



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



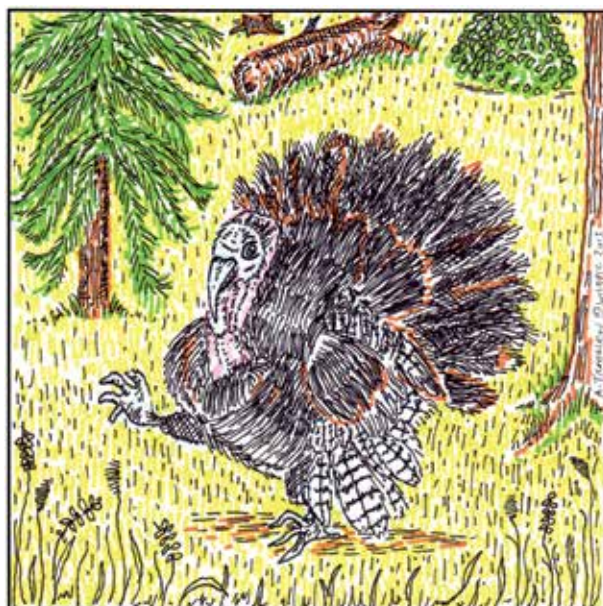
The Stay Puft Marshmallow Man!

On the last Saturday in October, neighbors from all over Lake Claire once again descended on the staging ground at Ridgewood and Marlbrook, dressed in their festive and frightful best, ready to parade into the park. After mild climes most of October, the temperature dropped at the end of the month, so it was on a somewhat chilly Saturday night that we enjoyed The Lake Claire Halloween Parade and Party, which the Lake Claire Parents Group and Lake Claire Neighbors have enjoyed putting on for many years.

The crowd was large, the scene animated. Alongside the witches, pirates, skeletons, superheroes, ballerinas, and princesses, were many unique characters, including a fantastic Harry Potter and Hermione Granger; Lee & Darlene Gillespy of Marlbrook as playing cards King and Queen of Hearts; a little spider complete with spider web; a kid-size iPhone; a flying monkey; a Wizard of Oz; Kerstin, Scott, Karis, Carlie, and Camille Armstrong of Clifton Road – the Armstrong Tribe (see last month's Clarion); two pink baby bunny infants (coincidentally dressed alike); and many, many more. Peter Olson of Leonardo, superbly decked out as the Stay Puft Marshmal-

low Man from the Ghostbusters franchise, greeted folks and organized the parade to progress to the park, keeping everyone focused and getting everyone excited with “‘Who’ You Gonna Call!?”--(in unison, “*Ghostbusters!!!!*”)

At the parade's end, everyone was treated to a party in the park, with treats donated by neighbors and beverages donated by the Candler Park Market (proceeds to go to the neighborhood and Lake Claire parents), freshly popped popcorn, and the opportunity to decorate one's own cupcakes (courtesy of Courtney Paladino's *Cakes with Courtney*). Gretchen Connell, photographer



Biscuits and Bellyrubs, by Anna Trodglan



Smart cookie!



Ballerina Radtke

and mother of this month's Kids' Corner writer, was traveling through the crowd (see center-fold pictures – page 7). For the next couple of hours, neighbors and friends mingled, kids played and ran and snacked, and we all enjoyed spending time together in our neighborhood park.

Special Thanks

Without the work of many neighbors, the parade and party would never be possible. Thanks goes to Katie Brady (Marlbrook) for volunteering to organize the party this year, setting up “Sign-Up Genius,” and many other things to make it great; Peter Olson, for organizing the throngs of kids and families and leading the parade to the park; Elizabeth Spivey, Annie Dagostino, and Lauren and Stephen Lynn for set-up in the park; Karen Sinkule for being parade caboose; Boyd Baker and Robyn & Jermaine Fanfare for traffic control; Rob Howayek, Lori Kimsey Hobson, the Gio family, and Allison Troxell for clean up; making treats, Sherry Neal, Melanie Bliss, Melissa

Mason, Elizabeth Spivey, Nicole Cheng, Kristen Herzegh, Lori Blank, the Fanfares, the Olsons, the Cywilkos, Corcelles Capps, and Kris Wellen; and for treat booth sales Darlene, Lee and Shawn Gillespy, Sloane Cheatham, Sapna Morris, and Tamar Williams; and perhaps others – as of time of publication, this is all I knew about. Thanks, everybody who helped, even if your name is not mentioned.

Once again, due to so many people pitching in, this Lake Claire signature event was fun for everyone, of all ages. It was the usual terrific kickoff to the Halloween week!

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NOVEMBER: Mark your Calendars

In the Georgian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, November is the eleventh month of the year. However, in the early Roman calendar, it was originally the ninth month, and the name comes from "novem," meaning nine. November is Alzheimer's Awareness month/American Diabetes month/COPD Awareness month/Lung Cancer Awareness month/Native American Heritage month/Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month/ & last, but not least, Pomegranate Month! November is right between fall and winter. The Anglo-Saxons referred to it as the "wind month," because it was time when cold winds begin to blow. But on a happier note, there is turkey, dressing, and pumpkin pie.

1 Deadline for submissions for Lake Claire Banner. Voting will take place at the **December** LCN party.

1 – Jan. LOTS of things going on at FERNBANK. See website, or write to Brandi.Berry@fernbankmuseum.org

2 Land Trust drum circle, dark until midnight. Please walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested.

3 Daylight Savings Time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back!

5 Voting Day. Don't forget to vote!

16 A Volunteer Work Day to compost the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden at the corner of North Avenue and Candler Park Drive, 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.

