

Lake Claire Artists Entered Neighborhood Contest: Now **YOU** Decide on the Winner! (by August 23)

As announced over the last several months, the neighborhood needs a new logo design for our neighborhood hanging banner.. As publicized in the Clarion, on the website, and at monthly meetings, we wanted residents to share your creativity and ideas. We asked for entries from those interested in donating a design to the neighborhood, and we have received some beautiful designs.

Entries are featured on this page and on the center-fold, and now we ask Lake Claire residents to vote on your favorite. The fun(d)raising committee will count the votes and verify residency. The winning design will be used for the hanging banners, and we will use those designs that are not chosen for future projects, such as for our reusable cloth bags.

Each resident may vote once and for one design only. Email your vote for one design, A-I, with your name and your street of residence, to fun@lakeclaire.org, by **August 23**, and the winning entry will be announced in the September Clarion. If you happen to know who designed any of these, ***mum's the word, please***; we're hoping to keep the voting for the design, not the person. And please note that the entries are to be found in a bigger format for your persual on Page 6.



Lake Claire Wins “Love Your Block” Grant

We have been awarded a “Love Your Block” grant for \$1000, which when coupled with the \$1,500 we received from Councilwoman Archibong’s office, gives



James Ezeilo, Lake Claire’s
VP of Environment

us a nice purse to begin some improvements in LC Park and elsewhere in the neighborhood.

The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta partnered with the City of Atlanta and with Hands On Atlanta in a city-led impact service initiative, “Love Your Block.” James Ezeilo, our Vice President of Environment, found out about the grants, which encourage folks to participate in beautification projects and programs in their communities. James applied on our behalf for the grant. He is also working on short-range plans for improvements to the Lake Claire Park

and the Harold Avenue Greenspace along with long-range plans for connecting the Fernbank Forest, the Olmstead Parks, the Frazer Center Gardens, and the Frazer Forest. Thanks to James for taking the initiative for Lake Claire!

The Lake Claire Executive Committee has approved the following areas for greenspace cleanup and beautification: **Lake Claire Land Trust: \$500** from City Beautification Grant (Natalyn Archibong) and \$500 from City of Atlanta Love Your Block grant; **Lake Claire Park**

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Local business shows support for neighborhood organizations by donating proceeds from bicycle raffle

Thank you, Candler Park Market

Lake Claire offers our thanks to the Candler Park Market. They held their third annual New Belgium Bicycle raffle this past month, and they just donated the proceeds of the raffle to Lake Claire and Candler Park. Thank

you for all you do for your neighborhoods, Candler Park Market

Thank you, Lake Claire, for supporting our good business neighbors and our advertisers.

AUGUST: Mark your Calendars

August is not typically a month known for holidays. If you're looking for a reason to celebrate during the month of August, here are a few: 8/1: National Girlfriends' Day; 8/2: National Mustard Day; August 4-8: National Psychic Week; 8/6: Fresh Breath Day; 8/9: National Garage Sale Day; 8/21: Poets' Day (in honor of this day, our Kids' Corner feature this month is a poem).

1 - 18 – Fernbank Museum "Extreme Mammals After Dark" -- Back by popular demand! Beat the crowds and enjoy a more intimate experience during Martinis & IMAX®. Free for members, see viewing times and other prices and info at <http://fernbankmuseum.org/explore-exhibits/special-exhibitions/extreme-mammals/planning-your-visit/>

1 – 25 – Horizon Theatre in L5P- "Every Tongue Confess," by Marcus Gardley <http://www.horizontheatre.com/show.htm>

2 5-7 p.m. – Open house at Mary Lin (check Mary Lin Website for details)

3...and other Saturdays in August & Sept. – Trees Atlanta fun events include 6th Annual TreeKeepers certification program & Weeds and Wine. See <http://treesatlanta.givezooks.com/events/treekeepers-2013> or phone Kate Baltzell, Trees Atlanta Education Coordinator, 404-681-4897.

3 & 17 – Land Trust drum circle, from dark until midnight. Please walk, bike, or carpool. Donation.

4 & 18 – (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.

5 Grady High School Ninth Grade and New Student Orientation (Check Grady website)

7 First day of school for Mary Lin, Inman, & Grady. See Mary Lin Website for School Supply List.

10 Candler Park Movie Nights – featuring *the Lorax*, 7ish in front of the Pool House.

11 & 12 – Third Country Readings. *Please see article on page 10.*

15 and the third 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.)

17 See August 3.

24 Dinosaur Birthday Bash at Fernbank, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. <http://fernbankmuseum.org/calendar-of-events/dinosaur-birthday-bash-2013/> --Chomp, growl, and party like a dinosaur. Free to members, including in museum admission.

