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Park Pride Celebrates Lake Claire Resident Allison Barnett

Park Pride and neighborhood volunteers improve Lake Claire Park

On a warm and sunny Saturday morning in May, Park Pride and neighborhood volunteers got their hands dirty and made several important improvements to Lake Claire Park.

The group, which promotes community engagement Atlanta parks, organized the workday to honor Lake Claire resident Allison Barnett's 20 years of service to Park Pride. There were dozens of volunteers at the workday, including the Park Pride staff, board members and neighbors, putting in elbow grease to improve the park. The projects included several plantings near the playground, painting the benches and pavilion, and building a trail in the northwest corner of the park.

Allison, who lives with her husband and two children on McLendon Avenue, started working with Park Pride in 1991 and has served in a variety of capacities



Allison's son, Simon, working on the plantings near the playground. Photo Credit: Abigail Paine

over the past two decades. She is currently the organization's Associate Director. During her time with Park Pride, Allison has helped raise hundreds of thousands of private dollars for Atlanta and other metro area parks. Her work through Park

Pride's programs, such as community-led redesign known as "Park Visioning," has also leveraged millions of dollars of investment into Atlanta's parks.

To thank Allison and to honor of her 20 years of service to all the parks in metro Atlanta, Park

See the last page for more photographs of Park Pride volunteers in action!

Pride hosted a volunteer day in her neighborhood at Lake Claire Park. "I remember when my kids were young; we were here at this park all the time," said Allison.

The community was very excited about this event and the fabulous end result. "We are lucky to have Allison, and the workday in her honor is just a small thank you for the incredible amount she's accomplished over the past 20 years," said Sarah Yates Sutherland, Park Pride board of directors' president.

If you want to send a personal message to Allison, you can email Allison@parkpride.org or send it to her attention at: Park Pride 233 Peachtree St. NE #1600 Atlanta, GA 30303. Learn more about the organization at www.parkpride.org.

—Abigail Paine

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

In Part 1 of this article, we heard from several longtime residents of Lake Claire, sharing their memories and thoughts on the differences—and similarities—they see in our neighborhood in the last 30-odd years. I hope to feature many more of you. See sidebar for my contact information. Though I did a longer feature on one person this time, please feel free to share even a sentence or two about what you've noticed, special memories, humorous stories, or anything else you'd like to contribute.

Carol Vanderschaaf has lived in Lake Claire since 1977, and has been in her present house on Indiana Avenue since 1979. Her first house, at 335 Southerland Terrace, cost \$12,000. It had a telephone pole supporting it in the basement. There was no central heat, and Carol remembers spending one night there where the temperature in her bedroom



Long-time resident Carol Vanderschaaf, Indiana Avenue. Photo credit: Lisa Owens

was eight degrees. The bathroom had a huge crack in the tile floor. Friends asked her if she took a bath with her clothes on in case the floor fell through. All worked out well, Carol said, and she did

what she called the \$8,000 paint job, and sold the house two years later for \$20,000.

Carol bought her second, and present home, in 1979. The house was in good shape, with central heat—and an intact bathroom floor. She fell in love with this neighborhood and the people in it. It was so diverse: eccentrics, oddballs, artists, hippies, beatniks, free thinkers, an oasis to Carol (who felt she fit in more than one of those categories), just like a little Greenwich Village here in Atlanta. As many others have pointed out, where were also many senior citizens in the neighborhood. Mrs. Baxter, Carol's then next door neighbor, gave Carol her fig preserves recipe so that Carol could use the figs from the fig bush in her own yard. She and her renter,

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an elderly man, used to sit on the screened front porch and watch Braves games. They were both quite deaf and so talked or cheered very loudly when the Braves made a hit.

