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newsletter of Atlanta's 30307 neighborhood

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YOUR LCNA NEEDS YOU

With over 1,000 households in Lake Claire, our neighborhood has the potential to fund a host of projects that would strengthen the quality of life in our community. **Won't you help build a better Lake Claire?** A community is more than just its homes.

We produce this monthly newsletter (costs about \$9 per household) and provide financial support of \$6000 to groups working on environmental, park, homeless and various other issues throughout the course of the year. We would like to expand our funding efforts this year to address storm water issues that originate in our neighborhood and cause severe erosion problems in the Frazer Center Forest. Below you see the hard work of volunteers to make our own natural gem even better. Neighbors would like to renovate the pavilion in Lake Claire park making it an inviting place to picnic and hold outdoor events.

Additional issues that deserve our support are the Candler Park Pool, the Frazer Forest nature trails and the Clifton night shelter.

You may know of other deserving projects but none of this can be done without your support. Volunteers are critical but so is money. **This may be the last monthly newsletter as finances point toward making it a quarterly.** If every household were dues-paying members of LCNA we could do many great things. Where can you get better value for \$20 a year?

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Dan White, President Lake Claire Neighbors Association



In late February, Friends of The Frazer Center Forest held another work day and enjoyed a wine and cheese reception celebrating one year of volunteering to help manage and restore The Frazer Center's forested acreage. "The ivy seems to be literally choking the trees at the edge of the forest, so cutting it away was rewarding in a very tangible way," says volunteer Susan Casey. Volunteers Susan and Logan Casey, Kathy Evans, Elizabeth Hamilton, Elizabeth Knowlton, Kathryn Kolb, Jonathan, Margaret, and Samuel Lewis, Susan Powell, Finn Smith-Ruttan, Dan White, and Sarah Wynn cleared ivy from dozens of trees. Thanks for your hard work! Please volunteer for work days scheduled for **Saturdays**, **April 23 and May 14**, **2-5 p.m**. Contact Kathy Evans at zoning@lakeclaire.org for more info.

Lake Claire Neighbors, Agenda for General Meeting: April 21, 2005

Frazer Center - 1815 S. Ponce de Leon or back entrance at end of Ridgewood Rd.

Social Time 6:30-7:00 PM (pizza and beverage) Meeting Starts 7:00 PM

Guest Speakers & Announcements

*Recognition of elected officials and special guests that are present Mary Norwood, City Council member for Citywide Post 2 attending Current Issues for Discussion

- * LCNA exec comm. mtg Tues May 10 7:30pm- 362 Connecticut Ave
- *Discussion Electronic Newsletter & Monthly Flyer cost savings
- *Discussion on renovating pavilion in Lake Claire Park
- *LCNA and its role in the tree appeal ordinance
- *Special Public Interest zoning district for LCN
- *Identify projects for 2005 funding
- *Dues drive/fundraising

Voting Item

\$1000 to renovate pavillion in Lake Claire Park \$500 donation to Olmstead Linear Park \$500 donation to Freedom Park

\$250 to sponsor Spring Fling

Officers' Reports
*Public Safety-Randy Byrd (may be moved up in meeting to accommodate APD officers)

*Treasurer (year end summary)

Volunteer & LCNA Member Reports

*Anyone with issues they wish to bring to the membership Variances

No variances submitted at this time



Sking in and around Lake Claire

April sure is chock full of events and celebrations such as April Fools' Day! The Final Fours—that is both men and women's NCAA titles!! The Masters! Daylight Savings Time! (spring forward!) Earth Day! Arbor Day! Passover! Plus spring breaks for the kids! And keep in mind that April is the National Month for... Guitars, Keep America Beautiful, Anxiety, Humor, Welding, and Gardens!

Spring Things. Jazz Nights at Scottish Rite Hospital Lawn (Oakhurst) April 21 and 28th 7 p.m-9 p.m. The Inman Park Festival takes place April 22/24/25. "Notoberfest" aka The 2nd Annual Beerfest in East Atlanta Village May 14 from 1 p.m.— 6 p.m.

