



Another Successful Year for Lake Claire Home and Garden Tour 2011

By Cynthia Baer for the Lake Claire Home and Garden Tour

On October 1, 2011, we shared our beautiful and unique neighborhood through the Lake Claire Home and Garden Tour. Neighbors near and far enjoyed a perfect 10 for fall weather, as they toured this year's fascinating homes and gardens. As Lake Claire's largest fundraiser, this event does not disappoint.

Thanks to the efforts of the Lake Claire Home and Garden Tour Committee, the home and garden owners, sponsors, volunteers and ticket buyers, we were able to raise \$2,840 for our neighborhood greenspaces. The commit-

tee has suggested the money be utilized to create and begin work on a master plan for improvements in Lake Claire Park.

A huge Thank You to all the homeowners who graciously opened their homes to neighbors. We realize the preparation and trust involved in participating is extensive. Obviously your spaces are what make this tour worthwhile. We hope you enjoyed your Tour experience and suggest neighbors for next year.

Thank you to all of the Local Businesses that supported the tour financially. Gold Sponsors:



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"Friends of Lake Claire" donated invaluable services to make the tour happen. This group includes Hanna Cross of Hannah Cross Studio for her graphic design work, Slaughter Studio for the lovely (and very helpful) map of the tour stops, and Blake Williams of Proper Medium for web design, photography, and video work for the website www.lake-clairehometour.com.

New this year, we hosted a successful raffle with some incred-

ible prizes. Tickets were only \$1 – and prizes were valued at over \$500 total. Those donating Services and goods to the raffle include: Sergio Arillo of SA Electrical Services, Abby Wren of BB Salon, Allyson McCarthy of TME Design and Architecture, and San Francisco Coffee, who also donated the delicious coffee the day of the tour. Finally, Lake Claire Neighbors donated two banners and two Ski LC Bumper Stickers.

This tour could not happen without the exhaustive efforts of the Tour Committee. Members include Allyson McCarthy who headed up home nominations, Cynthia Baer, the head of Sponsorship, and Angela Vaughn who headed up Marketing and PR.

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

Part 6

By Beth Damon, resident "only" since 1990

Every neighborhood has its own rhythm and personality. I began this series because I wanted others to feel Lake Claire's – from the perspective of its longtime residents – and how wonderful the neighborhood has been over the last quarter century and more. When I began six months ago, I first interviewed friends and neighbors. As I broadened the pool of subjects to people I didn't know, though my intent had been directed towards new Lake Claire residents, I found myself being enriched, as I met a

range of people, from those who grew up in the neighborhood and remained (such as Kathie Ryan), to writers living quietly under our noses (such as Alice Bliss), to those who moved here in the 70s and raised their families (such as Susan Beeching and Marilyn Schertz). This month I took a long awaited vacation and didn't have time to interview anyone, so I have jotted down some of my own impressions of ("only") 22 years in Lake Claire.

I bought my Craftsman-style bungalow in Lake Claire after

renting in the 1980s for six years in Candler Park and before that on St. Louis Place in the Virginia Highland neighborhood before it was the trendy so-called "Highlands." An Atlanta native, I grew up in Morningside, attended Morningside School (K through 7, as this was before there were middle schools) and Grady High School. My parents, 87 and 90, still live in the house I grew up in near Grady, so there is a family history of staying in one house for a long time. Literally immediately on arrival in Lake Claire I felt a sense of community: a group of friends and I were moving me from the few blocks over in Candler Park, and after several trips returned one trip to find my belongings left in the yard moved to the yard of the next

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Thirty Years Cont.

door neighbors – my across-the-street neighbor Linda Maynard had orchestrated this as a little “welcome to Delaware Avenue” prank. This was the beginning of our friendship that has continued the past two+ decades. In that time, many friendships and the sense of community in Lake Claire have manifested in a myriad of ways.

One of the mainstays for me in the 80s and 90s was The Guitar Shop, on the corner of Clifton

ner of McLendon and Clifton, current home of Gato Bizco) and frequented The Atomic Café, next door to the guitar shop, for poetry readings. I walked to Little Five Points and the Pub, and joined BOND Community Credit Union. A founding member, I was on the Sevananda Board in the early ‘80s and was active in those years in consumer-owned and community-oriented cooperative programs nationwide. At home, I loved having delicious food and beverage options in walking distance. Walking my

businesses, including the Guitar Shop.

An avid political activist and passionate community advocate in the 80s and 90s, I found many colleagues in Lake Claire, with whom I have worked on political campaigns; fought the Road (I-485); encouraged adherence to Atlanta’s excellent tree protection ordinance; worked to obtain zoning laws; lobbied elected officials for various other causes; and ran for office myself. I continue to appreciate the strong element within Lake Claire of tolerance and progressiveness, though I no longer have the time for most of those previous activities.

Over the years, my neighbors and I have shared our love of gardening and landscaping. When I moved here, before I unpacked the inside of the house, I dug a pond for the fish I had brought in buckets. I had built one of the first neighborhood ponds at my rental home in Candler Park, and the landlord required me to fill it in, so I brought the koi, shubunkins, and goldfish with me. Twenty years ago ponds were not a standard part of landscaping, and after I built mine, some of my neighbors became interested in building theirs, and I acted as “pond advisee.” My neighbor Elizabeth Knowlton, featured in the first episode of this series, has shared much gardening knowledge over 20+ years as well as numerous flower and vegetable seedlings every year. I look at my yard now and see many of my perennials – and even annuals that keep coming back because of Georgia’s climes – started by Elizabeth. We neighbors on Delaware and Arizona have for many years shared cuttings, advice, and admiration for each other’s handiwork in our yards. On my walks through the Lake Claire neighborhood, I always enjoy seeing the creativity exhibited by those with only small areas available for gardening. Lake Claire’s abundance of artists and craftspeople of all kinds is one of its resources that has been part of the original flavor for many years.

In a sampling of the Lake Claire residents I’ve included so far in this series, one thing reverberating among them is that this is a place where the people really care about one another and our surroundings. Miriam Herbers – “I have always felt a sense of belonging to a community...and still do.” Carol Vanderschaaf – “Neighbors continue to work to live in harmony with each other and the environment.” Marilyn Schertz – “People here rally to protect the streets, promote safety without infringing upon others’ rights, inspire others with artful creations, and volunteer their gifts, time and money when needed.” Joe Agee – “one of the

things that I’ve truly enjoyed about living in this neighborhood is the spirit of community *and continuity.*” This is Lake Claire. Add your voice. We are an eclectic mix – from emus to businesspeople, from tie-die to khaki.



