

## Oldest and Newest 30307 Neighbors

### A Steady Buzz from Lake Claire's Newest Neighbors by Michael Daly

The buzzing didn't become audible until the third hive was open. A droning, rising hum that was equal parts familiar, disconcerting and strangely thrilling. It was mid-morning in the southern end of the Cator Woolford Gardens, and two beekeepers, clad in white protective clothing and headgear, were gently negotiating writhing, pulsating frames of honeybees slowly from a wood box hive to inspect the contents.

"Come on girls, I know you're not happy," beekeeper

Cassandra Lawson gently chided, as Horticulture Specialist and aspiring beekeeper Amy Price inspected the frame. "Every hive has its own personality, and these girls are agitated. Could be the weather; barometric pressure makes bees unhappy."

The bees in question are the newest members of the Lake Claire community as well as a recent acquisition by The Frazer Center as part of a continuing initiative to employ horticulture therapy as therapeutic teaching tool for Frazer's adult clients.

Therapeutic Horticulture is the purposeful use of plants and plant-related activities to promote health and wellness for an individual or group. The introduction of the bees to the gardens is the latest endeavor in Ms. Price's ongoing work with The Frazer Center's adult clients. "Our plans, in addition to having the bees pollinate the garden,

### Eight Decades of Memories in 30307 by Alicia McGill



Home of Jan Carnes 2012 - Photo by Alicia McGill

Jan Carnes has close to 80 years of history in 30307; both sets of grandparents moved to Candler Park in the 1930s, and many members of her immediate family have lived in the neighborhood ever since. Jan lives in a brick bungalow on Page Avenue, where I visited her on April 10 and listened to her fascinating stories of the neighborhood over the last eight decades. Jan was born at Emory Hospital in 1941. Now that she's once again living in the family house on Page Avenue, she jokingly says, "My life

will go around full circle if I end up dying in Emory Hospital."

Jan's paternal grandmother, Popie Moseman, was originally from the area around Athens, Georgia. Jan's grandparents had six children -- all raised before her grandparents moved onto Elmira in the 1930s. All four of their sons were deferred from service in the World Wars due to medical circumstances or because they had jobs with the railroad. One of their daughters, Elizabeth Moseman, joined the

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Our newest neighbors - Photo by Mike Daly

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## The Faces of The Frazer Center: Profiling the staff and volunteers that make The Frazer Center tick

Michael Daly, Reporter for the Clarion, spoke with Sherri Breunig at The Frazer Center.

*The Clarion:* What is your title, and what is your role at The Frazer Center?

*SB:* Community Relations Coordinator; The primary focus of my (part-time) role is to manage external affairs for The Frazer Center. All of the communications and marketing efforts fall under my purview, as well as volunteer coordination and garden rentals.

*The Clarion:* What role do you believe The Frazer Center plays in



Sherri Breunig - photo by Mike Daly

the community?

*SB:* We are fellow stewards of a remarkable green space located in a significant historic area of Atlanta. Even though The Frazer Center sits on private property, we have made a purposeful effort to make the property accessible to our neighbors for their use and enjoyment because our mission is to be a place where people of all abilities gather, learn and flourish together. In spirit, that mission doesn't stop at the gate.

*The Clarion:* What about The Frazer Center makes you most

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## Giving Circle Dinner

by Leslie Slavich

Talk about a win-win. A couple of years ago Sarah Colley (formerly of McLendon Avenue in Lake Claire and now a Candler Park resident) planned a dinner for a few of her friends. Instead of going out to eat, she hosted a dinner, and her guests donated to charity the money they would



L-R: Kristy Heller, Elizabeth Javelona, Margaret Lewis, Melanie Cole, Sascha Demerjian.  
Photo by Leslie Slavich

have spent on a dinner out. The dinner was a great success, so they made it a regular event and called it the **Giving Circle Dinner**. Though the group started in Lake Claire, it has expanded to include members from Candler Park, Kirkwood, and Druid Hills. They meet four to six times a year, and each host gets to pick a worthy cause. The idea is based on the premise of a national non-profit named **Dining for Women**, but forming an independent group gives these ladies the autonomy to pick their own charitable causes. While Giving Circle Dinners have benefited charities located around the world, donating over \$4,000 in their first year, the hosts of the most recent dinner, Heather Kerwin and Sascha Demerjian, chose a great cause close to home: the **Atlanta Children's Shelter**. ACS is located in the North Avenue Presbyterian Church and provides free day care, emotional support, an edu-

cation curriculum, and social services for homeless children and their families. The Giving Circle Dinner guests donated over \$500 to ACS, and everyone enjoyed a fun night out with old and new friends.

## Lake Claire Movie Night

by Mary Williams and Allyson McCarthy

Thank you to the eighty folks who came out March 31 to watch *The Princess Bride* and purchased popcorn, lemonade, and pops. What started as a fundraiser to cover recent neighborhood expenses evolved into a free social event and was better for it. Those of us who put the event together were disappointed to stop the movie before the end; we truly appreciate the support and understanding of those in attendance.

Several families came out and enjoyed the park while the screen was still under construction. Children running, throwing Frisbees, and socializing on a cool spring evening. Many teenagers participated and guests to Lake Claire, who happened to be walking or driving past the park, joined the show. The Lake Claire Movie Night had so many ups and downs that the journey resembled a roller coaster with no end in sight! But also like a roller coaster, at the end of the experience, there is the feeling of pure joy. Even with technical difficulty and a small sprinkle of rain ending the film prematurely, feedback remained positive, and many movie goers in attendance asked that another similar event be held in the future.

Our list of thanks includes the following sponsors: SoundTronix Home Theater Company, King of Pops, and Snowball Café. Also, thank you to Bruce Fort for donating on-site power and eliminating the need for a noisy generator, and to Sara Coburn for helping to set up and distribute popcorn and lemonade. Last, additional thanks to the other

members of the Lake Claire Neighbors Executive Committee for the positive vote to support the event.

