



# Neighbors

## Monthly Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of the Lake Claire Neighborhood Association

Written and distributed by volunteers since 1991

### Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.

Frazer Center - 1815 S. Ponce de Leon  
(or use back entrance at the end of Ridgewood Road)  
Auditorium in front of building

#### Agenda

\* *Denotes issues which may be voted upon at meeting; please read accompanying articles within newsletter for details.*

- **Announcements**
- **Officer's Reports**
- **Variance Request - 367 Ivy Place\***
- **Election for VP Planning\***
- **New Business**
- **Potluck Dinner**

### From the Executive Board by Dennis McCarthy, VP Finance

Only a few more days left! That's right, only a few more days until The third millennium, the twenty-first century, the year 2001. As a child I was fascinated with Arthur C. Clarke's vision--that by 2001 we would be putting astronauts into hibernation, sending them to Jupiter, and building big know-it-all computers with personalities.

Well that time has come, yet man has not even been to Mars, and instead of big computers we have little hand-held devices attached to a disparate global network. Big projects such as the

achievements depicted in the movie "2001"--or past wonders such as pyramids, cathedrals, monuments--are certainly possible, but require public commitment to such grand priorities. Instead, at least in my lifetime, the country has focused almost exclusively on private market driven progress. One is not morally better than the other, but I can take more pride in one St. Louis Gateway Arch than I can in several new suburban highways that quickly fill up with traffic congestion and chain restaurants.

A vision for the future of the Lake Claire Neighborhood requires one thing: your participation. We need neighbors--new and old alike--to come to general meetings and even volunteer for special projects and committees. We also need your financial participation, so please send in your **2001 dues**. These dues continue to be reasonable, voluntary, and vital for the implementation of projects in Lake Claire. Granted, we do not expect to build any grand monuments, but we want to be able to initiate playground, park, public safety, and beautification projects that may come forward as neighbors' priorities. We also want to continue the **security patrol**, especially with continued construction projects in the neighborhood--we are less likely to notice thieves when strangers in the neighborhood are a common sight. A dues invoice is include in this newsletter.

Remember that the December meeting is on Thursday the 14th at 7:30 pm. The main event is a **pot-luck dinner**, so please bring an appetizer, entrée, side dish, or desert. To ensure time for this legendary social event, business items have been limited to 10 minutes of discussion for each item (with up to 3 minutes for each speaker). On the agenda are two items. The election of **V.P. Planning** was tabled until this month. There is also a **variance request** for an access easement through 367 Ivy Place. Starting next month (2001 January) monthly meetings begin at 7:00 pm.

**Neighbors to undergo facelift** - last month, a newsletter committee was formed to manage editorial content, advertising and layout of the *Neighbors* newsletter. The committee would like to run regular **features** from such active neighborhood groups as the **Garden Club** and **Book Club**. We also request that neighbors share **special events** such as births, anniversaries, block parties - anything you'd like your neighbors to celebrate with you. Kids, please send in anecdotes, **cartoons** or games. Are you active in one of the neighborhood houses of worship? Tell us about relevant **happenings**. We also need updates from all representative **schools**.


**This is your newsletter - help us make it important to you!** Contact **Diane Moore (404) 373-6358** or **Pat Marsh (404) 373-8982**.

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**E-mail Alert!** - Lake Claire Neighbors introduces "Newscast," an e-mail based neighborhood news service. Newscast will feature hot topics and reminders for upcoming neighborhood events. To sign-up go to our website: <http://www.lakeclaire.org/>

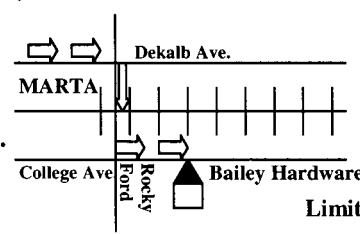
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### Message from the Treasurer

Lake Claire Neighbors is asking for your annual financial support. In the year 2000 your generosity and commitment to the neighborhood enabled LCN to achieve a number of goals that, in some cases, had been deferred for many years including:

- Installation of Neighborhood Identity Signs
- Introduction of a Welcome Flyer
- Incorporating and Achieving Tax-Exempt Status
- Initiation of a Website
- Acquiring a Post Office Box
- Printing this Newsletter
- Endowment of the Tour of Homes
- Continuation of Security Patrol

Many of these items were intended as infrastructure improvements to the neighborhood association. Now that these are in place we are ready to begin a new phase of neighborhood improvements such as playground, park, public safety, and beautification projects that may come forward as neighbors' priorities. Please help yourself by helping your neighborhood; it's where you live.