Beth Damon 1986



2010 LCN Holiday Party (L-R) Sharon Doochin, Beth Damon, Kathy Evanz, Heidi Hill, Glenn Frankel

and McLendon (current location of The Flying Biscuit). There I spent many hours, met several longtime friends, and bought my first upright bass from owner/instrument maker/friend Mark Richard, well before I had learned how to play it. I was a regular at Susie’s (opposite cor-

dogs, I experienced friendly welcoming attitudes all around me, and I quickly became involved in the neighborhood as a co-distribution person for the newsletter and co-security captain on my street. Linda Maynard and I had a newsletter series in the 1990s in which we highlighted local

In the six months, I have featured a small sampling of folks who have lived in Lake Claire since the 1970s-80s -- and earlier. I hope to feature many more 30+-year residents of Lake Claire. If you are a longtime resident with stories to share, history of your house, places that have gone, or any other special memories, please contact me at playbass.beth@gmail.com (playbass-dot-beth@gmail.com) or 404-727-0608 (daytime number). I am having so much fun hearing from longtime residents.

Tour of Homes Cont.

Last but not least, Mary Williams, who has driven this effort for the past two years. Mary has given incredible amounts of time in order to pull together every little detail to insure the tour’s success. From hosting planning meetings to developing the Tour Book, Mary had a part in every aspect of this event. Sadly, she has decided it’s time to pass this role to another enthusiastic neighbor. We are actively looking for someone to head the effort next year in order to continue the tradition.

The committee would also like to thank the Lake Claire Neighbors with a special thank you to Lake Claire President Sarah Wynn and Treasurer, Cara Stevens who championed our efforts and added to their workload to help keep us on track. We appreciate all of your time and efforts on this project and hope that whole neighborhood will be able to enjoy the results of our efforts for years to come.

If you missed the excitement, definitely check out the www.lake-clairehometour.com to view a video interview with the owner of one of the most intriguing homes on the tour. Be sure to “Like” us on Facebook to be kept up to date on opportunities to participate next year. We’ll be looking for more homes, more gardens, more sponsors, more volunteers, and more tour goers. Join us!

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

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

Looking for the Next Editor of the Clarion!

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 recently had my second child and returned to work fulltime. 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.

Thanks to Kathie Ryan for volunteering to be the new LCN VP of Safety! If you have any issues or concerns, please contact Kathie at safety@lakeclaire.org.

Attention Lake Claire Parents!

By Sherry Neal

If you have a child who will be in kindergarten during the 2012-2013 school year, there are some dates you need to know about. Mary Lin Elementary will host tours of the school at 9:30 a.m. on:

November 29, 2011
 December 13, 2011
 January 31, 2012
 February 28, 2012

Be sure to check the PTA website (www.marylinelementary.com) and the APS Mary Lin website (<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/1525>) to confirm that the tours are taking place as scheduled.

In addition, the Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for April 17, 2012. Even if you are not sure whether you intend to enroll your child at Mary Lin, the tours are a great opportunity to visit Mary Lin and learn more about the school, and the K Round-Up is your chance to meet all of the kindergarten teachers as well as tour the school. Especially if you don't have older kids in the system, this is a great way to meet other parents and learn about the school.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact members of the PTA through the PTA website.

Fire Safety Reminder

With the leaves falling and the weather turning colder, a reminder that open burning is prohibited by City of Atlanta Ordinance, Section 105.6.30: The burning of construction debris, organic debris from stumps, branches, and other land clearing efforts and any and all other outdoor burning, other than cooking fires, is prohibited within the city limits.

Birth Announcement!

Henry Charles Morgan was born October 13 to mom and Clarion editor Leslie Slavich, dad Ben, and big brother Daniel.

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Mark Your Calendar

November

2: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School invites prospective parents to information night, 7 to 8 p.m. Visit www.ihmschool.org for more information.

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!

17: 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).

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.

24: Thanksgiving

Safety Report

September - October 2011

ENTERING AUTO

492 Harold Ave NE 9/22 (19:00) 9/23 (06:00) Unk Street

Victim's lives at location

2009 Honda Accord / 2005 Mazda MZ3

Someone broke out passenger side windows of both vehicles and stole cell phone and change.

AUTO THEFT

834 Gordon Manor NE 10/5 (19:00) 10/6 (08:10) Unk Street

Victim lives at location

1994 Honda Accord, GA Tag# AWS6802

Victim advised she parked her vehicle in front of her residence and when she returned it was gone.

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

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).

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Beat: 605 - Lake Claire neighborhood

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OFFICER'S REMARKS:

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New Public Safety form

Atlanta City Council Schedules Public Hearings on Council Redistricting

The Atlanta City Council will hold a public hearing to afford citizens an opportunity to have their voices heard in the City of Atlanta 2011 Council Redistricting process.

The public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Atlanta City Hall (Second Floor), 55 Trinity Avenue, S.W. on **Thursday November 17, 2011.**

Every 10 years, based on U.S. Census results, the City of Atlanta and cities across America re-draw representative district boundary lines to preserve the constitutional right of one person/ one vote of its citizens. Based on the 2010 Census results the Atlanta City Council is seeking to maintain a balance of populations by creating 12 Council districts of 35,000 persons each (+ - 5%).

To achieve this goal, the Atlanta City Council will create and review a variety of maps and will ultimately select a single map which will ensure that Atlanta's citizens have fair and balanced representation. This map will be presented as a part of City Charter amending legislation that will outline the new district boundaries.

Below is a detailed calendar of the redistricting process:

Thursday, November 3, 2011 -- 2nd Council Redistricting Work Session – 10:00 A.M.; Committee Room #2; Further discussions of proposed plan(s)/map(s)

Friday, November 4, 2011 – Current revision of plan(s)/map(s) placed on display for public review via redistricting website <http://citycouncil.atlantaga.gov/REDISTRICTING.htm> and in the City Council Lobby, Suite 2900, Atlanta City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue, S.W.