We are always open to new ideas for neighborhood events whether through email or in person at a Lake Claire Neighborhood meeting. Please contact us at fun@lakeclaire.org to head up an event, volunteer or to donate goods and services. Upcoming items to watch for are the beautiful pet photo contest (read the Clarion), Halloween Parade, and a fall fundraiser. The fall fundraiser has not been determined; come out to the June monthly meeting to discuss.

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# School Rezoning News

Dear District 3 Stakeholders:

This week the Atlanta Board of Education gave approval to a redistricting plan that was the end result of a two-year demographic study conducted by APS. The superintendent's final recommendation put in place a system-wide, stable cluster model ... The board unanimously approved the proposal with a modification which leaves open three elementary schools that had been slated for closure.

...Students of East Lake will be zoned to Toomer Elementary School... All students at Coan will now be zoned to Maynard Jackson High School. Students residing in Kirkwood and East Lake who currently attend Grady High will be allowed to graduate from Grady unless they choose to attend Maynard Jackson... An addition will be built at Mary Lin Elementary School to replace the trailers that are currently there and to meet growing enrollment.

... Mary Lin, Springdale Park, Morningside, and Centennial Place students will all continue to be zoned to Inman Middle School and will now be joined at Inman by the students from Hope-Hill Elementary School. Additional portables will be placed on the Inman campus to meet the capacity needs for the short term; a long-term solution is being worked on, but has not yet been identified.

All students at Inman will be zoned to Grady. For the next two years, until the current magnet and administrative transfer students transition out, and the

new, smaller feeder zone is fully transitioned in, Grady will continue to have over-capacity enrollment. The system will work with the administrators at Grady to provide the support that the school will need to best accommodate all students. ...

Furthermore, the plan, as approved, does not provide a long-term solution for overcrowding at Inman. This lack of a specific directive allows the Inman community an opportunity to help craft a consensus plan. In order to address the need for further community input on all these issues, I will be forming task forces in the affected communities. ...

I know that this has been a long, difficult, and at times very painful process. ... I do believe that the system will be stronger as a result of what we have learned during this process. Thank you for the tremendous input that you have given me — it has been immensely valuable and meaningful to me. I fully trust that over the next year and a half you will continue to keep me as informed as I need to be in order to best advocate for all of our schools.

Finally, I would also like to thank the teachers, principals, and support staff at our schools for their unwavering commitment to our students. ...

Sincerely, Cecily Harsch-Kinnane, ABOE Member — District 3, [chkinnane@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:chkinnane@atlanta.k12.ga.us) (edited for space by Clarion; information on where to find full letter is below)

## Get More Information on School Rezoning

by Alison Amoroso, Lake Claire resident (on Hardendorf)

The reason why Ms. Harsch-Kinnane said that Grady now has a smaller feeder is because East Lake and some of Toomer are no longer zoned to Grady. Mary Lin has been overcrowded for years, with a particular toll on many fifth graders this year. Superintendent Davis also committed publicly to placing a full-time nurse at every school, which Lin has sorely needed.

To find out information and get involved, become a PTA member, and go to Local School Council meetings (the LSCs are required for each school by law). To reach Lin, Inman, or Grady websites, go to [www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/](http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/). The LSC information for Lin is

under the menu item "Our School."

If you join the Lin PTA you will receive the Rocket by email blast. This week the principle published his plan to address testing and how to guard against cheating, as Lin was placed on a list to monitor more closely.

Another way to find out and share information people in the Lin catchment area is to join the Mary Lin Discussion

in an online forum. You'll find enrollment numbers for schools, a great analysis of enrollment projections by a local parent who is also a planner, APS meeting dates, the full letter above, and an archive of relevant issues. Go to the main forum (started by SPARK parents) and then to subgroups to request Lin membership: [www.bigtent.com/groups/](http://www.bigtent.com/groups/)

apsrezoning.

The entire Grady cluster has a membership nonprofit that represents it called Council of In-town Neighborhood Schools that has representatives from each school on the board. It's a bit in flux due to the rezoning and the co-chair's resignation. To join go to [www.cinsatlanta.org](http://www.cinsatlanta.org).

## Next LCN Meeting

### Thursday May 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](http://www.lakeclaire.org) to get the meeting agenda.

## Banks and Shane Returns to East Lake Mark Your Calendars Now for July 20

BATL, the annual commemoration of the Civil War Battle of Atlanta that took place in East Lake, Kirkwood, and East Atlanta, is coming again this summer to East Lake Golf Club. The Lake Claire Neighbors Association as been represented on this Board since BATL's inception. The committee is especially pleased to announce the return of Banks and Shane (formerly The Kingston Trio), the popular group who entertained us three years ago. Some reasons you won't want to miss this annual event: Your

rare chance to enjoy the beautiful club dining room and verandas; Lots of really fine Southern cooking for only \$50 per person or \$45 per person when you purchase a table of 10; Great music with Banks and Shane; Fabulous silent auction offerings; A great opportunity to socialize with Abraham Lincoln and 10 of your favorite neighbors.

The rest of the BATL events are returning all that week, with the big day on Saturday, July 21, after the Gala. **Tickets will be online soon at [www.batlevent.org](http://www.batlevent.org).**

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## Lake Claire Safety Report - Weeks 10-14

(Safety reports are taken from the Police logs.)

### Auto Theft

200 block Hampton Terrace NE 3/6 2200-0800hrs  
2000 Red Honda Civic 2D. Victim stated she parked her car overnight along the curb in front of her residence. She stated that the next morning it was gone. She advised that she still has the keys.

### Theft from Auto

200 block Hampton Terrace NE  
3/9-10 2330-0700 hrs  
2008 Black Toyota Highlander SUV3  
Damaged: driver side door window.  
Taken: 3 CD's, stethoscope, medicine book, coat

400 block Claire Dr NE  
3/9 2200-2230 hrs  
2008 Blue Honda Civic 4D  
Damaged: passenger front window  
Taken: wallet, laptop, hard drive, thumb drive, Drivers license, backpack. Victim stated that she arrived at the location and 30 minutes later returned to the car. Victims stated they were in the front room of the house and did not hear any glass break.