24 Lake Claire invited to Candler Park Movie Nights. August feature is *Pee-Wee's Big Adventure*, 7ish in front of the Pool House. Rain dates are a week later. See www.friendsofcandlerpark.org

24 March on Washington (In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to strike down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, support for new legislation will be a large part of the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington August 24. If you're interested in a bus trip to D.C. for the March, contact Helen Butler of the Coalition for the People's Agenda at hbutlergcpa@gmail.com or 404-653-1199. If interested in volunteering to monitor election boards statewide and for voter work in Cobb County, contact amanda@georgiawand.org

24 Fundraiser for Nuclear Watch South. Visit NoNukesYall.org for details.

31 The Friends of the Decatur Library will host a book sale during the Decatur Book Festival on August 31 from 9 am to 3 pm on the front lawn of the Decatur Library, weather permitting. 1000s of gently used fiction, nonfiction, and children's books, as well as DVDs and CDs starting at \$.50. Only cash or checks will be accepted. Dealers must scan at tables. All proceeds benefit the programs and collections of the Decatur Library. Admission is free. Donations of gently used books are always welcome at the library front desk. 215 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA 30030. For info, write llael@bellsouth.net.

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

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

Lake Claire Welcome Committee

by Sara Rockaway

Lake Claire Neighbors is proud to announce it has a new official Lake Claire Welcome Committee. Chaired by Sara Rockaway of Southerland Terrace, the committee has been diligently working for months to develop a pro-

gram to identify new neighbors in Lake Claire and distribute welcome bags. The Welcome Committee is dedicated to share with our new neighbors all of the hidden treasures in our neighborhood and just what a truly



Sara Rockaway Welcoming Neighbors at December Potluck



great place Lake Claire is to live.

Currently the committee is working on a list that comes directly from the Realtor Multiple Listing Service for homes sold in Lake Claire in the last six months. However, if you spot a new resident on your street and

you'd like the Welcome Committee to deliver a welcome bag, or if you'd like to deliver one yourself (it's a great way to meet your new neighbors!), please feel free to email membership@lakeclaire.org.

Lake Claire Neighbors Association Approved Bylaw Changes

The Executive Committee proposed and brought before the full membership two bylaw changes in May, and the membership voted at the June meeting. The executive committee proposed the changes to "Section 4. Nominations" to clarify in advance of the November voting the names of everyone who is running for office. The names of all candidates running for office will be published in the Clarion in advance. All agreed that the proposed changes to "Section 6. Term of Of-

fice are practical since LCN has a dinner in place of the meeting in December, and the transition to new officers would make more sense if changed to January. The membership approved both of the proposed recommendations with a vote of 22 approved, 0 disapproved, no abstentions.

You can see the complete bylaws here: <http://www.lakeclaire.org/wpsite/resources/lcn-document-list/>. (The changes were noted in detail in last month's Clarion as well as on the website.)

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Marlbrook Drive parcel: \$500 from City Beautification Grant (Natalyn Archibong) and \$500 from City of Atlanta Love Your Block grant; **Harold Avenue Greenspace:** \$500 from Natalyn Archibong grant and \$500 from LCN's Primary Savings Account. Now is the time for many in the neighborhood to get out rakes, hoes, trowels and other implements of mass landscape construction and help make the

neighborhood look better!

If you have interest in volunteering at any of these venues, or have ideas, or want further information, please contact:

Lake Claire Land Trust: Brynan Hadaway: brynan1865@yahoo.com

Lake Claire Park: Judy Hammack: judyhammack@gmail.com

Harold Avenue Greenspace: Joe Agee: jagee111@gmail.com

See article on Page 5 on the Harold Avenue Greenspace.

Bicycle Safety Improvements Along McLendon Avenue

The City of Atlanta proposes some changes along McLendon Avenue from Connecticut to Dekalb Avenue (see last issue). via Howard Circle and Dekalb Place to accommodate PATH

bicycle traffic through our neighborhood. Since the project effects on-street parking, the City must allow a period for review and comment.

Much discussion took place at the Lake Claire monthly meeting. Communication/meetings are being set up between the city and affected neighbors in order to wade

through the many thoughtful alternatives that were offered and so that the neighborhood will have a voice in the final plan.

For more information contact ssansonbiz@gmail.com.

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Keeping An Eye on the Crime – And the Time

Lake Claire Security Report May 19 through June 29, 2013

Burglary

300 block Southerland Terr 6/24/13
Damage: Victim's outdoor shed was forced open and the bikes taken.
Taken: two bicycles

Theft from Auto

200 block Southerland Terr 5/21/13
parked in parking lot/garage
Damage: window broken Taken: laptop
300 block Arizona Ave 5/29/13
parked on street
Damage: small rear window broken Taken: power converter
1700 block McLendon Ave 5/31/13
parked on street
Damage: rear window broken Taken: iPod, laptop, GPS
Prints obtained

300 block Arizona Ave 6/1/13
Taken: catalytic converter No other information

300 block Nelms Ave 6/10/13
parked on street Taken: iPhone
Damage: driver's side window smashed with brick; witnessed by victim - the two juveniles were picked up in the area later in the day.

