



Lake Claire's Got Rhythm! Lake Claire's Got Music!

Yes indeed, we certainly do—in the persons of four talented women who nurture the gifts of rhythm and music in our neighborhood's youngest residents.

If you're a parent, you probably already know Ms. Laura, Ms. April, Ms. Julie, and Ms. Emily. These energetic ladies offer a plethora of classes tailored to the needs of children from newborn through eight years old.

From language skills to motor coordination, movement to pitch, these classes lay the treasures of rhythm and music at your children's feet. If you don't already know these ladies, then the *Clarion* would like to introduce them to you now.

Julie Vazquez Musikal Kids

(404) 492-5193

www.musikalkids.com

Location: Scott Boulevard Baptist Church, 2532 North Decatur Road, Decatur

Ages: Newborn to eight years old

Class length: 30 minutes, 45 minutes, or an hour, according to age

Sessions: 8 weeks, starting in August

Cost: \$60-\$130

In Ms. Julie's classes, younger children experience class time with their parent. Older children's classes are designed for



Ms. Julie playing instruments with her students.

drop-off, with parent participation at the end of class.

All of Ms. Julie's classes are designed to develop your child's ability to sing in pitch, to keep rhythm, and to create a lifelong love of music.

When not teaching classes at the church location, Ms. Julie is busy teaching music to all of the City of Decatur pre-K classes at College Heights and spending time with her husband and her

own three small kids.

Laura Gary Little Songbirds Music

(678) 462-0237

Location: Episcopal Church of the Epiphany or First United Methodist Church of Decatur

Ages: Newborn to four years old

Class length: 50 minutes

Sessions: 6 weeks, starting in fall 2010

Cost: TBD

Children and caregivers come to Ms. Laura's classes for musical enrichment, fellowship, and fun. Here they sing, dance, clap, tap, march, chase bubbles, swing with scarves, bang drums, use instruments, and employ a number of other props to help bring the physical connection to music. The superb mix of songs includes tunes for both little ones and grown-ups, all appropriate and enriching.

Ms. Laura is richly rewarded every day of music class by the smiles of joy on the children's faces. A mother of two young children, ages three and four, she is finishing up a master's of arts in teaching.



Ms. April, top left, with her students and parents.

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Emily Zdan Kindermusik

(404) 441-1614
www.kindermusikwithemilyzdan.com

Location: Leapin' Lizards, 185 Sams Street, Decatur

Ages: Newborn to seven years
Class length: 45 or 60 minutes
Sessions: 8 to 15 weeks, starting in September

Cost: \$90-\$190
Kindermusik is a music and movement program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and big kids; you and your child will play, listen, and dance to musical

activities specifically designed to stimulate early childhood development and strengthen neural pathways in your child's mind. Ms. Emily truly loves creating fun, engaging, and educational music classes for families. She feels blessed to be able to combine her two passions for music and children by teaching as a licensed Kindermusik educator!

April Groom The Learning Groove

(404) 216-8459
www.thelearninggroove.com

Location: Classes held in a private Lake Claire home

Ages: Newborn to four years old

Class length: 45 minutes
Sessions: 8 weeks, starting September 16

Cost: \$145
These parent/child classes are a joyful way to help your child develop his or her full music potential, language skills, motor coordination, and so much more!

Ms. April is a longtime lover of music and enjoys teaching, being silly, singing, and connecting with children and their parents.

She plays trumpet, guitar, and piano and has been teaching for the Learning Groove in Lake Claire for two fun-filled years. She's recently a new mom to Coltrane, a nine-month-old baby boy, and she now knows first-hand just how important music is in a child's life!

So the next time your daughter or son snaps those fingers and wriggles those toes in time to the tune wafting through the radio, consider signing up for one of these delightful classes.

As the song says, "Who could ask for anything more?"



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Curb Appeal

With the warm weather comes yard work. Sometimes major yard work. Here in Lake Claire, we are fortunate to live in a wonderful neighborhood where we park on the street and have sidewalks and city garbage pickup. Lately, there seems to be a gap between the yard trimmings and the yard waste city pickup. So when we walk along our sidewalks or try to park on our streets, we encounter piles of yard trimmings. Sometimes these piles stay put for weeks on end, making the overall curb appeal of the neighborhood decrease.

Don't fret! There is a solution, and an easy one. There are numbers we can call to report these piles or request the city to make a special trip out to retrieve our yard waste, and even old discarded furniture, which is also appearing more frequently with spring cleaning and house reconstruction.

For yard and trash pickup: (404) 330-6333, www.atlantaga.gov/media/trashgarbage_102004.aspx

For curbside recycling: www.atlantaga.gov/government/publicworks/dpwrecyclingprogram_08192008.aspx

Please keep these numbers on hand and use them, either for yourself or for a neighbor who might have misplaced them. And let's help the city pickup folks want to keep our streets clean by making it easy for them to pick up our piles: gather sticks and branches into small bundles tied with string and fill yard bags to an appropriate level. Making a conscious community effort to maintain the curb appeal of our eclectic and friendly neighborhood can only benefit us by attracting more conscious and environmentally friendly new neighbors. And it will help us enjoy more scenic walks through the 'hood!

— A neighbor

Safety Report

June 2010

BURGLARY
Mon 6/7 (10:30–10:45 am)—1900 block DeKalb Ave. NE,
parking lot

2002 Ford Explorer
Someone damaged the driver's side door lock and stole listed items. Taken: \$1,450 cash. Victim lives in Stone Mountain.

CARJACKING
Mon 6/7 (11:36 pm)—300 block Gordon Ave. NE

Victim 1: W/F, 33 YOA
Victim 2: W/F, 25 YOA
Weapon: Handgun

Victims advised they were sitting in their vehicle at location when 2 B/Ms approached. One of the suspects tapped on the window with a handgun and said, "Give it up." Both victims got out of the vehicle, and the two suspects got in, along with two other B/Ms who got into the backseat. All four suspects fled in the victim's vehicle.

Taken: 2006 Mazda MZ3, GA Tag# AGM9229
Suspects: 4 B/Ms



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Visit www.lakeclaire.org to sign up for the newscasts—timely updates on happenings in Lake Claire!

Live, Eat, Share

A Neighbor Launches the Lake Claire Meal Share

Inspired by all the babies being born in the neighborhood, Palifox resident and mom of two Claudia Tillman has organized the Lake Claire Meal Share. Here's the concept, in her words:

I would like to introduce the Lake Claire Meal Share—just an organized way to spread neighborly love to those who have welcomed babies, are battling illness, or are in some other need and could use home-cooked (or take-out!) meals delivered to their doorstep.

