



## Mary Lin Elementary: The Year in Review

by **Lori Blank** Lake Claire neighbor and Mary Lin PTA Health and Sustainability Committee Co-Chair

This time of year, I'm always reminded of that old Alice Cooper song SCHOOL'S OUT. As our kids count down the days until the 2011-12 school year is history, and as we parents frantically try to finalize vacation and summer camp plans, let's pause to look back and savor the good, the bad, and the ugly.



Ms. Bellamy (R) with the other Mary Lin first grade teachers

### The Good:

- Mary Lin continues to grow, with six kindergarten classes this past year. That's a lot of new Rockets!
- One of Mary Lin's fantastic 1st grade teachers, Mrs. Bellamy (formerly Kulik), was voted APS Teacher of the Year.
- The PTA held a fundraiser in the Fall, a Boosterthon Fun

Run (sorry, no cookie dough or wrapping paper this year). Students secured pledges from family, friends, and neighbors for each lap run. The money raised supported a variety of school projects benefiting both students and staff, including: grants for a Library e-Books program and a monthly Teacher's Lunch & Learn, Continuing Education opportunities for staff, playground and landscaping improvements, garden enhancements, new Habitat stairs, and supplemental teacher allotments, just to name a few.

• T h a n k s to funds raised through The Mary Lin Foundation's annual Rocket Run, our school will receive additional Promethean boards and, in partnership with PTA, a new Mac Lab.

• Our Rockets are readers, as evidenced by the number of books purchased at this year's Scholastic and Little Shop of Stories book fairs.

• The Lin community

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## To Golf or Not to Golf?

by **Boyd Baker**



Lake Claire kids have winter fun at the Golf Course - Photo by Lore Ruttan

By now you've probably seen all the yard signs to "Save Candler Park Golf Course." What are we saving it from? Where's the golf course going? City budgets are down, like everywhere, and folks are looking to make cuts wherever they can. Some believe the little 9-hole course down the street could be part of a budget cutback. If the golf course were to close, what would happen to all the greenspace left behind?

Officially, nothing's been decided yet but there is a group that is organizing folks to create potential options. Park Pride, a

nonprofit that works with communities all over Atlanta to improve their parks and green spaces, is facilitating a "visioning" process for Candler Park. What this means is they are helping to organize neighbors, business people, and other community members to come up with a master plan of what changes, if any, they'd like to see for Candler Park's greenspace. That could mean no changes to the golf course, or there could be large-scale alteration of all the ameni-

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

By **Michael Daly**

*Michael, reporter for the Clarion, spoke with MacKensie Garrett at The Frazer Center.*

**Clarion:** What is your role at The Frazer Center?

**MacKensie:** I am the Community Relations Associate. While this job entails a few different roles with external relations, my main focus is volunteer coordinating. I have the opportunity to work with any incoming volunteers (groups and individuals) to develop, organize and coordinate



MacKensie Garret - Photo by Michael Daly

their time with the Center.

**Clarion:** Can you explain how The Frazer Center utilizes volunteers?

**MacKensie:** The Frazer Center has the flexibility to utilize volunteers in just about every capacity and in every skill set. Our children's and adults' classrooms are always great opportunities for volunteers to step in, learn, interact, and love on our students and clients. We also utilize volunteers to assist with care and maintenance of The Cator Woolford Gardens.

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## Lake Claire Neighborhood Meetings

Lake Claire Neighbors meets every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (7:15 meeting starts). Meetings are open to all. Residents and property owners in Lake Claire may vote. Meetings cover subjects such as upcoming neighborhood events; reviewing variances to city zoning within Lake Claire; providing a community voice to city elected representatives; and allowing neighbors to meet and share interests or voice their concerns. Often the LCN monthly meeting is a couple of days after the Clarion goes to press, but when timing works out, and we have space, we try to include the minutes or a summary of the meeting. Please know that if we don't include the minutes, you can always find the minutes on the website at [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org). AND (as I've been requested by some self-identified "old timers without computers"), I will be happy to print a copy for you. Just leave a message specified for the editor of the Clarion on the Lake Claire Neighbors voice mail (404-236-9526) with your request and providing your address.

This is a summary of the April meeting, as the May issue of the Clarion went to press the day before the May meeting.

Peg Ziegler, the President of LCN, called the meeting to order. There were 14 neighbors and 3 guests in attendance: APD Sgt. Hudson, and two guests presenting building variances. Peg announced changes regarding the regular monthly meetings, moving the time to 7:00 social time and 7:15 meeting, and a room change from the Atrium to the Rose Room, still at Frazer Center, on right side of the building.

Peg then called upon officers for reports. Treasurer Cara Stephens reported \$2093 in checking, \$6200 in savings, and \$3000

in the neighborhood greenspace fund. The Neighborhood School Committee chair, Sherry Neal, presented highlights of the superintendent's redistricting plan and how it affects our schools; in particular the impact on Mary Lin, Inman, and Grady. There will be new renovations and an addition at Mary Lin (with no changes in attendance boundaries). There are still outstanding issues with Inman, where overcrowding is anticipated. There was recognition of the work of this temporary committee, followed by discussion of creating a standing office concerned with neighborhood schools, which would require a change of by-laws.

Sgt. Hudson (APD representative from Zone 6) gave a brief report, noting contact information for emergencies: dial 404-658-6666 from cell phones and 911 for emergencies and non-emergencies. The NPU representative, Carol Holliday, reported that we will receive new sign-toppers: this project is financed by a city NPU grant, so the shape of the new signs will be uniform with other neighborhoods, and denote Lake Claire neighborhood. Volunteers will be needed to install the new sign toppers.

The fundraising team reported the success of the movie night. The communications report noted that we have begun to formalize our communications policy for our various channels. Finally, there were several zoning items, presented by vice president Dan White: Both zoning variances passed 12-0.

President Ziegler noted that anyone wishing to be on the monthly agenda should contact her two weeks prior to meetings, with topics and actions being requested; otherwise the president may be

contacted to discuss other channels of communication, such as blasts from the website. (See Clarion masthead for contact information.) Remember, minutes from past months' meetings, the upcoming meeting agenda, and more, can be found at [www.lakeclaire.org](http://www.lakeclaire.org).

