Proposed Development Threatens Woodland, Historic Home; Unites Neighbors
by Sue Strauss

Two properties located at 1715 and 1723 S. Ponce de Leon Avenue may be sold and developed into high-end condominiums targeted to the empty nester market. Phillip Clark, the proposed purchaser, developer, and builder, has created a plan for the development, which will include a total of 13 units. The plan is strongly opposed by adjacent property owners on S. Ponce de Leon and Hardendorf Avenues, and Clifton Road. “We are retired and live on a fixed income,” said long-time Hardendorf resident Carol Mercer. “Most of our retirement investment is tied up in our home. What will this development do to its value?” That is a concern shared by others who live on the dead-end of Hardendorf.

The development plan calls for clear-cutting the existing, mature tree canopy on the properties – into which Hardendorf dead-ends – to make room for carriage-house condos with garages, elevators, and masonry fireplaces. (See pictures on Page 7.) In addition to loss of the 150-year-old trees, which have become home to a parliament of barred owls, Dorfinians worry about drainage resulting from loss of mature trees, and the set-

The Land Trust Peace and Love Springfest Great Success last Month

The weather was fabulous on April 12 for the Land Trust festival. Lots of folks celebrated, danced, ate, and listened to music. As they say, a good time was had by all!

There was face painting, yummy food, arts and crafts

WILD in Lake Claire
by Carol Vanderschaff

Last month my neighbor across the street was having a tree cut down in his front yard. As the top of the tree was cut off and about to be put in the chipper, I looked up and saw a little head appear.

It was a raccoon! The poor little thing paused for a moment, looked around, and then he took the plunge down the trunk and

Leonardo Says Goodbye to the Veazey Family
by Melanie Bliss and Cara Stevens

It is with much sadness that Lake Claire says goodbye to the Veazey family as they prepare to move to Corpus Christi, Texas. Though it’s far from Lake Claire, the move to Texas will bring them closer to Emily’s family. Since moving here in 2007, the Veazeys have been an active part of the Lake Claire community. Emily served on the Lake Claire Board from 2007 to 2011 and on the Mary Lin Foundation from 2008 to 2011. She has also been an active volunteer at Druid Hills Preschool and Mary Lin Elementary.

Emily and Marcus moved into the picturesque yellow house with the white picket fence on Leonardo Avenue in 2007. They joined Deacon Baker, Keely Baker, and Ally Bliss, who were three of the very few young children on the street at the time. Since then, Leonardo has had a baby boom, with more than 25 children currently calling themselves Leos. The Veazeys certainly did their part, giving Marjorie two sisters – McNeill (2010) and

The Veazeys – good luck in the Lone Star State

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Audience Enjoying Peace and Love Fest
MAY EVENTS (& see Spring Fests – under May Events)

3 & 17 Drum Circle, dark until midnight. Please walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested.

4 Lake Claire Neighbors/Lake Claire Land Trust PICNIC! 3-5pm

8 DeKalb History Center Hosts Fundraiser for Preservation of 1820s Decatur Home, Benjamin Swanson House, 5:30-8:30 pm, see www.dekalbhistory.org or email goldemund@dekalbhistory.org

10 Lake Claire pool opens! Go Wahoo!! (see page 5)

10 Atlanta Audubon Society, Warbler Weekend Trip, melanie@atlantaaudubon.org or (678) 973-2437, http://www.atlantaaudubon.org/upcoming-events

15 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).

16 Atlanta Audubon Society, Shorebird Trip, exciting trip to St. Simon’s and other coasts, contact 770-934-7660 or 678-233-4293 or see http://www.atlantaaudubon.org/upcoming-events

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24 The Friends of the Decatur Library will host a book sale on Saturday, May 24, 2014, from 9 am to 3 pm on the lawn in front of the Decatur Library. Thousands of gently used fiction, nonfiction and children’s books, as well as DVDs and CDs, will be offered for sale at low prices starting at $.50. Only cash or checks will be accepted, and dealers must scan at tables. All proceeds benefit the programs and collections of the Decatur Library. Admission is free. Donations of gently used books are always welcome at the library front desk. 215 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA 30030. Write to llael@bellsouth.net

24-25 Memorial Day Cul-de-Sac Sale, Lake Claire Land Trust (see article on Page 11)

Calendar deadline for the combo June/July Clarion: May 25 to editor@lakeclaire.org.