400 block Clifton Rd 6/21/13
parked on street
Damage: left rear window broken Taken: money
Prints obtained

Though crime is somewhat down in Lake Claire, it is higher in our close neighbor Candler Park, including several thefts from cars. Avoid crimes of opportunity by not leaving things on car seats. Don't leave lawnmowers and garden tools in your yard, etc. To avoid break-ins, park vehicles off the street if possible or in well lit locations. Watch out for your neighbors, and if you witness a crime, call 911. For timely security reports join lakeclaireneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com

Free Cloth Bags for Paying Your Neighborhood Dues

Thank you to those who have 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 to pick up your 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 in June/July issue). 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. Thanks for helping to support your neighborhood.

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We are still looking for some folks to organize the Lake Claire Tour of Homes. Please contact Joe Agee right away if you are interested, at jagee111@gmail.com.

Jackie Jones

In June, longtime Lake Claire resident Jackie Jones passed away. Jackie lived for several decades on Marlbrook with her partner Maggie Underwood. Jackie was a native of Rome, Georgia, and she graduated from Avondale High School. She retired from Wachovia Bank after 36 years of distinguished service. Jane Branscomb described Jackie as “our kind-hearted, dog-walking, bird-feeding neighbor.” Sue McAvoy said, “I’ll always remember Jackie and how lovingly she fed the pigeons at her corner. It was such a lovely sight to see them all perched on the utility wires waiting for her in great anticipation.”

“After I retired, I remember seeing Jackie every morning with a cup of coffee in one hand and a dog leash in another, always walking a dog,” Margaret Gossett reminisced.

“When I started out as a election worker, I sat between Maggie and Jackie. Between the two

of them, my day was filled with much laughter, which helped me get through the long day. Jackie’s wicked sense of humor made everyone smile. She will be missed by all,” shared Sharon Doochin.



The online Guest book was filled with notes from Jackie’s Lake Claire neighbors. Emily

Veazey wrote “Ms. Jackie was a treasured neighbor and friend. All 3 of our girls adored her and would talk with her at the end of the street as long as they could. We will miss her stories and her visits with Frankie. Emily, Marcus, Marjorie, McNeill and Gray.” And the Bakers wrote, “You hold a very special place in the hearts of the Baker family. Our kids grew up under your watchful, caring eyes. All neighbors felt like family when you were around. We know you’re watching us still. We love you!” A note from the Godiers expressed “so sad. I loved greeting you in the mornings as you fed the birds. You will be missed by the Godiers family.” And Hillary Felker wrote “We grieve the loss of our beloved, cheerful neighbor, Jackie. She is such a kind-hearted soul - ready with a smile and laughter. I see her now in heaven among God’s natural wonders and the creatures she loved so much. She is missed.”

Pat Del Rey (and dog Zak) noted “Jackie not only took care of our dogs and the local pigeons, but she had keys to almost every house around. If someone was locked out, Jackie was the first person to call. She was the neighborhood captain.” Benjy and Tex Flowers on Leonardo expressed the feelings of many when they said, “we will miss Ms. Jackie; she ordered our lives in ways she likely was not aware of, but which meant the world to us. She made Lake Claire a better place.”

We plan to have a regular feature on “life cycle events.” In order to do so, we request your help. Let us know at editor@lakeclaire.org if you know of any birthdays for the upcoming month, or any births or deaths. As space allows, we will include in the newspaper. **Let us know your suggestions by August 15 for the month of September.**

Harold Avenue Greenspace

James Ezelio, as noted on Page 1, was able to get a block grant for Lake Claire designated for improvement of our neighborhood greenspaces. One of those is the Harold Avenue Greenspace. At the corner of Marion and Harold Avenues, the Greenspace is an overgrown lot, inaccessible behind a wood railing. As noted in an article in the 2010 Clarion, the value of the Greenspace, which the City of Atlanta has designated as a passive greenspace under the stewardship of the Lake Claire neighborhood, may not be immediately obvious in our hyper-connected, instant-delivery world. But a wide variety of animals, plants, and insects make the area their home, and it is a door into the diverse culture deeper into the Frazer Forest. It sounds different here. Smells different. Looks different. As noted in the 2010 article, “This entryway to the forest is our own neighborhood branch of Zoo Atlanta. And while pandas are unlikely to show their furry faces here, when we peer over the edge into the dappled light, a friendly raccoon just might

