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Dear Gardeners,

This is going to be a newsletter with lots of news!

- The Garden Tour has been postponed until next spring. This was a unanimous decision after so much damage had been done by extreme heat and drought. We felt it was better to have no tour than one with ho-hum gardens that had lost their spunk for the year. Most of you know that Chamblee is celebrating its centennial over the next year. It has been mentioned that our tour be in conjunction with the spring celebration – lots of publicity, etc. and have a great plant sale too. There will be more on this later – choosing a Chamblee Plant of the Year, making special pots, and a lot more.
- Our next meeting is Thursday, September 6, 7:30 PM in our **NEW MEETING PLACE** – Senior Connections on the corner of Peachtree Road and Malone Drive. Let me know if you need more directions. Our speaker will be David Boyd of Wild Bird Center in Dunwoody. I don't know his credentials except Claire Hayes says he is a super guy! Joy and Rex Simms arranged for him to be with us.
- October will bring us Shannon Pable, renowned author, landscaper and speaker. I'll get into her credentials more next newsletter – but it's a must see ( all of our speakers are). In November we will greet Dave Smith of Ashe-Simpson Nursery - he will be speaking on perennials to plant now and answer questions – he has helped me SO much through the years – always has an answer for everything and is always right!
- Congratulations to our newest habitats: Dale and Robbie Campbell, Mary Huff, Deanna Lockhart and Nancy Strova. We hope you will join us in our meetings.
- The HAWK! North DeKalb Neighbor had an article about the hawk in the paper ( which I haven't seen yet) It was rescued here in Chamblee by Michelle Gillman and is being rehabbed at Chattahoochee Nature Center. First Methodist Church will sponsor the big release sometime in November – will let you know. Hawks are hard to identify – there are books just on identifying hawks! They are always strong and beautiful creatures, no matter what. The pictures of “our Hawk” are being put on our website. ([www.chambleewildlifehabitat.com](http://www.chambleewildlifehabitat.com)).
- October 6, Saturday, from 9 AM- noon is our big Rivers Alive Clean up beginning in Huntley Hills Park. Pix of last year's “Best Trash” winners are now on the website. There will be free t-shirts and a prize for the best piece of trash!, Snacks and garbage bags will be provided. Wear clothing that it's okay to get wet and dirty! This is always a fun time for the whole family – so come on out!
- I now realize that in the next year or so I will probably be moving into an assisted living home. And so... the search is on for a new coordinator to lead the Chamblee Community Wildlife Habitat into the future. This can be one person or several folks, taking over different aspects of the group. I would like to have someone who is enthusiastic about the habitat program, is certified and can keep things going. This includes occasional visits to local fairs, etc., showing others about program. Sue Sturgess of our Southeastern NWF office here in Atlanta is a great resource. The staff in Home Office in Reston, VA is always available and is superb! They have lots of literature and handouts for the asking. Georgia Wildlife Federation is also available. This is so important to me because of all the effort and time that has gone into making our Habitat so successful over the last 7 years. Many of you have been invaluable to me. No – I'm not looking for a clone – others of you will have different and more exciting things to bring to the Habitat. The pay is lousy and the rewards are great. If you are interested or know someone who would be good, please let me know. We may be getting

some help from the City Council soon – and by the way, our own Leslie Robson is running unopposed for a seat. Congratulations, Leslie!

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting. I love you all! *Kay*