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—Leslie Slavich

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2011 Lake Claire Home & Garden Tour Wish List

Sponsors: The tour committee is looking for 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@lakeclairehometour.com, or visit the tour website at www.lakeclairehometour.com. Some of the benefits of sponsorship include visibility on promotional materials (flyers, ads, banners), free advertising in the Clarion for three months (before, during, and after the tour), bios and links on the tour website, and free tickets to the event. (Note: the Gold level includes a benefit of exclusivity—no other sponsor in the same industry can be a Gold level sponsor, while lower levels are open to anyone.) Please also contact Cynthia, our fundraising chair and VP of Fundraising for LCN, if your business is interested in donating goods or services to the tour.

Homes and Gardens: To nominate your home or someone else’s, fill out the nomination form, printed here and also available at www.lakeclairehometour.com. (If you are nominating a neighbor’s home, please notify the homeowner beforehand.) Homes of all styles and eras are welcome!

Volunteers: The committee needs volunteers to distribute flyers, 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 us at tourofhomes@lakeclaire.org if you can help.

Attendees: Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and plan to attend the 2011 Lake Claire Home & Garden Tour! The event draws people to our wonderful neighborhood and benefits our greenspaces and some local nonprofits.

Stay tuned to the Clarion, to www.lakeclairehometour.com, and to www.lakeclairehometour.com for updates on this exciting neighborhood event!

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Home Tour cont’d from Page 1

snacks and beverages for tourgoers, printing services for promotional materials, and thank-you gifts for volunteers). And, of course, volunteers make up the tour committee and make the tour a reality, so we happily welcome on board anyone who can lend a hand during the tour—as a docent, flyer distributor, member of the cleanup crew, or any other role you want to assume. Visit www.lakeclairehometour.com to learn more about what’s in store for the 2011 home & garden tour, to nominate a home, or to sign up to sponsor. You’ll see the handiwork of Palifox residents Blake Williams, who designed the site, and Mary Williams, who is heading up the tour committee for the second year in a row.

—Heidi Hill, tour committee member

Editor’s Note: The September Clarion will feature an article on how the money raised by the 2010 Tour of Homes will benefit our neighborhood greenspaces.

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2011 Lake Claire Home and Garden Tour Nomination Form

Consider nominating yours, a neighbor’s or one you’ve long admired! Tell LCN what you like about our neighborhood!

The tour is on Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 10-4pm
(For more information, visit www.lakeclairehometour.com)

Nomination Categories

Check the categories for which you want the garden and/or home considered for selection:

Garden:
- Front yard
- Back yard
- Front and back yard

Home:
- Year Built
- Square footage
- Style
- Renovation
  - Specify room(s):
    - Interior
    - Exterior

- What is special about this home: ____________________________________________________________________________

Nomination Information:

Nominated Address:
Owner’s name: ____________________________________________________________________________________________
Owner’s contact information: ______________________________________________________________________________

Nominator Information:

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________________
Contact information: ______________________________________________________________________________

Deadline: Completed nomination forms are due August 26, 2011.
Submit form to: atm@tmedesignsllc.com or deliver to 462 Harold Avenue.

Thank you for your submission! The LC Tour of Homes Nominating Committee will make selections based on submissions received.
If you haven’t visited the LCN website lately, you may be surprised when you log on to www.lakeclaire.org. With a new look, new features—including a blog—and new content, the website has received a major facelift and, we hope, is more user-friendly and helpful to neighbors.

The neighborhood’s official webmaster, Tish Ganey, and I took suggestions from neighbors and feedback from the LCN executive committee to update the site, removing out-of-date information and adding new information and resources we thought neighbors would most need and appreciate. The blog will be an excellent way for us to communicate with the neighborhood—and for neighbors to help spread the word about newsworthy events and happenings in our area.

In addition to the blog, the new website still offers a place to read the current and past issues of the Clarion, to pay dues, and to sign up for the newscast. New features include sections on environmental initiatives and events in the neighborhood, a gallery of images, and a Lake Claire “shop” where you can buy banners or bumper stickers, as well as a host of links to surrounding businesses, other neighborhood organizations, City of Atlanta services, and Lake Claire-related online groups (such as the parents’ group and the neighborhood watch).

As with any new website, we are still working out the kinks, and we welcome your critiques and suggestions. Please check in often to www.lakeclaire.org and help us make the new site a valuable resource for the whole neighborhood!

