



# Welcome Flyer

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**O**ur in-town neighborhood features a fine mix of home styles and types, mature trees, parks, gardens, sidewalks, and - most importantly - great residents. This flyer is part of an ongoing effort by the Neighborhood Association to welcome and orient our new neighbors. Please read through and bring comments, questions, and ideas to the next neighborhood meeting. For the latest Lake Claire news and information visit our website: <http://www.lakeclaire.org/>

Below is some information on the neighborhood. Phone numbers occasionally change, so please consult your phone book for contact data on businesses and organizations listed if the ones below do not work.

## The Neighborhood

The name "Lake Claire" derives from the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and Claire Drive. There never was a "Lake Claire," rather Lakeshore was named after the now-dry artificial "Lake Ponceana," formerly at the north intersection of Claire. The neighborhood was probably named after the Lake Claire Garden Club founded in the mid 1930's.

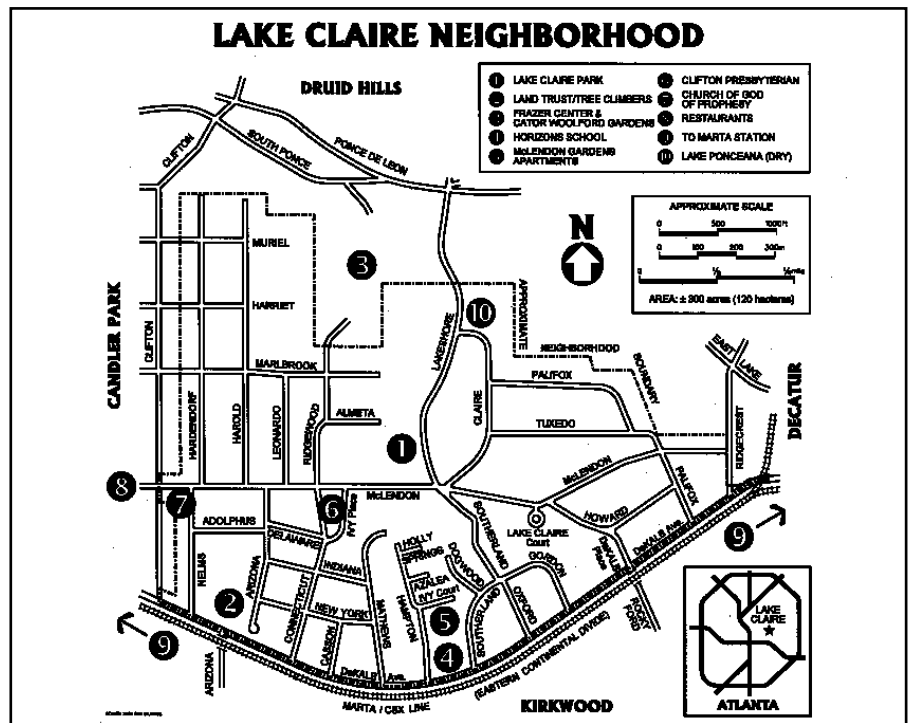
Streets now in the Lake Claire neighborhood were originally surveyed as a few separate developments. These became incorporated into Atlanta one-by-one around the 1910's. Today Lake Claire is a neighborhood unit recognized by the City of Atlanta. Although some developers built groups of houses, much of Lake Claire has been sold as empty lots with individuals

constructing their own houses. Housing types range from craftsman & bungalow, to 50's cottages, exotic revivals, and modern designs. As with its housing stock, the neighborhood's residents are a fun mix of distinction and harmony.

Lake Claire sits on the Eastern Continental Divide which separates rivers flowing to the Atlantic from those flowing to the Gulf of Mexico. Lake Claire is on the Gulf side. The entire neighborhood is within the City of Atlanta, in DeKalb County. Adjacent communities include: Candler Park, Druid Hills, Decatur, and Kirkwood. The Atlanta-Stone Mountain PATH goes through our neighborhood following McLendon, Howard, and DeKalb Place & Avenue.

## Street Index

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Adolphus Street       | Indiana Avenue      |
| Almeta Avenue         | Ivy Court           |
| Arizona Avenue        | Ivy Place           |
| Azalea Lane           | Lake Claire Court   |
| Casson Street         | Lakeshore Drive     |
| Claire Drive          | Leonardo Avenue     |
| Clifton Road          | Marlbrook Drive     |
| Connecticut Avenue    | Mathews Avenue      |
| DeKalb Avenue         | McLendon Avenue     |
| DeKalb Place          | Muriel Avenue       |
| Delaware Avenue       | Nelms Avenue        |
| Dogwood Circle        | New York Avenue     |
| Gordon Avenue         | Oxford Place        |
| Hampton Terrace       | Palifax Drive       |
| Hardendorf Avenue     | Ridgecrest Road     |
| Harold Avenue         | Ridgewood Road      |
| Harriet Avenue        | Southerland Terrace |
| Holly Springs Terrace | Tuxedo Avenue       |
| Howard Circle         |                     |



