Happy Earth Day Gift for Lake Claire

Lake Claire has a new greenspace just in time for Earth Day! The wooded parcels, adjacent to The Frazer Center Forest on Harold Avenue, are home to the headwaters of the Fernbank Fork of Peavine Creek, numerous hardwood trees, and lots of wildlife, and were officially added to the City’s inventory of preserved greenspaces in March. Lake Claire Neighbors will manage the “Harold Avenue Greenspace,” for watershed protection and passive use, under a MOU with the City.

Many thanks to the scores of residents who recognized the ecological importance of the parcels, attended meetings with the owners, talked with City Council, wrote the Mayor, trekked to a Council meeting (a record 100+ LC homeowners!), and generally supported the effort. After nearly four years, the process is now final and the results are tangible -- a small but very important piece of land adjacent to 35 acres of old growth forest is preserved. Stroll by and listen to the birds sing!

We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our City Councilwoman, Natalyn Archibong, who made the purchase possible. She went more than the extra mile to support the wishes of her constituents (us!) and to protect the environment. We also are grateful to The Conservation Fund, which facilitated the purchase, and to the property owners who were willing to sell the land for the purpose of preservation.

We plan to celebrate with a street party in front of the greenspace in the Fall!

Congratulations, Lake Claire!

Kathy Evans - President, Lake Claire Neighbors

Think Globally, Refuel Locally: Biodiesel

by Troy Nielsen

In January 2006, Rob Del Bueno of Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE), a nonprofit nonpartisan organization promoting responsible energy choices, presented plans for a biodiesel filling station at a Lake Claire Neighborhood Association meeting. Since then, Rob has made progress on the filling station and other biodiesel operatives in Atlanta. When I spoke to Rob to get the latest on the station, it was clear that he’s passionate about providing biodiesel locally to make an environmental impact.

What’s in the tank? Rob gave a biodiesel primer, touching on chemistry, economics, and engineering. For more information, go to Cleanenergy.org, Grist.org, or Biodiesel.org (Official Site of National Biodiesel Board).

“Biodiesel” is different from “Petrodiesel” in that the former gets its energy from recent plant life matter (e.g. vegetable oil) while the latter is animal/plant matter converted to oil after millions of years of heat and pressure. Biodiesel can easily blend with petrodiesel to form B10, B20 ...B100. The number refers to the percent of biodiesel. For example, Rob blends biodiesel with petrodiesel to power Emory’s bus fleet with B20. Emory first tried B5, then graduated to B10 and now utilize B20. Eventually, Rob would like the buses to run on B100 using Emory’s own used fry oil in a closed loop system.

Editor’s Note: This article is Part I of III (to be continued in an upcoming issue of The Clarion).
Lake Claire Neighbors
General Meeting
Thursday, April 19, 2007
Social Time 6:30-7:00 PM (refreshments and beverage); meeting at 7:00 PM
The Frazer Center Atrium

GUEST SPEAKERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
* Welcome to new residents and first time attendees

CURRENT ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION
* Request for Freedom Park Conservancy donation; request for Board alternate.
* April 22 Mural Dedication and Earth Day event, request for extra hands to help with event.

OFFICERS REPORTS
*Public Safety report
*Treasurer’s report

LAND USE
* Update on rezoning request for 2068-2100 DeKalb Avenue (8 residential properties on DeKalb at Howard Circle); development group exploring alternative to current single family zoning.

VOLUNTEER & LCNA MEMBER REPORTS
*Anyone with issues or information they wish to bring to membership.

VOTING ITEMS: * None this month

LCNA – Meeting Highlights
Thursday, February 15, 18, 2007 @ 7pm
The Frazer Center Atrium
Prepared by Diane Moore, VP Finance

Attendance: Approximately 55 people.

Officers present: Kathy Evans, President; Diane Moore, Treasurer; Dan White, VP Zoning; Glenn Frankel, VP Communications; Jonathan Lewis, VP Environment; Boyd Baker, VP Fundraising; and Dan Wright, VP Public Safety.

