



## Come on Out and Play!

Old-Fashioned Family Picnic in the 'Hood,  
May 4, 3-5 p.m.

According to a misty legend handed down from ancient times, it was once traditional in small towns and neighborhoods for families to get together for no other reason than to have fun. Lake Claire Neighbors and the Lake Claire Community Land Trust



From 1st Annual Picnic, May 2013, photo by Judi Horn

are reviving this lost tradition, and you're invited! So put on your khakis or tie-dyes, round up the kids, and come on over to the Lake Claire Land Trust on Sunday afternoon, May 4, for an old-fashioned **family picnic**.

For only \$2.00 a plate, you'll be served a meat or veggie hot dog with all the fixins, coleslaw, chips, cookies, and lemonade. We always encourage folks to bring your own washable plate, cup, and utensils.

Scheduled activities include guided tours of the Land Trust on the half hour and a talent show of sorts with an open mi-

crophone on the stage in the amphitheater. Kids of all ages may sign up near the stage to sing a song, dance a jig, tell a story, play a musical instrument, tell jokes, or any other entertaining thing you think of. Hardendorf's Myles Nielsen will serve as

MC, and his sisters, Stella and Esther, will perform Irish dances. John Kelly and friends will get our show started at 3 p.m. with a few favorite songs.

We've also asked our firemen from Fire Station 12 to park their truck in the Arizona Avenue cul-de-sac for kids to explore (provided they don't get called to a fire!). This was a big hit last year. And of course, Big Lou the Emu will be welcoming visitors down by the pond. (As always, please don't let your dog bark at him.) Little kids also love just playing at the playground. Lake Claire Neigh-

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## Family Volunteer Opportunities In and Around Lake Claire

by Alicia McGill

*"You make a living by what you get.  
You make a life by what you give."*

--Winston Churchill

We are the **Land Trust Family Project**, a group of families working with the Lake Claire Land Trust Board. Our mission is to help families engage with the wonderful resources in the Lake Claire neighborhood, centered around the neighborhood's and Land Trust's ideals of community and civic engagement. Our goals are:

1) To initiate neighborhood supported projects utilizing the unique community assets ranging from the Land Trust to the Frazer Center, and all the other wonderful organizations in Lake Claire.

2) To preserve the legacy of the Land Trust by encouraging environmental stewardship through education, outreach, and community connection.

3) To secure the future of the Land Trust by building even stronger connections and unity among neighborhood families..

To find out how you can support the Land Trust Family Project, contact Tyralynn at tfrazi2@

gmail.com.

Each of us, young and old, can do something every day to make the world a better place. Through volunteering, children learn social responsibility, build upon social skills, and enhance their self-esteem. Here are some volunteer opportunities in Lake Claire and our adjoining neighborhoods:

**Lake Claire Land Trust (<http://lcclt.org>):** The Land Trust was created entirely by volunteers. Everyone who enjoys the Land Trust is invited to take part in this labor of love, from picking up litter to serving on a committee or the Board of Directors. You'll have more fun if you pitch in and help! Here are some organized volunteer opportunities:

1. April 12-13 – Peace & Love Festival! You can work the Gorilla Grill, serve beverages, sell tickets, publicize the festival, and clean up. Volunteers are also needed for the Memorial Day fundraiser. To join the events volunteer list, email [Events@lcclt.org](mailto:Events@lcclt.org).

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## AT&T Cell Tower Planned at Epworth United Methodist Church

by Lynn Nomad

Epworth United Methodist Church, located in Candler Park at the intersection of McLendon and Mell Avenue, has recently signed a 25-year lease with AT&T for the installation of a cell tower on the church property. Construction will begin in the Spring of 2015, when the current church steeple will be modified to accommodate a 76-foot tall tower and several cell antennae, all concealed within the new stee-

ple. Additional equipment will be added to the church grounds to power and support the tower.

Epworth entered into this lease without input with the local community, indicating that they followed their internal process to reach this decision. In response to a question about engaging the community in advance, Epworth commented on their website that "this is a legitimate use of private property for the common good, a

benefit to everyone concerned, a universal function of our cities, and an approved, intelligent and – most of all – safe application of technology."

Many neighbors, including parents of the co-located preschool Epworth Day School (EDS), were surprised to learn about the lease, and have expressed concerns about the safety and need for the cell tower. Epworth and

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## MARCH

**3** Compassionate Cities/Kind Neighborhoods event at Morehouse College. See www.compassionateatl.com.

**4** "Island of Lemurs: Madagascar" Opens April 4 at Fernbank's IMAX® Theatre. See Fernbank website for more Fernbank activities this month!

**5** and 19 – Land Trust drum circle, dark until midnight. Walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested.

Sunday, May 4 – Land Trust and Lake Claire Neighbors Picnic, 3-5 p.m.

**6** Land Trust Community Work Day. See Land Trust update page – Page 9.

**6** Deadline for early-bird registration for April 27 Rocket Run (see article on Page 3)

**11** Atlanta Beltline Bus Tour, also several other days in April as well as **many other offerings, for free**; no room on this calendar so please see: <https://beltline.org/events/2014-04/>.

**12** FDR commemoration in Warm Springs, Georgia. 11 a.m., the 69th (!) annual commemoration of Franklin Roosevelt's death this day, at the Little White House. This year's speaker is **Nina Roosevelt, FDR's granddaughter**. Coinciding with April 12 & 13: "Spring Fling" - for directions to the Little White House & other info, call the Welcome Center at 1-800-337-1927. See article in last month's Clarion for more details and fun things to do while in the area.

