



## Lake Claire 2011 Tour of Homes Coming this Fall

30307 is not just a zip code, it's a lifestyle...

I bet you have seen this on a couple of bumper stickers. What does it mean? You will get your chance to check it out up close and personal this fall. Once again we will have an opportunity to see how some of our neighbors live. I LOVE checking out other people's homes. From what I hear things just keep getting more interesting. In-town agriculture, for instance, is getting a

foothold. I now have to confess as much interest in chicken houses as in people houses. Veggie gardening also has my interest. Garden sheds can be nothing special or they can make you wonder where the gnomes are. And what are the green attributes of our homes? Does this family compost? Can someone showcase a water catching or recycling rig? What about solar accessories?

Any new ideas or gizmos that reduce a household's carbon footprint? What about ways to abbreviate specific chores?

Also, I love low-tech answers to everyday living issues. I'd love to see what other folks are doing. Have you found alternatives to the usual waste-heavy products we are asked to buy? Have you replaced an appliance with a do-it-by-hand chore?

All these and more are just waiting for you to discover them. Or for you to share with the rest of us. When you get the notion of signing up to participate in the Tour of Homes by showcasing your home or taking the tour, just think of how much fun it will be either way. You can be the Host of the Most or let your inner peeper go to town. It's all good!

—Gay Arneri



The Ogden home located on Lakeshore Drive was featured in the 2010 Tour of Homes. Credit: Leslie Slavich

**For information  
on participating in  
the fall Lake Claire  
Tour of Homes,  
please contact  
tour organizer  
Mary Williams at  
[tourofhomes@lakeclaire.org](mailto:tourofhomes@lakeclaire.org).**

## Thirty+ (!) Years in Lake Claire: 'From Tie-dye to Khaki'

Part I

Lake Claire, along with Inman Park, Kirkwood, Candler Park, and East Lake, grew along the east-west trolley line as one of Atlanta's first suburbs. Originating with urban homesteaders, Lake Claire now has around 1,200 homes, many still craftsman and bungalow homes, 50s cottages, and more: an eclectic mix mirroring the eclectic mix of residents. What other neighborhood can boast of an emu as a resident?

Many long-term residents live in Lake Claire, and some of them have shared here their memories and thoughts on the differences they have seen in the last 30 to 40 years.

Linda Maynard (Delaware Avenue) moved to Lake Claire in 1982 from L5P and recalls what at the time seemed like a very long drive east on McLendon Avenue to this neighborhood to meet her



Linda Maynard of Delaware Avenue. Credit: Beth Damon

potential landlord. Until then, she said, "I hadn't ventured east past Candler Park Drive, where I went for Contra dancing at the 1st E Church. At that time the Dekalb Farmer's Market was at Medlock Plaza (Scott/N. Decatur) so I entirely bypassed Lake

Claire. The landlord handed me the keys to the house on the spot, no such thing as a lease, and this with a room full of his valuable antiques stacked to the ceiling—which stayed there un-

THIRTY PLUS cont'd page 2

### In This Issue

- 3 Safety Report
- 3 Bike to Work Week
- 3 Need *Clarion* Volunteers
- 4 Mark Your Calendar
- 4 Safety Report
- 4 Coyotes in the 'Hood
- 4 Mary Lin News
- 5 Land Trust News
- 7 Biscuits & Bellyrubs
- 7 LCN Meeting Minutes
- 8 Men's BBQ Club
- 8 Classifieds

THE CLARION IS PRINTED ON  
RECYCLED PAPER.



## Thirty Plus *cont'd from Page 1*

til I bought the house a couple of years later." Linda says that everyone spent time in their yards, cars were washed on the street, and windows were left open all night long, so neighbors mingled together almost by default. Up until last year, Linda mused, "I could still call my neighbor next door, and we'd carry on a phone conversation from our kitchens within full view of each other—having no need to put up



Wayne Darcey of Hardendorf Avenue. Credit: Darcey Family Archive

curtains on our shared sides of the yard."

Elizabeth Knowlton (resident since 1979) and her partner, Jo Hartsoe, live on Arizona. Elizabeth discussed the big difference in the interior of the blocks nowadays. With the gentrification of the neighborhood and loss of renters (including many of our 60s hippie people), new homeowners have often removed bird and animal habitat to "clean up" their yards. Once they did that, one consequence was the noise of maintaining an exterior landscape as neatly as an interior one, with string trimmers, leaf blowers, and other machinery. Also with the replacement of original small homes with large ones and with (often very nice) renovations, many young families moved in, leaving fewer single people of all ages than in the early years. If it were not

for people like Bob Arko in the neighborhood, who maintains rental properties, we wouldn't have as much diversity in the neighborhood, either, Elizabeth said. She noted that closed up, air-conditioned homes, as opposed to open-windowed ones, also changed neighborhood interactions. Before, people knew their noise was audible *vs.* now the expectation is sealed up houses, so often people aren't as considerate about their activities as they once were; though there are still some, like them, who are happy with open windows and no AC.

