

40+ Years Serving Lake Claire and Surrounding ‘Hoods: BOND Community FCU

by Beth Damon

October 18 was International Credit Union Day. 186 million people worldwide celebrated a financial industry built on a single premise: members matter most. BOND Community Federal Credit Union (based in nearby Little Five Points) has served Lake Claire and our surrounding communities for over forty years. A statement on their website (www.bondcu.com) succinctly highlights how they differ from big banks: “We’re not-for-profit. Yep - you read that right. We’re not in it for the moolah. We’re here to help.” BOND’s inception and history prove it.

The Little Five Points area, once known as the Bass neighborhood, was quite affluent during the early twentieth century, especially Inman Park. Following the Great Depression, however, it experienced a steady decline in home ownership and quality of life; by 1965, it had all but fallen into urban decay. Violent thugs, drug dealers, and slumlords were destroying this community. It didn’t help that city officials were also trying to rezone and demolish as much of the area as it could.

By 1970, the local citizens decided they’d had enough. They



Bond Credit Union celebrating International Credit Union Day

formed coalitions, acquired funding, organized demonstrations, and united for a common cause: to take the neighborhood back. These folks knew that buying

property and opening businesses would help make this area a great place to live again. One such group was named the Bass Organization for Neighborhood

Development -- or “BOND.” They had a bright idea: if banks in the area were focused on profits and

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Neighborhood History: Roads Through Lake Claire

The earliest verifiable passage through the Lake Claire area is a segment of the Sandtown Trail. It was a pre-European Muscogee (Creek) Indian trading trail. The Creeks were one of 19 tribal groups that once lived in Alabama and Georgia. Following the Creek War in 1813, the Creeks were forced to give up huge tracks of land in Alabama and to move in large numbers into Georgia. The road came from the east through New Gibraltar (Stone Mountain) along the ridge line which became the Georgia Railroad. It then continued west to the established Indian village of Sandtown, on the Chat-

tahoochee River, approximately 0.5 miles downstream of the current Thornton Road/Camp Creek Bridge.

Immediately after the creation of DeKalb County in 1822, the city of Decatur was designated as the county seat. A decision was made to build seven roads, with Decatur as the hub of the radial network. The current Clairemont, Fayetteville, Montgomery Ferry, Covington, Rockbridge, and McDonough Roads are the most easily verified of the original seven.

The seventh road was the Sandtown Road, which began in Decatur and was routed south-

west, through the current Lake Claire, to the Sandtown settlement.

In 1827, James H. Kirkpatrick built his homestead on a knoll, a short distance from the Sandtown Road, near the current intersection of East Lake Road and Ridgecrest. A portion of his 1,100-acre plantation (“Kirkwood”) became the significantly larger of two early land holdings that make up the current Lake Claire.

During the Civil War, Federal strategic maps indicate that a Confederate conscript camp was near the homestead location. The Sandtown Road con-

tinued southwest and seems to have gone into the valley which

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November: Mark Your Calendars

November is Alzheimer's Awareness month/American Diabetes month/COPD Awareness month/Lung Cancer Awareness month/Native American Heritage month/Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month/ & last, but not least, Pomegranate Month!

1 through 18 – Theatrical Outfit “2-Drink Minimum,” with Susan Shaloub Larkin – about families and the phone lines that bind them. <http://www.theatricaloutfit.org/shows/two-drink-minimum> or 1.877.725.8849

3 and 16 - Land Trust drum circle, dark till midnight. Please walk, bike, or carpool.

4 and 17 (the day after each drum circle) – the Land Trust “Keep the Trust” Volunteer Work Day, 2:00-5:00 pm. Volunteers get free pizza and a drum circle pass.

6 Remember to vote!

9 Mary Lin Elementary School Home Run-a-Thon Fundraiser. Friday, November 9, 12-2pm Mary Lin Elementary School – see article on Page 1 for more information and Mary Lin website.

10 Work Day in Freedom Park (planned by Freedom Park Conservancy, Park Pride, and Trees Atlanta. To tackle some bamboo and other invasive plants, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please invite neighbors & friends. Contact brian@treesatlanta.com.

10 and 2nd Saturday of each month, Sevananda cooking class “What's cooking,” healthy lifestyle cooking, tasting, recipes. \$15/\$20 non-members http://www.sevananda.coop/ailec_event/whats-cooking/?instance_id=8648

13 6:30 p.m., Important for The Frazer Center: Dekalb County Board of Commissioners Hearing, 1300 Commerce Dr., Maloof Auditorium, Decatur, to discuss Frazer Center zoning.

13 Earth Poetry with Stephen Wing. 7:00-9:00 pm, The Wylde Center (formerly Oakhurst Community Garden), 435 Oakview Road, Decatur, GA 30030, 404-371-1920, \$5 Suggested Donation. More info: <http://stephenwing.com/earth-poetry-workshop.html> or e-mail andrea.zoppo@yahoo.com

15 and the third Thursday of every month (EXCEPT, SEE BELOW FOR DECEMBER 2012) Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting, The Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 pm social time, 7:15 meeting start time.

AT THE MEETING TONIGHT WE ELECT NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS FOR LAKE CLAIRE.

23 Horizon Theatre – Nov 23 through December 30, Santaland Diaries by David Sedaris, 14th smash year. Contact <http://www.horizontheatre.com/show.htm>

24 Film screening at the Land Trust, “Food, Clothing, and Shelter,” by Ebrima Ba, focusing on urban farming and local solutions to hunger and homelessness, 6:00-9:00 pm.

30 Beyond Fair Trade – 3rd annual sale by City Church-East-side, featuring handmade goods of several nonprofit organizations. 6-9 p.m., Stove Works, 112 Krog Street. Children's clothing, gifts, accessories, home accents, beautiful jewelry, and more. All proceeds go back to each organization to support empowering third world communities through fair trade programs. For more info: Stephanie Shackelford, 404-550-3496, <http://beembraced.blogspot.com/>

First Part of December:

1 Annual Land Trust Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale, Lake Claire Co-housing Common House, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. – See article on Page 11. Features pottery, knitting, jewelry and other goodies by neighbors

8 Inman Middle School PTA sponsors “Inman Frosty 5K.” See [Page 9] for details.

13 Lake Claire Holiday Party – see box below for details. 2nd not 3rd Thursday this month!

Send calendar items for December's Clarion by NOVEMBER 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org

Photo Credit Correction: The October Clarion's photo on Page 1, depicting Mary Lin students at the Halloween Parade was a Creative Loafing Staff photo taken at the L5P Parade. We apologize for the misunderstanding.

