

# LAKE CLAIRE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY AND PARADE COMING OCTOBER 26

It's October, and excitement abounds as one of our signature annual events approaches. **The Lake Claire Halloween Parade and Party** has been co-hosted annually by the Lake Claire Parents Group and Lake Claire Neighbors, and it gives kids (and adults!) a chance to parade (costumed or not) through the streets of Lake Claire, ending up in Lake Claire Park for treats and more. This year's party will happen **Saturday, October 26**. Bring your little pirates, princesses, super heroes, monsters, witches, and others to join the pa-

rade at the intersection of Ridgewood and Marlbrook at 5:00 p.m.! The parade will end at Lake Claire Park. We need more volunteers! Please visit our neighborhood website, lakeclaire.org, or contact Katie Brady for information. Volunteering is a great way to meet other neighbors and help make this Lake Claire event **super spooktacular**. *Read about the Halloween Parade from the perspectives of kids in this month's Kids' Corner (on the back).*



The Armstrong Tribe at Last Year's Halloween Parade

## Breaking News about House Alarm Systems! \$\$\$\$

The Clarion has discovered that as of September 15, City of Atlanta residents and businesses are now **required** to register their security and burglar alarm

systems. In a press release, the Atlanta Police Department (APD) reported that last year, they responded *Cont. on p. 4*

## Your Vote Can Help Improve Our Schools

by Beth Krebs, Education Chair

This fall's local elections are incredibly important for our schools because all nine Atlanta Board of Education (ABOE) seats are up for re-election, many of which are

shaping out to be very competitive races. The ABOE establishes and approves the policies that govern the Atlanta Public School *Cont. on p. 5*

Clarion  
volunteers  
needed!

Your neighborhood  
needs YOU.

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## Lake Claire Park Beautification Workday October 5

Bring your overalls, tools, and dirty hands for a beautification work day in Lake Claire Park on Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact Judy Hammack, [judy-hammack@gmail.com (404) 906-

1245] of the **Friends of Lake Claire Park** for further information. And let's be kind to our fellow dog owners and others: keep dogs on leashes in Lake Claire Park (it's the law...)



## THIRTY-PLUS YEARS IN LAKE CLAIRE: From Tie-dye to Khaki

Part 18: Margaret Gossett  
by Beth Damon

Every neighborhood has its own rhythm and personality. I began this series because I wanted us (both long-term and short-term residents) to get a feel for Lake Claire's – from the perspective of the longtime residents – those who have witnessed firsthand how wonderful the neighborhood has been

over the last quarter century and more. I hope to hear from more residents who have lived here thirty years *Cont. on p. 3*



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## OCTOBER: Mark your Calendars

The 10th month of the year is an outstanding one. In the early Roman calendar, October was actually the eighth month. In the North Temperature zone, the first frost happens, leaves change colors and fall. Most of the birds would have left for the South hemisphere to protect themselves from cold weather. In the southern hemisphere, October's weather is just like the northern hemisphere's April weather. In October, farmers bring the last of the fall crops and ship them to other parts of the U.S. and also, many apples are harvested. The birth flower is the calendula. There are about 50 monthly observances, including National Cookie Month, Chili Month, Pizza Month, Dessert Month, Lupus Awareness Month, and National Seafood Month. And of course, the most well-known holiday of the month is Halloween, October 31.

**1- 20** Horizon production of "third country" (playwright Suehyla El-Attar) was inspired by real life events in Clarkston, Georgia, where thousands of refugees from around the world have been resettled over the last decade. A community in transition and what happens when we are forced to redefine and share our homes. A poignant new play from our own changing backyard.

**5** Harold Avenue Street Dance 7:30 pm to midnight (street closed from Marlbrook to Harriett, with police permission/protection). SEVERAL BANDS! Always fun!

**5** Lake Claire Park Beautification Workday. Please see details on Page 1. 9 am. to 1pm

**5** Fernbank – signature black-tie gala, *A Timeless Affair 2013: Marco Polo's Venetian Masquerade*. Masked ball includes sunset cocktail hour, seated dinner, silent & live auctions, dancing, & private viewing of the major cultural exhibition *Marco Polo: Man & Myth*. <http://www.fernbankmuseum.org/calendar-of-events/a-timeless-affair-2013/>

**5 & 19** – Land Trust drum circle, dark until midnight. Please walk, bike, or carpool. Donation.

**6 & 20** – (the day after each drum circle) – "Keep the Trust" Volunteer Work Day, 11 am - 2 pm.

**6** Great Atlanta Bicycle Parade. Write to: [info@atlantabike.org](mailto:info@atlantabike.org)

**7** You must register to vote by October 7! See details in page 1 article "Your Vote...Improve Schools"

**9 - 20** several election information sessions and meets-and-greets—See Page 1 article "Your Vote..."

**9 - 14** 5-day celebration/2013 Tree Climbers Rendezvous celebrating the 30th year of recreational tree climbing. <http://treeclimbing.com/index.php/climbing/the-2013-rendezvous>

**12** Harvest Peace & Love Fest at the Land Trust, please respect our neighbors, and park in the designated area, not on side streets near the Land Trust. See article and box on page 11 for list of bands and details.

**13** Clifton Sanctuary Ministries' Graduation at 6pm—you are invited! See article on Page 5 for details.

**13** Land Trust monthly community potluck at the Gazebo, 6:30 pm. Bring your own plate, cup & utensils.

**17 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.)**

**26** Lake Claire's Annual Halloween Parade, 5 pm – meet at the corner of Ridgewood and Marlbrook to parade to Lake Claire Park (Please check website [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org) for details)

**26 - Nov. 1** Early Voting. See Page 1 article "Your Vote..."

**26** 10am-2pm Fernbank Boo-seum Trick-or-Treat: Ghosts, goblins, princesses and pirates are invited for a safe and not scary trick-or-treating event featuring treats for kids in costume, games, music and more.\*

Cost: Included with Museum admission and FREE for members.

