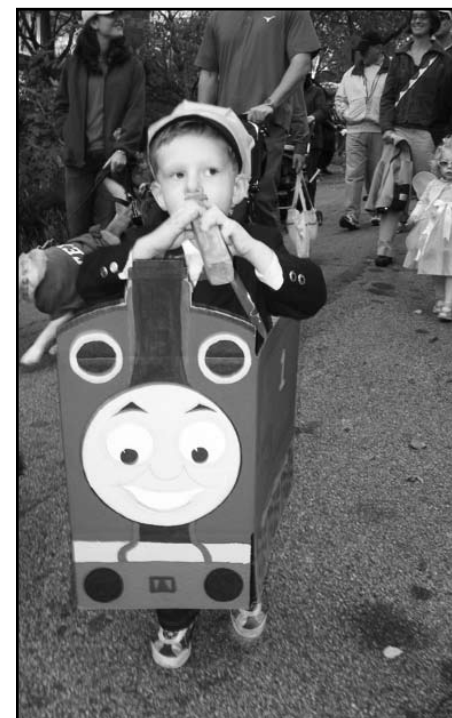




Happy Halloween!

This year's annual Lake Claire Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 27. Come out and join your neighbors for a genuine Lake Claire tradition. You know you don't want to miss this! Bring your kids, your pets, yourselves costumed, painted and otherwise decorated for maximum fun. All marching costumed and otherwise decorated children will be eligible to participate in pumpkin painting (a take-home real pumpkin) as long as the pumpkins hold out. Oh, and don't forget your camera!

Gather at the corner of Lakeshore Drive and Claire and be ready to march at 5 pm, then parade to Lake Claire Park. 🍁



What happened next? Kirkwood: Pullman Rail Yard Power Sub-Station

As you will recall, the Kirkwood neighborhood asked for our help in dealing with the impending construction of a power substation on a historic property. After a show-and-tell by the Georgia Power Company at the Trolley Barn in Inman Park, Kirkwood neighbors seemed sat-

isfied that the power company, while having made their plans to install a power substation on the rail yard property, had done so with a generous amount of consideration and sensitivity toward the concerns of the neighborhood. Communication has been relatively open with the power company revealing a plan which leaves all present buildings untouched. Landscaping suggestions by the neighborhood are also being taken under advisement. Kirkwood is grateful for the response to our request for emails in their support. It sounds like this has been a win-win, with power needs and community concerns being addressed in concert.

Thanks to Earl Williamson, a Kirkwood neighbor, for his help in providing this follow-up.



Street Dance and Greenspace Dedication!

Join your neighbors for dancin' in the street and celebrating Lake Claire's newest greenspace, Saturday, October 6, 7-11 pm. The greenspace was acquired earlier this year by the City after several years of effort by over 100 Lake Claire residents and Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong. The street in front of the greenspace at Harold and Muriel will be closed for the celebration.

Enjoy a unique combination of traditional and modern Cajun, zydeco, blues, and rockabilly with Hair of the Dog, and Dylan-to-Dead with The Expand Band (both bands feature Lake Claire's own Bill Fleming). There'll be a chance to meet your neighbors, meet Councilwoman Archibong, and sign up for tree planting in Lake Claire this winter with the NeighborWoods program of Trees Atlanta. Welcome Bill, Jacquelyn, Selena, and Eliza back from their years in Wales and remember to thank them for resuming the annual street party!

Grab a friend and head down to the end of Harold Avenue on October 6th! 🍁

Lean, Mean and GREEN...

There has been a lot of interest in the finer points of recycling. Do you have any good tips for responsibly disposing of the many items that are recyclable yet are not handled by curbside recycling? Please chip in with your thoughts, questions and suggestions so we can come up with a comprehensive recycling strategy. The possibilities are endless. For those issues and items that confound some of us there may be some surprisingly simple solutions – an electronics recycling day, for instance. Send your 2 cents worth in to editor@lakeclaire.org.