—Heidi Hill, VP of Communications for LCN
Clifton Staff

Thank you, please help in whatever way you can. $1000. Every donation helps us reach our goal, so send them to the shelter directly. The way our supporters have come through in the past hasrubber on the van so the work can continue. Sub

Vehicle to pick the guests up. Help us put some fresh

Dear friends and supporters of Clifton,

Life to Live with a Q & A with director, David Rothauser, dramatic readings of firsthand accounts from children survivors of the atomic bombs told by local students, music, spoken word poetry by Alicove lace and Theresa Davis, a photo exhibition of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and more! Free and open to the public. For more information contact Courtney Hanson, Courtney@wand.org, (404) 524-5999.

6 Trees Atlanta TreeKeepers Certification Program. TreeKeepers is Trees Atlanta’s volunteer training and certification program that applies skill, appreciation, and pride to the stewardship of our urban forest. TreeKeepers consists of seven workshops, including indoor & outdoor activities, presentations, and engaging hands-on demonstrations. Each three-hour session takes place at the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center and is taught by Trees Atlanta staff or community tree professionals. Upon completion of the program, which includes volunteering 24 hours to tree projects, graduates will receive an official TreeKeepers hat, a native tree, a training manual and a signed TreeKeepers certificate, as well as the opportunity to put their new knowledge into action. The event begins on August 6th from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is $65 for full certification and $30 to attend a single class. Register now! For more information, visit http://treesatlanta.org/TreeKeepers.aspx.

17 Next APD Citizens Police Academy to begin. This is a seven-week Academy requiring participants to attend one night per week for seven weeks. Classes will include Bomb Tech Demonstrations, K-9 Demonstrations, Judgmental Shooting, Tour of the E-911 Center, Refuse to be a Victim training, and much more. Seating is limited. Interested applicants should contact Sgt. Chad Hannula at (404) 546-7511 or channula@atlantaga.gov or Lieutenant Adam Lee at (404) 209-5250 or alee@atlantaga.gov.

August

1 City of Atlanta Department of Public Works to move Lake Claire’s weekly garbage, recycling and yard waste collection to Mondays. Visit www.atlantaga.gov/publicworks/aspx for more information.

5 The Lake Claire Community Land Trust presents the third annual Jerry Jam, a benefit fundraiser celebrating the life and music of Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead. For more information, see the article in this month’s Clarion.

6 “Voices and Visions of Peace,” Hiroshima/Nagasaki/Fukushima remembrance and peace program honoring the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 2 to 4:30 p.m., at the King Center, Freedom Hall, 449 Auburn Ave. This event, on the 66th anniversary of the atomic bomb at Hiroshima, will feature a reception, screening film clips from Hibakusha: Our

Mark Your Calendar

Oppunities for Generosity

Letter From Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Dear friends and supporters of Clifton,

The tires on the van are almost gone, and if we don’t get them fixed soon Clifton won’t have a vehicle to pick the guests up. Help us put some fresh rubber on the van so the work can continue. Submit your donations via PayPal on our website or send them to the shelter directly. The way our supporters have come through in the past has been a true blessing and we hope you can save us again. The total amount we need for four new tires and to have them mounted and balanced is around $1000. Every donation helps us reach our goal, so please help in whatever way you can.

Thank you,
Clifton Staff

How To Support Mary Lin Elementary School

For Credit Card donations please go to www.marylinfoundation.org and click on Contribute.

To donate by Check, please send your contribution, along with your name, address and email to the Mary Lin Education Foundation, 586 Candler Park Drive, Atlanta, GA 30307. Also, please let us know if your employer matches contributions.

Thanks again for your support!

Safety Report

June 2011

ENTERING AUTO
411 Harold Ave
6/18 (12 p.m.)
Someone broke out rear passenger side window of 1995 Toyota Camry and stole GPS.

1699 McLendon Ave
6/17 (6 p.m.)
Someone broke out rear passenger side window of 2002 Honda Civic parked on the street and stole cell phone car charger.

OTHER LARCENY
615 Harold Ave
4/12 (reported 6/13/2011)
Resident advised that two months ago he noticed the City of Atlanta water meter missing from location. He stated he didn’t need water at the location so he didn’t report it. When he called the city, they told him he needed a police report.