Thursday November 17, 2011 -- 2nd Redistricting Public Hearing – 6:00 P.M.; Council Chamber, Atlanta City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue, S.W.

Monday, December 5, 2011 -- Charter Amending Boundary Line Change Ordinance moves forward from the Committee on Council to the Full Council for adoption.

Tuesday, December 20, 2011 -- City Attorney submits adopted and approved redistricting legislation to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Georgia Secretary of State, and Georgia State Legislative Reapportionment Office

Saturday, February 18, 2012 – Projected date of DOJ response to new council district boundaries

Saturday, August 25, 2012 -- Date of required residency for 2013 General Election Candidates

Monday – Friday

August 26 – August 30, 2013 -- Qualifying period for 2013 Municipal General Election Candidates

Tuesday November 5, 2013 -- 2013 Municipal General Election

CLIFTON NEWS

Connecting With Clifton Sanctuary – Meet Prince Davies-Venn



Prince Davies-Venn has served as case manager and chaplain at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries for over 11 years. Originally from Freetown, Sierra Leone, he holds degrees from Morehouse College, Atlanta University and the Interdenominational Theological Center.

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

Prince Davies-Venn: I got involved by volunteering with my home church, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, as an evening host. Later, I volunteered as a seminary student.

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

PD-V: Watching the smiling faces of our guests that have achieved positive outcomes. Listening to Ice Breaker speeches at Clifton Toastmasters meetings. To see the transformation that a community can



Prince Davies-Venn at the 2011 Clifton Honors Dinner with, from left to right, Alice Jenkins, Executive Director of CSM; his twin sister, Princess Venn; and his wife, Wilhelmina Davies-Venn.

bring about in Prince Davies-Venn at the 2011 Clifton Honors Dinner with, from left to right, Alice Jenkins, Executive Director of CSM; his twin sister, Princess Venn; and his wife, Wilhelmina Davies-Venn. those who are trying to bounce back from life's challenges.

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

PD-V: Not being able to meet critical needs of guests that are trying to make a change because of lack of resources, for example, not being able to provide MARTA passes for someone on a job search. Another difficult part of the job is breaking down the barriers that keep people homeless.

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

PD-V: The first thing that comes to mind is the sense of community and willingness to make a difference in other peoples' lives. Watching neighbors stopping by to say hello or joining us for outdoor Christmas caroling with their children in December.

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

PD-V: Pray for us. Join Clifton Toastmasters Club and serve as evaluators or mentors. Send us notices of job opportunities, especially from the Sunday paper, Craig's List, etc. Volunteer. Continue to share as you have been doing.

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

PD-V: That homelessness cuts across all racial and socio-economic strata. Homelessness is not hopelessness. Disability is not inability. And that the homeless can turn their disabilities into possibilities with the help of community. Not all homeless are addicts or ex-offenders, some are our brothers' and sisters' friends and relatives who recently lost a job or experienced catastrophic illness and have no health insurance. But for the Grace of God there go I.

TC: When you're not at work at Clifton what do you enjoy doing?

PD-V: I enjoy reading, dancing to all types of music – calypso, reggae, country music, gospel – and watching soccer games.

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

Ideas and Rebates for a Warmer Home this

Winter --Doug Shipley, Tuxedo Avenue

Older neighborhoods have so many charming houses, however some lack the proper insulation to maintain a stable indoor temperature. This is what I dealt with last year during the extreme heat of the summer and unusually long cold stretches. Last April, I decided to look for ways to find savings and to make my home more comfortable. I found that there are many sources of home energy loss and that there were local and federal rebates and incentives for improvements such as programmable thermostats, energy efficient appliances, duct sealing, and insulation, to name a few.

The attic in my house was unfinished, and the floor was used for storage. A peek under the floorboards revealed matted piles of dust, which was likely the original insulation from the 1930's. This was an obvious place to start insulating because it was easy to access and because adding insulation is one of the best ways to improve year-round comfort in the home. I took a few measurements in my attic and estimated that I needed about 40 rolls of insulation for wall-to-wall coverage. I cleaned the attic and installed R-30 insulation over the course of three days. I unrolled the insulation end-to-end and cut the excess to be used elsewhere so that all floor surfaces were covered. The insulation was not as irritating as I thought it would be and was relatively easy to work with (a mask and eye protection are a must) however, I would suggest renting a truck by the hour when buying the rolls if your vehicle is a SUV or smaller. The effect was felt the next day because the intense heat from the attic was no longer radiating to the ceilings on the first floor, allowing the air-conditioner to run less often.

Georgia Power offers an "Individual Homeowner Rebate" of 50% of up to \$300 for insulation. The paperwork is minimal, and I submitted my receipts and rebate electronically. Within 8 weeks, I got a check for exactly half of my cost for the installation. In addition, I can claim a federal tax credit for 10% of the cost! As compared to last year, my electric bills this summer were about ten dollars less each month. I'm hoping for even better savings during the winter, and I estimate that the insulation will be paid for within two years!

Most of all, I am glad to have a home that is more comfortable. The attic insulation really made a difference. It was a first step, as I plan to seal cracks and holes in the framing and foundation with spray foam and fix leaky ducts, too. If you are interested in beating the cold this winter, the following link has many ideas, installation techniques, and rebates:

<http://www.georgiapower.com/earthcents/residential/home.asp>

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By Valencia Hudson, Public Safety Liaison in City Council Member Natalyn Archibong's office, vhudsonpublicsafety@yahoo.com

Sec. 138-103. - Inspection and repair of sidewalks.

The commissioner of public works is authorized to inspect the sidewalks along public right-of-way, to see that the sidewalks thereon are in a safe and suitable condition for public use and travel, to condemn promptly pavements on such sidewalks that are unsafe or unsuitable for public travel, and to cause repairs to be made in accordance with city law and to charge the cost of the repair *to the abutting property owner*.

Sec. 138-96. - Schedule of charges for construction or repair.

The commissioner of public works shall maintain a schedule of charges for sidewalks, curbing or driveway aprons constructed or repaired by the city which may be revised from time to time by the commissioner of public works, subject to council approval, and which shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Sec. 138-98. - Constructing sidewalks, driveways and curbs by private contractors.

(a) Private contractors may be permitted to lower curbs and construct sidewalks and curbs and driveways across sidewalks in the city subject to the following condi-

tions:

(1) *License required.* The contractor shall hold a business license from the city.

