LAKE CLAIRE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY AND PARADE COMING OCTOBER 26

It’s October, and excitement abounds as one of our signature annual events approaches. The Lake Claire Halloween Parade and Party has been co-hosted annually by the Lake Claire Parents Group and Lake Claire Neighbors, and it gives kids (and adults!) a chance to parade (costumed or not) through the streets of Lake Claire, ending up in Lake Claire Park for treats and more. This year’s party will happen Saturday, October 26.

Bring your little pirates, princesses, super heroes, monsters, witches, and others to join the parade at the intersection of Ridgewood and Marlbrook at 5:00 p.m.! The parade will end at Lake Claire Park.

We need more volunteers! Please visit our neighborhood website, lakeclaire.org, or contact Katie Brady for information. Volunteering is a great way to meet other neighbors and help make this Lake Claire event super spooktacular.

Read about the Halloween Parade from the perspectives of kids in this month’s Kids’ Corner (on the back).

Breaking News about House Alarm Systems!

The Clarion has discovered that as of September 15, City of Atlanta residents and businesses are now required to register their security and burglar alarm systems.

In a press release, the Atlanta Police Department (APD) reported that last year, they responded 1245] of the Friends of Lake Claire Park for further information.

And let’s be kind to our fellow dog owners and others: keep dogs on leashes in Lake Claire Park (it’s the law...)

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OCTOBER: Mark your Calendars

The 10th month of the year is an outstanding one. In the early Roman calendar, October was actually the eighth month. In the North Temperate zone, the first frost happens, leaves change color and fall. Most of the birds would have left for the South hemisphere to protect themselves from cold weather. In the southern hemisphere, October’s weather is just like the northern hemisphere’s April weather. In October, farmers bring the last of the fall crops and ship them to other parts of the U.S. and also, many apples are harvested. The birth flower is the calendula. There are about 50 monthly observances, including National Cookie Month, Chili Month, Pizza Month, Dessert Month, Lupus Awareness Month, and National Seafood Month. And of course, the most well-known holiday of the month is Halloween, October 31.

1 - 20 Horizon production of “third country” (playwright Suehyla El-Attar) was inspired by real life events in Clarkston, Georgia, where thousands of refugees from around the world have been resettled over the last decade. A community in transition and what happens when we are forced to redefine and share our homes. A poignant new play from our own changing backyard.

5 Harold Avenue Street Dance 7:30 pm to midnight (street closed from Marlbrook to Harriett, with police permission/protection). SEVERAL BANDS! Always fun!

5 Lake Claire Park Beautification Workday. Please see details on Page 1. 9 am to 1 pm


5 & 19 Land Trust drum circle, dark until midnight. Please walk, bike, or carpool. Donation.

6 & 20 – (the day after each drum circle) – “Keep the Trust” Volunteer Work Day, 11 am - 2 pm.

6 Great Atlanta Bicycle Parade. Write to: info@atlantabike.org

7 You must register to vote by October 7! See details in page 1 article “Your Vote...Improve Schools”

9 - 20 several election information sessions and meets-and-greets—See Page 1 article “Your Vote...”


12 Harvest Peace & Love Fest at the Land Trust, please respect our neighbors, and park in the designated area, not on side streets near the Land Trust. See article and box on page 11 for list of bands and details.

13 Clifton Sanctuary Ministries’ Graduation at 6pm—you are invited! See article on Page 5 for details.

13 Land Trust monthly community potluck at the Gazebo, 6:30 pm. Bring your own plate, cup & utensils.

17 and the third Thursday of every month - Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting, graciously hosted by The Frazer Center, in the Rose Room, pizza graciously provided by Savage Pizza. Eat & socialize 7:00 p.m., meeting 7:15 p.m. (check our website for the current agenda and past meeting minutes.)

26 Lake Claire’s Annual Halloween Parade, 5 pm – meet at the corner of Ridgewood and Marlbrook to parade to Lake Claire Park (Please check website lakeclaire.org for details)

26 - Nov. 1 Early Voting. See Page 1 article “Your Vote...”.

26 10am-2pm Fernbank Boo-seum Trick-or-Treat: Ghosts, goblins, princesses and pirates are invited for a safe and not scary trick-or-treating event featuring treats for kids in costume, games, music and more.* Cost: Included with Museum admission and FREE for members.

