

Mary Lin Year in Review, 2012-2013

by Anne Steib, Mary Lin PTA Co-President

It is hard to believe this school year has finished. Garden beds have been planted, children are starting their summer camps. It seems like just yesterday we were entering our new classrooms, getting acquainted with new teachers, and meeting new families. It is because of these teachers, staff, and families that Mary Lin really is the most amazing community. As we say goodbye to our group of fifth graders, we are ready to welcome a new crop of kindergarteners this coming August.

This year has been full of activity, from fun social events, to suc-

cessful grass-roots fundraising, to the planning for our new addition and renovation set to break ground this summer.

Some of the highlights for the 2012-2013 year include:

- Raised over \$35K in our parent-led fall fundraiser, Home Run-a-Thon. 100% of the proceeds stayed at Mary Lin;
- Brought in over \$12K in sponsorships from local businesses;
- Awarded \$5,000 in teacher grants;
- Contributed \$8,000 to teacher professional development;

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Lake Claire Wahoo Swim Team:

The Pool is Open, and the Team is Having Fun...

...and the other kids are eating her bubbles!—photo by Gretchen Connell



The Lake Claire Wahoo Swim Team is a seasonal, competitive swim team offering high quality professional coaching and technique instruction for all ages and abilities. And now is that season! Swimmers must belong to the Lake Claire Pool in order to swim on the Wahoo team.

Did you know there is also a Junior Wahoo Team? The Junior Wahoo Program is a developmental program for emerging swimmers. Each child works with the Wahoo coaches to refine his or her stroke and improve endurance, with the goal of swimming a full lap and competing on the big squad. Practice begins June 1 and

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Thirty-Plus Years in Lake Claire: From Tie-dye to Khaki

Part 17: Eric Arillo and Dale Ralston

by Beth Damon

This series is about Lake Claire from the perspective of its longtime residents. I feature residents who have lived here thirty years or so, sharing their memories and thoughts on changes they have experienced --and similarities they see-- in our neighborhood over the years. I hope to hear from and feature many more of you.

Most of those featured have been folks who moved here in early adulthood, and thus are now in their 60s or thereabouts, but sometimes I feature young adults



sister, Posey, who has taught at Mary Lin for many years, and younger brother Wonder, who is a music writer and producer, and who also helps Eric and Dale selling bread at farmers' markets. Posey and Wonder each have two children.

The Arillos first lived in Mexico, where Sergio is from and where Eric and Posey were both born,

Check out the goodies from La Calavera:
Dunwoody Green Market, Wednesdays, 8 a.m. until noon
Decatur Farmers Market, Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m.
Tucker Farmers Market, Thursdays 4-8 p.m.
East Atlanta Village Farmers Market, Thursdays, 4-8 p.m.
Decatur Farmers Market, Saturdays, 9 a.m – 1 p.m.
Morningside Farmers Market, Saturdays, 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

who grew up in Lake Claire, as in this installment. Eric Arillo and his wife Dale Ralston have known each other since they were children at Mary Lin. Eric is a baker, and together they run La Calavera Bakery, baking an assortment of breads that they sell at local outdoor farmers markets. After two years, they are thrilled to be in business for themselves, standing behind (literally and figuratively) delicious, nutritious bread that they are proud of. Eric loves baking, and it shows (i.e., tastes).

Eric grew up in Lake Claire, on Gordon Avenue, where his parents Jenny and Sergio, still live. Jenny and Sergio bought their house in the 80s. Sergio is a master electrician and owner of S.A. Electrical Services, Inc. He and Jenny have been extremely active with Sevananda over the years, so obviously Eric grew up with a love of healthful delicious foods. Eric's siblings are older

and then they moved to Atlanta, where Wonder was born. They lived first on Brantley Street near Reynoldstown before they moved to Gordon Avenue, when Eric was around 10 years old.

Dale grew up in Candler Park. Her father was a bartender at The Point, and her mother was a teller at BOND Community Fed-

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Have a great summer – from your Lake Claire neighborhood newspaper.

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June/July: Mark your Calendars

Known, Little Known, and Unknown about **JUNE**: In the Gregorian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, June is the sixth month. However, according to the early Roman calendar, June was actually the fourth month and had only 29 days. In 46B.C, Julius Caesar gave June 30 days instead of 29 when he reformed the Roman calendar. June is National Candy month, National Dairy Month, and it contains Summer Solstice, the day with the longest daylight of the year, typically on June 21, which is also National Nude day.

About JULY: July was renamed for Julius Caesar, and it is the seventh month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar. In prior years, it was called *Quintilis*. If you know your Latin, that "Quint" thing is screaming "# 5." July was the fifth month in the Roman calendar, which started in March. It is National Picnic Month, National Hot Dog Month, National Culinary Arts Month, and last but certainly not least, Cell Phone Courtesy Month (if only that was every month)!!

JUNE:

1 - August – Fernbank Museum iMax film "Titans of the Ice Age"--Woolly mammoths & saber-tooth cats!

1 – 23 – Horizon Theatre in L5P- "The Book Club Play," by Karen Zacarias

5 – July 31 – Log Cabin Storytelling at the Biffle Cabin, just \$4 per child. For registration or questions please email forgey@dekabhistory.org or call 404-373-1088, extension 22. (June 5, Brer Rabbit; June 12, Magic Tricks) 10-11 a.m., 720 West Trinity Place, Decatur.

11 – Lake Claire Neighbors AND Lake Claire Land Trust – Co-Host A Good Old Fashioned Picnic – at the Land Trust (see page 1 for complete details), 3-6 p.m. Bike, walk, or park at Clifton/be kind to neighbors.

11 – Candler Park Movie Night, Princess Bride, starts 7-ish, by the Candler Park Pool House.

15 – 5K, sponsored by Atlanta ContactPoint, to kick off for the Red Stripe/790 MidSummer Music Festival in Candler Park. Register now to receive a T-shirt and beverage. Please spread the word to all of your walker/runner/active friends who will be in town. shannong@atlcp.org

20 & the 3rd Thursday of every month - Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting, graciously hosted by The Frazer Center, in the Rose Room, pizza graciously provided by Savage Pizza. Eat & socialize 7:00 p.m., meeting 7:15 p.m. (check our website for the current agenda and past meeting minutes.)

