



Celebrate the Arts this Fall

By Leslie Slavich

11th Annual Candler Park Fall Festival, October 15-16, 2011

The Candler Park Fall Fest is back and better than ever with food, fun and music for all ages in Candler Park at the corner of McLendon Avenue and Candler Park Drive. Highlights include a stellar lineup of musicians, including several bands with Lake Claire connections: SHED, Delta Moon, Stems and preteen band My Homework Ate My Dog; the Kids' Village with free, family-friendly activities; a convoy of the finest food trucks in town, Sweetwater Beer and Barefoot Wine; the annual Fall Fest 5K Road Race (runners get a free beer!) on Saturday at 10 a.m.; the Candler Park Tour of Homes on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.; an Artists' Market with more than 100 booths; Halloween costume contests and the Great Leaf Monster! Free admission. www.candlerparkfallfest.com

Volunteers needed! We need your help to make the 2011 Fall Fest a success! Please sign-up to volunteer anytime through the festival weekend, October 14-16. You don't need to be a Candler park resident to sign-up, and all volunteers receive a festival t-shirt! Please visit www.candlerparkfallfest.org/volunteer to sign up. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Photography and coordinating with artists, food vendors and musicians at the festival
- Selling tickets and staffing the Candler Park Tour of Homes
- Registration, course monitors, water stations and distributing t-shirts at the 5K

Arts on the Belt Line Now through November 20



Art on the Atlanta BeltLine invites residents and visitors to explore new segments of the Atlanta BeltLine that are lined with unique temporary public art installations.

The public art initiative selected new and returning artists to showcase dynamic installations and performances on the Atlanta BeltLine corridor, an emerging system of parks, trails, transit and development that reclaims a 22-mile loop of historic and mostly unused rail around the City's core.

This year's "Art on the Atlanta BeltLine" exhibit will be running

now through November. Visual installations and performances will be concentrated in the following areas along the Atlanta BeltLine:

West side – From Gordon White Park north to Washington Park

West side – From Allene Ave. to Lee St.

East side – From 10th St. and Monroe Dr. north to Montgomery Ferry Dr.

Southeast side – From Wylie St. south to Memorial Dr.

Visit www.beltline.org for more information about the featured artists.

Fernbank Hosts "Selections" Opening Reception, October 14



Virginia Possum - Lore Ruttan, This skull was found on the grounds of the Frazier Forest by Simon Barnett and Finn Smith-Ruttan.

In connection with the ongoing Darwin exhibit, the Fernbank Museum has partnered with local artists and scientists to present a collection of illustrations, paintings and drawings that reveal the relationship between science and art. Eight Atlanta- and Athens-based artists, typically employed to create teachable science through literal imagery, reveal the evolution of art from science in this inspiring exhibition that recognizes the beauty of the natural world.

Among the featured artists is Lake Claire's own Lore Ruttan. Lore is both a scientist and an artist. She has a Ph.D. in Ecology and taught for many years in Emory's Environmental Studies Department. Many of the

works in the show feature objects found by her and her dog Hank, on their morning strolls through Lake Claire. You can see more of Lore's works at www.loreruttanillustration.com. Other artists include former Lake Claire residents Nancy Lowe and Berry Brosi.

"Selections" is currently open, and the opening reception is October 14 at 6:30 p.m. The artists will give a brief introduction to their work at the reception. Tickets start at \$7 for general admission, which includes the Darwin Arts on the BeltLine exhibit. For more information, visit www.fernbankmuseum.org.



Black Millipede - Lore Ruttan

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sacred music festival



ChantLanta Sacred Music Festival Adds Fall Date

Three regional Kirtan Chant Groups host free concert for charity

ChantLanta Sacred Music Festival has added a Fall Date to the concert calendar. On Saturday, October 8th, regional kirtan groups will hold a free concert from 7 p.m. until midnight at The First Existentialist Church in Candler Park at 470 Candler Park Drive, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Autumn ChantLanta will feature Atlanta kirtan groups Bhakti Messenger, Dhvani and Athens-based chant group Rahasya. All three groups tour extensively in the Southeast, with followings throughout the regional kirtan community, and the evening will be a fun and inspiring night of singing, dancing and open hearts. This event is a precursor to ChantLanta 2012, the largest kirtan festival in the Southeast, which will run for three days in early March, and marks the beginning of our sponsorship drive to raise money for our charity partners, 50 Cents Period and AiJalon.

Kirtan is a style of group call-and-response singing that originated in ancient India. In the West, kirtan has become a style of world music that combines the practice of Bhakti Yoga, or the Yoga of Devotion, with contemporary rhythms and melodies. The results range from the deeply meditative to the wildly ecstatic, with both the performers and the audience working together to create an expanded consciousness of peace and love.

ChantLanta Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to engage in heart-opening transformative spiritual practice and

provide funding for annual charity selections. Since 2010, ChantLanta has quickly become one of Atlanta's most inspiring and uplifting festivals, fostering interaction for all ages through music and yoga. The volunteer-run and donation-driven organization seeks to raise consciousness, be of service, and build community.

Trees Atlanta Announces 12th Annual Tree Sale & Festival

More Than 1,000 Trees and Plants Offered at Annual Non-Profit Fundraiser

Trees Atlanta is hosting the annual Tree Sale at their headquarters located at 225 Chester Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30316. The tree sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 8th, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trees Atlanta donors of \$500 or more are invited to attend a preview shopping night the evening before the sale.

Each October, Trees Atlanta offers more than 1,000 plants—including 200 species of trees, shrubs, and tree-friendly vines—for purchase by the public. This year's sale, sponsored by Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., focuses on shade trees and native trees that will be planted on the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum.

The tree sale is an annual fundraiser that raises dollars for NeighborWoods, Trees Atlanta's volunteer tree planting and conservation program. Each year, Trees Atlanta's NeighborWoods volunteers plant more than 2,000 trees in barren areas where shade is most needed, and care for thousands of trees planted in past years. The organization uses 80% reclaimed and rain-harvested water to care for the trees it plants. Trees Atlanta volunteers contribute more than 13,000 hours each year to plant and maintain trees around Atlanta. The annual tree sale is an essential part of making all this possible for Atlanta citizens to enjoy.

"Trees Atlanta's 12th Annual tree sale will offer trees both for first time tree planters as well as tree enthusiasts," said Greg Levine, Chief Program Officer. "There will be tree experts on hand to offer tree selection assistance and planting instructions. We're here to help everyone have the best tree-buying experience possible."

In addition to purchasing trees, visitors are invited to spend time at the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center by enjoying the festival. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be music, speakers, demonstrations, and crafts, as well as opportunities to learn about the components of a LEED-certified building. "We would love for the community to come see what the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center has to offer," said Connie Veates, Chief Operating Officer. "We are inviting community partners to take part in Trees Atlanta's tree sale, so that our visitors have access to not only an excellent selection of trees, shrubs, and vines, but also to knowledgeable tree experts, friendly entertainment, and an enjoyable Saturday in Atlanta as we celebrate the start of the planting season."