27 – Land Trust, Annual Pumpkin Carving, 5:00 pm – at the Land Trust!

EARLY NOVEMBER:

1 Deadline for submissions for Lake Claire Banner (see September issue for complete details)

5 Voting Day = please see article on page 1 with information about deadlines, meet-the-candidates forums, etc.

Send calendar items for NOVEMBER Clarion by OCTOBER 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org

Thank you to Savage Pizza for providing pizza to our neighborhood meetings!
Margaret Gossett, Long-time Lake Claire Resident

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or so, sharing your memories and thoughts on changes you have experienced -- and similarities you see-- in your own lives and in our neighborhood in the last 30-odd years.

I met with Margaret Gossett on a recent Sunday afternoon in her comfortable home on Harold Avenue. I sat in her living room surrounded by pictures of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and beloved pets, as we conversed about her life and Lake Claire. Margaret turns 89 this month. She was born in Fairmont, Georgia, and she grew up in the country on a farm, in a little town called Pine Log, Georgia, near Cartersville. She had 5 brothers and 3 sisters, though one of the sisters died at age 3 months. Margaret came next in line, the third of the siblings, and thus, she explained, she was the youngest to Decatur High and the youngest to Decatur High School. Jan is a leap-year baby and is 61, and Ann is 67. Margaret has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. None of them live in Atlanta; her oldest daughter lives in Chattanooga, and her youngest lives in Madison, Georgia.

I asked her about changes in Lake Claire. Marlbrook was called Lula, she said. The man that built the subdivision named streets after his children, Lula, Harriett, Harold, etc. Many things are pretty much the same, she thinks, except there are more houses and more children, as others in this series have mentioned. As we spoke of changes, she looked around her lovely home and mentioned changes she hopes for, such as renovation of her kitchen and bathrooms. I asked what keeps her so busy, and she talked about being a member of the First Baptist Church, which she enjoys. Also, after “retirement” Margaret started working as a poll worker, which she has done ever since. She loves the job. She especially loves getting to know all the people, even though some of them “get a little fussy.” In that regard, she told me a few stories about dealing with people who show up in a hurry to vote and might be unfamiliar with the I.D. requirements. I could tell she always remains patient as she guides them through the process.

I spent the majority of the day, often with closeby neighbor Sharon Doochin. It was hard to tear myself away, and as I left Margaret’s home and walked to Sharon’s, it occurred to me that I’d spent the majority of the time talking about Margaret’s life and history and not much about Lake Claire, but her giving personality and stories were captivating. We are so lucky to have such long-time residents adding to the diversity of Lake Claire.

Sharon Doochin told me, “I am lucky to have had Margaret as my neighbor for the last 29 years. Our views are different, but our principals are the same. She’s been there for me when I’m up and fusses at me when I get down. We motivate each other to be and do our best. Nothing slips by this lady. Whenever I need help in remembering something, I know Margaret will remember what I can’t. Margaret knows the names of everyone...” cont. on p. 6

Tyger Golubic – Adolphus. (“With his sweet temperament, he was known by many and loved by all, two- and four-legged friends) 

Belle (11/29/99 – 8/23/13) sweet wonderful companion of Susan Rutherford – Hardendorf. (Susan adopted her shortly after moving to Lake Claire, and “we came to embrace the neighborhood together as we explored its many corners. Belle had friends far and wide throughout Lake Claire.”)

Found: — Welcome home, Notchy, lost cat of the DeFeos. A Candler Park resident found and returned the Lake Claire kitty after 3 weeks.

To help us continue this feature on neighborhood life cycle events, let us know at editor@lakeclaire.org if you know of any birthdays for the upcoming month, or any births or deaths or important rights of passage. As space allows, we will include in the newspaper.

Let us know your suggestions by October 15 for the month of November.