22 – 2:00 - 10:00 p.m. Land Trust fundraiser, see page 11 for complete details.

22 – Mulberry Fields Community Garden and Greenspace 3rd annual celebration, 5:30 p.m. to midnight, in the garden, which one enters at 1303 Iverson Street in Candler Park. Dancing, music by Webster, the Solstice Fire Sculpture, a fortune teller, clowns, and bubbles. And of course, the resident goats and chickens will be there. mulberryforever@blogspot.com

22 - July – Urban Battle Tour "Pub tour," commemorating the Battle of Atlanta's 149th anniversary. Begins at the Glenn Hotel at 2:00 p.m. Several other tours in June and July. See <http://www.urbanbattletours.com/battle-tours/atlanta-battle-tours>

24 – Weeks of June 24 and July 8 will be centralized school registrations. Check APS and school websites.

24 – In Iceland, folklore says that if you bathe naked in the morning dew on the morning of June 24, you are supposed to keep aging at bay for longer. Good luck from your Clarion friends.

25 – Candler Park Movie Night features *Brave*, 7ish in front of the Pool House.

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4 – Well, you know. But think of your doggie friends, and see article on pets p.12, to help them enjoy the celebration, too. Afternoon: Annual Land Trust July 4 Potluck & Cook-Off, 4:00 pm. Theme Basil – see details on Page 11.

12 – As of our publication, APS updates say school deadline for students to register for school AND receive a bus stop assignment by the first day of school is JULY 12. But please check the APS website and school websites.

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19 - 20 – Urban Battle Tours. See June 22.

25 - 31 – Registration for 2013-2014 at Mary Lin. Children not registered by the July 31 deadline will not get classroom assignments until the first day of school.

August 2 – (5:00 p.m.) Open House at Mary Lin.

August 5 – Grady High School Ninth Grade and New Student Orientation

August 7 – First day of school for Mary Lin, Inman, & Grady. See article Page 3 on School Dates.

****Closer to the August dates above, please check school websites for schools' open houses and first day of school –and any other important school events, since next Clarion not out until the week of August 1****

Send calendar items for AUGUST Clarion by JULY 15 to
 editor@lakeclaire.org

*Thank you to Savage Pizza for providing
 pizza to our neighborhood meetings!*

LCN President's Message

It's been a few months since the last time I said anything in *the Clarion* about the Lake Claire Neighborhood Association (LCN), so let me give a brief update. Although we survived the Mayan Apocalypse there is still a real danger of an asteroid striking the earth at any time; so, if you haven't already, please get your dues in as soon as possible and also receive the designer tote bag that goes with it. Dues payments (only \$20.00) can be made through PayPal or by just about any other electronic means. For bags, contact Sara Rockaway, the head of our neighborhood welcome committee, at membership@lakeclaire.org, or Andrew Sherwood treasurer@lakeclaire.org.

Even better, pick up your tote at the monthly LCN meetings held in the Rose Room at the Frazer Center every third Thursday of the month. **Happy hour begins at 7:00 p.m. with pizza by Savage.** All meetings begin

promptly at 7:15 (don't worry, you can keep eating).

It has been my commitment as president to keep meetings to as close to one hour as possible, although we still manage to accomplish quite a few things -- such as: considering variance requests, commenting on reports about crucial items, including the City's initiative for bicycle lane improvements along McLendon Avenue, traffic calming proposals, improvements to green space areas, City codes and tree ordinance violations, etc.

At every meeting, an Atlanta PD official is present to give an update on crime prevention specifically for Lake Claire. Then there are the LCN officers' reports covering zoning issues, NPU activities, fundraising, neighborhood safety, the environment, website business, and the current financial status. Also included are committee reports for liaison/community relations, education, membership, and news from the

Lake Claire Land Trust, and other local institutions. All of this in one hour! O.k., sometimes a *little* longer, but still a significant amount of material in a not-too-great-a-period of time.

So please attend as many meetings as you can to find out what's going on in "the hood." You will find a wealth of things to volunteer for, and people happy to sign you up. We have a great organization and, in that spirit, I'll list just a few nice things that have happened since the beginning of the year.

A very successful combined Lake Claire/Land Trust Family Picnic was held in May (see pictures page 6-7), and dates were set for the Annual LCN Halloween Parade and Christmas Dinner. We appointed a new delegate to the Park Conservancy, put out a call for a new design of the LCN banner, helped get a developer cited for repeated tree ordinance violations, received a \$1,500 donation from our Coun-

cilmember Natalyn Archibong's Office, held a fundraiser for her in April, made application for a *Love Your Neighborhood* grant from the City of Atlanta, and received news that our own VP for the Environment, James Ezeilo, was appointed to the Frazer Center Board of Directors. James is also working on short-range plans for improvements to the Lake Claire Park and the Harold Avenue Green Space along with long-range plans for connecting the Fernbank Forest, the Olmstead Parks, the Frazer Center Gardens, and the Frazer Forest. There are many day-to-day activities that the LCN volunteers engage in that would be too numerous to mention, but I want to thank all of them for their efforts that really keep us going.

One last thing. We are still looking for someone to organize the Lake Claire Tour of Homes. Please contact me right away if you are interested.

Joe Agee, President

Important School Dates

As you know, because the Clarion is a monthly, and the last two weeks of each month we're in production, it is not your best vehicle for timely information. That said, however, you could mark these important dates for the 2013-2014 school year, but also do check the school and APS websites, as well as our Lake Claire website, for more timely information. All of these links should be active if you are reading the on-line version of the Clarion.

July 25-31 Registration for 2013-2014 at Mary Lin. Children not registered by the July 31 deadline will not get classroom assignments until the first day of school.