Lake Claire Neighbors General Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2007
Social Time 6:30-7:00 PM (refreshments); meeting at 7:00 PM, The Frazer Center Atrium

GUEST SPEAKERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to new residents and first time attendees.
- Welcome guest speakers, APD officer if present.

OFFICERS REPORTS

- * Public Safety report.
- * Treasurer's report

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CURRENT ISSUES

VOLUNTEER & LCNA MEMBER REPORTS

- * Anyone with issues or information they wish to bring to membership.

VOTING ITEMS/LAND USE

Lake Claire Neighbors meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Meetings are open to all. Past months' newsletters and updates to agenda can be found at www.lake-claire.org.

Mark Your Calendars!

October 6 - Saturday - Harold Ave. Green Space Dedication, 7 pm to 11 pm

October 8 - Monday - COLUMBUS DAY

October 8 - Monday - Lake Claire Garden Club 7 pm at 431 Harold Ave. NE For more details email gardenclub@lakeclaire.org.

October 10 - Wednesday - CINS Meeting, 7 pm at Inman Middle School. See article below.

October 13 - Saturday - Lake Claire Community Land Trust monthly potluck; 6:30 pm at the Gazebo; Bring a dish to share with your neighbors and don't forget to bring your own utensils.

October 13 & 14 - Candler Park Fall Festival. For more details, visit www.CandlerParkFallFestival.org and see article below.

October 18 - Thursday - LCNA Monthly meeting at the Fraser Center, 7 pm.

October 27 - Saturday - Lake Claire Halloween Parade at 5 pm. See article for details.

October 28 - Sunday - Inman Park Cooperative Preschool invites interested families to a meeting for prospective parents on Sunday, October 28th both from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the preschool at 760 Edgewood Ave.

October 31 - Wednesday - HALLOWEEN

November 10 - Saturday - Third Annual Atlanta Lung Cancer Awareness Run & Walk at Perimeter Place in Dunwoody, Georgia. For more information, visit www.atlantallungcancerrun.org or call 404-577-4212.

CINS October 10th Meeting

Grady High School/APS High Schools - Program Up-Date, October 10, at 7:00 PM at Inman Middle School.

Please join the Council of In-town Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) at noon on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at Inman Middle School for its next meeting. At this meeting, Grady High School faculty and parents will up-date the CINS community on the programs offered to students at Grady High as well as update on the APS High School Reform model. From arts to academics, Grady High School has it all. This meeting is free and open to the community. Inman Middle School is located at 774 Virginia Ave, 3030; phone number is 404-802-3200.



3rd Annual Atlanta Lung Cancer Awareness Run & Walk

Saint Joseph's Hospital and the Lung Cancer Caring Ambassadors Program will host the Third Annual Atlanta Lung Cancer Awareness Run & Walk on Saturday, November 10, 2007, at Perimeter Place in Dunwoody, Georgia. The purpose of this event is to raise funds for lung cancer awareness, education, support, advocacy and research. The 5K fun run begins at 8 am and the one-mile walk begins at 8:30 am. Online registration is available at www.active.com. For more information, please visit us at www.atlantallungcancerrun.org or call 404-577-4212.

FallFest! Candler Park

7th Annual Candler Park FallFest

The 7th Annual Candler Park FallFest returns to historic Candler Park. Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 13-14, 2007, times are Saturday from 12 noon to 8pm and Sunday from 12 noon to 8pm. The festival includes the live entertainment, a not-to-be-missed artist market with 90 artists, the Candler Park Tour of Homes featuring six vintage Candler Park homes, children's activities, food and beverage and the Candler Park 5K. The Candler Park 5K will take place at 9am on Saturday, October 13, 2007 and the Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday, October 14, 2007 from noon to 6pm. For more information, or to volunteer, please call 404-577-4212 or visit us at www.candler-parkfallfest.org.