If you are interested in preparing a meal for someone in the neighborhood, or if you know of someone who might benefit from the meal share, contact Claudia at claudiatillman@yahoo.com. Let's get the circle of food started!

From the Editor

We've had some changes at the *Clarion*, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank-you and a hearty welcome to three amazing folks.

Tish Ganey, our longtime layout designer (three-plus years!), stepped down from her post in June to tackle some new opportunities in work and 'hood. No one knew the *Clarion* the way Tish did, and she was a true pleasure to work with—always positive and inventive when it came to the paper and other neighborhood events, like the yard sale, which she helped organize. Tish's thumbprint will always be on these pages, and

we'll miss her here. But she'll still be contributing in a big way as VP of Communications for Lake Claire Neighbors. If you see her around, be sure to say thanks for her years of service. Thank you, Tish!

Taking over as designer for the paper is **Tim Harrison**, who jumped in with both feet and has been a wonderful addition to our volunteer staff. The transition from Tish to Tim has been seamless, and we're looking forward to making some changes to the format and trying new things in the coming months with him at the helm. Tim is an architect by

trade, so he's perfectly suited to puzzling out the layout of our paper.

Last but not least, **Katie Brady** has been managing the distribution of the *Clarion* for a few months, and she's got the job down pat. You may see her around the neighborhood, delivering stacks of papers to our fantastic delivery staff with her two beautiful children in tow. If you do, please give her a well-deserved thank-you.

Without these tremendous volunteers, as well as ad woman extraordinaire **Emily Veazey**, our great neighborhood paper would be nonexistent. Thanks so much for your help and dedication!

2010 Lake Claire Home & Garden Tour Has a Website!

The home & garden tour website is up, thanks to our multitasking president, Glenn Frankel. Check it out at www.lakeclairehometour.com. In coming weeks, we'll be adding new information, photos, and links to tour sponsors, so check back often.

The tour committee has been meeting every couple of weeks to plan and organize the event. Committee members are contacting potential sponsors, collecting nominations, recruiting volunteers, and working with a generous and talented volunteer designer (Hannah Cross, a soon-to-be resident of Lake Claire) to create some eye-catching advertising for the event—see her gorgeous poster on page 5 of this month's paper. But we need your help!

How can you get involved?

Sponsor: The tour of homes committee is seeking businesses and individuals to join the sponsorship "Ski Team," which has three levels: Gold (\$500), Silver (\$300), and Bronze (\$150). To learn more about the benefits of each level, or to sponsor the tour, contact Cynthia Baer at cynthia@cynthiabaer.com.

Nominate: Fill out the nomination form, included in last month's *Clarion* and also posted on www.lakeclairehometour.com, to

nominate your home or garden or a neighbor's (please notify the homeowner before nominating the home). Homes of all styles and eras are welcome!

Volunteer: The committee is in need of volunteers to distribute posters, put up signs, spread the word, help out homeowners on the day of the tour, and clean up and pick up signs after the tour. Please contact the committee at tourofhomes@lakeclaire.org if you can help.

Donate: If your business is interested in donating goods or services to the tour, please contact Cynthia Baer at cynthia@cynthiabaer.com.

Attend: Put the tour on your calendar and plan to attend the first Lake Claire tour of homes in more than five years! This event and the post-tour reception benefit our neighborhood, our neighbors at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, and the Lake Claire Community Land Trust.

Remember: the 2010 Lake Claire Home & Garden Tour will take place on **Saturday, October 2**, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., followed by a fund-raiser event at the Land Trust, featuring food and live music, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Be sure to check out the home & garden tour website in the coming weeks for updates!

—Heidi Hill

Mark Your Calendar

30 July – 30 September: Fernbank Museum's IMAX® Theatre presents *Roar: Lions of the Kalahari*. Roar closely follows a lion pride in Botswana's Kalahari Desert. IMAX® ticket prices are \$13 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors, \$11 for children, and \$8 for museum members. Take advantage of IMAX® matinee prices, offered daily for 4 pm and 5 pm shows: \$9 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, \$7 for children, and \$6 for members. For information and show times, call (404) 929-6300, or visit the IMAX® section of the museum's website at fernbankmuseum.org. To order tickets by phone, call (404) 929-6400.

7,14,21,28 Aug: East Lake Farmer's (ELF) Market, 2nd Ave. and Hosea L. Williams Dr., 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

9 Aug: First day of school for APS!

19 Aug: Lake Claire Neighbors meeting, 7:00 p.m., Frazer Center atrium, 1815 S. Ponce de Leon (back entrance is at end of Ridgewood Road).

20 Aug – 22 Oct: One Twelve Gallery presents *One*, photography by Emily Dryden, Joe Martinez, and Aaron Pevey. Each image in *One*—whether portrait, still life, interior, or landscape—suggests a sense

of isolation that often inhabits the city dweller, for better or worse. Artists' reception on August 20, 7–9 pm, is free and open to the public. One Twelve

Gallery is located inside City Church—Eastside, in Suite 5 of the Stove Works lofts, at 112 Krog St., Atlanta, GA 30307. The gallery is open 11–4 Thursday–Saturday and by appointment. For more information, visit www.onetwelvegallery.com.

21 Aug: The Creative Loafing Highland Beer Fest, on North Highland Ave. between Elizabeth St. and Inman Village Pkwy. in Inman Park, noon–6 pm. The fest will feature over one hundred craft beers, both domestic and imported, delicious cuisine from nine local restaurants, and live entertainment. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. To purchase tickets or to volunteer, visit www.highlandbeerfest.com. The festival benefits the Inman Park Security Patrol, which provides Inman Park with public safety services. Review parking options on www.highlandbeerfest.com/parking, or take MARTA to the Inman Park/Reynoldstown MARTA station. ATL Cruzers, Atlanta's new eco-friendly

transportation service, will provide golf cart shuttles to the Inman Park MARTA station and neighborhood homes.

26 Aug: NPU-N meeting, 7:00 p.m., Little Five Points Community Center, 1083 Austin Ave. NE.

27-29 Aug: 7th annual Atlanta Underground Film Festival. Venues include Eyedrum, the Goat Farm, and the Highland Inn Ballroom Lounge. For details: www.auff.org.

28 Aug: Candler Park Screen on the Green. Showing *The Princess and the Frog* (rated G, 97 minutes). Festivities start at 8:30 p.m.

3-5 Sept: AJC Decatur Book Festival. Activities include authors' readings, lectures, book signings, discussion panels, a writers' conference, a poetry slam, book sales, cooking demonstrations, and activities for children, including a parade. Visit www.decaturookfestival.com for details.