## Lake Claire Bicycling Class: Confident Cycling in the City

The Atlanta Bicycle Coalition celebrated National Bike Month in May by offering free classes to intown neighborhoods, including Lake Claire, Candler Park, Inman Park, Old Fourth Ward, Inman Park, Poncey Highland, Virginia Highland, West End, Grant Park, and others. Lake Claire agreed to host a class, and it took place Saturday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at The Frazer Center, for adult and teen participants. We had advertised it on the Lake Claire website, and the Coalition had sent notices to their list. The Coalition appreciated Lake Claire's accepting their invitation. People attended the class from Lake Claire, Inman Park, Powder Springs, Candler Park, and Kirkwood.

The Frazer Center was the perfect location, with space for a class, bike practice, and an actual ride. Instruction began in the Rose Room, and practice took place right outside the room in the parking lot before the ride. Jamie Adams (certified bicycle instructor) presented the information in the classroom setting. He does not own a car, and he uses his bicycle throughout Atlanta for transportation. Subjects included everything one could imagine about bikes, such as kinds of bikes and what they are made of, and types of bicycle seats (there are over 20 kinds!). Some commented that there seemed a whole world of information to learn about bicycles of which even experienced bikers in the class were unaware. The director of the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, Rebecca Serna, who lives in Kirkwood, led

the ride after the class, through Lake Claire and onto traffic-filled Dekalb Avenue.

This event was good PR for the neighborhood and The Frazer Center, and a real success for the neighborhood to be involved in something positive and valuable to the participants. Everyone involved viewed it as a success – and fun.

The Bicycle Coalition's mission is to create a healthier, more sustainable Atlanta by making it safer, easier, and more attractive to bicycle for fun, fitness, and transportation. Their view is that bicycling helps everyone, not just those who ride bicycles, by creating a higher overall quality of life through improved public health, cleaner air, less congestion, and stronger communities. It is important to inform Atlanta bicyclists about riding on streets with traffic. They particularly want to provide classes where there are frequent rates of cycling and/or bike crashes.

In the future there will be more classes both for experienced riders and beginners, and for other ages. Learn more about the Coalition at <http://www.atlantabike.org/category/Topics/about-us>, and you may pre-register for basic, advanced, teen, children, and adult beginner biking at [bikeclass@atlantabike.org](mailto:bikeclass@atlantabike.org).

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# Many Thanks to Clarion Volunteers

by Beth Damon

Around two dozen Lake Claire neighbors are involved in the monthly effort to produce and deliver this newspaper. Though the editor, layout artist, distribution coordinator, and webmaster are named on the masthead, many other volunteers are involved: various neighbors contribute ideas, neighborhood news, pictures, calendar items, information, the security report, school news, business interviews, letters to the editor, and more. As well, local businesses and individuals design and purchase ads. Cartoonists write cartoons especially for the Clarion, and children contribute to Kids' Corner.

This month I want especially to highlight our delivery volunteers. The "Clarion carriers," some of whom have been volunteering with the Clarion for many years, make a supreme effort to get the paper to your door within a week of its being printed. Much appreciation goes to the following individuals (for whom I include years of service if I have the information, and I apologize if I omitted anyone or his or her years of service).

Thanks to Stephanie Bialek (about 6 years); Julia Brooke; Corcelles Capps (2 years – it's a family outing with daughters – Scarlet 6 and Ava 3 -- placing the Clarion in just the right spot); Vail Comstock; Gretchen Connell (about a year); Susan Davis (about 2 years); Wayne Darcy (3½ years); Denise Dumais (about 2 years); Barbara Fisher (about a year – another whose children --Sam and Evan-- enjoy participating); Sarah Goodfellow (about one year); Richard Haimes (about 2 years); Miriam Herbers (less than a year); Emily Janke; Sherry Neal (about 6 years); Merri Neff; Brandy Powell; Joel Reed (less than a year);

Jennifer Sams (5 years); Ilene Schroeder (about 2 years); Mary Swan (about 4 years); Nikola Vick (about two years); Mary Watkins (about a year). And finally, Janie Wright, Sharon Doochin, Elizabeth Knowlton, and I started delivering over 20 years ago, when the paper really was a "newsletter" -- one factual sheet on colored copy paper, with no ads, called "The Lake Claire Neighbor." Sharon Doochin passed on to Susan Beeching, who passed on to me, ten years of those newsletters dating back to 1990, for our Clarion archives. Clarion archives on line include the papers back to the year 2000.

Other volunteers who delivered for many years are Susan Beeching, Joe Agee, Micki Chronister, Jo Hartsoe, Jane Merkle, Kathy Ryan, Sheila Swan, Boyd Baker, and Mary Jo Bryan.

Thanks also to Pen Sherwood, who assisted our distribution coordinator Sarah Wynn in a rush effort with last month's Clarion to count, bundle, and deliver 1400 papers to the street deliverers within two hours of delivery by our printer.

Want to be involved? We could use backup volunteers for times when our normal street volunteers are away or interrupted by life events that keep them from delivering within the week. If you are interested, contact Sarah Wynn, at [distribution@lakeclaire.org](mailto:distribution@lakeclaire.org). And if you ever do not receive your Clarion by the end of the first week of the month, please let Sarah or me know at [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org).

## Close Up of a Clarion Carrier

Lake Claire resident Gretchen Connell of Southerland Place moved to Lake Claire in 2001 after marrying her husband, Romey; he has been living on



Jamie and Kel - Photo by Gretchen Connell

Southerland Terrace since April 1992. They live with their two wonderful children – Jerry (8) and Jamie (6), and their dog, Johnny (3). Gretchen became a freelance graphic artist in 2002, after a commute up 400 to Sci-

ence and more time shooting and editing digital photos. While she still does freelance graphic projects from time to time, photography has become her real love. She also enjoys painting. Photographing children (and animals when possible) is her favorite work, although she also does family photo shoots and occasionally events. See some of Gretchen's photos on this page [on page \_\_] as well as her photographs of the Kids' Corner children in this and last month's issues of the Clarion. (By the way, if you would like to contact Gretchen, her contact information is [gretchen.connell@comcast.net](mailto:gretchen.connell@comcast.net), 404-371-3347 (home), or 404-434-7938 (cell). You can see more of her photography on her flickr account at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/48995126@N08/>

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# Lake Claire Safety Report

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To Help You Keep an Eye on the Crime and the Time

## Pedestrian Robbery

1300 block McLendon Ave., 4/16/12, 00:30 hr. Male and female victims were walking on the street when they were approached by two young black males dressed in all black with hoods pulled up over their heads, one wearing a dark bandana over his face. A fight ensued, and the male victim was pistol whipped. After the victims gave up their bags and the perpetrators fled the scene, the victims went to a home from which a 911 call was made. Both attackers were carrying guns. The male victim was taken to Grady. Taken: phones, wallets and cards

## Residential Robbery

400 block Page Ave., NE, 4/11/12, 09:00-14:00hrs. Damaged: door lock, door frame, weather seal. No entry was made into the house.