**27** – Land Trust, Annual Pumpkin Carving, 5:00 pm – at the Land Trust!

### EARLY NOVEMBER:

**1** Deadline for submissions for Lake Claire Banner (see September issue for complete details)

**5** Voting Day = please see article on page 1 with information about deadlines, meet-the-candidates forums, etc.

Send calendar items for NOVEMBER Clarion by OCTOBER 15 to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org)

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



# Hello...Safe Journey

## Just Sharing On

### Born:

John Marshall Barnwell Chapman III was born on August 14, 2013 - 6 lbs 14 oz

### Birthdays:

Emily Veazey's daughter, Marjorie Veazey, turns 6 on October 20! Happy birthday from Lake Claire, Marjorie!

Margaret Gossett turns 89 on October 25!

**Passed away:** -- Chasing frisbies in doggie heaven:

Jasper (6/97 -9/3/13), beloved doggie of Sharon, Andre, Xander,

Tyler Golubic – Adolphus. ("With his sweet temperament, he was known by many and loved by all, two- and four-legged friends)

Belle (11/28/99 – 8/23/13) sweet wonderful companion of Susan Rutherford – Hardendorf. (Susan adopted her shortly after moving to Lake Claire, and "we came to embrace the neighborhood together as we explored its many corners. Belle had friends far and wide throughout Lake Claire.")

**Found:** — Welcome home,

Notchy, lost cat of the DeFeos. A Candler Park resident found and returned the Lake Claire kitty after 3 weeks.

*To help us continue this feature on neighborhood life cycle events, let us know at editor@lakeclaire.org if you know of any birthdays for the upcoming month, or any births or deaths or important rights of passage. As space allows, we will include in the newspaper. Let us know your suggestions by OCTOBER 15 for the month of November.*



Smiling Belle



Jasper Golubic

## Margaret Gossett, Long-time Lake Claire Resident

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or so, sharing your memories and thoughts on changes you have experienced --and similarities you see-- in your own lives and in our neighborhood in the last 30-odd years.

I met with Margaret Gossett on a recent Sunday afternoon in her comfortable home on Harold Avenue. I sat in her living room surrounded by pictures of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and beloved pets, as we conversed about her life and Lake Claire. Margaret turns 89 this month. She was born in Fairmont, Georgia, and she grew up in the country on a farm, in a little town called Pine Log, Georgia, near Cartersville. She had 5 brothers and 3 sisters, though one of the sisters died at age 3 months. Margaret came next in line, the third of the siblings, and thus, she explained, she was nanny to all of the others. She was named after two school teachers ("that's probably why I'm smart,"). Her dad worked at Goodyear. Two of her sisters are still living in Cartersville, and one of her brothers is still living in Fairmont.

Margaret moved to Atlanta at seventeen years of age when she graduated from high school. She stayed with her aunt on Mason Avenue (now Candler Park Drive). She went to work for Southern Bell as a long distance operator, and she loved every minute of it. She met her husband and married at age 20, in 1945. Her husband worked at Piedmont Driving Club. The war was on, she said, and once the kids came, she was a stay-at-home mom, until 1965, when she went to work at the Atlanta Gaslight Company. She worked there for twenty five years until

retiring at age 68 in 1993. At this same time she moved to Harold Avenue from her duplex on Hardendorf (where she had moved after living first on Iverson).

Margaret's two daughters attended Mary Lin, and then the oldest went to Bass High and the youngest to Decatur High School. Jan is a leap-year baby and is 61, and Ann is 67. Margaret has five grandchildren and



Margaret at Age 5 in the grapevines in the country

five great-grandchildren. None of them live in Atlanta; her oldest daughter lives in Chattanooga, and her youngest lives in Madison, Georgia.

I asked her about changes in Lake Claire. Marlbrook was called Lula, she said. The man that built the subdivision named streets after his children, Lula, Harriett, Harold, etc. Many things are pretty much the same, she thinks, except there are more houses and more children, as others in this series have mentioned. As we spoke of changes, she looked around her lovely home and mentioned changes she hopes for, such as renovation of her

kitchen and bathrooms. I asked what keeps her so busy, and she talked about being a member of the First Baptist Church, which she enjoys. Also, after "retirement" Margaret started working as a poll worker, which she has done ever since. She loves the job. She especially loves getting to know all the people, even though some of them "get a little fussy." In that regard, she told me a few stories about dealing with people who show up in a hurry to vote and might be unfamiliar with the I.D. requirements. I could tell she always remains patient as she guides them through the process.

She showed me a myriad of pictures of the grands and great-grands ... she sees less of them than when they were younger, as they all have activities, typical of kids growing up; one of her great-grandchildren is in a band; one of her grandchildren always offers to accompany her to doctors' appointments and drive her, though it is not needed. Margaret is proud of all of them, and obviously they love their grand/great-grandmother, as evidenced by pictures of graduations, celebrations, weddings, vacations, etc.

We also discussed our pets. She mourns the death in June of her beloved kitty cat, a white Persian named Baxter whom she received as a gift from her niece when he was only five weeks old. Baxter passed away quietly at home, and she misses him terribly. She had two dogs, Maggie and Maci. When Maggie passed away, some neighbors who have since moved were kind enough to surprise her and get her a new puppy; that was Maci. "People are really good to me," she said. She loves all of her neighbors on Harold, and stated that she is the oldest person on the street. She also has many dear friends at church, and she

has had a close male friend for twenty years.

Even if she hadn't told me, I could see how self-sufficient Margaret is at an age which we sometimes assume will make people dependent. She still drives, goes to stores, handle doctors' appointments, etc. Everyone at the Publix grocery store knows her, something I'm familiar with as my mom is Margaret's age and is similarly well known at her favorite grocery store. Like my mom, Margaret has known all the workers there for years, their personal stories, their families, accomplishments, etc. Though she told me more than once how good people are to her, it was patently obvious how good **she** is to **them**.