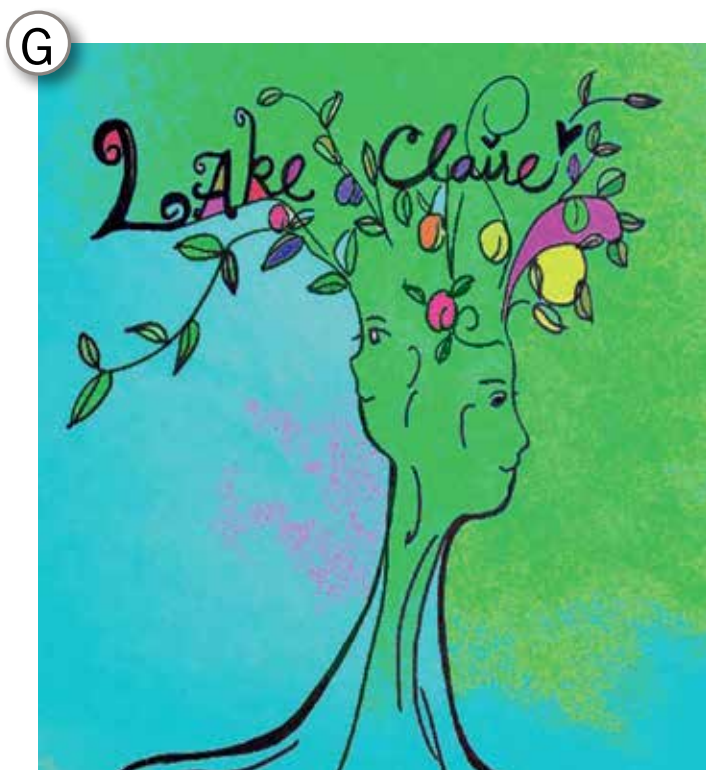
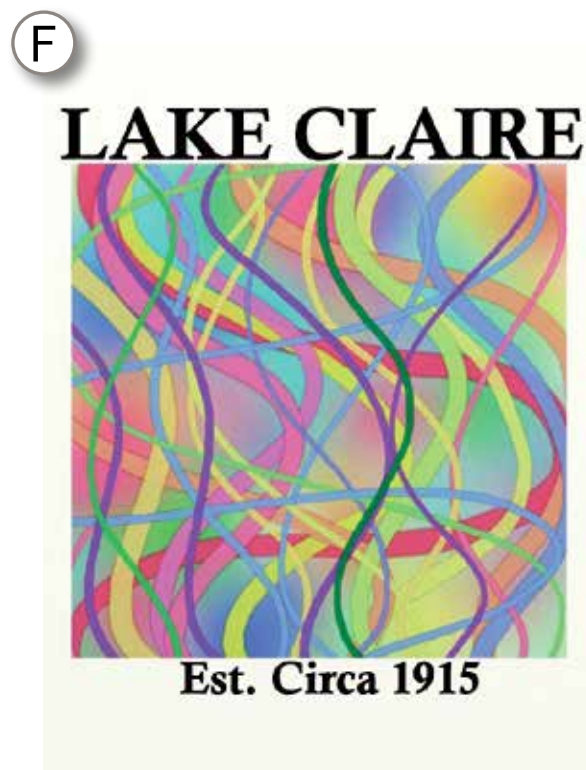
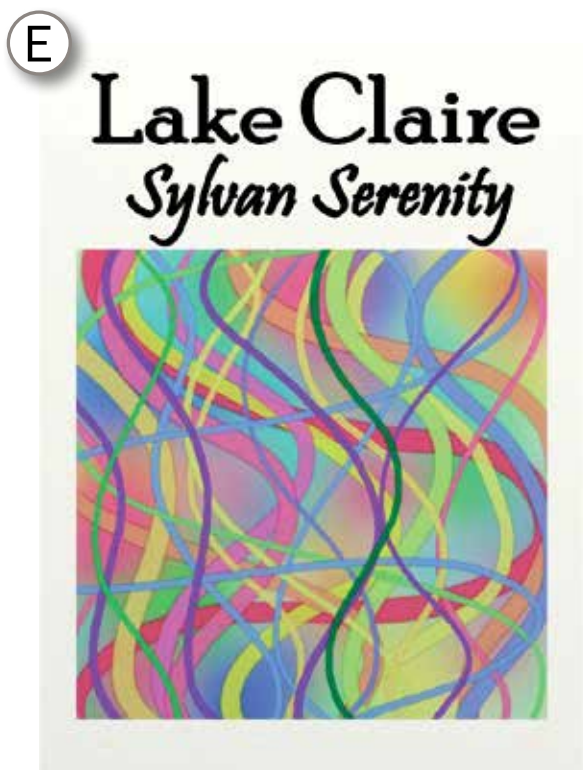
Harold Avenue Greenspace: Native Plants WSHLIST

Qty	Location	Common Name	Botanical Name	Type	Size
3	butterfly garden	Aromatic Aster	<i>Aster oblongifolius</i>	Perennial	1gal
1	butterfly garden	Beard Tongue	<i>Penstemon australis</i>	Perennial	1gal
1	street edge	Bigleaf Magnolia	<i>Magnolia macrophylla</i>	Tree	3gal
1	butterfly garden	Blazing Star Liastris	<i>Liastris spicata</i>	Perennial	1qt
2	hillside	Chickasaw Plum	<i>Prunus angustifolia</i>	Tree	3gal
6	butterfly garden	Dixie Wood Fern	<i>Dryopteris x australis</i>	Perennial	1gal
1	creekside	Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Shrub	3gal
1	butterfly garden	False Indigo	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	Shrub	3gal
1	butterfly garden	Flame Azalea	<i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i>	Shrub	1gal
4	butterfly garden	Hearts-a-Bustin-with-Love	<i>Euonymus americanus</i>	Shrub	3gal
7	street edge	Mapleleaf Viburnum	<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	Shrub	1gal
4	butterfly garden	Mouse-eared Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	Perennial	1qt
1	butterfly garden	Piedmont Azalea	<i>Rhododendron canescens</i>	Shrub	1gal
1	hillside	Pinxter Azalea	<i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i>	Shrub	1gal
1	butterfly garden	Pipevine	<i>Aristolochia tomentosa</i>	Vine	1gal
3	hillside	Red Buckeye	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Shrub	3gal
3	hillside	Red Chokecherry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Tree	1gal
2	butterfly garden	Rusty BlackHaw	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>	Shrub	3gal
1	butterfly garden	Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Tree	2gal
3	creekside	Silky Dogwood	<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Tree	1gal
5	butterfly garden	Silverleaf Sedge	<i>Carex platyphylla</i>	Perennial	1gal
3	hillside	Sparkleberry	<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i>	Shrub	1gal
2	hillside	Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Shrub	1gal
3	butterfly garden	Spotted Beebalm	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Perennial	1gal
6	butterfly garden	Sundrops	<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	Perennial	1gal
1	butterfly garden	Sweetshrub	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Shrub	1gal
1	creekside	Umbrella Magnolia	<i>Magnolia tripetala</i>	Tree	3gal
1	street edge	White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>	Tree	2" Cal.