1500 block Marlbrook Dr NE  
3/11 2200-1045 hrs  
Unknown year Gray/gray Toyota  
Damaged: front passenger side window broken  
Taken: vehicle registration card and insurance card

400 block Hardendorf Ave NE  
3/16 2200-0730hrs  
2001 Green/green Ford ECP  
Damaged: passenger side window broken out  
Taken: GPS device  
Prints not found

500 block Harold Ave NE  
3/17 0300-0900hrs  
2009 Black Ford Fusion  
Damaged: rear window broken out  
Taken: Medicine and Classic Music Device, APPLE IPOD  
Prints not found

300 block Oxford Pl NE  
3/18 2100-1030hrs  
2011 Red Hyunda Tou  
Damaged: rear passenger side window broken  
Taken: laptop  
Prints not found

1800 block DeKalb Ave NE  
03/29-30/12 2130-840hrs  
No vehicle description given  
Damaged: driver's side window broken  
Taken: wallet  
Prints taken

Hardendorf Ave NE  
3/28-29/12 2200-0730hrs  
Land Rover  
Damaged: right rear passenger window broken  
Taken: diaper bag with clothes  
Bag found next door at neighbor's house

Arizona Ave NE  
4/3-4/12 1930-0900hrs  
Honda Accord  
Damaged: passenger side window

Palifox Dr NE  
4/6/12 0100-0200hrs  
2008 VW Rabbit  
Damaged: passenger side window broken  
Taken: wallet containing credit and debit cards, change  
Prints not found. Victim stated that her dog was barking around 1:30am

## Safety Questions: Recent Q&A From Around Lake Claire

A neighbor on McLendon asked what to do about a street light that often goes out.

*Clarion replies: Report this to Georgia Power – 1-888-891-0938.*

What to do about very loud noise from nearby house:

*You can have either the Lake Claire Security Patrol go talk to them or Officer Trotter with the COPS Unit [trotterapd@yahoo.com](mailto:trotterapd@yahoo.com)*

A neighbor concerned because there is a vacant house on either side of her -- no lights on in either house.

*As long as the vacant houses are secure, there is nothing that can be done. If they are not secured, then report it to Code Enforcement, at 404-330-6190.*

A neighbor on Gordon noticed that the same garbage truck seemed to be picking up the recycle and combining them, and asked what to do.

*Call Solid Waste Disposal at the City directly, or N. Archibong's office if it's a continuous occurrence.*

## Mark Your Calendars

### May

**1:** MARY LIN Kindergarten Roundup at 9:30 a.m. For more information, [peggyfromli@gmail.com](mailto:peggyfromli@gmail.com) or call the Mary Lin office at 404-802-8850.

**5-6:** Decatur Garden Tour, 10 private gardens with a focus on roses. Details: [decaturgardentour.com](http://decaturgardentour.com)

**15:** Frazer Center 11th Annual Golf Classic at Historic East Lake Golf Club, 10 a.m.. Info from Sherri Breunig, Frazer Center, [sbreunig@thefrazercenter.org](mailto:sbreunig@thefrazercenter.org)

**17:** (and 3rd Thursday every month) Lake Claire Neighbors meeting, 7 p.m., Frazer Center Atrium, 1815 S. Ponce de Leon Avenue.

**19:** Oakhurst Community Garden – Martinis in the Garden, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Great food, drinks, auction, and fun.

**19:** Shred Day – Paper Only – Sponsored by The Community School and Eagle Secure Shredding. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. First Baptist Church of Decatur. Donations of \$5 per box are welcome. Proceeds support The Community School, a school for junior and high school students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. 308 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur – [www.thecommunityschool.net](http://www.thecommunityschool.net)

**25-26:** Land Trust Memorial Day Cul-de-Sac Sale. See details on Page 4.

**26:** Fernbank Museum “The Scoop on Poop” opens and runs through September. [fernbankmuseum.org](http://fernbankmuseum.org) for information.

Send calendar items for June by May 15 to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org).

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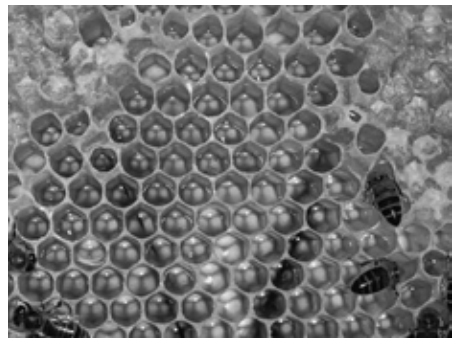


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is to harvest the honey and the beeswax," Ms. Price said. "The adults can then sell the honey and make candles from the beeswax, which the adults can then sell."

The hives themselves are simple structures, wood boxes that are slightly elevated off the ground to improve circulation and minimize dampness. The bees are free to come and go as they please, pollinating and foraging among the garden flora.

The hive typically contains ten frames of honeycomb, and the bees appear generally unconcerned as Amy and Cassandra lift a pulsating frame, alive with honeybees, from the hive for inspection. There is a wealth of information on the web for aspiring bee keepers, where you can read about the components of a bee hive and where you can learn that the bees use the lower section of the hive as the nursery, called a brood chamber, to raise thousands of baby bees. "A package of bees weighs about 3 lbs and contains about 10,000



*Brood Chamber*  
- photo by Cassandra Lawson

bees," Cassandra adds helpfully. "Pollen is stored in the brood chamber. Honey and pollen are mixed together to make bee bread to feed the young." The bees use the upper section as the pantry or food chamber, where

they store most of the honey and pollen for their use.

