Technical sales rep, Culinary Arts graduate, Americorp teacher, long distance truck driver, music and sound man, veteran, “avid reader,” Toastmaster Chapter founding member, “flare for interior design.” What do these occupations and descriptors bring to mind? Friends, neighbors, people you know? Neighbors, indeed! Each occupation and avocation is associated with a homeless man who found help and support at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries this year at a critical time in his life. The program at Clifton, which began in 1979 as a service of Clifton Presbyterian Church in the heart of Lake Claire, celebrated 29 years of service to homeless men this Fall.

In October, for the fifth year in a row, Lake Claire Neighbors purchased a table at the inspirational Anniversary Celebration and “Graduation” Ceremony for men who have moved through the program this year to find permanent employment and housing. The program began when members of Clifton were horrified by the death of a homeless man on the street of Atlanta on a bitterly cold night at a time when there were very few services for the growing number of homeless people in Atlanta. What began when the church literally opened the doors of its sanctuary to house those without homes has grown into Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, which today provides intensive counseling, a mandatory savings program, health services, as well as shelter for men who find themselves homeless. The program is not typical in that it accepts participants only by referral from other programs where the individuals are known and are identified as people who will benefit from the support Clifton offers. The beauty of Clifton is that it is small enough to offer intensive personalized services, solving one problem at a time and that it has had the staying power to continue to do this well over time. Clifton has served some 9,000 men in 29 years, addressing the specific needs of one person at a time.

To donate or volunteer, contact Alice James Jenkins, Executive Director, or Prince Davies-Venn, Case Manager, at 404.373.3253. Or contact Sarah Wynn at cliftonsanctuary@lakeclaire.org, Lake Claire’s liaison on the Clifton Board.

Here’s your chance to help The Clarion

Huge thanks goes to Troy Nielsen who has been The Lake Claire Clarion Distribution Coordinator for about 2 years now. We will be needing a new Distribution Coordinator after the first of the year. The job entails accepting delivery of newly printed issues monthly, preparing bundles for distribution to the delivery volunteers, and maintaining a current data base of routes and volunteers. If interested, please contact editor@lakeclaire.org.

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The Price of Water

By Jennifer Carlile, Assistant Manager of Public Relations, Department of Watershed Management

Clean water is a necessity that many of us take for granted. Although it would be inconvenient, we could theoretically do without electricity and gasoline. Water, however, is a requirement for life, which might account for the notion that water should be “free.”

Water is a product of nature, but the water treatment process is an expensive human endeavor that requires capital, infrastructure and expertise. For years, U.S. consumers have enjoyed artificially low water rates – rates that did not accurately reflect the cost of treating water. According to www.greenbuildings.com, the price of water is increasing worldwide. In a 2007 article on that website, Edwin Clark noted that, “Over the past five years, municipal water rates have increased by an average of 27 percent in the United States, 52 percent in the United Kingdom, 45 percent in Australia, 50 percent in South Africa and 58 percent in Canada.”

Clark points to three factors that affect the cost of water: demand, the cost of transporting water to users and price subsidies. In developed countries, treatment costs also drive up the cost of water. Infrastructure maintenance and replacement is a significant cost driver, especially for older cities like Atlanta. According to the American Water Works Association (AWWA), most of the water pipes in the United States were installed in the early to mid-1900s. Pipes generally have a lifespan of 50 years.

In the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) document, “Water and Wastewater Rates and Rate Structures in Georgia, 2007,” the authors emphasize that rate structures vary from municipality to municipality because they depend upon factors such as size of treatment plants, age of assets, type of water supply and customer base. The same document warns that “even when a utility customer base does not grow, operating costs rise every year.” Many municipal governments do not pass along the actual cost of treating water to customers; in other words, they subsidize the cost.

Water rates across the nation are beginning to reflect the true cost of clean water. These costs include the cost of treating the water for potable use, collecting and transporting the wastewater for return to the river or source, infrastructure maintenance, staffing and other costs associated with a 24-hour operation. According to GEFA, “pressure to maintain low or relatively low [water and sewer] rates forces many utilities to avoid making necessary operational and capital expenditures.”

In 1998, following a law suit for violation of the Clean Water Act, Atlanta was forced into action after years of neglect, and began a nearly $4 billion dollar overhaul of its combined and sanitary sewer systems and other water infrastructure. Atlanta must complete the repairs and upgrades to its sewage collection systems by 2014, according to the terms of a federal Consent Decree.