**12** Land Trust Peace & Love Spring Fest - See www.LCCLT.org for BANDS and other details. And Page 9 herein.

**14-22** Passover (Nissan 15-22) (first seder - evening of April 14). Chag sameach Pesach from the Clarion

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**17** and the 3rd Thursday of every month - **Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting, The Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting start. Pizza from Savage (thanks, Savage).**

**18** Frazer Center "Goodness in the Gardens," from 7 to 10 p.m. [www.frazercenter.org](http://www.frazercenter.org)

**19** **EARTH DAY!!** To celebrate it with the Beltline clearing bamboo volunteer at [info@atlbeltline.org](mailto:info@atlbeltline.org).

**20** Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck, 9 a.m. hide; 10 a.m. hunt; 11 a.m. eat. Bring dishes/utensils. See p. 9.

**27** 6th Annual Rocket Run / Inman Park Festival  
**Early May / Save the dates**

**4** Lake Claire Neighbors & Lake Claire Land Trust PICNIC! See Page 1!! 3-5 p.m.

**10** Lake Claire pool opens! Go Wahoo!! (see article page 3)

**Send calendar items for the MAY Clarion by TUESDAY, APRIL 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org**



### Join us for Goodness' sake

Goodness in the Gardens is an enchanted evening with fellow parents, friends, and neighbors. Together we will enjoy fine wine, craft beer, artisan appetizers, live music, and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Frazer Center's mission as an inclusive community where children and adults at all levels of ability and disability gather, learn, and flourish together.

Buy your tickets today: [www.goodnessinthegardens.com](http://www.goodnessinthegardens.com)

Location: Cator Woolford Gardens, 1815 S. Ponce de Leon Ave NE  
 Date: Friday, April 18, 2014  
 Time: 7-10 p.m.  
 Attire: Festive Cocktail  
 Tickets: \$50

Please plan to use UBER for your ride home. Through a special promotion, Uber will give you \$20 towards your first ride by using the promo code [ATLFrazer](#).

# Go Wahoo!



L-R Maddie Goines, Alexandra Mathieson, Davi Pressman, and Lily Nevins -- by Gretchen Connell

Summer is just around the corner, and preparations are already underway at the Lake Claire Pool for much fun in the



Anna Trodglen draws our Biscuits and Belyrubs series. A life-time Atlanta resident, Anna grew up on the edge of Lake Claire. She lives with her husband Dugan, three terriers, and a Black Cat. Find Anna's greeting cards and prints at Donna Van Gogh's, owned and operated by Lake Claire residents.

sun. The pool will open weekends **beginning May 10** and every day from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A key component of summer fun at the pool is the **Lake Claire Wahoo Swim Team**. The Wahoo begins its seventh season May 26 against a host of teams from Dekalb County. Team registration has begun, and participation is open to any member of the Lake Claire Pool who is 18-years-old or younger. Last season the Wahoo finished with a 3-2 record in dual meets and a ninth-place finish overall at the League Championships. It was their best showing in the team's short history and a harbinger of great successes to come.

While the Wahoo have become more competitive over the years, camaraderie and fun continue to be **the team's guiding principles**. This emphasis comes directly from team founder Eric Ericson and long-time coordina-

tor and board member Shannon Goines. Under their guidance and with the help of dedicated parent volunteers, Wahoo coaches expertly balance swim instruction with festive enthusiasm. They lead the swimmers in game day once a week, doughnut practices on Saturdays, and they surprise all with new costumes each week at meets. Last year, the Wahoo also took a team trip to Six Flags and looks forward to making this an annual Wahoo tradition.

To learn more about the Lake Claire Pool and Wahoo swimming, visit [www.lakeclairepool.com](http://www.lakeclairepool.com).

See article on the Lake Claire pool in the June/July 2013 issue of the Clarion at <http://www.lakeclaire.org/clarionarchives/2013/2013-06.pdf> -- for any past issues, go to [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org), choose Clarion, and then Archives.



Coaches and Swimmers cheering teammates – by Gretchen Connell

## 6th Annual Rocket Run Blasts Off on April 27 at Inman Park Festival

Run for a good cause! **The Mary Lin Education Foundation** in partnership with the Inman Park Festival-- 6th annual 5K & 1 mile Rocket Run on Sunday, April 27, at 9 a.m., through Inman Park and the Old Fourth Ward. Register for the race at [www.RocketRun.org](http://www.RocketRun.org) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

The Mary Lin Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that raises funds for our community elementary school. This year's event will provide funding for a new playground following the completion of the current renovation and addition project at Mary Lin. It is a great annual event that lets kids see real run-

ners in action while giving them an opportunity to race as well.

Cost is \$25 (5K) and \$15 (1-Mile) **before April 6**, and \$30/\$20 afterwards. Kids 5th grade and younger are free by signing up online, and they'll receive a t-shirt if they fundraise at least \$5. Don't run? Support the Foundation as a Ghost Runner.

T-shirts come with each entry, and awards by age and gender for the 5K. Sponsors & volunteers needed to make this race a success for the school.