Message from The Frazer Center to our Lake Claire Neighbors:

In our efforts to respond to concerns about traffic on Ridgewood and Marlbrook, the Frazer Center began locking the gate that provides access to Ridgewood Rd. effective in October. The gate is closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., and from 6:30 p.m. Fridays to 7:00 a.m. Mondays. Over the next few weeks, we will install a pedestrian gate and will provide you with information as to how you can access it during the hours the main gate is closed. Access to The Frazer Center will still be available evenings from South Ponce de Leon Ave.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause for the easy access to the forest, but we believe this step is necessary if we are to work towards reconciliation with those who have expressed concerns regarding safety and traffic.

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Lake Claire Resident Fights GBM

by Tina Maudsley



My husband Ken Maudsley was diagnosed with a terminal (stage 4) brain cancer, Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM) in August 2011 after he had a grand mal seizure at our home on Palifox. He was rushed to Emory, where he had a CAT scan, and we were told it could be a parasite since we had recently returned from a trip to Mexico. Unfortunately, a follow-up MRI revealed a tumor, which was confirmed as GBM after Ken underwent a craniotomy.

In the past year, Ken has completed the "standard of care" treatment which includes surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. He then tried an experimental, immunotherapy ICT-107 clinical trial which required him to travel to Chicago for treatment. The cancer returned, and he tried yet another treatment, Novocure, which required him to wear electrodes on his head 24 hours a day. GBM is the most aggressive form of brain cancer, and Ken's cancer returned yet again. He is currently being treated with chemotherapy and avastin, which last week put him in the hospital because the Doctors believe that his appendix had burst due to the avastin.

Nutrition and Eastern medicine have been important in Ken's treatment. He will get his next MRI in a week's time to see if the last treatment has stopped and hopefully shrunk the tumor. He will also be returning to Duke's Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center for their opinion on next steps.

Ken writes a thoughtful and informative blog, which has helped others afflicted by this terminal cancer and their caregivers and friends (www.glioblastered.com). He is a talented web designer and painter. He has taken up painting again recently, and he also designed the t-shirt for a benefit that was held for him in his hometown, Gadsden, Alabama, named Kebostock.

The median survival time for a GBM patient is 14 months. Today, Thursday, October 11, Ken has met this milestone date, and he remains a statistic of one.

Editor's note: When Ken had his seizure at age 41, he had had no headaches or any other symptoms. Readers wanting further information or to help are encouraged to go to Ken's blog at www.glioblastered.com. When someone is in need, people ask what they can do to help out, and the answer is usually to help them with meals. This is a link to Ken Maudsley's meal train - <http://www.mealtrain.com/?id=m4c7myai51yt>



Artist Tracy Wilhelm created this woodblock print to represent Ken's and Tina's struggle. The image is of Ken. Tina is spelled out in the sutures. It's titled, "Holding It Together."

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is now the east end of McLendon Avenue. It came down the valley through the intersection of Claire Drive, Lakeshore, and McLendon, which was a convenient two miles from Decatur, about 45 minutes walking. For those traveling between Sandtown and Decatur, the perennial streams at that location would have been a reliable water source. Likely, the streams in the 1820s carried more water than today, but even if not, there was enough water to fill a canteen or cool down a horse on a hot day.

The road then continued southeast, most likely near the intersection of Indiana Avenue and Connecticut Avenue, crossing Arizona Avenue, and eventually crossing the Sandtown Trail in the vicinity of Nelms/Clifton and DeKalb Avenue. Before the Civil War, the site of the Capel McLendon homestead was established along the Sandtown Road, slightly north of Clifton/Dekalb Avenue. The road continued down into the next valley, possibly through Grant Park area and westward, into what would become Five Points, Peters Street, West Whitehall, and Ralph Abernathy, eventually merging onto the current Cascade Road and continuing west to the Sandtown Village.

** Bob Schreiber wrote much of this for the October 1999 Clarion. For many years, Bob was Lake Claire's NPU representative and actively involved in the neighborhood. I got information on the Creek Indians at http://www.sandtown.org/our_community.htm.*

I have over 20 years of back issues of the Lake Claire Clarion and previous neighborhood paper (entitled "Neighbors") thanks to Harold Avenue Lake Claire Neighbor Sharon Doochin. Clarion archives are available on the website from the year 2000. The Clarion and Lake Claire Neighbors thanks Sharon, who lives by her motto, "Share on." – Editor



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Coming of Age (or age is coming)

by Gaye Arneri

As I took my first drive in my new-ish car it occurred to me why adult kids sometimes wonder just what has taken over their parents. What are they thinking?

I recently bought a pre-owned vehicle. I'll tell you in a moment what it is. Anyway, I needed one that was easier to drive because of arthritic knees becoming less compatible with manual transmission. I LOVE my Subaru Baja. It's been a wonderful all-around vehicle, great for road trips, farm chores, all kinds of useful things. However, it is time to cave in to my increasing limitations. So, I went on a hunt for the perfect replacement. I needed to get in and out easily, drive long distances comfortably with dogs and grandson, pack it to the gills with no worries, and get good gas mileage. My philosophy regarding being environmentally responsible is to increase gas mileage with each purchase and to buy used. How used may earn me a couple of mpg in exchange.

So, off we go to cars.com and Carmax. I ended up with a lovely Toyota RAV4 Sport, a sturdy roomy powerful beautiful vehicle. It boasted 27 mpg on the highway. Well, I also ended up having a few issues with it, and I decided to see if the dealer would take it back and work me a deal on another more suitable car. I was quite disappointed because I really

liked the car, but it still had to go. Well, I thought, since I got it at a Toyota dealership, they might have a good deal on a 2012 clearance model, perhaps a RAV4 that wasn't a Sport. We wheeled and dealt, got to an impasse, then the manager (rather than say "no" to my last counter) said he had a used car that had just been turned in, not ready for the lot yet, but that he thought I would really like. And he would make me a good deal.