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News from Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

The "Clifton Living" Housing Program Helps Men Get Home

Program Seeks Goods to Stock New Apartments

Thanks to the Reinvestment Act of 2009, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries was awarded funding that birthed the "Clifton Living" housing program. The program is primarily dedicated to assist homeless men secure permanent housing, but it also includes financial literacy education and job development.

We are so pleased to report that since October, Clifton Living has been successful in placing thirteen men in clean, affordable apartments close to their place of employment. We have been truly blessed by the outpouring of support from the community, and because of the continual need for basic household essentials, we are always grateful for the following items:

- Dinner sets: plates, bowls, cups
- Cutlery sets: forks, knives, spoons
- Cooking utensils
- Pots and pans
- Can openers and peelers
- Drinking glasses
- Sheets (for full-size beds)

The Clifton Living program has changed the lives of men who have experienced the boomerang effect of our economic times. It will continue in the same spirit that Clifton Sanctuary Ministries has operated in for the last thirty years.

—Mayme Grant, Clifton Living housing specialist



A Clifton Living participant entering his apartment.

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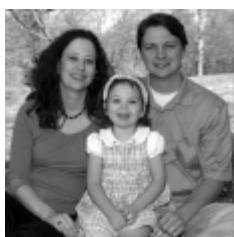
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On Legalese

“Fee simple.” “Res judicata.” “Joint and several liability.” What do these terms (and others like them) mean? Sometimes the law seems mysterious. Words and phrases appear almost magical, in the sense that their special legal meanings produce a result that might not seem to flow naturally from their common or literal meanings; and, in fact, lawyers are often accused

of using “legalese” intentionally to make things more difficult to understand. Interestingly, however, the intended use of terms of art is the exact reverse: in most cases, legalese is used in order to be as legally precise as possible.

So what can non-lawyers do to understand legalese better? Consider what you do when you’re evaluating an unfamiliar medical procedure. You ask questions,

acquire knowledge, and learn enough to make an informed decision. Similarly, in business and in our personal lives, greater understanding of the law—including terms of art—can produce better decisions.

Here’s an example:

When you bought your house (or signed any kind of agreement), you may have seen the phrase “for \$10 and other consideration” the seller agrees to sell to the buyer... etc. What’s the deal with the \$10? What’s “consideration,” anyway?

This language is in almost every contract for just about any product or service for the simple reason that our law of contracts, which goes back to English common law and predates America as we know it, is based on a system of exchange. In order to have an enforceable contract, you must exchange something for something else. The “consideration” is simply a recitation that one party is giving some “stuff” to the other party in exchange for something else. The \$10 was a useful little tool that lawyers started using in the nineteenth century to avoid vagueness—Hey, it’s 10 bucks that are being exchanged; no need to examine the transaction too closely, because you know at least that money is being given for something. There are actual court decisions that support the idea that, regardless of the actual deal or the written

contract (whether it’s one-sided or seems to be a gift rather than a real exchange of one thing for another), if it’s got this language, the contract will be enforced. As a result, you will almost always see this language at the beginning of a legal agreement. It is, in fact, good legal practice to include it.

Not too complicated, right? Not once you know what’s going on!

Come learn more and bring your questions about legalese to Neal & Wright LLC’s next seminar in our 2010 series, “Legalese Explained!” This free seminar will be held on Saturday, September 18, at 10 am at our office in Decatur. Please visit our website for more details: www.nealandwright.com. Coffee and food will be provided.

Be governed accordingly. (We hope you’ve never seen this phrase!)

—Dan Wright

Dan is a lawyer, Lake Claire resident, and former VP of Public Safety for LCN. Dan practices law with his wife, Sherry Neal.

Important Disclaimer: *This article is not legal advice and establishes no attorney-client relationship between the reader and writer, nor may this information be relied upon to make legal decisions. Everyone’s situation is different. Please consult an attorney before making decisions about estate planning, and, yes, we would be glad to speak to you!*

Buy a Treasure and Help Support the Granmaw Gordon Greenspace

Teri Stewart announces “Granny’s Estate Sale,” the proceeds of which will go to save the Gordon/DeKalb Avenue greenspace. The following vintage and antique items are currently for sale, as are many other items not listed. All items are a bargain at \$75 each. Everything offered is in good to excellent condition. Call Teri at (404) 373-7672 to inquire about these and others:

- Historic 1920s steel and wood child’s trunk, provenance at DeKalb History Center
- Set of five Japanese porcelain hand-painted plates from 1930s
- Silk-ribbon quilt wall hanging from the 1800s
- Large wall mirror from the 1950s
- Industrial Light & Magic collectible wristwatch from the 1980s, mint condition
- Large hand-crocheted white cotton quilt or tablecloth from the 1940s
- Butter-cream silk crepe yardage, perfect for wedding dress
- Circa-1900 cast-iron and porcelain bathtub
- Pair of 16”x24” oil-on-canvas abstract paintings

Also available for purchase to benefit the greenspace:

- 1990 Fiesta XRT Travel Van. Call Ted at (404) 307-6676. He will donate 10 percent of the sale to the greenspace.

- Brand-new deluxe gas grill; \$300 value, only \$200. Call Lee at (404) 378-8200.



One of five hand-painted plates from the 1930s.



Nineteenth-century quilt wall hanging



Historic child’s trunk.

Personal and Business Classifieds

Personal classified ads are free. Business classified ads are ONLY \$3 per line prepaid! For more info, contact newsletter@lakeclaire.org. To submit an ad by mail, send it to Lake Claire Neighbors, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107, and include a check made out to Lake Claire Neighbors. Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

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News from the Land Trust

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust celebrated the Fourth of July 2010 in its usual manner, with a cook-off, a potluck, and games for the young and the young at heart. "July 4 was a wonderful mix of neighbors, food, and decent weather," recalls Betsy Hoddinott, one of the organizers. "I'm so glad we do this!"

This year's cook-off theme was "Eggs," and entries ran the gamut: appetizers, breakfast dishes, frittatas, and desserts.



The cook-off winners: Debbie Livingston, Bill Szabrak, and Leigh Kirkland.

This year's winners were Bill Szabrak in third place for his Fudgy Brownies; Leigh Kirkland in second for her Egg Ice Cream and Candied Bacon Ice Cream; and Debbie Livingston in first place for her Quail Eggs with Trout Mousse. The first-place recipe is printed on the facing page, and all are available at www.LCCLT.org for those patriotic chefs out there.