Spring Festivals and beginning of Summer Festivals – thanks to Anna Kilinski

May 3, 10, 24, 31 Decatur Concerts on the Square

May 9-11 Shaky Knees Music Festival And Sweet Auburn Festival

May 10-11 Buckhead Spring Arts & Crafts Fest

May 17 Taste of the Highlands And East Atlanta Beer Festival AND Kirkwood Spring Fling & 5K and Tour of Homes

May 17-18 Atlanta Jazz Festival

May 23-25 Decatur Arts Festival

May 29-June 1 Atlanta Food & Wine Festival

June 7-8 Virginia Highland Summerfest

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Compassionate Atlanta

Continues to grow and invites all to join the movement

by Karina Hatcher

Lake Claire neighbor Rev. Robert (Bob) Thompson leads Compassionate Atlanta, the local expression of the global campaign for compassionate cities - Charter for Compassion International - that is encouraging compassionate action throughout the Greater Atlanta area.

The team lead by Thompson was instrumental in getting the City of Atlanta designated as a “Compassionate City.” This important step was taken by the Atlanta City Council and approved by Mayor Kasim Reed on February 12, 2014 (Resolution 14-R-3147). The cities of Clarkston and Decatur have endorsed the movement too, and more cities in the Greater Atlanta area are in the process.

Now, what is a Compassionate City?

A compassionate city may be one that cares about all of its residents and the different aspects of their lives. One that cares for the environment. One that values the arts. One that sees healthcare as a natural necessity and doesn’t forget that education is a right for all. A compassionate city may be a place that values people of all ages, nationalities, and religious affiliations, and rejects discrimination.

“A compassionate city is an uncomfortable city! A city that is uncomfortable when anyone is homeless or hungry. Uncomfortable if every child isn’t loved and given rich opportunities to grow and thrive. Uncomfortable when any group anywhere in the world is marginalized or oppressed. Uncomfortable when as a community we don’t treat our neighbors as we would wish to be treated.” – reminded Karen Armstrong, founder of the global movement, in her visit to Atlanta this past April.

Armstrong joined the local Compassionate Atlanta team – and hundreds of others – in a “Celebration of Compassion” at the ML King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College. During her stay, Armstrong received the Gandhi/King/Ikeda Award, the highest honor that Morehouse presents for peace, reconciliation, and non-violence.

Compassionate Atlanta and Emory-Tibet Partnership hosted a breakfast that engaged civic, corporate, education, and health leaders in a conversation with Karen Armstrong about the Charter for Compassion and its potential for bringing every sector of Atlanta's community together. There is great excitement about what has been going on over the last couple of months in Atlanta as the city positions itself as the new possible hub for the Charter for Compassion International.

Back to our Lake Claire neighbor Bob Thompson, he tells us: “We (the Compassionate Atlanta Organizing Committee) believe that the support of civic, corporate, and government leaders, combined with a grassroots movement around compassion, can help Atlanta move beyond “A city too busy to hate” to a place of hope and possibility. We encourage and welcome everyone to get involved in the movement.”

7 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1. Sign the Charter for Compassion, and invite your friends to do the same.
2. Follow Compassionate Atlanta on Facebook.
3. Subscribe to the Compassionate Atlanta newsletter.
4. Start or join a Compassion conversation in your community.
5. Encourage your company or organization to which you belong to become a Charter Partner.
6. Make a financial donation to Compassionate Atlanta.
7. Become a volunteer for Compassionate Atlanta.

For more information: www.compassionateatl.com

Contacts: Karina Hatcher at karina@compassionateatl.com, Cell (678) 755-6899, or Bob Thompson at bobthompson@compassionateatl.com
Keep An Eye on the Crime and the Time:  
Lake Claire Security Report, March 2, – March 29  
Compiled from Atlanta Police Department (APD) Reports, which are 1-2 months behind

**Burglary**  
2000 block DeKalb Ave  3/12/14  
bottom window removed from bedroom window  
Taken: TV, game system, DVDs & games  
Note: witness named a suspect  no prints

1700 block DeKalb Ave  3/16/14  
garage door left open  
Taken: mountain bike

**Theft from Vehicle**  
1700 block Marlbrook Dr  3/12/14  
city vehicle  damage: none  
Taken: wallet, cash, cards, GPS device, phone charger

1900 block Palifox Dr  3/18/14  
vehicle was unlocked  
Taken: iPod, sunglasses, glasses

500 block Harold Ave  3/24/14  
vehicle was unlocked  
Taken: credit/debit cards, driver's license

1900 block McLendon Ave  3/25/14  
vehicle was unlocked  
Taken: radio, charging station

1700 block Marlbrook Dr  3/26/14  
vehicle unlocked; parked on street  
Taken: cell phone, GPS

**Other Larceny**  
300 block Connecticut Ave (Clifton Sanctuary Ministries)  3/15/14  
Taken: 2 checks were taken from victim's work place foot locker

**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 (lakeclaireneighborhood-watch@yahoogroups.com) for up-to-date security reports.
Hello…Safe Journey – Skiing in and around Lake Claire

Happy birthday on May 3, Sarah Wynn, Harold Avenue, AND Jason Bliss, Leonardo Avenue.