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ENTRIES FOR BANNER CONTEST!

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Harold Ave. cont. from p. 5

be gazing back, or the startling eyes of an owl, or the soft shape of a rabbit. Wait quietly and look, and be rewarded with the flickering dance of small wings among the branches.”*

Undisturbed for many years, the three lots of the Harold Avenue Greenspace were under consideration for private development in the early 2000s. Through negotiations among the City, development interests, and the neighborhood, these lots were transferred to City ownership in 2007, with the understanding that Lake Claire would take responsibility for this ecologically strategic land. In 2010, Lake Claire began the process of ecologically integrating the nascent greenspace with the Frazer Forest.

Invasive species have mostly

been cleared, thanks to neighborhood efforts, and the land is ready for the native ecosystem to return. The battle with invasive species will continue, as kudzu, privet, mahonia, nandina, liriope, and Japanese stilt grass are relentless competitors, and animals continue to bring new seeds to the Greenspace from nearby yards. Native plantings, however, will help bring the ecosystem back into equilibrium, giving local plants a head start. With ongoing care (and your help in removing invasive plants from your own yards), this site can be completely transformed.

A new planting plan is ready for installation (see the wish list on page 5 and the pictures on this page), with plants chosen to mimic naturally occurring plant communities in this area, the Piedmont physiographic region. These plants provide

food, shelter, and nesting areas for forest creatures, from simple chickadees to swooping owls. Fruit-producing trees offer tasty treats for foxes and raccoons, yet will be located away from vehicular traffic so as to not lure critters to dangerous places. Along the sunny street edge, colorful perennials and a variety of native shrubs in interesting shapes and hues will be planted. These sunnier plants are key food and shelter providers for birds, butterflies, and bees. Benches along the street edge are a comfortable distance from the bird bath and butterfly rocks, inviting shy animals to linger in plain sight. The existing stump circle and basketball goal remain clear of new plantings to give room for impromptu gatherings -- and foul balls. And the overlooks along the existing Boy Scouts' fence give us oppor-

tunities for peering into the beyond.

There was a gardening workday at Harold Avenue Greenspace on Saturday, July 27, and more opportunities to help will be announced in the near future (keep your eye on the LC website -- and on the Clarion, to the extent that we are able to be timely, since we are a monthly newspaper). For more information and to be kept informed of dates of upcoming workdays, contact Joe Agee, jagee111@gmail.com

(*Much of this article edited from "Jewels from the Greenspace," by Elise Cormier, 2010 Clarion --found at this link: <http://www.lake-claire.org/wpsite/clarionarchives/2010/2010-11.pdf>)



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CONCEPT for NATIVE PLANTS RESTORATION
Harold Avenue Greenspace, Lake Claire Neighborhood
October 19, 2010

August into September in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

What a wonderful summer in the garden! No watering needed in weeks. Temperatures hitting 90 only three times by mid-summer. A riot of flowers. Daylilies blooming that have not made the effort in years. Vegetables and fruits pouring in: as of July 14 162 cherry tomatoes off one plant; 35 regular-sized tomatoes off six other plants, one weighing 19 oz. The last of the lettuce. So far the squash, netted until it bloomed, has not collapsed with borer, and I have harvested some pattypans. Chard in all colors, basil, peppers, eggplants. The cool temperatures with rain make nightshade diseases inevitable, and my Fairy Tale eggplant in a pot seems to have verticillium wilt; but that is a small, contained disappointment. I will plant another in a new pot.

The temperatures this year have been incredible, incredibly low, that is. Last year, June 30, 101 degrees; this year, 83. Last year July 3, 96 degrees, and going back for several years, 91, 82, 89, and 89. This year 75. A combination of a mild winter, so that our plants got going early (IF you planted them), and a rainy late spring and summer have given us gardener's paradise. Noting rainfall is just as delightful. We had 7.2" in June and 4.5" by mid July even in our dry northeast quadrant of Atlanta. A total of 41.3" for the year so far.