## Theft from Auto

Palifox Dr., NE, 4/4-5/12, 22:00-04:00hrs

No vehicle description. Damaged: rear window broken. Taken: wallet containing cards

Gordon Ave., NE, 5/1-2/12, 21:00-07:50hrs

(1) 2011 Nissan Rouge parked in driveway - Damaged: passenger side window broken. Taken: GPS device. Prints not found

(2) Honda Accord parked on street in front of house. Damaged: passenger side window broken. Taken: GPS device. Prints not found

(3) 2009 Ford Fusion parked on street in front of house. Damaged: passenger side window broken. Taken: bag containing security badges later found in neighbor's yard. Prints not found

Arizona Ave., NE, 5/1-2/12, 21:00-morning

(1) Toyota 4runner parked on street. Damaged: passenger side window broken. Taken: Apple iPod Touch. Prints taken; and (2) Honda Accord parked on street (next to previously mentioned Toyota). Damaged: passenger side window broken. Taken: GPS device. Prints not found

Note: Zone 6 response time stats for the period 12/11 - 1/12: day, 2 min 19 sec and evening, 2 min 29 sec.

## Atlanta's e-911 service Enhanced

Two services of the Atlanta Police Department are worthy of re-mention: the Smart911 system and the Everbridge emergency and incident notification system. The Smart911 system allows residents to create a "household safety profile" with information that 911 call takers and dispatchers relay to police, firefighters, and EMTs responding to emergencies. Residents can provide whatever information on their households that they choose to share. Check this out at: [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com). "Every second counts, and the more information we have, the more effective we'll be when we arrive on scene," Atlanta Fire Rescue Department Chief Kelvin Cochran said of this service. Information is protected and can't be accessed unless a 911 call is made. The Everbridge emergency and incident notification system will give officials the ability to deliver targeted, time-sensitive public safety alerts through automated telephone calls, texts, emails and more. Residents can set their notification preferences on a citizen alert page at the [atlantapd.org](http://atlantapd.org) website.

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## June

**2:** 11 a.m. -3 p.m., Sevananda class on "Emotional Freedom with Food." When we eat, what are we really feeding? Explore what creates dysfunction in our relationship with food and specific ways we can create something new. Cost: \$15.00 for Members \$20.00 for Non-Members. [tashat@sevananda.coop](mailto:tashat@sevananda.coop)

**2:** 10 a.m. to noon Class on "Chickens are Easy," Oakhurst Gardens, 435 Oakview Road, Decatur 30030.

**6:** Bring children this summer to the Dekalb History Center's Log Cabin Storytelling, 10 to 11 a.m., Biffle Cabin, 720 W. Trinity Pl, Decatur (behind the Swanton House) – Today's program: "Bear Stories – First Teddy Bear." Reservations are suggested. Call Leslie at 404-373-1088 extension 20 for more information or reservations ([borger@dekalbhistory.org](mailto:borger@dekalbhistory.org)). Most Wednesdays this summer, ages 6-12.

**6:** Sevananda movie "Forks Over Knives" Popcorn, drinks, discussion. Free, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**8:** Rally to oppose Walmart that is proposed for Suburban Plaza. N. Decatur/Scott Blvd/Medlock Rd intersection. 5 to 6:30 p.m. 2nd Friday rallies (next one is July 13). Visit [www.GoodGrowthDeKalb.org](http://www.GoodGrowthDeKalb.org) for information and to sign petition.

**9:** Fernbank Museum's 20th Anniversary – Lost Oasis Summer Benefit Party. Info: 404.929.6339 or [brandi.berry@fernbankmuseum.org](mailto:brandi.berry@fernbankmuseum.org)

**13:** Dekalb History Center Log Cabin Storytelling, 10 a.m., Fran Franz "Weave a Tale," see complete logistics under June 6.

**16:** & 23rd – Sevananda workshop on Weight Management. Info on website or [tashat@sevananda.coop](mailto:tashat@sevananda.coop)

**16:** Oakhurst Garden 9 a.m. to noon. Family compost workshop. 435 Oakview Rd. Decatur, GA 30030. Learn all about composting. Families will rotate through hands-on learning stations. RSVP to [andrea.zoppo@yahoo.com](mailto:andrea.zoppo@yahoo.com)

**20:** Log Cabin Storytelling, 10 a.m., Cathy Kaemmerlen "The Buzz on Honeybees." See June 6.

**21:** (and 3rd Thursday every month) Lake Claire Neighbors meeting, Frazer Center, 1815 S. Ponce de Leon Avenue, the Rose Room (note change from the Atrium, where we used to meet): 7:00 p.m. social time, 7:15 prompt beginning of meeting.

**27:** Log Cabin Storytelling, 10 a.m., Fran Frantz – "Homemade Ice Cream with Brer Rabbit"—children will make ice cream and hear Brer Rabbit stories. Dekalb History Center. See June 6.

## July

**4:** Well, you know. See article on pets p.12, , to help them enjoy the celebration, too.

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

**20** Banks and Shane returns to East Lake. BATL (annual commemoration of the Civil War Battle). Many other BATL events all week: Tickets will be online soon at [www.batlevent.org](http://www.batlevent.org).

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

The new meeting time for Lake Claire Neighbors: 7:00 p.m. (social time) with 7:15 p.m. for the prompt start time. And although The Frazer Center continues graciously to host our meetings, we now meet in their Rose Room, not the Atrium.