To date, the City of Atlanta’s Department of Watershed Management has:

- Constructed the Nancy Creek Tunnel, which has reduced sanitary sewer overflows by 60 percent;
- Inspected more than 1,000 miles of sewer pipe and cleaned more than 250 miles of sewer lines, resulting in fewer pipe collapses, sinkholes and backups;
- Acquired more than 1,800 acres of greenways to protect 24 miles of streambanks;
- Completed sewer separation projects in three Atlanta communities, resulting in additional sewer capacity while reducing combined sewer overflows; and
- Replaced water mains in several Atlanta communities.

Despite ongoing efforts to secure funding assistance from state and federal agencies, Atlanta’s customers are footing most of the cost of the Clean Water Atlanta Program through higher water and sewer fees. On July 1, the second 4-year rate increase took effect, pushing Atlanta’s rates among the highest in the nation. The days of inexpensive water are behind us. Meeting the growing demand for clean safe drinking water will require sophisticated treatment systems, better asset management – with scheduled infrastructure maintenance and replacement, a qualified workforce and a little ingenuity. And it will require a new understanding about the true cost of the most precious and life sustaining resource on the planet – water.

Editor’s Note: This article was held pending a question and answer request regarding Department of Watershed Management issues, including a request for information on follow-up to the erratic installation of the new water meter covers, results of the pilot project preceding the water meter cover project, and an indication as to when water customers would be officially informed that they would no longer be able to turn off water at the street. While answers to the questions posed were not particularly satisfying, my meter and cover did finally get “fixed.” Got water issues? Call DWM at 404-658-6500.
Atlanta Tree Conservation Commission

The Tree Conservation Commission may not (yet!) be a “household word,” but it is steadily at work helping support Atlanta’s tree ordinance and championing the city’s urban forest resources. The Commission, made up of citizen appointees, reviews appeals when there are disagreements about decisions of administrative officials related to trees at monthly hearings. The Commission is also charged with helping prioritize spending of the Tree Trust Fund, which is made up of recompense paid by developers and homeowners when healthy trees are removed for building or landscaping activities, and fines paid for the illegal removal of trees. The Trust fund is utilized to (re)plant and maintain public trees in Atlanta.

Appointees to the Commission represent different walks of life, including slots for an architect, commercial and residential real estate professionals, a horticulturist, an arborist, and lay citizens from paired City Council Districts. Lake Claire’s own Dan White has represented our area’s paired Districts for the past three years and is currently serving another 2-year term.

According to Dan, the Commission has made great strides in his tenure, hiring a senior analyst to manage its day-to-day operations and to expand the work of the Commission beyond “night court for trees,” the Commissioners’ fond reference for its monthly hearings. The Commission is initiating a five-year plan to prioritize goals for management of Atlanta’s urban forest resources — in coordination with the City’s Arborist Division and the Parks Department, which are responsible for enforcing the tree ordinance as it pertains to trees on private and public lands, respectively.

Exciting aspects of the Urban Forestry Plan, currently in draft form, include initiating a detailed GIS-based tree canopy study to assess “what we have” and enable us to set canopy goals, identify planting priorities, and establish policies for the future. As part of the plan, the Commission also hopes to initiate a program to increase tree planting in every neighborhood in the city, offering native hardwood overstory trees to be planted within 15 feet of the right of way in front yards.

Shop or Swap? “Free”cycle?

Got somethin’? Want somethin’?

How often do you need or want something that would be handy or useful yet you just know that someone nearby probably has that thing just sitting around? Let’s share! To start things off, here’s my “wish” list: Cobble stones for a project in my yard, Old bricks, used garden hose (scrap is good, too), A chunk of granite (like a curb stone), an Inversion table. I have extra: Roll roofing
Sky lights
Bags of play sand
Plantation shutter panels
Aluminum flashing
Roofing nails
Rain barrel

If you’ve got it or want it, call 404-377-2288 and let’s make a deal.
Watershed Mural Awareness got a boost last month through the efforts of Lake Claire storyteller Barry Stewart Mann. Barry received a grant from the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs to develop and tour an original storytelling program titled “Native Waters Speak: Stories of the Watershed Mural.” Barry participated in planning for the mural, and co-facilitated a children’s story and art workshop to generate ideas for the design. He also lives in Lake Claire CoHousing, adjacent to the mural. Barry included stories inspired by and illustrated with images from the mural, and ended up with a blend of folklore, history, and information about the plants, animals, waters, land, and people depicted in the mural including: a Cherokee story about the relationships among humans, plants, and animals; a speech by an Ocmulgee brave announcing the arrival of European settlers; a narrative about the fascinating life of bridge builder and former slave Horace King from the perspective of his friend and former master; a story from Uncle Remus about how Brer Turtle tricked Brer Bear; and reflections of an oysterman raking the beds of the Apalachicola Bay. Woven throughout is a great deal of environmental awareness.