But don't forget the fall garden. By mid-August we need to plant our last bean seeds, Irish pota-

toes if we try them again, squash seeds, and tomato plants. I hope you remembered to start the brassicas. If not, look for broccoli and cauliflower plants at our local hardware stores. By September you will need to seed beets, carrots, cucumbers, and turnips.

How do I know all this? The Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin, published by the Georgia Department of Agriculture, gives us spring and fall planting schedules for vegetable gardens plus many interesting articles and classified ads for Georgia agricultural products, including seeds and plants. Naturally, this periodical mirrors the conventional viewpoint of business farming. However, in the recent past, the Bulletin has been open to showing the home gardener a variety of methods, organic and non-organic, to plant and produce food. If food production is not a life and death matter for you, why risk harm? In addition, the Bulletin now focuses on Georgia grown foods you can purchase as well as articles on individual farms and suppliers. Go to www.georgiagrown.com for more information.

With all the rain, be vigilant about emptying anything on your property that holds water. This includes clogged gutters, pot saucers, and turned up lids of any kind. It takes several days for a mosquito egg to hatch into a larva and then into another mosquito. And it takes a day or two for tap water to lose its chlorine

and be suitable for egg laying. If you have containers of still water like rain barrels or birdbaths, then consider adding mosquito dunks, which will kill the larvae without harming birds or fish. Read directions carefully.

It is not too late to start biennials and perennials from seed for next year, especially foxgloves, which for me are the easiest and look the most amazing. Seeds still in the stores may not be as fresh as those kept by seed companies. Take a look at sites for Select Seeds <http://www.selectseeds.com/> and Thompson and Morgan <http://www.tmseeds.com/> to see what is available. Also, this year I discovered another good site run by another old curmudgeon like me, J. L. Hudson <http://www.jlhudsonseeds.net/index.htm>. Although there are no photographs in his catalogs, he carries many rare and unusual seeds, including *leonitus* Staircase, which I am growing for the first time this year. It is African and will be an annual here.

Never scorn annuals, however. I notice they have made a comeback, a sensible solution for the South where perennials finish their show in June, leaving the landscape pretty barren except for the crape myrtles. Annuals are a worthy flower here because we have a long growing season, and they will reward us from spring into December sometimes. I think I mentioned that my sweet alyssum, *salvia* Victoria

and Coral Nymph, and *laurentia* came through the winter as well as the *nicotiana*. So note what you like in gardens as you walk through Lake Claire, ask people what they are growing, and vow to try some yourself next spring. Many are simple to sow from seed (marigolds, zinnias, and impatiens, for instance), and I have had great success with new ones (for me) such as *angelonia* and *laurentia*. *Torenia* is a perky little plant, full of tiny flowers in purple, pink, white, etc., that loves shade as much as impatiens. Often it self-seeds too. All the annual salvias (both *coccinea* and *farinacea*) are easy to germinate and may survive the winter if they have good drainage, like the low bank around my pond.

Next month I will remind you to sow sweet peas and the other flowers that do best in our spring gardens if planted in October. Meanwhile, please continue monitoring and harvesting your gardens daily. Deadhead the flowers. I hope that we will continue to have good rain and that your mulching has forestalled the weeds. But really there is nothing like weeding to have you notice what is wrong in the garden and what is beautiful and astounding.

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

Don't Commit Crepe Murder!

by Earl Williamson

Please, please, do not hard prune or top prune your crepe myrtles. Please don't pay someone else to do so. It's a common scam by itinerant yard laborers and unscrupulous "landscapers." It is inappropriate to do so, for a variety of reasons.

It makes crepe myrtles far less tolerant to weather extremes, very vulnerable to insect damage, and promotes disease and early death. Worst of all it keeps them from reaching their natural form and maturity as 15-20 foot understory shade trees with a beautiful barkless surface. Crepe myrtles allowed a natural form will bloom annually and often heavily. Only side sprouts and suckers should be carefully

pruned.

In contrast hard or top pruning, "crepe murder," often produces a badly stunted malformed tree that blooms little, often appears yellowed and diseased, and looks unnatural and ugly. They serve no functional purpose and produce no shade, few if any blooms, and do not help manage water run off.

For examples of maturing and properly pruned crepe myrtles visit the Gilliam Park trees, 1684 Wade Avenue NE, 30317, and the many maturing crepe myrtles along Howard Street, N.E.

Earl is the environmental chair for the Kirkwood Neighbors Organization. - Ed.



WRONG!



Result of Correct Crepe Myrtle Care

Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden

A Volunteer Work Day was held recently to weed the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden at the corner of North Avenue and Candler Park Drive. Pictured are Carol Vanderschaaf, Lake Claire resident who originally developed the garden, and Lauren Sandoval, who in her day job coordinates the Trees Atlanta Youth Education Program in Atlanta schools. For information about that program contact Lauren at



Lauren Weeding the Garden

Lauren@treesatlanta.org

A work day to compost the garden is scheduled for Saturday, November 16, from 9 to noon. Please mark your calendars, and notify Carol Gregory carolagreg@gmail.com of the Freedom Park Conservancy Park Improvement Committee, who is coordinating things, if you'll be participating. BTW, the garden is now on Facebook so please "friend" us. Thanks!