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knows how to have some fun, enjoying events like the Father-Daughter Small Tall Ball, Mother-Son Bingo/Trivia night, Parent-Teacher Awesome 80s Party, Walk to School days, Spring Fling, Linapalooza, Staff Appreciation Week, Science Night, and Career Day. That's in addition to Scout meetings, Girls on the Run, Math Superstars, Chess Club, and Olympic Day. Whew!

The Bad/Ugly (thankfully, this is a short list):

Well, maybe not so bad in the end, but certainly ugly! After many months of what felt like non-stop meetings - community input meetings, APS Board meetings, Local School Council meetings, Lake Claire neighborhood meetings, etc. - the ABOE approved APS' redistricting plan. Thanks go out to the many neighbors and Lin families who provided countless hours to advocate for our community. In the end, the Mary Lin zone was unchanged, and the feeder pattern of Lin to Inman Middle and Grady High remained intact. Additionally, the long-awaited \$15M expansion to Lin was approved. At this time, there are no details about timing for the renovation, though APS has preliminarily indicated that Lin students will not have to relocate during construction. Stay tuned for more details.

This year's PTA President, Alex Coffman, summed it up best: "This year was a big success, and the PTA team kept its focus even with all the redistricting excitement. All the communities that feed into Mary Lin want the best for our kids and teachers, and this year proved that ten-fold. I cannot thank all the teachers, school administration, and parents enough for the great year."

It should come as no surprise that Lake Claire parents actively support the school with

countless volunteer hours and involvement in PTA and the Mary Lin Foundation. Some LC'ers in leadership roles include: Kelly Crutcher - 2011-12 Foundation President and 2012-13 Foundation Treasurer, Sherry Neal - 2012-13 Foundation President, Anne Steib - 2012-13 PTA President, Nancy Davin - 2012-13 PTA Secretary, and Susan Shaw - 2012-13 Foundation Secretary.

For additional details on these organizations, visit [www.marylinelementary.com/volunteers.html](http://www.marylinelementary.com/volunteers.html) and [www.marylinfooundation.org/default.html](http://www.marylinfooundation.org/default.html).

Finally, we owe a huge THANK YOU to our generous sponsors, many of whom are Lake Claire neighbors: Neal & Wright LLC, Horizons School After-Care, Chad Polazzo Re/Max Metro Atlanta Cityside, San Francisco Coffee, The Mercantile, Candler Park Market, Courtesy Cleaners, Fellini's/La Fonda, Flying Biscuit, Radial Café, Salon Red, The Mercantile, and Lake Claire Wahoo Swim Team. Visit [www.marylinelementary.com/our-partners.html](http://www.marylinelementary.com/our-partners.html) for a complete list of sponsors and partners.

Have a great summer!

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ties as we know them. It just depends on who speaks up. Do you have a vision?

Many here in Lake Claire feel the benefits of being wedged in between two great green spaces. If your children go to Mary Lin, Candler Park is a terrific afterschool diversion. The playground is terrific for both older and younger children. And the festivals and amenities (soccer fields, pavilions, pool, and beaver pond) are part of what make this one of Atlanta's most desirable neighborhoods. Being a City of Atlanta park, it serves all residents and visitors. So what would your perfect neighborhood



Steven Blondeau of SHED entertains the crowd at the Candler Park Fall Fest - Photo by Chris Hunt

park look like?

Obviously, some ideas would require significant financial resources. Fundraising programs may be needed for ideas or improvements. Park Pride will help identify potential avenues for grants through this process. In the end, the community will need to get involved to secure any funding though. This is truly a community process that is facilitated by the folks at Park Pride who understand the unique challenges of creating positive, green spaces that communities support.

This plan will then be presented to the City of Atlanta as a vision of what

the park can be and how it can fill the needs of its constituents. Park Pride has done this with many other communities around Atlanta with great success. They can't guarantee any outcome from the visioning process, or provide for changes to the park, but they can be a terrific resource

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# Springtime in the Garden at Mary Lin Elementary

by Lori Blank

Like busy bees, the students, teachers, and parent volunteers at Mary Lin have been hard at work preparing for springtime. Spring Fling, garden workdays, seed starting, planting, harvest-

ing properly. Many thanks go out to Nykia Burke with Georgia Safe Routes to School, whose support and generosity helped make the bike rodeo possible. Funded by the Federal Safe Routes to



Mary Lin kids (R-Mary Glen Sinkule from Lake Claire) - Photo by Lori Blank

ing, a farmer's market, and a Mother's Day plant sale have been keeping us hopping.

The Spring Fling event was a great success, with many families coming out to enjoy the healthy and 'green' activities, as well as the mild spring temperatures. As always, the bike rodeo was a big draw, featuring five 'stations,' where Lin students practiced different skills like braking, navigating around obstacles, and scanning. Bike tuners and Mary Lin parents Mark Clement and Mike Lopata tightened chains and inflated tires to ensure the bikes were function-

School (SRTS) program, Georgia's SRTS program is designed to encourage more kids to walk and bike to school safely. Visit <http://www.saferoutesga.org/> for more information.

The Lin community was also busy prepping our 20 garden beds for spring planting. Clearing out the beds yielded some spicy arugula and turnips with greens (and plenty of weeds!), plus some bonus strawberry plants which are still producing fruit. In the classroom, students started pea and carrot seeds, which soon sprouted into tiny seedlings. In addition to the peas



Mary Lin Herb Garden in the Spring - Photo by Lori Blank

and carrots, several different varieties of tomato, cucumber, peppers, squash, and eggplant were planted. An herb garden complements the fruits and veggies, providing the ideal ingredients for a delicious meal or beverage. For a small fee, Lin families 'adopt' the beds for the summer and enjoy the yummy delights of the garden.

A Mother's Day plant sale also helped raise funds to support next year's garden plans, which include: installing a drip irrigation system, creating a small orchard of fruit trees, and building

terraced beds on a gentle slope next to the existing garden. If you know of a scout troop or some generous community volunteers who would like to help make our plans a reality, please have them contact our committee at [health@marylinelementary.com](mailto:health@marylinelementary.com). Thanks!