For more information or to volunteer, [rocketrun@marylinfoundation.org](mailto:rocketrun@marylinfoundation.org). To register or for more details: <http://rocketrun.iwelifefundraise.com/>

Join this funky 5K. Costumes encouraged! Sign up and help Mary Lin Elementary PTA Sign up by April 6 for early-bird price – see [rocketrun@marylinfoundation.org](mailto:rocketrun@marylinfoundation.org) to volunteer

**Keep An Eye on the Crime and the Time:  
Lake Claire Security Report, January 26, – March 1  
Compiled from Atlanta Police Department (APD) Reports**

**Burglary**

400 block Lakeshore Dr. 2/11/14

Taken: laptops

Note: rear door unlocked by reaching through dog door; prints lifted

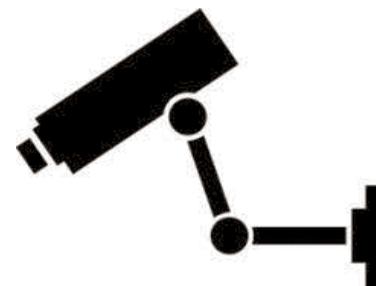
**Other Larceny**

2000 block DeKalb Ave. 2/4/14

Domestic dispute resulted in the taking of \$250 in cash, apartment keys, and vehicle

**Useful Security Information:**

Contact APD by dialing 911 from your home or your cell phone for any incidence of crime or suspicious behavior. Tell the operator you're in APD's Zone 6, Beat 608 if your location does not automatically register on the operator's screen. Join the Lake Claire Neighborhood Watch listserv (lakeclaireneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com) for up-to-date security reports.

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How? Mail a check for \$20 to  
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Atlanta, GA 31107,  
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[www.lakeclaire.org/lcn/members.htm](http://www.lakeclaire.org/lcn/members.htm).

Why? Help your neighborhood association clean up greenspaces, install signs, support initiatives, have great parties, and support deserving causes

*Thanks to Lake Claire neighbors who have already paid 2014 dues.*



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# AT&T Cell Tower Planned at Epworth United Methodist Church

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AT&T held a forum on March 4 to share more information with the EDS parent community. Parents were upset by the lack of engagement from the church in this decision, and questioned if having a cell tower in a residential neighborhood co-located with a pre-school was the best location.

AT&T responded that the location would provide enhanced capacity primarily for Candler Park proper, the golf course, and a few streets bordering the park. Given AT&T's coverage map shows adequate coverage for the 30307 area, and the area that would receive the enhanced capacity is largely uninhabited, the need for additional capacity is unclear. The church recently provided their point of view on this matter: "Why would we install an antenna? Because it is needed," and further added that "AT&T tells us that the occasional service problems we all experience today will become a more common problem as the data demand on its network increases. Epworth is happy to help with this problem."

After the March 4 meeting with the church and AT&T, many questions still remained regarding the details of the project. The audience asked if additional forums will be held for the broader community, but were told the only planned meeting at this time is one with the church congregation, which church leaders were unclear on if the public would be invited. In addition, AT&T had previously committed to attend a Candler Park Neighborhood Organization meeting, but has since indicated that is no longer the case.

Many parents and neighbors have since repeatedly reached out to the church for more information so that they can plan



accordingly regarding school choices -- and to make a decision if they even want to live in close proximity to the cell tower.

Recently the church has indicated that the Pastor, who is leaving the Church this summer, will no longer be receiving communications on this matter, and that all questions and comments should be sent to [communications@epworthcandlerpark.org](mailto:communications@epworthcandlerpark.org).

Recently, and after parents and neighbors repeatedly asked questions, the church published "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on their website to provide more information on the project. While the FAQ provides some basic information, it does not give much detail on the project specifics. However, it is my understanding that Epworth and A&T have confirmed the additional details: the cell site will house at least 3 antennae, with the option to add more antennae and an additional wireless carrier in the future. The initial lease term is 25 years, with automatic renewal options. AT&T has reportedly started the necessary Federal Communications Commission (FCC) registration process for the project. Next steps include a

review with the state Historical Preservation Division regarding the changes to the steeple, and the acquisition of the necessary zoning approvals and permits through the City of Atlanta.

In addition to concerns regarding the lack of information and transparency, some community members are not sold on AT&T's and the church's assertions that cell towers are safe. People are questioning the potential for health impacts from the radiofrequency (RF) radiation that will be emitted from the tower. The current body of science is inconclusive on this matter - while there is some research that argues cell towers are generally considered safe, there are also studies that demonstrate potential increased risk for short- and long-term health issues. The American Cancer Society indicates there is little reason for health concerns related to cell towers, but also states that "very few human studies have focused specifically on cellular phone towers and cancer risk." In 2011, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer classified radiofrequency electromagnetic fields as "possi-

bly carcinogenic to humans."

There is also debate on if the current government safety limits are adequate. While the Epworth Cell Site will be within current FCC exposure limits, many feel that these limits, set in 1996, are inadequate and obsolete with respect to prolonged, low-intensity exposures that are common today. Those exposure limits are based on a 6-ft, 185-lb male, and they do not take into account impacts to women and children. To this point, in December 2012 the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) supported legislation that emphasized "examining the effects of radiofrequency (RF) energy on vulnerable populations, including children and pregnant women," and requested that these impacts are taken into consideration in developing updated exposure standards as "children

One person stated, "As the writer said, 'AT&T's coverage map shows adequate coverage for the 30307 area.' If you're a neighborhood AT&T customer... this is not designed for you. It's for festival goers and McLendon commuters."

are disproportionately affected by environmental exposures, including cell phone radiation."