Margaret has been active her entire life, and she remains so. In a continuing effort to keep active, Margaret takes walks every day, often with closeby neighbor Sharon Doochin. It was hard to tear myself away, and as I left Margaret's home and walked to Sharon's, it occurred to me that I'd spent the majority of the time talking about Margaret's life and history and not much about Lake Claire, but her giving personality and stories were captivating. We are so lucky to have such long-time residents adding to the diversity of Lake Claire.

Sharon Doochin told me, "I am lucky to have had Margaret as my neighbor for the last 29 years. Our views are different, but our principals are the same. She's been there for me when I'm up and fusses at me when I get down. We motivate each other to be and do our best. Nothing slips by this lady. Whenever I need help in remembering something, I know Margaret will remember what I can't. Margaret knows the names of everyone

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## Keeping An Eye on the Crime – And the Time

### Lake Claire Security Report, August 4-24, 2013 (compiled from APD Reports)

#### Theft from Auto

2000 block Palifox Drive 8/8/13 parked on street

Damage: rear side door window broken

Taken: cash, VA driver's license, credit cards

200 block Hampton Terrace 8/10/13 parked on street

Taken: GPS Prints obtained

Contact APD by dialing 911 for every incidence of crime. Dial 404-658-6666 if using a cell phone to avoid delays in our Atlanta-in-DeKalb location. Tell the operator you're in APD's **Zone 6, Beat 608**. Ask for a supervisor if you are not happy with a response. For up to date neighborhood security reports, join lakeclaireneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com

#### Tips for Safety in the Neighborhood: Be Street Smart

Our VP of Safety attended the Atlanta Police Department (APD) Street Smart Seminar at the end of August. As a community, Lake Claire is doing everything right. Natalyn Archibong and our new Zone 6 commander, Major Timothy Peek, attended. We have very good communications in place through our "watch" e-mail groups and Valencia Hudson's timely updates from APD, and we are an "on the street" neighborhood, vigilant to what is happening around us, one of the best deterrents to crime. We are fortunate in having much less

crime than the other APD Zone 6 neighborhoods.

#### A few points gleaned from the seminar:

\* To call 911 from a cell phone, you must dial 404-658-6666 to avoid cell tower confusion. Program it into your cell phone. Tell the operator you're in **Zone 6, Beat 608**.

\* Most recent burglaries in Zone 6 have been through a back door or side window during the day.

\* When using your cell phone out in public be very aware of your surroundings to keep it from being snatched from your hand.

\* If you are not satisfied with the response of an APD officer about a crime you've reported, ask to speak to his or her supervisor. The police work for us.

\* Do not walk outside alone after dark. Also, being with a group of people does not protect you from predators; pay attention to what is going on around you.

\* Most street robberies have involved guns, recently; APD recommends just handing over what armed assailants ask for and doing what they say.

\* Leave nothing visible in a vehicle parked outdoors, especially electronics and chargers for electronics.

\* If you are witness to a crime, try to get as much descriptive information as you can about the perpetrator(s) to pass on to APD. This includes vehicle license tag numbers.

\* Always be observant of your surroundings.

\* Finally, as has been stated many times, report ANY suspicious behavior to APD: better safe than sorry.

#### Register House Alarms - cont. from p. 1

ed to 65,000 alarm system activations, 95% of which were false alarms or alarms that were cancelled in route; these calls represented more than six percent of total 911 dispatches. With every call taking an average of 20-30 minutes, the equivalent of 8-12 full-time police officers was dedicated to responding to false alarms, thereby taking away valuable public safety resources from more pressing matters.



The press release states that in an effort to improve public safety and better allocate resources, the City has enacted a series of amendments to the existing False Alarm Ordinance. **The new ordinance took effect on September 15**, and residents have until February 1, 2014 to register without incurring an unregistered alarm penalty. Residents may register their alarm systems **for free** online at [www.crywolf.us/atlantaga/](http://www.crywolf.us/atlantaga/) or by calling 1-855-725-7102. Suggestion from the Clarion: do it now, while you are thinking about it. There is a \$150 fine for not registering an alarm. If an alarm is

activated, and it turns out to be false, there is no fine, just a warning, **but the second false alarm will result in a \$50 fine to the homeowner**. Fines will escalate for each false call thereafter.

"Our police officers take every alarm call seriously. In many cases, however, the call ends up being nothing more than a false alarm caused by accident or human error," said Chief George Turner. "This new program will allow our officers to spend more time responding to true emergencies."

The City of Atlanta's False Alarm Program will be coordinated by CryWolf alarm monitoring service and software, designed and developed by Public Safety Corporation. CryWolf is a comprehensive false alarm tracking and billing system that has helped agencies across the country and in the Atlanta region reduce false alarms, increase collections, and improve administrative efficiency. The issuance of citations will be determined solely by the APD.

It is rare that news is "broken" by a monthly newspaper, but it seems that this important news has not been adequately communicated to all whom this new policy impacts. The registration process, however, is easy (at least calling the number 855-725-7102, which is what I did), and you will be given a permit number from the APD that you must give to your alarm company in order to complete the process.

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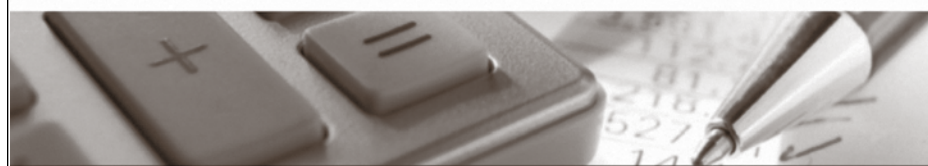
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## Your Vote Can Help Improve Our Schools

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system. It is important that we have qualified and committed representatives on the Board as they are the final decision makers on many important things, including the long-term strategy for our schools, how funds will be allocated, and school zone attendance.