Well, I guess it was meant to be that I get a luxury car this go-around. I ended up with a Volvo C90, a top-of-the-line SUV with 75k miles on it. It talks to me. Tells me when I have messages on my phone. It remembers how I like my seat adjusted. It entertains passengers with a built-in DVD with remote control. It tells me how to get where I'm going, also with remote control. It does things I didn't think cars could do. (BTW – it was Nalley Toyota that dealt with me quite fairly.)

So why is this a coming of age story? I never in a million years would have gone out looking for this vehicle. I thought of what my son would think seeing me ride around in it. I realized that I have truly loosened up on how I think about things. I do have fewer worries in some respects and can be more impulsive. It may seem like a small deal to most of you, but to me I felt freer.

So what if I decide it wasn't a good idea later on? I'll just sell the sucker.

So if your folks start doing things that may seem a bit out of character, you might just grin and enjoy their mellowing with age. I must say it feels good.

Close Up On a Clarion Carrier: Sherry Neal

by Beth Damon

Around two dozen Lake Claire neighbors are involved in the effort to produce and deliver this newspaper. Though the editor, layout artist, distribution coordinator, and webmaster are named in the masthead, many more are involved, including writers, advertisers, and our "Clarion Carriers," many of whom have been volunteering for many years.



Sherry Neal, Dan Wright, their children and Dan's sister

Lake Claire resident Sherry Neal of Howard Place and husband Dan Wright moved to Howard Circle in November 2003. When I asked Sherry what street they lived on, she said "Howard Circle, where we have the best neighbors!" Their daughter Latha, age 6, is in the first grade at Mary Lin, and their son Buddy (who turns 3 this month on November 13) is in the Seedlings Class at Epworth Day School.

Sherry and Dan have a family-owned and operated law firm, Neal & Wright LLC. Dan does commercial real estate and business transactional work (entity formation, contract review, leases, etc.), and Sherry handles adoptions. They both prepare estate plans.

Both Sherry and Dan have been extensively involved in the neighborhood and continue to be active. Dan has served as VP for Safety and regularly serves as pro bono legal counsel to LCN. Sherry moderates the Lake Claire Parents e-mail group, and she is outgoing LCN Schools Committee Chair. She has

coordinated the Halloween parade in past years, but this year "has passed that along!" They are also involved with Mary Lin, where Sherry volunteers in the library every Friday, serves as Chair of the Mary Lin Education Foundation, and is the CINS representative for Mary Lin. Dan is also President of the Atlanta Chapter of the Trinity University Alumni Association,

and Sherry is President of the Georgia Council of Adoption Lawyers.

I asked Sherry what she has noticed about Lake Claire over the years: "The most striking thing to me," Sherry mused, "is the growth of the neighborhood in terms of more and more kids! When we moved onto Howard Circle, there were only five or six children living on our block (Howard Circle and the little bit of Palifox between McLendon and DeKalb). Now there are 27 with one more on the way!"

They particularly love how they can walk to so many places, from Little Five Points to Decatur. They enjoy all the parks that are close by.

And last, but certainly not least, in terms of their involvement with the newspaper, they have advertised for many years, and Sherry has been a Clarion Carrier almost as long as they've lived here, 8 or 8½ years. Thanks to Sherry, and to all of our volunteers, who make it a priority to fit service to the neighborhood into very busy lives.

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Clifton Sanctuary Ministries' Annual Graduation and Honors Dinner

by Leslie Prince



Lake Claire Neighbors at Clifton Dinner with Alice Jenkins & Prince Davies-Venn & Mark Clements - by Michael Thurmond

The highlight of our year at Clifton has always been the Annual Graduation and Honors dinner, and this year proved to be no exception. North Avenue Presbyterian Church hosted us, and North Avenue's senior pastor, Dr. Scott Weimer, provided encouragement and gave gratitude to our Clifton graduates and current residents. Alice Jenkins and Prince Davies-Venn recognized our graduates and then called upon graduate Grady Greene, also a Toastmaster Competent Communicator, to share some of his reflections about how Clifton helped him to transform his life. And oh my, did Grady show himself to be a competent communicator.

Lake Claire Neighbors had a table at the event. James Crutcher, the Lake Claire liaison on the CSM board, attended with Kelly Crutcher, Kathie Ryan (LCN VP of Public Safety), Dan White (LCN VP of Zoning), neighbors Joe Agee and Sarah Wynn (a previous LCN liaison to the Clifton board), and Candler Park neighbors Mark Clement and his son, Zack. The Rev. Dr.

Scott Weimar, Sr. Pastor of North Avenue Presbyterian Church, was the key note speaker at this year's dinner.

The Annual Dinner is also a time to honor our wonderful volunteers each year, and our neighbors in Candler Park were recognized as the Volunteer Group of the Year for 2012. We are grateful for their love and support of our men every year, but wanted to recognize their commitment this past year as both volunteers and financial partners. Mark and Zack Clement accepted the award to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization.

Additionally, the men of Clifton are fortunate to have opportunities throughout the year to participate with Candler Park Neighbors and Lake Claire neighbors in helping with Candler Park Fall Fest, Movie Nights, and Sweetwater 420 Festival. These activities truly enable the men to feel as if they are a part of both the Lake Claire and Candler Park neighborhoods, not just passing through them.... And for that, we are so thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving to all Lake Claire neighbors, from the Clarion

You are Invited!

Lake Claire Neighbors Holiday Dinner

Thursday, December 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Atrium at The Frazer Center

Vegetable & Meat Lasagne/Mac & Cheese for kids, lemonade, and wine

provided by the LCN Organization

Even addresses: please bring a salad or a side dish

Odd addresses: please bring a dessert

RSVP to www.lakeclaire.org/rsvp or 404-981-5616

(Note: The Ridgewood gate to The Frazer Ctr will be closed to vehicles, **open to pedestrians**, so if you go in from Lake Claire, you'll exit on Ponce.)