Several varieties of trees offered this year are the same that will be planted in the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum later this year, when Trees Atlanta plants a 2.5 mile section along Piedmont Park to DeKalb Avenue. The Trees Atlanta tree sale is the perfect opportunity to bring a piece of that Arboretum home, and several dogwood, elms, baldcypress, and crapemyrtles varieties will be available. Other trees to look out for at this year's sale include yellow flowering magnolias, an American wisteria called 'Amethyst Falls', American hazelnut, dwarf tulip-poplar, 5 varieties of silverbells, and 19 varieties of oaks. We will also offer non-invasive, unusual, and exotic tree and plant varieties such as camellia, ginkgo, dawn redwood, and a variety of columnar parrotia. Check www.treesatlanta.org/treesale.aspx for an up-to-the minute list of offerings. Delivery and planting assistance is available within a limited area for a small fee.

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Don't Forget: Lake Claire Has a New Website!
www.lakeclaire.org

New Pediatric Practice Located Minutes from Lake Claire! Opening November 1

By Leslie Slavich

Lake Claire/Druid Hills neighbors David Goo and Susan Doyle, along with daughter Jessica, will soon open a new pediatrics practice at 1418 Scott Boulevard, next to Ace Hardware. The practice will include both primary and urgent care pediatrics. A true family business, Jessica Doyle, M.D. will serve as the primary care pediatrician, her mother, Susan is a nurse with 20 years of experience, and Susan's husband, David Goo, M.D. will be the urgent care pediatrician. The practice will bring urgent pediatric medical care back to the primary care setting. When your child is sick, or has a broken bone or laceration, you can bring him or her to your regular pediatrician's office. For those who have a pediatrician they are satisfied with, the practice can provide urgent care for less cost than the emergency room. They also plan to provide an option for young women's transition into adolescent gynecologic care.

Dr. Jessica Doyle, the primary care pediatrician, completed her residency training at Emory University and is currently practicing at Northside Pediatrics.

Dr. David Goo, the urgent care pediatrician, has been practicing Pediatric Emergency Medicine for 20 years at Egelston and Hughes Spalding. Susan Doyle has been a nurse midwife in Atlanta for 20 years and will practice adolescent gynecology.

David, Susan and Jessica have lived in Lake Claire/Druid Hills for 25 years. They moved to Atlanta in 1986, when David began his pediatric residency at Emory. They lived in a rental house on Hardendorf in the dead end for four years, and then bought their current house on Ridgecrest Road.

Susan says, "we are very excited to be bringing this practice to our intown neighbors and anticipate a beautiful office opening on November 1st."



Looking for a Few Good Volunteers!

By Leslie Slavich

Clarion Editor: I have loved serving as the *Clarion* editor this year. It has been a fantastic way to get involved, meet my neighbors, and learn more about this wonderful neighborhood. But I need to hand over the role to a new editor. I am expecting my second child any day now, and I recently returned to work full-time. I hope to hand over the editor role by the end of this year. If you are interested or would like to hear more about the position, please email me at editor@lakeclaire.org.

Halloween Parade: If you are interested in volunteering to help organize the annual Lake Claire Halloween celebration in Lake Claire Park, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 29, please contact Sherry Neal, Lake Claire Parents, at sherry@nealandwright.com.

LCN Officer Elections: Lake Claire Neighbors soon will hold elections for new officers. We'll provide more information on this in upcoming issues, but please contact Sarah Wynn at president@lakeclaire.org if you are interested or have any questions in the mean time.

Birth Announcement!



A new neighbor! Peter Jonathan Crenshaw was born September 2, welcomed with love by mom Heidi, dad Matt, and big sister Claudia.

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October

1: Lake Claire Neighbors Tour of Homes

3: Georgia WAND along with 7 Stages invite you to An Evening with Dr. Helen Caldicott, Monday, October 3, at 7 Stages, 1105 Euclid Avenue, Atlanta. In a post-Fukushima world, don't miss this chance for an unforgettable discussion about the new nuclear climate with the world's leading anti-nuclear activist, an Australian native, pediatrician, Nobel Peace Prize winner and renowned author, speaker and radio host. Lobby reception 6:30 p.m., Dr. Caldicott takes the stage 7:15 p.m. Free and open to the public. Donations kindly accepted at the door. Proceeds benefit Fukushima disaster relief. For more information call Georgia WAND (404) 524-5999.

8: Trees Atlanta Annual Tree sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center, 225 Chester Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30316. See article in this Clarion for more details.

The Friends School of Atlanta twice-yearly yard sale/flea market takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to hold their own yard sale or vendors selling flea market-type goods can purchase a space on The Friends School campus at 862 Columbia Drive in Decatur for just \$25. Beyond the space fee, sellers keep their proceeds. The Friends School will market the event far and wide to bring shoppers to the sale. Whether you plan to shop, sell or both, mark your calendars for October 8! For more information about the Yard Sale/Flea Market, email Elizabeth Stuart at cestuart@hotmail.com.

ChantLanta Sacred Music Festival will hold a free concert from 7 p.m. until midnight at The First Existentialist Church in Candler Park at 470 Candler Park Drive, Atlanta, GA 30307. See article in this Clarion for more details.

20: 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).

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

29: LCN Halloween Parade and Celebration in Lake Claire Park. Visit www.lakeclaire.org for more details closer to the date of the event.

31: Halloween

November

5: The Community School and Eagle Secure Shredding are sponsoring a Community Shred Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church of Decatur. Have your old confidential documents shredded on-site and recycled. Donations of \$5 per bankers box (maximum of ten boxes per patron please) are welcome and all proceeds will support The Community School, a school for junior and high school students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The First Baptist Church of Decatur is located at 308 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur. Visit www.thecommunityschool.net for more information about the school and the event. Paper shredding only. Rain or shine, we'll see you there!

20: Inman Park Cooperative Preschool holds 27th Annual Auction and Holiday Sale. The live and silent auction will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Trolley Barn in Inman Park, 963 Edgewood Avenue. Bid on amazing gifts and services, retail and restaurant gift certificates, vacation getaways and more – all at great prices and all benefiting this special neighborhood school. Entry to the event is FREE and open to the public. For more details, visit www.ipcp.org or call 404.827.9796.

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CLIFTON NEWS

Connecting With Clifton Sanctuary

Meet Mayme Grant, Clifton Living Housing Specialist



The Clarion: How did you come to be involved with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries?

Mayme Grant: I volunteered with a Clifton staff member who referred me to an employment opportunity. I was initially hired as a Housing specialist/case manager for a HUD grant awarded to the ministry (Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing).

TC: What part of your job do you enjoy the most?

MG: Assisting our guests in securing permanent housing, as well as witnessing their excitement of moving into their apartment and returning to a normal life. I also enjoy impacting the lives of those we serve by what we do and say.

TC: What's the hardest part of your job?

MG: Not always having or finding the resources needed to serve the guests.

TC: What do you like about working in Lake Claire?