Miriam Herbers (moved here in 1978, has lived in three houses, and has been in her current home on Arizona since 1987). "Other than the obvious increase in wealth as evidenced by huge houses and more cars on the street, what I notice most is fewer "artist types" and eccentric people. I miss the few older people that could tell about neighborhood history, but I guess that is *us* now! What really strikes me, though, is what is *the same*. In the every house I have lived in I have known my neighbors. We have lived next to older people and families with children, and we always visited, and our kids played together. I have always felt a sense of belonging to a community...and still do."

Miriam's comment was mirrored in some ways by Betsy Hoddinott, who moved to Lake Claire in 1979 (and has lived in the same house for the past thirty-plus years). She says, "When I moved here in '79, there were a lot of "older" single women, generally widows, who were living in many of these houses. Many of them had lived here for quite a while. As the years went by, they gradually moved on to live with family or to another residential setting. Younger people and families bought the houses and fixed them up. Now those of us who moved here when we were "young" have become the "old" ladies (and men) of the neighborhood!"

Sharon Doochin on Harold Avenue, a 27-year resident, notes

that when she moved here in the early 80s there was much more space between houses on Harold Avenue; it felt green and open. At least



Sharon Doochin and the author at the Lake Claire Yard Sale. Credit: Glenn Frankel

ten more houses have been fit in. The neighborhood seemed like one of "love, peace, and hippie-land." Though, there were also crack houses, such as behind Mr. Lee's. Some of the memories were of watching Mr. Lee's kids grow up; the Guitar Shop changing to The Flying Biscuit; the gas station where they sold houseplants changing to Fellinis; the founding of the Community Land Trust—starting with a few families making a go of it to the now "metropolis" of garden spaces, music stage, programs and resources; and Susie's—and Susie with her signs—at the corner of McLendon and Clifton, now Gato Bizco Cafe. She thinks of it as a change "from tie-dye to khaki" and from Bill Fleming's naturalist style to that of manicured sod yards bordered by stones. She remembers the first safety meeting at Doug Barlow's house and how neighbors would partner to patrol the streets at night for drug activity to report to the police. There were many potlucks, and it was more the norm than now

to know your neighbors' names.

Wayne Darcey, who has lived on Hardendorf since 1977, noted "Probably two of the biggest differences between the late 70s and now are the number of children and the number of trees in the neighborhood. My daughter was born in 1985, and for most of her childhood she was the only child anywhere in the vicinity. Now, there are at least eight children in our block alone, with one more on the way. As for the trees, there is a lot less shade along the streets of the neighborhood now. In our block alone, we lost three very large street trees since I've been here."

Wayne continued, "It's been many years since I heard the muscle cars drag racing along McLendon that we used to hear."

Last but not least, Wayne mentioned demographic changes. "When I moved to Hardendorf, I became the youngest person on the block, and one of the "old-timers" brought me a "welcome to the neighborhood" package of goodies. Another longtime resident of the block, with his fedora and cane, would inevitably be out walking his toy poodle whenever anyone set foot outdoors. Now it's years later, yikes. The 'old man on the block' is *me*. At least my dogs don't have painted toenails."

"Lake Claire neighbors truly came together in full force during the SRO controversy in the mid-80s, which is where the Co-Housing is now located," Linda Maynard said. "The meeting with the SRO proponents was a hot time in Lake Claire as we were very vocal and firm that an SRO (single room occupancy) hotel wasn't going to happen here. We rallied and won in caring for our neighborhood, the place we call home."