(Note that December 13 is the second Thursday, not the customary third Thursday of the month)

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Thank you, all.

Work for the Clarion!!

I regret that due to work exigencies, both Lore and Jeanne have requested that I find replacements for their positions. They have both done fantastic work, and they have put in numerous volunteer hours for the Clarion.

The **Layout Artist** is a position for which some experience with Photoshop is recommended. Lore will teach you how to layout the paper with InDesign. The main requirement has to do with timing; the person needs to be available to work on each issue sometime during the third week of each month. Willingness to work with me on page placement and design is very important to me, and an artistic flair would be a bonus!

The **Advertising Coordinator** needs to be organized and able to communicate well. The ideal person will be able to update monthly spreadsheets; communicate effectively and professionally with advertisers; create invoices for advertisers when requested (in MS Word and convert to PDFs); keep accurate track of payments received via Paypal and mail; and follow-up on any unpaid ads. Basic knowledge of graphics is helpful but not required. We would like someone who has time to contact potential businesses and former advertisers in the area, though if someone has time available to do this, it could possibly be a separate position. Jeanne is willing to work with her replacement for several months, until the person feels confident. The bulk of the work is the week around the 15th, when the person would need to follow-up and update the spreadsheet.

If you have any questions or think you may be interested in either of these volunteer positions, please contact editor@lakeclaire.org, and I will phone you back to discuss.

Thank you, profusely, to Lore and Jeanne for their work over these years – and their willingness to work while we find replacements. --Beth

Lake Claire Halloween Parade and Party: Big, Busy, and Boo-tiful!

by Heidi Hill, Photos by Christina Hodgen and Beth Krebs

On the last Saturday in October, neighbors from across Lake Claire descended on the staging ground at Ridgewood and Marlbrook, dressed in their festive and frightful best, ready to parade into the park for our annual Halloween party. The crowd was large, the scene animated. Alongside the witches, pirates, skeletons, superheroes, and princesses were some inspired family costumes: mama, papa, and baby owls; Jeannie and Captain Tony Nelson; the cast of the Hunger Games; a penguin with its fish, and a cat with its mouse; and the Man with the Yellow Hat, a banana, and two little Curious Georges. We had sweet ladybugs and butterflies, and a number of tiny, round costumed babies: a skunk, a lamb, a cow, a kitten, a clown fish, and some dinosaurs and pumpkins. And, of course, gruesome and gory made appearances, too.

This year, we had a very special guest of honor—our City Council member Natalyn Archibong, who led the crowd into the park as our Grand Marshal, along with police officer Leonard Smith. At parade's end, everyone was treated to a party in the park, with treats donated by neighbors, pizza and mini biscuits provided by the Flying Biscuit, drinks provided by Candler Park Market, and freshly popped popcorn, courtesy of Janet and Steve Cywilko. Two professional photographers from the neighborhood were on hand to capture the action and the costumes: Christina Hodgen, who traveled through the crowd taking candid shots, and Kristy Heller, who snapped formal stills against a starry backdrop.

For the next couple of hours, neighbors and friends mingled, kids played and ran and snacked, and we all enjoyed spending time together in our park. It was a terrific kickoff to the Halloween week!



Special Thanks

Without the work of many neighbors, the parade and party wouldn't have been possible, but thanks first and most of all goes to Beth Krebs, who organized the event. Beth, thank you for all your amazing hard work! The evening was a huge success because of you and your volunteers.

A handful of beloved local sponsors provided snacks and drinks and services; a big thank-you to the Flying Biscuit, Candler Park Market, Christina Hodgen Photography, and Kristy Heller Photography, as well as to Candler Park Flowers, who provided the corsage for Councilmember Archibong.

Finally, many neighbors helped by providing treats for the snack table (offered at a suggested donation of \$.50 apiece, the proceeds of which will go to funding future neighborhood events); setting up, decorating, and cleaning up; staffing the snack table; coordinating the parade; and selling our brand-new Lake Claire tote bags. Thank you to Kat Cooper, Kris Wellen, Sarah Wynn, Allyson McCarthy, Heidi Hill, James Marshall, Mary Jo Bryan, James Bryan, Kathy Evans, Logan Casey, Kris Wellen, Lisa Fallen, Kristen Herzegh, Sara Rockaway, Rob Howayeck, Liz Howayeck, Allison Landon, Celia O'Keefe, Deseree Brittingham, Lisa Waugh, Corcelles Capps, Steve Cywilko, Sherry Neal, Natasha Latzman, Elizabeth Spivey, Kris Bracy, Nicole Cheng, Melanie Cole, and Cara Stevens.





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The Garden in December

by Elizabeth Knowlton

Last month I ended with some vague comments on planting your spring-blooming bulbs. If you have not finished this task, it can be easily done November through December although many holiday events plus the colder weather may make it difficult. I know you have stored your bulbs in the refrigerator (away from fruits), as I suggested. Check them all to make sure they are plump and firm, especially if you got them directly from a store, because soft or wizened bulbs will probably not bloom. Flaking skin or even some mold-looking stuff is normal and will not affect a firm bulb.

Check your packaging, any general garden book, or on-line to see how deep to plant each type. Usually it is two or three times the height of the bulb itself. So a crocus corm would need to be planted only a few inches deep. Adding a little bone meal or special fertilizer to the hole will help feed the perennial ones for several years. You can also work this into the soil in spring after the flower blooms but before the foliage withers away. Newly purchased bulbs have been fed before harvesting and are ready to bloom in a pot or in the ground.

All of this is unnecessary with tulips because they will not bloom again. I can hear some of you arguing and telling me about this or that tulip that came back for a year or two. Sure, I get that too. Out of 600 tulips, ten or more may rebloom. As I have said before, though, what kind of show is that? It is a good science experiment if that is your goal. Otherwise, accept the fact that in Atlanta we need to replant tulips each fall. The other question I get is what to do with tulip bulbs after they bloom. The answer is nothing. (Isn't that great? One less chore.) They will rot away in the summer and be gone when you go to replant.