MG: I love the neighborhood! Folks have embraced our housing program in providing furnishing and even the placement of a guest. Neighbors are accepting of the ministry and the work we do.

TC: Tell us something about the businesses and employers you work with.

MG: I have partnered with businesses, landlords and apartment communities that can appreciate what we are doing for the state of homelessness. I am also seeking those employers that will provide "second chance" employment opportunities for our guests who want to work but have been hindered by their past.

TC: In what ways can Lake Claire neighbors support your work with the guests at Clifton?

MG: By continuing the generosity of donating your time, talent and material needs so that Clifton may serve those less fortunate. I think this format is a great way of educating the community about what we do.

TC: How can people contact you if they know about an employment or housing opportunity for a Clifton guest or want to help?

MG: They may reach me (404)373-3253, extension 305, or by email at mayme@cliftonsanctuary.com.

TC: What would you like neighbors to know about Clifton and/or homelessness, that they might not know?

MG: Clifton Sanctuary Ministries has been serving homeless men for 31 years. The face of homelessness has changed where we are now serving men who, due to the economy, are experiencing homelessness for the first time. Clifton offers services such as Health and Wellness, GED preparation, Job Development, Housing assistance, AA/NA meetings, Toastmasters and Computer training. Overall, the services available at Clifton are to provide stabilization and sustainability for our guests.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is a nonprofit organization at 369 Connecticut Avenue that provides shelter and nurture to men seeking to overcome homelessness. To donate or learn more, visit www.cliftonsanctuary.com or call Prince Davies-Venn for information at (404) 373-3253, ext. 7

Safety Report

August-September 2011

AUTO THEFT

499 Lakeshore Dr NE 8/8 (21:00) 8/9 (05:45) Unk

Street

1995 Acura Integra

Victim advised he parked his vehicle at location and when he returned it was gone.

290 Arizona Ave NE 8/10 (13:15-13:30) Wed Day

2006 Chevy C25

Reporting party advised he parked vehicle at location while he did work on the house. When he returned to the vehicle it was gone. Witness (neighbor) advised they saw the vehicle driving away from location.

470 Page Ave NE 8/8 (19:30) 8/9 (07:30) Unk

Street

1996 Acura Integra

Victim advised he parked his mother's vehicle at location and when he returned it was gone. Victim is still in possession of the vehicle keys.

576 Harold Ave NE 8/22 (21:00) 8/23 (08:30) Unk

Street

1997 Honda Civic

Victim advised he parked his vehicle at location and when he returned it was gone.

1759 Indiana Ave NE 8/26 (00:10-06:43) Fri Morn

Street

1999 Toyota Corolla

Victim's parked vehicle at location and when they looked out the window later that morning noticed it was gone.

ENTERING AUTO

1932 Dekalb Ave NE 8/9 (12:15-14:15) Tues Day

Parking lot

2010 Honda Odyssey

Someone broke out front passenger side window and stole listed property. Witness at location advised he saw 4 B/M's in a newer model Kia SUV circling the parking lot as if they were lost. Taken: Diaper bag w/wallet inside

586 Harold Ave NE 8/26 (05:32-05:40) Fri Morn

Street

2006 Dodge Ram / 2003 Ford Focus / 2004 Audi A4

Someone punched out lock from door of the Dodge, broke out driver's side window of the Ford and entered the Audi (no forced entry) taking listed property. The paperwork taken from the Ford was recovered on the ground by a neighbor.

Taken: GPS, checkbook, fire-fighter gear, paperwork, car radio, radar detector

OTHER LARCENY

663 Clifton Rd NE 8/14 (21:00) 8/15 (09:30) Unk

Victim advised he parked his trailer with lawn equipment in his driveway. When he returned the next morning the trailer and lawn equipment were gone.

Taken: Trailer, ladder, lawnmower

526 Page Ave NE 8/22 (09:00) 8/24 (10:00) Unk

Street

2008 Trailer

Victim advised he parked his trailer at location and when he returned it was gone. Victim stated the trailer hitch receiver had a padlock running through it to keep it secure.

RESIDENTIAL ROBBERY

2040 Dekalb Ave NE 8/30 (20:30-21:00) Tues Eve

Apartment - Acquaintance

Victim: W/M, 23 YOA, lives at location

Weapon: Handgun

Victim advised he was sitting on the couch with suspect showing him videos on his laptop. Victim stated all of a sudden suspect pointed a silver or copper colored handgun at him and said, "If you don't do anything, I won't hurt you." Suspect then grabbed the laptop and fled location through the front door. Witness advised he knew suspect from boy scouts six years ago and ran into him at a park in Lawrenceville and decided to bring him back to the apartment. Two other individuals at the location stated they saw the gun and saw suspect leave with the laptop. No injuries were reported.

Taken: Laptop

Suspect: W/M, 5'03" 210lbs

Out of Town - Special Patrol Request

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THIRTY+ (!) YEARS in Lovely LAKE CLAIRE: A Neighborhood Minute

Part 5

By Beth Damon, resident
"only" since 1990

In this series I highlight long-time residents of Lake Claire, sharing their memories and thoughts on changes they have experienced—and similarities they see—in our neighborhood in the last 30-odd years. I hope to hear from and feature many more of you. After the first two issues, in which I included my e-mail address, I received a letter in my mailbox that said "I love your articles on us old timers, but some of us don't use computers." Since then I've added my phone number to the contact information (see below). This month's episode has two parts. In the first, I feature Kathie Ryan, a longtime resident who actually grew up in the neighborhood and moved back to her own house as an adult; thus, she has been a Lake Claire resident for over 50 years. Second are some notes from Joe Agee. I featured Joe in last month's issue, and he felt inspired to send me these notes from 1996.

Kathie Ryan's parents bought their home on Harold Avenue in 1947 for about \$8,000. The house had been built in 1946, which became clear a few years ago when Kathie had the house updated. The bathtub had been moved out of the way temporarily, and '1946' was stamped on its underside.

I began by asking Kathie what she remembers about being a child on Harold Avenue and if she walked and played on the streets with a feeling of safety. Kathie answered that she and her sister, Joanne, played outdoors all the time...on the streets and down in the woods. There was a vacant lot at the southeast corner of Hardendorf and Muriel, where they played softball with kids of all ages. She said her daddy used to whistle for them when it was time to come home, and they could hear him the block and a half away. "There were fewer cars back in the post WWII early 50s," Kathie explained, "so we never had to think about traffic...or strangers or danger for that matter...we never thought about danger during trick-or-treat either, and we got lots of homemade treats as well as packaged ones ...we used to walk to the Candler Park pool alone for the free swimming Mondays through Fridays from nine to noon during the summers...the life guard would blow a whistle when time was up...Momma gave us money to buy a drink or a Black Kow or

pretzel sticks in a box, and we consumed them on the way home." They also walked down to Waller's, Culpepper's, or the Five and Dime, and the only things they were afraid of were copperhead snakes in the street after dark—and Jackie Deal's turkeys running out in the street

recalls Still's Pure Service Station (where Fellini's is now). Mr. Still's brother owned Still's Pony Farm on Briarcliff Road a bit north of Shepherd's Lane. They loved going there as girls and have pictures; that property is all residential now. Finally, she mentioned a fact that many



Kathie Ryan's Little "Doll House" from 30 years ago

trying to nip them when they passed. Another memory was the ice cream truck that came around every afternoon in warm weather.