August 2 (5:00 p.m.) Open House at Mary Lin and **August 7** First day of school for Mary Lin, Inman, & Grady

People who want to stay updated on school news over the summer should sign up for the newsletters at Mary Lin, Inman, and Grady, and/or for the Lake Claire Parents Group listserve (sign up with Sherry at sherry_v_neal@yahoo.com)

Mary Lin Rocket: http://www.marylinelementary.com/calendar_events/

Inman I-News: <http://www.inmanmiddleschool.org/NewsI-Page.htm>

Grady Gram: <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/14594>

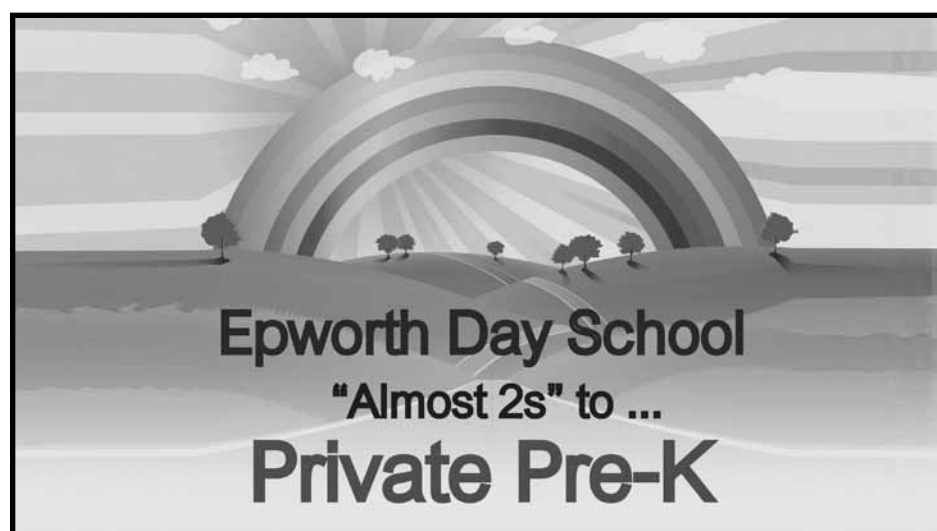
Free Lake Claire Cloth Bags for Paying Your Neighborhood Dues

Thank you to those who paid your voluntary neighborhood dues. We invite you to come to a neighborhood meeting soon (3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at The Frazer Center (the next two are JUNE 20, then JULY 18) to pick up your free tote bag -- and to take part in the meeting and neighborhood activities to whatever extent you feel comfortable. The reusable cloth bag features a design by Lake Claire's Pen Sherwood (see photo). You may also purchase bags for \$5.00.

See instructions for paying dues via PayPal at www.lakeclaire.org, or you may send a check to Treasurer, Lake Claire, PO Box 5942, Atlanta, Georgia, 31107. Some of the initiatives that our dues support are: improvements to Lake Claire Park, the annual Lake Claire Halloween Parade, improving and protecting the Harold Avenue Greenspace, fine neighborhood programs and institutions such as The Frazer



Center, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Mary Lin Elementary, and communications with the neighborhood -- such as our website, newscast, and our newspaper -- *this Lake Claire Clarion*. Thanks for helping to support your neighborhood.





Keeping An Eye on the Crime – And the Time

Lake Claire Security Report March 24 through May 4, 2013

Aggravated Assault

2000 block Palifox Dr..... 3/27/13
Two men sharing a room in a home argued and one was poked with a tack.

Auto Theft

1900 block Palifox Dr..... 4/19/13
2000 green Dodge Caravan with North Carolina tag
2000 block McLendon Ave..... 5/1/13 from street
2001 black Honda Accord with Georgia tag

Other Larceny

2000 block McLendon Ave..... 4/20/13
Taken: suitcase containing personal items
Victim's suitcase was taken after he placed it on the sidewalk & went into the house for 15 min.

Residential Burglary

300 block Southerland Terr..... 4/27/13
Taken: nothing of value
Damaged: doors pried open
Note: black male about 5'10 on bicycle suspected

Theft from Auto

500 block Claire Dr..... 4/11/13 parked on street
Taken: wallet, credit cards
Damaged: driver side window, steering column; rock found on seat, prints taken

300 block Sutherland Pl..... 4/13/13
Taken: purse, checkbook, laptop
Damaged: back window
2000 block Howard Cir..... 4/20/13 parked on street
Taken: smartphone
Damaged: driver's side window, prints taken
400 block Clifton Rd..... 5/5/13 parked on street
Taken: camera, iPod
Damaged: nothing - vehicle was left unlocked
200 block Connecticut Ave..... 5/9/13
Taken: catalytic converter
1600 block McLendon Ave..... 5/10/13 parked on street with all windows down
Taken: cell phone, GPS, CD player, other items

Though crime is mostly down in Lake Claire, crime for our close neighbor Candler Park continues, and there have still been several thefts from cars. Help avoid crimes of opportunity – basically don't leave things in plain sight such as personal items left in cars when you visit someone, lawnmowers and garden tools in your yard, etc. Watch out for your neighbors, and if you witness a crime, call it in. Going on vacation? See www.lakeclaire.org if you would like to download the voluntary APD Directed Patrol Form. Our Zone 6 officers recommend it, and they will send extra patrols on the street (it does put a record of your being out of town). To avoid a broken car window or worse, park vehicles off the street if possible or in well lit locations. Contact APD by dialing 911 for any/every incidence of crime or suspicious behavior.

Atlanta Plan for Bicycle Route and McLendon Avenue

At the June 20 Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) meeting, the Department of Planning and Community Development of the City of Atlanta will present a plan for bicycle route and safety improvements along McLendon Ave. A crucial item for residents will be the addition of bi-directional bike lanes from Connecticut Avenue to Howard Circle, which would require the removal of on-street parking on that section of McLendon Avenue.

Since the project affects on-street parking, the City must allow a period for review and comment. While the LCN does not have an official vote concerning the City's plans, it is imperative that your views be taken into consideration during the comment period at the June LCN and NPU-N meetings (see below).

A representative from the City will present details of the plan at these times.

LCN meetings are on the third Thursday of every month at the Frazer Center, 1815 S Ponce de Leon Ave. The next one will be Thursday, June 20. Social time is at 7:00 p.m., and the meeting begins promptly at 7:15 p.m. The next NPU meeting is Thursday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Five Points Community Center, 1083 Austin Avenue, in Inman Park. If you have questions, contact Jonathan Lewis jlewis@atlantaga.gov (404) 865-8593

We look forward to seeing you at the June meeting.