—Beth Damon, resident "only" since 1990

*This article features but a small sampling of folks who have lived in Lake Claire since the 1970s; there are even several folks who still live in homes in Lake Claire that they grew up in. I hope to feature them in future editions. If you are a longtime resident with some stories to share, please e-mail me at: [playbass.beth@gmail.com](mailto:playbass.beth@gmail.com).*

678-640-1858 petmeisters.com

insured \* professional \* green \* affordable

Boarding  
starting  
at \$35/day

**PET MEISTERS**

**PET SITTING**

Serving Atlanta's Eastside Neighborhoods

Daily rates  
starting at  
\$13/visit



**Lake Claire Officers for 2011**

President: Sarah Wynn, [president@lakeclaire.org](mailto:president@lakeclaire.org)  
 VP, Finance: Cara Stevens, [treasurer@lakeclaire.org](mailto:treasurer@lakeclaire.org)  
 NPU Rep: Kathy Evans, [npu@lakeclaire.org](mailto:npu@lakeclaire.org); alternate:  
 Jennifer Sams  
 VP, Zoning: Dan White, [zoning@lakeclaire.org](mailto:zoning@lakeclaire.org)  
 VP, Environment: Robby Handley, [environment@lakeclaire.org](mailto:environment@lakeclaire.org)  
 VP, Safety: VACANT, [safety@lakeclaire.org](mailto:safety@lakeclaire.org)  
 VP, Communications: Heidi Hill, [comm@lakeclaire.org](mailto:comm@lakeclaire.org)  
 VP, Fun(d)raising: Cynthia Baer, [fun@lakeclaire.org](mailto:fun@lakeclaire.org)

**Clarion Newsletter Staff**

Editor: Leslie Slavich, [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org)  
 Advertising: Jeanne Marie St. Romain, [newsletter@lakeclaire.org](mailto:newsletter@lakeclaire.org)  
 Distribution: Katie Brady, [distribution@lakeclaire.org](mailto:distribution@lakeclaire.org)  
 Graphic Editor: Tim Harrison, [layout@lakeclaire.org](mailto:layout@lakeclaire.org)  
 Webmaster: Tish Ganey, [comm@lakeclaire.org](mailto:comm@lakeclaire.org)

*The Clarion is published monthly. The deadline for advertising and editorial consideration is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.*

**Lake Claire Neighbors**

P.O. Box 5942 Atlanta, GA 31107 (404) 236-9526

Visit [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org) to sign up for the newscasts—timely updates on happenings in Lake Claire!

**Safety Report**

April - May 2011

**ENTERING AUTO**

4/22 (22:00) to 4/23 (09:00)  
 431 Leonardo Avenue NE

Victim advised when he came out to his 1994 Chevy Suburban he noticed the door handle and steering column were damaged. Prints were attempted, but none recovered.

4/27 (19:00) to 4/28 (14:00)  
 1900 Dekalb Ave NE

Someone entered 2001 Kia Optima and stole listed items. Victim advised vehicle was unlocked. Taken: \$20 in change, I-pod

**BURGLARY**

4/21 (09:15-16:50) 2096 Dekalb Ave NE

Someone broke out windowpanes to rear door of residence and stole listed items. Victim advised back in January she saw a B/M (6'00"), coming out of her residence carrying three laptop bags he had taken from location. She stated he dropped them and fled on foot when she saw him. Taken: Wii, laptop

**OTHER LARCENY**

4/28 (15:30-20:00) 1900 Dekalb Ave NE

Victim advised he left his book bag near a classroom at location and when he returned it was gone. Victim stated he found the book bag, but listed property had been taken from inside it.

Taken: Laptop

**AUTO THEFT**

5/4 (19:30) to 5/5 (08:40)  
 2031 Palifox Dr NE

Victim advised he parked his 1996 GMC Sierra on the street at his residence and when he returned it was gone. Vehicle placed on the system as stolen.

**Bike to Work Week**

The Georgia Clean Air Campaign Bike to Work Week took place from May 16 to 20. Lake Claire residents did their part by biking to work or school. As the Clean Air Campaign points out, if we all biked to work just one day a week every week, we would see 20% less traffic, air pollution and wear and tear on our cars. The Georgia Clean Air Campaign can be reached at [www.cleanaircampaign.org](http://www.cleanaircampaign.org), and to learn more about biking in Atlanta, contact the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition at [www.atlantabike.org](http://www.atlantabike.org) or call (404) 881-1112.



*Melissa Aberle-Grasse of Palifox Drive regularly bikes to work at least once a week. Credit: Leslie Slavich*

**Emory University Seeks Participants for Child Development Studies**

Bored middle schooler? Baby genius? Stir crazy elementary kids? We want them all! Emory Child Study Center is looking for typical kids, from four-month-old babies through 15-year-olds this summer to participate in child development studies focused on memory, language and how children understand space and numbers. Studies are set

up to be fun and interesting for kids, while we try to figure out what makes kids tick! Each participant receives a small gift as thanks for participating. To find out more and to let us know you'd like to set up a time to participate, go to [www.psychology.emory.edu/childstudycenter](http://www.psychology.emory.edu/childstudycenter), call (404) 727-7432 or email [childstudies@emory.edu](mailto:childstudies@emory.edu).