Carol Weeding the Garden

Mid-Summer Night on Harold Avenue

by Beth Krebs

On the evening of July 14, Harold Avenue celebrated summer with a good old-fashioned block party. Tables and chairs lined the sidewalks as neighbors caught up with old friends and had a chance to meet new ones as well. The kids had a blast playing in each other's lawns - there was soccer, bubbles, and plenty of make believe fun. This potluck style event had a great spread

of summer fare and beverages, including grilled chicken, vegetable mozzarella skewers, arancini, sweet watermelon, and piggy in blankets. While mother nature brought a little bit of rain to the event, it didn't dampen the fun everyone had being outside on what we think is the "friendliest street in Lake Claire" on a wonderful summer eve.

Harold Avenue Block Party

by Sharon Doochin

This sidewalk party on Harold was wonderful, but I had a concern that I expressed and wanted to share for the future. In all the fun, some of the children seemed to forget the difference between front yards and sidewalks, and the street. Help ensure that all of us enjoy a safe party by keeping an eye on your children's safety! Let's make sure to re-

mind the kids that don't know by second nature that they need to move out of the street quickly when they see cars coming. As a neighbor of many new families, I want my neighborhood to be safe for all.

I care about my neighbors and all their children and want to see them all grow up and be safe while doing so...just sharing on....



Harold Avenue Block Party (all pics by Beth Krebs)



Kathie Ryan (L) and Sarah Wynn



(L-R) Mark Styczynski, Pat Del Rey, Joe Agee, Sharon Doochin

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Yard cleanup, rake and bag, pruning/trimming.

References available: Matt, 679-754-1095.

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Third Country Readings Presented by Horizon

Horizon Theatre in Little 5 Points continues its commitment to developing new plays from, for, and about the contemporary South, with the world premiere of *Third Country* by Suehyla El-Attar, set to open September 20, 2013. The play is inspired by the Clarkston, Georgia community where thousands of refugees have been resettled over the last decade.

Horizon will present two readings of *Third Country* during the workshop process, the first on Sunday, August 11 at the Clarkston Community Center and a second at Horizon on Monday, August 12. Both readings will be followed by an open dialogue with the playwright and director to collect audience thoughts and feedback.

The story revolves around

Nura, a refugee, who clings to her soccer ball like a lifeline. She meets Sasha, a resettlement worker, who is her guide to a strange new home in this small Southern town. Playwright Suehyla El-Attar (Horizon's *The Perfect Prayer*) was inspired by real life events in nearby Clarkston, Georgia, where thousands of refugees from around the world have been resettled over the last

decade. With wit and optimism, El-Attar looks at a community in transition, and what happens when we must redefine and share our homes. This is a poignant new play from our own changing backyard.

The *Third Country* Reading at the Clarkston Community Center begins on Sunday, August 11, with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by the reading at 7:30

p.m., at 3701 College Avenue, Clarkston, GA 30021. The reading at Horizon begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Horizon Theatre Company, Monday, August 12, 1083 Austin Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30307. For more information, call the Horizon Theatre Box Office at 404.584.7450. Both readings are free and open to the public. Reservations are accepted, but not required.

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Lake Claire Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

You can usually find the minutes on the website at www.lakeclaire.org, but if any problem, I will be happy to print a copy for you. Just leave a message specified for Editor/Clarion on the Lake Claire Neighbors voice mail (404-236-9526) with your request and providing your address, and it will appear on your doorstep, as does *The Clarion*, by magic (and volunteer effort).

Dekalb County Cutting the Grease

Bacon fat and pan drippings are the main thing that clog the arteries of our metro Atlanta sewer pipes. Dekalb has been having a community outreach campaign to inform folks. Fats, oils, and grease, "FOG," dumped down the drain, cause the majority sewer spills. Free funnels are available to use with cooking oil with reusable lids to put over cans filled with grease. Call 770-621-7200.

Last Month's July 4 Celebration

by Genise Spenle

This year's Land Trust 4th of July celebration was a bit different than our usual. Due to the rain, the Lake Claire Co-Housing generously allowed the event to be moved into their Common House, just across the cul-de-sac from the Land Trust. (Big thanks to Kay Kuck and Miriam Herbers for facilitating the last minute change.) The watermelon seed spitting and other traditional games did not happen due to the rain, much to the disappointment of some of our regular winners, who were present and ready to go with pursed lips. Sorry, Alan Williams and Priscilla Dixey. Despite the rain, we still had thirty or so people pay their dollars to taste and vote on all ten items. Entries on this year's theme, "Basil," arrived as pizza, salads, spreads, pesto bars, chocolate truffles, and more. The winning recipes are shown below. Third place

went to Veronique Perrot for "Alice's Goat Cheese," Second place was taken by Eva Belle's "Aqua Fresca," and First Place went to Debbie Livingston's "Basil Ice Cream." Sumptuous potluck items, such as Dorothy Dabbs' lemon meringue tarts, and Jane Merkle and Elmore Hauch's kale salad, also abounded.