Little by little the older folks moved away due to disability or because the rents had gotten too high for them to pay. It took a few more years for the builders and developers to find us, Carol noted. Then old houses began to be torn down and larger houses built in their places. Carol said she looked up one day and realized there were almost as many of the new large houses as the

old neighborhood ones, and it seemed to her as if the character of the neighborhood was changing. Carol had always felt that Lake Claire was a "live-and-letlive" neighborhood, where no one worried particularly if the yards got overgrown; folks didn't report people who were building on their property. With the Land Trust as an inspiration, neighbors worked to live in harmony with the environment. And, she noted, most of us were pretty far to the left, politically speaking. "And now," Carol said wryly, "I'm one of those 'senior citizens.' It makes me sad in a way to see the neighborhood changing; though happily, many of the old neighbors are still here. Their children have become adults during these years. Many of their houses have been renovated. The Lake Claire Land Trust continues to do great things."

Carol's greatest hope is that newer neighbors share our values and that they will continue to become a working part of our neighborhood. "We all did a lot to build it up to what it is," she said with a smile.

—Beth Damon, Resident "only" since 1990

I would like to feature more residents in future issues of the Clarion. If you are a longtime resident with some stories to share, please e-mail me at: playbass.beth@gmail.com.

Battle of Atlanta Anniversary and Events

July 22nd will mark the 147th Anniversary of the historic Civil War Battle of Atlanta. To commemorate the important event, the neighborhoods in Atlanta's 5th Council District have teamed up to organize B*ATL on July 12-17. The battlefield is actually in these neighborhoods where people live and work and play today. This will not only be an event of remembrance but also one with fun for everyone including: a Gala Dinner, a 5K run, Van and Walking Tours, a re-creation of the Frontlines with Re-enactment Soldiers and artillery, a Civil War to Civil Rights Tent with civilian re-enactors, historic music concerts and dramatic performances, shopping and dining in East Atlanta and Kirkwood and more!! Please see the schedule of, visit www.batlevent.org/ main.html.

Candler Park Screen on the Green 2011

Two down and four to go. Our next screening is July 23: *How to Train Your Dragon*. Followed by *Tangled* on August 20, *Karate Kid* on September 17, and *Harry Potter* on October 29.

Movie night festivities start at 7 p.m. in front of the pool house and the feature presentation will go on around 8 p.m. Once again well-behaved dogs on a leash are welcome. However, glass containers or bottles are strictly forbidden in city parks. Glass breaks and people get hurt. For the most up to date info please check out www.friendsofcandler park.org

Thanks to Park Pride, BOND credit union, Front Page News, Corner Tavern, Tijuana Garage, Candler Park Market and our Presenting sponsor the CPNO.

Candler Park Market Raffle

The Candler Park Market is raffling a New Belgium "Fat Tire" Bicycle for \$2 a ticket. Half of the proceeds will be donated to Lake Claire Neighbors. The other half will be donated to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Last year, the market held a raffle and raised about \$400 for CPNO. The raffle will take place on July 9th, the Market's customer appreciation day. Stop by the market to purchase a ticket and support LCN and our neighbors in Candler Park.

—Greg Hutchins Candler Park Market

Safety Report

May - June 2011

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE

6/1 (5:15 a.m.) Adolphus Avenue

Resident, a law enforcement officer, discovered suspect in his vehicle. After a scuffle, suspect ran away, but was apprehended by APD shortly after incident.

Taken: Nothing

Out of Town – Special Patrol Request

If you plan to be out of town and would like to request a special patrol, please contact APD, Zone 6, 2025 Hosea L. Williams Dr., SE, (404) 371-5002 (phone), or (404) 378-6554 (fax).

News from the Land Trust

Annual Fourth of July Celebration

Come one, come all! The annual 4th of July cook-off is on! The theme this year is tomatoes. The eating/judging will start at 4 p.m. on Monday July 4th at the Land Trust gazebo. If you prepare an entry for judging, please bring it at 3:45 p.m. If this is your first Land Trust July 4th cook-off, some back-

ground...