**HELP NEEDED -- POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Are you interested in joining the *Clarion* team?

**Graphic Editor / Layout**

We're looking for someone to take over the important and creative task of laying out the *Clarion* for publication. This is satisfying work if you are inclined toward graphic design and enjoy seeing a physical manifestation of your efforts each month. If you have interest or questions, contact Tim at [mrtimothyharrison@gmail.com](mailto:mrtimothyharrison@gmail.com). He will work with the next graphic editor and share the necessary skills to make a smooth transition.

**Distribution**

We're also looking for a volunteer to deliver the *Clarion* to the people who deliver it on each street. You'll need a car, the ability and willingness to commit to delivering within 24-hours, usually around the 1st of the month (back up is available, but you would need to commit to the time frame most months). You will need to make about 30 stops, and it takes about 2 hours (if you're with 2 screaming kids). If you always dreamed of being a delivery person, and would enjoy spending a couple hours in the car listening to music or podcast, this is the volunteer job for you. Please contact Katie Brady for more information about this position at [kbBrady@gmail.com](mailto:kbBrady@gmail.com).

# Mark Your Calendar

## June

**5** Lake Claire Land Trust hosts Pepperland Music Camp Benefit. See article in this month's *Clarion* for more information.

**6** D-Day

**13** Lake Claire Land Trust Community Potluck at the Gazebo, 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting)

**14** Flag Day

**16** Lake Claire Neighbors

meeting, 7 p.m., Frazer Center atrium, 1815 S. Ponce de Leon Ave. (enter at the back entrance at the end of Ridgewood Road).

**18** Sports Radio 790 The Zone Midsummer Music & Food Festival in Candler Park

**19** Lake Claire Land Trust "Keep the Trust" Volunteer Work Day, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Volunteers will enjoy pizza afterward and will receive a free Drum Circle pass.

**23** NPU-N meeting, 7 p.m., Little Five Points Community Center, 1083 Austin Ave. NE.

## Coyote(s) Spotted in Lake Claire

While we have had Coyotes in and around town for several years, I have not spotted any in our neighborhood until now.

On May 10th at 12:45 a.m. in the 1900 block of McLendon Avenue, I saw an adult coyote, about 30-40 pounds, in our front yard. I was surprised at how little concern it showed for me or for my 55-pound dog that was barking non-stop (we were on the porch within 15 feet). It continued to sniff around, relieved itself and went on its way. This one was travelling alone, however, with the great habitat we provide in the neighborhood, such as storm sewers, ravines, etc., I assume there are many more. If you're in the habit of

leaving your pets outside unattended or have "Free Range" children, please be aware. Like squirrels, rats, raccoons, and possums, these guys are difficult to eradicate and are probably here to stay.

—Kenyon Thweatt, McLendon Avenue

*Editor's Note: The following day a coyote was spotted by another neighbor on McLendon in his backyard at 6:00 p.m. For more information on urban coyotes in Atlanta, see the AJC article "Coyotes live among us in metro Atlanta," [www.ajc.com/news/coyotes-live-among-us-522250.html](http://www.ajc.com/news/coyotes-live-among-us-522250.html).*

## News from Mary Lin Elementary

### Mary Lin Rocket Run 5K a Success



On May 1st, during the Inman Park Festival, 230 runners took part in the 3rd Annual Mary Lin Education Foundation's Rocket Run 5K. While costumes were not required, they were encouraged. And a costume didn't slow down the Jester – he won the race!

The Mary Lin Education Foundation would like to thank their wonderful sponsors: LuSo Tom, Braden Fellman Group Ltd., Raging Burrito, SBS Small Business Services, Smart Center Buckhead, Godiers Architecture, Eye Etc., Variety Playhouse, Red Level Renovations, Phidippides, Mix 1, Highland Produce, Arce Shaw Attorneys at Law, Powerade Zero, Thorlos, Hughes Printing, Jake's Ice Cream, and The Mercantile. With their help, the Rocket Run raised almost \$6,000 for Mary Lin!

—Leslie Slavich



### Update from 30307schools.org

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, APS demographers held a meeting and the Mary Lin community was well-represented and asked most of the questions. Overall, the demographers emphasized data was not complete and there would be plenty of opportunity for community input from September through February. Unofficial minutes and more information on the issues facing APS and Lake Claire's public schools can be found at [www.30307schools.org](http://www.30307schools.org).

# NW

# L L C

Neal & Wright LLC  
Your Family... Your Business...  
Your Firm!