Lake Claire photographer Randall Connaughton, who photographed the mural during its creation, loaned slides of beautiful mural details to illustrate Barry’s narrative (www.connaughtonphoto.com). Jai Shanti Yoga (jaishantiyoga.com) generously loaned its projector for the project. Barry targeted nearby audiences who likely pass the mural frequently but might not know its meaning. More than 700 people saw the show at twelve performances that took place at Mary Lin, Horizons School, The Atlanta School, Paideia, The Frazier Center, the Carver Boys and Girls Club, the Dekalb-Atlanta Senior Center, Waldorf School of Atlanta, and the Howard School. There was also a free public performance on Friday night, Sept. 26, in the First Existentialist Sanctuary, followed by a casual reception with refreshments donated by The Mercantile and San Francisco Coffee in the new Clifton Place, as well as biscuits supplied by, of course, the Flying Biscuit. Barry displayed a panoramic photo of the mural prior to the presentation so audience members could see it in its entirety. Afterward, everyone had a chance to reflect on the stories and the presence of the mural as a landmark in the community. Barry hopes to present the program at other venues to continue to spread awareness and enhance appreciation of this inspiring work of community art.

Letter to the Editor

Make Frazer Forest a Cell Phone Free Zone???

Most everyone who goes to Frazer Forest, our wonderful neighborhood woods, goes there to find some peace and quiet, to listen to the birds and to look for the owls, to unwind and renew. Nothing quite disturbs this uncommon peace in the heart of big city than hearing someone else’s cell phone conversation wafting through the trees. Or, when you encounter a neighbor on the trail, nothing quite inhibits face-to-face greetings or a few words of friendly conversation than a cell phone slapped up to someone’s ear while they pay attention to the far away, ignoring the here and now. Try putting the darn thing down for a few minutes (which is about as long as it takes to traverse Frazer Forest). Experience the quiet and the green, speak to your neighbors, and pay some attention to your dog, whose been waiting for you to come home all day for this walk in the woods. Disconnect and reconnect, how about it? – Susan Davis

An Update on the Life and Times of the Watershed Mural
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The Boy Scouts of local Troop 42, friends and neighbors worked hard in September to restore the Harold Avenue Greenspace. The two Saturday event was initiated by lifelong Lake Claire resident, Wesley Swift to serve as his Eagle Scout project. On the first day, the energetic volunteers were able to accomplish a streambed clean-up, the clearing of brush and sand bagging the erosion beneath one of the specimen oak trees along the streambed. On the second Saturday, the volunteers spread fresh wood chips along the street scape and constructed a 120’ long border fence with a new sign marking the area. By Wesley’s calculations, over 230 volunteer hours were spent in beautifying the space.
The LCN Greenspace Committee has high hopes for the newly acquired space. After years of concerted neighborhood effort and the help of local Councilwoman Nalyn Archibong, the wooded lots were purchased with city funding to serve as a conservation easement. The volunteer restoration effort hopefully will lead to neighborhood involvement to eliminate invasive plant species and replace with native flora. Harold Avenue Greenspace is just one more link in the green chain of parks in our community that keep our water and air clean for future generations. Learn more & view a slide show of the Eagle project visit: www.lakeclaire.org
You can help refugees this winter

Winter is fast approaching. Many of our clients already think it is cold. Our goal is to ensure that every client who arrived since May receives a jacket. Please ask your friends, family and community members to donate winter jackets. We gave 80 jackets away today but have well over 400 more people, most of whom are children, who need jackets. For more information on how you can help, contact Andrea Jones, Volunteer Coordinator, International Rescue Committee, 4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 201-C, Decatur, GA 30032, email her at Andrea.Jones@theIRC.org or call 404-292-7731 ex. 26, www.theIRC.org

More about the IRC

From the IRC (The International Rescue Committee) website.
The organization was founded after World War II through the inspiration of Albert Einstein. After World War II through the organization was founded after World War II through the inspiration of Albert Einstein. The IRC is at work in 42 countries, distributing life-saving aid, rebuilding devastated communities, establishing schools and training teachers, caring for war-traumatized children, rehabilitating health care systems, restoring lost livelihoods, reuniting families, strengthening the capacity of local aid groups and institutions, supporting good governance initiatives in post-conflict locations, and for refugees unable to return home and admitted to the U.S. resettlement program, helping them rebuild their lives in 24 cities across the United States. The IRC opened its regional resettlement office in Atlanta in 1979, at a time when many refugees from Southeast Asia were beginning resettled in the United States following the Vietnam War. Since then, the office has resettled more than 17,000 refugees from over 30 countries. The IRC provides a wide range of services to refugees in all stages of resettlement and seeks to promote each refugee family’s search for self-sufficiency. http://www.theIRC.org/where/united_states_atlanta

Winky: A Short Story

By Gay Arnieri

I was originally going to write a short piece on welcoming a new pet into the household, inspired by my very recent adoption of Winky. However she became ill with Parvo, a disease I had heard of but had no experience with until now. Here is her story.