(2) *Permit required.* The contractor shall obtain a permit from the commissioner of public works to construct the sidewalks, driveways and curbs.

(3) *Standards.* All work performed under the permit shall be in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the commissioner of public works, and such sidewalks, driveways and curbs shall be constructed only in accordance with the established lines and grades of the city.

(4) *Inspection required.* Whenever any contractor holding a permit authorized by this section shall desire to pour any sidewalks, driveways and curbs, the contractor shall notify the commissioner of public works of the contractor's readiness and desire to do so, whereupon it shall be the duty of the commissioner of public works, as soon thereafter as is practical, to send an inspector of the department of public works to inspect the work, and no work shall be poured except on approval of the commissioner.

(5) *Insurance.* All contractors constructing driveways, sidewalks and curbs shall carry insurance which will protect the city and

its officers, agents and employees from all claims for personal injury and property damage arising out of the construction of the sidewalks, driveways and curbs. The insurance shall be in an amount and shall provide such coverage as determined by the city's risk manager after consultation with the commissioner of public works. The insurance shall indemnify and hold harmless the city and its officers, agents and employees against all claims resulting from injuries to persons or property damage for a period beginning on the date of the commencement of any work being performed by the contractor and continuing for 30 days after the completion of the work by the contractor. Presentation and delivery of the policy of insurance or appropriate certificate thereof to the commissioner of public works shall be a condition precedent to the issuance of any permit for the work.

(6) *Charge for permit.* The charge for the permit required by this section shall be fixed by the council, and the sum shall be paid to the department of public works at the time of the issuance of any permit under this section.

Sec. 138-99. - Permit required for construction of driveways or sidewalks on streets.

It shall be unlawful for any person to construct any driveway or sidewalk on any street without first having obtained a permit from the commissioner of public works. If any person without first obtaining the permit should construct a driveway or sidewalk on any street, then the person shall be in violation of this Code, and the commissioner of public works shall be authorized to condemn the driveway or sidewalk and have it removed and replaced at the expense of the owner of the property, the owner being notified of this action prior to construction.

Office of Transportation

The Office of Transportation is responsible for overseeing and maintaining the City's street net-

work. This office includes traffic engineering, street operations, traffic signals, street lights, street signs, street maintenance, on-street parking management, capital/infrastructure projects, and the Quality of Life Bond Program.

The Office of Transportation is open Monday through Friday, 8:15 am - 5:00 pm. You may contact us at 404-330-6501 or via email to: publicworks@atlantaga.gov.

To report traffic problems such as malfunctioning traffic lights or potholes please call the Customer Service Center Monday - Friday, 8:15 am - 5:00 pm at (404) 330-6333. After hours, please call (404) 658-7862. You may also contact the Customer Service Center via email to: publicworks@atlantaga.gov.

Contractor Relations and Permits

The City of Atlanta seeks to ensure the safety and integrity of the public right of way. The Office of Transportation Operations Division monitors and inspects permitted construction activities in the City's public right-of-way. This office issues permits for lane and road closures as well as other activities in the public right of way. Any disturbance to the public right of way requires a permit. If you would like to obtain a right of way permit, please visit the Office of Transportation located at Atlanta City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue, SW, Suite 4500, Atlanta, GA 30303. You may also call for inquiries at (404) 330-6333.

Operations


The Operations Division is responsible for monitoring, operating, and maintaining the City's traffic control devices and systems; and streetlights to promote the safe, efficient, and environmentally sensitive movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the City of Atlanta.

Street Lights

Street lights on metal poles and decorative street lamps in some instances belong to the City. Street lights on wood poles belong to Georgia Power. Residents may report outages or other street light concerns related to City owned street lights to DPW Customer Service at 404.330.6333 or via email to: publicworks@atlantaga.gov. Outages on wood poles may be reported to 1-888-891-0938.

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Neighbors Gather for CPR Training

By Boyd Baker

8:40 a.m. Saturday: With two young kids, we're up and getting our weekend day going – breakfast, cleaning rooms, chores, etc. Knock at the door. "You coming?" Jack says. I reply, "Thought it wasn't until 9?" "Nope, we're ready when you get here," he says heading back to his front porch next door. That's how the day began when a street-wide CPR training was organized by our neighbors, Whitney, Jack, and Annie Jirak.

Being one of those streets with many young children and new babies, the Jiraks thought everyone might benefit from having some life-saving techniques for adults, and kids, under their belts. So the invite went out and 12 folks gathered for a few hours one Saturday morning in September for coffee and education.

CPR, cardio pulmonary resuscitation, is a means of helping someone whose heart or breathing have stopped due to choking,

and so does science, or our understanding of science. From our instructor, we learned that over the past year or two, the procedure has been updated quite a bit. As of 2011, compressions are the main focus of most training and mouth-to-mouth, though important, is no longer the priority.

Carolyn McDonald of Georgia CPR (www.gacpr.com) was our instructor and came with four adult/child practice dummies, a support video, and a wealth of information to answer each and every question we had. Her knowledge of general life-saving, as well as pediatric care, was impressive. Since we were all parents, the potential life-saving scenarios and questions were many and diverse. Her suggestions for each situation were explained in such a way to lead us back to our training and to reinforce the message and method of solid CPR techniques. Can you

imagine the lives that might be saved if every street picked just one day a year to do CPR training or an update?

Over the course of two hours we all learned a bit more about each other, how fragile life can be, and how resilient the human body really is. When we walked out the door, everyone came away with a gratifying feeling of accomplishment and a sense of community. We had just "saved lives" together – though on dummies. Just knowing that my neighbors have above average knowledge of what to do in a crisis gives me a certain sense of peace. Of course, we had to follow that with lunch, because what neighborhood function is complete without a pot luck?

Whitney Jirak organized the event and Carolyn McDonald was our instructor. Carolyn can be reached at Carolyn.e.mcdonald@gmail.com or 763-234-5062.