Visit our Web site at  
[www.nealandwright.com](http://www.nealandwright.com)

- \* Adoption
- \* Commercial Real Estate
- \* Wills & Estate Planning
- \* Trademarks
- \* Corporate & LLC Formation
- \* Other Business Legal Services

Sherry V. Neal, J.D.  
(678) 596-3207  
[Sherry@nealandwright.com](mailto:Sherry@nealandwright.com)

Daniel S. Wright, J.D.  
(678) 613-7850  
[Dan@nealandwright.com](mailto:Dan@nealandwright.com)  
P.O. Box 5207  
Atlanta, GA 31107



## News from the Land Trust

### The Land Trust Hosts Pepperland Music Camp Fun Day, June 5



Mark your calendars and make plans to come out for an afternoon of music and fun at the Land Trust on Sunday, June 5, from 2 to 8 p.m. It's the annual fundraiser for Pepperland Farm Camp's popular Music Camp, held every summer at the Land Trust for the past few years. Pepperland's organizers have planned a family-oriented, kid-friendly event that will have you

dancing, singing and clapping along. Concessions will be available at the Gorilla Grill.

Pepperland Farm Camp is a nonprofit organization based on a vision of giving children of all backgrounds the opportunity "to experience the wonders of nature, music, and the good fortune of extended family," according to its website. In addition to Music Camp, Pepperland offers a variety of programs such as Earth skills, school day trips, and family weekends. All programs are designed to be all-inclusive so no one feels left out. Your \$10.00 donation for attending the fundraiser will go toward a scholarship fund to allow underprivileged kids to attend Music Camp.

Some of Music Camp's talented alumni kids will open the event. You will be amazed when you hear them! Then, Carly Gibson, Davin McCoy & the Coming Attractions, the Diane Durrett Band, the Squirrel Heads, and Lingo will rock us through the



rest of the evening. To learn more about these talented and dedicated bands, check out their Facebook pages.

Pepperland is located near Murphy, North Carolina. This year's Music Camp is hap-

pening from July 10-22. Openings may still be available for your child. Visit Pepperland at [pepperlandfarmcamp.org](http://pepperlandfarmcamp.org) and on Facebook at Pepperland Rock Band Camp for more information.



#### LAKE CLAIRE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. June 13 – Community Potluck at the Gazebo, 7:00 pm (weather permitting)

Sun. June 19 – "Keep the Trust" Volunteer Work Day, 3:00-6:00 pm. Volunteers will enjoy pizza afterward and will receive a free Drum Circle pass.

Please note that the first workday in June has been canceled to make way for the Pepperland event.



## KEEP MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

... Right Next To Your New Car Keys



INTRODUCING OUR NEW **USED AUTO LOAN**

**APR\* as low as 3.19%**

\* Terms up to 48 months  
• no title-transfer fee

433 Moreland Ave NE, Atlanta GA 30307  
404-525-0619 [www.bondcu.com](http://www.bondcu.com)




\*All loans & rates subject to credit approval. APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Contact our Loan Office at 404-525-0619, ext 217, or please visit [www.bondcu.com](http://www.bondcu.com) for more info.



## Horizons School Seeks Host Families for Adventure Homestays Abroad



Adventure Homestays Abroad ([www.adventurehomestays.org](http://www.adventurehomestays.org)) specializes in inbound and outbound student exchange homestays for middle and high school students to 15 countries all over the globe.

In partnership with the Horizons School host family opportunities are available for U.S. families in Metro Atlanta who wish to experience foreign cultures and languages in a very personal and enriching setting – your home!! Share new experiences as well as gain new insights as you share your life/home with enthusiastic, carefully selected international students. We are looking for 25 host families for Chinese students coming for the week of July 6-13. The students go through an extensive application process and are well schooled on the laws and customs of our country. The kids have health, accident, and liability insurance, in case of an accident or illness, and they all

come to the U.S. with spending money for personal items and incidentals.

Our Host Families only have to provide room and board and a welcoming family environment. The students in this group are excited about coming to the U.S. to use their English language skills, discover the differences between their school back home and a U.S. school, and to learn more about everyday life in the U.S. Host families are required to take part in an interview and submit two references, but it is well-worth it for the chance to exchange directly with someone from another culture. Again, there is no cost for these families to participate aside from providing room and board. Families that participate in the program also will have the opportunity to have their own children exchange and visit the other country, often times staying with the family of the student that they hosted. You also can visit any of the other countries we serve.