Lori lives in Lake Claire and is Mary Lin's PTA Health & Sustainability Committee Co-Chair.

## July in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

Mulch, water, monitor, pick. As I write this in May, it is actually raining, but we have had a dry spring and much variation in temperature.

I always suggest that when you add compost, mix it into the soil. This is because our hot summer sun will burn it up faster than it can be used by the plants. Mulch helps. I use straw on the vegetable beds, chopped leaves with flowers, and mini-bark along the street.

Although I do not find rain barrels of the size we can accommodate on our lots to be of much use with our kind of climate, I did add one last year. After some experimentation, this spring I got our neighbor Bob Arco to add a Y-shaped downspout diverter (found on line) that can be adjusted with the flick of a switch to add the water to the barrel or direct it on its usual merry way down the spout, into a trench across a flower bed, and out onto the lawn. Water from the barrel is used to fill my watering cans or, attached to a hose, to very

slowly hand water individual plants. The low pressure will not carry water uphill to the soaker hoses or run a sprinkler.

One major reason I continued this column was to force myself into more summer and fall gardening. Our year really begins in July, planting for the twelve months ahead, and this year we are going to do it! July is the month to start growing the perennials you talk about so much. Sure, I too buy some as grown plants, but they are expensive; and by June in the South, most perennials are finished rather than continuing to flower all summer as they do in colder climates.

Perennial alyssum, balloon flower, bee balm, campanula Carpathia, columbine, delphinium, flax, foxglove, gaillardia, perennial hollyhock, lupine, Maltese cross, painted daisy (pyrethrum), campanula persicifolia, lythrum, and Shasta daisy are all plants you can grow from seed. Thompson and Morgan and Select Seeds, both on the Internet, are



Mary Lin kids planting in their spring garden - Photo by Lori Blank



good sources. Since many will not survive our summers anyway, you can enjoy them for one season without a qualm.

Sow them in small pots (as I suggested for annuals) or in six-

success with columbines and none so far with delphiniums (although Ryan Gainey sure does in Decatur). My neighbor Michele has grown beautiful Shasta daisies from seed for both of us,



*Flowering Leek at a Land Trust garden - Photo by Lore Ruttan*

packs INDOORS. Here is where your air-conditioning comes in handy (it's not for you, Silly). Read directions on each packet because the seeds may need warmth for germination, but after that, moderate temperatures will help them grow sturdy and strong. Just like annuals, they will need florescent lighting. If you don't have air-conditioning, as I don't, bring them on under lights in your basement or crawl space where it will be cooler. My highest accolades go to foxgloves. They look amazing and are EASY if you just start them the summer before. I have some

and they actually are perennial despite not much care from me. OK, get these started, and I will give further instructions in fall.

Pinch back perennial chrysanthemums by July 4 to get bushy plants with more flowers.

The other things to start in July are your big fall vegetables because they need more days to develop before frost: broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, and rutabagas. And all of them need protection from our hot weather, so I suggest the same indoor florescent light set-up as for the perennials. Move to larger containers before they are rootbound.

Outdoors continue to plant okra, field peas, cucumbers, watermelon, pumpkins, and the last of the potatoes. If you mind my warnings of squash vine borer, try some winter squash too.

Do continue to look at your plants every day or two, regardless of whether you have hedges to clip, lawns to mow, or pruning to do. Consider letting that yard service go (as a retiree, I can tell you that mostly what they do is run leaf blowers for hours) and using an electric or reel mower to mow that tiny yard. Consider forgoing the cypress mulch and pine straw (harvested from non-renewable swamps and forests deprived of their nutrients) and using the leaves from your own acreage. Remember that indoors is a dead environment, need-

*Gardening cont. p. 11*

## Share-on Path Just Reopened: Paws and Feet Allowed

by Lynn Nomad

Every morning, Sharon Doochin of Harold Avenue takes her cup of morning coffee out the back door of her house, where the path begins on her property into the woods of the Frazer Forest, just south of the Harold Avenue Green Space two houses from Marlbrook. The birds chirp, breezes blow through the trees, and people jog or take their dogs on quick walks before work. Sharon and next-door neighbor Bill Fleming created the path 27 years ago, when Sharon moved into her house on Harold. At that time, Sharon's driveway and the end of the woods that adjoins Sharon's and Bill's properties were completely overgrown, and the only way to enter the Frazer Forest from Lake Claire was from the Frazer Center accessed by Ridge-wood Road or Ponce de Leon. Sharon and Bill, recognizing the Forest as a Lake Claire treasure, wanted to make the Forest more accessible to the Harold Avenue part of Lake Claire, and they

on Sharon's property...and Sharon has always wanted to share it, or as she says to "share on," thus the name.

Recently a 200+-year-old beech tree fell on the entrance to the path (see picture), taking down three other trees. This event last month reminded Sharon how much people rely on the path. For several weeks accessing the woods was made difficult. For the past month, Sharon worked tirelessly once again to clear the path and make it usable. At the same time, for their part, the Frazer Center has been doing extensive clean up of the woods so that Lake Clarions and others can enjoy the woods more fully. The path has now opened again.

Sharon works out of her home, so a large part of her day is enjoying the ebb and flow of the woods and the activity in the woods. One never knows what she or he will find in these woods. Of course, it is teeming with wildlife. Once, a movie was shot there featuring



*Fallen beech tree - Photo by Beth Damon*

spent many hours clearing their properties. As part of their effort to welcome neighbors to use the path, Bill planted bamboo (which has grown into a lovely, welcoming space) and hung a rope swing from a sturdy branch. The previous owner of Bill's property, Jerry Collette, had hybridized day lilies, planted a beautiful garden, and built the bridge over the stream. Sharon did not want people to over-utilize the path on Bill's property, tramping through the beautiful garden of lilies and other flowers, so she and Bill created the second path

Neal Patrick Harris. And now with the repair of the path, Sharon has been pleased to see many new faces – both human and dog. The path seems to have been re-discovered. In the mornings, people gather, walk, talk, and sip coffee; one gets to know neighbors and enjoy fresh air. At the end of the day, people and dogs bid goodnight as the sun falls on the Sharon-On Path. Please come and explore this entrance to the woods, and venture further into the Frazer Forest, but please respect the one rule: **Just feet and paws – no wheels.**

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# News from the Landtrust

By Stephen Wing

This month the Land Trust will be taking a long-awaited step: expanding our existing electrical system to the newer areas of the Trust, while upgrading the older areas. We plan to rent a ditching machine for the weekend and invite your help in laying conduit, filling in the ditches afterward, and otherwise prepping for the electrician. Experience in this kind of work is helpful, but not required. If you can help, please contact the Land Trust at [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org) or Norman Glassman at 404-704-5546. Include a phone number where you can be reached as our plans take shape.