### 2001 Lake Claire Neighborhood Dues/Security Patrol Invoice

Neighborhood Dues .....	\$20.00
Annual Security Patrol Dues .....	\$50.00
(Or choose Installment Plan - Semi-annual Security Patrol Dues - pay in two installments of \$25.00)	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please remit to: Treasurer, Lake Claire Neighbors, P O Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107**

*Neighborhood Dues support the regular meetings and programs of Lake Claire Neighbors. In accordance with the organization's bylaws, any expenditures exceeding \$100 are voted upon by the general membership. Currently, LCN does not mandate dues payment as qualification for membership. Dues and gifts are not tax-deductible.*

*Security Patrol Dues pay for uniformed, off duty Atlanta Police Officers to patrol the neighborhood in unmarked vehicles. Their patrol shifts vary, and all activity is reported to the neighborhood Executive Committee. Contribution is voluntary, and you may remit in two installments. Please lend your support to this important program to ensure the safety and security of neighborhood homes, businesses and residents.*

With holidays coming up, crime may rise as well. Please be aware of your surroundings when going in and out of businesses. Also be careful when getting in or out of your car. I believe that one of the crimes above (1600 blk of McLendon) was actually a car-jacking. Also, notice unfamiliar trucks in your area. Recently a neighbor of mine had his house robbed, with so many things taken that the robbers had to have had a truck pulled up in his driveway. A friend later said that he had seen a truck there, but figured that work was being done on the house. (This happened during the day.) The only way to prevent this type of crime is to watch out for each other. When you see unfamiliar vehicles, at LEAST take down the tag number. If you are able, watch to see if anything appears to be happening at the address. If people appear to be taking things out of the house, call 911, and let the police handle it.

~ Elizabeth Hamilton

October Crime Statistics:

Block of Crime Location	Offense Description	Date From	Date To	Time From / To
1500 MARLBROOK DR NE	LAR-ARTICLES FROM VEHICLE	2000-09-16	2000-09-17	23.00.00 08.30.00
1600 MCLENDON AVE NE	ATTEMPTED THEFT TRUCK/VAN/BUS	2000-09-30	2000-10-01	08.30.00 08.30.00
1600 MCLENDON AVE NE	BURG-FORCD ENTRY-NONRESID	2000-10-01	2000-10-01	00.01.00 08.30.00
1600 MCLENDON AVE NE	ROB-STREET-GUN	2000-10-01	2000-10-01	16.20.00 16.20.00
200 MATHEWS AVE NE	LAR-BICYCLE	2000-10-01	2000-10-01	01.00.00 08.30.00
1200 DOGWOOD CIR NE	ATTEMPT BURG-FORCED ENTRY-RES	2000-10-02	2000-10-02	22.30.00 22.40.00
400 HARDENDORF AVE NE	LAR-ARTICLES FROM VEHICLE	2000-10-02	2000-10-03	22.00.00 04.30.00
200 OXFORD PL NE	THEFT OF TRUCK/VAN/BUS	2000-10-06	2000-10-07	24.00.00 10.30.00
400 CLAIRE DR NE	LARCENY-FROM BUILDING	2000-10-09	2000-10-12	12.00.00 12.00.00
1700 ADOLPHUS ST NE	LAR-OTHR-FREE TEXT	2000-10-11	2000-10-11	09.00.00 11.00.00
0 CONNECTICUT AVE NE	AUTOTHEFT	2000-10-15	2000-10-15	19.00.00 19.00.00
200 HAMPTON TER NE	BURG-NO FORCD ENTRY-RESID	2000-10-17	2000-10-17	05.00.00 16.00.00
400 LEONARDO AVE NE	LAR-ARTICLES FROM VEHICLE	2000-10-17	2000-10-18	21.00.00 06.45.00
400 RIDGEWOOD RD NE	LAR-PARTS FROM VEHICLE	2000-10-17	2000-10-18	22.00.00 06.15.00
500 CLIFTON RD NE	LAR-ARTICLES FROM VEHICLE	2000-10-17	2000-10-18	23.00.00 07.00.00
500 CLIFTON RD NE	LARCENY-FROM BUILDING	2000-10-17	2000-10-17	22.00.00 22.00.00
500 CLIFTON RD NE	LAR-ARTICLES FROM VEHICLE	2000-10-17	2000-10-18	19.00.00 08.00.00
2000 MCLENDON AVE NE	BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-RES	2000-10-18	2000-10-18	08.00.00 08.00.00
300 NELMS AVE NE	LAR-ARTICLES FROM VEHICLE	2000-10-18	2000-10-18	13.50.00 14.00.00
600 CLIFTON RD NE	LAR-ARTICLES FROM VEHICLE	2000-10-18	2000-10-18	00.10.00 07.00.00
400 HARDENDORF AVE NE	THEFT OF TRUCK/VAN/BUS	2000-10-23	2000-10-24	17.00.00 07.00.00
200 SOUTHERLAND TER NE	THEFT OF TRUCK/VAN/BUS	2000-10-25	2000-10-26	23.00.00 07.00.00
200 HAMPTON TER NE	BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-RES	2000-10-27	2000-10-30	17.30.00 09.00.00
200 HAMPTON TER NE	BURG-FORCD ENTRY-NONRESID	2000-10-27	2000-10-30	17.30.00 08.00.00
200 HAMPTON TER NE	LAR-OTHR-FREE TEXT	2000-10-27	2000-10-30	17.30.00 09.00.00
200 OXFORD PL NE	LAR-BICYCLE	2000-10-27	2000-10-30	14.00.00 07.55.00
600 CLIFTON RD NE	LAR-OTHR-FREE TEXT	2000-10-27	2000-10-29	17.00.00 18.00.00
200 HAMPTON TER NE	THEFT OF TRUCK/VAN/BUS	2000-10-28	2000-10-28	01.00.00 11.15.00
400 LEONARDO AVE NE	THEFT OF TRUCK/VAN/BUS	2000-10-28	2000-10-28	12.00.00 12.00.00
1800 MCLENDON AVE NE	LAR-BICYCLE	2000-10-29	2000-10-29	18.00.00 21.00.00
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It has been a time of change at Mary Lin Elementary. As everyone is aware, the residents of McLendon Gardens have relocated, causing the loss of many students at Mary Lin.

As of the 16th of November, 53 children had withdrawn from the school, leaving approximately 20 McLendon Garden kids still at the school. A farewell party for departing students was held in October and each child was given a "goody bag" containing school supplies to help them get started at their new schools.

Ms. Cindy Smith, principal of Mary Lin, said it was an emotional time for both the students leaving and the friends they are leaving behind.

How will this affect the staffing of the school for the next couple of years? Ms. Smith said that for the remainder of this year it means that some of the classes are smaller. There will be no staff changes as of now. When she attends the Projection Meeting for APS in February 2001 she will have an idea of how the school will be affected for the school year 2001-2002. Ms. Smith stated that the school board will look at enrollment figures as of the 40th day of the 2000-2001 school year to determine staffing for the following year. This would mean that the number of students would be counted as of the end of September, 2000.

How does this affect the neighborhood? Ms. Smith said that she could open the school to administrative transfers but she would prefer to recruit students from the neighborhood who are currently attending other schools. She plans to become active in the neighborhood association meetings over the next few months to let every one know that there are openings and that Mary Lin is an alternative worth exploring.

As a 25 year resident of this neighborhood, I rejoice in our having a truly "neighborhood school", unlike some of our neighbors to the north whose kids go to mega-schools. If you have ever given any thought to checking out Mary Lin, now is the time to do it! Ms. Smith's phone number is 404-371-7158 and I can tell you from personal experience, she is always available to meet with parents and discuss the school and its students.


~ Susan Beeching

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**Variance Request**

Address: 367 Ivy Place

Owners: Jennifer Bowers and David Hutchison

Owners have applied for a building permit at above address. In order to obtain the permit, they will need a variance from the zoning regulations allowing for: 1) the elimination of the requirement of an **independent driveway** off of a public street and 2) **access** through a rear lot (legal easement required; subject property is landlocked).

Attendance required at the December meeting to vote on this request.

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