Joe Agee (president@lakeclaire.org) and Carol Holliday (npu@lakeclaire.org)

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Lake Claire Neighbors Association Proposed Bylaw Changes

The Executive Committee proposed and brought before the full membership two bylaw changes. The membership at the May 16 meeting approved these bylaw changes. The membership will vote at the **June 20** membership meeting. You can see the complete bylaws here: <http://www.lakeclaire.org/wpsite/resources/lcn-document-list/>. The suggested changes are:

Section 4. Nominations: No change in first sentence. Sec-

ond sentence: Members may also nominate other candidates from the floor at this meeting.

Section 6. Term of Office. The term of office shall begin in January of the following year and shall continue until the end of that year or until a successor is named by the Executive Committee.

The membership will vote at the meeting on June 20. All homeowners in Lake Claire are eligible to vote.

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eral Credit Union.

I asked Eric and Dale to tell me about their childhoods in Lake Claire and Candler Park.

ERIC: "I loved the gang of neighborhood friends I had and the fact that everything we needed was just a bike ride away. We would always go to the Candler Park Supermarket [then "Mr. Lee's"] and load up on candy, which we would take back home to Lake Claire and devour before our folks could confiscate any. [Now you know, Jenny and Sergio]"

"And as we got older New Moon Records became our destination. My very first job was at La Fonda at the age of 14. I was cleaning grease traps and taking out trash while all of my friends were at football games and dances, and I loved it. It sparked something in me, and I've been working in restaurants ever since.

"We've been lucky in Lake Claire as far as being able to maintain the same neighborhood persona over the years. Many of the same stores and owners are around from when I was growing up. A lot of the same neighbors live in the same houses. One of

the biggest changes are the new-ish (to me) town houses around the neighborhood. They have replaced affordable housing and empty lots where I used to play. Another thing I've noticed is that not as many people seem to go outside. When I was younger my mom had to drag us in at dusk; nowadays if you drive down the streets there is an almost eerie silence, and the blue glow from people's living rooms. But I don't think that's specific to Lake Claire. Beyond that it has really stayed relatively unchanged."

DALE: Growing up in Candler Park, I really enjoyed Little Five Points a lot. My friends and I would go to the Little Five Points Pharmacy for candy and Archie Comics. My sister and I also bought a lot of troll dolls in L5P. We'd also hang out and hear Scott and Janna play music at the Atomic Cafe [that's Scott Hooker and wife Janna Nelson, longtime area musicians].

The biggest difference about Candler Park for me, and it probably applies to Lake Claire, too, is that houses are so expensive in the area now. When my parents came to Atlanta from New York



Eric and his family outside their Gordon Avenue home after Posey's graduation. L-R: family friend Azucena, Wonder (wearing grad cap), Pose, Eric (with sunglasses), and behind them, cousin Thorn (blond hair). On the porch (barely visible) Eric's grandfather Leslie Fiedler and his wife Sally.

City in the early eighties, they did it because they had a kid and needed a new home where they could afford the cost of living. Now that my sister and I are adults and out of the house, they have moved to Kirkwood into a smaller, more affordable home. They miss being able to walk up the street to Little Five Points, though.

Now Eric and I live in Edgewood, kind of between Candler Park/L5P, and East Atlanta. We like our street and have a pretty diverse set of neighbors. We're situated very close to a lot of other neighborhoods we love; I can walk to my job in Little Five, and we still go to my in-laws' house in

rent area-- Edgewood, Kirkwood, East Lake-ish, etc. We'd carry good food and our bread and treats, including our sprouted breads which are made with our homemade organic sprouted grain flour. We think having such a shop would help promote strong community and put our belief out into the world that your food should be your medicine, and your food-purchasing dollar should be your vote."

At the time of writing this, I have been planning to check out Eric's breads for several years (his mom Jenny being a lifelong friend of my sister), and now I am determined to make the time in my ridiculously committed schedule, and by the time you read this, I will have done so. I have now put it in writing.

Calavera is the Spanish word for skull, and it can refer to a number of cultural phenomena associated with the Mexican Day of the Dead. Calaveras de azucar ("sugar skulls") are used to adorn alters – and are edible. For me, Eric's and Dale's La Calavera is reminiscent of the wonderful Mexican tradition of the local panaderias, family owned bakeries providing wonderful breads, pastries, and much more, that they bake daily. Check out the delectable pictures on the Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/lacalaverabakery>. This is the description on the FB site this morning of the offerings that day, and if it weren't for the Clarion deadline I would bolt from my seat and go there now:

"See you this morning at Morningside Farmers Market and at the Decatur Farmers Market for supersour whole wheat, whole wheat olive oil brioche, cinnamon swirl brioche, sprouted whole wheat, olive sourdough, rye sourdough, fresh local fruit danish, bacon cheese croissants, baguettes, chocolate hazelnut croissants, and raw bonbons. Hasta pronto!!!"

Cycling in and from Lake Claire

You can get there from here

by Hiram Maxim

Atlantans have long been considered car-dependent. Just the other day, friends of mine were shaking their heads in disbelief when I told them about a colleague who was moving to Atlanta without a car or driver's license and planning to get by with mass transit and a bicycle. I then pointed out that we here in Lake Claire are actually wonderfully situated to take care of most, if not all, daily needs on foot or by bike. It all starts with our proximity to the PATH that runs east along West Howard Avenue through Decatur all the way to Stone Mountain and west through Freedom Park to downtown Atlanta. Add to that the Beltline that now intersects the PATH, the Emory-Fernbank bike lane heading north along Clifton Road, and the sharrow-marked route heading south along Whiteford, and all of the sudden many destinations in intown Atlanta can be accessed from Lake Claire via bike-friendly routes.

You name it and your two-

wheeled friend will get you there: Agnes Scott, Emory University, Piedmont Park, Sevananda, Studioplex, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Grady High School, Midtown Promenade (Trader Joe's, Midtown Cinema), Edgewood Retail District (Lowe's, Target), Spotted Trotter, and Howard soccer field, just to name a few. If your desired intown destination does not lie on one of these designated bike routes, be sure to use the relatively new feature on Google Maps to plot a bike route on roads with less vehicular traffic. And for those destinations farther afield, there is always MARTA and Zipcar!

Did you know ridership in the city of Atlanta increased almost 400% from 2000 to 2009? The highest growth in the country? And that's despite the lack of a network of bike infrastructure. Imagine what will happen now that Mayor Reed and the city are committed to doubling mileage of bike lanes and trails by 2016.