Announcements/discussions included:
• Welcome to new residents and first time attendees.
• Introduction of officers and appointed representatives.
• Mural and Earth Day Celebration set for Sunday, April 22, 2007. 2 pm dedication at mural site; Land Trust Party to follow; Lake Claire Co-Housing also celebrating 10-year anniversary.
• We’re looking for volunteers to help with newsletter ad sales.
• Banner sales still coming in, but subsided somewhat.
• Glenn Frankel made a request for people to volunteer for the Movie Committee. The last movie played, The Sound of Music, was attended by about a dozen people; the previous one by about two dozen.
• Diane Moore, current LC rep for the Freedom Park Conservancy, requests a volunteer alternate.
on the FPC board and step into the role of neighborhood representative when her volunteer period expired in October of 2007.

• Kathy Evans talked about the volunteer position available as the neighborhood’s rep to the NPU.

• Tish Ganey has volunteered as new Clarion layout volunteer.

• Glenn Frankel spoke about neighbors renewing their membership and explained that this could be done on-line through the paypal link that he set-up.

Officers reports:

• Treasurer, Diane Moore, reported that accounts are steady.

• VP Zoning, Dan White, provided land use updates as follows:
  1. 288 and 292 Gordon Avenue variance request to reduce side yard setback between commercial and residential property from 20 feet to zero to construct 10 town homes; voted in Jan. by LCN: 22, no; 8 yes. (Variance v-313-06) will be heard at BZA Feb. 16;
  2. Request to rezone 2068-2100 DeKalb Avenue (9 residential properties on DeKalb at Howard Circle) from single family to MR3 to build 40 condominiums; presented as info only to LCN in Jan. POSTPONED until further notice.

Land use:

1. Dan White presented slides of 545 Clifton Road, where homeowners request a variance to construct an addition. The presentation was given by the architect, Cynthia Karegeannes. The request was for a variance (#V0724) to reduce side yard setback from required 17.5 feet for corner lot to 3 feet for second floor addition, and to 7 feet for 20-foot rear addition. LCN unanimously voted to support variance (51-yes), with the condition that driveway and parking pad be constructed of pervious material to limit the increase of impervious surface area on the property and therefore reduce storm water runoff.

2. Following the variance vote, a discussion of plans to construct a pool on the Horizon School property at 1900 DeKalb Avenue took place. Dan White explained that he had recused himself from previous discussions of this site, citing his membership on the City of Atlanta Tree Commission as a conflict of interest, but could now participate in discussion since the appeal to review the tree plan had been withdrawn. Scott Dunn, one of the developers of the pool along with two other pool representatives, answered questions and addressed neighborhood concerns regarding the proposed pool development.

Miscellaneous Items discussed:
A neighbor inquired about the helicopter flying over the neighborhood with floodlights. Dan Wright, VP Public Safety, said it was a routine practice and that neighbors should not be concerned.
Announcing The Frazer Center Spring 2007 Golf Classic

The Frazer Center will hold its 6th Annual Spring 2007 Golf Classic at East Lake Golf Club, hosted by Wachovia Bank Atlanta. The two main goals of this event are to raise money for the very special programs at The Frazer Center and to raise visibility of the vital services that The Frazer Center provides.

The Frazer Center is a nonprofit agency with a long-standing history of providing exceptional, quality services to infants, preschoolers and adults with physical and mental disabilities such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Down Syndrome and other genetic anomalies and global developmental delays. During the course of its fifty-eight year history, the Center has assisted children, adults and their families with therapeutic, educational and vocational services that maximize their potential for independence. In 1949, Mrs. James N. Frazer and Mrs. Mills B. Lane founded the Center because they refused to believe that children with cerebral palsy couldn’t benefit from remaining in the community and living with their families. Golf Committee: Justin Hayes Co-Chair, Christina Zubowicz Co-Chair Donna Philips, Vennie Owen, John Carpenter, Scott J. Gregory, Martha Taylor, Janet Berry, Cynthia Byrd Turner, Valencia McClinton.