Now we've had the random "pink flamingo happy hour" or annual pot luck, but we've never gathered to do something of real value for our street or neighborhood. This was a great way to join together in a way that empowers everyone in a positive, healthful way and reminds us all that, in life, anything can happen. It's good to know your neighbor is prepared to help out if tragedy strikes.

drowning, cardiac arrest, or other circumstance. It's been around since about the mid-1950s and isn't set in stone. Over the years many techniques have come and gone to help someone in distress. At one time, fireplace bellows were used to "breathe" life back into a patient. Pumping the arms of a drowning victim was thought to get the bad water out and start the heart again was once well regarded too. But times change





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News from the Land Trust



Return of the Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

After a 8-year hiatus, the annual LCCLT Arts and Crafts Fair was brought back by popular demand in 2010 and was a fun success with over 20 artists. This year the fair promises to be even bigger and better, expanding to two adjacent homes on Arizona Ave. Join us

on Saturday, December 3, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at 300 and 306 Arizona Ave.

You will find unique gifts for the holidays, including pottery, hand-made cards, soap, knitting, jewelry, artisan bread, and whatever else our creative friends and neighbors surprise us with this year. Participants will keep 75% of their sales, and the rest of the proceeds goes to benefit the Land Trust. Artists and crafters who want to participate can contact Miriam Herbers at mvherbers@yahoo.com. Mark your calendar now, and we hope to see you there!

Monthly Land Trust Night at Arizona Pub

The Arizona Pub, located on the other side of Dekalb Ave. at 130 Arizona, has teamed up with the Land Trust to host a monthly evening of socializing for neighbors and supporters. The pub donates a percentage of that night's food and drink sales to the Land Trust. All you have to do is bring your family, children, friends, co-workers and yourself. November's benefit night will take place on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Neighbors Philip Roy and Melissa Jo have provided acoustic entertainment for the last two events. However, since the pub's upstairs patio doors will soon be closed for the winter, we are foregoing entertainment for the next few benefit nights to allow quiet for conversation.

This is a great way to support the Land Trust and a local business while enjoying a meal and or drink with your neighbors. The event has proven itself a great opportunity for the Land Trust community to gather informally for something besides work days and meetings – an unexpected but wonderful side effect!

The benefit nights will be evaluated at year's end to assess whether they should continue. So please come down to the Arizona Pub for one or both remaining 2011 benefit nights and help convince the Pub's owner, Kelly Shapiro, that supporting the Land Trust is good for business.

The LCCLT thanks the Arizona Pub for this opportunity. Please support this local business that supports the Land Trust! (Note: No coupons will be accepted on benefit nights.)

Monthly Potluck Moves Indoors for Winter

For years our monthly potluck on the 13th of each month has been a fair weather happening. Now, Norman Glassman has kindly offered the downstairs studio space at Amata, 317 Nelms Ave., to keep the potlucks going through the cold months. Bring a dish and join us on Sunday, Nov. 13. If the response is good, indoor potlucks will continue through the winter. Be sure to bring a serving utensil for your dish and your own plate, cup, bowl and utensils – preferably the old fashioned non-disposable variety.

Again, the potlucks provide an opportunity for the Land Trust community to socialize, get to know each other better, and enjoy some great home-cooked food every month. Join us!



Land Trust 1986. Photo Credit: Stephen Wing

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LAND TRUST:

SUNDAY, NOV. 6 and 20, 2:00-5:00 pm ~ "Keep the Trust" volunteer work days. Pizza will be served. Volunteers will also receive a free Drum Circle pass.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10 ~ Land Trust benefit night at the Arizona Pub, 130 Arizona Ave. (south of the tracks)

SUNDAY, NOV. 13, 6:30 pm ~ Community Potluck at Amata, 317 Nelms Ave.

DECEMBER 3, 10:00 am-4:00 pm ~ Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair, 300 / 306 Arizona Ave. Artists & crafters who want to participate, email mvherbers@yahoo.com

DON'T FORGET – It's time to renew your Land Trust membership or join if you haven't yet. We are a tax-deductible 501(c)3 nonprofit. For more information, click on the link at the top of our home page, www.LCCLT.org.

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Synchronicity Theatre Season

OCT 28-NOV 19

In the Next Room or the V*brator Play. By Sarah Ruhl. Directed by Rachel May. Regional premiere. Synchronicity Theatre presents this comic love letter to marriage. Welcome to the 1880s, a time when women are corseted and so are men, in their own way. This newfangled thing called electricity has given Dr. Givings a new way to treat medical "hysteria." It has his patients all aglow and his young wife very curious. Nominated for the 2010 Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award for best play. Washington City Paper called it "a sex comedy with a head on its shoulders and a heart on its sleeve." Contains adult content and brief nudity. 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday; and 7 p.m. Sunday. \$25 (\$20 Thursday); \$23 students, seniors and theatre artists (\$18 Thursday). Group discounts available. Synchronicity at Horizon Theatre, 1083 Austin Ave. NE (at Euclid Avenue), Atlanta, GA 30307. www.synchrotheatre.com, (404)484-8636.



*V*brator Play 1: Credit: Christopher Bartelski; Pictured: Kate Donadio*

DEC 2-19

Feet First in the Water With a Baby in My Teeth. Written + performed by Megan Gogerty. Synchronicity Theatre presents this joint world premiere. She's read all the books. Bookmarked all the blogs. She should totally have this parenting thing down, right? So why has she locked herself in her bathroom, the sounds of "Dora the Explorer" muffled only by her tears? This follow-up to Gogerty's smash hit Hillary Clinton Got Me Pregnant (a "Top 10 Play in 2009," according to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution), has her juggling motherhood, a career and her feminist ethos. Whether you're a parent or not, a feminist or not, a Dolly Parton fan or not, Gogerty will have you laughing until you cry in this freewheeling one-woman comedy. 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 7 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday. \$25 (\$20 Wednesday-Thursday); \$20 (\$18 students, seniors and theatre artists Wednesday-Thursday). Group discounts available. Synchronicity at the Balzer Theatre at Herren's, 84 Luckie St. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30303. www.synchrotheatre.com, (404)484-8636.



Feet First: Credit: Samantha Snodgrass; Pictured: Megan Gogerty

DEC 2

Naughty & Nice. Synchronicity Theatre's annual holiday cabaret and silent auction features some of Atlanta's top talents singing holiday favorites with a sexy ho-ho-ho. An auction, and live serenades, kick up the fun quotient, as does that frisky elf who might even disrobe (artistically, of course) – for the right price. Le Fais do-do, 1611 Ellsworth Industrial Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30318. www.synchrotheatre.com, (404)484-8636.