La Calavera at Local Market

Lake Claire for dinner a couple of Sundays a month.

These days we are the proud owners of La Calavera Bakery. Eric is the sole baker and has a production space in Decatur. Right now we're selling in about 5 markets a week, including East Atlanta Village, Morningside, and Decatur Farmers Markets, and hopefully it won't be too long before we have a shop of our own. We like the idea of a bakery that is also a natural foods store. It would be wonderful to do it near Lake Claire/Candler Park, but we feel like such stores already exist around there, and it would be a great addition to our cur-

First Annual Neighborhood Picnic Co-Hosted by LCN and LCCLT

Lake Claire Neighbors and the Lake Claire Community Land Trust co-hosted a good old-fashioned family picnic in mid-May. There was a scavenger hunt for the kids and guided tours of the Land Trust, but one of the biggest hits was the visit from the

did jugglers and face painters. We counted 100+ attendees.

There were many families who had never been to the Land Trust before, who enjoyed learning about it. New members joined both LCN and LCCLT. Several children completed their com-

nesses (see logos on this page) donated door prizes. Though rain had been predicted, it didn't start until later in the evening.

Thanks go to many people, including the planning committee (Kathie Ryan, Miriam Herbers, Brynan Hadaway, Bernard Spence, Chris McKenna, and Peg Ziegler); Stephen Wing (publicity); Andrew Sherwood and Sara Rockaway (staffed the LCN welcome table); Joe Agee, volunteer extraordinaire (who hauled lemonade and generally helped with any details that came up); staff at the CSM table (James Crutcher and volunteers Rodney Peron, Ed Kembong, Darlyn Cunningham, and Angelo Samples); Peg Ziegler (helping with clean-up); and to anyone else whom we haven't named who helped with this fun event.

At the end there was a raffle of the door prizes, and our President Joe Agee was thrilled to be a winner, the first time he'd ever won a raffle. Please note the logos of our neighborhood sponsors, and let's show how grateful we are by giving them our patronage. Everyone hopes this will be the first of a new annual tradition.



Kids Love Ruby the Clown (Reuben Haller)

firemen from our Fire Station 12. They parked their truck in the Arizona Avenue cul-de-sac for kids to explore, including sitting in the driver's seat (see pictures).

Big Lou the emu was another great hit. Lake Claire's internationally famed musical virtuoso Ruby the Clown entertained, as

munity service requirements for school. Lake Claire Neighbors, the Land Trust, and Clifton Sanctuary Ministries (CSM) had information tables. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and chips, including veggie hot dogs, for only \$2.00 a plate.

Supportive neighborhood busi-

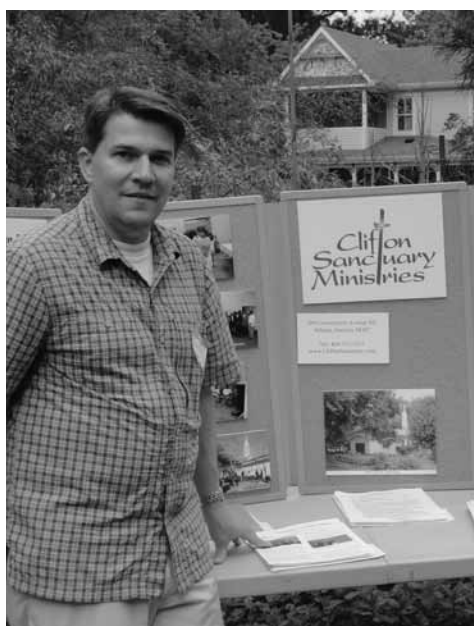


Ralph Rockaway Driving the Fire Truck



Firemen and Kids at the Picnic

These photos by Judi Horn



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will run concurrent with Wahoo practices on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings, 8-9 a.m. Like the big squad, Junior Wahoos are always eligible for Krispy Kreme doughnuts after Saturday's practice, and Juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend Wahoo meets to cheer on their older teammates. For more information, please go to the website, <http://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?tabid=0&team=reczzlcwga>.

Subsequent dual meets are

June 11, 18, and 25. The pool is closed on those days. Go to: Lake Claire Wahoo Swim Team for additional information, information on swimming lessons, and other useful information. (For the history of the Lake Claire pool, and a fantastic picture of last year's team, see article in last July's Clarion, <http://www.lakeclaire.org/wpsite/clarionarchives/2012/2012-07.pdf>). There isn't a 2013 team picture yet. **GO WAHOO!!!**

These 4 pictures are from the swim meet on May 28. All taken by Gretchen Connell.



At Lake Claire Pool: Twelve and Under boys on the Wahoo Swim Team at this year's time trials. (L-R: Max Nevins of Almeta Ave., Joseph McGill of Delaware Avenue, and Devon Elliot, Oakhurst)



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June into August in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

"Why doesn't that garden writer ever recommend modern books, like from the 21st century?" I could hear you saying after I mentioned *The Little Bulbs* in my last column. OK, I will. Scott Ogden came out with a new edition of his *Garden Bulbs for the South* in 2007 (Timber Press), and I refer to it frequently this time of year as I plan my bulb ordering. Ogden has no chapters on the Dutch tulips I persist in planting in each year. Instead, under "Spring Treasures," he features *Tulipa clusiana* (the lady tulip), *saxatilis*, *praecox*, and others, including their modern hybrids. "Like many bulbs that excel in warm climates, *Tulipa clusiana* is blessed with an added arsenal of DNA, . . ." (p. 134). I suppose this is what gets them through our great variations of heat and cold, drought and flood.

Other chapters cover "Winter Blooms," "Jonquils and Kin," "Crimums and Spider Lilies," "Summer Glories," and many more. Under "Designing with Southern Bulbs," he remarks, "Given that shade is a common condition for gardeners in the South, it is fortunate that many bulb varieties thrive with full to part shade" (p. 364). Then follows a paragraph of species.