AUTO THEFT
324 Arizona Avenue
6/18/2011 (5 p.m.)
Resident parked his car on 6/18 at around 5 p.m. On 6/18 resident noticed the vehicle was missing. Doors were unlocked and the keys were in the ashtray. There were no witnesses or injuries reported.

1787 Delaware Ave.  
6/23/2011 (overnight)

Resident stated that he last saw his 1997 Honda Accord parked along the curb in front of his residence at midnight. In the morning, the vehicle was gone. No witnesses or injuries reported.

572 Hardendorf Ave
6/26 (overnight)
Resident’s white 2008 Nissan Pathfinder was stolen sometime overnight. No witnesses or injuries reported.

2006 Palifoxx Drive  
6/27 9 p.m. to 6/28 5:45 p.m.
Resident last saw the vehicle on 6/27 at about 9 p.m. and noticed it was gone the next evening. No witnesses or injuries reported.

BURGLARY-RESIDENTIAL
2055 Howard Circle
6/30 (during the day)
Sometime during the day, someone kicked in the side door of detached/enclosed garage and stole a Toro push mower, weedeater, blower and a rake. No witnesses or suspects at this time.

Out of Town – Special Patrol Request

If you plan to be out of town and would like to request a special patrol, please contact APD, Zone 6, 2025 Hosea L. Williams Dr., SE, (404) 371-5002 (phone), or (404) 378-6554 (fax).
structure around the dumpsters to address several issues related to their access and cleanliness.

How do you plan to raise funds? Because this is not a traditional capital campaign, we have worked to bundle several items that allow us to approach several local foundations that typically support capital improvements. In addition, each item on the list has its own value so when we find someone or a philanthropic organization with a particular interest we have asked for them to invest in a part of the overall initiative. As funding comes available, we begin work on a new project. Our goal is to have all of the projects complete by the end of June 2012.

Do you have a committee working on the initiative? The development committee of our Board of Directors has primary oversight for the funding of this initiative. Our finance and facilities committee and our garden committee are responsible for the governance of project implementation.

How much have you raised to date? Our first major donor, who asked to remain anonymous, donated $150,000, and we have raised an additional $45,000 to date.

Will there be any events open to the public relating to the capital initiative? We will give an update on the initiative at our annual Fall Festival on October 30th. The event is from 2 to 6 p.m.; we will likely present our progress around 3:30 p.m.

How can Lake Claire residents and supporters of The Frazer Center help? We clearly need financial support. We welcome volunteers. If a neighbor has particular expertise in an area (such as engineering, disability transport, etc.) or has a passion for or connection to people with disabilities, we would love to hear how they might help us achieve our goals. We have already had constructive conversations with neighbors along Marlbrook about repairs and improvements we're seeking to make along the Lake Claire border of our property. We invite conversation and hope our neighbors will help us serve the young children and adults who gather here every weekday.

The Cator Woolford Gardens at the Frazer Center, a neighborhood treasure.
Thirty+ (!) Years in Lake Claire:
‘From Tie-dye to Khaki’

Part III

In Parts One and Two of this series I highlighted several long-time residents of Lake Claire, sharing their memories and thoughts on the similarities and differences they see in our neighborhood in the last 30-odd years. I hope to feature many more of you. Please contact me to share your stories (see sidebar): a sentence or two about what you’ve noticed, special memories, humorous remembrances, places that have gone, or anything else you’d like to contribute. I’m having so much fun meeting and hearing from longtime residents. This episode features two longtime residents who raised their “Lake Claire babies” in our neighborhood.

Susan Beeching moved to Lake Claire in 1975, living with friends on Ridgewood Road until she could get a job and her own apartment. Susan is a former editor of the Clarion, as well as past secretary and president of Lake Claire Neighbors. She was on the House Tour Committee in 2000, 2002 and 2004. After living with friends in Lake Claire, Susan detoured to Midtown for a few years, near Grady High School (long before Midtown was fashionable and before the Virginia Highlands neighborhood was referred to as “The Highlands”). Then she moved back to the exact same house on Ridgewood in 1980. She and her husband got married in 1981 in the living room at 429 Ridgewood Road. After a few years, they bought a vacant lot on Connecticut Avenue and built a house. They were one of the first of the neighborhood’s infill pioneers. This was in the days before variances, and they were able, with ease, to get their plan grandfathered into the previous zoning rules; this allowed them to put the house close to the street, like their neighbors’ houses, so that it fit in with the look of the rest of the houses. They moved in on February 10, 1987. Susan’s husband, with the aid of contractors for the mechanical necessities, built the house—with one helper. In 1988, their son Max was born. In 1991 came daughter Lucy. Susan feels that her children were extremely fortunate to be able to attend a neighborhood elementary school. Mary Lin was small enough that she was known as “Max and Lucy’s mother,” and everybody knew who Max and Lucy were.