News from Inman Park Cooperative Preschool - Prospective Parent Meetings

Submitted by Julie Johnson

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool invites interested families to a meeting for prospective parents on Sunday, October 28th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the preschool at 760 Edgewood Ave.

Families interested in learning more about this unique preschool program should plan to attend.

Agenda

2 p.m.: IPCP Philosophy and Admissions Policy

3 p.m.: Meet Staff and Board Members, Tour School

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool is a non-profit cooperative school for children ages 12 months to 5 years, established in 1981 to serve the needs of parents and children in intown neighborhoods. The school's unique cooperative structure enables parents to contribute to their children's learning, growth and development.

One of the tenets of the Preschool is the desire to make sure that children growing up in the city don't grow disconnected from nature. The Preschool has therefore created a unique and award-winning green space, known as the outdoor classroom. Come and learn more about IPCP's unique learning environment.

The preschool is currently accepting applications for enrollment for the September 2008 to May 2009 school year. Information at www.ipcp.org or contact director Betty Wood at 404-827-9796 or ipcp@mindpring.com.

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Thunder is Scary

When severe storms blow through your neighborhood, do your pets become visibly frightened? If so, you're not alone. Many pets, especially dogs, are fearful of thunderstorms.

The veterinary industry is not entirely sure why some pets develop a fear of thunderstorms. It could be the sound of the thunder. Other factors, such as barometric pressure and static electricity, may also contribute to the fear.

If your pets show signs of fear during storms, try not to reinforce their fearful behavior by attempting to soothe their anxiety with petting or by speaking softly to them. Removing these reinforcing actions will encourage your pet to let go of their fear more quickly.

(From *Pettags.com* and *Petfirst.com*)

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Now for Good News

The ASPCA reports that it is leading a team of behaviorists in evaluating pit bulls taken from Falcons player Michael Vick's property during the course of the dog fighting investigation.

San Francisco-based BAD RAP (Bay Area Doglovers Responsible About Pit Bulls), a nonprofit educational resource for pit bull parents and handlers, will be working with the team to help identify which dogs are eligible for foster programs.

Other options for the rescued pit bulls may include rehabilitation as law enforcement dogs, placement in sanctuaries or, if there is no other choice, humane euthanasia. The ASPCA-led team will provide a report to the USDA; the final disposition of the dogs, however, will be decided by a federal judge.

For details, visit the ASPCA Anti-Cruelty Resource Center.

Bulletin Board: Lake Claire Community Land Trust

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is a place and an opportunity for neighbors and friends to cultivate community and to celebrate nature and each other. We are open from dawn to dusk and are closed after dark except for scheduled events. We are a pedestrian community and we wish to keep it that way. Please walk, bike or levitate. If you come by car, drive slowly, be quiet and park responsibly.

Drum Circles are on the first and third Saturday night of every month (ends at midnight). Walking neighbors are free (donations welcomed)! All others \$5. Be generous!

Woodchip mulch is available at the Arizona Ave entrance to the Land Trust. We request \$15 per pickup load, you load. Deposit check or cash in the donation slot at the Land Trust bulletin board. Free to nonprofit groups. If you wish to have a pickup load delivered for \$40 call Glenn at 678-698-4902.


Land Trust email: info@lclt.org . Land Trust Web Page: <http://lclt.org/> .

Monthly Potlucks

There is a monthly potluck on the 13th of each month, 6:30 PM at

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The Conscientious Gardener

By Gay Arneri

How have your yards faired after all the heat and drought? I lost a very mature shrub and a not so mature blueberry. I gave up on the veggie garden and still got a cantaloupe (a relative dwarf pictured here), some tomatoes, some green beans, and have yet to get

the story on the potatoes. My new (added last year) blackberries survived just fine though the birds got the berries. Two new trees, a false cypress and a Leyland cypress have come through well thanks to copious amounts of mulch and supplemental watering.