The actual planting is best done on hands and knees with a short-handled bulb planter. There are long-handled ones, and there are pieces to attach to electric drills. The long-handled ones require two people or getting up and down all the time. Unless your soil is very compacted (and why have you not done something about that?), you probably don't need electricity. Crocuses are favored by squirrels and other rodents, so do not leave them lying around while planting. You can dig a shallow pit, scatter the tiny corms across it, and quickly cover and firm. Stomping on the soil would not be remiss.

Unless you have deliberately bought a mixture, it is usually best to plant them in clumps of same type and color to make any sort of impact. Bulbs are not specimen trees! Believe it or not, you can get easily confused as to where you have already


planted a bulb, and it is disappointing to destroy one by immediately slicing through it with the planter. Therefore, especially with tulips, I plant one kind at a time and work in one direction across a bed, laying them out in the desired pattern. I take the first one, place it next to another, slice in the planter where that bulb was (deeper is better with tulips and narcissus), place it in the hole, and refill with the soil held in the planter. If you are easily distracted or interrupted by friendly passersby, as I am, you always know if you have already planted a bulb in that last space because in that case there will not be any two right next to each other. The only time it gets tricky is when you are planting the last one of the group. Then move on to the adjacent space for the next bag.

If you plant very many bulbs, a diagram of your plan is very helpful, not only for planting, but also for next spring so you know what to call your successes and failures. Photographs in spring can also help you plan for next year.

Finally, along with packages arriving at your door should be seed catalogs. Some of the best are Park Seed, Burpee, Cook's Garden, Harris Seeds, John Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds, Johnny's Selected Seeds, Natural Gardening Company, Select Seeds, Stokes, Thompson and Morgan, Totally Tomatoes, and Vermont Bean Seed Company. Yes, these are all on-line, but there is nothing like flipping through a catalog to pick out your favorites and compare prices, much quicker than on computer. Check out their sites to see which catalogs you would like to receive—all these are free. Many ship vegetable and flower plants to you also, but we have enough intown sources for that now. Besides, you want to hone your seed skills. I encourage you to inventory any seeds you are still holding and start ordering now for spring because we begin to sow seeds in January in this planting zone.

Have you put away garden structures, like cages and netting, cleaned your tools, and gotten ready for our very short winter? What were your successes this year? I have picked over 400 Sweet Million tomatoes and 40 Fairytale eggplants, each in a pot and still producing. Did you, like I, have the best ever tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, basil, and carrots? Or was it just where they were planted? Last year they were a bust, and so were the beans I planted in that bed this year. Beans! The silent partner says that beans were few at Sevananda too this year, but I suspect my planting space. Chard and beets melted in the heat. Some squash overpowered the borer, but then varmints chewed off the blossoms so I got only a few vegetables. Most of the okra that managed to sprout was dug up by busy squirrels, but four plants produced nice crops. Also, the marigolds, nasturtiums, and celosia near or in the vegetable beds were superb. Not to mention that gorgeous tithonia, eventually eight feet tall and still putting out hundreds of blossoms. The one in the front yard finally produced a flower on Oct. 3, in case you are wondering.



You may write to Elizabeth Knowlton, longtime resident of Lake Claire, with your gardening questions or comments at knowltonew@earthlink.net. Have you missed some of Elizabeth's articles this year? Each issue targets gardening hints for the following month. See them on the Lake Claire website at <http://www.lakeclaire.org/wpsite/clarion/clarion-archives/> - great place to view color pictures of any black-and-white pictures too.



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This Month's Lake Claire Neighborhood Meeting: Time to Elect Our 2012-13 Neighborhood Officers

Lake Claire's election of neighborhood officers is Thursday, November 15, in the Frazer Center Rose Room, at 7:15 p.m. (Sign-in and social time begins at 7:00 p.m.) Our by-laws call for presentation of the nominees for each office, open nominations from the floor, and the vote. The newly elected officers will take the oath of office immediately and assume responsibilities at that time. The oath is basically a commitment to avoid conflicts of interest while acting as an LCN officer. Robert's Rules also direct that one must recuse him- or herself from participating or voting on issues in which he or she has a vested interest, alternately identifying that interest.

The following slate of officers were nominated by the current Executive Committee on October 9:

President: Joe Agee

Treasurer: Andrew Sherwood**

VP Planning/ NPU representative: Carol Holliday*

VP Zoning: Dan White*

VP Environment: James Ezelio**

VP Public Safety: Kathie Ryan*

VP Communications/Secretary: Nancy Dorsner*

VP Fun(d)raising: Kathy Evans

* denotes present officers volunteering to continue in office, subject to election

** denotes "pro-tem" nominations; i.e., each will have attended the requisite four meetings by the November election. As stated earlier, open nominations are allowed from the floor on the night of the vote.

We also have other volunteers and Executive Committee Appointments that are not voted upon. Those are: Neighborhood School Committee Chair: Beth Krebs; Welcome Committee Chair: Sara Rockaway; Liaison/Public Relations Committee Chair: Christiane French; and Clarion: Editor, Beth Damon, Layout Artist: Lore Ruttan, Advertising Coordinator: Jeanne Marie St. Romain, Distribution Coordinator: Sarah Wynn, and Webmaster: Will Burke. We

have many other volunteers in Lake Claire, on committees as needed, the Clarion delivery volunteers, and others on an as-needed basis throughout the year – such as the upcoming holiday party.

We hope many neighbors will make an effort to attend the meeting and cast your votes on Thursday, November 15. (Eligibility is residence or property ownership in Lake Claire.)

Inman Middle School Frosty 5K coming first week of December

by Boyd Baker

The Inman Middle School PTA is hosting a race on December 8 to benefit our middle school and would love all families to come out to run, walk, stroll, and enjoy some activity while helping our students and teachers. We are also looking for sponsors for the race. Join our team! Contact Beth Downes (bethdownes@msn.com) or Adrienne Maxim (adrienne.maxim@gmail.com). Details can be found at www.InmanFrosty5K.com or at www.Active.com.