 $Every \, year \, the \, Land \, Trust \, holds$ a 4th of July cook-off. There is a new theme each year, and this year's theme is tomatoes. Anyone who wishes to compete must prepare a dish that includes that item. Everyone should bring a potluck item (but it does not have to include tomatoes). To judge the contest, it will cost \$1. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the cook-off. After judging, we will have kids' games, including a watermelon-seed-spitting contest. We begin eating at 4 p.m. Some drinks will be provided, but bring your own alcohol and eating utensils. Hope to see you all there with creative tomato entries!

—Liliane Spenle









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Visit www.lakeclaire.org to sign up for the newscasts—timely updates on happenings in Lake Claire!

It's not too late to pay your LCN

How? Mail a check for \$20 to Lake Claire Neighbors, attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107, or go to www.lakeclaire.org/lcn/ members.htm.

Why? Help your neighborhood association clean up greenspaces, install signs, organize community events, and publish the *Clarion*.

Are you interested in joining the *Clarion* team?

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We're 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).

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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.

GRAPHIC EDITOR / LAYOUT

We're also looking for a volunteer to take over the important 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. He will work with the next graphic editor and share the necessary skills to make a smooth transition.

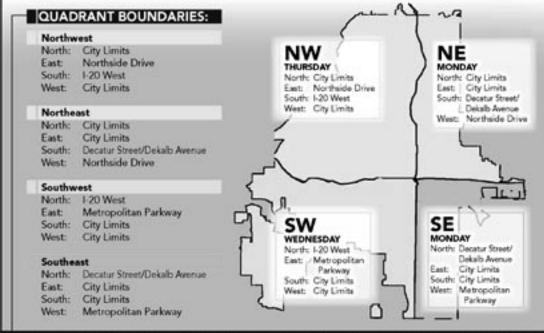


CITY OF ATLANTA - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INTRODUCES QUADRANT BASED SOLID WASTE SERVICE

The Department of Public Works continues to improve our service delivery.

Effective August 1, 2011 we will begin citywide quadrant based weekly collection service for household garbage, recycling, and yard waste.

Quadrant based service will allow for concentrated efforts in a given area, reduced carbon emissions and reduced missed pickups. The new quadrant based service will also provide for additional services such as residential street sweeping in most areas, scheduled bulk waste pick-up and concentrated solid waste education and enforcement. Household garbage, recycling, and yard trimmings will continue to be collected per quadrant of the city as follows:



To request more information visit us online at www.atlantaga.gov/publicworks/aspx or contact the Department of Public Works Customer Service Center at (404) 330-6333, or send an email to: publicworks@atlantaga.gov.

Mark Your Calendar

July

4 Independence Day

Gandler Park Market customer appreciation day and bicycle raffle to benefit LCN and CPNO.

11 Lake Claire Home & Garden Tour committee meeting. To get involved, email tourofhomes@lakeclaire.org.

12-17 Battle of Atlanta commemorative events. For more information, visit www.batlevent.org/main.html.

21 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).

23 Candler Park Screen on the Green showing *How to Train Your Dragon*. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. and the screening begins at 8 p.m.

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

August

Department of Public Works to change Lake Claire's weekly garbage, recycling and yard waste collection to Mondays. See notice above from the Department of Public Works.

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Pilgrim at Candler Brook



the creek. The ponds in turn have attracted turtles, bullfrogs, and mallards; there is a mama with five babies right now; and this new ecosystem otherwise teems with bats, dragonflies, phoebes, red-winged blackbirds, green herons, an occasional belted kingfisher and myriad other birds and creatures in and out of the water.

One May morning a friend and I arrived at 5:45 a.m. to see the beavers. We were rewarded with a show worthy of Sea World (well almost), accompanied by a raucous bullfrog symphony.

Our neighborhood is lucky to have this wildlife habitat, nestled in the middle of the golf course. The new ecosystem needs to be treated with respect; its health depends in part on a progressive relationship with the golf course management and the city of Atlanta. Join us in appreciating both the wildlife and the golfers. If you want to join a group supporting Candler Park's wildlife habitats and share wildlife sightings, please email me at metalarsson@yahoo.com.