Happy birthday on May 7, Gay Arneri, Harold Avenue

Happy birthday on May 8 to Caden McLean, Leonardo, turning 9 (and fond farewell, McLeans—only to Candler Park, so keep reading the Clarion!)

Happy birthday on May 9 to Bob Caine, Leonardo Ave

Happy birthday, Emily Veazey, May 10 (and a fond farewell, you’ll be missed!) (see page 1), Leonardo

Happy birthday, Adler Waugh, turning 3 on May 11 (a nice Mother’s Day gift to Lisa!) - Leonardo

Happy birthday, Peter Stay Puft Marshmallow Man Olson, Leonardo, getting younger on May 16

Happy birthday on May 19, Joseph McGill, Delaware Avenue, turns 13, AND to Jaxon McLeon, Leonardo, turning 5.

Happy FIRST birthday to Mayla Carper - May 23, Leonardo

Happy birthday on May 28 to Sadie Stevens, Leonardo, turning 4.

My goodness, there are a lot of May Leo birthdays!

Marie Godiers of Marlbrook graduates from Grady High School in May! In the top 10% of her class, she is going to college at UGA in the fall! Congrats, Marie!

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Marching Abominable Band in Lake Claire

by Beth Damon

A marching band that started as a performance art/happenings/guerilla theatre group in the late 1960s, the Seed & Feed Marching Abominable just celebrated 40 years of bringing live entertainment to Atlanta by staging a series of “40 Blitzes in 40 Days.” On Sunday, April 20, the 36th blitz included a march through Lake Claire around the state name streets (New York, Indiana, Delaware, etc.) ending with a performance on Arizona in front of Lake Claire Co-Housing. I spotted several Lake Claire faces in the performers, and many of us who happened to be out walking enjoyed the blitz performance.

In the 70s at Emory University I took a theatre class from Kelly Morris, who started the band as The Asa Chandler Memorial Marching Atrocity Band “for political noises and moves,” as he said. In 1973, he founded Kelly’s Seed & Feed Theatre, and the band made its first performance at the Inman Park Festival Parade in 1974. The effect, Kelly said, was immediate, funny, and joyous, so he knew it was a good thing. Over the years the Abominable became a fixture at local festivals and parades. When one hears them playing (as I did from my house this time) you still get that feeling of happy surprise, joy, and amazement.

A more complete history, calendar, and blog is found at their website: http://seedandfeed.org/, and see many pictures from the 70s on the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/seedandfeed.

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Proposed Development Affecting Hardendorf Dead-End

backs requested for the development, among other things.

“Our front yards will be looking into the back yards of these houses,” noted Wayne Darby, “This needs to be taken into account when the setbacks are considered.”

Mr. Clark has not submitted a formal application to the City Urban Design Commission (UDC), nor has he obtained a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). Rather, he has approached the Druid Hills Landmark District Preservation Committee (LDPC) to get advice on the project prior to applying for the COA, citing that he wishes to verify some level of community support before he proceeds.

According to its Statement of Intent, the LDPC’s mission is to “preserve the environmental character and physical appearance of the area” and “to ensure that new construction observes the general setback and height restrictions of the original development and is in harmony with the historic character of the district.”

The Committee has met with Mr. Clark and adjacent property owners on three occasions to review site plans. Neighbors in Druid Hills and Lake Claire have been very open about concerns with the proposed development, which range from questions about ingress and egress planning, to removal of the woodland, to the impact of granting variances. Although the density of the project has been reduced to 13 units (from 17), and Mr. Clark has agreed to remove two of the three requested variances, he has not responded to repeated requests for more detailed information about the other issues.

Janie and Gary Smith live on S. Ponce de Leon, next to the property in question. “Mr. Clark has said he does not want to proceed without community support,” Janie told the Clarion. “Yet, we have given him our questions and comments about the development, and we have not heard back from him.”