**Arizona Pub Hosts the Land Trust Again.** On Thursday evening, June 21, the Arizona Pub and the Land Trust will collaborate on our quarterly Land Trust Pub Night – a chance to socialize with neighbors, enjoy some local entertainment, and support the Land Trust. The Pub will be donating a percentage of the evening's proceeds from its upstairs seating section. The Arizona Pub is located just across the tracks at 130 Arizona Ave., Edgewood, across the street from the soccer field. Entertainment to be announced – check <http://www.LCCLT.org/> when the date gets closer.

**Fourth of July Potluck and Cookoff.** Bring a dish to the Land Trust playground gazebo, and join your neighbors for our traditional celebration of Independence Day. Don't forget your plate, cup, and utensils. Some non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. And enter the cookoff contest if you dare! This year's theme is Peaches: all entries must include peaches in some form. Sign up to be a judge for \$1.00. The eating/judging begins at 4:00 pm. (Contest entries should arrive by 3:45 to be properly displayed.) Prizes will be awarded for the winning recipes. After the awards are given, we will have kids' games, including our world-famous watermelon seed-spitting contest.

**HELP WANTED!** Skilled and unskilled volunteers needed for a weekend project at the Land Trust sometime in June, dates to be announced. See contact information in the article if you are interested.



## Landtrust June Calendar:

Saturday, June 2 and 16 – Land Trust drum circle, dark till midnight. Please walk, bike or carpool.

Sunday, June 3 and 17 (the day after each drum circle) – “Keep the Trust” Volunteer Work Day, 3:00-6:00 pm. Volunteers get free pizza and a drum circle pass.

Thurs. June 21 – Arizona Pub Night, 130 Arizona Ave.

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*“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.”*

## Break-Ins Increase During the Summer

by Duncan Cottrell

Crime statistics demonstrate that break-ins increase when school is not in session, i.e., summer vacation time, end-of-the-year holiday time, and--to a lesser extent--spring breaks. The police advise that adult criminals will recruit juveniles and train them to kick in doors and steal desired items. The adult mentors watches from a safe distance, but receives the stolen goods. If apprehended, juveniles are treated more leniently under the law, and the adults can avoid arrests that will stick. Targeted items are electronics (laptops, large-screen TVs, iPads, game stations, etc), jewelry, and guns. The typical method is “smash-and-grab,” with a door kicked in, goodies snatched, and the intruder gone in less than five minutes. One Grant Park theft shown on YouTube from the home security camera was timed at 22 seconds from kick-in to exit with the TV. Most burglaries occur between noon and 3:00 p.m., when occupants are at work. Some happen right after the owners leave for work. That implies the house was being watched.

Do security cameras help? They seldom deter thieves, but sometimes provide clues to catch them. However, the camera would have to be of good enough quality to provide a high resolution image for identification, preferably in color. That's an expensive camera, and it would still have to be positioned just right to catch a usable image. There are more effective deterrents for your money. Preventing intrusion through doors and windows is the best idea. A monitored alarm system to limit “illegal shopping” time is second. For doors, the three options for “hardening the target” are (1) steel burglar bar doors (with their own locks) installed outside your entry door; (2) reinforcement of jambs and door with unobtrusive steel hardware like Strikemaster, Door Jamb Armor, or Jamb Enforcer; (3) security storm doors like Larson's “Secure Elegance.”

For windows, the best options are (1) steel burglar bars; (2) window pins for wood windows (or dowels for vinyl & aluminum windows); (3) clear Window Security Film with its super strong adhesive. For details and/or a free home security assessment, contact me at (404) 289-6960, [Duncan@EntryEnforcer.com](mailto:Duncan@EntryEnforcer.com).

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# Thirty-Plus (!) Years in Lake Claire – From Tie-Dye to Khaki

## Part Twelve: David Carter

by Beth Damon

David Carter is from Michigan, and he moved to Atlanta in 1969 when the military assigned him to an induction center on Ponce de Leon (in the shopping center that is now the Ford Factory Square), which was then across the street from Arlans (similar to

looking for a home to buy, and he found his house -- one of the two houses on Muriel Avenue, between Harold and Hardendorf Avenues. At that time he didn't know that he lived in a neighborhood called Lake Claire.

David has been married



David Carter house present - Photo by Beth Damon



David Carter house on Muriel in 1975

a K Mart). The first place David lived in Atlanta was the Briarcliff Hotel. He subsequently moved into an apartment on N. Highland at Drewry (where there was a Sinclair Gas Station). In July 1975, he and his girlfriend were

29 years to his wife, Joella, who is retired from Dekalb County Family and Children's Services. David is a substance abuse counselor working for the Probation Division. They have a 16-year old son, Zachary, who attends

Grady High School. The timing of Zachary's schooling was perfect, David told me. Mary Lin, Inman, and Grady were already excellent schools, but Mary Lin's classes were small at that

time, as were Inman's, whose structure was being revamped. Now Zachary is in Grady's School of Communications. In 1975, David said, there were no children in that part of Lake Claire. And David was the youngest person in the area -- his neighbors were mostly older and retired people living in cute little bungalows. And "everyone knew everyone."

The 1975 house was different then from most of the houses as it was 2-storey, having been built to be a garage apartment. It was owned by Mr. Hensley, who owned Hensley Hardware, then in Little 5 Points; the house he lived in and the garage apart-

ment are on a lot that is the size of a lot and a half. Hensley built the garage apartment mostly with materials from Sears. When David bought it, he added the addition to the left, and came out from the front with upstairs and downstairs screened in porches. David re-did all of the hardwood floors himself, including a beautiful inlay in the living room entranceway and borders in other rooms. David does and did believe in hiring local people for work that is needed. Robin Singer and Shawn Beeching did the additions, with David and Robin designing the addition to

*Carter cont. p. 10*

## 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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the left together.