Each wooden frame contains a single sheet of beeswax foundation. The frame looks just like a picture frame. It firmly holds the wax and enables Amy and Cassandra to remove these panels of honeycomb for inspection or honey extraction. "We have found that 3/8th of an inch between the frames is the magic number for promoting a healthy hive," Ms. Lawson said, as she gingerly returned a bee covered frame into its slot. "Reverend Langstroth patented the modern hive in 1852 with 3/8-inch removable frames. Before that it was the upside down basket, called a skep that was used. The problem with skeps is that you can't remove the stores or inspect without doing lots of damage to the colony, if not killing them. [If frames] are more than 3/8" bees build connective combs called burr combs, less than 3/8" they fill the space with propolis, which is tree sap and enzymes that make what is commonly called bee glue. Skeps are now illegal."

As the ladies worked, the hive continued to hum, and Ms. Lawson pointed to the collection of dead bees at the bottom of the hive. "These girls died during delivery, they were shipped from Florida." When asked why she referred to the bees as "girls," Ms. Lawson pointed out that it is a common misconception that the worker bees are males. "This is a woman's thing!" she quipped. "The male drones are bigger, but not of much use after mating." Ms. Lawson then pointed to a larger bee, which she identified as a drone. "Drones are kicked out in the fall since the colony doesn't want to feed them and will just make more in the spring. They die when they mate. What a way to go!"

As you may remember from science class (this reporter did not), there are three types of bees: the queen, the worker, and

the drone. Drones are male bees and they have no stingers. They do not collect food or pollen from flowers, as their sole purpose is to mate with the queen. The majority of the hive is actually populated by female worker bees. Workers feed the queen and larvae, guard the hive entrance and help to keep the hive cool by fanning their wings. Worker bees also collect nectar to make honey. In addition, honeybees produce wax comb. The comb is composed of hexagonal cells, which, according to Ms. Lawson, act like "the liver of the hive" in that it "filters impurities." The worker bees' main function however, is to serve the queen, but their roles can change as they get older. "For example, some bees become mortician bees that remove the dead!" Ms. Lawson enthused, while pointing at the dead bees at the bottom of the hive.

And then there is the queen. According to National Geographic.com, the queen's job is simple—"laying the eggs that will spawn the hive's next generation of bees. There is usually only a single queen in a hive. If the queen dies, workers will create a new queen by feeding one of the worker females a special diet of a food called 'royal jelly.' This elixir enables the worker to develop into a fertile queen. Queens also regulate the hive's activities by producing chemicals that guide the behavior of the other bees."

The ladies repositioned the final frame and put it back into place before moving to the next hive. The "girls" in this hive were apparently happier, as no menacing buzz was forthcoming.

"The beekeepers' job is to make the bees' lives easier," Ms. Lawson suggested, and it's worth



*New Bee Neighbors, Photo by Mike Daly*

pointing out that bees make our lives easier as well. If honeybees did not exist, we sure would have a hard time finding something to eat. According to the University of Georgia's College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, honeybees pollinate a third of the nation's food supply and add \$15 billion annually to U.S. crops. They pollinate 130 different fruits, vegetables and nuts. While there are other bee pollinators, honeybees are the most prolific and easiest to manage for agricultural pollination. In the United States, there has been an overall decline of pollinators. Beekeepers work to insure the survival of the disappearing bees by providing a home for a managed bee colony and working to see that colony thrives.

So, Lake Claire welcomes its newest neighbors and wishes them well in their quest, in collaboration with Ms. Price, Ms. Lawson and The Frazer Center, to pollinate and to educate. One really couldn't ask more from new neighbors.

*Cassandra Lawson lives and does most of her work in Decatur. If you are interested in learning more, visit Cassandra's web site - <http://www.cassandrasbees.com/>*

*The Frazer Bees can be found in and among the flora of the Cator Woolford Gardens.*

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# Spring 2012 Peace & Love Fest - The Pictures Say It All



*Crowd enjoying music - photo by Ed Lee*



*Happy face paintee - photo by Dawn Aura*



*My Homework Ate my Dog - photo by Ed Lee*



*Which one is the teddy bear? - photo by Dawn Aura*



*More happy face painted kids! - photo by Dawn Aura*



*Song dedicated to young redhead front of stage - photo by Ed Lee*





*Happy at the Peace and Love Fest - photo by Dawn Aura*



*Yummy chocolate chip happy sellers - photo by Dawn Aura*



*Spaghetti Junction - the drummer (L) concentrates - photo by Ed Lee*



*My Homework Ate my Dog - photo by Ed Lee*



*Jewelry table - photo by Dawn Aura*



*Happy face paintee - photo by Dawn Aura*



# News from the Landtrust

## Move Over, Wal-Mart!

## Shop the Arizona Ave. Cul-de-Sac for Bargains Galore on Memorial Day Weekend

by Stephen Wing

Start your Christmas shopping early at the Land Trust's traditional summer fundraiser, the Memorial Day Cul-de-Sac Sale. This year's dates are May 26-27. We'll have the usual assortment of books, toys, clothes, electronics, whatchamacallits, thingamabobs and you-name-its, all at low, low, low prices, with a carbon footprint that puts Wal-Mart's to shame.

Every year this neighborhood-wide post-retail extravaganza fills the cul-de-sac at the end of Arizona Avenue, thanks to your donations of any and all cast-off items in saleable condition -- a cornucopia of treasures that might otherwise land in the landfill, or add yet another stratum to the archeological record of basement clutter.

For the minimalists out there who've already turned their living space into a Zendo, we are also requesting donations of baked goods for the Bake Sale and high-end knick-knacks, tchotchkas and bric-a-brac (original art, fancy furniture, gift certificates, etc.) for the Silent Auction.

Best of all, even if you have nothing to donate and no holes to fill in your collection of material objects, you can still have a blast by joining the crew setting up, running the sale, and packing everything up afterward. Like last year, we'll be donating whatever is left to Second Life thrift store in Avondale, which supports animal rescue efforts in Atlanta.