The remaining variance on Clifton Road reduces the 50-ft. setback to 30 ft. Mr. Clark indicated that this would put the unit on Clifton in line with the existing homes. “This is inaccurate,” according to Trey Fricke, who lives on Clifton Road, next door to the proposed development. “My home has a 44-ft. setback. A new structure at a 30-ft. setback would not align with the existing homes and would, instead, disrupt the uniformity and aesthetic appeal we are trying to uphold through the Landmark District Preservation Committee.”

Adjacent and nearby neighbors also are concerned that allowing the variance sets a dangerous precedent for future builders who may request similar concessions. Mr. Clark has presented only renderings of the facades he will build, so neighbors have only a vague idea as to what they will see in terms of building materials, colors, etc. Will there be balconies that look down into the yards of those at a lower elevation?

Also disturbing is the possible demolition of at least a portion of the historic structure at 1715 S. Ponce de Leon. “While many may consider the home at the corner of Clifton and S. Ponce a blemish, it is in fact a rare example of Federalist architecture within Druid Hills,” explains Gary Smith. “The Druid Hills Civic Association position has been to favor renovation over demolition. The City of Atlanta recently disagreed for the feasibility of restoration.”

After much discussion and debate with neighbors, the Druid Hills Landmark District Preservation Committee will notify Mr. Clark that it is unable to make a formal comment on the project, due to the many unanswered questions regarding the details of the development, as well as the variance request. The Committee also said these issues constituted the basis for the unanimous opposition of adjacent and nearby neighbors.

Mr. Clark is free to respond to community concerns, and amend his plan, or submit an application for a COA with his current plan. His next steps will be closely watched; he has said repeatedly that he will not proceed with the project without community support.

The goal of the neighbors who are impacted by this – or any potential development – is to protect the integrity of the architecture and woodland on the property, control the density of any project, and maintain the quality of life enjoyed by those who call this quaint neighborhood home.

In 1893 Joel Hurt commissioned Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American landscape architecture, to create the ‘ideal residential suburb.’ Olmsted’s preliminary plan called for a broad, curving, divided major avenue with a succession of public parks in the median, bordered by large estates and bungalows of eclectic architecture. High-end condominiums, with incongruous setbacks, seem out of place in this idyllic vision.

At our April Lake Claire Neighbors meeting, which fortuitously coincided with our President Joe Agee’s birthday, we surprised him with a large turnout – and a cake. I’m sure everyone joins me in thanking Joe for working tirelessly for the neighborhood. – Editor.
The Garden from May into June
by Elizabeth Knowlton

NOW it is safe for all the tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants in your garden. They will cease to sit and scowl and begin to take off in the warm Georgia sun. And it is not too late to start more tomato plants in your seedling laboratory either. So don’t waste those packets of seed that you have “not gotten around to.” Nor waste your money on grafted tomatoes, another new fad that Organic Gardening has proved of no merit in their test gardens. This year I am growing Sweet Million (cherry) in a joint compound or restaurant-sized pickle container. Remember if you grow plants into containers, you need at least some container mix containing perlite or vermiculite to lighten the soil. Mix in a lot of peat strips has replaced my win-...
Wood chips can be used to good effect on garden paths where they are stomped down and stationary, allow drainage, and enable one to walk about in wet conditions. Pine bark mini nuggets are useful in perennial beds, especially to cover soaker hoses and keep both soil and hoses from baking in our summer sun. Otherwise, I prefer wheat straw for vegetables, pine straw for acid loving plants like blueberries, and shredded leaves for almost anything. I used to buy peat moss to mulch my spring bulb beds, but the Canadian peat fields are shrinking as rapidly as our swamps.

Speaking of wheat straw, this year, with very little room for potatoes, I am trying to grow them in a tower made of a tomato cage and layers of straw and compost mixed with manure (no lime). I got the idea from a magazine, and only after planting did I read it was less successful in the South and with the very potatoes I was growing, Yukon Gold and some kind of thin-skinned red potato I was given. I can see watering will be a problem. However, the green potato leaves are growing out the sides, so we shall see.

In our climate, watering is a fact of life as we can get 3.2 inches of rain in one day, such as April 7, and then watch an entire July pass with only .1 inch. If you have a very small garden or a container of pots, then a rain barrel is an excellent idea; otherwise, only tanks the size of the one under the Atlanta Botanical Garden will suffice. As a lazy gardener, I have succumbed to sprinklers from time to time in the vegetable garden where soaker hoses do not work as well as in perennial flower beds; but really I know there is no substitute for the hose and watering can early in the morning, avoiding wetting plant leaves as much as possible. If you have never stood in your garden at 6 a.m. on a June morning, you are missing much.