DEC 11, 2010 – JAN 2, 2012

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. By Barbara Robinson. Directed by Justin Anderson. Back by popular demand. Synchronicity Theatre invites you to spend another holiday season with the Herdmans, the most unpopular kids in the whole world. When they crash Sunday school looking for snacks, they take over the annual Christmas pageant and, in the process, teach everyone the real reason for the season. We promise, you'll never look at Christmas ham the same way. Ages 3+. Performance times vary, please see our website. \$20; \$15 age 12 and under. Group discounts available. Synchronicity at the Balzer Theatre at Herren's, 84 Luckie St. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30303. www.synchrotheatre.com, (404)484-8636.



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: Credit: Christopher Bartelski; Pictured: Katie Keenan

FEB 25-MARCH 25, 2012

Petite Rouge. Book, music + lyrics by Joan Cushing. Adapted from the book by Mike Artell. A swamp chorus sings backup to a zydeco score in this foot-stomping, family-friendly musical soaked in hot sauce! Imagine a Cajun Red Riding Hood with a big, bad gator in the wolf role, and a wild chase through Mardi Gras. A colorful romp from the playwright and composer of the Junie B. Jones and Miss Nelson musicals. Ages 4+. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 and 4 p.m. Sundays. \$20; \$15 age 12 and under. Group discounts available. Synchronicity at 7 Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307. www.synchrotheatre.com, (404)484-8636.



Petite Rouge: Credit: Christopher Bartelski; Pictured: Marnesha Dukes

MARCH 1-25, 2012

Brilliant Traces. By Cindy Lou Johnson. Directed by Rachel May. This mystery, set in a remote Alaska cabin, opens with a young woman in bedraggled bridal regalia bursting through the door, belting down some whiskey and fainting. A man whose sleep she's interrupted is left amazed and bewildered. Luminous language tells a heartwarming story of love, loss and the unlikely places we find sanctuary. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 7 p.m. Sunday. Also, at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 14 and 21. \$25 (\$20 Wednesday-Thursday); \$20 (\$18 students, seniors and theatre artists Wednesday-Thursday). Group discounts available. Synchronicity at 7 Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307. www.synchrotheatre.com, (404)484-8636.



Brilliant Traces: Credit: Christopher Bartelski; Pictured: Rachel DeJulio

Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting: October Minutes

October 20, 2011

Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) Meeting: October Minutes
October 20, 2011
Led by Sarah Wynn
Attended by 21 neighbors (4 officers) and 4 guests

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Officer Komeau of the Atlanta Police Department, Zone 6, reported that crime in the city is generally down by 20%. Lake Claire has experienced car break-ins and auto theft. Recently a personal robbery occurred after dark near Little 5 Points and 4 people have been arrested. Someone asked about the kinds of cars being targeted and Officer Komeau reported that Hondas and American-made autos are popular targets. Officer Komeau recommended that people take pictures of the serial numbers (NOT the model numbers, but the SERIAL numbers) on your electronics and e-mail the pictures to yourself. Then if your electronics are stolen, you will have a record of the serial numbers for better crime reporting and recovery.

Valencia Hudson, the public safety liaison in Council Member Natalyn Archibong's office, reported on sidewalk repair and construction (see more complete information in the article "Sidewalk Repair Estimates Provided by Department of Public Works Transportation Staff Upon Request & Related City of Atlanta Contacts"). Someone asked Ms. Hudson about how the quadrant-based sanitation program is going. She reported that, from reports, it seems to be going well. Public Works em-

ployees on the collection trucks work 10-hour shifts. The only glitch seems to be that bulk material is only picked up once a month; so if someone is evicted the day after pick-up, the household items placed on the curb will be there for a full month and create a mess as they get picked through and scattered.

Another resident raised con-

cerns about city funds used in a mailing about a new insurance program for city residents to replace damaged residential water lines on private property. Ms. Hudson reported that Councilmember Archibong's concern about this program was that it was a sole-source contract to the provider used or recommended through the League of Cities. Yet another neighbor pointed out the low cost of the insurance program and Ms. Hudson mentioned the age of water lines at older residences and pointed out that if your water line breaks and the sidewalk is damaged in the repair process, it is the property owner's responsibility to repair the sidewalk too.

Ms. Hudson also reported on early voting. The official first day of absentee and early voting begins Monday, October 17, 2011 and ends Friday, November 4, 2011. Registered voters in Atlanta/ DeKalb County can vote in-person during this period Monday through Friday of each week, from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM each day, at DeKalb County Voter Registration & Elections Office, 4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 300, Decatur, GA 30032. Please contact your county's voter registration and elections office to answer questions regarding absentee voting by mail and any other voting related mat-

ters:

DeKalb County Office of Registration and Elections, 4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 300, Decatur, GA 30032. Phone: 404-298-4020 and Fax: 404-298-4038. Email: Voterreg@dekalbcountyga.gov, and

Website: <http://web.co.dekalb.ga.us/Voter/default.html>

Because the wrap-up meeting of the **Lake Claire Tour of Homes Committee** was meeting the same night, Mary Williams, Cynthia Baer and Allyson

interested in leading and/or joining the organizing committee, please contact Mary Williams at mary@marywilliamsplanostudio.com.

DeAnna Tipton, an intern in Georgia Representative and Minority Leader Stacey Abrams office, then introduced herself. Rep. Stacey Abrams and her staff are working on projects focusing on Educational Opportunity, Childhood Obesity, Economic Security, and Community Engagement, and hosting listening tours across the state. In Atlanta, on November 19th, a half-day conference on economic security is scheduled. The theme of the half-day conference is "Small Business...Big Change" and community members are invited to learn more about financial security, small business start-ups, developing a continuum of education and skills training programs, providing fledgling businesses with access to support services and helping entrepreneurs access capital. The event will take place on November 19th from 8 AM to 1 PM at the Center for Working Families, Atlanta, GA. For more information, please contact: Ashley at democratslisten@gahousedems.com.

Rep. Abrams can be reached at staceyabrams@gmail.com and Ms. Tipton at d.tip25@gmail.com.

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Next LCN Meeting

Thursday November 17

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.