Recently, her son Max, who is now on the seven-year plan at UGA, and her daughter, also at UGA but on the four-year plan, were home for the weekend. It was amazing to Susan how many of their friends are those with whom they became friends at Mary Lin. “Oh mom, you remember him?! He was in my kindergarten class.” What a wonderful thing for us to have a real neighborhood and not a “subdivision,” Susan told me.

She feels very fortunate, even for all the changes that have occurred over the years, to have landed in a place that always feels like home, and not “sterile or cookie-cutter or all beige.”

Speaking of changes, Susan said, “Do you remember the Atomic Café? 1988. Kelly & Waller’s Pharmacy (where Moon Brothers is now on the corner of Clifton and McLendon)?”

As the owner of a house that was on the inaugural Tour of Funky Homes & Gardens in 1991 (and several subsequent tours), Susan mourns the passing of the hippie/funky/artsy vibe, and some of the XXL houses bother her for their vastness and inappropriateness, but, exclaimed Susan, “the essence of the ‘hood is still here if you take a walk and keep your eyes open! 30307 is still a lifestyle!”

Marilyn Schertz and her former husband moved into Lake Claire in 1971. They bought their house at 365 Arizona Ave for $12,500, which included the adjacent lot. Like many of the homes in Lake Claire at that time, the house had been divided into apartments, a duplex on the main level and a terrace apartment in the above ground basement. Marilyn said, “It was a holy mess.” The basement apartment was not being rented, but looked like it had become a flop house for anybody who discovered it, and it was definitely a hangout for the neighborhood kids who had written on one of the walls “No Girls Allowed!”

In the center hall of their house there was a wall phone and frequently used phone numbers had been written on the wall (including “own Mother’s Morning Out drugstore Kelly and Waller’s, that Susan mentioned). Marilyn noted that it was a great little drugstore, complete with a soda fountain and swivel stools at the counter. Also on the wall was the number for Mr. Mac’s—the little grocery store we all now know as Candler Park Market. The first few nights Marilyn refused to sleep at the house because she had never seen so many roaches in her life.

Their neighbors were primarily elderly, and over the next ten years, most of them moved. In their place, young families started buying property in the neighborhood. When their first child was born, Marilyn met other young mothers on daily walks. Five of them eventually created their own Mother’s Morning Out program. Also, a group of about 20-25 couples from Lake Claire and Candler Park formed a
were interested in expanding outreach to the poor, and under the leadership of Ed Loring and Murphy Davis (now partners in The Open Door), they decided to provide housing to homeless men. They started this on November 1, 1979, and though the church eventually closed, this homeless ministry continues to this day on the corner of Connecticut and McLendon Avenues.

Marilyn echoed many of the longtime residents with whom I’ve spoken, in saying that despite the obvious gentrification that has taken place in this neighborhood over the last 40 years that she has been a resident, much of the original flavor of those early days remains. The support of the Lake Claire Land Trust with its mini-music festivals and drumming circle nights, as well as contributions provided by the neighborhood organization for Clifton Sanctuary Ministry, attest to an element within Lake Claire of tolerance and liberality. Marilyn Schertz’s house will turn 100 years old this year. She guesses that the enormous magnolia tree in the side yard is at least as old. She mused, “Lake Claire has seen a lot of changes—some good and some not so good—but the spirit of the community still holds much of its original charm. Fortunately, there’s still room here for creative spirits, for oddballs and misfits, for hippies and artists. The people will still rally to protect the streets of the ‘hood, promote safety without infringing another person’s rights, inspire others with artful creations, and volunteer their gifts, time and money when needed. I hope that never changes.”

—Beth Damon, resident “only” since 1990

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Blast from the past: Marilyn Schertz holding son Ben Horrisberger and Gabe between Bill Horrisberger (M’s ex) and Marilyn. Photo Credit Charles Hinkle.