Kathie's best friend growing up was Ann Jackson, who lived

people may not realize, that the driveway down into Candler Park used to continue onto Terrace Avenue at its juncture with Marlbrook.

I asked Kathie about schools; she and her sister went to Mary



Kathie Ryan and her dog, Mr. Darcy, in front of her current house.

in the next block. She and Kathie were both born at Crawford Long Hospital, two days apart. Her mother, Thelma, was their Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and Kathie remembers many trips to Fernbank Forest (pre Science Center) where they had activities to earn their Scout out-of-doors badges. The Jacksons attended Epworth Methodist Church, where Mrs. Jackson eventually became secretary and worked for many years. Kathie

Lin and Bass. Mary Lin included grades K-7 and Bass grades 8-12. Kindergarten was half day. Mr. Bob Dunning, a favorite teacher of everyone, taught seventh grade at Mary Lin and lived on Harold. When they attended Mary Lin, the street name was Mason Avenue, which was later changed to Candler Park Drive. Similarly, Lula became Marlbrook in the early sixties, Kathie believes. The Ryans liked school, but they looked forward most to

the school day at the Southeastern Fair in Lakewood every fall; children were admitted free with a paying adult. Kathie said that this was a REAL fair with fabulous rides, 4-H projects, animals, sugar cane grinding, homemaking competitions, etc. (All the old buildings filled in later times with antiques were used for these purposes originally.) The students sold pulling candy (taffy) as a fundraiser for the school each year, and Kathie said, "Boy, was it delicious! I loved my high school experience and remember hearing about the death of President Kennedy in the hall between classes there. Bass was integrated in 1962 with a many nice African American kids, who were chosen to ensure a smooth transition since tensions were running high at the time. We all got along just fine."

Regarding demographics in the years while she was growing up, Kathie said that there were many kids around, but not as many as now. In her block (the dead-end side of Harold Avenue) there were as many as eight, but as of a couple of weeks ago, there are thirteen, with another on the way. She also said there was a mix of generations in the general neighborhood. Anna Long, from New Jersey like Kathie's parents, was the oldest person on the block. She met her husband and ended up moving South as a result of placing one of her cards in a pair of hand knitted socks sent to the troops during WWI, which was a lovely story. Gus and Lily Kucich (not sure about spelling) lived across the street. Mr. Kucich, born in Austria, had a floor refinishing business where the Aveda shop was (which we think is Dr. Bombay's now) on McLendon and loved and raised collies and chickens. Lily lived in the house until about 1990. "There are so many stories," she said with a happy sigh. I wanted to know how many "old timers" were still around. She mentioned that mothers of two of her high school friends, Mrs. McGarity and Mrs. Miller, still live side by side on Almeta, and Margaret Gossett on Harold. Joan on Hardendorf also attended Bass. And, Kathie said, she has spoken with several others on the street while walking her dog, but doesn't know their names.

Kathie moved back into her childhood home with her parents on Harold Avenue in 1985 after living out of the country for a few years. After her father died, she stayed on with her mother until 1988, when she bought the tiny "little doll house" three doors up. After her mom died, Kathie updated the family home (see picture), and she moved back there in the waning days of 2002.

The neighborhood wasn't called

Lake Claire when Kathie grew up here. There is much more affluence now than there ever was before, and, she lamented, much less respect for the forest in which we live. Everything is cleaner and neater now, which appeals to her, yet there is still room for the unconventional, unkempt, the artsy, and the natural. "All in all," opines Kathie, "it's a good thing, this regeneration. I feel very fortunate to be living in such a wonderful, beautiful place, with great people."

Joe Agee, whom I featured last month (see September issue of the Clarion), wrote the below notes around 1996. He wrote it to acquaint new residents of Harold Avenue, where he and Kathie both live, with some of the recent history of the area at that time. That many more people have since come and gone from Lake Claire is a good reason to remember a particularly important event that had a great deal to do with the preservation of the landscape and unique residential character of our community. For several years, it was literally under attack, and implacable neighborhood resistance prevailed; this produced an even stronger cohesiveness and sense of purpose, seen recently for example on Arizona Avenue. Joe called these notes "A Neighborhood Minute."

"It's been about two years since I made up a new neighborhood list of names and telephone numbers. Since that time a number of new members have been added to our street, so I would like to include a particular note of welcome! I would also like to introduce myself as well as make a few comments about the development of this area: My name is Joe Agee. I was born and raised in California and came to Atlanta in 1970. I moved to this address in May of 1973. At that time, Lake Claire, Candler Park, Inman Park, and Little Five Points were considered neighborhoods "in transition." Fortunately, just around that time, Inman Park was rediscovered, and a new generation of residents began buying homes in Lake Claire and Candler Park, with the notion of fixing them up and cultivating the concept of intown living. It was also around this time that the Bond Credit Union and the Pub in Little Five Points were founded as a cooperative effort of local residents who wanted to redevelop this area. I remember when what became the Pub was the Redwood Room, which was a local derelict bar with sawdust on the floor. People like Don Bender invested a massive amount of time and energy into making the Pub a community center with good food and entertainment.

All this occurred at a time when the rush to the suburbs was "trendy." However, the realization of this apparently radical form of urbanization was not easy. For a long while, it appeared that the state and local governments were doing everything in their power to prevent this area from developing and ensure that it became a blighted zone. The first salvo came in the 60s with the beginning of construction on what was then called GA 485 or the Stone Mountain Freeway. Houses along a strip several miles long (from the downtown connector to Candler Park) were condemned and demolished and, if the plan had been carried through, the freeway would have continued down Muriel through Harold Avenue, cutting through the Reach Center Forest [Author's note: The Frazier Center was then called the Reach Center], and finally merging into Ponce de Leon and then on to Stone Mountain. In other words, where we live now would be mostly pavement. Thanks to the efforts of the residents of that time, the project was halted. Ironically, Jimmy Carter was instrumental in finally stopping the Stone Mountain Freeway. Soon a plan emerged to create what was going to be called the "Great Park" encompassing the land condemned for the freeway. This would have included landscaping, diverse housing, and other agreeable items.

Then, suddenly, the situation changed radically when Mr. Carter returned to Atlanta after his term as president. The plans for the Great Park area were scrapped, and another highway was proposed to provide "access" to the Carter Library, which would be located in the Great Park where it is now located. After the plans were made public, it didn't take long to see that this new road was an attempt by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to revive the old Stone Mountain Freeway. This newer version would have continued the same route, cutting through the bottom part of Candler Park and exiting into Ponce de Leon at the Jackson Hill Church (It was not proposed to cut through our street, Harold, since that land had not yet been condemned and raised, so it had to end at Candler Park). In spite of numerous studies showing the highway to be unnecessary, environmentally destructive, and wasteful, along with one of the largest outpourings of protest (perhaps the largest and most sustained in Atlanta history) by all of the affected neighborhoods, the Atlanta City Council approved the project in early 80s by one vote. The battle was then engaged.

