



*Atlanta Midtown*

**Happy 2009! Now, get to work!**

*Thanks to all of you for a solid 2008 and I'm looking forward to great things for everyone in 2009.....*

**Make sure you do this - the shock when you see the bill will take years off your life.**

Homestead Exemption is for every owner occupant of a house, condo, townhouse, etc, etc in the state of Georgia. If you own your place you'd better apply for your homestead exemption and you only have to do it once. Basically, if you bought a house in 2008 you can go ahead and get this handled. It knocks a pretty fair amount off your tax bill so make sure you get it done because each county has different deadlines.

[Fulton County](#)

[DeKalb County](#)

[Cobb County](#)

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**Free Booze!!!!**

Now that's one way to start the year. The Graveyard is throwing itself a Birthday Party on January 16th and giving its favorite Patrons (which is anyone that shows up) some free booze and apps. <http://www.graveyardtavern.com/> for more info.

**Oh Shirley Girl.....**

They cut our recycling in the City of Atlanta back to every other week to help with the "Budgetary Shortfall" that we're currently experiencing. If it helps anyone feel better just about every other big city is pretty much bankrupt right now, too. Deficit spending baby!!!!

Anyway, my bin has been full for a week now but there is a work-around. You can get a bigger receptacle (trash can) and clearly label it RECYCLE and supposedly the city will pick that one up, too. I'm going to give that a run this week and see how it goes. I'm not overly optimistic here.....

[http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/publicworks/dpwrecyclingprogram\\_08192008.aspx](http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/publicworks/dpwrecyclingprogram_08192008.aspx)

The calendar for pickup can be found here for you planning types:

[http://eaca.net/Atlanta/Solid\\_Waste\\_Changes\\_Effective\\_010509.pdf](http://eaca.net/Atlanta/Solid_Waste_Changes_Effective_010509.pdf)

## Now is the time to buy!!!

OK, I don't normally do the call for action thing but the interest rates and deals that are out there are just sick. Mortgages are available (contrary to what the national media would have you believe) and they've only been lower than they are now twice since 1972! Anyone that is sitting on the fence right now had better get a move on because they're not going to be happy about waiting in a few months. And I just happen to know a damn fine Realtor that can sniff these deals out!!

<http://realestate.yahoo.com/promo/the-top-5-housing-market-hopes-for-2009.html>

## GET OUTTA THE HOUSE!!!



### Wired & Fired

Neighborhood: Virginia-Highland

Deal: Ladies Night is every Tuesday night from 6-10pm. No reservation necessary. Any female paints for 1/2 price studio time - just \$4/hour/person!

Plan a night out with your friends.

Sign up for more deals like this at [www.Skyblox.com](http://www.Skyblox.com)

## Nature is Free (or at least really cheap.....)

Since this is shaping up to be a "back to basics" type of year, don't forget about some of the State and National Parks in the area. Most are within 100 miles of Atlanta and offer everything from golf to historic preservation and events. A quick trip to Sweetwater Creek or Panola Mountain is a pretty good way to start the weekend.

<http://gastateparks.org/>

## Tin Lizzy's is Open in Grant Park

After years as a Buckhead mainstay the owners of Tin Lizzy's have finally spread their wings and ventured south. I hear Buckhead just doesn't have the same "luster" it once did.....

They're located in the old Six Feet Under space at the corner of Memorial and Cherokee in Grant Park. They'll definitely have that rooftop, too.

<http://www.tinlizzyscantina.com/grantpark/>

## TRIVIA TIME!!!

OK, last month's winner was the lovely and talented Jane Reinberg, who knew that Frank Pallotta was the one credited with inventing Macy's Pink Pig back in the 50's.....

Thanks for everyone who made a run at this one, especially the ones who told me about riding the Pink Pig on top of the Macy's building downtown. That had to be a little different view.....

<http://www.macys.com/campaign/pinkpig/index.jsp>

So, for another oh so valuable prize (this might be a tough one), the first to answer.....

**What company invented the "Money Back Guarantee"?**

**I cannot receive a higher compliment than a referral from one of our friends or clients. Whenever you hear of someone wanting to buy or sell a home, please keep me in mind and pass along their contact info.**

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