—Meta Larsson

Do you, like me, enjoy intown wildlife spotting? Ever since I moved to Atlanta, I've been amazed by the abundance of wildlife in our neighborhood. On walks with my dog Lad, I enjoy bird-watching; seeing a flock of goldfinches in early spring or bluebirds illuminated by sunlight make it worthwhile getting out early. Even spotting the tiny chipmunk that sits on the same rock each morning by the New Endings fountain makes me happy.

A lovely new addition to our neighborhood is the restored stream that flows through Candler Park Golf Course and attracts waterfowl and other aquatic creatures. During the winter, a majestic great blue heron hung out along the water's edge. On early weekday mornings, I'd sneak onto the golf course to catch a glimpse of it, but soon I became obsessed with spotting the little guys who apparently worked the night shift and left plenty of evidence of their industriousness. Castor canadensis (the American beaver) has taken up residence and created a series of ponds along











Some background and facts

The Candler Park creek restoration project was funded by federal monies administered by the Georgia State Environmental Protection Division. It was initiated and led by a consortium of groups and individuals that included the EPA, the Ga. END, the City of Atlanta Parks Department, Park Pride, CPNO, Paideia, and other non-profit environmental groups and advocates, including Candler Park resident Susan Grider Montgomery, who led the early stages of the grant-writing effort.

The stream—one of the upper reaches of Peavine Creek that flows past Emory—used to run through concrete culverts similar to the ones still in place along the northern edge of Candler Park. They probably date back to the 1950s, an era when the idea that streams were nothing more than conveyances for storm water was dominant. The culverts did move water quickly, often to the detriment of downstream citizens who got slammed by the accelerated flows, which also often removed trees and endangered bridges and infrastructures. Needless to say, this approach assigned no value to habitat or other natural assets. The rebuilt stream removed the concrete and relied on natural meanders, carefully installed rocks, and plant material to absorb and slow the water. The heavy construction was completed by 2006; some plant material—all native—was installed then, and it has been augmented since, especially after the severe drought that abated in 2009. The beavers and their amphibian and feathered comrades arrived soon afterwards, and their very effective contributions on all counts were quickly apparent.

The stream and 75 feet on each side of the water's edge is under the domain of both Parks and the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management. That riparian corridor is managed and maintained primarily by the project monitors. Adjustments have been made to ensure that the golf course—managed by American Golf Cooperation—retains its historic role and function. This has required cooperation and patience from both the golfing and natural resource communities. Those managing the stream project particularly cite golf course manager John Gillespie as having been helpful in this process. If you see Mr. Gillespie, let him know that you appreciate him too. It is clear at this point that a happy coexistence is possible.

Landscape architect Elise Cormier plans to set up an interpretive center about the history of this initiative at Epworth UMC on McLendon Avenue. (A website can be viewed at http://www.epworthatcandlerpark.org/naturally).



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First Annual Hootenanny in Candler Park a Success

Now that the first annual Candler Park HOOTENANNY has wrapped, we'd like to offer sincere thanks to everyone who made the event extraordinary. The list of volunteers includes Curt Flaherty, John Perantoni, Gordon Rose, Joel Carr and the men of the Clifton House. Thanks for all you efforts in making the first annual Hootenanny a success.

We are proud to announce that during the Hootenanny over a ton of electronic waste was recycled or properly disposed of. Native plants were sold by EcoAddendum, with 20% of their sales going to benefit Candler Park. As you may have learned before, EcoAddendum has been instrumental in



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the restoration and preservation of our park, and contributed native plants to the beautification of our park.

Our favorite local band, the Marching Abominables, played several songs for the crowd. Kids loved it and danced their little hearts out! Soon after, our special guest, Captain Planet, made an appearance and danced and celebrated with all the kids. He even gave out stickers and patches to all the kids. Now that's a super hero! He was the star of the show, as instead of a movie, four episodes of the Captain Planet series were shown. These shows inspire kids to go green and save their planet.