Congrats! The Radial Cafe run by Phil Palmer and his great staff have hit another milestone-their 6th year in business. Check out their yummy breakfasts and lunches as well as cool new t-shirts for sale.

Fun at five! Happy belated b-day to James Bryan who turned five in March. Proud mom and LCN editor Mary Jo Bryan tells us that Arizona Avenue's Ruby the Clown entertained James' classmates for the occasion.

Literary Ladies! LC's Ellery Whitehead and Annette Presley attended the recent reading and book signing of author Anne Lamott held at Emory University. The huge crowd included Jane Fonda as well as co-sponsors from Charis Books!

Salutations! Birthday wishes also go out to Lake Claire Tour Lady Virginia Hamm (April 18), Howard Circle's Bill Cloe (May2), Wendell the bulldog (May 5), and Connecticut Ave's Lucy Beeching (May10).

All aboard! Lake Claire Tour Lady Valerie Neville and her daughter took a recent spring break train trip up and back to our Nation's Capitol to see the sights. Alas the Smithsonian did not have its historic cookbook archives open!

Trips Ahoy. Lake Claire neighbors have been spanning the globe of late. Dave Delozier and Mike Gerber (Thailand), Trixie St Claire (Australia/New Zealand), Rod LaRocque (Hawaii), Phil Armstrong (Utah), Lola Love (San Francisco). Margeauxxx (Miami), Dottie Erhardt (Jacksonville) and probably a whole lot more!

Peace and Love Festival

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust hosted a Peace and Love Festival Saturday, March 26. Despite the threat of stormy weather this was the most successful Land Trust event to date, raising \$2500, which will be used to help purchase a sound system for the stage, to assist tsunami relief, and to defray ongoing Land Trust expenses. For more information about happenings at this gem in our neighborhood, go to http://www.lcclt.org.

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Easter Bonnet or Rain Bonnet?

Despite the threat of tornadoes and hail storms, twenty-some spirited and stalwart kids, adults and one costumed dog showed up for the Fifth Annual Lake Claire Easter Parade. The festive, yet sometimes biazarrely attired group, strutted their stuff from the old Clifton Church down to The Candler Market. They kazooed Easter Parade songs as well as tunes from the Beatles, Oklahoma, Wizard of Oz and Sound of Music.

This year's marchers wore the classic wide brimmed staw hats accessorized with feathers, flowers, grass, eggs, and bows. And of course there were the ubitquitous bunny ears, which were this year complimented with bright and muchneeded umbrellas!

Afterward the Best Hat contest took place. This year's "Cutest Kids" award went to Claire Warren who not only had a hat with Raggedy Ann, a duck and a pink ribboned paper

towel tower, but she brought her razor scooter along! The "Best Easter" hat was worn by Noma Cloe who had a fabulously grand chapeau with Hawaiian flowers, black plumage and netting plus her trademark blue boa. The "Most Outrageous" award went to Susan Beeching as tasteful church lady with a tiny Easter Basket hat perched on her head accented with eggs, grass and pink ribbons



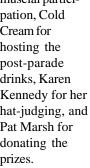
The "Best Lake Claire" award went to Dottie Erhardt wearing a hat with sail boat plus she sported a blue inner tube top, blue fish necklace and beach scene skirt! The "Best Group" award went to

> Camilla Warren and her daughter Claire for showing the proper spirit by ferrying the rain-soaked marchers from the Market back to the church. The show must go on!

We wish to thank the following for helping to make this parade a success: Warren Jackson for photographing the event, Teri Stewart and Iris Hale of Donna van Gogh's for the treats and



muscial participation, Cold Cream for hosting the post-parade drinks, Karen Kennedy for her hat-judging, and Pat Marsh for donating the prizes.