Margaret at Age 5 in the grapevines in the country

Smiling Belle

Jasper Golubic

Margaret Gossett turns 89 on October 25! Happy birthday from Lake Claire, Marjorie Veazey, turns 6 on October 20! Happy birthday from Lake Claire, Marjorie!
Lake Claire Security Report, August 4-24, 2013 (compiled from APD Reports)

Theft from Auto

2000 block Palifox Drive 8/8/13 parked on street
Damage: rear side door window broken
Taken: cash, VA driver’s license, credit cards

200 block Hampton Terrace 8/10/13 parked on street
Taken: GPS Prints obtained

Contact APD by dialing 911 for every incidence of crime. Dial 404-658-6666 if using a cell phone to avoid delays in our Atlanta-in-DeKalb location. Tell the operator you’re in APD’s Zone 6, Beat 608. Ask for a supervisor if you are not happy with a response. For up to date neighborhood security reports, join lakeclaireneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com

Tips for Safety in the Neighborhood: Be Street Smart

Our VP of Safety attended the Atlanta Police Department (APD) Street Smart Seminar at the end of August. As a community, Lake Claire is doing everything right. Natalyn Archibong and our new Zone 6 commander, Major Timothy Peek, attended. We have very good communications in place through our “watch” e-mail groups and Valencia Hudson’s timely updates from APD, and we are an “on the street” neighborhood, vigilant to what is happening around us, one of the best deterrents to crime. We are fortunate in having much less crime than the other APD Zone 6 neighborhoods.

The registration process, however, is easy (at least calling the number 855-725-7102, which is what I did), and you will be given a permit number from the APD that you must give to your alarm company in order to complete the process.
Your Vote Can Help Improve Our Schools
cont. from p. 1

The field is more crowded than usual due to heightened awareness following the Atlanta Public Schools’ cheating scandal and the school redistricting process. Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) is not officially endorsing any candidates, but LC Education Committee members have gotten to know many of the candidates. Let me know if you’d like to talk informally about how these candidates’ positions align with the neighborhood’s goals — I can be reached at beth_krebs@comcast.net. In addition, there are some upcoming opportunities to meet the candidates and to learn more about the election landscape — details are at the end of this article.

You must be registered to vote by October 7, early voting begins on Oct. 14, and Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. More information on voter registration, our poll location, and early voting can be found at the end of this article.

Below are the School Board seats and candidates that will appear on the ballot:

**District 3** (includes Lake Claire, Morningside, Druid Hills Virginia Highlands, Kirkwood, Edgewood and East Atlanta): Matt Westmoreland (uncontested)

**At Large 7** (elected citywide):
- Courtney D. English (Incumbent) and Nisha Simama

**At Large 8** (elected citywide):
- Cynthia Briscoe Brown; Reuben R. McDaniel III (Incumbent);
- Mark Riley;
- Tom Tidwell;
- Dave Walker.

**At Large 9** (elected city-wide):
- Eddie Lee Brewster;
- Jason Esteves;
- Lori James;
- Anne Wofford McKenzie.

Note that in addition to voting for our School Board Representatives, we will also be selecting our City Council representatives in this election. These races are incredibly important, so please vote!

**Lake Claire Voting Location**

All of Lake Claire votes at Epworth Methodist Church located at 1561 McLendon Avenue. If you are not able to vote on November 5, you can vote in advance (see below).

**Advanced Voting**

The closest advanced voting location is the Wesley Coon Recreation Center at 1530 Woodbine Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30317. Early voting will be held at this location from October 26 to November 1 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). Additional voting locations (including those that open October 14) can be found at the following website:


Exercise your right to vote! (then exercise your dog ... he’ll love that!)

**Upcoming Election Information Sessions**

Inman Middle ABOE Candidate Forum:

- When: Wednesday October 9, 6 – 8 p.m.
- Where: Inman Middle School Auditorium

SEACS/CINS ABOE Candidate Forum

- When: October 17, 7:00 p.m.
- Maynard Jackson High School

“Lake Candler” Education Coffee Chat

Please join us for an informal play date and coffee chat at the park with members of the Lake Claire and Candler Park Education Committees. This is a chance to ask questions and learn more about the upcoming election (and to discuss any other APS topics of interest). Children welcome! Please check the Lake Claire website for rain date information.

- When: Sunday October 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Where: Candler Park

Your neighborhood needs YOU.

1. I am looking for someone to volunteer to coordinate our advertising while our current volunteer advertising coordinator, Talia, is on maternity leave, November through about February. We are looking for someone to begin right away. Each month, the advertising list is finalized on the 15th of the month for the next issue, and October 15 is the corner from when this issue comes out October 1. The job entails keeping an existing database updated, coordinating ad artwork, and checking with the treasurer to make sure checks and PayPal payments have come in.