Finally, because cell phone/tower technology is still relatively new and rapidly evolving, some have cited the limited data on long term health consequences of exposure to RF radiation as a key point to consider in evaluating safety. Since RF radiation impacts the body at a cellular level, and may be cumulative over extended periods of time, the lack of conclusive long term

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## Hello...Safe Journey skiing in and around Lake Claire

Happy birthday on April 2, Tyler Bliss, Leonardo, Kindergarten at Mary Lin School, turns 6

Happy birthday on April 9, Benton Carper, Leonardo

Happy birthday on April 10, Kelly Crutcher, Hardendorf

Happy birthday on April 15, Jim Wilson (Leonardo di Vinci), Delaware

Happy birthday on April 17, Joe Agee, Harold, our esteemed

LCN President

Happy birthday on April 18, Deacon Baker, Leonardo, 7th grader at Inman Middle School, turns 13

Happy birthday on April 21, Jamie McGill, Delaware, 5th grader at ANCS, turns 11

Happy birthday on April 21, Jennifer Meyer-Carper, Leonardo

Happy birthday on April 23,

Dan Geller, Marlbrook

Happy birthday on April 28, Sara McGill, Delaware, 3rd grader at ANCS, turns 9

Happy birthday on April 30, Beth van Arkel, Southerland

And, April 10, 14 years ago, Sharon Doochin got her beloved Bella at about 2 years old.

To help us continue this feature on neighborhood life cycle events, send the news to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org)

*lakeclaire.org -- birthdays or other celebrations for the upcoming month, births or deaths or important rights of passage. We promise not to identify ages for people over 25 unless requested! ;-)* As space allows, we will include in the newspaper. Graduations in May? **Let us know your suggestions by APRIL 15 for the MAY CLARION.**

# Family Volunteer Opportunities

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2. "Keep the Trust" volunteer work days are held the Sunday after every Drum Circle in the afternoon. Feast on pizza in celebration of the fruits of your labor. For more information, email Grounds@lcclt.org.

3. Need Community Service hour requirements? The Land Trust is an approved site for Community Service work, whether assigned by schools or court-mandated. Contact us for more info. <http://lcclt.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

4. Feed Lou the Emu and the Mallard Ducks! Contact Dawn at dawnaura12@gmail.com if you can commit to purchasing or chopping up food for Lou and the Mallards.

**Lake Claire Neighborhood Association (<http://lakeclaire.org/>):** Volunteers are currently needed for the Welcome Committee; contact Sara Rockaway at sararockaway@yahoo.com for more information. Contact Beth Damon at editor@lakeclaire.org to volunteer for the Clarion. The Clarion is trying to expand its advertising base, and one or two phone calls, or even an occasional one or two hours will greatly

assist the Clarion, and therefore, the neighborhood. Contact Nancy Dorsner at comm@lakeclaire.org to join the list of neighbors to be contacted when other volunteer opportunities arise.

**Lake Claire Park:** Families and individuals are encouraged to remove invasive species, paint park benches, and mulch. Contact Judy Hammack of **Friends of Lake Claire Park** at judyhammack@gmail.com to find out which species are "invasive," to access city-of-Atlanta issued green paint for the benches, and to deliver mulch. Check the Calendar in the Clarion for the next Lake Claire Park work day.

**Clifton Sanctuary (<http://www.cliftonsanctuary.com/>):** Open 365 days a year, the Clifton Sanctuary is the oldest house-of-worship shelter operating in Atlanta. Clifton Sanctuary wants all persons to value themselves as God sees them, to know that we are all creating beauty on our journeys, and that homelessness is not helplessness. Families, including children 6 and above, and youths 14 years or older, can make bag lunches for the guests to take with them in the morning, prepare hygiene kits, work

in the clothes closet, prepare meals, and serve meals. Contact Brenda at 404-373-3253 #306 for more information.

**Kashi Yoga (<http://kashiatlanta.org/>):** Learn to live from the heart and give from the heart. Street Meals helps alleviate hunger for the homeless population in Atlanta. Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., volunteers prepare meals at Kashi. Kids over five years old with an adult are welcome. 13 years and up may come solo. We need volunteers to help make and distribute meals, to organize pick-up and delivery of food donations, and to shop for food. Get involved and you really can make a difference. For more information, contact Sadhu Bhagavati LaCombe, Service Programs Coordinator, at <http://kashiatlanta.org/service.htm>.

**The Frazer Center (<http://www.fraziercenter.org/get-involved/volunteer/>):** At Frazer Center, their greatest commitment is to fostering the kinds of learning and social opportunities with adults and children that build sustaining friendships, that deepen an appreciation for diversity, and that recognize the gifts and talents of every individ-

ual in ways that celebrate those characteristics as essential to the vitality of the larger community. The Frazer Center is currently reorganizing its volunteer department. Look for opportunities to be posted in future Clarions or contact the Frazer Center directly to find out how you can help, [volunteer@fraziercenter.org](mailto:volunteer@fraziercenter.org).

**Atlanta Hospitality House (<http://www.atlhhh.org/>):** The Hospitality House is located on the Frazer Center Grounds and provides a "home away from home" to outpatients and relatives of patients hospitalized in 21 Atlanta area hospitals. They offer lodging, meals, supportive companionship, and comfort from a committed staff, volunteers, and fellow guests, during what is often a crisis period. <http://www.atlhhh.org/volunteering.html>. Individuals and families with children under the age of 18 supervised by a parent or guardian are needed to answer telephones, greet guests, assist staff with clerical projects, clean and organize, prepare and serve dinner for guests, donate kitchen and household products, organize a can food and paper goods drive, fundraise, substi-

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# In and Around Lake Claire

tute as the Resident Manager, and maintain grounds.

**Mary Lin Elementary (<http://www.marylinelementary.com/>):** Adults free during the school day can volunteer to help with art classes and monitor the cafeteria. Check out <http://www.marylinelementary.com/#!volunteer-opportunities/c1m0h> where the young and old can sign up to volunteer with ongoing committee projects related to buildings and grounds, special education, and community outreach.