Folks who brought recyclables to the Hootenanny received raffle tickets with their donations. Thanks to Cherie King and local restaurants, including Radial Café, Raging Burrito, The Albert, The Front Page News, and Tijuana Garage, winners received gift cards to these great local places. The grand prize was a designer rain barrel.



Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting: June Minutes

June 16, 2011

Led by Sarah Wynn

Attended by 6 neighbors (3 officers) and 6 guests

Minutes recorded by Heidi Hill Sarah Wynn, president of Lake Claire Neighbors, opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

1) Guest speakers. Sarah invited **Sgt. Sinks**, a Zone 6 officer from the Atlanta Police Department, to give the APD report. He announced that a traffic car had been assigned to patrol Connecticut Avenue from 2:00 to 10:00 pm for cars running stop signs. The patrol began last week and has resulted in a few tickets so far. Sarah said that the MARTA Mobility buses that serve the Frazer Center have also been observed running stop signs, and Sgt. Sinks assured her that bus drivers were not exempt from the law. He also mentioned that the stop sign at Connecticut and New York is partially obscured by trees; Valencia Hudson, from councilmember Natalyn Archibong's office, said she would address the issue. When asked about crime in Lake Claire, the sergeant said that it was probably not one of but the safest neighborhood in Atlanta.

Sarah then invited Valencia Hudson to talk to the neighbors. She had nothing new to report but reminded everyone that the requested stop sign at Connecticut, Ridgewood, and McLendon had been rejected. Trace Haythorn, executive director of the Frazer Center, who was in attendance, suggested that the request be revisited in September, when traffic and speeding pick up.

Genny Castillo, from Representative Stacey Abrams's office, spoke next. She introduced herself and directed everyone to Abrams's website, www.staceyabrams.com, for information on upcoming meetings regarding the legislative redistricting. Castillo also invited neighbors to email her with any questions at genny@staceyabrams.com.

To talk about the City's new plan for a quadrant-based cleanup, Douglas Raikes, director of Solid Waste Services, attended the meeting. He explained that the new system would allow for concentrated efforts in a given area, increase efficiency, and reduce carbon emissions and missed pickups. Lake Claire is located in the Northeast quadrant, and as such will receive all its services-trash, recycling, and yard waste pickup; bulk waste removal; and street sweeping—on one set day a week: Monday (shifting to Tuesday in holiday weeks). This change will go into effect on August 1, 2011. City of Atlanta residents will receive prior notice of the change through postcards, flyers, door hangers, the City's website, TV, and other media. Street sweeping will occur in each quadrant once every four months. For more information, neighbors can call the Department of Public Works Customer Service Center at (404) 330-6333 or email publicworks@atl antaga.gov.

Sarah invited **Trace Haythorn** to speak next. He told neighbors about some upcoming renovation work at the Frazer Center; namely, a paving project, the removal of a fence

with razor wire, and the installation of landscaping and traffic-calming speed bumps. He also talked about a joint project with Southface and the Olmsted Linear Parks to plant and build a trail system in the Frazer Forest, which he encouraged neighbors to visit. In the fall, adults at the Frazer Center will be selling honey from their first beehive. They will sell the 100 to 200 lbs. of honey for income and to raise money for the center.

A neighbor asked if the Frazer Center would be on the Lake Claire Home & Garden Tour. Haythorn said they would love to participate and had been a part of the Druid Hills tour. Heidi Hill, from the tour committee, said that the committee had recently been in touch with the center to discuss partnering for the event.