### Donate Your Gently Used Items for the Sale!

Now's the time to start setting aside items you might normally drop off at the thrift store. Please make sure they are in saleable condition! Contact us if you are unable to store them, and we will be glad to pick them up. Other ways you can help:

Pass the word to friends and family who might have items to donate.

Help with publicity -- posting signs, etc.

Volunteer to pick up and/or store sale items till the day of the sale. Use of your pickup or van is a plus!

*Bake something tasty for the Bake Sale.*

*Donate higher-end items for the Silent Auction.*

*Help set up the sale on Friday, May 25.*

*Help run the sale on Saturday and Sunday (3-hour shifts).*

*Help pack up the leftovers on Monday, May 28.*

Join a Land Trust committee and help us spend the money wisely!

Contact us at [info@lcclt.org](mailto:info@lcclt.org) to volunteer or for further information.

## Shop at Sevananda and Support the Land Trust All Month!

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust has been selected by Sevananda Natural Foods Market as its "Be the Change" Community Partner for the month of May. We were surprised and humbled to be chosen for this honor, given all the dedicated service organizations that have been honored in the past.

Here's how the program works. The Land Trust will be featured in a full-page write-up in the May issue of *Co-Options*, the Sevananda newsletter. We have created a display to inform shoppers about our work, which will be placed in the front of the store. Throughout the month, shoppers can "round up" their purchase amount; the extra change goes to the Land Trust. On Saturday, May 26, the store will donate to us one percent of all sales.

To make the most of this opportunity, we're asking our supporters to shop at Sevananda during May. At checkout, if your cashier doesn't ask if you'd like to round up your purchase, please remind him or her. And plan a major shopping spree for May 26 -- oops, make that a serious stocking-up on healthy, natural and organic foods.

While you're there, ask for information about becoming a member. Sevananda is a cooperative owned by its members, which means that while shopping there in May benefits the Land Trust, shopping there year-round supports a community-owned business that supports community organizations like the Land Trust every month.

*"The mission of the Lake Claire Community Land Trust is to acquire, maintain, and protect green space for neighborhood enhancement and education; and to provide a place for neighbors and friends to celebrate nature, community, and the arts."*

## Land Trust 2012 Board Elections This Month



"We come together in peace to share our visions, honor our differences, and create community. Let us embrace the notion that the words we speak and the actions we take start with good intention. This may help us listen with generous hearts and open minds." -- opening statement read at every Land Trust Board meeting.

Every year in May, the Lake Claire Community Land Trust Board of Directors holds elections to replace retiring members and add new voices to the decision-making circle that is responsible for fulfilling the Land Trust's mission. If you're interested in getting involved in governance and decision-making at the Land Trust, we recommend showing up at a few Board meetings to get a feel for how we

operate. All Land Trust Board meetings are open to anyone who'd like to attend. Your questions, comments and feedback are welcome during the process. New energy and fresh perspectives are invaluable as we work and plan.

Our four committees -- Planning, Grounds, Events, and Communications -- are also wide open for neighbor participation. These are not just talking circles; running the Land Trust takes work. Financial expertise and communication skills are especially needed. It is easy to take a pleasant neighborhood greenspace for granted, but it has taken a lot of love and sweat to get where we are, and it is vital not to risk burning out a few individuals by expecting too much of them. Anyone can join the circle of community that has crystallized around our beloved Land Trust, but the surest way to its heart is to step up and share the work of stewardship that keeps it going. If all goes according to plan, in time we'll be passing a green and beautiful landscape on to a new generation of Lake Claireans, one fresh young Board member at a time. And another generation after that. Contact us at [info@lcclt.org](mailto:info@lcclt.org).

## MAY at the Land Trust:

**Sat. May 5** Tour of Fairy homes (4:00-dark)

**Sun. May 6** "Keep the Trust" volunteer work day, 3:00-6:00 pm. Pizza provided.

**Sat. May 12** Heartwood Community benefit

**Mon. May 13** Community Potluck, LT Gazebo, 6:30 pm. Bring your own plate, cup & utensils.

**Sun. May 20** "Keep the Trust" volunteer work day, 3:00-6:00 pm. Pizza provided.

**Sat.-Sun. May 26-27** Memorial Day Cul-de-Sac Sale Land Trust fundraiser

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# "AdJUNE" TO THE GARDEN

by Elizabeth Knowlton

Believe it or not, June is probably the easiest gardening month of the year. It is too late to put in most seedlings although you can continue to sow vegetables outdoors. It is too early to start fall crops. There is none of the rush of December and January to inventory your holdings, scan seed and nursery catalogs, and plan orders—right as you may be celebrating holidays. With our long season of hot weather, summer chores can be spread out over several months.

I am not talking about "yard work" here, of course, the tasks that non-gardeners do outdoors. Whatever senseless lawns they have to mow (and I do have a small lawn I cut with a reel mower) and dangerous chemicals they want to spray is no concern of ours in this column.

You will have one delightful task to do this month, and that is to order your spring bulbs. Narcissus, tulips, crocus, hyacinths, and the other bulbs should all be selected from reputable sources, which for me include Brent and Becky's in Virginia and John Scheepers in Connecticut. I do make small orders with White Flower Farm (also in Connecticut), Old House Gardens (Michigan), and McClure and Zimmerman's (Wisconsin) but do not use the latter for tulips as they have failed too many times.

Narcissus are foolproof here and will return for many years as long as the foliage gets good

sun as it matures (browns). Bulbs will divide eventually and may need to be separated every once in a while. If you put your order in before the end of June, some of the companies give you a discount that pays the shipping. Ask for bulbs to be shipped as late as they allow, certainly no sooner than November. You will then be getting exactly what you want instead of settling for what a local hardware store has sitting around in a dry, hot bin next autumn.