A unique coalition of neighborhoods, including the Old Fourth

Ward, Poncey Highlands, Druid Hills and East Lake, joined together to oppose what would have been a death sentence to this area. Groups entitled CAUTION and Road Busters were formed to mount legal and public challenges to what became known as the "Presidential Highway" or just "The Road." It became something of a Hollywood drama, with people chaining themselves to trees and bulldozers, getting arrested and mercilessly harassing public officials. It was actually a lot of fun sometimes but the humor was quickly diminished when the reality of the project became inescapable once work on "The Road" began. Trees in Candler Park and Shady Side Park (one of the historic Olmstead parks along Ponce) were cut down, abutments for bridges were built on both sides of Moreland and in Goldsboro Park, and pavement was going down. Miraculously, in 1985, the famous injunction from Judge Siegler in DeKalb County was obtained that stopped any further construction until all litigation was completed. By this time, CAUTION had enough legal wherewithal to keep litigation going for years. From that time on, the issue was a virtual standoff between the neighborhoods and the DOT that could have continued indefinitely had not an unrelated event occurred: in 1990 Atlanta was awarded

the '96 Olympic Games. Shortly thereafter, a settlement was reached with DOT for a much-scaled down version of their "Road," that would only go to Ponce near the old Sears Building with a one-lane loop around the Carter Library that would end at Moreland Avenue. My personal belief is that once Atlanta became the site for an international event like the Olympics, the city and state officials all agreed that the Great Park would have to be cleaned up (all that area had been left to decay and would have been a major eyesore right in the middle of town) before the Games began. Whatever the

reason, the neighborhoods won! It may be one of the few cases in the country when a neighborhood group prevailed over a state DOT once they have won political approval to build and have actually begun construction. Throughout this battle, I found out how powerful the GA DOT is and how difficult it is to stop them once they have decided on something. As was often remarked during our battle, a road proposal by the DOT is like a vampire: it never dies until a stake is driven through its heart and even then it can still come back to life.

The Great Park area (now called Freedom Park) is now being developed with bike paths, landscaping, and diverse housing with money from the Woodruff Foundation and EPA. I'm convinced that this development has contributed greatly to the recent increase in the interest in this area. Other developments that are also important include the re-establishment of the Lake Claire Neighbors Association (LCNA). It became fully functional about five years ago in response to the proposal to build a single resident housing development on DeKalb Avenue next to the Lake Claire Land Trust. Because of this opposition, the current co-housing community is now there. Thus, the Lake Claire residents

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FALL FEST 2011: With Weather Like That, How Could We Miss?

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust hosted a lively crowd for Fall Fest 2011, the latest in a series of musical Peace & Love festivals that help us pay our ongoing property taxes, insurance, and maintenance costs. This one will also help to pay down the principal of our latest purchase, an adjacent back yard, which has bumped up the monthly payments on our line of credit at BOND Federal Credit Union.

The Weather Committee did a superb job organizing a perfect autumn day featuring mid-tempo temperatures and plenty of sunshine, followed by sunset over the downtown skyline and an evening of mellow moonlight, courtesy of the nearly full moon, with scattered showers of musical notes.

A delegation of firemen from Station 12 on Dekalb Avenue made an appearance in the early afternoon, responding this time only to our invitation for lunch on the house. The Land Trust Board invited them onstage to present them with a certificate of honorary membership in the LCCLT, a small token of our gratitude for their courage and dedication to protecting our lives and loved ones.

We owe big thanks to all the performers who entertained the crowd for nine solid hours onstage, starting with the neighborhood kids of Spaghetti Junction, Radio Royale (our apologies for getting their name wrong on the flyer), and My Homework Ate My Dog. Their energy and talent made them a hard act to follow, so it was appropriate that they were followed by My Imaginary Band, which includes some of their parents.

Five O'Clock Shadow (who at the time our flyer was printed were still known as Five at Five) stepped up next with some tasty blues. The Brothers, Chris and Jerry, mellowed the mood with acoustic guitars and harmonies. Then came neighborhood all-stars Hair of the Dog, blending rock, country and Cajun, and Webster, covering favorites old and new. Headliners Delta Moon concluded the festivities with a set of original music.

The Land Trust is also grateful for the generous support of all the neighborhood businesses that donated raffle prizes: Candler Park Market, El Myr, Sweetgrass Spa, Abbadabba's, Outback Bikes, The Porter, Junkman's Daughter, Variety Playhouse, and Zesto's, as well as Kroger on Ponce and Trader Joe's. Frani Green donated a yoga class, Scotty LeBlanc an ankle bracelet, Shannon Bakos some fanciful hats, and Allen Hutchinson four hours of handyman work. And let's not forget the kids who sold raffle tickets during the event and helped draw the winning tickets onstage.

Of course, none of it would have been possible without the many loyal volunteers who covered around 40 two-hour shifts, selling tickets, grill-



Credit: Alicia McGill Caption: Neighborhood kids' band, Spaghetti Junction, entertaining the crowd at Fall Fest. Zoe Brilliante, Joseph McGill, Luc Sabatier, Reed Leonard, and Wesley Mann.



Credit: Bob Sattelmeyer

ing dogs and burgers, serving up coleslaw and potato salad, not to men-

tion setting up, moving band equipment and food supplies, and a hundred other unseen tasks. Thanks also to the neighbors who baked treats for the bake sale, posted flyers and handed out handbills, etc.

Most of all, we thank the crowd of neighbors, Land Trust aficionados and music fans who thronged the paths and picnic tables and danced the day away.

Our membership tent, set up on the path just before the ticket booth, brought in over a thousand dollars in memberships and renewals for 2012. Special thanks go to these supporters who demonstrated their commitment by signing up to be "Caretakers" of our beautiful urban oasis.

By the way, it's not too late to join the Land Trust's list of "Caretakers" for 2012. Visit our website, www.LCCLT.org, and choose either "Donate" for a one-time membership payment or "Subscribe" for monthly installments. Paypal and all major credit cards are accepted. You can also send your check to LCCLT at P.O. Box 5379, Atlanta GA 31107. The cost is \$35 for individual adults, \$25 for students or seniors, \$75 for a couple or family.

Thanks for supporting your community greenspace, Lake Claire!

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*.

If you had noticed the upcoming Theater Night on the Land Trust calendar, we are sorry to announce that we must postpone it till spring. Several of the acts we've been counting on have fallen through. Postponing will give us time to make sure this new Land Trust event will be truly the evening of fine family entertainment we envision. If you are interested in performing (whether drama, standup comedy, improv, stage magic, dance, mime, or . . .) or helping out with scenery, sound, lighting, etc., please get in touch with us at secretary@lclt.org.