ABOE consists of nine members, representing six geographical districts and three “at-large” districts. One person is elected per district to represent the schools in a given district for a four-year term. **Lake Claire residents will vote in four School Board races** — one for a district seat and three for at-large seats. There are 2,237 registered voters in Lake Claire. In past elections, school board races have sometimes been won by fewer than 1,000 votes. In other words, **our votes really do matter!**

The field is more crowded than usual due to heightened awareness following the Atlanta Public Schools’ cheating scandal and the school redistricting process. Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) is not officially endorsing any candidates, but LC Education Committee members have gotten to know many of the candidates. Let me know if you’d like to talk informally about how these candidates’ positions align with the neighborhood’s goals — I can be reached at [beth\\_krebs@comcast.net](mailto:beth_krebs@comcast.net). In addition, there are some upcoming opportunities to meet the candidates and to learn more about the election landscape — details are at the end of this article.

**You must be registered to vote by October 7**, early voting begins on Oct. 14, and Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. More information on voter registra-

tion, our poll location, and early voting can be found at the end of this article.

*Below are the School Board seats and candidates that will appear on the ballot:*

**District 3** (includes Lake Claire, Morningside, Druid Hills Virginia Highlands, Kirkwood, Edgewood and East Atlanta): Matt Westmoreland (uncontested)

**At Large 7** (elected citywide): Courtney D. English (Incumbent) and Nisha Simama

**At Large 8** (elected citywide): Cynthia Briscoe Brown;

Reuben R. McDaniel III (Incumbent);

Mark Riley;

Tom Tidwell;

Dave Walker.

**At Large 9** (elected city-wide): Eddie Lee Brewster;

Jason Esteves;

Lori James;

Anne Wofford McKenzie.

Note that in addition to voting for our School Board Represen-

tatives, we will also be selecting our City Council representatives in this election. **These races are incredibly important, so please vote!**

### **Lake Claire Voting Location**

All of Lake Claire votes at Epworth Methodist Church located at 1561 McLendon Avenue. If you are not able to vote on November 5, you can vote in advance (see below).

### **Advanced Voting**

The closest advanced voting location is the Wesley Coan Recreation Center at 1530 Woodbine Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30317. Early voting will be held at this location from October 26 to November 1 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

Additional voting locations (including those that open October 14) can be found at the following website:

<http://www.atlantaga.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=10005>

## Upcoming Election Information Sessions

### Inman Middle ABOE Candidate Forum:

When: Wednesday October 9, 6 – 8 p.m.

Where: Inman Middle School Auditorium

### SEACS/CINS ABOE Candidate Forum

When: October 17, 7:00 p.m.

Maynard Jackson High School

### “Lake Candler” Education Coffee Chat

Please join us for an informal play date and coffee chat at the park with members of the Lake Claire and Candler Park Education Committees. This is a chance to ask questions and learn more about the upcoming election (and to discuss any other APS topics of interest). Children welcome! Please check the Lake Claire website for rain date information.

When: Sunday October 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Where: Candler Park



*Exercise your right to vote! (then exercise your dog ... he'll love that)*

## Clarion volunteers needed!

### Your neighborhood needs YOU.

1. I am looking for someone to volunteer to coordinate our advertising while our current volunteer advertising coordinator, Talia, is on maternity leave, November through about February. We are looking for someone to begin right away. Each month, the advertising list is finalized on the 15th of the month for the next issue, and October 15 is around the corner from when this issue comes out October 1. The job entails keeping an existing database updated, coordinating ad artwork, and checking with the treasurer to make sure checks and PayPal payments have come in.

2. In addition to the advertising coordinator, I am looking for one or more folks with time to make some phone calls to try to increase our Clarion advertising base. Our current volunteers have no more extra time, but we are hoping there might be folks in the neighborhood, who have been looking for a way to volunteer, and this could be an opportunity for you and us...and this could be a few phone calls or a continuing responsibility. For more details, see the last issue (if you don't have it anymore, the online version at <http://www.lakeclaire.org/wpsite/clarionarchives/2013/current.pdf>) or write to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org). Please think about it!

**WE NEED YOU!**

## Voter Registration

To confirm you are registered to vote, or to register to vote (by October 7), please visit the following website:

<http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/vrinfo.htm>



### Margaret, 30+ Years in Lake Claire continued from Page 3

who used to live on Harold and takes great interest in her neighbors. Dates and places are never forgotten by her bright mind. She may be 89 years old (as of October 25), but she's really much younger, and I forget that there is a 27-year difference between us! She's my neighbor, a second Mom to me, but most of all she's my Dear Friend, and I hope to have her around for a long time."



Margaret today - in her home



## How's the Market?

by Cynthia Baer

If you haven't noticed, the Real Estate market in Lake Claire is HOT. After five years of dismal news for sellers, we are officially in a seller's market.

When Supply and Demand move out of balance it is said the market has shifted. Inventory defines the state of an area's market. If no other homes came on market, at the current rate of sales, "Months of Inventory" is how long it would take to sell all of those properties. For a balanced market, that number is about six months. More than seven months of inventory is considered a "buyer's market." In the Intown market, we have now experienced five consecutive quarters of decreased inventory and increased demand. In Lake Claire, we are at 3 months of inventory. Based on 2nd Quarter stats for 2013, median sales price in-town was up 23.6% and days on market was down 51% in comparison to 2nd Quarter 2012. Increased competition means some properties are receiving multiple offers and selling above list prices.

Shockingly, even in a seller's market, now is a great time to buy. Home prices have not fully recovered to 2007 highs coupled with interest rates that, although rising, are still at historic lows. Higher interest rates mean the home you purchase six months from now may be priced the same, but will cost you more or could move a property out of reach. For every 1% increase in interest rates, buying power is reduced by 10%. Buyers need to be prepared to move quickly and make strong offers for the right property.

Whether selling a home, buying a home, or investing in real estate, utilizing the right profes-

sional to navigate the nuances of an area's market is critical. The right agent will make certain you don't leave money on the table or miss out on the home of your dreams.