I will confess that tulips are one of my few weaknesses. Despite the fact that they are annual here, I now plant over 600 every fall. People generally have only two questions for me about tulips: 1) how do I make them come back? And 2) how do I get rid of the bulbs if they are not going to bloom again. As is usual with novice gardening questions, these are not the ones to worry about as tulip bulbs vanish in our humid climate and heavy clay soils. "No problem," as they say. Yes, I know you had some once that came back for a year or more. I probably had 25-30 show up this year again myself, not what I wanted where I wanted, of course; and in the scheme of 600, they are not worth discussing.

Some of my favorite, lesser known bulbs are muscari (foolproof), allium (flowering onions), scilla, dwarf iris, galanthus (snowdrops, not the more common Southern snowflake), and species crocus (as opposed to the later, large "Dutch" ones, crocus vernus). The squirrels leave

most of the species alone, especially any of the tommasinianus variety. This past year I still had roses, nasturtiums, salvia, and emilia in bloom when the first species crocus opened December 23. By January 6 there were two kinds of crocus and snowdrops opening. Brent and Becky cleverly mailed their spring bulb catalog while this year's bulbs were still in bloom. Never too early for "next year."

Naturally you gardeners are still mulching, watering, monitoring pests, and picking crops. The first and last are easy, and we can all look out for damage to our darlings. It used to be that rain watered our plants. When I first moved to Atlanta in the 70s, there were these delightful thunderstorms practically every afternoon, getting us all wet and sticky, but great for our gardens. By the end of the 80s, new skyscrapers had completely changed the skyline, and a great building boom had greatly increased the amount of concrete in our metro area. One effect is urban heat islands. Not only is more heat produced through interior air-conditioning, but also more of the rainfall is carried off in storm sewers rather than cooling the earth. Apparently one effect of cities and their heat is that clouds dispensing rain often drop their load before passing over the central part of Atlanta, or they may change course and move around the city. So many times my colleagues southwest of here were amazed to hear how no rain had fallen in my garden in weeks while they had been

deluged nearly every day. Because most of our weather moves from the Gulf of Mexico towards Washington, DC, we in north-east Atlanta are often cheated of precipitation. Watch a weather map, and notice how much more frequently it rains in Peachtree City or Mableton than here in Lake Claire.

As of mid-April, watering restrictions, very lax, were listed on line at:

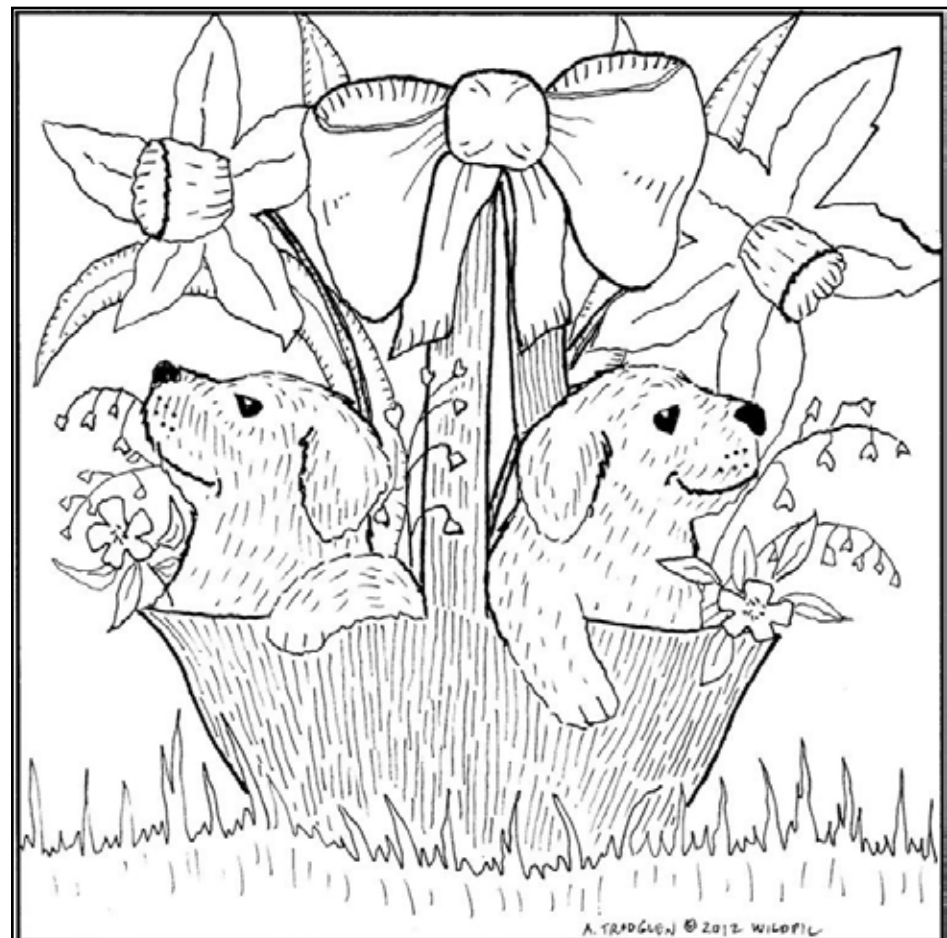
<http://www.atlantawatershed.org/WaterRestrictions.htm>

Even when there is not much rain, we need to be vigilant about standing water as the smallest amount will breed mosquitoes. Keep your gutters, pot saucers, and any bits of stuff you have sitting around outside cleaned and drained. Put dunks in your bird baths and fish in your ponds.

Remember my suggestion that you find the perfect place to sit in your garden? I hope you are sitting there often, sans mosquitoes, either early in the day or after it begins to cool off in the evening. Enjoy what you have created so far, and begin taking notes on what you would like to change next year. Now is a good time to start building up resistance to the real atmosphere where your plants grow. Almost everyone has a grandparent, a parent, or even a childhood lived without air-conditioning. Open the windows, turn on the fans, and sit quietly. Breathe deeply. This is life.

You may contact Elizabeth at [knowltonew@earthlink.net](mailto:knowltonew@earthlink.net) with your gardening questions.