Another guest, Claudia Goffan, was introduced to speak to neighbors about Kirkwood Family Medicine, a new medical center that is part of the Grady system. She said the center will offer everything from pediatrics to geriatrics, including eye care, a lab, a pharmacy, and X-rays, and is not a walk-in facility. The grand opening would be held on Saturday, June 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the center, 1863 Memorial Drive SE. to which all were welcome. The website is www.kirkwoodfamilymedicin e.com. Sarah asked if the center had been in touch with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries and provided contact information for the executive director and health care case manager at

2) LCN officer reports. Sarah Wynn, LCN president, told neighbors that she had contacted the APD to request stop sign enforcement and will send out a newscast once it goes into effect. She also gave Heidi Hill, VP of Communications, an out-of-town special patrol request form to put on the website for neighbors who want the APD to keep on an eye on their house while they are out of town.

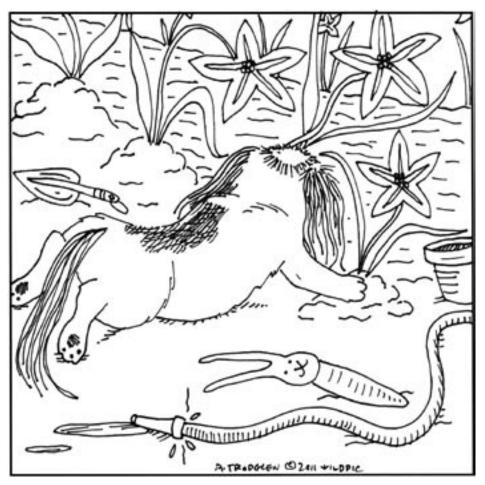
Jennifer Sams, the neighborhood NPU representative with Kathy Evans, said she had no news to report. Sarah gave information on the NPU meetings, which are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Little 5 Points Community Center, 1083 Austin Avenue NE.

Heidi gave an update on the neighborhood blog, which should be up and running in July, and read the treasurer's report in Cara Stevens's absence. The neighborhood has approximately \$7,400 in its checking account and \$4,100 in savings.

Sarah announced that Robby Handley, VP of Environment, would be meeting with representatives from the Frazer Center, Southface, and Olmsted Linear Parks to discuss the plan for the forest.

3) Announcements. Sarah reminded neighbors that dues are \$20 per household.

On Saturday, July 9, Candler Park Market will be selling \$2 raffle tickets for a New Belgium "Fat Tire" bicycle. CPM will donate half the raffle proceeds to Lake Claire Neighbors; the other half will be donated



Biscuits & Bellyrubs

Anna Trodglen

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 Trodglen."

Next LCN Meeting

Thursday July 21

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 to get the meeting agenda.

to CPNO.

This year's B*ATL events—which include storytelling, musical performances, tours, and more—will take place on Saturday, July 16. The event marks the 147th anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta in the neighborhoods of Atlanta's 5th Council district. To learn more, visit www.batlevent.org.

The 2011 Lake Claire Home & Garden Tour will be held on October 1 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The next meeting of the tour committee will be on July 11. To learn more, or to sponsor, participate, or volunteer, email tourofhomes@lakeclaire.org.

4) Voting items/land use. The next agenda item was a vote on the reaffirmation of the annual NPU-N bylaws. There was some confusion about what exactly was to be voted on, so the discussion and vote were deferred until more information could be gathered.

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



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Pride in Lake Claire Park

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Robby Handley, LCN VP-Environment, works on the new trail. Photo Credit: Leslie Slavich



Kristy and Howie Heller, Lakeshore Drive, work on the new trail. Photo Credit: Leslie Slavich



Allison Barnett with Park Pride staff. Photo Credit: Abigail Paine



Kai Nathaniel working hard on the plantings. Photo Credit: Leslie Slavich



Sarah Yates Sutherland painting the benches. Photo Credit: Leslie Slavich



Kayla, Lana and Amir Jalayel working on the plantings near the playground. Photo Credit: Leslie Slavich



City of Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Commissioner, and former Park Pride Executive Director, George Dusenbury plants a redbud tree near the playground. Photo Credit: Leslie Slavich

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 newslette r@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.

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Allison's daughter, Isabelle, painting the benches. Photo Credit: Abigail Paine