Recent Mother’s Day on Marilyn’s deck with sons Ben (left) and Gabe Horrisberger. Photo Credit Louis Boulanger.

Montessori In Town
News from the Land Trust

Come Play Dead with Us!

On Friday evening, August 5, the Lake Claire Community Land Trust presents the third annual Jerry Jam, a benefit fundraiser celebrating the life and music of Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead. Our opening act, the High Country Ramblers, will perform an acoustic set, followed by Lake Claire’s own Bill Fleming and the Ex-P.A.N.D. Band playing electric.

Gates open at 6 p.m., with music from 7 to 11:30 p.m. The Gorilla Grill will be serving food and beverages. As always, if you can, please park at the Clifton Sanctuary and stroll over to minimize parking congestion for our neighbors.

All proceeds benefit the Land Trust’s efforts to preserve and enhance greenspace in the ‘hood.

—Michael Corley

Cookoff & Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest at the Land Trust

America’s competitive spirit reigns supreme on July 4th!

Every year the Lake Claire Community Land Trust holds a Fourth of July cook-off and potluck, thanks to organizers Liliane Spenle and Betsy Hoddinott. This year, thunder and dire storm warnings threatened to dampen the event, but very fortunately, the rain held off until the celebration was over.

The featured ingredient for this year’s cook-off was tomatoes. The entries ran the gamut from Bloody Marys to a raw food entry of zucchini pasta with a tomato herb sauce. Twenty-four people paid $1.00 each for the right to taste and judge the entries. Third place winners, with Caprese Sandwiches, were Gerri and Jenny; the second place winner was Bob Sattelmeyer with Gazpacho; and the first place winner was Genise Spenle with Tomato Corn Pie.

The judging blended naturally into enjoyment of the potluck dishes, many of which had been homegrown. After everyone ate to their heart’s content, a watermelon seed spitting contest followed. Alan Williams won first place, with Priscilla Dixey in second and Lam Yazel in third.

Be sure to mark your calendars and join the fun next year. See you on the Land Trust!

—Genise Spenle

Land Trust Volunteer Drive

The Land Trust’s Events Committee is holding a volunteer drive to find the needed volunteers for the fall benefit schedule. We have three more events coming to the Land Trust this year, including this month’s Jerry Jam, our annual Fall Fest and a never-been-done-before Theatre Night!! For dates, see the updated Land Trust calendar in this month’s Clarion or visit www.LCCLT.org/calendar/2011-event-schedule.

We need cooks, food servers, flyer putter-uppers, stage hands (and a stage manager!), folks to work the gate collecting donations, help with the stage sound and decor, baked goods donated, raffle prize gatherers and ticket sellers and plenty of folks to set up and clean up afterwards too. Anyone interested in helping in any way around any of the upcoming events, please call Sunshine at (678) 508-6632.

—Sunshine Allard

Yearly Membership

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust

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All membership dues are tax deductible!

Photos courtesy of Genise Spenle.
Parking and Traffic Issues Affecting the Neighborhood

We live in an older neighborhood that has some narrow streets. Our lots don’t always have driveways or garages that are adequate for the number of cars that families today possess—if they have driveways or garages at all! And when large social events, movie shoots, or construction of any sort takes place at any address parking havoc can result for a few hours or a few months.

Our neighbors on Arizona Avenue recently received news that the City of Atlanta intended to limit parking on their street to just one side. As we understand it, this proposed change is the result of complaints from sanitation crew members who were unable to navigate the entire length of the street on a number of garbage collection days. Since the notice arrived, residents have been working with each other, NPU-N representatives, and City officials to propose more moderate solutions.

Everyone involved wants sanitation, emergency, and postal vehicles to have easy access to all houses on all streets at all times and the City and USPS workers to be able to deliver services as efficiently as possible. We who live in Lake Claire also want maximum parking options on our streets.

