



The Red Bird

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

SPRING/SUMMER 2007

A Note From The President:

I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of our neighborhood volunteers. The clean-up projects on the beach, dam and CLCA property, the Easter Egg hunt and bake sale, the upgrades with the card access and security systems, the pool opening party, and the teen movie night would not have happened without you. There has already been a significant amount of work done by many volunteers this year. As I suggested in the Winter Redbird, if each member family volunteers just 8 hours each year then we will be much better off as a community.

Neighborhood Questions & Answers:

Q: Can we get more speed bumps, especially by the clubhouse? Can they be steeper?

A: An initial study was done several years ago regarding the design and placement of the speed humps on Cardinal Lake Drive. What was built was the maximum number and steepest grade allowable based on good design standards. I do not expect any more will be allowed or constructed. The Gwinnett County Police Special Operations Unit plans to address the speeding on Cardinal Lake Drive with a stepped up presence.

Q: Can we get a handicap ramp down to the dock?

A: The Board feels strongly that the entire property should be wheelchair accessible and we intend to build a ramp to the lower level dock this year. We also plan to install an appropriate entry into the front door of the Clubhouse.

Q: Why can't we have a 'Blob' on the lake like we had last summer?

A: Our Insurance Carrier's response: if the association puts a 'blob' (an anchored inflatable float/trampoline) on the lake, we will no longer be eligible for coverage. Then the issue of a privately-owned float came up. The insurance company will not insure our neighborhood association for such a float, but an individual family may use such a float as long as it is removed from the lake when not in use and stored off the lake in the overnight hours. The two wooden docks and the floating wooden platform are owned and insured by the Association and can be used by our members and their guests.

Q: Can we park on the dam? Can we get more parking?

A: The dam is intended to be used for parking at special events. Over the course of this summer, parking spaces will be designated and large timbers will be installed as stops (funds permitting).



Games, races, and raffle winners at May 19 Pool Opening.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 15 CLIF Party @ the Clubhouse!
- June 22-23 Family Campout on the Beach
- July 4 Independence Day Celebration 5-10pm
- July 13 CLIF Party (Location TBA)
- July 20 Bingo Night at the Clubhouse 7-10pm
- August 3 Family Game Night/Bridge Night at the Clubhouse 7-10pm
- August 10 CLIF Party (Location TBA)
- Late Summer Dedication of the new Mary Paulsen Playground! Date and Time TBA.

See pg 3 for more details!

President Letter Continued:

Q: Why is it that people who live on the lake and are not members can use the lake?

A: The neighborhood was created in the 1960's before Permanent Membership was common in new neighborhoods. Currently, each individual homeowner has to agree and sign a legal document stating that they will be a Permanent Member of CLCA. Legally we can ask the non-members not to fish or have boats, but I do not feel that this is the best way to accomplish our goal of 100% lakefront members. We now have a committee focused on this issue. We are hoping that non-member lakefront owners will realize the benefits they receive and become permanent members. I believe by the end of 2008 we will have over 200 permanent members compared to 2002 when we had zero.

Other news:

We have tested the vacant CLCA property on Cardinal Lake Circle (just below Hummingbird Drive) and determined that it is not a 'buildable' site. We are having the land appraised and the board is going to recommend that we sell the property. We plan to request a meeting in late June or early July to vote on this issue.

Once again, I would like to thank all of our volunteers. I would also like to welcome our new members for 2007 and encourage non-members to join us in sustaining the unique amenities of the Cardinal Lake and Canary Lake community.