Bring the kids and take home the scariest, silliest, or most fanciful Jack-o-Lanterns you can create! This annual family event lasts from 4:30 p.m. until a circle of carved pumpkins is glowing around the stone benches of our amphitheater. Pumpkins will be provided. Bring your own candles, carving knives, and snacks and beverages to share.

Horizons has been pleased to entertain schools and individuals from all over the world. "One of our greatest desires is to establish an international student house where visitors may stay," says Les Garber, Administrator. "We would like to make this German exchange an annual event."

The potluck announced in last month's *Clarion* to form a Lake Claire chapter of the global Transition Town movement brought 18 people together to discuss the impending crisis of Peak Oil and what it might mean to metro Atlanta. Thanks to the magic of email forwarding, only three of us were Lake Claire residents. After an inspiring presentation from Victor Harris, founder of the Tri-State Transition Hub in northeast Georgia, we discussed ways of turning crisis into opportunity by knitting together the many initiatives already in progress around the city. Our first

move will be a public showing of the film *The End of Suburbia*, an examination of our addiction and how the coming decline in production threatens our way of life. The date we're looking at is Wednesday, Oct. 5; the location will be East Lake Commons in Decatur. A discussion of our next step will follow. For details and/or to join our email list, contact me at swing1027@gmail.com.

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Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting: September Minutes

Meeting led by Sarah Wynn
Minutes recorded by Sherry Neal

1. Review of Article IX of By-laws (Decorum at Meetings): Sarah reminded members of bylaws guidelines on behavior at meetings.

2. Jenny Castillo from Stacy Abrams office report: They will be hosting a series of community meetings. First is on pre-K/early childhood education and childhood obesity. September 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. location TBA. If you'd like to be on the email list, let her know.

3. Sgt. Sokloske safety report: Was asked about vehicle guidelines because of a chase in zone 5. Not much known yet, but will let us know if appears related to vehicle break-ins here. Not much going on here other than a small rash of vehicle break-ins. May see a different officer because our beat officer is on vacation. May also see more & different officers in the evening as others fill in for those doing overtime.

There was a question about the break-ins. Reiterated not sure if connected to what happened in Zone 5.

Sarah asked about situations with moving violations on Connecticut & Ridgewood. Have motor safety officer assigned to monitor. They come and monitor for a while then step back then come back as needed. Let know if there is an uptick in activity. Dan white asked for fine for running stop sign, speeding on street, etc. Sgt. didn't know – judge has some discretion.

Sherry reported the graffiti on the mural.

Officer Sokloske's contact information is jsokloske@atlantaga.gov.

4. Valencia Hudson report: Asked for general questions. There were none.

Asked about how new trash & recycling pick-up schedule is going. Someone asked what bulk pick-up is. It is anything large – large limbs, furniture, etc. Bulk pick-up will be the first week of every month.

Someone asked when the Atlanta tax bill would come out. Valencia didn't know, but Dan White reported that he contacted DeKalb County, and they were waiting for the new rate to come out.

Katie Brady asked about sidewalk repair and how to get it started. Valencia can email the information to anyone who needs. The City can do it and charge you, or you can hire someone to do it. The City must inspect it either way.

5. Officer reports:

a. Secretary: Sherry filled in to take minutes for Heidi. Congrats to Heidi and her family on the birth of Pete two weeks ago!

b. Treasurer: Cara Stephens sent the financial report, which Sarah summarized. There is \$9,067.43 in primary checking, including some Tour of Homes funds. \$6,717 is the balance less

the Tour of Homes funds. Other account balances:

\$4,081.31 in savings
\$51.34 in mural savings
\$6,240 in mural checking
Amounts collected:
\$2,257 in dues
\$3,615 in advertising
\$245 for banner & stickers

Candler Park Market donation of \$195 from bike raffle

c. Robbie Hanley is working on a gazebo for the park. Awaiting approval from the City & Park Pride. Looking for a carpenter to build.

6. Variances: No requests.

7. Tour of Homes: Mary reported that the Tour is coming up rapidly – October 1. There are

nomination affiliation of the shelter. It is predominantly Presbyterian, and the Presbyterian Church owns the property. The shelter is run by a non-profit board, 75% of which is Presbyterian. The shelter tries to have a Lake Claire representative on the board as well.

9. NAMI DeKalb walk: Candler Park, October 1, funding-raising walk for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Registration starts at 10 a.m., and the walk starts at 11 a.m. The walk takes less than an hour and is followed by a picnic lunch. This is a grassroots organization that supports people with mental illness and their families and friends. They work on education and ending stigma as well as advocacy. They had a big campaign for equity in healthcare funding for mental illness. You can do the walk then

Next LCN Meeting

Thursday October 20

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.lake-claire.org to get the meeting agenda.

a number of sponsors who have come forward recently. Right now, the committee is lining up volunteers. About 30 are needed on the day of the Tour to serve as "house-sitters" for half or all of the Tour time, which is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet online. Volunteers can also help with street signs advertising the Tour. Please spread the word. Many people who came last year were from the surrounding area, but a number of people came from outside the area who didn't know much about Lake Claire and had a great time finding out how great the neighborhood is. The Tour starts at Lake Claire Park, where pre-purchased tickets can be picked up and day-of tickets purchased. There may be a raffle at the park as well.

8. Clifton Sanctuary Ministry: Annual honors dinner September 25 at 6 p.m. @ North Avenue Presbyterian Church. LCN has purchased a table again. Everyone is welcome. Tickets can be purchased online. Clifton appreciates the support of the neighborhood from dropping off supplies in response to the sign requests to donating money. The shelter has about a 70% success rate with its residents. There has been a shift over the past few years in the population served. There are more men served recently who were formerly employed and became homeless rather than men who are chronically homeless. The date is TBD, but there will be Christmas caroling again this year in December. Sarah announced that anyone interested in attending the dinner should let her know. This can be a great opportunity for neighborhood groups to network.

Someone asked about the de-

visit the Tour of Homes!

10. Announcement from Harold Avenue: By popular demand, the annual block party and street dance is planned for Friday, October 14. All newcomers to the neighborhood, especially those on Harold and Hardendorf, are encouraged to attend. It's a great opportunity to meet people and have a good time. Marlbrook to Harriett will be closed from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. Two APD officers will be there. Music starts at 7 and ends at 11 p.m.

11. Lake Claire Neighbors Executive Committee & Officer Nominations: In October, we will put forth nominations. In November, LCN will hold elections. If interested in running for an office, please email Sarah. The bylaws are on the website under documents; they list the role of LCN and the positions and their responsibilities. The positions are: President, Treasurer, Vice President for Planning (and NPU Representative), VP for Zoning, VP for Environment, VP for Public Safety, VP for Communications/Secretary, and VP for Fundraising. Nominees must have attended four regular meetings in the past 12 months.