The other day someone asked me what he could plant in the shade that would bloom all summer and require no tending. "Impatience," I murmured faintly. Do not misunderstand. There is nothing wrong with impatiens, which I grow myself from seed. Thirty years ago I had three posters framed for our living room walls, got grandmother's couch recovered, found a floor lamp at a yard sale, and that is our living room. I am not a decorator. I don't care to think about such things; nor should you care about the hobby of gardening if you call

it "yard work." Get something low-maintenance established by someone else, or leave your property to go wild (within city regulations) as it will then provide the best habitat for birds. Just do no harm.

Back to gardening. Last month a misplaced decimal point caused me to say we had .4 inches of rain April 2012; it was actually 2.2 inches, still horrible. This past April we had 4.7 in Lake Claire, rather better. But now the weather is getting hot. Will the heat factor continue to bring drought to our neighborhood even as it rains all around Atlanta? This is the only explanation I have for the great rainfall difference in this area between now and 40 years ago.

For now, mulch, water (when we get less than an inch a week), monitor, and pick. The best thing you can do for your plants is to look at them regularly. By mid-May, I had broccoli heads six-inches across, a first for me. Kohlrabi made those neat little sputniks. Lettuce of all colors got bigger each day and just needed thinning to be at its best. The pea seeds I threw away in the garden in January provided us with hundreds of unnamed pods. Potatoes grew two feet high, tomatoes formed on the plants, and corn was stout and green. Credit for all this produce must go partly to Babs the cat who has been slaughtering chipmunks and other rodents all spring. It sounds cruel, but without her my garden was being decimated. I can assure you she eats every morsel of what she kills, not even a bone left on the lawn.

Because some of my eggplants, peppers, and basil were planted just before a really flooding rainfall we had one weekend, my plants are still looking a little battered, as if it hailed. Maybe

it did as the furnace kept coming on in May. But I had extra seedlings I then added, and I am still raising peppers to go out later in the summer. As long as the plants are kept fed and watered, they will fruit all fall once intense heat does not prevent pollination. Really the nightshade plants are made for our heat, so do not hesitate to plant them any time in the summer.

Although the German iris is full of borers, they put on a fair show; and the foxgloves I started last year were fantastic: Foxy, mixed Camelot, and Pam's Choice. Besides the sweet alyssum that survived the winter, other annuals like *Laurentia* 'Avant Garde' came come back for me this year; and perennial *Gaillardia* 'Arizona Apricot' is blooming its head off. Summer is the time to start perennials from seed, as I have suggested. Did any of you try them?

Last year I gave many ideas for a fall garden and cannot remember if any of my plants did well except for the broccoli, which sat there all winter and finally made small heads early in the spring. As little as we may feel like gardening in the summer, this is the time to start all the brassicas or cole plants, germinating them in pots someplace warm, and then bringing them on as sturdy plants in a cool but bright spot until a spell of cloudy or rainy days in August enables you to get them into the garden. This year I followed my own advice in the spring and actually fed those plants as they began to make their edible parts. Cool weather cooperated to reward me. So, will I follow my own advice this summer? We will see.

Shade is a given in Lake Claire gardens. So are roots. I can supply my plants with enough sun by using the strip between sidewalk and street, by continual pruning inside the yard, and



Original Drawing by Lore Ruttan

by friendly neighbors allowing me to have overhead branches removed from their trees. But along with the boughs, the roots are traveling too, sensing the delicious food we mix into our soil not to mention the generous watering. A couple of times a year, I must trench along the backs of my beds, even in the raised beds I have installed; and I must always dig up beds before planting even if I did it the autumn before because roots travel fast. Of course we could bring in a bulldozer and eliminate everything green in our yards before beginning a garden. A little imagination, however, will help us realize what it would be like out there exposed to other yards, more windows, and even streets without our huge trees and bushes.

So, you have mulched, watered, monitored your plants, and picked your vegetables. Now is the time to sit in your garden and enjoy the fruits of your labors, perhaps in an Adirondack chair with a glass of something, perhaps in a hammock, whether under a shady tree or on a patio. Dawn and dusk are delightful times to watch the butterflies and listen to the birds. If you have planted a salvia Lady in Red by your chair, you may be surprised one day by the sound of a helicopter a few feet away and realize with awe, it is a hummingbird.

You may e-mail Elizabeth with gardening questions and comments - knowltonew@earthlink.net. -Ed.

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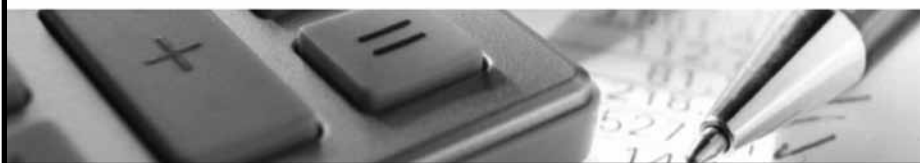
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Mary Lin at work with Trees Atlanta Youth Education Program

by Carol Vanderschaaf



Mary Lin fourth graders concentrating on test after garden planting

Fourth grade classes at Mary Lin Elementary School recently planted over 120 plants in the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden, under the auspices of the Trees Atlanta new Youth Education Program. The planting, which involved 80 students, was the finale of the yearlong project. There were three artscares leading up to the planting, which highlighted Urban Forests, Food Webs, and Native Plants.

According to Lauren Sandoval, Youth Education Coordinator for Trees Atlanta, "the project was a great success, which resulted in a beautiful planting day at a garden right in the students' back-

yard. We added beauty to the community, made a lot of wild-life and pollinators happy, and utilized the garden as an educational tool." Further, Lauren said that *Trees Atlanta* is very excited about this new program and will be participating with many other schools in the future. The program's goal is "to cultivate environmental stewards for a life time." Native plants included Purple Hyssop, Celandine Poppy, Bee Balm, Milk Weed, Obedient Plant, Rudbeckia, Rue Anemone, and Blue Lobelia. You can contact Lauren for further information about the program at Lauren@treesatlanta.org

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- Allocated \$5,000 to the Visiting Artists Program;
- Replaced mulch and made playground repairs, as well as planning for the upcoming new and improved playground with the addition/renovation;
- Established a transportation plan with designated bus captains;
- Created a new Mary Lin website;
- Brought back the Mary Lin Spelling Bee;
- Purchased new light and sound equipment for the school;
- As well as sponsored several events throughout the year, including, but not limited to...Monthly Principal's Coffee, Science Night, Pumpkin Fest, Small Tall Ball, Mother/Son Event, Parent Teacher



Ms. Lippert's 2nd Grade Class from Field Day in May

Disco Party, Linapalooza (Mary Lin talent show), Spring Fling and Art Night.