David's house became a focal point of the area. He hosted many parties, for neighbors and fellow musicians. David plays the harmonica. He enjoyed the neighbors all around him, many in their 60s and 70s. The feel back then was of a more spacious area, because there were many vacant lots. David has done a study of the area, and there now are a total of 29 houses that have been built just between Clifton and Harold from Muriel to McLendon since the 70s. Also, when David moved in the area was extremely well cared for. Later, in the 80s, there was a time when some of the older people passed away, and the houses were neglected. "The impression I had was that their children weren't interested in the neighborhood." As these previous residents aged, their yards were gradually neglected, and combined with the vacant lots, it seemed for a while that the area was run-down. But soon after that, the cool people and hippies discovered the area. Back in those days, David would often camp in the quiet, then solitary, woods on Harold Avenue (that lead into the Frazer Forest). He said he would camp in the

woods and hear no noise whatsoever. You could have thought you were out in the country. Also, he shared "When I first lived here, I had rabbits in the front yards every morning." But as the neighborhood became more gentrified, the rabbits disappeared (perhaps, he mused, because of pet cats). And in the three decades plus, there has been a preponderance of families with young children, including Zachary being born in 1996. Zachary growing up had plenty of kids with whom to play.

Also back in the early years, the land on Harold (where the Harold Avenue Green Space is now) and across the street on Muriel was being farmed. The ravine behind the Green Space was terraced. Directly across on Muriel, in the yards of the two houses, "every inch was farmed." Jackie and Al lived across the street. Jackie's father had had one of the first organic farms in Tennessee back in the 1970s, and Jackie shared her knowledge of organic gardening with everyone. Husband Al would find washing machines and dryers being thrown out, and he used those to put his compost in – he had about a dozen in the yard, and used the result for his dirt. Plus, they had the City dump mulch in their yard. As a result,

the land (now behind Pen and Andrew) is rich.

Al had a vision to save the planet from hunger, and he had initiated the first part of his plan by taking ears of corn that he grew, finding the ones with the most rows, and replanting these.

Just as David said when he was camping he felt like he was far away from the City, as I sat on David's screened porch, the lushness of nature and the quiet all around us, his house felt to me like a log cabin in some solitary woods. Walking around the



David Carter - Photo by Beth Damon

Through natural selection he produced corn with 25-26 rows. The plan did not go further, sadly, because in about 1986, someone who was staying with the couple murdered Al. There had been a rumor that he kept money in his house. The work over about fifteen years with the corn all went away when he was killed.

I asked for more memories, and he shared that he was there when the City introduced kudzu into what is now that ravine. There is a spring-fed creek, and he thought they were trying to fill it in, but the worker said that the City was just looking for a place to dump the dirt with the kudzu. Over the next few days, several dump trucks came by, resulting in the build-up of the slope, and – within four years – rampant kudzu where once it was terraced and farmed.

house, there is a 550-gallon tank and a 350-gallon tank, into which rainwater drains, and David uses this for all of their watering. In the back yard, he showed me the tree house he built when his son was younger, which is a true tree house, supported only by the tree – but it looks more like a "tree cabin." Recently he has opened its windows for squirrels, because they were trying to eat their way in.

What do you consider to be unique about Lake Claire, I asked David. "For one thing," he said, "the woods. As a result of the woods, the air around here just feels good – the environment is what made me decide to buy the house. It was July, and gardenias were in full bloom. The yard felt like it was swimming in ambrosia. Aroma therapy is real, you know. I fell in love with the place."

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ing cleaning, while outdoors is a live place, doing its own thing, made of dirt called earth.

But don't kill yourself. No better way to try gardening once and never go back to it. As Barbara Pleasant says in her marvelous *Handbook of Southern Vegetable Gardening* (Atlanta, Ga.: Peachtree Publishers, Ltd., 1984):

*Both you and the garden deserve a break in the middle of the summer. Southern gardens, especially the big ones, are very hard to keep up with in midsummer when the weather is so hot that it's actually dangerous to do heavy outdoor work. You can suffer a heat stroke with weeding, hoeing, and digging in the hot sun. Short of that, your disposition and overall energy may suffer severely from too much field work. Perspiration doesn't dry as fast when it's humid, so you feel hotter, too. And your lungs work harder when the air is hot and damp. Most experienced Southern gardeners get up at daybreak on summer mornings and do their garden chores then. (p. 44)*

Have you listed your successes so far this year? I grew lovely

lettuces, about a dozen kinds, a patchwork of light and dark greens, some speckled or streaked with red. My three Chinese cabbages were big and beautiful with just minor insect damage. Thanks to a cooler April after hot March, the Red Top radishes continued for weeks. Basil, protected by hot caps when nights dipped to 30s, are now glowing with health; and the Big Girl and Brandywine tomato plants had flowers before May 1.

The best part about the warm winter was that several flowers survived to grow larger and more floriferous than before, especially the calendula and the nicotiana. This partially made up for perennials and shrubs all flowering earlier and together so that they were over by April.

*Elizabeth welcomes your gardening questions/comments - knowltonew@earthlink.net. -Ed.*

**Golf** *cont. from p. 5*

for providing the community with ways to improve their green spaces and work with the Parks and Recreation department.

This is a long-term process – several months – but it is underway. In April, a dozen

folks from Candler Park, Lake Claire, various businesses, the golf course, the City Council, and Park Pride gathered to form a Steering Committee. This group will work with Park Pride and communicate with the community about how we can create the perfect Candler Park for the future. This Steering Committee is tasked with coming up with a process by which all community input can be constructively gathered, considered, and shared. Engaging neighbors and listening to different viewpoints is critical and will have a huge impact on the final vision of the park.

As of now, four community meetings have been planned to gather feedback. The first will be a "big dream" meeting in July to gather all the ideas anyone has. In August, there will be a design workshop to winnow the ideas to a realistic group of options that can be further researched. Come September, there will be a preliminary review of some of the most promising options, financial resources needed, and views of how the park might look. Finally, the best design with aligned priorities will be revealed in November.