12. Lake Claire Halloween Parade: Will be Saturday, October 29 provided we find an adult volunteer to organize it. Some teens have volunteered to assist. Sherry Neal has put the word out on the Lake Claire Parents email group. No volunteer = no parade!

13. 2011 Lake Claire donations: The group tries to contribute funds toward greenspace maintenance and improvements as well as to the nonprofits that are located in and/or serve the community. Previous recipients include: Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Har-

old Avenue Green Space, Frazer Center, Mary Lin Foundation, Freedom Park Conservancy, and B*ATL events.

Proposed contributions:

\$1,500 to Clifton (which includes a table at the Honors Dinner so \$1,175)

\$600 obligation for liability insurance for Harold Avenue Green Space

- \$1,000 for master plan

\$1,000 to Frazer Center (amount donated since 2006 – they allow us to meet for free)

\$0 for Freedom Park Conservancy

\$750 to Mary Lin Foundation

\$200 to B*ATL foundation (already donated – amount scaled back from \$350)

Question about whether budget supports donations. Sarah hasn't discussed with Cara recently, but this amount has been sustainable in the past.

14. Voting items: None.

15. Other issues:

a. Cathy asked whether LCN considered donating to the Olmstead Linear Park. In 2006, LCN donated \$250 to that group. Sarah made a note to put this on the table.

b. Jonathan Miller, NPU-N chair, was visiting. Advised that yesterday was the first of several meetings about the bridge on Ponce de Leon that goes over Lullwater Creek. Measurements will be done on bridge in October. During that time, there will be traffic delays. LCN expressed its thanks to Jonathan for his service

c. APS update: Sherry Neal encouraged everyone to pay attention to what is going on with APS. 30307schools.org provides regular updates. APS wants feedback from residents. Take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/APS_Capacity_Survey. Keep in mind that the quality of our schools affects everyone in the neighborhood, not just parents, since property values are tied to school performance.

LCN previously sent this letter to APS:

April 8, 2011

Dr. Raymond Hart

Executive Director, Research Planning and Accountability

Atlanta Public Schools

130 Trinity Ave.

Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Dr. Hart,

Lake Claire Neighbors is a non-profit organization comprised of the residents, businesses and property owners in the Lake Claire neighborhood of the City of Atlanta, in zip code 30307. Lake Claire is recognized as an official neighborhood within the City's system of Neighborhood Planning Units. We appreciate the opportunity to offer our thoughts about the schools that the children of our neighborhood attend. We request that these comments be shared with the Bleakly Group and that they be taken into consideration as the Atlanta Public School System formulates recommendations to present to the Atlanta School Board in response to the ongoing demographic study.

Residential development in Lake Claire began around 1910 and the children of the neighborhood began attending Mary Lin Elementary School when it opened in 1929, under the leadership of its first principal Miss Mary Lin. Since that time Lake Claire parents have treasured the ability to walk or bike with their children to Mary Lin. In the not too distant past, our residents were active in efforts to stop a planned highway that would have dissected vibrant neighborhoods. Thanks to those efforts, Freedom Park, with its PATH bike trail and butterfly garden, now exists and abuts Mary Lin. Lake Claire Neighbors appoints a representative to serve on the Freedom Park Conservancy Board, as do the other Mary Lin feeder neighborhoods of Candler Park and Inman Park.

It is hard to explain in mere words the depth of feeling our neighborhood has about our neighborhood school and the privilege of escorting our children to school through park land and walkable neighborhoods. Lake Claire families frequent the small neighborhood businesses en route to and from school. In the afternoon, Lake Claire students walking home hear Epworth United Methodist Church's "Mary Lin chimes," faithfully playing at 2:45 p.m. Quite a number of those students are shepherded by the staff of SoulShine Children's Studio, an aftercare program based in Lake Claire adjacent to the Lake Claire Land Trust.

Besides caring about how we get the kids to school, parents and other members of the Lake Claire community care passionately about supporting the mission of the school. Supporters of the school represent many facets of the community, including residents of Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, a transitional housing program in Lake Claire, whose residents regularly volunteer to staff fundraising activities at neighborhood festivals that support Mary Lin. In addition, Lake Claire residents were the driving force behind the creation of the Mary Lin Educational Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing long-range planning and resources to Mary Lin.

Mary Lin is recognized as an excellent school and its success has driven new development and steady investment in our neighborhood. These are trends that we wish to see continue. We in Lake Claire believe that serving the K-5 educational needs of our children at Mary Lin is essential to the continued strength and vitality of our neighborhood. Additionally, we expect that the children of Lake Claire will matriculate to schools like Inman Middle School and Grady High School that show similar levels of parental and community involvement and an impressive record of educational achievement.

We are committed to the continued success of Mary Lin, Inman and Grady, as well as all APS schools, and welcome the opportunity to have a voice in addressing creatively the issues facing APS as the community continues to grow and change. We would appreciate an acknowledgement of the concerns we have raised and look forward to continued dialogue about meeting the educational needs of the children of Lake Claire.

Sincerely,

Cara G. Stevens, 2011 Treasurer

Dan White, 2011 Vice-President for Zoning

Sarah Wynn, 2011 President

Lake Claire Neighbors

cc:

Cecily Harsch-Kinane

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Dr. Robin Hall

Dr. Brian Mitchell

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Candler Park Neighborhood Association

Inman Park Neighborhood Association

City of Atlanta Councilmember Natalyn Archibong

Georgia Representative Stacey Abrams

Georgia Senator Jason Carter

Cont. from pg. 7

had become increasingly aware of the vulnerability of neighborhoods when there is no viable neighborhood organization. The commitment was made to keep the present association functioning.

On a social note, one of the things that I've truly enjoyed about living in this neighborhood is the spirit of community and continuity that we enjoy. We are extremely fortunate to have residents still living on Harold Avenue who were among the original homeowners in the area: Mr. A.C. Davis, Mrs. Muriel Ryan, and Mrs. Wray. They can remember when trolleys ran up and down McLendon and Ponce de Leon (you can still see remnants of the trolley tracks at McLendon and Clifton). Kathie Ryan (632 Harold), daughter of Muriel Ryan, was born and raised on Harold Avenue. Hopefully, there will be a Lake Claire Tour of Funky Homes this year. If so, it happens sometime in May and is something that you don't want to miss! It's not your usual tour of homes, and you will really get to see what this neighborhood is really like! In the fall, is the annual street dance put on by Bill Fleming and his Expand Band along with other musical friends. Some people have parties for friends and animals, so keep your eyes out for notices of this nature, and feel free to have a big bash for the neighborhood any time it feels good.

In case you've wondered: is there a 'Lake' Claire? Opinions seem to vary on the point. Historically, this neighborhood was part of the original development plan conceived by Frederick Law Olmstead (designer of Central Park in New York) at the turn of the century. There appears to have been a lake in the original design named Claire, ergo Lake Claire. That it ever existed is still a controversial item although there is a lake of sorts in my basement during the rainy season! The controversy has spurred the creation of *Ski Lake Claire* bumper stickers as a way to promote the 'hood.