Mark your calendars!
April 7, Saturday: 3rd Annual Candler Park K9 Fun Run at 9 AM
April 19, Thursday: LCNA General Meeting; Social Time 6:30-7:00 PM (refreshments and beverage); meeting at 7:00 PM The Frazer Center Atrium
April 20, Friday: Candler Park Sweet Water 420 Earthday Fest from 2 to 11 PM
April 21, Saturday: American Lung Association Climb Atlanta 2007; BentleyForbes-Bank of America Plaza, 600 Peachtree St. NE; Registration: OPEN: Feb. 12, 2007, CLOSE: April 17, 2007; FOR MORE INFORMATION: 770-434-5864 ext. 232, dbrazzell@alase.org 600 Peachtree St. NE
May 7, Monday: 6th Annual Spring 2007 Golf Classic at East lake Golf Club. For more info contact v.mcclinton@thefrazercenter.org; www.thefrazercenter.org
Happy Birthday Lucy!

May I present Miss Lucy Maya Cohen-Frankel of Harold Avenue who celebrated her first birthday on February 21, 2007. Upon her first meeting with a cupcake she reportedly indicated that cupcakes are pretty good and that her birthday should be celebrated more often. Thanks to Adam Cohen and Glenn Frankel for sharing this special event.

Something to Share?
Do YOU have a first birthday event or other noteworthy celebration to share? Please send it in to editor@lakeclaire.org.

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The Making of a Mural
by Dan White and Sarah Wynn

Three years ago, current Lake Claire Neighbors president Kathy Evans developed the idea for a watershed mural along DeKalb Avenue. Shortly thereafter, she discussed her idea with long-time Lake Claire resident Bill Fleming, who, unbeknownst to Kathy, had been involved in several mural projects in the past. Bill enthusiastically supported the idea, saying “let’s make it happen -- I know just the muralist to do it.” Kathy and Bill proposed the idea to the Lake Claire Neighbors, which also offered enthusiastic support.

Soon after the neighborhood association decided to pursue the project, Bill left for Wales to pursue a graduate degree. Kathy began successfully writing grants to fund the project, and the DeKalb Avenue watershed mural has blossomed from a dream to reality because of her untiring energy and inspired leadership. Kathy worked extensively with the muralist, David Fichter, wrote additional grants to fund the project, spoke to numerous different school and community groups about the effort, recruited volunteer painters, and more. No other LCN project has required the coordination and engagement of so many volunteers, so many hours of labor, so much cooperation from all segments of the community, and so much sheer determination.

The DeKalb Avenue site for the mural presented a creative challenge for muralist David Fichter and a physical challenge to all who worked there. Averaging a height of 12 feet and a length of over 400 feet, this mural is one of the largest public art displays in the city. Speeding traffic, heat and cold, little shade, and blustery winds required a significant physical commitment from those contributing their time, creativity, and artistic expression to this massive undertaking. And Kathy was there every day of the planning and painting to help set up and break down the work stations and secure the equipment, not to mention adding her own brush...
strokes to David’s design. She was also instrumental in suggesting people and places, flora and fauna to be included in the mural, and in finding subjects to pose as models for some of David’s ideas.

As truly beautiful as our mural is today, it is not just art for art’s sake. It tells a story often overlooked in our urban world, that of our connection to the natural world and all who live downstream. The DeKalb Avenue Watershed mural teaches us about our environment, inspires us to be better caretakers of our resources, and beautifies our transit corridor and our world. Those who contributed money and/or helped paint are grateful for the opportunity to work with neighbors, to learn something new, and to experience glowing moments of pride while walking or driving past the mural. Those who simply travel back and forth along DeKalb Avenue appreciate the beauty added to our daily journeys. For all of this we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Kathy Evans and her patient, supportive family. Thank you!
Thanks to the many, many generous donors who made the Watershed Mural possible! Please review the following list and let us know of any mistakes and omissions (mural@lakeclaire.org).