If you or someone you know has ever considered making a change, now is a perfect time to do so. If you are curious about what homes are selling for and frustrated by the lack of information, download my app to see prices of homes on market anywhere in the U.S. (<http://app.kw.com/KW1FZY9KX> or scan the QR Code and enter Agent Code KW1FZY9KX).

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## Reminder: Lake Claire Banner: Looking for the Perfect Fit

Lake Claire Neighbors extends a heartfelt thank you to the artists who have already sent submissions for the Lake Claire banner. The Executive Committee appreciates the time and energy expended to meet the banner deadline as previously announced. However, based on the fact that there is no clear winner from the entries initially submitted, and that a groundswell of interest in the banner remains, the competition remains open.

Based on the response from many neighbors, LCN's Executive Committee feels the process needs to be more clearly defined. Therefore, with apologies to all, but with continued excitement about the banner project, these guidelines are offered, and artists are invited and encouraged to submit new designs and re-submit earlier designs within the following guidelines.

### Here are the guidelines:

1. Maximum of two submissions per artist (re-submissions certainly accepted).
2. Ideas suggested but not required to include: Lake Claire est. circa 1915 on the design; sunflower (as shown in our current branding); images from the Watershed Mural (e.g., the

frog as shown in our current branding); Lake Claire Skier (reflecting Lake Claire tag line "Ski Lake Claire"); images to reflect the diversity of the neighborhood -- faces and/or houses.

3. To help voters judge, each submission should include a statement as to why the artist chose this image to represent Lake Claire.
4. The hanging banner measures 18"x36". The digital specs are: min 75 dpi, min 2660 pixels x 1497 pixels.

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**Prize:** The winning artist will receive free 6 months of a business-card-size ad in the Clarion and the gratitude of all your neighbors for your generous gift.

The deadline for submissions is November 1. The Executive Committee will review the submissions and present the selected finalists for a vote by the membership on the winning entry, which will take place at the December holiday meal.

**Many thanks to all who have and will participate in creating our new logo and banner. Any questions as well as entries can be submitted to [President@LakeClaire.org](mailto:President@LakeClaire.org).**



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# Mary Lin PTA's Home Run-a-Thon: *a Grand Slam*

by Kelly Crutcher

This September, Home Run-a-Thon, Mary Lin PTA's biggest fundraiser, was a huge success, reaching nearly \$55,000 in donations! Mary Lin PTA sends a huge THANK YOU to our co-chairs, Julie Noble and Rachel Bowser, for their fantastic job in leading this homegrown fundraiser where 100% of the money stays at Mary Lin! PTA also wants to thank all of the parents, teach-

ers, students, administration, and staff for being so supportive!

Funds raised will support academic and school improvements: Visiting Artists program, Teacher



Grants, professional development, Special Education and Health & Sustainability initiatives, enrichment materials, playground improvements, and more. We deeply appreci-

ate the support from our local community!

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## Biscuits and Bellyrubs



Anna Trodglén draws the Clarion's Biscuits and Bellyrubs cartoon series, and this time, illustrated Michael McGill's riddle on the Kids' Page (back page). A lifetime 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.

## Frazer Center News

Have you passed by the Frazer Center's Outdoor Courtyard or Atrium recently? If so, you probably noticed the incredible new spaces! Thanks to some hard working folks from The Home Depot Foundation, Georgia Center for Nonprofits, Building Community Network, and Frazer staff, Frazer was able to complete Phase 1 of their Outdoor Educational Environment and redo the large indoor planters in the Atrium. A team of 40 volunteers spend all day at the end of this summer working tirelessly to complete this project.

Lake Claire neighbors who haven't had a chance to check out these new spaces are invited to come on by to see the work this team accomplished.

Lake Claire appreciates our good neighbor the Frazer Center. Their greatest commitment is to fostering the kinds of learning and social opportunities with adults and children that build

sustaining friendships, that deepen an appreciation for diversity, and that recognize the gifts and talents of every individual in ways that celebrate those characteristics as essential to the vitality of the larger community. Many Lake Claire residents are Frazer parents as well.



*Frazer Center adults and staff at the State Capitol for Disability Awareness Day greeted by Mary Margaret Oliver (bottom, Right)*

## Tail End of Summer:

### New Programs at DeKalb County Animal Services

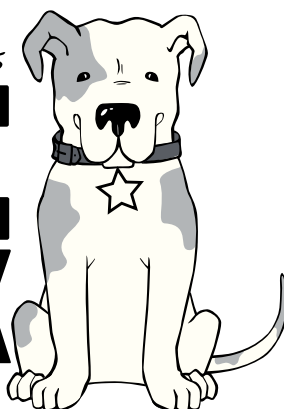
Our shelter has experienced an extremely high intake of animals this past couple of months. In an effort to get the dogs and cats adopted, we're having a "Tail End of Summer" adoption promotion. Dog adoptions are only \$20, and cat adoptions are only \$10, including the spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinations, etc. (well over a \$200 retail value). Photos of pets for adoption are on our website at: [www.dekalbanimalservices.com](http://www.dekalbanimalservices.com).

DeKalb County and our shelter are also overwhelmed with an extremely high number of pit bulls and pit bull mixes, and we have a new program that hopes to help fix that. It is called the "Free Pit Fix," and it provides free spay/neuters and vaccinations (rabies and distemper/parvo) for pit bulls and pit bulls mixes that reside in DeKalb county. DeKalb residents just need to print, fill out, and mail or fax in the form located at:

*Southern Hope Humane Society's*

**FREE PIT FIX**

Spay & Neuter Program



[http://www.dekalbanimalservices.com/images/DCAS\\_FREE\\_PIT\\_FIX.pdf](http://www.dekalbanimalservices.com/images/DCAS_FREE_PIT_FIX.pdf).

Once the form is received, a voucher for a free spay/neuter and shots is mailed to the pet owners.

## Lake Claire Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

The minutes are on the website at [www.lakeclaire.org](http://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).