Neighbors on Connecticut Avenue and Ridgewood Road also complained at a recent neighborhood meeting about drivers running stop signs. Lake Claire Neighbors has asked the Atlanta Police Department (APD) to focus some of their ticket-writing action to this corridor from Dekalb Avenue to the Frazer Center. These complaints about dangerous driving, along with the situation on Arizona Avenue, offer all of us an opportunity to refresh our memories about driving and parking regulations. You can find the Georgia 2010 Driver’s Manual on-line at http://www.dds.ga.gov/docs/forms/FullDriversManual.pdf. You can also learn more about parking in Atlanta by reading the Parking 101 flyer at http://www.atlantaga.gov/client_resources/government/publicworks/parking%20flyer_rev.pdf

Letters Addressing the City’s Proposed Parking Restrictions on Arizona Avenue

Letter to the Editor from Arizona Avenue Resident

Steven Blondeau

To the Editor:

There has been an outcry on Arizona Avenue over the City of Atlanta’s plan to close the west side of the street to parking. The city sought to allow clear passage for sanitation trucks and emergency vehicles. This makes perfect sense. There is almost no time, except for events at the Land Trust, when the cars won’t fit on one side of the road. In event situations there are parking options at the Clifton Ministries to address the influx of cars. Yet, due to the fact that several residents on the street appear to use their homes as boarding houses there are more cars than typically associated with duplexes and single-family homes. When I made these points on the Land Trust Yahoo LETTER - BLONDEAU cont’d p. 10

Letter from The Lake Claire Community Land Trust to Commissioner Richard Mendoza, City of Atlanta Department of Public Works

Dear Commissioner Mendoza:

For over 25 years, we and our neighbors have been working to develop and maintain a community garden and greenspace, the Lake Claire Community Land Trust, which is accessible to the public from the cul-de-sac at the end of Arizona Ave. NE. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit with participants and supporters throughout the Lake Claire neighborhood and beyond. Many of them come to visit our playground, gardens, and walkways on a daily basis. We also host occasional fund-raisers and arts-related events on evenings and weekends.

The creation of a no-parking tow-away zone on the west side of Arizona Ave. would severely LETTER - LCCLT cont’d p. 10

THE WINNING RECIPE

Tomato Corn Pie
(1st place winner, Genise Spenle)

Crust ingredients: 1-1/2 sticks (3/4 cup) cold unsalted butter 1 cup all-purpose flour 3/4 cup yellow cornmeal 1 teaspoon salt 3 tablespoons ice water pie weights or raw rice for weighing crust

Custard ingredients: 3 large eggs 1 cup lactose free milk 1/2 cup fat-free shredded Cheddar cheese cherry tomatoes, sliced in half 1 cup frozen corn kernels 1/2 packed cup fresh basil, chopped 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Make crust:
In a food processor pulse together flour, cornmeal, and salt. Add butter cut into pieces and pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add ice water and pulse until incorporated and mixture just forms a dough. Press dough evenly into bottom and sides of a tart pan (I used 10-x-1-inch round ones) with a removable fluted rim and roll a rolling pin over rim of pan to trim dough flush with rim. Chill crust for 20 minutes, or until firm. While crust is chilling, preheat oven to 375°F. Line crust with foil and fill with pie weights or raw rice. Bake crust in lower third of oven until edge is set, 10 minutes. Carefully remove foil and weights or rice and bake crust 5 minutes more, or until just dry. Leave oven on and cool crust in pan on a rack (crust may crack slightly).

Make custard:
In a bowl whisk together all custard ingredients except cheese, corn kernels and basil. Spread the cheese, corn and basil over the partially baked crust. Pour custard into crust, spreading evenly. Halve cherry tomatoes and arrange, cut side up, in one layer on custard, pressing lightly into custard. Bake tart in lower third of oven until custard is just set, about 25 minutes. Cool tart on rack.

Custard recipe adapted from From EatingWell, July/August 2010

Crust recipe from Gourmet, September 1998

Land Trust Calendar Update

AUGUST 5, 6 to 11:30 p.m. JERRY JAM. Celebrate the life and music of Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead with an evening of tribute.

AUGUST 7 and 21, 3 to 6 p.m. “Keep the Trust” volunteer work days. Pizza will be served. Volunteers will also receive a free Drum Circle pass.

AUGUST 13, 6:30 p.m., Community Potluck at the Gazebo, rain location: the Gorilla Grill.

SEPTEMBER 10, PEACE AND LOVE FALL FEST. Our own semi-annual music festival to raise funds to keep the Trust alive!

OCTOBER 8, THEATRE NIGHT. Rent a table and bring a picnic (Chastain-style) while we entertain you with a variety of performances on the big stage.

DECEMBER 3, HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE. Artists & craftspeople, what are you going to make this year to sell?