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Fourth Annual District 5 Tire Round-Up

Councilmember Natalyn Archibong is pleased to announce that the 4th Annual District 5 Tire Round-up is scheduled for April 23, 2005, from 9:00a.m. to noon. Tires from all neighborhoods located in District 5 will be accepted at this important Earth Day event.

To participate, each neighborhood must collect its own tires and transport them to a designated location in District 5. A notice will be sent to every neighborhood association President informing him/her of the designated collection site. Once all of the tires have been collected, a recycling company will transport the tires to the company's recycling plant.

With the health and environmental hazards related to illegally dumped tires, Councilmember Archibong hopes that all unwanted tires within District 5 will be collected during this event. Since April of 2002, the first year of the District 5 Tire Round-Up, more than 3.500 tires have been collected.

For more information about the 4th Annual District 5 Tire Round-Up, contact Councilmember Archibong's office: 404-330-6048, or e-mail her at: narchibong@atlantaga.gov.

Clean Streams Benefit

Please join the Clean Streams Task Force as they host Deaconbluz and the Holysmoke Band for a festive evening of blues, great food, a silent auction, and more to benefit and celebrate clean streams, neighborhoods, and parks in Atlanta.

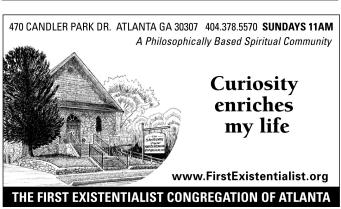
The event will be held at Paris on Ponce, 715 Ponce de Leon Avenue, a unique Atlanta venue with some of the best views in the city. Mark your calendar now for June 24, 2005 and don't miss this fun-filled benefit for Clean Streams Task Force, an Atlanta based non-profit with a mission of restoring our urban waters to their most natural state and educating Atlanta's elected officials and the general public on the value of these waters to our quality of life. See www.cleanstreams.org for more information.

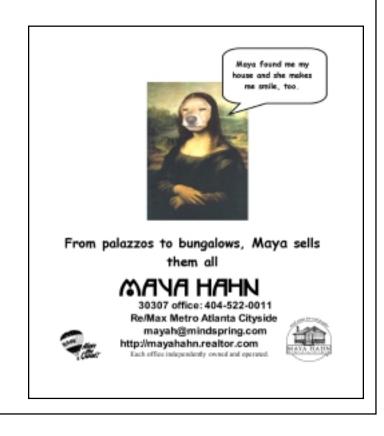
Go Native!

Free Seminars sponsored by the Georgia Native Plant Society are held Wednesdays, April 6 - June 1, 2005, from noon to 1 pm at Georgia Perimeter College, 3251 Panthersville Rd.

Topics range from "Native Alternatives for Invasive Species" (May 4) to "Naturalizing Water Gardens with Native Plants" (June 1). Free garden walks begin at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday and the native plant shop, featuring ferns shrubs, perennials, and a small selection of rare and unusual plants, is open each Wednesday and Friday from April 6 to June 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 770.343.6000 for more information.









Child Abuse Forum

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and Regional Leadership Forum has put together a special forum to help raise the awareness among regional leaders and the general public about the issues of child abuse and child sexual exploitation in metro Atlanta and how people can get personally involved to help diminish these problems.

The forum will be hosted by Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) at their studios at 260 14th Street in Atlanta on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 from 11:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For more information, go to www.rlfatlanta.org.

How to hush a train

Some neighbors are concerned about the loud noise at all hours of the night caused by the freight train whistle when trains cross DeKalb Avenue near Ridgecrest. Apparently the train horn is disturbing sleep and driving down property values in the immediate area.

To address this issue, neighbors are organizing to have a crossing gate installed on DeKalb Avenue. If you are interested in helping or learning more about the issue contact Andre' Golubic at andre@serendipityrealty.net.

FORE!!!!

Dust off those golf clubs and join the Grady golf team and your friends for an afternoon of golf! Students and adults can all play—experience and skill don't matter!