Cabbage butterflies, Mexican bean beetles, tomato hornworms, and squash vine borers—those are the insects responsible for most of the damage in my garden. With the exception of the last, simple observation can take care of most of them. So do patrol your garden regularly and talk sweetly to those plants who please you. Last, harvest your crops. Every year I see lettuce going to seed, beans that toughen, and tomatoes that rot on the vine because nobody has picked them in time.

You may write to Elizabeth at knowltonem@earthlink.net. She loves answering your gardening questions and hearing your gardening experiences.

Leonardo Says Goodbye to the Veazey Family

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Gray (2011). Marjorie, McNeill, and Gray are three beautiful, vibrant, animated, affectionate, and smart girls, and they will be sorely missed!

The Veazeys have been an important component of the fabric of our street and the neighborhood. We’ve all shared memories of countless potlucks, impromptu happy hours, chats in the street, parties, play dates, babysitting, carpool, swimming at the Lake Claire pool, snow days, emergency help, and generally sharing everyday lives together.

The neighbors of Leonardo and nearby Marlbrook shared a potluck meal on Easter Sunday as we formally wished them well. We started with an early afternoon multi-yard egg hunt, had “Frozen” performances by several of the kids, and presented the Veazeys with a painting of their home that Whitney Jirak had commissioned as a gift for them. We hung out in the Stevens’ front yard and driveway until kids’ bedtimes reluctantly forced us inside and evening fell. These are the ways in which we love to spend time together. We are glad that the Veazeys will have the opportunity for their girls to grow up with extended family, and we wish them all the very best!
Return of the Memorial Day Cul-De-Sac Sale!
Saturday & Sunday, May 24 & 25
by Stephen Wing

I felt like Yul Brynner in The Magnificent Seven: one by one, gathering a stalwart crew of heroes to take on an impossible challenge. Most of my heroes are retired ladies, old enough to actually remember The Magnificent Seven. But they all know what they’re getting into. They have been taking on the challenge of the sometimes-annual Land Trust Memorial Day Cul-de-Sac Sale since years before I moved to the neighborhood in 1993. But until they stepped up, this year’s event was still a question mark on the Land Trust calendar.

To the naked eye, it appears to be an ordinary fundraising event for a normal, typical, everyday neighborhood greenspace. But to those on the inside, the folks who show up and make it happen, its inner esoteric essence is revealed. This is the kind of challenge that turns a motley gang of heroes into a disciplined, focused precision unit. Not a gun-toting one like the Magnificent Seven, though. More like the Seven Dwarfs.

In a word, working together on a mutually beneficial project is the magic that builds community – what the scholars of intention – what the scholars of intentionality call “community glue.” So what if our community call “community glue.”

Luckily, we’re not limited to seven heroes, or Seven Dwarfs. You too can pitch in and help make this year’s Cul-de-Sac Sale a success! Sure, we could do it without you. But we’d rather not. Please join us to support the Land Trust, experience the magic, and keep our community tightly glued together.

Of course, the most important way to help is also the easiest. Go shopping in your closet, and donate stuff for us to sell! We’ll take your outgrown clothing and toys, your no-longer-needed craft supplies and cookware, your never-wanted-in-the-first-place knickknacks and garden tools, your once-favorite-but-long-unopened books and CDs, and of course, your always-intended-to-be-used-but-lost-in-the-base ment sports gear and school supplies.

Just make sure it’s still in decent shape and still works, whatever it is, pack it in a box, if it fits, and drop it off on the front porch at either 300 or 306 Arizona Ave. (Watch for signs.) Please bring large appliances and furniture during set-up on Friday afternoon. If you need us to arrange pickup, contact us at info@LCCLT.org or 404-378-6815. You can also bake something for our Bake Sale table, a traditional sideshow at the Memorial Day circus.

Next comes the set-up on Friday evening, May 23. If you think going out bar-hopping or downloading a movie is a great way to celebrate the end of your work week, you’ve never experienced the Christmas-morning frenzy of unpacking dozens of boxes and getting hundreds of random objects attractively spread out, if not quite organized, on huge plywood tables and clothing racks before it gets too dark to see. No advance commitment required; just show up at the cul-de-sac and join right in.