The games, organized by Shannon Kettering, included egg races, won by Eddie Bell; three-legged races, won by Eddie and Peter Bell; and everyone's favorite, watermelon seed spitting, won by Reuben Haller for the



Enjoying the culinary delights.

second year running.

Big thanks to our devoted organizers, Liliane Spenle and Betsy Hoddinott. Suggestions for next year's cook-off theme can be sent to Liliane at tourqa11@earthlink.net. If you missed it, don't forget that the Land Trust hosts a community potluck on the thirteenth of every month at the gazebo.

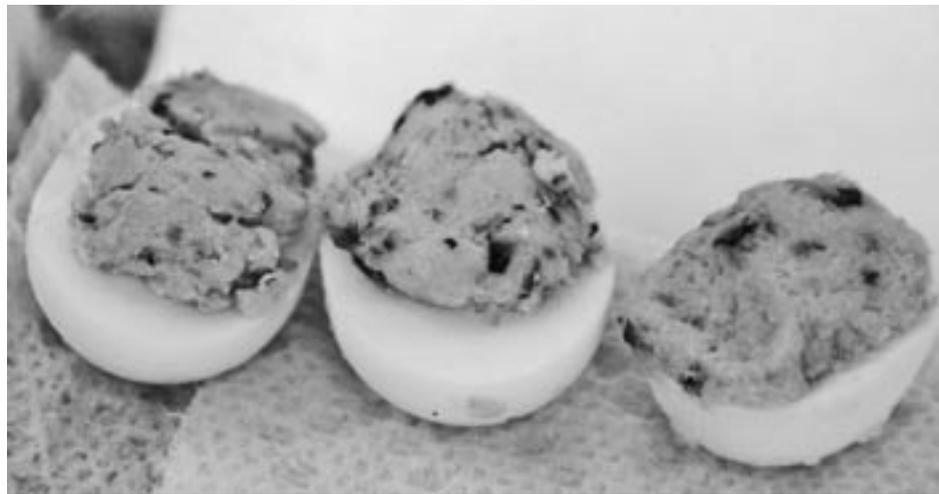
Coming up soon is our second annual tribute to Jerry Garcia, his life and music with the Grateful Dead, on Friday, August 6, from 7:00 p.m. to midnight (sharp!). Come out to enjoy music by Lake Claire's Bill Chandler and Webster Humpage, plus former Lake Claire resident David Bard and his band the Electric Cod Peace. A \$5.00 donation at the gate benefits the Land Trust, as do beverages and snacks at the Gorilla Grill purchased for \$2.00 each. Hats off to the Magic Hat Brewery for their generous support of the Land Trust! Pizza delivery menus will be available at the Grill during the event for those who want their favorite pizza pie.

We will also have vendors on the upper plaza area, with tie-dyes, handmade peace sign art, foot massages, face and body painting, and more. Bring hula hoops, juggling balls, glow sticks, colorful attire, soap bubbles, and any other silly toys, along with all your friends, to celebrate Jerry and the Dead. Happy birthday, Jerry, and thanks for all the years of music, culture, and art!

Next time you stop by the Land Trust, be sure to check out our newly installed retaining wall made of concrete railroad ties snaking along the DeKalb Avenue garden trail. Kudos go to Dan Salmond, Charlie Pope, Bob Arko, and Marc Perrone for its construction. Funds raised at the

Jerry Jam will cover the cost of tractor time used in creating this unique and ultra-green structure retaining the slopes around the Land Trust. We'll have more on this in the weeks and months to come.

In July, our new board of



The first-place dish, quail eggs with trout mousse.



The judges' sampler: a bite from each cook-off entry.



Most adventurous: boiled egg on a stick, with rainbow sprinkles.

directors elected its officers for the coming year. Congratulations to Reuben Haller, our new president; Chris McKenna, treasurer; and Stephen Wing, secretary. We also have new leadership for the Planning, Grounds, Events, and Communications committees. Many thanks to outgoing president Charlie Pope, treasurer Scooter McLane, secretary Bernard Spenle, and all the other volunteers who have helped us create our magical community space in the city.

The Land Trust's primary purpose has always been to bring our neighbors together here in Lake Claire. If you haven't visited, come on down to the Arizona Avenue cul-de-sac to enjoy the playground, drum circles, and semi-regular sweats, to rent a garden plot, and more. All board and committee meetings are open to anyone in the community who wants to get involved. You can learn more and join one or more of our Yahoo lists at www.LCCLT.org. You can also use the website to make a donation via Paypal or to give us feedback on how well we are serving you.

—Genise Spenle, Michael Corley, Stephen Wing

Photography by Debbie Livingston.

Quail Eggs with Smoked Trout Mousse

1st place in July 4th Cook-off—winner: Debbie Livingston

Ingredients:

6 oz smoked trout fillet
 2 tsp fresh lemon juice
 1/2 cup whipping (35%) cream
 Coarse salt and freshly cracked pepper
 2 tsp capers, drained, rinsed, and chopped
 1 tsp chopped fresh parsley
 2 tsp chopped chives
 2 dozen quail eggs

In a food processor, combine the trout and the lemon juice. Process until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Add the cream and pulse to blend.

Scrape the mixture into a bowl and fold in the capers, parsley, and 1 tsp chives.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil over moderately high heat.

Place the quail eggs in a wire basket or strainer and lower them into the boiling water.

Cook the eggs for 5 minutes; then cool them under cool running water. Pat the eggs dry.

Peel the eggs, cut them in half lengthwise, and slice a bit of white off the long side of each half to provide a flat surface so the eggs don't roll over when you pipe the mousse on.

Pipe the smoked trout mousse on top and serve sprinkled with the remaining chives.

Yields 6 servings.

Note: You can find quail eggs at many upscale grocery stores. If you can't find them, you can substitute three regular eggs and slice them in half. If you're not serving the stuffed eggs immediately, keep them in the refrigerator, wrapped in plastic.

Debbie's changes to the recipe are as follows: "I used apple juice instead of lemon juice. I didn't add any salt—the smoked trout was salty enough. I added more juice, cream, parsley, and chives than called for—I didn't measure but added extra to taste. The trout mousse seemed too salty and strong on its own, but it was just right lightly mounded on the half quail egg."



Scooter McLane and son... all smiles on the Fourth.



The three-legged race lines up...



... and kicks off.



The Haller family: Elijah, Devon, McKenzie, and Reuben.

Upcoming Events at the Land Trust

Aug 6, 7 pm–midnight: JerryJam—a musical tribute to Jerry Garcia benefiting the Land Trust. (See article.)

