



Atlanta Midtown

Wishing Everyone Happy Holidays as we sprint to 2009!

Grant Park In a Whole New Light

The Annual Grant Park Candlelight Tour of Homes is happening this weekend, featuring 9 historic homes by candlelight with many other holiday festivities. It's a pretty cool way to see these impressive restored homes and historic neighborhood. <http://www.candlelighttourofhomes.com/>

And if That Doesn't Get the Holiday Juices Flowing.....

Maybe a little classic Americana in Norman Rockwell can. The Atlanta History Center brings the "Home for the Holidays" Exhibit to town through February. More details at: <http://www.atlhist.org/template.cfm?cid=913>

Who the Heck is Priscilla and Percival?

I have no idea how but for the last 50+ years its been an Atlanta Holiday tradition. I guess you just have to have pictures riding the Pink Pig at Macy's to be a true southerner? Got me but here's more info: <http://www.macys.com/campaign/pinkpig/index.jsp>

Kermit Would Be So Proud:

Although I'm personally a fan of the Swedish Chef and Pigs in Space (theme here?). The Atlanta History Center has an amazing exhibit called "Jim Henson's Fantastic World" running through January 18th giving insite into the creative genius who brought us Sesame Street and The Muppets. <http://www.atlhist.org/template.cfm?cid=907>

I Keep Telling You Decks Pay Off the Most:

The 11th Annual Cost vs. Value report is out detailing which specific home projects and renovations give you the most bang for your buck. Like I've been telling you all forever the exterior projects paid the most once again, with nice decks among the best values. One day you'll listen but until then here's the [article](#) and the actual website that will have the report: www.costvsvalue.com

The Two Wheeled Tour of Lights:

I'm sure my house didn't make the tour stops but why drive around looking at holiday lights when you can get that bike out for one last ride before it gets REAL cold. In addition to seeing the various Intown neighborhoods all lit up you'll get to decorate

your bike, too! How do you power the lights on your bike, though?

[Holiday Bike Ride](#)

Really Make a Fool of Yourself

By bruising your bum at the Centennial Park Ice Rink during the holidays. The ice only dulls the pain for a while..... The lights down there are pretty, though.

<http://www.centennialpark.com/events/ice.html>

If You're Headed Out of Town.....

The US Postal Service would LOVE to hold on to your mail until you get home. Just go to <https://holdmail.usps.com/duns/HoldMail.jsp> and tell them when you don't want it delivered.

Gotta Start Somewhere.....

Kind of a cool gift if someone just doesn't know how to make their home and personal life a little more efficient and friendly to the environment, this company has the perfect starter kit and the best part is it'll save them money.

<http://www.ecohatchery.com/actionpack>

TRIVIA TIME!!!!

Martha Rust was our big winner last month by correctly guessing (or Googling more likely) the answer to:

How did Zoo Atlanta (Atlanta's oldest attraction) get its start?

A circus passing through town ran out of money and got stuck so someone bought the animals and gave them to the city to start a zoo!

Truth can sometimes be stranger than fiction. http://www.zooatlanta.org/aboutus_history.htm

So, this month's question, for an oh so valuable prize:

Who is credited with conceiving the Pink Pig?

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