On Saturday and Sunday, all you have to do to help is stroll down to the cul-de-sac and take a look. Bring along a little cash, just in case. You never know what will show up among the bric-a-brac. For fifty cents, you could be the proud owner of the exact vintage comic you’ve been searching for to complete your Daredevil collection, or some unlikely item you never heard of or imagined until you found it lurking on one of our makeshift tables. **The sale will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.**

Norman envisions reviving the tradition of the Saturday night dance under the stars with bonfire and old-school DJ. We can’t promise, but if a few more heroes (or Dwarfs) respond to this article, offering to help, it could happen.

Finally, on Sunday afternoon, the biggest challenge of all: packing up the leftovers. We donate what doesn’t sell to Second Life in Avondale, a thrift shop that dedicates its profits to helping homeless pets find homes. If you can’t volunteer earlier in the weekend, or if you still have a little energy left, please come back and help disappear every trace of our fun, leaving nothing behind in the cul-de-sac except empty pavement and reverberating vibrations of all the happy shoppers and helpful volunteers who made it such a fabulous weekend.

Cancel that Mediterranean cruise or mountaineering expedition, postpone that briefing at the White House, reschedule that briefing, postpone that briefing at Caesar’s Palace. Whatever you do, don’t miss it! Contact us at info@LCCLT.org if you’d like more information. Or just show up and help make it happen.

Upcoming Events at the Land Trust . . .

Sat. May 3 and 17 – Drum Circle, dark until midnight. Please walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested.
Sun. May 4 – Land Trust Picnic, 3:00-5:00 pm
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Sat./Sun. May 24-25 – Memorial Day Cul-de-Sac Sale (see article above)

Thank you, neighbors, for your great response to our Land Trust fundraising letter enclosed in the April Clarion! We appreciate all of you who took the time to send a donation. Our goal of 100 Land Trust supporters for 2014 is now within reach.

Blessings, from the Land Trust Board.

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

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for sale, tours of the Land Trust, AND of course, music. Our neighborhood kids’ bands are super talented. They opened the show, playing from 2:30 to 5:00. See pictures of Local Establishment (7th graders) and Sequoyah (Grady students) on Page 12.

Michael McGill (Delaware) waits to purchase yummy homemade baked goods

Face painting is always a big hit.
Local Establishment is a band of 7th graders. Iliana Davila-Brown is the singer; Joseph McGill is on drums; Joel Sadhi is the guitarist; and Zoe Brillante plays bass and mandolin. They performed “Lemonade” (Gucci Mane); “Patterns,” (Band of Skulls) (in which I thought the singer sounded like a young version of Grace Slick); “Que-sailla,” (Walk the Moon); “No One Knows,” (Queens of Stone Age); “Keep this Place Beautiful,” (Brick & Mortar); “We Come Running,” (Youngblood Hawke); and others (listen to them on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnABGRE8GrM). Joseph and Zoe are a great rhythm section, Iliana has a beautiful voice, and Joel has fantastic riffs, their talent making it seem like they’ve played more years than they are old.

Sequoyah, made up of students from Grady High School, played next. As of publishing, I had not found out their names, except for Sequoyah, who is the lead singer in the band of the same name (I think). He is talented, personable, and so comfortable performing, that again, I am amazed at the talent. At one point, he interrupted himself to say “come on, move, people, move to the music, don’t just sit there --- look at my friends!!!” And his friends, indeed, were dancing and clowning around, and soon many folks of all ages joined in the spirit of the music. It was a great afternoon.

Hi, Lake Claire Kids, next issue 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, why you are looking forward to summer in Lake Claire --- or choose any topic of your choice. Be creative...we’d love to hear from you — by May 25 for the June/July combo issue.

CLARION CONTEST:
THIS MONTH’S WINNER!
C A T I E  P I T M A N
Congrats to Catie, who found the hidden “April Showers.” Catie is in the 5th grade at Paideia and lives on New York Avenue.

NEW CONTEST:
KIDS: In honor of the opening of the Lake Claire pool this month and our swim team the Lake Claire Wahoo, find the Wahoo in this Clarion. Did you know that the Wahoo is the fastest fish in the world and has been clocked at 60 mph??!!?! Find it, and you’re our winner, and you will have your name and picture noted in the next Clarion! (Remember, you may also have your name and picture in the newspaper if you write an article or poem, or draw a picture.) To win, send e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org. Any Lake Claire kid is eligible unless he or she won the contest the current month. Come on, kids, if you found Easter eggs – or the afikomen – in April, this will be a piece of cake!