Photo credit: Genise Spenle
group I was told “things have always been this way” and received several emails off the group page that were very ugly in tone. As I pondered the situation I gained clarity on the importance of zoning laws. Building without a permit was an insult to my neighbors. It was disrespectful. I am now realizing the need for structure, to allow for more garden space. In a city all the residents are inter-connected. As such there are rules and regulations to ensure that people don’t step on each other’s toes. If allowed to pick and choose which laws matter it can create hardship and bad blood between neighbors. Often these are left unspoken and go on the back burner until they simmer and boil up in critical moments. An answer usually lies between two extremes in the middle way. My intention in bringing out the renting of rooms is not to single people out or bring an end to the custom, only to say that there must be compromise in other areas, such as parking. The needs of sanitation and emergency workers should supersede the parking convenience of tenants in these homes that appear to be boarding houses. There is much contradictory behavior on this street. The basic attitude can be summed up in the “wink, wink” given to the “No Drugs or Alcohol” sign at the Land Trust. However, on an almost daily basis I see people park their cars and carry beer to the Land Trust. The recycle cans from the Land Trust and visitors to the Land Trust are always filled with beer cans. I drink a beer on occasion so I have no issue with beer. So, do the rules only apply to “them”? Is this the Arizona Avenue version of the TV show “Lost”? Everyone not associated with “how things have always been” becomes an “other”? Speaking up about this matter not only did I receive the ugly emails but also emails from neighbors saying they were in agreement though hesitant to speak up. At present the issue of making it safe for tenants to park seems to have been dropped in much of the discussion. The Land Trust Board of Directors is now taking the tact that parking will inhibit the functioning of the Land Trust and it’s importance to the community. If it is such a vital entity why must we have events and rely on an influx of cars to sustain it? Why doesn’t the community rally and support it? This argument is an attempt at misdirection and sleight of hand to remove focus from the quasi-boarding houses. To live together in a harmonious community light must be brought to the shadows rather than expending energy to keep the shadows from being noticed. Creating harmony in relationships is not a function of ignoring other’s misdeeds and selfish actions. Rather, they should be noted with care and concern. Fighting to keep the status quo, even if it is deeply flawed, is a unique strain of fundamentalism. If the desire is for the city, and the rest of the neighborhood, to respect the views of this street, then behavior must possess integrity, consistency and be made with full disclosure. As a homeowner concerned with safety, stability, and, yes, home value, addressing the jumble of cars on this street is of great concern. The city, as well as residents, should consider the long-term health of the neighborhood, in addition to ease of access for sanitation and emergency workers, not the needs and expectations of those seeking to maintain a flawed status quo. Thus, any rentals must be code compliant, building done with permits and codes of behavior followed by all members of the community. —Steven Blondeau, Arizona Avenue resident

Candler Park Market Raffle Raises $$ for Lake Claire Neighbors

The Candler Park Market raffled a New Belgium “Fat Tire” Bicycle in July. Half of the proceeds were donated to Lake Claire Neighbors—$195. The other half was donated to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Thanks so much to Greg Hutchins and the Candler Park Market for their generous donation!
Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting: July Minutes

July 21, 2011

Led by Sarah Wynn

Attended by 17 neighbors (4 officers) and 8 guests

Minutes recorded by Heidi Hill

Sarah Wynn, president of Lake Claire Neighbors, opened the meeting at 7:08 pm.

1) Guest speakers. Sarah invited the Atlanta Fire Rescue team from Station 12, on DeKalb Avenue, to speak to the neighbors. Captain Dobson informed us of events and changes at the station, including their involvement in a smoke alarm replacement program, repairs to the station’s ceiling and waterlines, and their work with the U.S. Fire Administration to educate people about installing sprinkler systems in their homes. The fire department recently hired more than sixty new recruits and is now at full staff. Captain Dobson said there had been no major incidents in our area in June or July.

A neighbor asked if the department had any trouble accessing homes on the west side of Arizona Avenue; they did not. The officers closed their presentation by encouraging neighbors to visit the station and get to know the team. Residents can also join the Atlanta Citizens Fire Academy to learn more about what the fire department does.

To request a home smoke alarm, call the hotline at (404) 546-2733 or email smokealarm@atlantaga.gov. To contact Station 12, or to get information on any of the department’s programs (such as their car seat installation program), call the main switchboard at (404) 546-7000.