The lawn is in pretty poor shape though the crab grass survived in good shape. Starting with this cooler weather (temps in the 60s or lower at night) I can start re-seeding. I would spread seed just before a

thorough watering of the lawn so that if you are confined to weekly watering AND no rain, the lawn may have a chance to germinate. Otherwise, just wait a little longer to plant grass seed.

You may have noticed that the flowers that survived in the neighborhood tend to be perennials. The most spectacular inhabitants of my yard were plants I cannot take any credit for – Mexican sunflowers (annuals) that the birds planted. Yes, the birds landscaped my front and back yards with birdseed. Now that the plants are pretty much spent, I have a flock of finches and chickadees parking themselves in my yard feeding on the seeds. I don't dare cut back the spent plants now. Again, the element of adventure and surprise is one of the most satisfying features of gardening for me. These charming little acrobatic birds are great fun to watch but are rather shy. So you have to sneak around sometimes to enjoy or photograph them. Don't forget



that birds need water, too. A dish of fresh water set out on your patio or deck will truly be appreciated.

Now, have you thought of your poinsettias lately? I have two that have survived. It's time to start prepping them for the holidays, which involves shielding them from sunlight while continuing to water and feed. Most publications suggest keeping them in a closet or basement. I prefer to cover ("bag" them, actually) with either a heavy-duty black trash bag or layer several bags and cover. That way I can keep the plant where I can easily get to it and remember to water it. So go ahead and move it or cover it. Hopefully you will have some lovely color on the new growth by December.

A byte in the aftermath of our series on composting – More on Composting

(From *The Sierra Club – The Green Life*, Submitted by Tania Crawford)

I started composting my non-meat, non-oil kitchen scraps and am amazed at both how easy it is and how much less waste I'm putting into a landfill. Composting has literally cut my "garbage" in half, plus by the end of the fall, I'll have my first batch of nutritious fertilizer for next summer's garden.

I took a garbage can and drilled holes in the bottom for drainage, lined the bottom with a bunch of branches for air circulation, and then started filling it with fruit and vegetable waste along with coffee grounds and filters. Every now and then, I put layers of leaves or newspaper on as well.

Land Trust

(Cont'd from Page 3) the Gazebo when the weather is nice. Bring a dish to share with



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Drum Circles

Twice a month on the first and third Saturdays, the Land Trust hosts a drum circle. The drumming usually begins around dark-thirty and ends at promptly at midnight.

Admission to the drum circle is free for walking neighbors. Drummers and performers are asked for a \$1 donation as an impact fee. All others are \$5 admission. The proceeds from the gate are used to maintain the land trust.

Please be considerate of neighbors if you drive to the drum circle. Drive slowly and be careful not to block drives when parking.

No drugs or alcohol are allowed at the drum circle.

Dinner at CoHousing

The Lake Claire CoHousing hosts community vegetarian dinners in their common house,

Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Dinner is usually \$3.

Directions to the Land Trust

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is located at the cul-de-sac on Arizona Avenue. To get to the land trust from Little Five Points, go east on McLendon Ave. 1.1 miles to Arizona Ave. (Arizona is the second right past Clifton Road, (3rd set of traffic lights on McLendon). Turn right onto Arizona, find a parking place that is respectful of the neighbors and walk to the end of Arizona. The land trust is on the right at the cul-de-sac.

Wanted: Atlanta Ghost Stories

Local Author Collecting Metro Area Ghost Tales For Book.

If you're already in the mood for Halloween and have a spooky, real-life story to share, freelance writer and native Atlantan Lynn Roper Bell wants to hear from you! Despite Atlanta's reputa-

tion as a city that rebuilds itself every decade, Ms. Bell knows that a great deal of history lies just beneath the shiny new veneer-along with possible ghosts. "Any place where generations of human beings have lived, worked and died is prime ground for hauntings," Lynn says. "The ghosts of Charleston, Savannah, Richmond and other Southern cities have been well-documented. But for some reason, folklorists and paranormal enthusiasts often neglect Atlanta. I believe my home town is just as rich in ghostly lore as any other place on the map-perhaps even richer, when you consider the fact that a major Civil War battle took place here."