Aug 8, 3–6:00 pm: "Keep the Trust" volunteer work day. Pizza will be served when we finish. Volunteers will receive a free pass to the next drum circle.

Aug 13, 6:30 pm: Monthly potluck at the gazebo. Please bring your own plate and utensils. (Labeling the ingredients in your dish will be helpful to vegetarians and other folks with diet restrictions.)

Aug 21, 4–10 pm: SoulShine Carnival, a full day of kids' activities and fun for all, sponsored by our neighbor, the Hearth. (See sidebar.)

Aug 22, 3–6 pm: "Keep the Trust" volunteer work day. Pizza, etc.

Sept 11: Fall Fest—an annual music festival benefiting the Land Trust.

Oct 2: Lake Claire Home & Garden Tour, this year including an "after party" with dinner and music at the Land Trust.

Oct 9: Fund-raiser for Veteran's Heart.

Oct 24: Annual pumpkin carving.

Dec 4: Annual Holiday Craft Sale. (Start making your crafts now.)



News from Mary Lin Elementary School

It may be hard to believe summer is over for the kids, but it's true. School begins Monday, August 9, for the neighborhood children attending Mary Lin Elementary School, on Candler Park Drive. Classroom assignment lists will be posted on the front school windows by 3 pm on July 30, and parents and students can attend an open house on Friday, August 6, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Parents dropping off children are invited to "Coffee and Kleenex" on the first day of school in the Hall House, the small building to the left of the school's entrance. Once school is in session, many students will be walking or biking to and from school, so please be extra careful driving in the neighborhood between 7:15 and 8:00 in the mornings and between 2:30 and 3:00 in the afternoons, especially along Clifton and McLendon, both busy walking routes.

One of Mary Lin's greatest assets is the many volunteer hours provided by parents and interested neighbors. If you have an inclination to help out at the school, whether as a parent of a student or not, there is a place for you. School librarian Emily Herman is always looking for help re-shelving the many books checked out of the media center, and just an hour or two a week can make a real difference. After the first week of school, call (404) 802-8850, or stop by the front office if you'd like to share some of your time with the bookworms at Lin! For new parents who want to get involved with the Parent Teacher Association, parent involvement chair Molly Smalley will be happy to help you find a place to share your talent and energy with the school. She can be reached at involvement@marylinelementary.com.

—Mary Jo Bryan



Foundation chair Cherie King, Ted Brooke (class of 1954), and race director Boyd Baker.



Ted Brooke, Mary Lin class of 1954, upper right next to Mrs. Cox.



Aaron Powell won the boys 11 and under with a time of 24:56.

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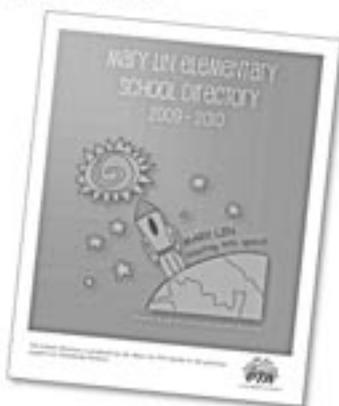
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Mary Lin Rocket Run 5K Raises Money for the Kids

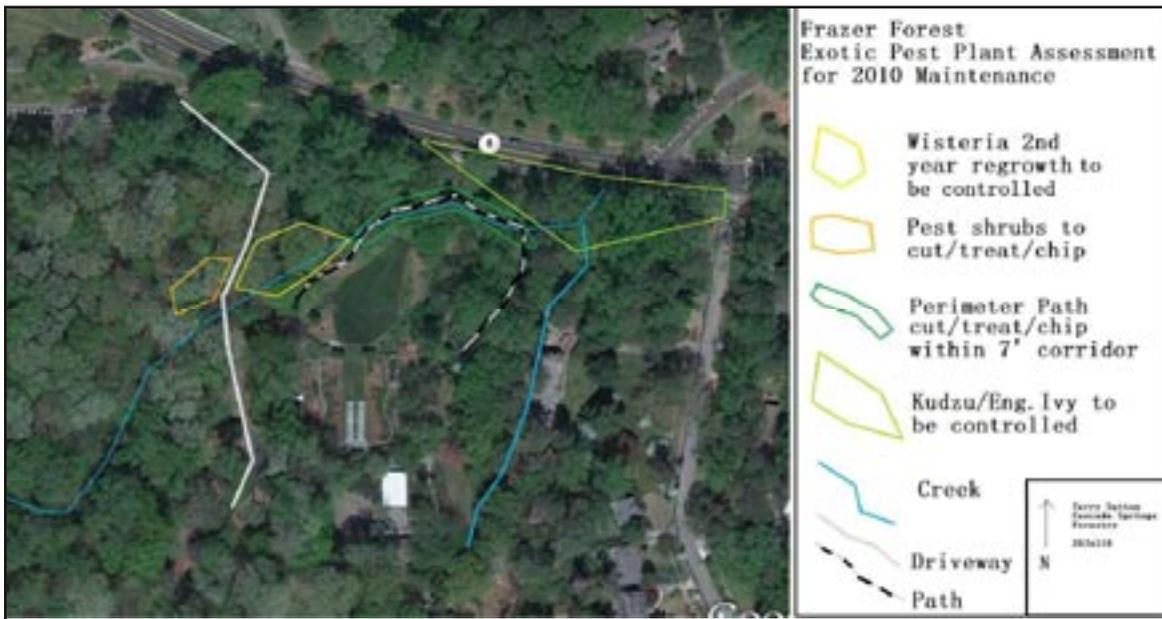
The second annual Mary Lin Rocket Run 5K went off without a hitch on Saturday, June 19. A big thanks to our sponsors—Smart Center Buckhead, L5P Corner Tavern, MidSummer MusicFest, Red Level Renovations, Savage Pizza, The Zac Team, Operation Boot Camp, Raging Burrito, The Albert, Big Peach Running Co., My Favorite Automotive, Candler Park Market, Great Clips at Edgewood, Studio M, Variety Playhouse, Live Oak Events, The Moog Gallery, Wahoo Grill, the Porter Beer Bar, Highland Product, Kenari, Hughes Printing, and Candler Park Running Club. A special thanks to our twenty-seven volunteers (ten of whom were from Clifton Ministries) for helping make our event a success.

This year's race began on Candler Park Drive near the school, went through Candler Park, and ended behind the school on the playground. Approximately 250 runners participated. The Mary Lin Foundation was able to raise almost \$5,000 for our neighborhood elementary school.