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resisted giving mortgage loans to locals, then they would form their own financial institution: a not-for-profit, member-owned, democratically-controlled credit union backed by the federal government. Word spread quickly.

BOND Community Federal Credit Union was officially chartered in 1972. Its first office was a humble kitchen in a neighbor's home; at that time, they offered only savings accounts and home loans. BOND's first Board of Directors actually sold peaches in the streets of Atlanta to pay the first year's dividends on members' deposits. For the next forty years it grew, gaining new membership areas, and helping communities thrive.

Today, BOND is 5000 members strong and has lent over \$157,000,000. They continue to support the community by lending local funds, sponsoring local events and festivals, and making donations to nonprofit groups such as Atlanta Habitat for Humanity and Children's Miracle Network. Products and convenient services now include personal and business checking accounts, VISA Debit Cards, and notary services; they even offer free certified financial counseling to all members. Add to that free online banking and bill pay, 24/7 live member service, 5,000 shared branches, and 70,000 free ATMs worldwide -- they are BETTER than big national banks. I know this firsthand.

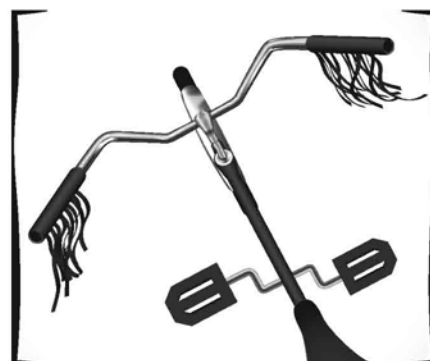
For the last 23 years I have lived in my house in Lake Claire, preceded by six years in Candler Park. I have banked with BOND all of this time, and I have been happy to have car loans and my house loan with them. I recently spoke with Alpesh Patel, their Community

Development Manager. Alpesh - who just goes by "Pesh" - oversees outreach and education, and he helps develop new business relationships. He has created numerous presentations and classes for elementary school students as well as Emory students and adults; the credit union itself has provided free financial education at local churches, non-profit organizations (such as Sevananda Natural Foods Market, WRFG, and Atlanta Habitat for Humanity). Pesh also publishes a quarterly newsletter, providing insight and financial tips while updating members on changes and upcoming events. In May they held a Luau-themed party for their members at the Highland Ballroom; last month, as mentioned, they celebrated International Credit Union Day by holding their 6th annual "Taste of BOND," in which several local establishments got to showcase their food to the traffic in the credit union's lobby. This year's participants were all relatively new restaurants in the area, which gave them a chance to show off to possible new patrons.

Pesh and I initially got to know each other through BOND's consistent advertising in the Clarion for many years. Secondly, we met through BOND's annual Calendar Contest. How many financial institutions stage a photo contest and produce a yearly calendar with members' (or customers') photos!? All credit union members are eligible to submit their photographs between January 1 and March 31; photos must be taken in one of BOND's neighborhoods. I have participated for many years - as have other Lake Claire residents - and many of us have won, and our photos have been in BOND

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

Lake Claire Safety Report Weeks 35-38, compiled from APD Reports

Other Larceny

1700 block McLendon Avenue 9/19/12 12:10-12:15
Taken: saw Resident was working in rear of his house;
saw stolen from front drive

Residential Burglary

2000 block DeKalb Ave 9/4/12 11:00-23:15
Damage: Deadbolt broken

2000 block DeKalb Ave 9/8/12 06:30-14:10
Damage: rear door kicked in Taken: MacBook

Theft from Auto

600 block Clifton Road 9/1-2/12 19:50-02:00
Taken: not described Damage: passenger window pried

2000 block DeKalb Ave 9/2-3/12 18:30-01:30
Taken: not described Damage: window broken

200 block Southerland Terr 9/3/12 00:01-09:30 two vehicles
parked on street
Taken: not described Damage: broken windows prints
recovered

500 block Hardendorf 9/12-13/12 18:00-07:15
Taken: not described Damage: passenger's side window broken
prints recovered

2000 block Tuxedo Ave 9/11-12/12 21:00-08:00 parked on
street
2006 Nissan Sentra Damage: driver's side window broken
Taken: GPS device prints recovered

2000 block Palifox Dr 9/15-16/12 19:30-06:05
Taken: two backpacks Damage: driver's side back window broken
prints recovered

Stay Current on Crime/Security in Lake Claire

The Clarion gives you the monthly summary, but for current, often daily security information, join the Lake Claire Neighborhood Watch Yahoo group. The purpose of this group is to enable rapid communication among the Lake Claire block security block captains (each represents his or her street), the Safety VP for Lake Claire Neighbors, and anyone else in the neighborhood who wants to communicate about safety issues. One of the security captains, Denessa on McLendon, set up the group in 2009. At its core, the Yahoo group gives us a single address to which you and anyone else in the group can send e-mail to get the word out about a crime issue. The address is: lakeclaireneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com. (You can't send e-mail to it until you join the Yahoo group.)

Anyone is welcome to join this group, but because this group is specifically intended for public safety and crime prevention, we ask that people not post other types of information (e.g., yard sales, art openings, missing pets, etc.).

Thank you for your interest in helping to keep Lake Claire safe. If you have any questions about the Block Watch Captains program, anything in the security report, or other crime and security issues, contact safety@lake-claire.org.

The Directed Patrol Form

The Atlanta Police Department (APD) Directed Patrol Form is available to you just in time for the holidays. Not only can it be used when a home is left unoccupied for a specified time, but also in the case of one spouse being alone in a home while the other is traveling. It may also be used if someone is feeling targeted in some special circumstance, for example by a peeping tom or a recent burglary.

The completed form must be faxed or mailed to APD Zone 6. Copies of the form may be downloaded from the LCN website at <http://www.lakeclaire.org/wpsite/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/APD-Zone-6-DIRECTED-PATROL-FORM.doc>, or obtained at the LCN monthly meetings.

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calendars. The 2013 calendar is available in their lobby (free); December's photo was taken by yours truly, and of course, taken in Lake Claire.