Drawing on a background in art history and a lifelong interest in world mythology, folklore and paranormal research, Ms. Bell has some advice for Atlanta ghost hunters. "You shouldn't automatically discount an alleged 'haunting' just because the events didn't take place in one of Atlanta's few remaining Victorian or antebellum neighborhoods. Ghostly occupants have been reported in modern condos, office

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Mary Lin is something Special

By Kelly and James Crutcher

This August, our firstborn started Kindergarten. With much anticipation (and a little anxiety) the whole family walked our daughter to school on her first day. We were amazed at the number of neighbors also walking and riding bikes to school. This is a rare thing in much of the metro Atlanta area and such an enjoyable, almost nostalgic, experience.

When we bought our home seven years ago we had no children and schools weren't much of a consideration. We heard Mary Lin was good but, until now, we didn't fully realize how exceptional our neighborhood elementary school truly is. The number of familiar and welcoming faces at orientation and, now in the hallways each day, is heart warming and energizing. Our daughter is

thrilled to have several friends in her class, loves her teacher and really enjoys going to school. We feel grateful to the community, parents and faculty who've supported Mary Lin in the past and will do our part to continue this important tradition.

As new parents, we were also interested to learn that Mary Lin uses "Core Knowledge" curriculum. This provides teachers with a common framework to teach in a sequenced and shared core curriculum where a student's knowledge and skills build each year. With Core Knowledge a student is immersed in a subject so when learning about Christopher Columbus and the explorers, for example, their math, reading, art and science assignments use the same subject matter. The curriculum is funded by the PTA and is not used at all APS schools.

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Lake Claire Security Report

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KEEP AN EYE ON THE CRIME AND THE TIME

Date -- Time -- Block Address -- Description

AUTO THEFT

Tuesday -- 8/14 -- overnight -- 400 block Leonardo Ave -- Chevy stolen from street. No broken glass found where vehicle was parked. Sunday-Tuesday -- 9/2-9/4 -- 200 block Southerland Ter -- Buick stolen from street. No broken glass found where vehicle was parked.

BURGLARY

Monday -- 8/13 -- late afternoon -- 2000 block McLendon Ave -- Rear door of residence pried open, electronic equipment stolen. Prints were recovered.

Tuesday -- 8/21 -- evening -- 200 block Tuxedo Ave -- Rear door of house kicked in, electronic equipment stolen. Prints were attempted.

Thursday 8/30 -- morning -- 1500 block McLendon Ave -- Video game equipment stolen. Apparent entry made through unlocked front door of house. No signs of forced entry. Prints were attempted.

LARCENY -- OTHER

Tuesday -- 7/14 -- midday -- 1700 block McLendon Ave -- Paycheck stolen from mailbox, name of victim forged, and check cashed at Bookworld Convenience Store located at 523 Lee St.

ROBBERY -- PEDESTRIAN

Tuesday -- 9/4 -- 6:45 a.m. -- 1800

block Dekalb Ave -- Victim was sitting in vehicle reviewing paperwork when suspect approached. Suspect asked victim a few questions before pulling out small black semi-automatic handgun and pointing it at victim's head. Victim elbowed suspect, causing the gun to fall inside the vehicle. After a brief struggle, suspect retrieved the gun and demanded victim's wallet. Victim refused. Suspect grabbed victim's car keys and walked away from the scene. Victim was uninjured. Suspect description: black male,

5'11", 190 lbs.

***Special Note--Identification of Suspects: All descriptions of suspects as reported by the police to us are included in this report. The goal of providing descriptions is to aid in the arrest of the identified suspects; hence, all identifying information whatsoever is included. Where information appears to be missing, it is because it was not reported and not because it has been edited by this organization.

Compiled/reported by VP--Public Safety, Dan Wright.