Genny Castillo, the director of Constituent Services for Representative Stacey Abrams’ office, was invited to speak next. She announced that the special session, on reapportionment, will start on August 15. Information can be found at www.staceyabrams.com. Neighbors can email Casti llo with any questions at geniegrande@abrams.com.

2) LCN officer reports. Sarah Wynn, LCN president, gave the treasurer’s report. LCN has $7,602.58 in its checking account and $4,131.36 in savings. We received funds from the Candler Park Market bike raffle earlier this month in the amount of $195. Candler Park also received $7,602.58 in its checking account on July 15. Information can be found at the website of OneDeKalb.

Heidi Hill gave an update on the new LCN website and blog, which is now up at www.lakecliffe.org.

Valencia Hudson, from councilmember Natalyn Archibong’s office, spoke to the group on the neighbors. She mentioned that water bills are going up and said that the APD would not be able to attend the night’s meeting because of a hit-and-run on College Avenue.

3) Announcements. Sarah reminded everyone to pay their $20 dues, either at the meeting, by mail, or online.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the City’s proposal to make the west side of Arizona Avenue a tow-away no-parking zone. Sarah gave background information to the members of your community. Neighborhoods are invited to organize their own events; more information is at the website of OneDeKalb.

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4) A neighbor asked if any neighbors had other issues they wished to discuss. Katie Brady, a neighbor on Marlbrook, informed neighbors that the Frazer Center had recently cut down a number of trees to install a gravel parking lot without a permit in the area directly behind her home. The center is in unincorporated DeKalb, not City of Atlanta, and is zoned residential, which allows it to cut down five trees a year without permission. Other immediately impacted neighbors have gotten a stop-work order for the lot and two others that are being built on the property.

A representative from the Frazer Center was unable to attend the meeting. Sarah said she had emailed the director, but he was unable to talk about the situation because a lawyer had been engaged.

Katie asked for help from neighbors and the neighborhood organization in handling the situation. She had spoken to the center and gotten its side of the story—that the area has always been a parking lot and now is more functional—but is upset about the trees being cut down (as they provided shade and a buffer for noise), the increased number of parked cars in the area, and the lack of a setback. She wants the law to be followed. Other neighbors complained about the noise from events at the center and the Dumpster pickups at 5:45 a.m.

It was suggested that Katie and other concerned neighbors contact our county representatives, Kathie Gannon and Jeff Rader. Katie said she would draft an email on the situation and send it to neighbors. Katie would be present as well. The meeting ended at 8:38 pm.

Next LCN Meeting

Thursday August 18

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

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Also, consider contacting APS and our local representatives directly. Several people have had trouble emailing APS. Thanks to Lake Claire resident Jesse Sturm for contacting APS and getting to the bottom of the problem! When emailing APS, please use the extension @atlanta.k12.ga.us. The corrected contact information for our local representatives and APS Board members is below. If you have technical problems reaching the board, please contact Joe Hixon at (404) 802-2130.

SCHOOL BOARD
For information on upcoming APS board meetings, contact Dr. Howard Grant at hgrant@atlanta.k12.ga.us.
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Dr. Brian Mitchell, Mary Lin principal (bdmitchell@atlanta.k12.ga.us)

Help Needed
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Position Available
LC Neighbors Vice President of Safety
Interested in volunteering for Lake Claire Neighbors? The VP of Safety position is open and is a great way to give back to your neighborhood. The VP of Safety is responsible for reviewing the police reports for crimes that occur in our neighborhood for publication in the Clarion. The position entails spending a couple of hours each month reviewing all of the police reports from Zone 6 and determining which (if any) crimes occurred in Lake Claire. Also, as an officer of LCN, the VP of Safety attends the LCN monthly meeting, where he or she provides a report on public safety to attendees. If you are interested, please come to the LCN meeting on Thursday, August 18th or contact Sarah Wynn at president@lakeclaire.org.

Biscuits & Bellyrubs
Anna Trodglen
Biscuits & Bellyrubs artwork, cards and coloring books can be purchased at Donna Van Gogh’s, 1651 McLendon Avenue. Also, be sure to check out the twice-weekly strip on Facebook “Biscuits & Bellyrubs by Anna Trodglen.”

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Neighborhood References, No job too small, Jacob Franklin: 404-863-7657

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