2. In addition to the advertising coordinator, I am looking for one or more folks with time to make some phone calls to try to increase our Clarion advertising base. Our current volunteers have no more extra time, but we are hoping there might be folks in the neighborhood, who have been looking for a way to volunteer, and this could be an opportunity for you and us....and this could be a few phone calls or a continuing responsibility. For more details, see the last issue (if you don’t have it anymore, the online version at http://www.lakeclaire.org/wp/site/clarionarchives/2013/current.pdf) or write to editor@lakeclaire.org. Please think about it!

WE NEED YOU!

**Voter Registration**

To confirm you are registered to vote, or to register to vote (by October 7), please visit the following website:

http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/vrinfo.htm
How’s the Market?
by Cynthia Baer

If you haven’t noticed, the Real Estate market in Lake Claire is HOT. After five years of dismal news for sellers, we are officially in a seller’s market.

When Supply and Demand move out of balance it is said the market has shifted. Inventory defines the state of an area’s market. If no other homes came on market, at the current rate of sales, “Months of Inventory” is how long it would take to sell all of those properties. For a balanced market, that number is about six months. More than seven months of inventory is considered a “buyer’s market.”

In the Intown market, we have now experienced five consecutive quarters of decreased inventory and increased demand. In Lake Claire, we are at 3 months of inventory. Based on 2nd Quarter stats for 2013, median sales price in-town was up 23.6% and days on market was down 51% in comparison to 2nd Quarter 2012. Increased competition means some properties are receiving multiple offers and selling above list price.

Shockingly, even in a seller’s market, now is a great time to buy. Home prices have not fully recovered to 2007 highs coupled with interest rates that, although rising, are still at historic lows. Higher interest rates mean the home you purchase six months from now may be priced the same, but will cost you more or could move a property out of reach. For every 1% increase in interest rates, buying power is reduced by 10%. Buyers need to be prepared to move quickly and make strong offers for the right property.

Whether selling a home, buying a home, or investing in real estate, utilizing the right professional to navigate the nuances of an area’s market is critical. The right agent will make certain you don’t leave money on the table or miss out on the home of your dreams.

If you or someone you know has ever considered making a change, now is a perfect time to do so. If you are curious about what homes are selling for and frustrated by the lack of information, download my app to see prices of homes on market anywhere in the U.S. (http://app.kw.com/KW1FZY9KX) or scan the QR Code and enter Agent Code KW1FZY9KX.

Cynthia Baer is a Lake Claire resident and a Realtor specializing in the In-town market. She has also been a regular advertiser in the Lake Claire Clarion. She can be reached at 678-358-3369 or cynthia@cynthiabaer.com. www.CynthiaBaer.com or on Facebook Around 30307.

Reminder: Lake Claire Banner: Looking for the Perfect Fit

Lake Claire Neighbors extends a heartfelt thank you to the artists who have already sent submissions for the Lake Claire banner. The Executive Committee appreciates the time and energy expended to meet the banner deadline as previously announced. However, based on the fact that there is no clear winner from the entries initially submitted, and that a groundswell of interest in the banner remains, the competition remains open.

Based on the response from many neighbors, LCN’s Executive Committee feels the process needs to be more clearly defined. Therefore, with apologies to all, but with continued excitement about the banner project, these guidelines are offered, and artists are invited and encouraged to submit new work to be used on other items as well.

1. To enter, participants must send Lake Claire Neighbors a color image of their choice. All images must be able to be resized to measures 18” x36”. The digital specs are: min 75 dpi, min 2660 pixels x 1497 pixels. The winning artist retains the copyright to his or her artwork, but licenses the artwork for any use by Lake Claire Neighbors Inc. All artists retain copyright to their entries, but allow their work to be used on other items such as tote bags, T-shirts, post cards and bumper stickers. Once a winner is chosen by the membership, LCN Inc. will provide technical specifications for any digital artwork.

Prize: The winning artist will receive free 6 months of a business-card-size ad in the Clarion and the gratitude of all your neighbors for your generous gift.

The deadline for submissions is November 1. The Executive Committee will review the submissions and present the selected finalists for a vote by the membership on the winning entry, which will take place at the December holiday meal.