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Mary Lin Artist's Market on Saturday, Nov. 10

Come spend a fun afternoon shopping and supporting Mary Lin Elementary School!

As part of its ongoing fundraising efforts, Mary Lin Elementary is hosting its very own Artist's Market on Saturday, November 10.

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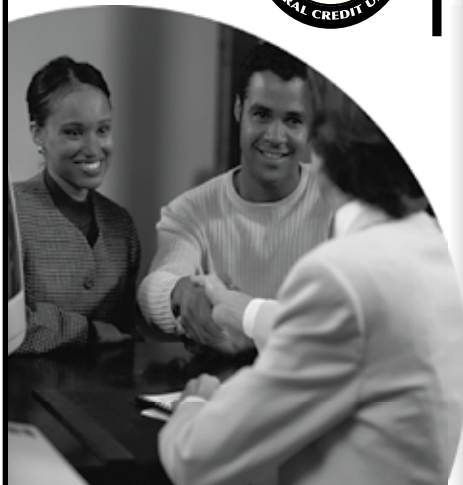
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buildings, shopping malls-even gas stations! Perhaps they're the spirits of people who lived on the land long ago. There may be other explanations, such as subtle energy 'ley lines' or psychic 'imprints' of traumatic past times. I'm not a parapsychologist, so I won't judge your story except to decide whether or not it makes a great ghostly tale! If you've experienced a haunting or paranormal occurrence anywhere in the greater Atlanta metro area--OR if you've been told about such an occurrence by a friend or relative--I'd love to hear about it!"

When contacting Ms. Bell with your Atlanta ghost story, please include information on how she can get in touch with you should a

follow-up interview be necessary. Tell your ghost story in your own words, exactly as it happened. Stories may be of any length. All personal information you provide, including full names, addresses and identifying details of homes and businesses (with the exception of famous landmarks) will be kept strictly confidential. The thirty-five most hair-raising Atlanta ghost tales submitted will be selected for the finished book, illustrated with mood-setting, black-and-white photography by Ms. Bell's daughter, Athens resident Kathleen Bell Foster. Drop Lynn a line--tell her your spookiest Atlanta adventures--and as always, "happy haunting!"

For more information contact Lynn Roper Bell at 404-292-3230, morninglory123@bellsouth.net.

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Frazer Center Annual Fall Festival and Silent Auction Fundraiser to be October 28

On Sunday, October 28th, The Frazer Center will be holding its annual Fall Festival and Silent Auction fundraiser. The event is open to the public and takes place in the Cator Woolford Gardens (located near the front gate just off South Ponce).

The Frazer Center is a private non-profit facility devoted to children and adults with disabilities. Since 1949, the center has been providing quality care while also exploring research and training. The Frazer Center teaches children ages six weeks to five years and adults ages 18 and older who have a variety of special needs including Down Syndrome, spina bifida and development delays. In addition, typically developing children ages six weeks to five years are admitted to the The Frazer Center. It features a multifaceted program, which exists to maximize the potential of individuals by providing quality, comprehensive family and community based services.

The Festival and Silent Auction is the largest annual fundraiser for the children's program. Geared toward families with young children, there will be pony rides, a magician, train rides, moon walks, children's crafts, The Bubbleman, food, cash bar, and the silent auction. Items up for bid include tickets to Disney World, gym memberships, sporting event and concert

tickets, an original work of art by renowned artist Ann Dergara, and gift cards to numerous local businesses.

Ticket prices are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, or \$20 per family and include all of the activities and food, excluding pony rides which are nominally priced at \$1. Hope to see you there! Any questions regarding the festival or silent auction donations can be directed to Beth Fucile bfucile@yahoo.com, 404-687-8090.

Editor's Note:

We're not home right now, so leave a MASSAGE!

Last month we began this article highlighting the massage therapy practice of Michael Hendrix, LMT, NMT. This series will be continued next month. 🌿




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