Please contact our Atlanta area coordinator Alexis Buchanan at (404) 931-6155 or [alexis\\_buchanan@yahoo.com](mailto:alexis_buchanan@yahoo.com) for more information or to schedule an interview. We would love to have you help us bring the world together . . . one friendship at a time!

To contact the Horizons School, please call (404) 378-2219 or email [horizonsschool@horizonsschool.com](mailto:horizonsschool@horizonsschool.com).

**Introducing... THE KINDEST CUT**  
Eco-Friendly, Manual Lawn Care!

- Hand trimming and mowing!
- Hand aeration!
- Rakes and brooms – No blowers!
- No noise!
- No emissions!
- Healthier lawn!
- Affordable rates!
- Prompt, courteous service!

Good For Your Turf...  
**GREAT For The Earth!**

404 755-6170  
[kindestcut@bellsouth.net](mailto:kindestcut@bellsouth.net) / [kindestcutlawn.com](http://kindestcutlawn.com)

## The Conscientious Gardener



*Credit: Gay Arneri*

I got a head start on my veggie garden this year. We have already consumed fresh organic broccoli, collards, spinach, red lettuce and a few cute little onions. Corn is almost chest-high. I am almost ready to pull up spent crops for new planting. Never have I had so much to harvest so early. The raised beds I put in look just lovely and are easier to weed. What's different? Well, I found a great guy to help me with the prep work in March. I decided to just do it even though it was early. Now or never, I say. In the fall I added chicken manure to the raised beds, which I hadn't done before. Holey moley, I guess that helped shoot those plants up like they came out of a cannon. Carrots are thick and plentiful. The salad fixins are lush. My new asparagus bed is pumping out new shoots and is on track to make a great debut next spring. We have a few sunflowers coming up here and there, too. It should be a captivating summer in the backyard this year.

If you haven't planted yet but want to, go for it. Garden centers near us have plants started so

you really won't be behind in the timing. We are getting a bit of cool weather as I write this, and I for one plan to add a few plants that just never made it into the ground yet. Also, you can plant an herb garden any time. They can be wonderful for container gardens as well. I keep a few on my back deck. They really add to my enjoyment of that space.

Don't forget about the weeds. It's easier to deal with the mature plants if you keep up with them. A little weeding each day or so will do it. The raised beds make it much easier on my back. There are also a few new organic weed preventers out now that really work. My favorite mulch for the veggie garden is grass clippings. Weeds really have a hard time getting through it. I put it around established plants with great success.

It's not too late to put in your new shrubs or trees. Just do it as soon as possible.

Whatever your project or gardening fantasy, I hope you get out there and enjoy, enjoy, enjoy.

—Gay Arneri

**TOUGH MARKET**  
**TOUGH AGENT**

YOUR REALTOR, YOUR NEIGHBOR FOR OVER 10 YEARS

**ATLANTA INTOWN**  
REAL ESTATE SERVICES

**Michael Lewis.net**  
**404-402-4643**

## Lingual Kids Hosts Spanish Story Time in Midtown

Please join us every Wednesday for a free Spanish story time at 10:30 a.m. in Midtown at 1385 Spring Street. Lingual Kids is an education support service, based in Atlanta. We are committed to providing quality language programs and classes for kids. Since 2002, our mobile education service has delivered cultural and linguistic fun to preschools, after school programs, and home school groups throughout the metro Atlanta area. While we focus on fun, we realize that we are preparing our youth to function, connect and compete in today's global community. We come to you or you come to us! Lingual Kids can be contacted at [www.lingualkids.com](http://www.lingualkids.com).



## Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting: May Minutes

May 19, 2011

Led by Sarah Wynn

Attended by 8 neighbors (3 officers) and 2 guests

Minutes recorded by Heidi Hill

Sarah Wynn, president of Lake Claire Neighbors, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**1) Guest speakers.** Sgt. Sinks, a Zone 6 officer from the Atlanta Police Department, was invited to give his report on crime in the area. He said he had nothing to report for Lake Claire and asked if anyone had questions. Sarah asked about a recently released stalker who had been discussed on the Lake Claire Neighborhood Watch group. Sgt. Sinks said the APD could not do anything unless someone reported suspicious activity. Another neighbor asked about a recent mugging on McLendon Avenue in Candler Park; Sgt. Sinks said the APD was working on it and similar cases but had no solid leads.

Sgt. Sinks then encouraged everyone to be aware of their surroundings and to consider installing tracking on their smartphones, which the APD can use to help people in trouble. He also mentioned that having a large dog is often a crime deterrent, especially in the cases of house break-ins and muggings.