Many thanks to all who have and will participate in creating our new logo and banner. Any questions as well as entries can be submitted to President@LakeClaire.org.
Mary Lin PTA’s Home Run-a-Thon: a Grand Slam  
by Kelly Crutcher

This September, Home Run-a-Thon, Mary Lin PTA’s biggest fundraiser, was a huge success, reaching nearly $55,000 in donations! Mary Lin PTA sends a huge THANK YOU to our co-chairs, Julie Noble and Rachel Bowser, for their fantastic job in leading this homegrown fundraiser where 100% of the money stays at Mary Lin! PTA also wants to thank all of the parents, teachers, students, administration, and staff for being so supportive! Funds raised will support academic and school improvements: Visiting Artists program, Teacher Grants, professional development, Special Education and Health & Sustainability initiatives, enrichment materials, playground improvements, and more. We deeply appreciate the support from our local community!  


Tail End of Summer:  
New Programs at DeKalb County Animal Services

Our shelter has experienced an extremely high intake of animals this past couple of months. In an effort to get the dogs and cats adopted, we’re having a “Tail End of Summer” adoption promotion. Dog adoptions are only $20, and cat adoptions are only $10, including the spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinations, etc. (well over a $200 retail value). Photos of pets for adoption are on our website at: www.dekalbanimalservices.com.  

DeKalb County and our shelter are also overwhelmed with an extremely high number of pit bulls and pit bull mixes, and we have a new program that hopes to help fix that. It is called the “Free Pit Fix,” and it provides free spay/neuters and vaccinations (rabies and distemper/parvo) for pit bulls and pit bull mixes that reside in DeKalb county. DeKalb residents just need to print, fill out, and mail or fax in the form located at:  

Once the form is received, a voucher for a free spay/neuter and shots is mailed to the pet owners.

Lake Claire Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

The minutes are on the website at www.lakeclaire.org, but if any problem, I will be happy to print a copy for you. Just leave a message specified for Editor/Clarion on the Lake Claire Neighbors voice mail (404-236-9526) with your request and providing your address, and it will appear on your doorstep, as does The Clarion, by magic (and volunteer effort).

Lake Claire Park tennis court is closed for repairs and upgrades; more info soon.
Celebrate with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries will be holding its Annual Dinner & Graduation Celebration on Sunday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m., at the North Avenue Presbyterian Church. This is a great opportunity for Lake Claire Neighbors and anyone in the community to hear firsthand how Clifton has had a direct impact on the lives of their guests. The personal stories of success shared by the graduates are truly amazing and inspirational. The fact that this is literally occurring in our back yards is even more amazing.

By registering through the link below, our neighbors can attend this event and help support the continuing success of this 34-year old neighborhood institution. Tickets for the dinner are $40 per person or $325 for a table of eight. They can be purchased on the website at http://www.cliftonsanctuary.com/annual-dinner-graduation or by sending a check to the Clifton office. Reservations are required for planning purposes. North Avenue Presbyterian is located at 607 Peachtree Street, at the corner of North Avenue & Peachtree, in Atlanta.

Clifton Graduation Last Year

“At Clifton’s graduation dinner, you hear remarkable stories from men who are transitioning from homelessness to self-reliance. It is hard to imagine the well-dressed, eloquent and powerful speaker before you may have been homeless just months ago. The event is an amazing expression of the strength of the human spirit. You also hear from wonderful people who dedicate their lives to helping the men at Clifton and feel proud of our community for supporting this important ministry.”

-James & Kelly Crutcher

James Crutcher is VP Board of Directors, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries and LCN representative to CSM.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is still looking for items to feature in this year’s Silent Auction. Do you have a unique item or perhaps a service that you could donate to help raise additional funds to support their work? If so please contact them. Last year they raised over $1,000 with the Silent Auction. Contact them at: http://www.cliftonsanctuary.com/contact-us or phone 404-373-3253.
Spring Bulb Challenge

by Colleen Golden

Nothing is better than the first harbingers of spring after a long cold winter: bulbs. Distant though the earth's center of daffodils and crocuses may seem, Fall is actually the best time to plant these effortless re-bloomers.

For most spring-blooming bulbs, find a site in full to part sun with well-draining soil that is rich in organic matter. Spacing varies with each type of bulb, but as a general rule plant three times the height of the bulb deep and three times the width of the bulb apart. Planting bulbs this close together creates a very impressive impact. One daffodil is lovely, but 50 or 100 in a swath are breathtaking. Just thinking about those quantities might cause some wrists to ache. Not feeling up to planting 100 bulbs? At a minimum I'd shoot for groupings of 25. Make sure to mulch and water bulbs thoroughly after planting to encourage rooting right away.