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Kathy Evans: “Neighborhood Friend and Coordinator Extraordinaire”

By Lucy Nielsen

Our community is the sum of things in our neighborhood—our homes, pets, gardens, parks, and of course, our neighbors. Indeed, the people in our neighborhood exert the greatest influence on the feel of our community. And some can influence and change the community itself. Kathy Evans is the poster child of a community member who influences and changes the community for the common good. While she’s known for her kindnesses in small ways—picking up groceries for a sick neighbor or rescuing a dog in the rain, the Watershed Mural on DeKalb Avenue is a great example of community change spearheaded by Kathy. Although the accompanying article details her efforts to build the mural, her son Logan captured the essentials: “My mama wanted to make a mural to teach people about the watershed. She is a great teacher. She worked hard to make the mural and get other people to help make it.” But the mural is just a glimpse of Kathy’s recent accomplishments. Let’s switch gears to the back roads of Kathy’s life . . .

A seventh generation Georgian, Kathy was born in Milledgeville in 1964. She lived in Gordon, Macon, and Morrow before moving to Conyers when she was in the third grade. As a child, Kathy loved spending time with her extended family in the rural counties just east of Macon. She spent many summer days in Irwinton, hiking to Bear Camp Lake and beyond. Kathy first saw the ocean on beautiful Jekyll Island, which she is now working to protect from over-development.

When it came time for college, Kathy opted for the three year plan. She spent one year at Oxford College of Emory University and the next two at Emory, graduating in 1985. She studied epidemiology as a graduate student at Emory, receiving a Master of Public Health degree in 1992.

In 1988, Kathy and her partner, Susan Casey,
bought their first house in Lake Claire. They left Atlanta in 1993, moving to Austin, Texas for three years, and then on to Chicago for five years. In Austin and Chicago, Kathy worked in the environmental health field and volunteered in her communities, working for the re-election of Ann Richards in Texas, and serving as a Guardian Ad Litem in Chicago.

In the summer of 1999, Kathy’s and Susan’s son Logan was born and the next year, the whole family moved back home to Lake Claire. Kathy became a full-time mom upon returning to Atlanta, but also got busy protecting the environment in Atlanta and beyond, helping other people, and creating beautiful things like murals! She has been a very active community member: Founder and Advisory Committee, “Keeping It Wild;” Founder and Keeper, “Friends of the Frazer Forest;” and several positions on the executive committee of our neighborhood association, Lake Claire Neighbors, including her current role as President. She was also instrumental in the City’s acquisition of the Harold Avenue greenspace.

Her dedication to the community was recently recognized by the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board, which honored Kathy with the 2006 Community Service Award for Neighborhood Planning Unit N and specifically cited her work with the mural.

Even though she’s involved in many different projects and groups, Kathy Evans knows how to have fun. Kathy enjoys gardening and loves to go hiking, canoeing, stargazing, beachcombing, and bird/animal watching – anything that involves being out in the natural world. Her favorite food by far is Thai, and her favorite vacation spot is Joseph, Oregon (or, wherever she last went and spent a lot of time outside!).

Many people will start something and not finish; not so with Kathy Evans. She is able to go full throttle without losing any steam or enthusiasm. Thanks for being who you are Kathy!
Thank You to Clarion Distribution Volunteers!!
A big hearty “thank you” goes to Clarion carrier volunteers, both new and seasoned, for taking the time every month to deliver the newsletters. There are new volunteers that have taken routes of recently “retired” volunteers. The new volunteers are Jennifer Sams, Rose Goff, Carol Gordon, and Stephanie Bialek. Also, thanks to “retired” volunteers for their time too! Recent retirees are Deborah Brookshire, Sam Shober, and Dan Salmond. Without the volunteer carriers, the newsletter would “get nowhere”. Thanks again!

Submitted by Troy Nielsen, Distribution Coordinator

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ALOHA from Pat Goese-Marsh

Hey I saw in the February newsletter – the online version - that some neighbor wondered why there are no local stories/pix/gossip in the paper!!! Well that means he can just step up to the plate and do it!!!! Why not? It’s easy and fun!

Seriously I think the newsletter is looking great. You are to be commended for getting it together and out to the mailboxes every month. And I used to do ads and delivery too. Good exercise and you get to know the neighbors!! Anyway miss the ‘hood and all my friends and of course petsit clients. Mahalo nui loa.