Leah Thomas was the overall female winner, with a time of 19:05, and the overall male winner was Jonathan Corso, who crossed the finish line in 17:42. Kate McMahon and Aaron Powell (11 and under) and Josh Ortega and Annabella Farabaugh (11-14) were among the fastest in their age division. A surprise among the runners was Ted Brooke (60 and over), who attended our local school when Ms. Mary Lin was the principal in the 1950s.

The Mary Lin Education Foundation would like to thank the neighbors and all the wonderful folks who made the race a success. With this support, the foundation will be able to help provide improved technology and training for Mary Lin's teachers and students. For more information, go to www.marylinfoundation.org.

—Boyd Baker



This aerial image shows the work sponsored by Lake Claire Neighbors in the Frazer Forest in 2010, the seventh year of forest improvements sponsored by the neighborhood association. Contact Dan White, VP of Zoning, for more information.

Update: Your Dog Park Exploratory Committee

I want to thank the many folks who've offered their thoughts on improving Lake Claire Park at the May 17 and July 8 gatherings in the park, at the Lake Claire neighborhood meetings, and through many emails and phone calls. I'd like to provide a follow-up to the article in last month's *Clarion*, so here's a brief summary of the latest progress of the dog park exploratory committee.

Although the idea of a dog park in or near Lake Claire is wildly popular among neighborhood residents (and local realtors), there is a clear collective voice not to place an official dog park within Lake Claire Park. This opinion fortunately coincides with the exploratory committee's research, which found that Lake Claire Park's size and designed uses make it an inappropriate location for an official City of Atlanta dog park.

However, several neighbors continue to express interest in pursuing the building of an open-use dog park in or near Lake Claire, located on private land and sponsored by a local business. If you're interested in this idea, committee co-chair Melissa Pressman is the woman to reach at dogpark@lakeclaire.org.

Reactions were varied regarding the proposal to plant a flower garden and corral-style fencerow between the playground and the open play field. Some folks are enthusiastic about the potential for added color and interest for children enjoying the playground (and there are rumors that the Garden Club might take an active role in this plan). Others are unsure about physically separating the playground from the field and are concerned that any type of garden area between the two spaces would prevent children from feeling free to enjoy the field.

Beyond the dog park, many are

voicing their ideas for beautifying the park. Recent suggestions include placing picnic tables near the playground area, resurrecting the softball diamond backstop, cleaning up the tennis courts, maintaining the wooden steps, and updating the community bulletin board.

At the moment, the real solution to creating harmony among the many customary users of Lake Claire Park seems to be communication. Being aware of how we're affecting our neighbor is the key, and recognizing our responsibility to talk with one another about what's working and what's not will ease us through many of the recurring situations.

Perhaps a physical solution isn't the real solution to what's happening at Lake Claire Park. Perhaps the only real solution is the intangible (and, yes, sometimes unpredictable) use of gentle words. I like to think of it as an extreme adventure sport: the thrilling and often-rewarding risk of talking with the people around us.

We welcome your ideas. Contact us at dogpark@lakeclaire.org or check out the Google Group page at <http://groups.google.com/group/lcndogpark>. And join us at the next neighborhood meeting, Thursday, August 19, at 7 pm at the Frazer Center.

—Elise Cormier, VP of Environment, dog park exploratory committee co-chair



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Get to Know Kathy Evans

You may have seen her at neighborhood meetings, or riding around the neighborhood, or in the pages of this paper—always, in some way, helping out the neighborhood she's called home for over a decade. Hardendorf resident Kathy Evans is an amazing asset to our lovely 'hood, and an all-around delightful person. Here she shares her answers to our questions, so we can get to know the person behind so many of the wonderful activities that have taken place in Lake Claire.

The Clarion: Where do you live?

Kathy Evans: I live on Hardendorf on the block that has no pet name, though I'm told the other blocks do. When we moved in, a long-timer on the street explained that our four blocks have a long and active history of neighborly activity, with decades of potlucks and block parties held just for "The 'dorf." Even the mail carrier used to attend them all. The southernmost block, closest to McLendon, he referred to as Sohodorf; the dead-end block is Nohodorf; and one of the middle blocks is Mohodorf. Our block, however, is the sleeper block and has no name, I was told. Even if we aren't the historic potluck organizers, we think it's a very fine block, and most of us do know

each other.

TC: How long have you lived in Lake Claire?

KE: I've lived in Lake Claire twice. We had our first house here in '88 and then spent eight years out of state, but found our way back in 2000.

TC: Who makes up your household?

KE: My partner, Susan; our eleven-year-old son, Logan; and our redbone coonhound mix, Red.

TC: How have you been involved with the neighborhood over the years?

KE: I've been a part of the Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) organization for most of the past nine years since we moved to Lake Claire for the second time. I've served as LCN's VP for Zoning, VP for Environment, and president. I also represented Lake Claire on the City's Infill Task Force and Tree Ordinance Task Force. I am now one of the Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) representatives, along with Jennifer Sams. Some of the neighborhood projects I've been involved with over the years include working with the group that formed Friends of the Frazier Center Forest, the group that helped acquire the Harold Avenue Greenspace, the group that created the Watershed Mural on

DeKalb Avenue, and the parents who started "the promenade of toddlers" down Palifax that became our annual Halloween parade to Lake Claire Park.



Kathy (far left) gathers with fellow painters of the Watershed Mural on DeKalb Avenue.

TC: What has been your favorite neighborhood activity in recent years?

KE: I think my favorite activity was helping make the Watershed Mural. It was a charmed project, where we had the leadership of a gifted professional muralist and help from dozens of Lake Clarians, as well as volunteer passersby who joined the effort. I loved that so many people came together for a common purpose, including people with particular interests in the environment, art, and community service. It was a project that embraced the act of creating—both art and community.

My favorite moment of the mural project was when we closed DeKalb Avenue for the dedication ceremony and were able to admire the creation without the hindrance of traffic. I hope we'll someday organize a rededication and celebration when we can close the street again—maybe for the anniversary on Earth Day next year?

TC: What do you like best about being a resident of Lake Claire?

KE: I like living in a neighborhood with a wonderful mix of people and an eclectic and interesting mix of housing stock. I like that the general style of the neighborhood (and perhaps the residents) is nice but not overly fussy or formal. I like the easy access to parks and trails and that the neighborhood is walkable, even for kids. I like the way the older houses and mature trees give a strong sense of history and continuity with the past. I like that the neighborhood has supported a sanctuary at Clifton for homeless people for three decades. I also like that I can get to work downtown on two wheels in about twenty minutes.

TC: What's your favorite spot in Lake Claire?