McCarthy next gave a report on the 2011 Tour held on Saturday, October 1st from 10 AM to 4 PM. The Tour raised over \$2,800 for Lake Claire Neighbors with a focus on supporting green-spaces. The Tour would not have been successful without the wonderfully hospitable neighbors who opened their homes to the tour and the incredibly generous sponsors, several of whom are Lake Claire residents too (see the article "Another Successful Year for Lake Claire Home and Garden Tour 2011" for a complete listing). Please thank the Tour sponsors for their generous neighborhood support with your business!

Mary and Allyson also spoke about the need a master plan for Lake Claire Park, especially since the acquisition of the northern parcel that LCN contributed \$5,000 to in 2008 [along with personal donations of many LC residents]. This would involve hiring a Park Designer and then implementing an improved park in stages. Allyson has done some preliminary research with Park Pride on planning for city parks and has been communicating with Robby Handley, LCN vice president for the environment about this. The LC Tour of Homes Committee recommends developing a master plan for Lake Claire Park, rather than devoting tour fundraising monies to piece-meal projects in the park. With that in mind, Sarah Wynn reported the project to install a new information kiosk in LC Park has been put on hold while the process to develop a master plan for the park is investigated.



Planning for the next Lake Claire Tour of Homes will start in March 2012. If you are

Thanksgiving Day Service Project

Lake Claire Neighbors is participating with other neighborhoods in the Atlanta Police Department Zone 6 to provide a catered Thanksgiving dinner to the on-duty officers on Thanksgiving day, November 24th, at the Zone 6 headquarters in Kirkwood at 2025 Hosea L. Williams Dr SE, Tel.: 404-371-5002. This project is being organized by Kirkwood and Virginia Highlands. The first meal at 1:30 to 3:30 PM on Thanksgiving Day will serve the day-watch officers coming off-duty and the evening-watch as they come on duty. Another serving session from 9:00 to 10:30 PM Thanksgiving night will catch the morning watch coming on duty. This schedule covers all 3 police shifts with only two serving sessions. If you would like to volunteer to set-up, serve, and clean-up a Thanksgiving dinner for the police officers who serve and protect our neighborhood, please contact both Margie Yondorf (of Kirkwood) at margieyondorf@gmail.com and John Wolfinger (of Virginia Highlands) at safety@vahi.org






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Horizons' Sustainable Agriculture Program

In 2010, Horizons started a Sustainable Agriculture Program. While there is still more land to clear and plant, and many more rows to hoe and grow, we are pleased with our progress to date. The garden is a nice accompaniment to our stable of llamas, sheep, rabbits, chickens, and ducks. We have harvested either all or a portion of our summer crops of corn, squash, watermelons, cantaloupes, sunflowers, potatoes, and tomatoes. We have bell peppers, banana peppers, pumpkins, okra, peas, beans, carrots, beets, and tomatoes still growing from the spring planting, and have recently planted turnips, lettuce, corn, collards, cauliflower, cabbage, broccoli, squash, and potatoes for fall. Our herb garden is also doing nicely with basil, rosemary, and thyme still being harvested regularly.

"It is imperative that we understand the creation of agriculture which is sustainable and healthy as a definite need, not a wish or a want," explained long-time cotton farmer, now a teacher at Horizons.

We use a combination of raised bed and row gardening. Many of our projects are experiments and we constantly conduct comparative studies of the best use of sunlight, fertilization, and soil. Students conceive of and implement many of the projects in the Sustainable Agriculture Program. All class members are required to complete three projects during the year that involve either plants or animals. As an indoor group project this year, the class is actively participating in Atlanta's Trinity Avenue Urban Garden Contest creating a plan of its own, even though age limits preclude the class from actually entering.

Our past outdoor group projects have included clearing land, building a retaining wall, constructing duck houses, developing and producing small, portable greenhouses for raised beds, and creating a contained catfish pond and water system. We are currently cultivating water hyacinths to use as either food or compost. For those unfamiliar, water hyacinths, might best be described as "kudzu on water." The plants grow prolifically (why we use a contained system), but can be harvested, sun dried, chopped and shredded for use either as a supplement to animal and fish food, or as a composting agent for building and maintaining healthier, richer soil.

Horizons' Sustainable Agriculture Program emerged from our recognition that unless the world changes its thinking about

food production, and water and energy usage, the youth of today are going to be faced with serious problems in the next ten to twenty years. Students, in addition to their "hands-on" experience in the garden, are challenged to think about all of the things that agricultural production entails – its origin, its history, commercial farming, organic farming, water usage, pesticides, preservatives, futures markets, etc. - the overall, bigger challenge for them is to figure out how the world can provide healthy food to all of its inhabitants, not just the upper echelon of income.

Horizons Sustainable Agriculture Program is the brainchild of Les Garber, founder of Horizons School, and Sam Rhodes, a former commercial cotton farmer from South Carolina. Both Les and Sam had been experimenting for several years prior to meeting with ways to change the public perception of existing and accepted agricultural practices. Their chance meeting in the summer of 2010 led to discussions, then development, of the school program.

As always, Horizons would be thrilled for you to visit us, our garden, and our garden menagerie. You can find us out there many mornings and most Saturdays. To make an appointment for a tour (though there is not appointment required) call Horizons at 404-378-2219.

For more information, please call Priscilla Smith at 404-578-4430.

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LCN Officer Reports:

Sarah Wynn gave the **treasurer's report**, and shared printed copies with those in attendance. LCN has \$9,318.46 in its checking account, including \$1,942 from 2010 Tour of Homes fundraising and \$2,841 from 2011 ToH fundraising. The savings account has \$4,181.89. The Watershed Mural accounts contain \$6,292.07. Income to date totals \$9,332 and includes dues of \$2,297, newsletter advertising of \$3,748, banner and sticker sales of \$250, the Candler Park Market donation of \$195, and 2011 Tour of Homes fundraising of \$2,841. 2011 expenses to date total \$5,774 and include communication costs, Harold Avenue Greenspace liability insurance (required of LCN by the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Atlanta) and incidental maintenance costs, and assorted miscellaneous expenses.

Sarah also shared with attendees copies of a new **public safety** form for the neighborhood: a Directed Patrol Form for Atlanta Police Department Zone 6, Beat 605 – Lake Claire neighborhood (see p. 4). This form was developed using models from the East Atlanta neighborhood Web site and models provided by Officer Rice at Zone 6 and will be posted on the LCN Web site. Neighbors may download the form, complete it and fax it to Zone 6 to request directed police patrols when out of town or when special needs occur. Also distributed were APD forms that resemble parking tickets that residents may use to remind neighbors to keep valuables out of their cars and reduce auto crimes in our neighborhood.