## Facts & Figures (approximate)

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- \* High point: 1,060ft (325m) above sea-level at Horizons School
- \* Low Point: 920ft (280m) between Lakeshore and the Frazer Center
- \* Area: 300 acres (120 hectares) \* Streets: 37 \* Homes: 1,200

## Lake Claire Neighbors

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Your tax-exempt, non-profit homeowners association

Meets every third Thursday of the month at the Frazer Center, at the north end of Ridgewood Road

Plans fantastic neighborhood events such as the funky and fabulous Tour of Homes

Sponsors a security patrol of off-duty police officers with residents' contributions

Reviews variances to city zoning within Lake Claire

Provides a community voice to city elected representatives

Distributes a monthly newsletter

Is a place to meet neighbors that may share independent specialty interests including

- \* The Lake Claire Garden Club, helping to keep our park and yards blooming since the 1930s
- \* Book Club, joining in the neighborly pursuit of literature
- \* Peavine Watershed Alliance, grant recipient for stream clean-up and watershed improvements
- \* Land-Trust, a non-profit neighborhood member organization promoting community green space, community gardening, neighborhood pot lucks on the 13th, and educational year round activities
- \* Tree Climbers International, with two trees at Arizona & New York Avenues. Climbs are at 2pm every 1st & 3rd Sunday, weather permitting
- \* CoHousing, a residential life-style represented in the neighborhood
- \* BOND Community Credit Union (404) 525-0619
- \* Freedom Park Conservancy

### Dues/Security Patrol Invoice

Neighborhood Dues ..... \$20.00

Annual Security Patrol Dues ..... \$50.00

(Or choose Installment Plan - Semi-annual Security Patrol Dues - pay in two installments of \$25.00)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit to: Lake Claire Neighbors, attn: Treasurer, PO Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107**

*Neighborhood Dues support the regular meetings and programs of Lake Claire Neighbors. In accordance with the organization's bylaws, any expenditures exceeding \$100 are voted upon by the general membership. Currently, LCN does not mandate dues payment as qualification for membership. Although LCN is tax-exempt, neighborhood dues and donations are not tax deductible.*

*Security Patrol Dues pay for uniformed, off duty Atlanta Police Officers to patrol the neighborhood in unmarked vehicles. Their patrol shifts vary, and all activity is reported to the neighborhood Executive Committee. Contribution is voluntary, and you may remit in two installments. Please lend your support to this important program to ensure the safety and security of neighborhood homes, businesses and residents.*

## *Schools and Churches*

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### **CITY OF ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, (404) 827-8000**

- \* Mary Lin Elementary. Grades K-5, 450 students, culturally diverse. Arts partner school grant recipient, Disciplined Based Arts Education. Parents of prospective students are invited to arrange a tour - 586 Candler Park Dr.
- \* Samuel Inman Middle. Grades 6-8, 700 students. 1997-98 National School of Excellence Award. 774 Virginia Ave.
- \* Henry W. Grady High School. Grades 9-12, 800 students. Georgia School of Excellence, *US News & World Reports* outstanding high school. "A public school that works." 929 Charles Allen Dr.

### **PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

- \* Horizons School. Grades preK-12, 130 students. For young people interested in more participation and involvement in their own education. In Lake Claire since 1986, welcomes neighbors to its performing arts programs. Independent. 1900 DeKalb Ave. (404) 378-2219.
- \* Paideia School. Ages 3-18, 750 students. Founded in 1971 by parents who wanted an individualized, creative, and intellectually challenging education for their children. Nonsectarian. 1509 Ponce de Leon Ave. (404) 377-3491.
- \* St. Thomas More School. Grades K-8, 430 students. Seeks to help develop the whole person, spiritually, academically, socially, aesthetically, and physically, for service and witness in the wider community. Catholic. 630 West Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur. (404) 373-8456.

### **CHURCHES**

#### *Within Lake Claire*

- \* Church of God of Prophecy at Nelms & McLendon
- \* Clifton Presbyterian Church at Connecticut & McLendon

#### *Outside the Neighborhood*

- \* There are also many nearby churches, please consult the yellow pages for a full listing by denomination.

## *Amenities*

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### **PARKS**

Lake Claire Park at Lakeshore Drive near McLendon features a playing field, tennis court, and playground equipment. Nearby parks include the Olmstead parks along South Ponce, Freedom Park with its bike path, and Candler Park which features a pool.

### **SHOPPING & DINING**

DeKalb Avenue is the retail/commercial area within the neighborhood.

