



Let me introduce myself . . .

Gay Arnieri here, becoming a Jackie-of-all-trades when it comes to the Lake Claire Clarion. I've been volunteering as advertising coordinator for a couple of years now and have recently taken on the duties of Editor. This was going to be temporary, but I got hooked right away. So now we are looking for a new advertising volunteer instead! So you see, there are always opportunities and you never really know when or where they will come from.

I came to Lake Claire in 2000 in a move from Virginia Highlands. I had lived at my previous home for 15 years and raised my son there, so the move was a big deal. I was down-sizing and to this day I am looking for room in my 1200 Sq ft bungalow that doesn't exist. I have since finished my basement among other improvements, and I still have trouble putting things away or getting rid of them.

In a past life I worked as a nurse (RN) and still have my license. Nowadays I work part time as a nanny. It's fantastic work for many reasons. I get to choose my families, I get to spend time with the youngest children (mostly newborn to kindergarten age) whom I dearly love, and I get to choose my hours. This arrangement lets me have virtually all the time I need these days to travel, to take care of the elders and spend time with my incredible grandson, Nathan.

And yes, it is I who likes to write about gardening and show off my melon-sized sweet potatoes. Having such a bountiful relationship with



*Heading out for salmon fishing –
Juneau, AK, June, 2006*

my yard is incredibly satisfying. I love sharing this passion in the Clarion.

Do you have such an activity, passion, hobby, fascination, or concern to share? Please write about it. All we ask is that you limit your article to about 250 words. A photo in jpeg format would be welcome as well. Or email me with a topic and we'll talk about it.

That's me in a nutshell. Thanks for putting up with my written ramblings and "free advice" for your garden. Working on the newsletter is a hoot – contact me if you'd like to hear about current opportunities to volunteer.

Your Editor,
Gay Arnieri
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Mural Dedication on DeKalb Avenue at the Mural site at 2 pm, featuring the Seed and Feed Marching Abominable band. Followed by Earth Day Celebration and Music at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust. Write mural@lakeclaire.org for more details or to help.

LCNA Statement of Purpose

The purposes of LCN shall be (i) to promote the common good and general welfare in the neighborhood known as Lake Claire in the City of Atlanta, Georgia; (ii) to provide a platform to protect the residential character and quality of life of the residents of the area; (iii) to direct development that enhances pedestrian friendliness, sustainability, environmental sensitivity and diversity within the neighborhood; (iv) to cooperate with other in-town neighborhoods on issues of mutual concern; (v) to protect the lives and property of neighborhood residents; (vi) to share information and resolve conflict through a formal structure; (vii) to beautify our streets and greenspaces; (viii) to encourage community-spirited activities throughout the neighborhood; and (ix) to unite residents from the entire Lake Claire area to accomplish these mutual goals.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Advertising Coordinator
- Delivery volunteers

Mark your calendars!

March is Women's History Month.

Check out www.chariscircle.org for events.

March 14 CINS Meeting

The Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) will hold its next meeting on March 14th at 12 noon at Centennial Place Elementary School to discuss Safety and School Discipline. This meeting is free and open to the community. Centennial Place Elementary School is located at 531 Luckie Street, N.W., 404-853-4022. Lunch will be available for \$7.

www.cinsatlanta.org.

March 23 - "Shoot for the Stars" Auction benefiting Mary Lin PTA

Schedule your babysitter now for the Mary Lin Elementary School "Shoot for the Stars" Auction on March 23rd at the Trolley Barn in Inman Park from 6:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. Last year's auction was a blast and this year's event promises to be even bigger and better! For just

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LCNA Next Meeting: Agenda

Lake Claire Neighborhood Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2007

Lake Claire Neighbors meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Meetings are open to all. The meeting is held in the Frazer Center Atrium. Enter via the main Frazer Center entrance at 1815 S. Ponce de Leon, or use the back entrance on Ridgewood Road.

Social Time 6:30 - 7:00pm

Guest Speakers and Announcements

- At-large Atlanta City Council Members Lamar Willis and Mary Norwood - to hear about Lake Claire's vision for Atlanta (to be confirmed)
- Current Issues for Discussion
- Movie Night update.
- Mural Dedication plans - event set for Sunday, April 22, 2007.
- Update on request to rezone 2068-2100 DeKalb Ave and to amend the Comprehensive Development Plan.
- Other issues and announcements from membership.

bership.

- Officers Reports
Public Safety
Treasurer
- Voting Items - None this month.

LCN archived newsletters and updates to agenda can be found at www.lakeclaire.org.

Just Add Water and Children Sprout in Lake Claire!

The Lake Claire Parents Group is a growing group of families with infants to pre-school aged children. Started in 2004, there are approximately 50 families to date. The families communicate through a Yahoo Group web site where playgroups, local activities, events and news is shared. If you have young children and want to form a playgroup or need to find information about area babysitters, pediatricians or pre-schools, this is the group for you! Contact Kelly Crutcher at kellygray@mindspring.com.





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Lured to the Lake: Robert Kaufman *by Troy Nielsen*

Robert Kaufman is a Virginia Highlands transplant and technology entrepreneur. A Lake Claire resident since June '06, Robert can be seen walking his stately pug dog "Oscar". He was attracted to Lake Claire's down-to-earth vibe, family-feel, creative, and according to Robert, a superior Felini's compared the one on Ponce!