**Respectfully,
Dan W**



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Permanent Member Recruitment Incentives

The following Permanent Member Recruitment Incentives were passed by majority vote of the members of the CLCA at the April 15, 2007 general membership meeting:

- Incentive #1: For homeowners that are eligible for Permanent Membership, but are NOT currently Permanent Members, the CLCA will offer a \$500 cash payment at the time of the sale of their property in exchange for signing their property up as a Permanent Member property well in advance of the sale of the property. No dues will be owed until the property is sold. Dues will be owed by the buyer at a prorated amount of the annual dues depending on the date of closing on the property. As soon as the dues have been paid after closing, a \$500 cash payment will be made to the seller. In addition, for the realtor who has offered this incentive to the current homeowner and arranged for them to sign the Permanent Member documents to be filed with the county, the CLCA will give the realtor either a \$100 credit towards the realtor's dues for the upcoming year, or if the realtor is not a resident of Cardinal Lake and/or is not a member of the CLCA, then that realtor will be offered \$100 in cash.
- Incentive #2 – The CLCA will offer new homeowners who are not currently Permanent Members, free membership for the current year if they agree to sign their property up as a Permanent Member property within 30 days of receiving their Welcome Basket. If they sign up after September 1st, they will also receive half off of their dues for the following year.
- Incentive #3 – The CLCA has opened the window between April 15 and June 30, 2007, for anyone eligible for Permanent Membership who is not currently a Permanent Member, to sign up as a Permanent Member for half price for the 2007 year (\$250.00).

In addition to the 3 new incentives outlined above, the recruitment incentive that has been in place for the past couple of years continues to be effective which is outlined below:

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 (additional rules of eligibility for this incentive can be found at www.cardinallake.com).

If you have any questions regarding these recruitment incentives, please contact Christy Espy, VP Membership, at 770-623-6874 or by email at christywaite@yahoo.com.
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**CARDINAL LAKE ART SERIES FOR CHILDREN
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PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST ATTEND
For more information contact Terrie Watch
@770-232-0282 or terriewatch@comcast.net**

News from the Social Committee!

Now that school is out and summer is here, it's a great time to use some of your leisure time at the pool and lakes to get involved with the neighborhood, our events, and our residents. We have one of the most anticipated events of the year coming up...**CARDINAL LAKE 4TH OF JULY PARTY!!** If you haven't attended this event yet, or are new to the neighborhood, we encourage you to join us. You won't be disappointed. Members are invited to come down to the lake for a combination cookout and potluck dinner. We have activities for the kids and a fireworks display (thanks to many years of effort by Mark Williams) to rival any other. So...pack up your family, your swimmys, towels & potluck dish and join us at the pool and lake on July 4th. It's always boatloads of fun! As always, we need volunteers to help with set up/clean up. It's easy, so please contact me if you or your older children are willing to help.

Please take a moment to look over all of our Upcoming Events (listed on page one). We have three CLIF dates this summer (Cardinal Lake It's Friday's). Join us at a private home or the clubhouse to meet your neighbors or become better acquainted with them. Please contact me if you would be willing to host one of the CLIF parties. You can decide whether you would prefer a family CLIF or adults only. Everyone brings a dish to share and whatever they would like to drink. The host family provides soft drinks and paper products. We also hope you and your family can join us for one or more of the fun events planned in the clubhouse this summer. And new this year... member Maryann Bianchi is coordinating a family campout on the beach! Contact Maryann at ebianchijr@hotmail.com for more information about the campout.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help with any of the events. Keep up with neighborhood events at www.cardinallake.com. See you at the pool and lakes!!
Gail Williams, Social Committee Chair
770-813-8996 Email: cheftimandgail@hotmail.com

Swim Lessons at Cardinal Lake!

AMS Pool Company is offering swim lessons here at the Cardinal Lake pool this summer. Lessons will be taught by a certified life guard/instructor.

Lessons may be offered in the morning and also evening. The price is \$10.00 per lesson for group lessons and \$20.00 per lesson for individual lessons.

If interested, please contact Courtney Wimmer with AMS Pools at court921@gmail.com or 678-463-3002.