According to APS, the grades will be broken down as follows for the 2013-2014 school year:

Kindergarten: One teacher and one paraprofessional per 25 students;

1st – 3rd grade: one teacher per 26 students;

4th and 5th grade: one teacher per 25 students (in a portable). One teacher per 33 students in a regular classroom, which is not applicable for Mary Lin next year.

Congratulations to our new Mary Lin Teacher of the Year, 1st grade teacher, Ms. Lori Green!

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents who volunteer throughout the year, we could not be the school we are without you!!



Principal Dr. Mitchell and Asst. Principal Ms. Adamo make pizza for families

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News From Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

With Summer here, the Clifton guests enjoy the warm weather and continue to enjoy opportunities to give back to the community. Located in the heart of Lake Claire, on McLendon at Connecticut, they recently participated in the Lake Claire Neighbors/Lake Claire Land Trust Picnic (see pictures page 6-7), and they helped Candler Park with set-up

for Candler Park movie nights in May. At the end of April the men joined with the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Mission Group from Duluth to volunteer for landscaping, yard cleaning, and other tasks.

The date for the Annual Dinner and Graduation has been set for October 13, 2013, and as usual it will include a silent auction.

News From the Frazer Center

This Spring the Frazer Center Adult Programs hosted their first annual Spring Family Day. Adult participants and their family members gathered to enjoy a variety of activities. Families spent time getting to know each other better and learning about future plans and goals for the Adult Programs. Participants also had the opportunity to in-

troduce their family members to the Frazer Center's three micro-enterprises: Frazer Bling, Frazer Wear, and Frazer Grounds. "The event was a great success," said Dr. Tammy Hoffman, Adult Programs Director, "and it helped to strengthen us as a learning community." Frazer Family Days are planned for each quarter in the coming year.

Mosquitos Have Arrived in Lake Claire

by David Fasano

Spring has pretty much sprung into summer!! And that includes mosquitos. Here is an easy, natural, pleasant repellent recipe you can make at home. Combine in a 16-oz bottle: 15 drops lavender

oil, 3-4 Tbsp of vanilla extract, 10 drops of lemon eucalyptus oil, 1/4 cup lemon juice. Fill bottle with water. Shake, and it's ready to use. Spray on yourself.

Mosquito illustration by Lore Ruttan

Please note that the mosquito illustration in the May issue of the Clarion was incorrectly attributed to Lore Ruttan. This illustration was intended to have been used. - Ed.

Summertime Security

by Duncan Cottrell, the Entry Enforcer

According to the FBI, nearly every category of crime increases during the summer, especially home break-ins. Most of the intruders are pre-teen or teenagers in middle or high school, out of school, bored and restless.

Kicking in a door is the most common method of entry, followed by windows. Tools, toys, and electronics within view are the lure, and a pantry or well-stocked fridge can be the icing on the cake. Teens rarely damage property--they just want the thrill and some treats. Here are summer tips for home safety and protection:

- Keep your guard up. Double check locks and security systems, and put away the toys and other temptations.
- Alert neighbors before you go away on vacation, and ask them to watch your home, pick up newspapers and notices, and to phone police if they see suspicious activity.
- Keep the kids engaged, and their time accountable to adults. The Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, church camps, sports practice, or volunteerism will provide structure and fill up those idle hours.

I offer free estimates to make doors kick-proof and window access too difficult to bother with. You'll also get an objective assessment of how your home will look to the pro burglar and the restless kid, and expert advice on how to make your home safer. Contact 404-289-6960 or Duncan@entryenforcer.com.

Candler Park Master Plan

A community planning process for the Candler Park neighborhood is now underway. The master planning Steering Committee includes a small group of community representatives who meet monthly to guide the process forward and to ensure close coordination between the consultant team and the neighborhood organization. This group includes community members as well as representatives from the City of Atlanta and MARTA. The Candler Park Master Plan process is focused on land uses, transportation, market conditions, and urban design recommendations for the neighborhood. It will be an opportunity for the community to work to ensure that the community strengths and assets are preserved and that any current area issues and concerns are appropriately addressed. The process started in February with community meetings, and every Candler Park resident and business is invited to participate, as are Lake Claire residents who

are interested.

Several Lake Claire residents, including our President and Liaison Officer (Joe Agee and Christiane French) attended the meeting held the first week of May. The organizers addressed some of the following questions and issues at the community meeting: what do you feel is responsible for the neighborhood's historic character; do you think there should be more or less businesses; traffic concerns and calming; the park itself; exploring ways to make the neighborhood safer for pedestrians; whether or not feasible and/or desirable to have a dog park; and many other issues.

If anyone from Lake Claire is interested, this would be a good time to get involved while it's very much in the planning stages --- many of the efforts will certainly affect both 'hoods. For more detail, including maps and plans, questionnaire, and contact information for organizers, see <http://www.candlerparkmasterplan.com/key-dates.html>.

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Grow Summer Festival – Learn, Dance, Eat, Enjoy!

A Land Trust Fundraiser with a Difference

by Naruna Rangel

“Grow Summer Festival 2013” is an effort to promote and educate our local community about urban green spaces, environmental sustainability, renewable energy, conservation, health, and wellness. Our goal is to bring together local artists, local like-minded businesses owners, and the community to raise money for the Land Trust. The festival is happening at the Land Trust on Saturday, June 22, from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.