Other news: DeKalb County is going to fund a major restoration of the string of Olmstead parks along Ponce de Leon. Work should begin this summer. The Cator Woolford Gardens should finish its restoration of the guesthouse sometime in 1997. This area will serve as a venue for private parties and such that will help support the REACH Center. In case you don't know, REACH stands for Rehabilitation and Education for Adults and Children and is the facility on the other side of the forest (which keeps it from being developed), but it also provides many community services such as day care and family support. It also provides the site for the LCNA monthly meetings, and it is truly one of the most valuable assets of Lake Claire.

I understand that one of our new residents, Derek Elwell, is on the board of directors of the group that is reviving the old Pub: congratulations! That's all for now. Feel free to contact me for anything else you would like to know about the area and if I'm not informed I'll be happy to make something up."

That blast-from-the-past from Joe brings up many good memories, including the successful fight against the Road, the still functioning array of musical functions, and the importance of the then-Reach Center, now Frazier Center for our neighborhood.

Please note: Beth apologizes to Joe Agee and his stepson Angus for identifying "wife Sylvia" as Joe's wife. Sylvia is Angus' wife. In addition, the last sentence of the portion of my article on Alice Bliss (September 2011, Page 2) was involuntarily cut off. The last sentence reads: "Alice would welcome you to contact her and buy a book, and I encourage you to do so. I am sure the books are as fascinating as her conversation." —B.D.

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Clifton Newsletter Layout & Design Help Needed



Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, located in the Lake Claire Neighborhood, is looking for an individual to help with the layout and design of our newsletter. It is a four-page newsletter, published four to six times a year. Other volunteers will work with the Clifton staff to collect articles and photos for each issue of the newsletter. The articles are in Microsoft Word documents and photos provided as JPEG images.

The newsletter has had several design styles in the past depending on who did the final preparation. We have a collection of images and logos for our various programs. Our volunteer editor will collect the desired articles and photos for each issue. We are not particular about what software is used to layout the newsletter. Our current printer has

worked from a PDF copy of the final newsletter. The newsletter is printed in black & white but some recent issues have been shared on our web site in color. We have tried to allow at least a week for the designer to prepare the newsletter for the printer.

Past issues of the newsletter can be found on our web site, www.cliftonsanctuary.com. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Leslie Prince, (770)377-0027, or Mike Thurmond (678)472-0457, or you may email us at clifton@cliftonsanctuary.com.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries provides shelter and nurturing to men seeking to overcome homelessness. We provide job, health and spiritual counseling along with emergency shelter and transitional housing. The shelter is located at 369 Connecticut Avenue in the Lake Claire Neighborhood of Atlanta. You can learn more about our ministry on the web at www.cliftonsanctuary.com or by calling our office, (404)373-3253, ask for Prince Davies-Venn at extension 7.

Help Needed

Position Available

LC Neighbors Vice President of Safety

Interested in volunteering for Lake Claire Neighbors? The VP of Safety position is open and is a great way to give back to your neighborhood. The VP of Safety is responsible for summarizing the police reports for crimes that occur in our neighborhood for publication in the *Clarion*. The position entails spending a couple of hours each month reviewing all of the police reports from Zone 6 and determining which (if any) crimes occurred in Lake Claire. Also, as an officer of LCN, the VP of Safety attends the LCN monthly meeting, where he or she provides a report on public safety to attendees. If you are interested, please come to the LCN meeting, or contact Sarah Wynn at president@lakeclaire.org.

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.

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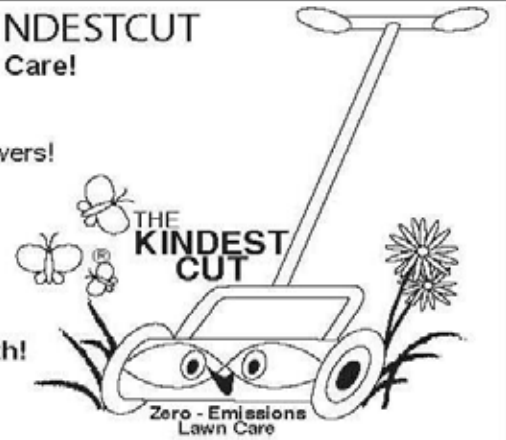
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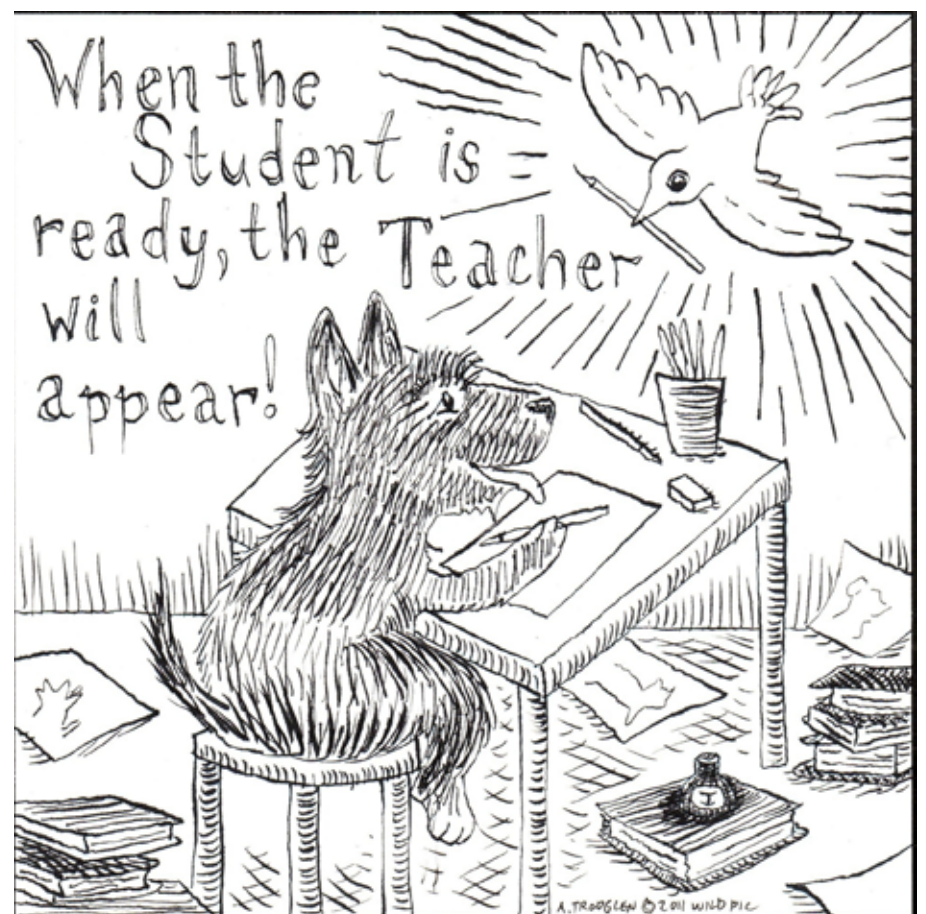
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