Some of my favorite spring-blooming bulbs include daffodils, spring starflowers and species tulips. Daffodils (Narcissus spp.) are an old, pest-free, southern favorite with more cultivars to choose from than days in the year. Try the flamboyant 'Serona' for a punch of bright color, or the delicate 'Avalanche' with upwards of 15 light yellow and white blooms per stalk!

Spring Starflower (Ipheion uniflorum) is one of the first blooms to emerge from short grassy foliage in the spring. To me, the white star-shaped flowers smell like a Strawberry Shortcake doll's fragrance (in a good way). But watch out for the foliage; if crushed, it has a persistent garlic odor. The straight species naturalizes readily—some say to the point of being a garden thug—but there are cultivars available that are not so invasive. 'Rolf Fiedler' has dazzling blue petals that would jazz up the front of any perennial border. Try dotting Spring Starflower around the lawn for a more whimsical application. Blooming early, the foliage will have time to store up enough energy for next year's flowers before the first mowing in late spring.

Species tulips (Tulipa spp.) are a group of more unusual perennial spring bulbs that perform well in southern gardens. At
Have YOU discovered the BeltLine?

The Atlanta BeltLine is parks, trails, and more. The very best way to learn about the Atlanta BeltLine is to take a ride on a free, narrated bus tours. Ride in comfort as you learn all about the Atlanta BeltLine history, project updates, and long-range plans. Bus tours run every Friday and Saturday morning, but space is limited and seats fill up fast!

Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum Walking Tours give you a wonderful opportunity really to immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the Atlanta BeltLine. Led by expert docents from Trees Atlanta, and with a focus on the horticultural collections, these guided tours along the East Side Trail are filled with great details about native trees, special features, and historical information about the Atlanta BeltLine and its one-of-a-kind Arboretum. Learn more about the tours at http://beltline.org/programs/atlanta-beltline-tours/.

Halloween 2013 in Lake Claire

by Lynn Nomad

'Twas the Banshee’s lonely wailing; Well I knew the voice of death, On the night-wind slowly sailing... O’er the bleak and gloomy heath.

In many forms, and in many cultures, Halloween (the name a contraction of “All Hallows’ Evening) has been celebrated for thousands of years. What I find particularly interesting about this holiday is its main theme—death. Of course, in this country many people explore its more serious aspects: honoring and praying for departed loved ones (All Saints and Souls Days).

And many also enjoy the more lighthearted, yet perhaps no less profound, aspect of making fun of our own mortality by dressing as dead personalities or dangerous and supernatural fiends. But while we may mock danger that night, please pay attention to some real perils for our neighborhood children. Parents, please consider carefully if your child is ready to go out unchaperoned. Avoid houses that do not have lights, decorations, or some other indication that trick-or-treaters are welcome. Stay on the sidewalks. Let’s try to keep our Lake Claire sidewalks clear of cars and trashcans, and trim projecting branches...there is still time before Halloween! And let’s leave the lights on! Drive — and walk — carefully.

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Peace & Love Harvest Fest, Saturday
October 12

A fundraiser for the Lake Claire Community Land Trust
by Frani Green

Come and celebrate, dance, eat, commune with your neighbors while raising FUNds for our beautiful oasis in the city! We have a great line-up of music, art, food, and beverages to keep you entertained and happy – rain or shine. We’ll be raffling off the usual collection of wonderful prizes donated by local businesses. The playground will be open, with a fresh load of sand, and the entire Land Trust is yours to wander. The suggested donation is once again only $10.00.

Our musical line-up is particularly great this time. Read on!

3:30-4:30 pm: The Johnson Party. This seven-piece Atlanta group plays primarily original songs, along with well-known reggae, rock, bluegrass, pop, and Grateful Dead covers that groove seekers, hipsters, and families all enjoy. The band’s sound has been called “unapologetic bohemian wanderlust anthems that sound like they were spawned around a giant bonfire – backed by grooving guitars and a sing-along chorus.” Their first CD is currently out on Wilderness Records. They are working on their second and have cut tracks with producer Tom Tapley (Springs and Twang of Appalachia and winds around a rock-steady beat like kudzu on a barbed wire fence. Net Rhythms calls it “Music as it should be – raw and honest.” We call it Blues-Infused American Roots.