I’m so grateful to know that there is a place five minutes from my house where I can reconnect with nature and re-charge. It is an example of a perfect urban green space; it should be a model for the nation! I live in Decatur and visit the LCCLT on a regular basis, and I feel like it’s time

to give it back. The Festival will combine music and food with a new ingredient: workshops. Here is what we have lined up so far:

- “Traditional Food Preparation – Kombucha, Gluten-Free Grains, etc.” by Lupa Irie from “Lupa’s Kitchen”
 - “Medicine in Your Own Backyard” by Duane Marcus from “The Funny Farms”
 - “Urban Farming” by East Lake Urban Farm and ELF Market
 - “Interactive Drumming” by @d.u.b.
 - “Healthy Indian Cooking Demo” by Archana Malhotra Becker from Bhojanic Decatur
 - “Raw Juicing Demo and Tasting” by Nectar Decatur
- You’ll also enjoy live music

by Pharaoh’s Kitchen with Col. Bruce Hampton, Escape Vehicle, D.U.B. Drum Ensemble, The Mar-Tans, and many more local and kids’ bands. Farmer D of Farmer D Organics will speak about composting and his new book, and Josh Gerry will present a demonstration of “The Art of Glass Blowing.” Food prepared by the chefs of my restaurant, Nectar, will be served at the Gorilla Grill.

As always, volunteers are needed to make this event the best it can possibly be. Pitching in to help is the surest route to building and becoming community. Contact info@lcclt.org if you’d like to plug in for a two-hour timeslot.

Parking is available at Clifton Sanctuary at the corner of Con-



nnecticut and McLendon (a long-time supporter of the Land Trust). To lighten the impact on immediate Land Trust neighbors, please do not park on Arizona Avenue or other nearby streets. Pre-purchase your tickets for \$10 now at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/389504>.

Lake Claire Birds Workshop for Kids was Successful

Exploring the Birds of Lake Claire took place last month, conducted by Ken Boff, bird watcher with the Audubon society, and grandson Fallou. Ken taught the kids about bird watching,

including how to use binoculars. The event was for kids aged 5-10 years old. Find out about other workshops the Land Trust is holding at <http://lcclt.org>.



Kids Birding (L-R: Mac Dabbs, Fallou Diouf, and Morgan Hatchett)

June / July Land Trust Calendar

Sat. June 1 and 15 – Land Trust drum circle, dark until midnight. Please walk, bike or carpool.

Sun. June 2 and 16 (the day after each drum circle) – “Keep the Trust” Volunteer Work Day, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Volunteers get free pizza and a drum circle pass.

Sun. June 2 – Backyard Composting workshop (new date), 12:00 noon-2:00 pm. \$10 per person. Instructor: Corinne Coe. Also covers vermiculture and use of finished compost. Meet at Gorilla Grill. If not already registered, contact Corinne at corinnemcoe@gmail.com.

Sat. June 22 – Grow Summer Festival, 2:00-10:00 pm (see article above).

Thurs. July 4 – Annual July 4 Potluck & Cook-Off, 4:00 pm. This year’s theme: Basil (see details in above article).

Sat. July 6 and 13 – Land Trust drum circle, dark till midnight. Please walk, bike or carpool.

Sat. July 13 – Grow Oyster Mushrooms in Your Kitchen! workshop, 10:00 am-12:00 noon. \$20 per person. Instructor: Brandi Arts. Covers cultivation of oyster mushrooms indoors on straw; fee includes all materials. Contact info@lcclt.org to register.

Sun. July 7 and 14 (the day after each drum circle) – “Keep the Trust” Volunteer Work Day, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Volunteers get free pizza and a drum circle pass.

Visit www.LCCLT.org for workshop details.

Fourth of July Potluck and Cookoff

by Stephen Wing

Bring a dish to the Land Trust playground gazebo and join your neighbors for our traditional celebration of Independence Day. Don’t forget to bring your own plate, cup, and utensils. Some non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. And enter the cookoff contest if you dare! This year’s theme is Basil: all entries must include

basil in some form. Sign up to be a judge for \$1.00. The eating/judging begins at 4:00 p.m. (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.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



I hope this series is fun and a way for young readers to participate. This month's contribution is written by Zoë Steib, aged eight, and a rising third grader at Mary Lin. Zoë and her parents, Anne and Martin Steib, have lived in Lake Claire almost 3 years. They live on Lakeshore Drive. "This is a perfect place to live!" exclaims Zoë.

Hey there, Lake Claire kids –let's put some of your creativity on this page. Submit articles, poetry, drawings, your original puzzles, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. Next time: what do you like about Summer, or Lake Claire or going back to school...or choose any topic you wish. Be creative...we'd love to hear from you!

Northern Transplant in Lake Claire

by Zoë Steib



Zoë and Kitty Cat Kiki

Hi, my name is Zoë. I live in Lake Claire with my mom, dad, and new kitty. I am a rising 3rd grader at Mary Lin Elementary. I love my school, and best of all I love my teachers and my friends. I have a lot of favorite subjects in school...art, music, science, math and reading. And I love spaghetti and meatballs.

I moved here, from Chicago, when I was five, the night before I started kindergarten. I have been here almost 3 years now. I was nervous about making friends, but then it was easy. I made friends in my class, and playing at Candler Park after school. Mary Lin has lot of fun activities, my favorite one is

Linapalooza (the school talent show) where I performed the last two years in dance routines. I am already starting to think of what I will do next year with my dance group, the Mary Lin Rockettes. I also love the annual Small Tall Ball, it's fun dancing with my dad. But most of all, my favorite thing at school is being with my teacher, Ms. Lippert.

Some of my favorite things to do in Lake Claire: I love Halloween in the neighborhood, going to the parks and for a swim with my friends. I love walking through the bamboo forest off of Harold Avenue. I love getting pizza from Fellini's, and last but not least I love going to Candler Park Market and getting a King of Pops – my favorite flavor is banana pudding!

I love dancing, and I have been dancing at Callanwolde since I have moved here. I take modern and jazz. I am also a Brownie, and have a lot of fun with my troop. At home, I love sewing, playing with my Monster High Dolls, and American Girl Dolls. My favorite TV show is Doctor Who, which I get from my dad, because he is from England. And most of all, I love playing with my new kitten, Cosette. We call her Kiki for short.

This summer I am going to swim, go to dance camp, cheer-leading camp, reading camp and take care of my garden bed at Mary Lin, where I love eating the fresh grown tomatoes!!

Zoë



Biscuits and Bellyrubs



Anna Trodglén 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, which is owned and operated by Lake Claire residents.

Pet Kindness on July 4

by Dawn Aura

What do New Year's Eve and July 4 have in common? Fireworks! Dogs and cats can get so frightened at the explosive sounds that they might panic and run -- sometimes far away. Please 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.

(Editor's note: complete article from which we took this is in the July 2012 Clarion.)