KE: My favorite spots in the neighborhood are probably any number of screened porches—our own and those of friends—where we've had many leisurely visits and pleasant meals (in spring and fall, when that's possible!).

We hope to make this a regular feature in the Clarion, so look for more interviews with our dedicated neighborhood volunteers!



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SoulShine Carnival to Be Held August 21

SoulShine Children's Studio proudly announces our first annual Carnival fund-raiser! Join us for a fun-filled family experience on Saturday, August 21, from 4:00 to 10:00 pm at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust and our unique location, the Hearth! All proceeds will benefit our greenhouse project and will further the cultivation of our gardens. This school year at SoulShine, each grade level will have the opportunity to tend and harvest its own garden throughout the seasons. This gives each child a special experience they won't find at any other program!

So step right up! This "Carnival" day will have everything: games, face painting, a silent auction, circus performers, and a BBQ-style dinner with a movie under the stars to end the evening! This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to get to know their peers even better and for the families to mingle and create a stronger community. Come out and support our kids, our environment, and our community!

—Shannon Smith

:(Neighborhood Yard Sale Update):

No Organizer, No Sale!

Many neighbors have recently inquired about this year's neighborhood-wide yard sale. Last year's was a great success, for neighbors and the neighborhood, and this year's could be even better! All that is needed is an organizer to help plan the event, building on the infrastructure put in place by last year's organizers. Without someone to lead, we won't be able to stage the event—so if you're interested, please contact

Glenn Frankel at president@lakeclaire.org. Thanks, neighbors!

Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting: July Minutes

July 15, 2010

Led by Glenn Frankel, LCN president

Attended by 9 neighbors (4 officers) and 2 guests

Minutes recorded by Heidi Hill

The doors to the Frazer Center were locked, so the meeting was held outside in the portico. Glenn passed around the agenda and opened the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Glenn announced that the neighborhood had received its \$2,500 check from Natalyn Archibong's office. The funds will be used as seed money to organize the Lake Claire 2010 Home & Garden Tour and the fun run in the spring, and to help repay what was spent to acquire the Lake Claire Park extension. Of the funds, \$100 has been earmarked to improve the park bulletin board, and \$1,000 for greenspace maintenance.

Elise Cormier, VP of Environment, was invited to talk about the recent dog park exploratory committee meeting. Neighbors gathered on Thursday, July 8, to share ideas. Emails had also come in from Elise's article in the June Clarion. The neighbors discussed taking three of their ideas to the neighbors at large and asking them to vote on them. These included:

1. Since there is not enough room for the city-required two acres for a dog park in Lake Claire Park, we could request a variance from the city. Melissa Pressman, the co-chair of the committee, said that Park Pride said we'd be better off trying to change the rules than trying to get a variance—which could take years.

2. If people still want to create a dog park, one option is to do a private dog park. Someone mentioned that the Horizon School has fenced extra land for lease. Glenn asked how we would fund it. It was suggested that a business might sponsor the park, or that people could pay a membership fee. Glenn said it would have to be a long-term relationship. Elise said she wasn't sure about the financials, the leasing arrangement, or how it would work. Maybe private individuals could start it?

3. Another option is to have dog owners and other park users talk to resolve their concerns about how the park is used. It seems that there are one or two out-of-control dogs, and parents don't want a distinct separation in the park, for fear that their children wouldn't feel comfortable crossing a barrier to play in the field.

A neighbor at the meeting said that she didn't feel comfortable walking through the field or being around the dogs. Elise agreed that some people didn't want dogs in their personal space. She said the elephant in the room is that the field is customarily used as a dog park, even though that use is technically illegal. The neighbor asked why no one was enforcing the law. Glenn said it was because many people see the unofficial dog park as an asset to the neighborhood. The neighbor suggested that people might not use the park because of fear of dogs.

Melissa suggested we put up an

informal fence. Valencia Hudson, public safety liaison for councilmember Natalyn Archibong, said that the Parks Department would just tear it down. A neighbor said there are better uses for neighborhood money.

Glenn wondered if we needed a forum to discuss the issues further, with a moderator, before voting on anything. Melissa asked what the options were if we couldn't put up a fence or build a dog park. Elise said that one step was to ask parents with dogs not to have their dogs on the playground, which is an attraction for dogs in the field.

A neighbor suggested a dog park area in Olmstead Linear Park. The challenge, someone else said, is that even if the area isn't being used, it might become an eyesore as a dog park. It also has historical significance.

The discussion about the dog park was put on hold so that Zone 6 officer Sgt. Sinks could address the group. He said that ours is still the lowest zone for crime in the city. He asked if anyone had questions.

Someone asked about the carjacking incident on Nelms. Valencia said that no major incident report could be found on it.

Glenn invited Valencia to talk next. She asked if anyone needed help from the city. Teri Stewart complained about the potholes on DeKalb.

A neighbor said that the road was disintegrating at the end of Almeta. Valencia gave the neighbor her email address so they could look into the problem.

Glenn asked if there was more to be said about the dog park. Elise said we could discuss more at the next meeting; the forum idea was shelved, because people have already been offering their input through the committee meetings and emails. People continued to discuss options in Lake Claire Park, such as a nature-based division between field and playground. Glenn said the main goal should be to find a way to positively handle the interplay between dog owners and other park users.

Teri Stewart suggested that a group of dog owners form a dog club and take turns offering their backyards as a place for the dogs to play. A neighbor liked this idea, but wondered if dog owners would actually give up their space in the park. Teri said it could be offered as an interim solution while a formal dog park was explored.

Next, Mary Williams gave an update on the tour of homes. The

committee has been meeting regularly, and the date has been set for Saturday, October 2, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., ending at the Land Trust, where people can purchase food and enjoy live music. We need sponsors for the three levels of sponsorship. The goal of the tour is to raise money for parks and Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. She asked everyone to spread the word.

Mary passed out copies of the tour of homes nomination form. She has been taking copies with her on her walks and putting them in people's mailboxes with a note that asks them to consider nominating their home or garden. The committee is looking for everything—new homes, old homes, remodels, or a great garden. Volunteers are needed to hang posters in local retail areas, to be posted at the homes, and to clean up and pick up signs after the tour. The last tour of homes was in 2004, so we're experimenting. Email tourofhomes@lakeclaire.org for more information.

Jennifer Sams of City Issue and Elise Cormier of Smart Landscapes both said they'd sponsor.

Glenn added that a separate URL will be purchased for the tour. The URL www.lakeclairehometour.com was chosen.