**The Butterfly Garden on**

**the Path at North Avenue** can always use help with planting, weeding, and with general clean-up. Help is also needed with scheduling work days, recruiting volunteers, research for and making of markers, and writing articles for newsletters. Contact Carol Vanderschaaf for more information at 404-373-0295 or [cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net](mailto:cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net)

**Edgewood Community Learning Garden and Coan Edible Schoolyard:** The Edgewood Community Learning Garden and Coan Edible Schoolyard are located at 1503 Hardee

Street. Workdays are Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. the third Saturday of every other month in February, April, June, August, October, and December. Tasks: planting, and maintaining crops, maintaining the compost area, and site renovation projects. Contact Monica at [monica@wyldecenter.org](mailto:monica@wyldecenter.org) for more information about the garden.

**Epworth United Methodist Church (<http://www.epworthcandlerpark.org/>):** The Trustees have a workday at Church the first Saturday of each

month to maintain the building and grounds. Call the church office (404-525-4746) the week before to ensure the workday is on.

Of course, each of us may walk around the neighborhood with a garbage bag to pick up litter. All of us can also remove graffiti in our neighborhood with some steel wool, gloves, and a spray bottle of water. If you would like to add to the list of volunteer opportunities in and around Lake Claire, contact Alicia McGill at [mcgill1776@gmail.com](mailto:mcgill1776@gmail.com).



*You can help the Land Trust Mallard Ducks!*



*Volunteer group working outdoors at the Frazer Center*



*Volunteer Project at Atlanta Hospitality House - bagging up snack bags for guests*



*Fun Prepping the Coan Edible Schoolyard.*



*Kashi Street Meals volunteers help the hungry*

## Trees Atlanta/Atlanta BeltLine

by Kate Baltzell, Trees Atlanta

Trees Atlanta is very involved in the Atlanta BeltLine and began planting the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum with trees, shrubs, and native grasses in fall of 2012. The best way to communicate all of these exciting additions is through knowledgeable volunteers leading Walking Tours or Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum Docents.

We are actively recruiting for

the third class of Docents to begin training on Thursday mornings in April & May. During training, experts cover topics ranging from Atlanta BeltLine history & design to Arboretum horticulture collections. Ideal applicants have experience with plants, an eagerness to learn, and the energy to lead tours/projects in the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum.

If you are interested or you

know anyone who might be interested please send them my way. Please spread the word to other groups (e.g., Master Gardeners, GNPS, Atlanta Audubon, garden clubs) you are a part of --the more diverse the group of Docents the more interesting the Arboretum Walking Tour.

Seats are limited so encourage potential docents to apply sooner than later. Find application

here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEY5RG02U0IIM1EY2pOejhSaEJhOGc6MQ#gid=0>

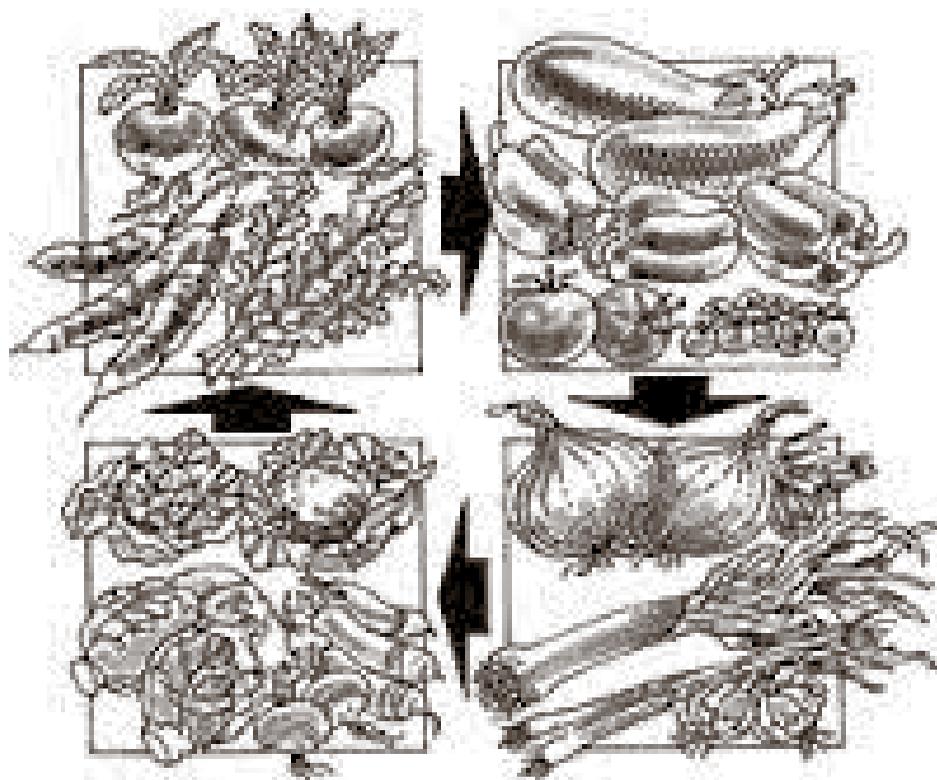
Thank you in advance for the help, and please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions of where we could recruit the next group of Docents.

# April into May

by Elizabeth Knowlton

This has so far been a normal, cool spring, something rare lately. I am truly hoping this is so because with all the snow and cold, I "forgot" to get going on seed ordering and planting and am way behind. Fortunately, the forecast for spring in the Southeast is cooler than usual. Plus Passover is April 14-22, and Easter is April 20, late because both religious holidays are determined by different calculations related to the moon's cycle but times Southerners traditionally set out their tender plants. I doubt that in-town we will have a last frost on the April full moon; but watch the ten-day forecast carefully as that is when frosts often happen, on clear windless nights with the uncaring moon shining down on your garden.