I asked Pesh what it's been like working for BOND; he said, "Nine years ago, when BOND was gracious enough to take a chance on a fella with zero banking experience, I didn't even know what a credit union was. Ironically, my primary function in Community Development is to educate people about credit unions and how we differ from banks. I noticed a sense of uniqueness about BOND right away. Members don't stand impatiently in line; they take a number and have a seat in one of several church pews or rocking chairs in the lobby, conversing as they wait. Our tellers make an effort to call members up by their names. When called, members seat themselves in front of a teller who is also sitting at the same level, creating a sense of trust and equality. There is a kids room with chalkboard walls, toys, and crayons. Our CEO and Executive Management Team keep their doors open to all members. We know about each others' families, businesses, and lives. We sponsor your festivals and playground builds. We're not just a financial institution; we're your neighbors. But we're all over the globe, too, with 24/7 live member support, online banking, and worldwide branch banking. I can easily and proudly say that the most fulfilling and rewarding working years of my life have been with BOND Community Federal Credit Union, especially as we've expanded these services without losing the small-town feel."

He also had this to say directly to our readers: "If you live, work, volunteer, or worship in Lake Claire and you're not a member of BOND Community, you either don't know about us, or you don't know enough about us. I'm willing to bet you've never experienced anything like BOND before; I'd love the chance to prove it to you."

It was a pleasure speaking with Pesh, and Lake Claire and the Clarion appreciate BOND's support of our neighborhood over the years. I encourage you to check out this valuable resource – you can contact Pesh by calling 404-525-0619, ext 235, or by e-mailing him: alpesh@bondcu.com.

If you are a 30+-year resident –or business– of Lake Claire, I hope to include you in this series in the future. Contact editor@lake-claire.org with your story or to set up an interview. –B.D.

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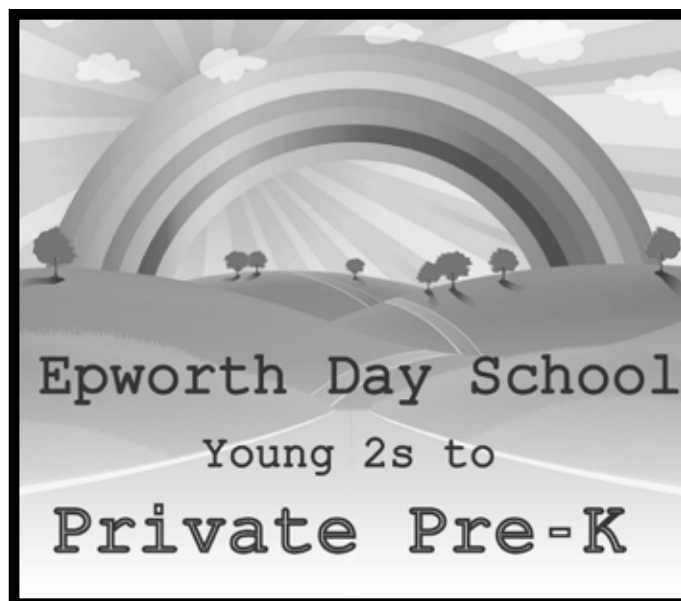
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Land Trust Greenspace Now Protected by Conservation Easement

by Stephen Wing

Last month, the Lake Claire Community Land Trust reached a milestone in its development - or rather resistance to development - by placing the majority of the 2-acre greenspace under a Conservation Easement. This legal instrument allows a landowner to place specific limits on the future development of a given property, even after it passes to other owners - "in perpetuity," as the lawyers say.

First proposed by trustee Norman Glassman over a decade ago, the idea of an Easement went underground and resurfaced several times. In 2011 it finally began to gain traction and an attorney specializing in Conservation Easements was hired. A Land Trust subcommittee worked with the attorney, Bill Dreyfus, to finalize the terms of the agreement. A land survey was one of the final steps. The document was signed on Oct. 27 and filed at Dekalb County courthouse the following Monday.

"The purpose of the Easement is to help preserve and protect the natural, scenic and open space values of the Lake Claire area of the City of Atlanta and Dekalb County," the document reads in part. Covering the vast majority of the Land Trust property, it limits future construction to two new sheds and one gazebo of a certain size. It prohibits impervious paving and restricts the amount of pervious paving that can be added, along with the dimensions of new walls, fencing, and hedges, and the volume of future earthmoving projects.

The document also requires the property owner to minimize erosion, consider visual aesthetics, and protect surface water when making improvements to the land. It requires any lighting installed to be shrouded and pointed down, and it limits the size and duration of outdoor sculptures. It even states how many vehicles can be parked on the property and for how long.

The Easement document lists "grantees" who are charged with enforcing its provisions. If any grantee observes the Land Trust Board or future owners of the property violating the Easement, as grantees they have legal standing to intervene by taking the matter to court. Others may also pay the fee to be added as grantees, but complaints from owners of adjacent properties will have greater merit in the court's eyes.

Four adjacent neighbors are listed as grantees: Norm Glassman and his wife Marilyn, Miriam Herbers, Chris McKenna, and Dawn Aura and Stephen Wing. If any of them were to move, the grantee status would remain with his or her property and pass to its next owners. The Lake Claire Neighbors Association has also agreed to be a grantee, adding an extra measure of stability and establishing the Land Trust as a neighborhood responsibility.

A parallel Easement is in process for Norman and Marilyn's Amata property, which abuts the Land Trust's western border, with the Land Trust as grantee.



Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale Benefits the Land Trust & Local Artists

by Miriam Herbers

It is time to be polishing your needles and tools of craft for the 2012 Arts and Craft Sale. This year's date: Saturday, December 1, from 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. The past two years have been such a success that we need more space! This year the sale will be in the Common House at Lake Claire Cohousing, facing the Arizona Avenue cul-de-sac across from the Land Trust. The natural light and open space found there should make it a great spot to showcase your art or craft, and to shop for unique home-made gifts made by your friends and neighbors.

You will find many creative gifts for the holidays, including pottery, handmade cards, buttons, soaps, knitting, pot holders, ornaments, jewelry, tie-dyes, baked goods, relishes, other goodies, and much, much more. Come join us and support the Lake Claire Community Land Trust's mission of preserving greenspace and building community. Artists and crafters keep 75% of what they sell, and 25% goes to the Land Trust. If you would like your arts and crafts included in our sale, please call 404-373-0549 or e-mail Miriam at mvherbers@yahoo.com for guidelines and more information.