I needed something more to take care of like a hole in the head, yet I felt like something was missing. A lap dog, of course. So as for most needs, I looked to the internet. Folks looking to “re-home” dogs can be found by the hundreds on Craig’s List, my new favorite source for just about anything. I eventually tired of folks trying to make a buck on unwanted animals and scams galore so I went next to several of the many rescue adoption sites, then ended up at the Humane Society on Howell Mill Road. While I was actually looking for a young adult dog, preferably small and somewhat fluffy, instead I was found by Winky, a tiny little baby something-or-other that kept coming to me like a yo-yo. Sometimes I think I must go around with “sucker” stamped on my forehead. She curled up under my chin, closed her eyes, and waited quietly. That’s all she wrote.

Parvo is a serious pet illness. Dogs’ vaccinations routinely include inoculation against this highly contagious viral disease of the intestines. Sometimes immunity does not protect the animal in adequate time after exposure. Parvo first attacks the intestines, breaking down the tissue lining the gut. The animal will experience loss of appetite, vomiting, malaise, abdominal pain, dehydration and bloody diarrhea. Once the digestive track is damaged, infection escapes into the abdomen and breaks down any and all tissues, eventually killing the animal. It is a painful and deadly disease. It’s course is an eloquent if not gritty argument for timely vaccination of your pets.

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What are you feeding your dog?

After Winky’s brush with the Grim Reaper I decided to start feeding my dogs home made food that is easy on the digestive system, particularly to give Winky a better and more speedy recovery. Here is some helpful information I found on the internet plus some from our own experience:

Dog Food Recipes

In general, dog food should comprise 1/3 protein from meat, fish, eggs or dairy products, 2/3 grains and vegetables. My vet recommended mixing this or similar recipes with dry food to make sure that supplemental vitamins are included. I also want my dogs to have the crunchy food to benefit their teeth.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups water
- 1 pound ground turkey or a can of Salmon
- 1 cups brown rice
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary
- Garlic if desired
- 1/2 (16 ounce) package frozen broccoli, carrots and cauliflower combination or a can of green beans or carrots

Directions:

Place all the ingredients into a large Dutch oven. Stir until the ground turkey is broken up and evenly distributed throughout the mixture; bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to low and simmer for 20 minutes. Add the frozen vegetables, and cook for an additional 5 minutes. Remove from heat and cool. Refrigerate until using.

As with human diets, variety is a good thing. Alternate proteins, veggies, and add oatmeal for variety. My dogs love this stuff and their coats are gorgeous. Winky is thriving and has gained 2 pounds on her little frame. No more ribs to see on her!

Hummingbird Lane

Take a look at these birds! This woman lives in a Hummingbird fly zone. As the birds migrated, about 20 of them were in her yard. She took the little red dish, filled it with sugar water and this is the result. The woman is from Pine, Louisiana. She has been studying the hummingbirds daily and one morning put the cup from the feeder, with water in it, in her hand; as they had gotten used to her standing by the feeder they came over to her hand. She says in touching they are as light as a feather. – Sent in from the internet
Lake Claire Safety Report

September-October 2008 Crime Statistics (Weeks 37-40)
KEEP AN EYE ON THE CRIME AND THE TIME!

AUTO THEFT
9/29(21:20) – 9/30(09:00) Tue Morn - 200 blk Connecticut Ave NE
Honda Accord
Someone stole the victim’s vehicle.
9/7(23:30)-9/8(06:00) Mon Morn -400 blk Claire Dr NE
Jeep GC
Victim reports that someone stole his vehicle.
9/7(17:30) 9/8(08:00) Sun/Mon 15 hour time frame -1900 blk Tuxedo
Honda Civic
Someone smashed the rear passenger’s side window on the victim’s vehicle and damaged the ignition. Prints attempted