I hope you have not cut back garden plants that may look dead by the end of a severe winter, such as we had, but just need a little recovery time to spring forth again from branch or root. Several times I lost lantanas, artemisias, lavenders, and rosemarys by pruning before April.



When they did put out new growth after my early pruning, the next cold spell killed them. So be cautious.

Last year I talked a little about rotating your crops, but I want to say more because this is a serious subject if you garden twice in the same space. The first

year anyone gardens, most soil is packed with micro-nutrients, crop diseases are not present, and the harvest is beautiful and bountiful. This is to entice you to continue the hobby. Some people say, "I have only one little patch of sun" or "I have just one plot at the Land Trust for gardening."

This may be so, but you must find some way to rotate (or replace the soil in your containers) or your crops will suffer more and more. Even the smallest garden of, say, 8 x 4 ft. will allow for division. Use boards to keep the soil separate. Put your two tomato plants in the first 2 x 4 ft. space, move them to the second next year, and so forth. I have often wondered why Land Trust gardeners did not contract with each other, say four people together, to plant all tomatoes in one plot one year, cycling through the other three plots subsequent years.

Because plants in the same families share diseases and deplete similar resources, it makes sense to plant all your tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers (nightshade vegetables) together and then rotate them together also. Before these plants get large, I have sown Swiss chard, carrots, parsnips and beets plus parsley and basil in the spaces between them. The root vegetables belong to a different family and are not affected by what bothers the

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## Personal and Business Classifieds

### CANDLER PARK YARD CREW:

Yard cleanup, rake and bag, pruning/trimming.

References available: Matt, 679-754-1095.

### SEEKING ELDER FRIENDS

My mother, 88, is new to the neighborhood. We'd love to meet other families in the area with an elderly parent living at home for social connection (we'd love to have you over for tea). Please email Carol at [carol@silverspringinteractive.com](mailto:carol@silverspringinteractive.com).

### NEW AFTER SCHOOL IN LAKE CLAIRE

Local experienced artist mom is opening a small scale after school on Southerland Terrace. Limit of 6 kids. Kelly Karim Call 404-377-4671 or [kellykarim@yahoo.com](mailto:kellykarim@yahoo.com) for more information.

### DELAWARE AVENUE LATE-MORNING YARD SALE

Saturday April 19: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

## New Residents

by Alice Bliss

333 Gordon Avenue is a dramatically altered house, from a one-story red brick duplex to a two-story 8000 square foot McMan-sion. The new owners, Shannon and Nick Turner, moved in at the beginning of the year.

The designer, Maura Mitzner, preserved part of the original Japanese garden in the front yard. There are three small trees and a flowing pool, which Nick recently drained

and cleaned. It is now full of happy goldfish. Shannon, a veterinarian, plans to make an extensive planting of rhododendrons and azaleas in the back yard.

A charming multi-level copper fountain is near the house's front door. It was made by Nick's uncle, a metalsmith who lives in Michigan. There is also a life-like copper turtle close to the rock-surrounded pool.

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# PUT ON YOUR DANCIN' SHOES!

Peace & Love Spring Fest, April 12 at the Land Trust

by Frani Green

Come and celebrate, dance, eat, and 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, plus the usual raffle prizes, bake sale, face painting, and cool vendors. It's happening on **Saturday, April 12, from 2:30 to 11:00 p.m.**

The neighborhood kids' bands are back and ready to rock us - we are so excited to see how much they've grown (and we don't just mean how tall!). They will open the show, playing from 2:30 to 5:00. This year's crop is **The Big Hungry** (sophomores at Grady High), **Local Establishment** (7th graders), and of course **My**

**Homework Ate My Dog.** The evening shift features Bill Fleming and the **Ex-P.A.N.D. Band**, **The Rainmen** featuring MerryLeigh Giarratano, and headliners **The Squirrelheads**.

This is an all-ages event. All we ask is a **\$10 donation - kids and teens free.** Please leave your critters at home. Bring your own washable plate, cup, and utensils, and get a free raffle ticket! And of course, for maximum fun, volunteer for a two-hour shift to help out. But hurry, before all the slots are filled! For more information, visit [www.LCCLT.org](http://www.LCCLT.org) or contact us at [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org).

The Land Trust is located at the Arizona Avenue cul-de-sac off McLendon. Please respect our neighbors! Walk, bike,

skate, ride MARTA, or carpool if you can. **Do not park on side streets around the Land Trust.** Don't block driveways, litter, or talk loudly when leaving late at night. **Event parking is available at the Clifton Sanctuary, 369 Connecticut Ave., a short walk away. Just follow the signs.**

This a rain-or-shine event. Pray for fabulous weather! Please invite everyone on your lists, pass it around, tell everyone!

## Music schedule for April 12:

- 2:30 The Big Hungry
- 3:15 Local Establishment
- 4:00 My Homework Ate My Dog



- 5:30 - 7:00 Ex-P.A.N.D. Band
- 7:30 - 9:00 The Rain Men, with special guest MerryLeigh Giarratano
- 9:30 - 11:00 The Squirrelheads Old-Fashioned Family Picnic in the 'Hood, May 4, 3-5 p.m.

## Upcoming Events at the Land Trust . . .

Sat. April 5 and 19 - Drum circle, dark until midnight. Please walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested.

Sat. April 6 - Community Work Day

Sat. April 12 Peace & Love Spring Fest, 2:30-11:00 p.m. (See article this page)

Sun. April 20 Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck:

9:00 a.m. - hide; 10:00 a.m. hunt; 11:00 eat. Don't forget your dishes and utensils!