When he was two, Robert and his family moved from NYC to Georgia. He attended Paideia and then Pomona College in Los Angeles, where he studied philosophy, history, and economics. In LA, he "strongly missed the south's verdant beauty and articulated seasons."

In 2005, Robert and two other graduates formed the custom computer company "Jinglehorse". According to Robert, Jinglehorse was a company with energy and good ideas, but suffered from overwhelming currents of bad luck, confounding market forces, intra-industrial

predation, as well as occasional bad judgment from never having started a company.

Jinglehorse's products included an ultra energy efficient "Ecosystem" PC, a user-friendly custom computer design interface, and computer case aesthetic customization.

The Ecosystem PC was nominated by the Well-Tech foundation of Italy for most-innovative product of the year for sustainability.

Unfortunately, Robert found that their ideas "suspiciously ended up in the business models, PR, and marketing of Dell and HP about 5-10 months after they premiered on our website". But like a true entrepreneur, he put his energy into something new. His current company "CineMassive Displays" produces multi-display systems uses technology developed at Jinglehorse. The multiple displays transform computers into true multi-tasking machines. Robert notes that "Having just one display feels like working with one eye closed".

He describes Lake Claire as a "family-friendly, fun and sophisticated neighborhood with a ton of in-town pride, creativity and sense of humor". On his Lake Claire "wish list": a Felini's pub, a Chinese restaurant that delivers, and a sidewalk chalk festival. Let's welcome Robert (and Oscar) to Lake Claire!

Editor's Note: Troy Nielsen and his family, wife Lucy and kids Myles (7 1/2) and Stella (4) are transplants from Massachusetts. They came to Lake Claire in 2005 via the internet – that's right, they relocated to Lake Claire after searching online for a change of scenery and a new place to live. Troy says Lake Claire looked like the perfect neighborhood. They love the strong neighborhood feel. Troy runs a Process Improvement department and Lucy has the "harder job of staying home with the children" and home schooling. Troy volunteers as the Clarion Distribution Coordinator and contributing writer and Lucy volunteers as a contributing writer.



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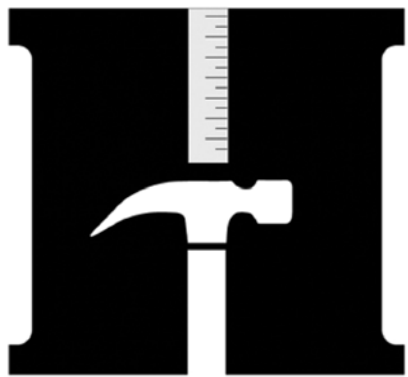
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April 7 - 3rd Annual Candler Park K9 Fun Run

Bark your calendars and join the Candler Park Running Club for a tail-wagging, dog gone good time. Bring your best friend or run solo. Six legs or two, you don't want to miss this. 9:00 A.M. in Candler Park.

April 20 - Sweet Water 420 Earth Day Festival

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is proud to host the Sweet Water 420 Earth day Festival on, you guessed it, 4/20! In an age where few people agree on how to manage our environment, one thing we all can agree on is that the guys at Sweet Water Brewery sure know how to make a tasty beverage. Bring family, friends and a cozy blanket and celebrate our natural resources and learn about environmental concerns while enjoying food, art, great beer, and live music! Free admission for great live music! 21 and up can buy \$5 wristband with valid ID. Beer, wine, and other food and beverages

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April 22 - Lake Claire's Watershed Mural Dedication Party Earth Day. www.lakeclaire.org.

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My energies are aimed at the interior of my home these days. This year I'm treating myself to a thorough patching and painting, which also means the place will be clean and tidy once all is put back in order. That could be a first! But I haven't forgotten about the plants. The potted ones that are indoors are in good shape this year. I did inherit a large poinsettia to add to my collection of still-alive plants from last year. I have successfully rooted some cuttings from a very sturdy poinsettia. So far, so good. I'll keep you posted.

Still a source of entertainment is my last huge sweet potato. It's becoming like a chicken or a pig. Once you get to know it, you really don't


want to eat it. Shall we take bets? It is lower on the food chain. Hmm, that last couple of spuds I fixed in a casserole were outstanding. You must believe that it is definitely a kick to be eating out of the garden in January and February!

My next gardening task will be to plan the next garden projects. If you have young kids, I strongly recommend blueberries. The plants (shrubs) are beautiful, the foliage changes with the seasons, and it is a lot of fun to go picking berries. And you only install them once. They get better and better each year if they like the spot they are in and they don't have thorns. You need to plant at least two plants near each other for adequate pollination.

This month's tips: It's not too early to shop for shrubs and trees. Don't wait for the first heat wave or you risk losing your investment to heat stress and inconsistent watering. If you need to do some research before starting a vegetable garden, do it now. Spring planting time will come very soon. Our warm spells will be a good opportunity to apply weed and feed to your lawn if you use such products and get ahead of the weeds. Till your veggie garden adding any compost you accumulated last year.


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