BURGLARY
Witness reported seeing the suspect attempting to enter the victim’s home through a partially open side window. The suspect left the scene as the witness was calling 911. Victim stated nothing had been taken.
Taken: Nothing
Suspect: B/M, 6’00”, 190lbs, 15-18YOA
Suspect: B/M, 5’05”, 145lbs, 15-18YOA
9/25(08:30-10:30) Thurs Day -200 blk McLendon Ave NE
Someone pried open a bedroom window on the victim’s home, entered, and removed property.
Taken: Laptop, cellphone/PDA
Prints attempted
9/24(10:00-14:00) Wed Day - 300 blk Nelms Ave
Someone lifted up a rear window to the victim’s home, entered, and removed property. There were no signs of damage on the window.
Taken: Pearl necklace, rosary beads.
Prints attempted
9/19(19:00) – 9/20(09:56) Fri/Sat 14 hour time frame - 1800 blk New York Ave
Someone removed property from the victim’s garage after he left the door open.
Taken: CD player, weed eater, pressure washer, miter saw
No prints taken, the garage is a work area.

ENTERING AUTOMOBILE
10/1(21:00) 10/2(07:34) Thurs Morn - 200 blk Southerland Ter
10/1(21:00) 10/2(07:34) Thurs Morn - 200 blk Lakeshore Dr
The vehicles were rummaged through, but nothing was taken.
Taken: Nothing
Prints attempted
9/12(00:00-07:00) Fri Morn.- 400 blk Lakeshore Dr
2003 Jeep WRG
Someone entered the victim’s unsecured vehicle and removed property.
Taken: Tom Tom GPS, I Pod
Prints attempted
9/12(00:00-07:00) Fri Morn.- 400 blk Lakeshore Dr
2003 Green Toyota HGH
Victim reports that someone broke the passenger’s side window and removed property.
Taken: Blackberry car charger, Garmin GPS.
Prints attempted
9/23(23:00) - 9/24(07:52) Wed Morn- 500 blk Lakeshore Dr
2001 Ford EPD

Passenger’s side windows on both vehicles had been smashed. The vehicles were rummaged through, but nothing was taken.
Taken: Nothing
Prints attempted
9/23(18:30) 9/24(08:00) Tue/Wed 14 hour time frame – 2100 blk Palifox Dr
2003 Volkswagen Jetta
Someone smashed the passenger’s side window on the victim’s vehicle.
Taken: Nothing.
Prints attempted
9/15(02:30-17:30) Mon 17 hour time frame - 500 blk Lakeshore Dr
2003 Jeep WRG
Someone smashed the passenger’s side window on each vehicle and removed property.
Taken: I Pod charger
Prints attempted
9/6(2130)-9/7(0020) Sun Morn-1700 blk Indiana Ave
2003 Green Toyota HGH
Victim reports that someone broke the passenger’s side window and removed property.
Taken: GPS
Prints recovered and turned into APD ID
9/12(00:00-07:00) Fri Morn- 2000 blk Palifox Dr
1999 Nissan ALT
Someone smashed the front driver’s side window on the victim’s vehicle and rummaged through it.
Taken: nothing.
Prints attempted

THEFT
9/30(08:54) 10/2(08:00) Tue/Thru 2 day frame- 1700 blk McLendon Ave NE
Victim states a FedEx package was taken from his back porch.
Taken: Laptop

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Bad enough to lose Winky, but far worse to have passed Parvo on. Tuesday afternoon I was told by staff at the animal clinic that Winky was mildly improved, had not vomited and was now eating a little; a modest improvement. Wednesday and Thursday see-sawed with Winky continuing with fluids and antibiotics. I was not allowed to visit and mused her mightily, thinking about the baby alone in the hospital. Friday I visited and got to spend some time with her. She wagged her tail, gave a few baby kisses and settled back in under my chin for a snuggle. No diarrhea or vomiting, but no voluntary eating either. So she spent the weekend in the clinic. Thankfully she looked better than I was expecting. By Monday she was eating well and was discharged. With great relief we brought her home to rejoin our “pack”. Though I anticipated starting over again with her in terms of her routine, etc., she acted like she had never left.
From Lake Claire Parents Association
Well, November is proving to be a very busy month! I am changing the time for our next meeting to Sat, November 22nd at 11:00 am. 2042 McLendon Ave NE 404-377-2772. Thanks, Hannah Denmark.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries
Many thanks to all who notice the sign on McLendon that lets us know what this month’s needs are. Items listed are truly needed and the response has been generous. Please continue to keep the needs of CSM in mind and many thanks for your help!

A Big THANK YOU to Roger Swift for the great centerspread photo essay in this issue!

“Dressing For Success” is the key to loads of Halloween Fun!

Leaning Toward Renovating?

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