Sunday, May 4 - Land Trust and Lake Claire Neighbors Picnic, 3-5 p.m.



## New Land Trust membership policy:

Anyone can become a Land Trust Supporter by donating \$10 a year. Donate via [ww.LCCLT.org/stewardship](http://www.LCCLT.org/stewardship); mail a check made out to "LCCLT" c/o Treasurer, P.O. Box 5379, Atlanta GA 31107; or donate via the chute in our bulletin board. Include your

address and we'll mail you an "I Support the Land Trust" bumper sticker. Include your email address, and we'll add you to our Upcoming & Ongoing email list. (Donation not required to get on this list! Contact [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org).)

## Family Picnic

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bors, the Land Trust, and Clifton Sanctuary Ministries will each set up an information table so that neighbors can learn more about their neighborhood.

Parking at Clifton Sanctuary (corner of Connecticut and McLendon) is recommended if you don't plan to arrive on foot. Please do not park on adjoining streets around the Land Trust.

And note that if it rains, our **rain date is Sunday, May 18.** Watch the LCN website [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org) and the Land Trust website (<http://lcclt.org/>) for more details.



Firemen and Kids (including Ralph Rockaway) enjoying Picnic 2013

## April into May

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nightshades. Around the edge I might plant onions. In a spot that stays undisturbed all summer, I set out leek seedlings I began indoors. My perennial chive plants get moved here too.

In another plot I plant peas and, later as the soil warms up, beans. Both groups add nitrogen to the soil but have their own diseases so need to be part of the rotation also. Melons follow peas on the pea trellis, neither family interfering with the other.

My third plot holds the brassicas: collards, kale, broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, and radishes. I also grow lettuce here and, in the fall, spinach. This past fall I finally did remember to sow spin-

ach in the fall (I won't tell you how late), and the crop was looking beautiful by March, having passed the winter mulched with leaves and under row covers.

The fourth crop in the four-bed rotation is corn. Every authority says I do not have the space for corn. However, I put out about 16 plants, each on a 1 x 1.5 ft. center, and I usually harvest enough for a couple of meals. The stalks do not grow very tall, the ears are not very long, but it is delicious. If I grow pumpkins, I put them in this bed also.

In addition to this rotation, I have a three-bed one where I successively grow 1) potatoes, 2) squashes, and 3) watermelon.

Potatoes are one crop that needs a certain amount of acid to prevent scab. Therefore, although I lightly lime my other four vegetable beds in the fall, I lime **only** the one bed of these three where the potatoes have grown the **previous** summer. This way, it always has a more acid soil.

The home-made organic fertilizer that I use intermittently with purchased ones has the standard 2.5 parts nitrogen, 5 phosphorus, and 2.5 potassium (NPK). You can make it yourself with one part blood meal, two parts bone meal, three parts wood ashes, and four parts composted leaf mold. Beware of adding too much alkaline wood ash.

Last, it is not too late to plant a shrub or two as long as you keep them well-watered. Think of a hedge of Camellia sasanqua, which does not need full sun, will remain green all year, needs little pruning, and rewards you with flowers in autumn when such things are scarce. Even a very little garden can benefit from evergreens that lend privacy and mystery.

You may write to Elizabeth at [knowltonew@earthlink.net](mailto:knowltonew@earthlink.net). She is happy to answer your gardening questions and hear your gardening experiences.



## Neighborhood ex-Peace Corps and ex-Vista Volunteers

We are looking for ex-Peace Corps and ex-VISTA volunteers in Lake Claire. Please let us know at [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org).

org if you are one and willing to be interviewed (either by e-mail, phone, or in person).



## Welcome New Clarion Advertiser: Urban Snack Pack

The Clarion is pleased to welcome Urban Snack Pack starting with this issue. Please see their ad on page 6, and check out their website featuring their healthy snack packs delivered to homes and workplaces. They offer a variety of healthy snacks at bargain prices delivered right to our Lake Claire doors (like the Clarion itself). Options change monthly, and if you are looking for something specific, or have certain food allergies, they will work with you to find the best snacks at the best prices that work for different situations.

The website also has useful information on dangers in food, such as some information on

Monsanto, and some examples of healthy foods and snacks. Check it out!

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ant issues you need to know to make your home competitive in today's tough, aggressive marketplace.

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# AT&T Cell Tower Planned at Epworth United Methodist Church

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studies raises concerns. Many are urging that the "precautionary principle" be applied to this project – that until there is conclusive, long term scientific evidence indicating it is safe to live, learn and play in close proximity to a cell tower, that AT&T consider another location in a non-residential area.

If the Epworth Cell Tower is approved by the City of Atlanta,

it will be a fixture in our community for a minimum of 25 years. Given the concerns that neighbors have expressed regarding potential impacts, it is important that transparent information and an opportunity for community engagement are provided. The Epworth Cell Tower will be in close proximity to a preschool, our elementary school, Candler Park and playground, and our

homes. There are many unknowns and possible risks with this project that need to be considered alongside the benefits of improved cellular capacity.

The Epworth Cell Tower is an evolving project - for the latest information, a forum to pose questions and discuss concerns, and links to research, please visit the following Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/epworthcell](http://www.facebook.com/epworthcell).

Important to note: The extended tower would require a Special Administrative Permit for zoning through the City of Atlanta. The application for that permit requires an opportunity for Neighborhood Planning Unit review and comment. This is the chance officially to voice our concerns.

## Breaking News for Urban AG



Atlanta is on the cusp of being a national leader for urban agriculture. As the Clarion was going to press the last

week of March, Georgia Organics announced that the urban agriculture amendment to the Atlanta zoning code was scheduled to begin the NPU process on Monday, March 24. So by the time this issue of the newspaper comes out, the NPUs will have heard how important urban ag-

riculture is to our communities.