## Biscuits and Bellyrubs



Anna Trodglén draws our *Biscuits and Bellyrubs* series. Anna grew up on the edge of Lake Claire, and she is a life-long Atlanta resident. Find her greeting cards and prints at Donna Van Gogh's. Anna lives in East Atlanta Village with her husband Dugan, three terriers, and a Black Cat.

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Jan Carnes with John Moseman

army in World War II as a dietitian. Later, she retired as a lieutenant colonel. Jan's dad, Fritz Moseman, worked for a grocery store in Kirkwood before Jan was born.

Her grandfather, John Moseman, was a fireman for the Georgia railroad, and he passed away in 1941, just after Jan was born. Jan fondly remembers spending nights with her Grandma on Elmira and sleeping on her grandparents' rope bed with a feather mattress. "That house on Elmira always smelled like homemade rolls," Jan remembers. "Aunts, uncles, and grandkids would gather on Elmira for dinner on Sundays." Her Grandma had a night-blooming cereus (see sidebar on cereus on page 11). When Jan's grandmother thought it was time for it to bloom, she'd invite all the family to gather on the porch, sip lemonade, and wait for it to bloom.

"Grandma did not have a car. Streetcars ran down McLendon back then," said Jan. She does not remember a grocery store in Little Five Points, but there may have been an A&P down near the theaters, she thinks. A vegetable man would walk down the street. Everyone came out of their houses to buy fresh vegetables. One of Jan's most vivid memories of Elmira Place was the knife sharpener who sharpened knives and sold trinkets, buttons, and thread to the neighbors. Jan and her grandmother often walked to the poultry house on Euclid, where they would pick out their live chicken for dinner. The folks at the poultry house plucked it and dressed it so that you could take it home and cook it. On their way home, they would pass the liquor store at Euclid and Moreland; Jan's Grandma would say, "That's a bad place." The first scary movie Jan saw was "The Thing" at the Euclid Theater, now the Variety Playhouse. There was also another theater in L5P called the 5 Points Theater.

The Moseman family and Jan's own family were lifelong members of Epworth United Methodist Church. Ms. Mary Lin taught Jan's Bible School and Sunday School classes (she was also her principal at Mary Lin). Jan remembers crossing McLendon after summer Bible School and walking down the path to the playground at Candler Park. When Epworth burned, Popie Moseman and other women in the church sold lunches to raise money for the church's building fund. Jan's third cousin was Richard B. Russell, who served as Georgia's Governor, then as State Senator, and later ran for President in 1952, coming in second to Adlai Stevenson in the Democratic primary. When Jan and family visited Washington D.C., Russell arranged for the family to listen to lawmaking in the Senate and visit other often-off-limits government offices. Richard B. Russell's mother was Ina Dillard. "Aunt Ina had 12 or



Richard B Russell with Ina Dillard

13 children and was once Woman of the Year," noted Jan. (Though Jan remembers 12 or 13 kids, the Internet listed 15.) Up until a few years ago, Jan attended the Dillard family reunions at Cherokee Corner Methodist Church outside of Athens. Jan recalls finding arrowheads there as a kid. Jan's grandmother moved to Decatur, where she lived until she passed away at the age of 104. One of the "new" owners of 344 Elmira had a yard sale, and Jan got to visit. Due to being remodeled, unfortunately, "the house didn't smell like homemade rolls anymore." And, the long hall connecting the front



Ina Dillard Russell and 13 children



431 Page 1950

door to back of the house was gone. But still the house looks great, Jan opined.

*Life at 431 Page Avenue 1939-1950s*

Jan's maternal grandfather, Robert White, was from Conyers. Her grandmother, Pearl White, was from north Georgia. Her grandfather was an Atlanta police officer in the early 1900s. Later, he worked at the Atlanta Stoveworks in Inman Park, where he started in the foundry and worked up to being Vice President. In the 1930s, her grandparents and their three children moved from Orme Circle in Virginia Highland to her current home on Page Avenue. The family got their first car, a Chevy, in 1939. Until then, her grandfather walked to work from Page Avenue to Krog Street. Jan spent several years of her childhood, off and on, living in the house on Page Avenue with her grandparents. Jan's aunt, Elsie White, lived in the house on Page most of her life and took care of her parents in their old age. When Jan's grandparents died, they left their home to Elsie. And, when Elsie moved to a nursing home around 1963, Jan's mother, Dorothy (who had moved into the house with Elsie several years before) bought the house from Elsie. And, later, Jan bought the house from her mother, Dorothy.

From 1948 to 1950, Jan attended Lin Elementary (at that time, a K-7 school) for 2nd-4th grades. Her teachers were Ms. Cox, Ms. Hall, and Ms. Dorsey, and her principal was THE Ms. Mary Lin. Jan attended Inman Elementary School (also a K-7 school) for fifth grade, where Ms. Satterfield was the principal. Jan remembers running up the steps to Inman, tripping, and having her lunch box open up and spill. While living on Page, Jan would ride the school bus home. During that short walk home from the bus

stop, a neighbor kid would throw crabapples at Jan and her cousin (who also lived on Page at time). Jan learned to ride a bike on Page; the bike was too big for her to reach the peddles. She would ride to the bank in her front yard when she needed to get off and on. Jan played Greyhound Bus with the other neighborhood kids - each crape myrtle was a city, and the kids would "stop" at the cities.

There was a huge, deep hole, covered with kudzu behind Pure Oil (now Fellini's). The hole may have been part of the sink hole that caused the collapse of the back of McMichael's (now Candler Park Market). Jan and other neighborhood kids would dig foxholes in the banks of the hole and play army. Even back then, there was a lot of kudzu in the neighborhood -- the empty lot on Page Avenue (now townhomes) was covered with kudzu. Jan and her grandfather would sit on the porch on Page Avenue and play Count the Cars; one would count cars coming one way, another would count cars going the other. "We had no television back then," Jan said, "But we did have a radio. Francis, my grandparents' maid, cooked wonderful food while listening to *As the World Turns* and *Days of Our Lives* on the radio. My grandfather would sit in the front room in the mornings listening to livestock prices on the radio."