Glenn then gave an update on the neighborhood yard sale. Many people want to do it again this year, but no one has stepped up to organize it. The

infrastructure is in place, but we need someone to lead the charge. Anyone interested should email Glenn at president@lakeclaire.org. Someone suggested to Glenn that we host the yard sale at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, donating the proceeds to CSM. Sarah Wynn, the neighborhood liaison for CSM, spoke about the Rapid Resettlement grant they have that helps get homeless men into apartments, and for which CSM needs donations of furniture.

Jennifer said she felt that we should continue to have the sale at individual homes, because it contributes to a sense of community. Perhaps we could do a combination of both?

Glenn reiterated that we need a leader for the effort. It is a great fund-raiser

for the neighborhood.

Another event was proposed for which we might need a leader. Glenn said that Don Long, at CSM, emailed him about doing a "Lake Claire drive-in" in the parking lot of CSM. It would be a joint fundraiser for the neighborhood and Clifton. Glenn passed the idea on to the neighborhood executive committee and is waiting on feedback. We might not have enough volunteer support for all the events we want to do. Sarah suggested the movie night would have to be in the fall. Glenn reiterated that we'd need a volunteer to organize it.

Teri Stewart asked to speak. She announced that she had B*ATL tickets for the events on July 24–25. She would be giving a presentation on the Gordon family, likely at the East Atlanta library, for the event. The final location and time had not yet been decided.

Teri then gave an update on her Superior Court appearance on Tuesday, July 13, for her case against the Atlanta Tree Conservation Commission. The hearing was set for 11:30 a.m. and was finally heard at 6:00 p.m. The neighbor turnout was great, but some people could not stay all day long. The good news is that the case was heard; the bad news is that the attorney charged Teri an extra \$2,000 for the delay.

At the hearing, Teri's attorney said that it was wrong for a neighbor to have to force the city to enforce its rules. The City of Atlanta attorneys said that the space in question is home to nests, dens, and wildlife protected by state and federal law; therefore, it should be a criminal case, not a civil case.

The judge will give her decision on October 25 at 4:00 p.m. In the meantime, Teri will pursue a land swap with the city and will file criminal charges for conspiracy not to uphold state and federal laws. Once the case becomes a criminal case, she will no longer have to pay attorney's fees.

According to the judge, this is the first time state and federal laws regarding wildlife have made it this far in court.

Teri closed by asking everyone to call, email, or fax the mayor about the land swap: (t) (404) 330-6100, (f) (404) 658-7285, (e) kasimreed@atlantaga.gov.

Sarah Wynn passed around a report from state representative Stacey Abrams, which details how she's voting on legislation.

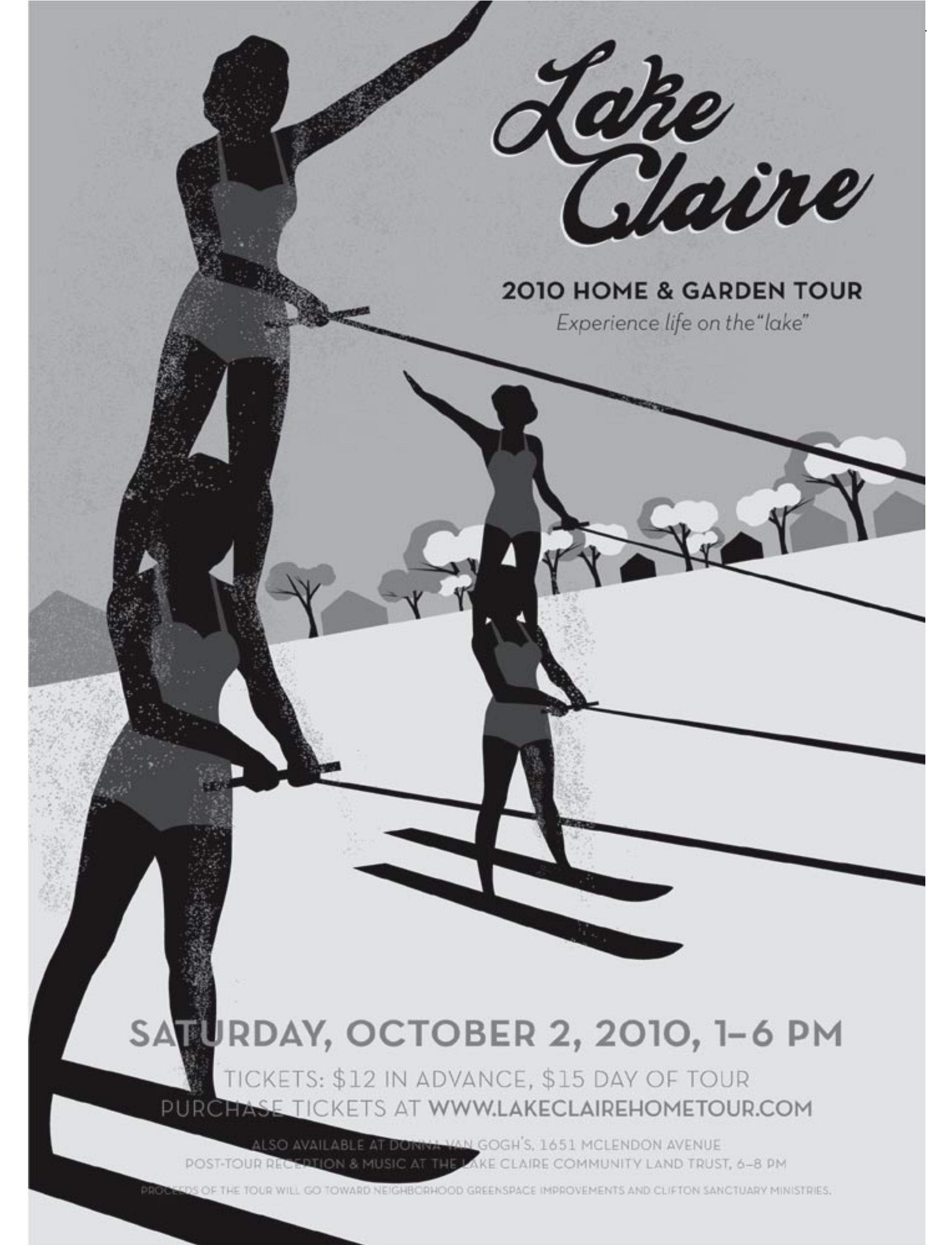
The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Next LCN Meeting

Thursday Aug. 19

Lake Claire Neighbors meets every third Thursday of the month at the Frazer Center. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are open to all. Sign up for the newscast at www.lakeclaire.org to get the meeting agenda.





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