Plus a special treat – an amazing belly dance performance by the one and only Juliana Ellen!

The menu includes the usual meat and veggie dogs and burgers, sides, drinks, and surprises. And of course our neighborhood bakers will be providing goodies for the traditional Bake Sale. Bring your own washable plate, cup, and utensils, and get a free raffle ticket!

As always, please DO NOT PARK ON SIDE STREETS around the Land Trust. Event parking is available at Clifton Sanctuary – just follow the signs. Please respect our neighbors. Walking, biking, car-pooling, and riding MARTA are recommended. This is an all-ages event, but leave your critters at home.

October Land Trust Calendar

Sun. Oct. 6 and 20 – (the day after each drum circle) – “Keep the Trust” Volunteer Work Day, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Volunteers get a free lunch and a drum circle pass.


Sun. Oct. 27 – Annual Pumpkin Carving, 5:00 pm

Got an idea for an educational workshop at the Land Trust? Just contact us at info@LCCLT.org.

The 2013 Peace & Love Harvest Fest needs YOU!

Remember the First Law of FUN: You’ll have more if you get involved and help make it happen!

- As always, volunteers are needed to fill a variety of two-hour timeslots throughout the day.
- We need raffle prizes. We need donations of baked goods for the Bake Sale.
- Vendors are welcome to vend for the cost of admission plus whatever donation they feel is justified by sales.

To volunteer, or more info on volunteering, contact info@LCCLT.org.

Thanks for your support!
What is your favorite neighborhood event of the year?
Both reply: The Lake Claire Halloween Parade!
How would you describe it to someone who has never attended?
Karis: The entire neighborhood meets up with parents, grandparents, big kids, and babies, all in costumes, and we all walk to the park. All the kids get to run around everywhere and eat yummy cupcakes.
Carlie: I don’t remember walking on the street, but all my friends played on the playground AND we got to go the wrong way up the slide. Lots of kids were sliding down the slide together at the same time. That was fun!

Were there any parents around when that was happening?
Carlie: Mom took a video that we can watch on your phone?
Karis: Yeah, and Mom kept yelling, “Don’t fall off the slide.”
What do you enjoy about this event?
Karis: I liked being with lots of people in costume. It’s fun to see how many kids live where we live.
Carlie: I liked the cupcakes with all the frosting.

What costume did you wear?
Both: Indian costumes.
What will you be this year?
Both: Indians again!
Karis: Now I have a slingshot, beaded belt, beaded pouch, and new moccasins.
Carlie: Mom, when are you going to get me a belt and pouch?!?

Did you like seeing moms and dads dressed in costume?
Both: Yes, and we want our whole family to be dressed as an Indian family this year.
If you were on the planning committee, as a kid, is there anything you would like to see happen this year that would really make you smile?
Karis: A big table with lots of bands to make Rainbow Loom bracelets.
Carlie: A juggling elephant!
If you could magically have one wish for this Halloween Parade, what would it be?
Karis: I would want to have power to grant everyone’s wishes. Since my best friend in the neighborhood is moving this year, I would wish to make a new friend. Just like the song I learned at school, “Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other’s gold. A circle is round and has no end. That’s how long I want to be your friend.”
Carlie: I would want to fly like a fairy, and if I could fly like a fairy then I would need a different costume because I would want to be a fairy.

Jokes, Riddles, and Cartoons by Clarions Under 12

Try to guess the riddles! (Answers at the bottom)
1. What kind of sick was the worm feeling? (by Michael McGill, age 6)
2. What has cat legs, cat arms, and a cat tail, and a cat’s face, but is not a cat? (Sara McGill, age 8)
3. What did the person say to the fly? (Sara McGill, age 8)

Answers:
1. The worm felt “Apple-ie”
2. A kitten.
3. “You bug me.”

Hey there, Lake Claire kids—let’s put some of your creativity on this page. Submit articles, poetry, drawings, your original puzzles, JOKES, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. Next time: what do you like about November, or Thanksgiving, or winter coming...or choose any topic you wish. Be creative...we’d love to hear from you.