The **WELCOME COMMITTEE** has given out approximately 10 welcome baskets since January. Please email or call me when you see that someone new has moved into the neighborhood. (raina@sparklecare/770-418-1789) so that we can give out more!! This is especially important now with the membership incentive that allows new residents to join the CLCA as Permanent Members for free for the first year if they join as a Permanent Member within 30 days of receiving their Welcome Basket! Also, if you know of any neighborhood merchants that would be willing to contribute something to the baskets, please let me know. Parsons Gifts has been so great about supplying us with their delicious fudge. Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant just gave us passes for complimentary dinners, The Melting Pot gave us \$10 off cards, and Athens Pizza has also contributed items. Please patronize these merchants and let them know how much their support of our neighborhood is appreciated. Thanks!
Raina Raflo

LAKES REPORT by Jeff Raflo – You may have noticed some algae appearing in the lakes. According to our lakes management company, the algae is fast growing and appears overnight. The physical removal of the algae by lake front residents raking it out of the lake is one way of helping to control it, but the management company cannot physically remove the algae. They have treated it with a chemical that should help. We are looking into adding grass eating carp to both lakes gradually until we get to the recommended number of carp which will help control our weed problem. They are very expensive to buy so we plan to add approximately 100 carp per year to Cardinal Lake and 25 per year to Canary Lake over a 4 year period. After the 4 years, we shouldn't have to add carp again for another 8 years. Adding the carp to our lakes will also help to eliminate the need for chemical treatments.

CLCA Membership Update - We currently have 170 permanent and 17 voluntary members. We anticipate having 6 - 8 sponsored members this year. If you're interested in becoming a member, please check out the new incentives we have! Permanent Membership is the way to go! Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 770 623 6874 or christywaite@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Pool update: I would like to start off by thanking everyone for coming out to the pool opening and for all the help. I had a great time and I hope everyone else did as well. We have a new person in charge of the front gate monitoring schedule, Rebecca Deitsch. I would like to thank her for taking on this job and also thank Terrie and Christy for the great work they did last year. If anyone would like to sign up and help with the monitoring they can reach Rebecca at rdeitsch@bellsouth.net. Also, new this year: guest passes on sale for \$2. I think this is going to be a great summer down at the pool. There are many things scheduled and I hope that everyone can and will get involved.
Kirk

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Our website at www.cardinallake.com is an excellent resource!!! Check it out!!!

ATTENTION CARDINAL LAKE SENIORS...Contact Lisa Sharpe at 770-814-4914 to find out more about the monthly luncheon for seniors at Shorty Howell Park.

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CARDINAL LAKE TEEN ADS

Jerry McKinney is offering dog sitting services, rates \$15-20. Contact info: home:770-813-0735 cell:770-337-0101 email: xxdat_canadianxx@yahoo.com

Kayla McKinney is available to babysit kids of all ages at her house at 2790 Bluebird Circle. Reach Kayla at home at 770-813-0735 or her mom's cell at 770-633-9576

Tim Moore looks forward to offering pet sitting services to the Cardinal Lake community for the summer. For more information, please check out my flyers at 3192 Meadow Lark Drive.

Babysitting by Jenni, Red Cross/First Aid Certified, available afternoons and evenings. Experienced/References, please call (404) 428-7371 (cell) or (770) 495-9045 (home).

Need your lawn mowed? Call Cardinal Lake's Brandon Rice, age 12, at 770.789.0163. Reasonable prices, guaranteed service.

Need a fun, responsible, and experienced babysitter this summer? Well you have found the right one. My name is Jessica Gillespie and I am 13. I enjoy babysitting children of all ages. Please call my home at 678-417-8776.

Summer Lawn Mowing Jobs Wanted for experienced, hard working 14 year old. Can do one time mow, or schedule weekly. Call Devin Gillespie today for great rates. 678-417-8776.

Babysitting by Ana Kilmer. 770-476-0342 or email ana.soccergirl@gmail.com

Pet and Plant Care. I can feed, and walk your pet. I have a love for all animals big and small, fuzzy and bubbly. I can water your plants as well. I am 10 years old, and my mom will assist me at all times. Just ask for McKayla Gillespie @ 678-417-8776.

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

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