- \* Shopping: There are some small shops at the corner of McLendon & Clifton just west of the invisible neighborhood border. Other nearby areas include Little-5-Points, Decatur, Emory, Virginia Highlands, and North DeKalb Mall.
- \* Grocery: The TWA Food Mart, a small convenience store at the corner of Mathews & DeKalb Ave. Other local stores include: Candler Park Supermarket (convenience), Sevananda (natural food), Harry's in a Hurry (mini-farmers market), and DeKalb International Farmers Market (no credit cards).
- \* Restaurants: Flying Biscuit, Fellini's Pizza, LaFonda, and Gato Bizco Cafe, are at the corner of McLendon & Clifton just west of the invisible neighborhood border. The Radial Cafe is a few blocks away on DeKalb. Nearby Little-5-Points, Decatur, Emory, and Virginia Highlands areas offer a number of restaurants and bars in widely varying styles.
- \* Movie Theaters: Plaza at Ponce and Highland, North DeKalb Mall at Scott Blvd. and N. Druid Hills Rd., and an Imax theater at the Fernbank Science Center on Clifton above Ponce.

## *Services*

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### **SUBWAY**

Candler Park Marta station and East Lake station are each less than a mile (2km) from the neighborhood along DeKalb Ave. They offer free parking. These are on the East-West line that connects with the North-South line downtown at Five Points.

### **BUSES**

Four bus lines serve the neighborhood. Marta has Bus Maps & Schedules on its website (<http://www.itsmarta.com/>).

#2 Ponce de Leon, from DeKalb General Hospital in Decatur west to North Ave. downtown.

#3 Auburn Ave./MLK Dr., from Claire & McLendon to Five Points downtown, then onto Hamilton E. Holmes Dr. in west Atlanta.

#17 East Lake/Lakewood, from the East Lake Marta Station to Five Points, Turner Field, then down to the Lakewood area.

#123 Decatur/Candler Park, connects downtown Decatur, DeKalb General Hospital, North DeKalb Mall, Scott Blvd., Fernbank Science Center, and Candler Park area.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- \* **Trash** every Tuesday, except ones following a holiday, then pick-up is Wednesdays. For "Herbie-Curbie" replacement call (404) 659-6757.
- \* **Leaf & Yard Waste** often Tuesdays, sometimes other days, no fixed schedule. Yard waste may be placed in a marked container or in a paper yard-bag; no plastic bags.
- \* **Recycling** usually the same day as trash pick-up call 404-792-1212 for a container.
- \* **Mail** Monday-Saturday except holidays, please do not park in front of your own or a neighbor's mailbox on mail days.

### *Staying Neighborly*

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We enjoy keeping Lake Claire a unique neighborhood with lots of individuality, but as city residents there are laws that you need to be aware of.

- \* **Pets.** Keep on leash and "scoop the poop."
- \* **Sidewalks** are a public safety amenity that we are fortunate to have. Upkeep of sidewalks in the City of Atlanta is the home owner's responsibility. Please keep sidewalks clear of projecting branches, trash cans, and other obstructions.
- \* **Speed Limits, Streets, & Lights.** Most streets 25 MPH, on McLendon 30 MPH, on DeKalb Ave. 35 MPH. Please obey the speed limit, particularly on McLendon to slow down out-of-neighborhood speeders. If you have a traffic sign in front of your house please clean it occasionally. For street repair call 404-330-6245. Street light repair call 1-888-660-5890.
- \* **Parking.** Street parking is free. Tickets have been issued for parking in the wrong direction and parking too close to an intersection. Please do not park so as to block the sidewalk, nor mailboxes. Cars on city streets must have current tags and registration stickers.
- \* **Construction.** Contact the city permit office before starting new construction or renovations. Zoning variances may be required.
- \* **Code Enforcement.** To assist residents in complying with city codes the Lake Claire has a Liaison to the Neighborhood Deputies Program. The program is run by residents with the purpose of communicating Lake Claire's priorities to the city code office. Without this communication city code enforcement has been irregular and often lopsided--city officials giving citations to trivial offenses while not following-up on serious violations. Some past offenses sited range from trash in yard, to untagged vehicles in the street, to minor peeling paint. For more information on the Neighborhood Liaison, please attend the next Lake Claire Neighbors meeting.

### *Important Numbers to Note*

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| * Emergency police, fire, etc. 911                        | * City Council (404) 330-6030                |
| * Non-Emergency Police (404) 371-5002/Fire (404) 853-7000 | * Housing Code Enforcement (404) 330-6210    |
| * Hospitals: Emory University (404) 712-7021              | * Zoning Enforcement (404) 330-6175          |
| DeKalb Medical Center (404) 501-5200                      | * Water Department-Repairs (404) 658-7220    |
| Atlanta Medical Center (404) 265-4000                     | * Sanitary Services: (404) 65WORKS           |
| * Street maintenance (404) 65WORKS                        | * Sidewalks (404) 330-6087                   |
| * Traffic signals/Street light repair (404) 65WORKS       | * Building Permit Information (404) 330-6150 |
| * Mayor's Office (404) 330-6100                           |  |

## *WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!*

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(Realtor, feel free to paste information about your office in this space before copying.)

This copy of "Welcome to Lake Claire!" is provided by the courtesy of your local realtor.