mailto:ana.soccergirl@gmail.com)!

Any yard work you need help with? Thursdays from 4pm-6pm, Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 3pm-6pm. Call Reggie Kilmer, 770 476-0342.

Are you a Cardinal Lake Teen? Would you like to advertise for FREE in the Red Bird? Well then send your ad (two to three lines max) to JoAnn Buck at [joann.buck@comcast.net](mailto:joann.buck@comcast.net) and look for it in the next edition of the Red Bird!

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A WORK DAY ON CARDINAL LAKE DAM.

Saturday, October 6th from 9-12:30pm. Bring loppers, chain saws, shredders, wheelbarrows, gloves, boots, etc. if you have them or just bring yourself. We will be working to clean the shrubs & trees off the dam area.

## Anyone interested in a neighborhood playgroup?

I am a stay-at-home-mom with a 23mo old son and another on the way in early October. We are new to the area, and I'm interested in starting or joining a playgroup for babies through preschool-aged kids. I'm willing to host, or rotate on a schedule, and I'm flexible on developing day/time/etc. Anyone interested, please email Emily at [newcarousel@yahoo.com](mailto:newcarousel@yahoo.com). Thanks! We look forward to meeting you!

## CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

Cardinal Lake Civic Association Members – Are you looking for a place to hold your holiday gathering? Consider renting the CLCA Clubhouse! Rental information is located on the website at [www.cardinallake.com](http://www.cardinallake.com) under the Community Tab. Call now to reserve the best date for your function!!!