So keep your eyes and ears open for these upcoming meetings and talk with your neighbors about what you think would benefit our intown community. This visioning process is a long-term view that should represent all in our neighborhoods and those who use Candler Park, as well as the golf course. Make sure you give your two cents.

**Frazer** *cont. from p. 1*

*Clarion:* How can potential volunteers get involved?

*MacKensie:* Just ask! Send us an e-mail, or give us a call and

share your interests with us. We would love to find a place that works with each volunteer's skill sets and passions so that is best benefits both the volunteer and the Center's mission. We can schedule individual trips, group visits, corporate impact days, internships and more! Just send an e-mail to [volunteer@thefraziercenter.org](mailto:volunteer@thefraziercenter.org), or give us a call at 404.377.3836 x.125.

*Clarion:* What is the best part of your job?

*Mackenzie:* It is so hard to pinpoint just one aspect. You can never truly have a bad day when surrounded with such wonderful children, adults, and staff. I think my favorite part though is being able to share our Frazer family with others, and let them into our story. It is so great to share the stories of these incredible children and adults with new volunteers, and see their eyes light up as they seamlessly step in and become a part of the family.

*Clarion:* What role do you see for The Frazer Center in the Lake Claire Community (what do you think people should know)?

*Mackenzie:* One of my favorite moments of each day is driving up the hill and waving to neighbors walking through our gardens and paths, enjoying the land with us, and seamlessly integrating. It is a tangible representation of the "inclusive" aspect of our mission that we seek to promote.

Lake Claire has been a valuable part of the Frazer community for many years, and we have appreciated their support throughout this time. We love having Lake Claire members come to work and volunteer with us, and partnering with the neighborhood for various community events. We hope to see this great relation-

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## Pet Kindness

What do New Year's Eve and July 4 have in common? Fireworks!

by Dawn Aura

Both are good times to be at home with your cats and dogs. They can get so frightened at the explosive sounds that they will panic and run -- sometimes far away. One friend's dog squeezed through a partly open window and ran 27 miles to the border of Gwinnett County. It happens every holiday that includes fireworks, and July 4 is around the corner. Even if your pet is inside and hears the sounds, it is scary to him or her, and she or he could really use your comforting -- and a bed to hide under.

Many dogs are also afraid of thunder and lightning and want to hide indoors when they sense the barometric pressure change before it rains. Do not leave them outside during lightning or thunder as they may panic and try to escape, or hurt themselves. The Bach Flower remedy called Mimulus, sold at health food stores, is supposed to help with this fear of thunder. But most of all, your animals need to be safe, inside, and if possible, with you.

Make sure your pets have a tag on their collars at all times with your current phone number -- not just their rabies tags. Animal Control is not open on weekends and holidays. A microchip is not enough either -- not everyone who finds a lost animal thinks of having it scanned for a microchip. Make it easy for your pet to get returned to you, its family, if you should become separated. Most of all, do not ever leave your pets outside during fireworks, or inside with a partially opened window. They will try to bolt, and will get lost and in trouble. Take it from one who has seen it too much.

## Friends of Candler Park Screen on the Green

Friends of Candler Park kicked off their summer movie night series on May 12 with a screening of Kung Fu Panda: The Kaboom of Doom, followed by Puss in Boots at the end of May. There will be free outdoor movies all summer.

The lineup for the rest of Candler Park's 2012 Screen on the Green Season:



## LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



Hey Lake Claire kids! You are welcome to submit articles, drawings, your original puzzles, etc. Be creative! I hope this is a fun series and a way for young readers to participate.

This month's article and illustration, The Future of the Dog House, is by Jacob Johnson. He is in the 5th grade. He is studying filmmaking and Mandarin in home schooling. Jacob is eleven years old, and he has one brother, Josh, who is nine. Josh was featured in the May Clarion Kids' Corner. This summer they will be filming pyramids, villages, and friends in Mexico. 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 Lake Claire," say Josh's parents, Kelly Karim and James Johnson.

## THE FUTURE OF THE DOG HOUSE

by Jacob Johnson

Why I designed this dog house is because I want to have a dog when I get over my dog allergies. Unfortunately, it would have to live in my yard not the house. So I started to design it to be very comfortable for the dog or dogs. Its

size would vary for different dogs. The 1st floor would be 5 feet high so that kids could squat and enter the first floor. There is a ramp going up to the second floor. The second floor is the dog's personal space. The second floor would have 2 beds, blankets, and water -- and food dishes. There would

be a nice balcony with a view and a rail. The roof would hinge up on one side so you can feed the dog. Also, I would build the dog house into one side of a tree - Why? He could mark his territory. Indoor plumbing? I would add plastic panels, like those at Ikea, to the openings to block the bad weather. This dog house would solve a big problem for people who love dogs but have bad allergies



Jacob Johnson - Photo by Gretchen McConnell



August 11: Wall-E, August 25: Hugo, September 8: Viewers' Choice, September 22: Dolphin Tale, and last but not least October 8: E.T. To vote on "viewer's choice" for September 22, go to Friends of Candler Park website, where you'll find the choices of Back to the Future, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Casablanca, The Gummies, The Wizard of Oz, Raising Arizona, Rio, and Mr. Popper's Penguins - <http://friendsofcandlerpark.org/screenonthegreen.html>.

Lake Clarions and all other neighbors and friends of Candler Park are welcome encouraged to attend. We can walk from Lake

Claire! Movie night is sponsored by Friends of Candler Park, which include Epworth Methodist Church, Park Pride, and the Candler Park Neighborhood Association. Start time is slightly before sunset (about 8:00 p.m.) in front of the pool house. Check the website if the weather looks iffy for possible changes in the schedule.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Tish Ganey, who has done a fantastic job managing the website, plans to leave soon. Seeking volunteer with website experience including WordPress site administration, web hosting tasks such as set up of e-mail alias; FTP file uploading and creating hyperlinks. Time: Approximately 3 hours in a calendar quarter. Great way for someone to help the neighborhood - only uploading the Clarion is time-sensitive so ideal for someone who wants to choose his or her own hours.