The McGills from Delaware Ave at the Land Trust Pumpkin Carving

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LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young readers to participate. This month's article is by Sofia Pozzo. Sofia is ten years old. She has lived in Lake Claire her whole life and attends fifth grade at Mary Lin Elementary. A lover of animals, she has two cats, Charcoal and Mittens, and an adopted next-door dog, Sandy! She also has an older sister, Nicole, who is in 7th grade at Inman. Mom Colette says that Sofia often leads her family in conservation efforts. The inspiration for this article was a recent viewing of the Fernbank Science Center IMAX movie on impacts of global warming on the life of polar bears. With Sofia's love of animals and her commitment to conserving the world's resources, she became concerned. She hopes others will become inspired and help to save the polar bears!

Hey there, Lake Claire kids – Let's put some of your creativity on this page. Submit articles, drawings, your original puzzles, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. Be creative...we'd love to hear from you. **Next time: tell us what you like about the Winter Holidays.... Or choose any other topic of your choice.**

HELP SAVE POLAR BEARS!

by Sofia Pozzo

Calling all polar bear fans! Did you know there are only about 20,000-25,000 polar bears left in the world? The cause of the loss of these bears is called Global Warming. Global Warming is occurring all over the world and is making air temperatures rise. Hotter air temperatures are melting ice in the arctic. Leaving unneeded lights on, gas from cars and factories, and deforestation (when trees and plants are cut down) are all examples of causes of the warming. Gases harm the air, and when plants and trees are no longer available to clean the air, air temperatures rise. The rising temperature of air melts arctic ice.



Sofia Pozzo and Polar Bear- Photo by Colette Pozzo

With ice melting, polar bears cannot hunt; the distance between ice masses is too far to swim. Because they are clumsy in the open water, they prefer to hunt from the ice. These

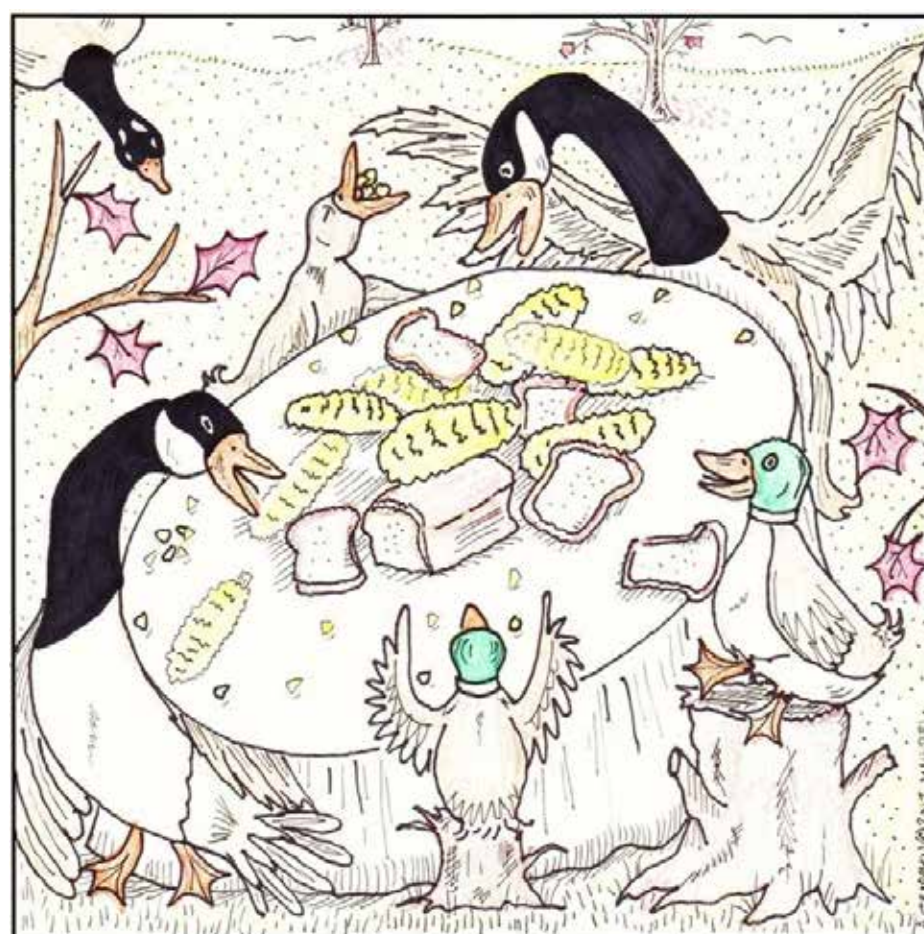
mammals stand by a seal air hole and wait until a seal comes up. When a seal submerges, the bear uses their sharp claws to grab the animal. Because the ice is melting, hunting is hard. When food is scarce, mother polar bears can no longer feed their cubs. When times get really hard, females have to protect their cubs from aggressive male bears looking for food. Many of these beautiful animals are rapidly disappearing from their lifelong habitat. For example, the Hudson Bay Polar Bear population has dropped from 1,200 to 950 in the last twenty years. Polar Bears are in great danger, and only YOU can save them!

Friendly Ways to Save Polar Bears:

- Turn off unneeded lights
- Walk instead of driving when you can
- Unplug electronic devices (when they are all charged or not needed)
- Use less hot water (water uses electricity or gas when heated)
- Wear a sweater instead of turning on the heater
- Plant trees and plants
- Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle
- Tell all the people you know how to save these arctic bears.

Follow ALL these directions and we can help save them!!!

Biscuits and Bellyrubs



Anna Trodglen draws our *Biscuits and Bellyrubs* series. A life-time Atlanta resident, Anna grew up on the edge of Lake Claire. She lives with her husband Dugan, three terriers, and a Black Cat. Find Anna's greeting cards and prints at Donna Van Gogh's, owned and operated by Lake Claire residents.

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