Sarah invited Valencia Hudson, from councilmember Natalyn Archibong's office, to address the neighbors. Hudson announced that the proposed four-way stop at Ridgewood and McLendon had been rejected for lack of traffic from Ridgewood and Connecticut. She asked if the traffic on Ridgewood had improved; Sarah said she hadn't received any complaints. Hudson added that all the sewer covers on Ridgewood should have now been secured.

A neighbor asked if APD officers could monitor the stop signs on Connecticut, at Delaware and Indiana, where drivers were failing to stop. Hudson said she would make the request.

Another neighbor noted that yard waste pickup was not as reliable as it once was; hers had gone uncollected for three weeks, even after she called to report it. Hudson asked the neighbor to email her, and she would look into it. She noted that people must request a pickup of bulk yard waste.

A neighbor on Marlbrook arrived at the meeting and mentioned that drivers were still not stopping at the stop sign at Ridgewood and Marlbrook, and that the MARTA Mobility buses were still an issue. Hudson gave out her email address—[vhudson@atlantaga.gov](mailto:vhudson@atlantaga.gov)—and asked everyone to email her with any such concerns.

**2) LCN officer reports.** Cynthia Baer, VP of Fundraising, announced that the 2011 Lake Claire Home & Garden Tour had been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 1. The tour committee had

its first meeting and is now looking for volunteers, interested home and garden owners, and potential sponsors. Contact Mary Williams, committee chair, at [tourofhomes@lakeclaire.org](mailto:tourofhomes@lakeclaire.org) if you are interested in helping out with this neighborhood event. Neighbors can also visit the tour's Facebook page. The tour website will soon be updated: [www.lakeclairehometour.com](http://www.lakeclairehometour.com).

Sarah Wynn then gave the treasurer's report. The neighborhood earned \$793 in April from dues and *Clarion* advertising, and so far has made \$480 in May. Revenue year-to-date is \$1,812 in dues and \$2,833 in advertising. Expenses are \$5,924.

Katie Brady, who serves as distribution coordinator of the *Clarion*, noted that the paper has expanded its delivery reach to the condos on DeKalb and an apartment building in the neighborhood. She requested a printing increase of fifty copies for these additions and for promotional purposes. She also expressed an interest in passing along some of her delivery duties to another volunteer and taking on the role of soliciting advertising from local businesses. Heidi Hill, VP of Communications, said she would contact the *Clarion* editor and advertising rep on Katie's behalf. Another neighbor asked if it would be possible to move to a completely online version of the *Clarion* to save money. It was discussed that while it was an option, such a move might result in lost readers and advertisers.

Katie then mentioned to the group that a neighbor, Sherry Neal, had attended the recent meeting on the APS demographic study and had notes that she would be willing to pass along to anyone interested. A brief discussion of the status of the report ensued. Neighbors explained that the results would not affect the upcoming school year, but the rumors of potential changes are affecting home sales now.

Heidi announced that the neighborhood blog is under way and should be up and running in June, at the current website's URL: [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org).

**4) Announcements.** Sarah Wynn announced that this year's B\*ATL, a day of events hosted by Natalyn Archibong and the Fifth Council District of Atlanta to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta, would take place on July 16, 2011. An agenda can be found at [www.batlevent.org](http://www.batlevent.org).

Sarah noted again that the tour of homes was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 1, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The next announcement was for a Park Pride volunteer workday in Lake Claire Park, to which all neighbors had been invited, on Saturday, May 21. The workday would be in honor of PP staffer Allison Barnett, who lives in the neighborhood and has worked



### Biscuits & Bellyrubs

Anna Trodglan

*Biscuits & Bellyrubs* artwork, cards and coloring books can be purchased at Donna Van Gogh's, 1651 McLendon Avenue. Also, be sure to check out the twice-weekly strip on Facebook "Biscuits & Bellyrubs by Anna Trodglan."

## Next LCN Meeting

### Thursday June 16

Lake Claire Neighbors meets every third Thursday of the month at the Frazer Center. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are open to all. Sign up for the newscast at [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org) to get the meeting agenda.

with the organization for twenty years.

Lastly, Sarah reminded neighbors that dues are \$20 per household and asked people who had not yet paid to do so online or by check.

**5) Other issues.** Sarah Wynn invited neighbors who had concerns or other announcements to speak. A neighbor expressed concern about loud construction noise on her street. There was a discussion about noise ordinances related to construction. Katie Brady offered to email the neighbor a link to information online about the City's noise ordinance. Another neighbor suggested that the neighborhood association invite a builder working in the neighborhood to speak at a meeting about noise-related concerns.