The First Annual Grady Golf Classic will be held Sunday, April 17, 2005 at Candler Park Golf Course. Tee times begin at noon. This fundraiser for the golf team and PTSA will feature closest to pin and other competitions for prizes and glass trophies made by Grady Art students. Fun for golfers and non-golfers. You may sign up as an individual player or develop your own foursome!

Cost is \$10 for students and \$30 for adults. To reserve your spot, contact Steven Johnson at 404-323-1054, bjohnson617@hotmail.com, or Drew Baughman at 404-872-3495, dbaughman@cdc.gov.

Meet the Authors at Agnes Scott

The US-China Peoples Friendship Association, Atlanta Chapter, and the China Research Center at Kennesaw State University will co-sponsor a Meet the Authors Forum and reception, which will be held in Lower Evans Hall on the Agnes Scott College campus, 141 East College Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030, at 4:00 p.m. on April 17, 2005. Free and open to the public. Free parking in McDonough Street deck.

Featured are two associates of the China Research Center who will discuss their recently published books and respond to questions from the audience. Prof. Fei-ling Wang of Georgia Tech will discuss his book *Organizing Through Division and Exclusion: China's Hukou System*, which investigates China's household registration (hukou) system.

Prof. Rong Cai of Emory University will discuss her book, The Subject of Crisis in Contemporary Chinese Literature, which looks at the ways Chinese writers have portrayed individuals in post-revolutionary society. For more information contact Peggy Roney, 404-292-0714; p309@bellsouth.net

Emory Hosts Entrepreneur Program

Emory University is launching the Emory "Street Smart" Entrepreneur Program. This program is designed to help entrepreneurs save money while setting up successful and profitable businesses.

The open house to this program is FREE and will be held on April 19 and May 17. Call 404-727-6000 or go on-line to www.emoryentrepreneur.org to register. Space is limited!

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KEEP AN EYE ON THE CRIME AND THE TIME

Late February and March Crime Stats For Lake Claire and Candler Park

AUTO THEFTS

Sun. 2/27 10:00pm to 6:00am – 300 Conneticut Ave. – The victim's 92 Honda Civic blue in color tag number 191WGF was taken from the location. There was no broken glass on the ground where the vehicle was parked.

Thurs. 3/7 9:30pm to 9:30am – 400 Candler Park Dr. – The victim's 95 Honda Accord dark green in color tag number WI22G4 was taken from the location. The victim still had her keys and there was no broken glass on the ground where the vehicle was parked.

Weds. 3/9 2:30pm to 4:00pm – 500 Lakeshore Dr. – The victim's 00 Ford Cutaway van white in color tag number AKN8783 was stolen from the worksite. The victim left the keys to the vehicle underneath the seat at the time it was taken. The vehicle was recovered in Zone 1 after a GPS locator signaled the vehicle's location.

BURGLARY

Mon. 3/14 11:00pm to 12:30pm – 400 Callan Circle – The victim stated he walked out to

his back yard and noticed the doors of his wooden shed open. The locking device had been cut off and a red gas blower was stolen.

Mon. 2/28 2:30pm to 5:30pm – 100 Benning Pl. – The victim's home was entered by damaging the rear door. It appeared the rear door was broken off its track and the sheet metal frame was cut with some sort of sheers in order to gain entry. The victim's jewelry and loose change were taken from the home. One print was able to be lifted from the back door.

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Wed. 3/16 9:00am to 7:00pm – 1500 Iverson St. – The owner came home and found the rear door open and the bathroom window open. There was no force to either location. The owner said the bathroom window was left unlocked. Several electronic items were taken and loose change.

Tues. 3/3 11:45am to 8:30am – 1500 Iverson St. – The victim's 2000 Mazda Protege was broken into by breaking the passenger side rear window. CDs, a checkbook, and cash was taken. Prints were recovered and transported to ID for analysis.

Sat. 3/5 9:00am to 1:30pm - 400 Oakdale Dr. - Victim left her purse unattended in the Oakdale parking lot. When she returned, her wallet was missing and someone had already used her ATM card.

