



# CITY OF ATLANTA

## DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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JACK C. DELIUS  
GENERAL MANAGER

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor  
City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Allen:

After many months of very hard work on the part of the staff at the Reptile House and thanks to the cooperation and assistance of Ray Nixon's welder, and Fred Shepherd and Addy Chan of the Building Inspector, the Reptile House neared completion and ready for operation last week. We made a decision Saturday that if we kept waiting we never would get the place open and so we decided that come Sunday morning, September 17, we would open to the public. The only publicity we were able to get at this late date was a few news spots on WSB Radio Sunday morning. At 11:00 we opened the front doors and we began counting using hand counters of all adults and young people who came in. Children under the age of twelve were not counted. From 11:00 through 5:45, we had counted 13,057 and given out all of our 10,000 pamphlets on the building. We received nothing but very favorable comments from the visitors and the only fly in the ointment was the fact that the air conditioning system didn't seem capable of keeping the building reasonably cool with this large number of people inside. I know that you are as relieved as the undersigned in seeing this facility finally open to the public.

Sincerely,

Jack C. Delius  
General Manager of  
Parks and Recreation

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CC: All members of the Aldermanic Parks Committee