You could check the Go Grow Atlanta website for any outcomes after the NPU meetings (which were scheduled to take place March 24 (NPU M), March 25 (NPU D, J, and O), March 26 (NPU W), and March 27 (NPU-N – our NPU -- the NPU for Cabbagetown, Candler Park, Druid Hills, Inman Park, Lake Claire, Poncey-Highland, and Reynoldstown). There you will find background information, updates, frequently asked questions, ways to get involved, and more – the website is <http://gogrowatlanta.org/get-involved/>.

There are several ways people could help with this issue even if we missed the aforementioned NPU meetings. Inform friends and neighbors to speak up to support urban ag! Join Go Grow Atlanta's social media campaign – here are sample messages:

**FACEBOOK:** Atlanta's urban agriculture makes us a healthier, greener city. Let's support urban agriculture by supporting an Urban Ag Zoning Amendment. <http://ow.ly/qiebG>

**TWITTER:** Urban ag in ATL= more access to local fruits & veggies. Let's support it in the zoning code. #gogrowatl <http://ow.ly/qiebG>

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Urban ag in ATL turns blight into green space & healthy food. Let's support it in the zoning code. #gogrowatl <http://ow.ly/qiebG>

Thanks to Boyd Baker and others who think of the Clarion when seeing news of interest to the community.



## Trees Planted in Lake Claire Park

Trees Atlanta and volunteers planted trees in Lake Claire Park this past March 22. Neighbors welcomed the opportunity to learn techniques for planting, and it was an opportunity to help

beautify Lake Claire.

Please see all the volunteer opportunities for Lake Claire and adjoining neighborhoods discussed in the centerfold, pages 6-7.



## BUY NEIGHBORHOOD STUFF!

Show your neighborhood pride with these fabulous Lake Claire items:

The new neighborhood banner is \$35 (get \$5 off if you pay your dues at the same time).

Dues are normally \$20, and the banner \$35 – so pay just \$50 for both.

Lake Claire bumper sticker – the old version. All of these items may be purchased through PayPal at [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org).

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Neighborhood Banner



# LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young readers to participate. When Lily Nevins was one of the winners of the Find-the-Hidden-Symbol contest for March, I asked her mom if Lily wanted to write the Kids' Corner feature for this month. I knew others would want to hear about her experiences on the Student Council at Mary Lin, which is made up of five 5th graders, three of whom live in Lake Claire. As Lily explains, they have been involved in several projects at Mary

Lin and the community, including re-instituting a recycling program that had been dropped and making lunches for folks at a homeless shelter.

Hi, Lake Claire Kids, let's put some of **your** creativity on this page. Submit articles, poetry, drawings, your original puzzles, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. Tell us about your hobbies, your favorite part of Lake Claire --- or choose any topic of your choice. Be creative...we'd love to hear from you.



Lily

My name is Lily Nevins and I live on Almeta Avenue with my parents, Stacey Collier and Mark Nevins and my brother, Max. We have two cats, one named

Bassie and the other named Midnight. We also have a dog, Etta. We moved to Lake Claire two years ago after living in Candler Park since 1998. Not me, my parents!

I am eleven years old and in the 5th

grade at Mary Lin Elementary School. I am in Ms. Lavin's class. I am also the President of the 5th Grade Student Council. There are four other members of the Council: Vice President Oliver Kosar, Secretary Ellen McClain (who both live in Lake Claire), Treasurer Anna Greenfield Church, and Publicity Director Will McEntee. We were elected in October. Our teacher advisor is Ms. Partridge.

We have been responsible for several projects so far this year. The first project the five of us wanted to do was to start a recycling program at Mary Lin. We called the Atlanta Public School's waste facilities director and asked her for big recycling bins. They delivered two large dumpsters for outside our school and small recycling bins for

each classroom. Every day students from the 5th grade collect the recycling from all the classrooms and put it in the dumpsters. Then APS picks it up and recycles everything. We are very happy to make our school greener!

We also decided to do a community service project for our area. On Saturday, March 15, lots of kids from Mary Lin met up at Epworth church to make lunches for the homeless. We made sandwiches and put them in a sack lunch with healthy snacks and bottled water. It felt good to help someone who might be hungry.

So that's what we've been up to so far. I'm looking forward to more projects before the school year ends!

- Lily

## CLARION CONTEST: FOUR-WAY TIE!!



Elena Hubert (R) and Lily Nevins (L)

Congrats to these four, the first of the hundreds who responded and found the Shamrock last month. They responded so quickly it was only fair for them all to win. Lily Nevins lives on Almeta Avenue; her friend Elena Hubert lives in Candler Park on Oakdale. Both of them are 11 years old and in the 5th grade at Mary Lin. The Leos (i.e., Leonardo residents) Ally Bliss and her brother Tyler are 8½ and 6, respectively, and they attend Mary Lin (Ally is in 3rd grade, and Tyler is in Kindergarten); besides being siblings, they are great friends. Ally wrote the Kids' Corner article in September 2013. Lily wrote this month's.



Ally and Tyler Bliss

### NEW CONTEST:

**KIDS: Find April showers** hidden somewhere in this Clarion! The first one to e-mail me at editor@lakeclaire.org with the location of the April showers, and who mentions in the e-mail what April showers bring, is the winner, and you will have your name and picture noted in the next Clarion! You cannot win the next month after winning one.

(Remember, you may also have your name and picture in the newspaper if you write an article or poem, or draw a picture.)