Sun. 3/6 10:00pm to 1:30am – 1200 McClendon Ave. – The victim's 2000 Infinity G20 was broken into by breaking out the side window with a rock. The victim's clothing that she had picked up from the dry cleaners was taken.

Mon. 3/7 8:00pm to 5:00am – 800 Oakdale Rd. – The victim's 04 Ford F150 truck was broken into without forced entry. The victim left his vehicle unlocked at the time of the incident. The victim's wallet containing a driver's license and credit cards was taken. The



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victim's DVD player with DVDs was taken as well.

Fri. 3/11 8:00pm to 8:00am – 2000 Palifox Dr. – The victims' vehicles 1999 Acura 3.2TL and 1999 Mercedes ML430 were both left unlocked and broken into. A GPS system and CDs were taken.

Sun. 3/13 8:00pm to 6:30am – 1200 McLendon Ave. – The victim's 98 Toyota Corolla was broken into by breaking out the side window. The victim 's radio was taken from the vehicle.

Mon. 3/14 10:30pm to 2:00pm 1500 McClendon Ave. — Two vehicles were broken into from the location by breaking out the windows. One vehicle was a 97 Nissan Altima and the other one was a 99 Toyota Corolla. A radio and cash was stolen.

Mon. 3/14 7:00pm to 9:30am – 100 Arizona Ave. – The victim's 1998 Jeep Wrangler Trencher was broken into. The passenger's window was broken and the Kenwood radio was torn out of the dash and CDs were taken.

Fri. 3/18 11:00pm to 11:00am – 400 Page Ave. – Victim's 2003 Honda Accord was left unlocked. Someone entered it and took her wallet w/ License, credit cards and checks.

Weds. 3/2 8:00am to 12:00pm – 500 Candler Park Dr. – The victim's gas grill was taken from his patio.

ARMED ROBBERY

Thurs. 3/17 6:50pm – 1300 Iverson St. – The victim saw a dark SUV drive past him and let someone out. He was approached by a young B/M with a handgun. Suspect demanded money and received \$5. Suspect struck the victim on the head with the gun. Suspect: B/M 18-23, 511-601, 160-170 pounds driving a dark Chevy SUV. If anyone witnessed this crime, please contact APD Investigator K. Dakin at 404-373-5331. Be careful folks, this was in broad daylight!



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A LITTLE LOCAL COLOR FOR ALL Y'ALL

By Lolly Merrell

Thirty years ago Teri Stewart hitchhiked from her hometown in southeastern Texas, landed in the hippie-haven of Piedmont

Park, and decided

Atlanta would become her new home. About the same time, Iris Hale was getting kicked out of the University of Georgia for wearing gym shorts outdoors without the requisite "non-transparent knee-length overcoat" the school required of its young ladies. A couple years later they met, bought a house together in Lake Claire, and now own and operate "Donna Van Gogh's,"



Candler Park's beloved art emporium.

"This is really something I believe in," says Teri, who earned a degree from the Atlanta Art Institute and worked for the previous owners of DVG before she and Iris bought it two years ago. They now showcase more than 100 local artists at a time (including some of Teri's own work, scattered throughout

the store) with prices ranging from \$.35 to \$5000. "We're a great place for new artists to start," she says, "and we've had

a lot of artists move up and on—which is a good thing!"

While Teri handles the artists, the art and the displays, Iris is "the brainiac," as Teri affectionately puts it, wrangling bills and crunching numbers. Before working at the shop, South-Carolina native Iris (who eventually earned her degree from Georgia State and DeKalb College) was a biomedical engineer with Emory Healthcare. "It's art in a way," she explains, noting a stainless-steel brain probe, a pain-medicine delivery system and a neonatal soundsoothing device to her credit. "I loved the work, but I love this too."

As for the name DonnaVan

Gogh?

"There are two stories—one true, one not," says Iris conspiratorially.

Stop by the shop to choose your version. Donna Van Gogh's is located in the business block at Clifton and McLendon.

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