In 1949 or so, the neighbors three doors down got a television. All the neighbor kids would gather in front of the TV and watch puppet shows like *Howdy Doody* and the *Woody Willow Show* (see picture on page 11). One time, Jan and some of the neighborhood kids got to go to the studio in downtown Atlanta and be in the audience for the *Woody Willow Show*.

In 1952 while Jan was in school at Lin, Jan's grandfather died in the house on Page (her grand-





*The Woody Willow Show*

mother had died earlier). Jan remembers walking home from school, seeing the hearse, and knowing her grandfather was gone.

The business district of Candler Park was thriving back around 1950. McMichael's Grocery sold meats and delivered groceries. The Highland Bakery



*4-way intersection*

had a horse-drawn wagon with a cover that traveled all the way up to Clifton Avenue selling cookies and cakes. Their cakes had the best chocolate icing Jan has ever eaten. Jan's grandfather had his shirts dry cleaned at a shop where La Fonda is now. His shirts were starched and supported by cardboard inserts. Jan colored the cardboard, cut it up, and made puzzles. Jan and her cousin collected clothes hangers and returned them to the dry cleaners for 2 cents. Waller's Drug Store (now Moon Brothers) and Culpepper's Pharmacy (now the Flying Biscuit) both had soda fountains: ice cream was 5 cents. When Dr. Waller decided to close the McLendon store, he opened a pharmacy with a man named Tucker at Amsterdam Avenue and Highland Avenue. What is now Donna Van Gogh's was a dime or variety store.

#### *Life Beyond 30307*

As a teenager, Jan lived in Midtown and in Virginia Highland and attended Grady High School. Grady was already considered a very good school. In 1955, under Coach Erskine Russell, Grady won the State Foot-

ball Championship. Coach Russell gave Jan this message that she has stuck to all her life: "To thine own self be true." In the mid 1950s, there was a large elementary Hebrew School in Midtown, and she remembers Grady High School as being mostly Jewish. During Jewish holidays, hardly anyone would be at school. Kids sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts for 40 cent/dozen to raise money for the school. Grady's cafeteria was "really crowded," Jan remembers. "There was no time to eat by the time you walked to the cafeteria and went through the line." But, Grady also had a snack bar where you could buy a pimento, deviled egg, or tuna sandwich, and bag of chips or two doughnuts and a coke for 25 cents - it cost 30 cents to get both the chips and the doughnuts.

After Grady, Jan married and raised four sons and one daughter. She lived in New York, South Carolina, and Maryland. In 1968, she returned to Virginia Highland. And, when Jan's mother's health worsened, Jan moved back into the house on Page Avenue with her sons, Kevin, Corby, and Colin. Corby attended Grady High School, and Colin attended Morningside Elementary and later Druid Hills High School.


Today, Jan is 71, suffers from COPD and probably arthritis, and she must rely on a wheelchair to get around. Despite her health problems, she always has a warm smile and kind words. And, just as Jan's grandparents often took care of her as a child on Page Avenue, she often takes care of her grandchildren on Page Avenue. Life does seem to come full circle.

*If you are a 30-year-plus 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 or editor@lakeclaire.org, OR 404-727-0608 (daytime number). We will come to interview you, or you can submit your story, whatever is easiest for you. We look forward to hearing from more longtime residents.*


## Nightblooming Cereus


Night-blooming cereus is the common name referring to a large number of flowering Cereus cacti that bloom at night. The flowers are short lived, and some of these species, such as *Selenicereus grandiflorus*, bloom only once a year, for a single night. The night-blooming cereus is also referred to as princess of the night, Honolulu queen (for *Hylocereus undatus*), and queen of the night. Most of the flowers open after nightfall, and by dawn, most are in the process of wilting.



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Mr. Biscuit (Feb. 26 2005 – Mar. 31, 2012) was a well known character around Claire Drive and Lake Claire Park -- photo Dave Johnson

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proud?

SB: Our inclusion model--Every single person at The Frazer Center is treated with dignity and respect, and each person is appreciated for what they have to contribute.

The Clarion: What are the Center's future plans/initiatives?

SB: First, on the children's side, we are looking for new opportunities to improve our after-care program so that it better meets the needs of our families. Second, on the adult side, we will continue to cultivate the new micro-enterprises so that our clients can develop job skills that will enable them to participate more fully in the larger community. And third, we are committed to continuing to improve the Center's infrastructure needs.

The Clarion: What is your favorite part of your job?

SB: I love the variety of my work and the people with whom I'm privileged to work. Anyone in non-profit leadership wears many hats, and The Frazer Cen-



## LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



I hope this is a fun series and a way for young readers to participate. Children are welcome to submit articles, drawings (as Josh Johnson did this month), puzzles, etc. Be creative!

Josh Johnson is a third grader at Mary Lin. He drew this cover page for a book that he wrote as a class assignment. Josh's series is of finger people car-



Josh - photo by Gretchen Connell of Southerland Place

toons, such as Bat Finger and Finger Crown. This cartoon is an extension of his "Bat Finger," which he wrote for the third grade newspaper this year.

Josh is nine years old, and he has one brother, Jacob, who is eleven. They love playing Legos and hanging with friends. They have one gerbil left, Skipperina, after Slipperina slipped away...uh....escaped. The family has lived on Southerland Terrace in Lake Claire for the last two years and previously in Candler Park for twenty years. "We all love it here!" exclaimed Josh's parents, Kelly Karim and James Johnson

ter is no exception. I love the fact that I get to do a little bit of everything to contribute to the mission.

The Clarion: What would you like Clarion readers to know about The Frazer Center?

SB: As many have noted, The Frazer Center is a "hidden gem" and remarkable resource in the Lake Claire and Druid Hills communities. Our campus is located

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