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62, 63, or 64 years old?
Or know someone who is? Lake Claire neighbor Lydia Ogden (the blue house with the white fence on Lakeshore) would like to connect with fellow Lake Claireians who are 62, 63, or 64 years old. Lydia is conducting a research study at Emory to understand how people learn about Medicare’s new prescription drug benefit and what their opinions are about it. Participation is voluntary and should take less than 30 minutes. You can choose where you’d like to participate; she will meet you in a convenient location near you or you can come to Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health. Please contact Lydia at 404-213-0187 or by email at logden@sph.emory.edu to learn more or to sign up. Or just drop by the house if you’re out walking! Her snail mail address is: Lydia Ogden, Dept of Health Policy and Mgt, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory Univ., 1518 Clifton Road NE, Room 623, Atlanta, Georgia 30322.

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Lake Claire Security Report
Submitted by Dan Wright - VP Safety
Most of our incidents over the last few weeks involved car break-ins. Do a little research on the internet and you will find that most advice about car break-ins focuses on two topics: don’t make it easy, and don’t make it tempting. Be sure to lock your doors and keep those windows up. Also, do not expose property in plain sight. Sometimes, as in many of the crimes reported below, there is not much more that can be done; if someone is determined to break in to a car, all he really needs is a brick. But if your car is the only one that is unlocked in a row of 10 cars, which car do you think will be missing a radio the next day?

Keep an eye on the crime and the time
January, February and early March 2007 crime stats (Weeks 3-6 2007) for Lake Claire and Closely Surrounding Areas
Date -- Time -- Block Address -- Description

ASSAULT
Friday – 2/16 – evening – 700 block Clifton Rd – Victim was at bus stop. Driver of black Ford Focus got out of car, put hand on mouth of victim, and attempted to force her into car. Victim resisted and fled to safety. Suspect: white male, brown hair.

AUTO THEFT
Saturday – 2/10 – overnight – 500 block Claire Dr – 1995 Olds

LARCENY FROM AUTO
Tuesday – 1/22 – 7:30 a.m. – 200 block Arizona Ave – Rear passenger side vent window of 1984 Mercedes smashed, electronic equipment taken.

LARCENY
Monday – 2/5 – 3:30 a.m. – 500 block Lakeshore Drive – Witness saw suspects in neighbor’s vehicle, radio had been removed from car. Two suspects: (1) black male, 20-25 YOA, wearing red jacket and white skull cap; (2) black male, 20-25 YOA, wearing tan jacket and hat.
Sunday—2/4-2/6 – 500 block Claire Drive – 1993 Electronic equipment removed. No signs of forced entry. Crime occurred sometime over 3 day period.
Monday – 2/5 – 1:00 p.m. – 200 block McLendon Ave – 1993 Electronic equipment removed. No signs of forced entry. Crime occurred sometime over 3 day period.

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LARCENY – OTHER
Sunday – 1/14 – 12:58 p.m. – 1300 McLendon Ave – Recycle bin stolen.
COMMERCIAL BURGLARY
Friday – 1/26 – overnight – Intersection of Dekalb Ave with Dekalb Place – Lock of trailer broken, furniture, tools, clothing and other miscellaneous property stolen. Prints recovered.

***Special Note—Identification of Suspects: All information relating to the identification of any suspects as reported by the police to us is included in this report. The goal of providing descriptions is to aid in the arrest of the identified suspects; hence, all identifying information whatsoever is included. Where information appears to be missing, it is because it was not reported and not because it has been edited by this organization.

Lake Claire Park to be closed for re-seeding
Lake Claire Park is scheduled for rehabilitation (who isn’t) and re-seeding. The City anticipate that the field will be closed until March, 2008. These improvements affect 45 fields throughout the city. Alternative sites for certain activities are being made available through the city Reservationist (404-817-6757). Budget considerations were cited as the reason so many parks were being affected at the same time.

In case you had not noticed, we are really proud of our mural! Here are a few more close ups.

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