Lake Claire Park tennis court is closed for repairs and upgrades; more info soon.



**Mary Lin, cont. from p. 7**

gia Aquarium, MetroFresh, Imagine It! Children's Museum, Trader Joe's, Intown Business Center, Folk Art Restaurant, The High Museum, Moe's Southwest Grill, Struby Construction, Cherry Bomb, Metro Gallery & Framing, The Atlanta Braves.



Pep rally held prior to the event



Mary Lin students all got involved



Mary Lin's Home Run-a-Thon involved entire school &amp; community

## Celebrate with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries will be holding its Annual Dinner & Graduation Celebration on **Sunday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the North Avenue Presbyterian Church. This is a great opportunity for Lake Claire Neighbors and anyone in the community to hear firsthand how Clifton has had a direct impact on the lives of their guests. The personal stories of success shared by the graduates are truly amazing and inspirational. The fact that this is literally occurring in our back yards is even more amazing.

By registering through the link below, our neighbors can attend this event and help support the continuing success of this 34-year old neighborhood institution. Tickets for the dinner are \$40 per person or \$325 for a table of eight. They can be purchased on the website at <http://www.cliftonsanctuary.com/media/annual-dinner-graduation> or by sending a check to the Clifton office. Reservations are required for planning purposes. North Avenue Presbyterian is located at 607 Peachtree Street, at the corner of North Avenue & Peachtree, in Atlanta.



Clifton Graduation Last Year

*"At Clifton's graduation dinner, you hear remarkable stories from men who are transitioning from homelessness to self-reliance. It is hard to imagine the well-dressed, eloquent and powerful speaker before you may have been homeless just months ago. The event is an amazing expression of the strength of the human spirit. You also hear from wonderful people who dedicate their lives to helping the men at Clifton and feel proud of our community for supporting this important ministry."*

*-James & Kelly Crutcher*

*James Crutcher is VP Board of Directors, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries and LCN representative to CSM.*

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# October into November in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

When I last wrote, it had been raining all summer, and the days were cloudy and cool. Now, well into September, it is as hot and dry as it has ever been, and I have already watered more hours in a week than all the months preceding. Weather, at least, is never dull. However, even as the temperature rises to the high 80s each day, so each night falls into the 60s. Autumn is upon us, the slanting sun brings more shade to our gardens, and soon it will be cool again.

Now is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. You know, I have always turned my nose up at Encore azaleas, which I have seen only in pink. A quick search told me that they do come in the red, coral, and white shades that to me complement fall colors. This week, however, I was reading an article entitled "Pink Plants for Fall" and then another on autumn-flowering trees, both of which gave a new cast to my conservative opinion. I realized that each September my garden perennial bed is brightened by pink asters and sedums; and, indeed, we all noticed one of the latter at a Lake Claire Garden Club meeting the other evening too. The article recommended perennials sedum 'Neon' and chrysanthemum 'Sheffield Pink' (a hardy mum) as well as heuchera 'Electra' for its foliage, which grows rosier as the temperature drops. In addition, the lycoris bulb *squamigera* or Surprise

Lily, also a lovely pink, pops up each fall.

What really interested me though were the woody pinks: the anise tree (*illicium floridanum*) 'Pink Frost,' beautyberry (*callicarpa americana*) 'Welch's Pink,' and winterberry euonymus 'Pink Lady,' all of these hardy in our climate. That led me to the autumn flowering tree article, which included pink (and other) forms of our sasanqua camellia, the Autumn Higan cherry (which blooms from September to October and then again March-April), and a magnolia called 'March 'til Frost.' The latter's fall blooms are sporadic but a purplish pink that shows up well against the green leaves.

These suggestions came from the October issue of *Fine Gardening*, one of my many favorite gardening magazines and the source of much useful garden design. It is now available on tablets for those of you who want to go paperless. (See FineGardening.com) I have often remarked that nearly everything I know about gardening as an adult I have learned by reading. This particular publication is particularly good for suggesting combinations of plants. In the articles I mentioned are recommended Joe Pye weed, summersweet, oakleaf hydrangea, catmint, and hostas as companions. The authors are consistent in giving the reader zones, size, and conditions of each plant so that you know not



*Euonymus-americanus "hearts-a-bustin"* -- drawing by Lore Ruttan

to waste your time planting lady's mantle (zones 4-7) with your heuchera as it will surely die (as it has done multiple times for me) in our summer heat. They also suggest sources for plants, such as Woodlanders in Aiken, SC, and Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, NC. I love to go to our local nurseries, but you get a much wider selection of plants from businesses that maintain a large inventory and will ship. As your skill grows, you will be able to plant a rose that comes bare root or grow up a very small perennial.

Fall is a great time to fix little things in your garden, like adding compost to your beds to improve the tilth. I usually have to dig the roots of shrubs out of

my vegetable and flower gardens once or twice a year. And of course you can set up a composting area, if you have not yet done so, and begin adding leaves and vegetable waste to be ready for spring.

In your vegetable beds, be sure to sow your spinach in October. If spring is a busy season, and you have found it too hot too early for potatoes, you can plant them now, carefully mulched, so they make a good start in early spring. In your cold frame, which can be as simple as hay bales covered with an old window as long as you monitor it on sunny days, start collards, lettuce, scallions, more spinach, and any other greens that strike your fancy. It is not too late to transplant parsley directly into the garden. If it is dry, which it often is in October, be sure to keep your vegetables and any new bushes and perennials well watered.

Oddly enough, just as I was writing this, on an 89-degree day with no rain forecast, it began to rain, lightly first, and then a ten-minute downpour, "out of the blue." You just never know. This is a month when you should be able to sit in your garden and enjoy the golden tints of fall as the sun glances in sideways, and the bees move slowly from flower to flower.

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

## Spring Bulb Challenge

by Colleen Golden

Nothing is better than the first harbingers of spring after a long cold winter: bulbs. Distant though the cheerful colors of daffodils and crocuses may seem, Fall is actually the best time to plant these effortless re-bloomers.