With no other issues to be discussed, the meeting ended at 7:45 pm.



**TreeInspection.com**

**ARE YOUR TREES  
HEALTHY and SAFE?**

**Call today for an  
evaluation!**

**WE HELP YOU SAVE GOOD TREES  
AND IDENTIFY RISKY ONES!**

• Hazard detection • Consulting  
• Tree testing • Tree ID

**ISA-CERTIFIED ARBORIST  
PETER "TREEMAN" JENKINS**

**TREEINSPECTION.COM, LLC**

[www.treeinspection.com](http://www.treeinspection.com)

[ti@treeinspection.com](mailto:ti@treeinspection.com)

404-486-0144





## Greater Atlanta Men's BBQ Club & Support Group Golf Tournament

The Greater Atlanta Men's BBQ Club & Support Group held their annual golf tournament at the Candler Park Golf Course in May. Long-time Lake Claire resident Kenyon Thweatt has organized a golf outing of neighborhood men and Mary Lin dads for the past few years for fun and to raise money for charity. Teams of four play Best Ball (all four players hit a ball to start but the next shot is from the ball that landed closest to the hole) with a Shotgun Start (foursomes are assigned a hole to start the match and move around the course until all nine holes are played) so that things move quickly. This year,

the tournament raised money for the Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. The guest list includes the BBQ group and expands to friends and friends of friends. The BBQ group isn't limited to Mary Lin dads, thus "Greater Atlanta" is included in the name. It's a low-key tournament where everyone has a good time. There are winners of all sorts: best score, worst score, most spirited, closest to the hole, etc. And the tournament is feted with a barbecue luncheon, this year catered by Wicked Que BBQ. The team headed by Lake Claire resident Dan Ledbetter and Mike Mikula won in a shootout.



Winners of the Team Spirit/Style Award



It was a nail-biter.



Event organizer Kenyon Thweatt regales players with tales of championship playoffs of years past.



Winning Team

Photo Credits: Boyd Baker

## Personal and Business Classifieds

Personal classified ads are free. Business classified ads cost \$5 for a placement fee plus \$3 for every 30 characters or portion thereof. For more info, contact newsletter@lakeclaire.org. To submit an ad by mail, send it to Lake Claire Neighbors, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107, and include a check made out to Lake Claire Neighbors. Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

**HANDYMAN/LIGHT ELECTRICAL**  
Neighborhood References, No job too small, Jacob Franklin: 404-863-7657

**CANDLER PARK YARD CREW**  
Yard Cleanup/Rake and Bag, Pruning/Trimming, References Available, Matt - 678-754-1095

**ABOVE THE HEDGES** Hot'lanta Summer and livin' should be EASY! Sip a Mint Julep and let us make cool work of landscape chores. Design, Installations, or Maintenance. Ask about our bi-weekly deal--nice on your budget! Free Estimates -- Licensed & Insured - Admiration Guaranteed! 770-621 (YARD) 9273

**PIANO TUNING, REPAIR, REBUILDING, SALES** Jane Purtzer 404-378-8310

**RESCUED KITTENS FOR ADOPTION**

Local rescued kittens/cats now looking for homes! I'm a C.P. & L.C. Mama, and animal foster and rescue for our local GA communities animals in need. Call Kate at: 404-228-6622 katherine.branch@gmail.com and kateb.ranchbrowne.posterous.com

**EPWORTH DAY SCHOOL @ CP**  
1 6 m - 5 y r s  
www.epworthdayschool.com

**WILL SWAP BOX FAN** on mobile stand for good used power mower. Alice Bliss, 404-373-8169

## Montessori In Town

### CAMP LADYBUG

SUMMERTIME FUN MONTESSORI STYLE  
9:00-12:30 M-F • Ages - turning 3-7 Years of age

#### Grant Park Campus

1st Session - June 6-10

2nd Session - June 13-17

#### Poncey-Highland Campus

3rd Session - July 11-15

4th Session - July 18-22

Cost: \$160.00 per session

Contact • Libby@montessoriintown.com • 404-452-6047

### Now Enrolling for Primary and Elementary Programs

Montessori In Town is an AMI Montessori School  
[www.montessoriintown.com](http://www.montessoriintown.com)

**We list.  
We Sell.  
We Do it Well.**



**We get results for you.  
The Maya and Chris Team**

[www.MayaAndChris.com](http://www.MayaAndChris.com)

Maya: 404-522-0011

Chris: 404-388-0023

For each house we sell in Lake Claire, we donate 2% of our net commission to LCNO. For each referral you send us, we will donate \$40 to the non-profit of your choice.