Thanks go to all who numbered sample cups, shopped, set-up, emptied trash, took pictures, and put the 'Community' in Lake Claire's Community Land Trust. A very special and BIG thanks go to our two intrepid organizers, Betsy Hoddinott and Liliane Spenle, who have made this event happen for the last 11 years, and who are both stepping down this year. Please consider volunteering to be the new organizer(s) for this event next year in order to allow this fun tradition to continue.

Harvest Peace & Love at the Land Trust, Sat. October 21 (Note New Date!)

by Stephen Wing

Fall is near, and so is the annual fall music festival fundraiser at the Land Trust – the Peace & Love Harvest Fest. You can expect the usual musical smor-



gasbord, eats and drinks, raffle prizes, vendors, and more. For those who have an LCCLT 2013 calendar postcard, please note that the date has been changed.

August Land Trust Calendar:

Sat. Aug. 3 & 17 – Land Trust drum circle, from dark until midnight. Please walk, bike, or carpool. Donation requested.

Sun. Aug. 4 & 18 – (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.

Sat. Aug. 24 – fundraiser for Nuclear Watch South. Visit NoNukesYall.org for details.

Note: Last month's Grow Oyster Mushroom workshop has been postponed to Sept. 7. No workshops in August – so far. You still have time to put one together. Email info@lcclt.org. Visit www.LCCLT.org for August workshop info.



Happy Basil Recipe Winners

Basil and Cantaloupe Agua Fresca

Blend following ingredients, you will want to blend until no more green bits of basil are visible:

2 cantaloupe melons, Handful of basil or more to taste, 3 lemons, 1 lime, 2 cups of ice, 1/4 cup sugar heated with 1/4 cup of water (simple syrup) (More or less

simple syrup can be added depending on the sweetness of the fruit.)

Let the agua fresca chill for 30 min. before drinking. **Enjoy.** Agua Frescas are traditional in Mexico and South America. Watermelon is a frequently used main ingredient; however, strawberries, papayas, and mangos are also often used. - Eva

Basil Ice Cream (Gourmet October 2004)

2 cups whole milk, 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil, 1/2 cup sugar, 4 large egg yolks, 1/2 cup well-chilled heavy cream. Special equipment: an instant-read thermometer; an ice cream maker.

Bring milk, basil, 1/4 cup sugar, and a pinch of salt to a boil in a 2-quart heavy saucepan, stirring. Then remove from heat and let steep 30 minutes. Transfer to a blender (reserve saucepan), and blend until basil is finely ground, about 1 minute. Beat together yolks and remaining 1/4 cup sugar in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until thick and pale, about 1 minute. Add milk mixture in a stream, beating until combined well. Pour mixture into reserved saucepan and cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until mixture coats back of spoon and registers 175°F on thermometer (do not let it boil). Immediately remove from heat and pour through a fine-mesh sieve into a metal bowl. Set bowl in a larger

bowl of ice water and stir until cold, 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in cream and freeze in ice cream maker. Transfer ice cream to an airtight container and put in freezer to harden, at least 2 hours.

Alice's Goat Cheese Spread

A full 10.5 oz log of goat cheese makes enough spread for a party, and you will need a generous handful (about a cup, packed) of basil to give it enough flavor. If in doubt, add more herb. Serve with pita chips. Ingredients:

fresh goat cheese, olive oil to taste, fresh basil (cilantro, parsley, etc., single or in combination also work great), and freshly ground black pepper to taste. Mash the goat cheese with a fork with some olive oil and black pepper; add finely chopped herb of choice and mix well.



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 **Sara McGill**, aged eight, and a rising third grader at Mary Lin. Sara is a lifelong resident of Lake Claire and Delaware Avenue. Parents Alicia and Tom moved to Delaware Avenue after three years on Ridgecrest Court. Along with her parents, she lives with older brother and

sister Joseph and Jamie, younger brother Michael, and guinea pig Kiki! I interviewed Sara recently, hoping to be able to tell you some of her thoughts and observations on life in general and on Lake Claire, but she chose not to be quoted. In the formal interview situation, she is a pensive individual, choosing to say it all with her poetry....she is wise beyond her years, as one sees im-

mediately in her eyes. However, with my lucky vantage point of living next door, I have seen her in lighter moments, letting her hair down, as is evidenced by the attached pictures.

Sara's poem is hereby published in honor of **National Poet's Day** this month (8/21). Many of us have tried our hands at poetry at one time or another, though many have not stuck

with it. Judging by this poem of Sara's, we sure hope she does!

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@lake-claire.org. Next time: what do you like about school starting again...or choose any topic you wish. Be creative...we'd love to hear from you.

Sometimes I Dream

by Sara McGill

Sometimes I dream of castles and fairies.
Sometimes I dream of hiking with my friend.
Every dream is different.
But they all are interrupted at the end.



Living it up with friend Jack



Girls' Night Out (Sara on the left)



Forget the Von-Trapp-Singers, it's the McGill family! (from last Xmas, Sara 2nd from the left, right of Kiki)



Sara (front-row-right) and sister Jamie (not sure who or what the orange thing is)




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