For most spring-blooming bulbs, find a site in full to part sun with well-draining soil that is rich in organic matter. Spacing varies with each type of bulb, but as a general rule plant three times the height of the bulb deep and three times the width of the bulb apart. Planting bulbs this close together creates a very impressive impact. One daffodil is lovely, but 50 or 100 in a swath are breathtaking. Just

thinking about those quantities might cause some wrists to ache. Not feeling up to planting 100 bulbs? At a minimum I'd shoot for groupings of 25. Make sure to mulch and water bulbs thoroughly after planting to encourage rooting right away.

Some of my favorite spring-blooming bulbs include daffodils, Spring Starflowers and Species Tulips. Daffodils (*Narcissus* spp.) are an old, pest-free, southern favorite with more cultivars to choose from than days in the year. Try the flamboyant 'Serola' for a punch of bright color, or the delicate 'Avalanche' with upwards of 15 light yellow and white blooms per stalk!

Spring Starflower (*Ipheion*

*uniflorum*) is one of the first blooms to emerge from short grassy foliage in the spring. To me, the white star-shaped flowers smell like a Strawberry Shortcake doll's fragrance (in a good way).

But watch out for the foliage; if crushed, it has a persistent garlic odor. The straight species naturalizes readily – some say to the point of being a garden thug – but there are cultivars available that are not so invasive. 'Rolf Fiedler' has dazzling blue petals that would jazz up the front of any perennial border. Try dotting Spring Starflower around



*Narcissus 'serola'* – photo by Josh Golden

the lawn for a more whimsical application. Blooming early, the foliage will have time to store up enough energy for next year's flowers before the first mowing in late spring.

Species tulips (*Tulipa* spp.) are a group of more unusual perennial spring bulbs that perform well in southern gardens. At

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## Halloween 2013 in Lake Claire

by Lynn Nomad

*'Twas the Banshee's lonely wailing;  
Well I knew the voice of death, On the  
night-wind slowly sailing... O'er the  
bleak and gloomy heath.*

In many forms, and in many cultures, Halloween (the name a contraction of "All Hallows' Evening") has been celebrated for thousands of years. What I find particularly interesting about this holiday is its main theme--death. Of course, in this country many people explore its more serious aspects: honoring and praying for departed loved ones (All Saints and Souls Days).

And many also enjoy the more lighthearted, yet perhaps no less profound, aspect of making fun of our own mortality by dressing as dead personalities or dangerous and supernatural fiends. But while we may mock danger that night, please pay attention to some real perils for our neighborhood children. Parents, please consider carefully if your child is ready to go out unchaperoned. Avoid houses that do not have lights, decorations, or some other indication that trick-or-treaters are welcome. Stay on the sidewalks. Let's try to keep our Lake Claire sidewalks clear of cars and trashcans, and trim projecting branches...there is still time before Halloween! And let's leave the lights on! Drive – and walk – carefully.



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# Peace & Love Harvest Fest, Saturday October 12

A fundraiser for the Lake  
Claire Community Land  
Trust

by Frani Green

Come and celebrate, dance, eat, commune with your neighbors while raising FUNds for our beautiful oasis in the city! We have a great line-up of music, art, food, and beverages to keep you entertained and happy – rain or shine. We'll be raffling off the usual collection of wonderful prizes donated by local businesses. The playground will be open, with a fresh load of sand, and the entire Land Trust is yours to wander. The suggested donation is once again only \$10.00.

Our musical line-up is particularly great this time. Read on!

**3:30-4:30 pm: The Johnson Party.** This seven-piece Atlanta group plays primarily original songs, along with well-known reggae, rock, bluegrass, pop, and Grateful Dead covers that groove-seekers, hipsters, and families all enjoy. The band's sound has been called "unapologetic bohemian wanderlust anthems that sound like they were spawned around a giant bonfire – backed by grooving guitars and a sing-along chorus." Their first CD is currently out on Wilderness Records. They are working on their second and have cut tracks with producer Tom Tapley (Springs-teen, Sugarland, Indigo Girls).

**5:00-6:00: The Radio Ramblers.** This ten-year-old orchestration performs a blend of blues, rock, and traditional Americana music. Founding members Alton Leonard and Michael Ellis are joined by Gayle Thompson, Bob Visentin, and Don Whitaker. They are long-time musical supporters of the Land Trust who have graced our stage many times.

**6:30-7:30: Grinder Nova and**



## His Pitstop Mariachi Band.

Using their unique blend of salsa and bossa with a pinch of '60s freakbeat, this fusion-verde of brass-laden rock and roll may cause bailando en fiercondo to any personas within earshot. They have been described as "James Bond meets Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass in a back-alley brawl against mainstream commercial radio."

**8:00-9:00 ... (To be announced)**

**9:30-11:00: Delta Moon.** The dual slide guitars of Delta Moon carry listeners deep into the heart of the American South, where sinuous Mississippi blues meets the gritty backwoods twang of Appalachia and winds around a rock-steady beat like kudzu on a barbed wire fence. *Net Rhythms* calls it "Music as it should be – raw and honest." We call it Blues-Infused American Roots.

Plus a special treat – an amazing belly dance performance by the one and only Juliana Illien!

The menu includes the usual meat and veggie dogs and burgers, sides, drinks, and surprises. And of course our neighborhood bakers will be providing goodies for the traditional Bake Sale. Bring your own washable plate, cup, and utensils, and get a free raffle ticket!

As always, please **DO NOT PARK ON SIDE STREETS** around the Land Trust. Event parking is available at Clifton Sanctuary – just follow the signs. Please respect our neighbors. Walking, biking, car-pooling, and riding MARTA are recommended. This is an all-ages event, but leave your critters at home.