Sarah also reported that Margaret Lewis and other volunteers are organizing the annual

Halloween parade on Ridgewood with a motorcycle police officer and activities in Lake Claire Park. The parade will be at 5 PM on Saturday, October 29th.

Announcements and current issues:

Several residents contacted Sarah Wynn about bicycling concerns at the round-about at McLendon and Howard Circle, specifically a drain grate, many pot holes and pavement patches, and no bike lines on the street. Hiram Maxim is working with neighbors and the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition to address these problems for bicyclists. Because of an out-of-town meeting, he was unable to attend the October meeting but will be at the November meeting to discuss this concern in greater detail.

Nominations for 2012 LCN officers: qualifications and duties of LCN officers may be read in the bylaws at www.lakeclaire.org. The following nominations for 2012 officers were put forth by the 2011 officers:

President: Peg Zeigler
Treasurer: Kathrine Arrington
Vice-president for Planning/NPU-N Rep.: Carol Holliday
Vice-president for Zoning: Dan White
Vice-president for the Environment: Robby Handley
Vice-president for Public Safety: Kathie Ryan
Secretary/Vice-president for Communication: vacant
Vice-president for Fundraising: Mary Williams & Allyson McCarthy

Elections for 2012 officers will take place at the November meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 7:30 PM in The Frazer Center atrium at 1815 Ponce de Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Voting Item: Lake Claire Neighbors 2011 Donations

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meeting, the following LCN donations for 2011 were presented for discussion: \$1,175 to Clifton Sanctuary Ministries (in addition to an early donation of \$325 for a table at the annual honors dinner in September); \$1,000 for the Harold Avenue Green-space for implementation of the landscaping master plan; \$1,000 to the Frazer Center for the Frazer Forest (in gratitude for the in-kind donation of free meeting space during the year over many years); and \$750 to the Mary Lin Educational Foundation.

Also at the September meeting, a resident suggested a LCN donation to the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance (OLPA). Since the September meeting, Miriam Herbers and the Lake Claire Community Land Trust submitted a donation request (that was originally submitted in April 2011, but went missing with Hotmail gremlins).

A revised donation list was presented and discussed (not including any funds raised from the 2010 and 2011 LC Tour of Homes):

\$1,175 to Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

\$1,000 to the Frazer Center for the Frazer Forest

\$750 to the Mary Lin Educational Foundation

\$250 to the Lake Claire Community Land Trust

\$250 to OLPA

Based on the discussion, a motion was made to make the following donations from the 2011 general LCN treasury:

\$1,175 to Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

\$1,000 to the Frazer Center for the Frazer Forest

\$750 to the Mary Lin Educational Foundation

\$500 to the Lake Claire Community Land Trust

The vote to approve these 2011 donations was unanimous.

Other issues:

Genise Spenle (genisejoy@earthlink.net) and Kathy Evans (kathyevanz@comcast.net) volunteered to lead organizing committee for the Lake Claire Neighbors holiday dinner meeting on Thursday, December 15th in the atrium of The Frazer Center. The dinner has a catered main dish and neighbors bring vegetables, salads, and deserts. Come celebrate the holidays with folks from all around the neighborhood!

No other issues were raised and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 PM.

Additional resources:

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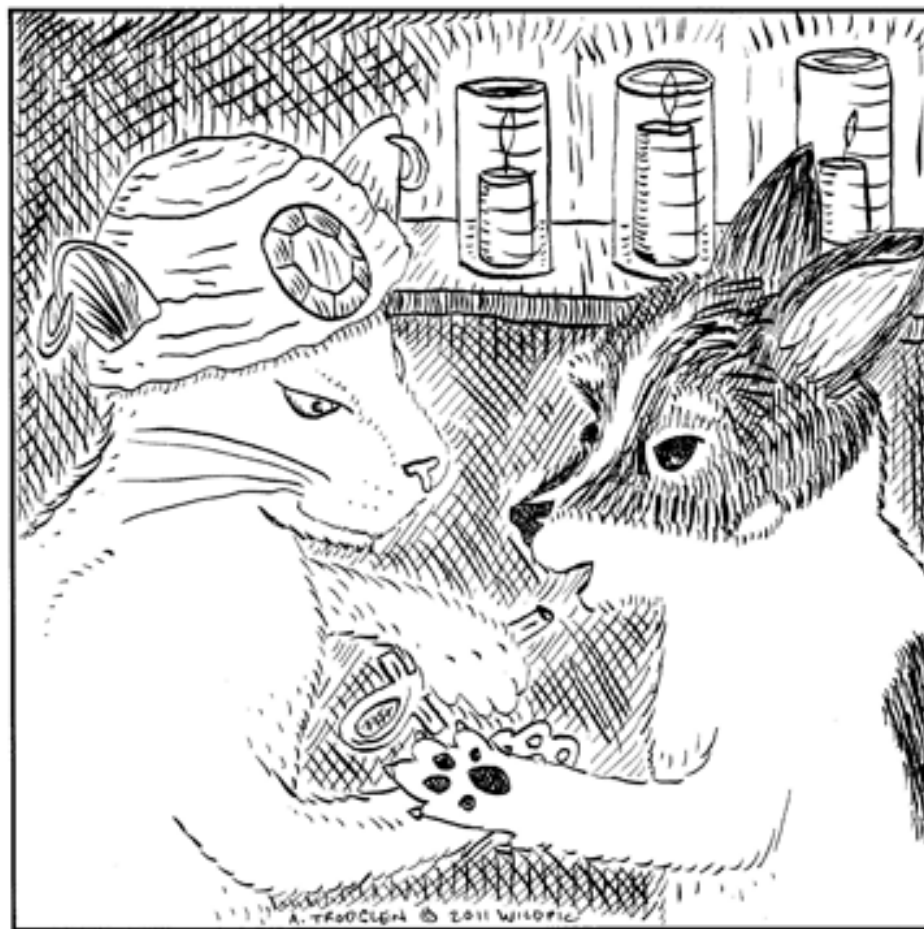




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