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6-12" tall, they too are great at the front of a border. 'Lilac Wonder' boasts a lemon yellow center and lilac-pink petals. Mix them in amongst a short bright yellow daffodil (like 'Tete-a-Tete') for a charming combination. 'Lady Jane' is another reliable choice with pinkish-red outer petals that surround a pure white center. An intriguing characteristic of these tulips is that the flowers open wider on sunny days and stay closed on overcast days. Two interesting appearances from one plant!

So let's get planting--I chal-

lenge everyone to plant at least 25 bulbs this fall. I'll be putting in an order with a reputable bulb company soon. If you'd like to piggy-back onto my order, drop me a line at [colleengolden11@gmail.com](mailto:colleengolden11@gmail.com). With a little effort this fall, we can turn Lake Claire into Atlanta's most dazzling springtime neighborhood.

*Colleen Golden is a resident on Harold Avenue, a horticulturist who worked at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens for almost a decade until she had her son last November. She was inspired by the arrival of bulb planting time to join Elizabeth on the garden-ing page this month.*

## October Land Trust Calendar

**Sat. Oct. 5 and 19** – Land Trust drum circle, dark until midnight.

Please walk, bike, or carpool. Donation requested.

**Sun. Oct. 6 and 20** – (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. Oct. 12** – Peace & Love Harvest Fest, 3:00-11:00 pm, featuring headliners Delta Moon. (See article and box on this page.)

**Sun. Oct. 13** – Monthly community potluck at the Gazebo, 6:30 pm. Bring your own plate, cup & utensils.

**Sun. Oct. 27** – Annual Pumpkin Carving, 5:00 pm

*Got an idea for an educational workshop at the Land Trust? Just contact us at [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org).*

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## The 2013 Peace & Love Harvest Fest needs YOU!

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- We need raffle prizes.
- We need donations of baked goods for the Bake Sale.
- Vendors are welcome to vend for the cost of admission plus whatever donation they feel is justified by sales.

To volunteer, or more info on volunteering, contact [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org).

Thanks for your support!





## LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



I hope this series is fun and a way for young residents of Lake Claire to participate. This month's feature is an interview with two Lake Claire kids, and below, some jokes and cartoons by neighborhood kids!

Karis Armstrong, age 9, and Carlie Armstrong, age 6, attend In-

town Community School, and Karis studied all the large Indian tribes last year in school. The Armstrong family has lived on Clifton Road, across from the Candler Park Market, for 8 years. The youngest of the three little Indians is Camille, age 4.

*What is your favorite neighborhood event of the year?*

Both reply: The Lake Claire Halloween Parade!

*How would you describe it to someone who has never attended?*

Karis: The entire neighborhood meets up with parents, grandparents, big kids, and babies, all in costumes, and we all walk to the park. All the kids get to run around everywhere and eat yummy cupcakes.

Carlie: I don't remember walking on the street, but all my friends played on the playground AND we got to go the wrong way up the slide. Lots of kids were sliding down the slide together at the same time. That was fun!



*The Armstrong family at last year's Halloween Parade - photo by Kristy Photography*

*Were there any parents around when that was happening?*

Carlie: Mom took a video that we can watch on your phone?

Karis: Yeah, and Mom kept yelling, "Don't fall off the slide."

*What do you enjoy about this event?*

Karis: I liked being with lots of people in costume. It's fun to see how many kids live where we live.

Carlie: I liked the cupcakes with all the frosting.

*What costume did you wear?*

Both: Indian costumes.

*What will you be this year?*

Both: Indians again!

Karis: Now I have a slingshot, beaded belt, beaded pouch, and new moccasins.

Carlie: Mom, when are you going to get me a belt and pouch?!?



*Action shot with Kerstin Armstrong (mom) yelling DON'T FALL OFF THE SLIDE!*

*Did you like seeing moms and dads dressed in costume?*

Both: Yes, and we want our whole family to be dressed as an Indian family this year.

*If you were on the planning committee, as a kid, is there anything you would like to see happen this year that would really make you smile?*

Karis: A big table with lots of bands to make Rainbow Loom bracelets.

Carlie: A juggling elephant!

*If you could magically have one wish for this Halloween Parade, what would it be?*



*Armstrong Kids on Slide*

Karis: I would want to have power to grant everyone's wishes. Since my best friend in the neighborhood is moving this year, I would wish to make a new friend. Just like the song I learned at school, "Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other's gold. A circle is round and has no end. That's how long I want to be your friend."

Carlie: I would want to fly like a fairy, and if I could fly like a fairy then I would need a different costume because I would want to be a fairy.

## Jokes, Riddles, and Cartoons by Clarions Under 12

Try to guess the riddles! (Answers at the bottom)

1. What kind of sick was the worm feeling? (by Michael McGill, age 6)



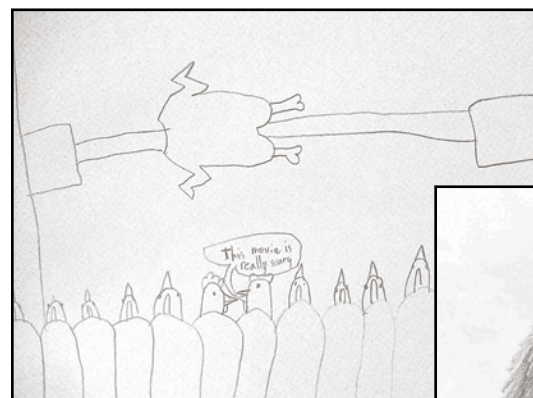
*An Applie Worm - by Anna Trodglen (not under 12, but can relate)*



*Another Apple-ie Worm (would you eat this apple?) - by Anna Trodglen*

2. What has cat legs, cat arms, and a cat tail, and a cat's face, but is not a cat? (Sara McGill, age 8)

3. What did the person say to the fly? (Sara McGill, age 8)



*Chicken Comic by Olivia Ledbetter, Age 11*



*Early Bird, by Cate Crutcher, Age 11*

1. The worm felt "Apple-ie" 2. A kitten. 3. "You bug me."

*Answers:*

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