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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. **VOTING FOR LCN OFFICERS AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING.** Please, even if you come to few

other meetings this year, attend and show your support for LCN, working so hard for us all year as volunteers. This is the last business meeting of the year; The December meeting will be the annual Winter Holiday party; and our President Joe Agee's goal is always 1-hour meetings! –Ed.

22 Horizon Theatre presents Atlanta's red-hot holiday sensation *The Santaland Diaries*, back for the 15th year! Performances run November 22 - December 31, 2013.

28 Thanksgiving – and the first day of Chanukah (sundown 27th-sundown Dec 5)! Happy Thanksgiving, and hag sameach.

Send calendar items for the DECEMBER Clarion by NOVEMBER 20 to editor@lakeclaire.org (usually by the 15th of the month, but November came out a week late, so we extended it).

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

EARLY DECEMBER:

7 Lake Claire Land Trust Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale, please see details on Page 11 herein.

12 Thursday, December 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **NO BUSINESS MEETING OF LCN IN DECEMBER.** Join us for the Holiday Party at The Frazer Center, in the Atrium. It's a potluck! Bring salad or side dishes. Lake Claire Neighbors provide veggie and meat lasagnas, mac&cheese for kids, and desserts.

12, 13, & 14 Join Clifton Sanctuary Ministries for caroling (corner of McLendon & Clifton, starting 7:30 pm each night).

Fall and Winter Intown Festival Calendar

by Anna Kilinski

Fall is here; doesn't it feel great!! It's my favorite time of year, so I have compiled a list of popular events and festivals.

November:

2 – Chomp & Stomp Festival & 5K; 2-3 – Chastain Park Arts Festival; 9 – Decatur Wine Fest; 9 – 32nd Annual Veterans Day Parade; 16 – Ponce de Leon Beer Fest; 21-January 5 – Garden Lights, Holiday Nights; 21-January 5 – Global Winter Wonderland; 23 – Centennial Olympic Park Ice Rink Opens; 28 – Lenox Square Tree Lighting; 28 – Atlanta Half Marathon & Thanksgiving 5K

December:

7 – Atlanta Beltline Eastside 10k, Tinsel & Twine at Westside District, and Children's Christmas Parade; 31 – Underground Atlanta Peach Drop

Look them up, and have fun!

You are Invited!

Lake Claire Neighbors Holiday Potluck Dinner

Thursday, December 12
 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Atrium at The Frazer Center

Vegetable & Meat Lasagna,
 Mac and Cheese for kids,

Lemonade, wine, and desserts provided by the LCN

All addresses: please bring a salad, side dish, or bread

The Faces of the Frazer Center



Liz Nicholson, with Drew, adult participant and current employee at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

This spotlight in our occasional series features Liz Nicholson, Employment Specialist at the Frazer Center. Our conversation follows.

Clarion: What is your role at the Frazer Center?

LN: I am the Employment Specialist for the Adult Program of the Frazer Center. I work with adults at the Center to find meaningful employment and volunteer opportunities within both the Center and the greater Atlanta community. Once adults are placed in employment opportunities, I provide on-site job coaching to individuals as they first begin their jobs and then transition to independence

in work.

Can you explain what supported employment means, and its role at Frazer?

With the support of the Assistant Director, Employment Specialist, and Job Coaches, incoming participants and their respective caregivers and family members meet with Frazer staff to identify an individual's passion, talents, and goals in order to best place participants in opportunities of employment throughout the community. Once a meaningful opportunity is identified, the Frazer Center team then offers support to both the employer and employee in hopes of creating a sustainable, lasting relationship. A large first step in this process is forming relationships with both the families of participants and businesses in the community to best understand what tasks, goals, and passions can be matched to create a mutually beneficial experience for both the participant and the employer.

How can potential individuals/

companies get involved?

Our adults have so many talents, skills, and passions, and we are looking for opportunities to make use of these abilities! If individuals or companies have any small tasks or needs to be met, let us know! We are happy to explore opportunities with you and a participant to see if there is a good fit. This is about creating a mutually beneficial relationship for both the employee and the employer, with our support throughout the entire process. Currently, we have adults employed in cafes, restaurants, hair salons, supermarkets, and more, doing a variety of tasks – greeting, cleaning, cooking, shredding papers, filing, scanning, and more. If you have any ideas or suggested employment, please contact me at l.nicholson@frazercenter.org or Amy Price at a.price@frazercenter.org.

What is the best part of your job?

I love to see the adults light up when they are in meaningful opportunities,

using their skills and passions in great ways. The relationships they form in these opportunities are incredible, and it is great to see adults recognize their skills and see the value they are directly adding to the community.

What role do you see for the Frazer Center in the Lake Claire Community?

The Frazer Center has been a part of the Lake Claire community for many years. It is nice to see neighbors visiting the Center and taking advantage of the great paths and forests and gardens, and as a new Lake Claire community member, I would love to see that relationship grow to engage further with the people of the Frazer Center! We've been able to connect with the Lake Claire Land Trust and local businesses to start forming relationships, but we want this to grow. We would love to see adults volunteering, working, and contributing to as many businesses and community groups as possible in the Lake Claire community.

A Lake Claire Co-housing Family: the Chapel-McCoys

by Kay Kuck

A flyer in the San Francisco Coffee Shop in Virginia-Highland led to their 16+ years in Lake Claire Co-housing (COHO). Jennifer McCoy, Tom Chapel, and 4 year old son Jack moved into one of the fee simple townhouses designed by the residents and built around courtyards in 1997. This Scandinavian concept was discussed in the February Clarion (<http://www.lakeclaire.org/wpsite/clarionarchives/2013/2013-02.pdf>). Community minded Jenny and Tom had previously moved to a cul-de-sac community near Toco Hills, seeking a friendly neighborhood where people knew and interacted with one another. When that didn't come to pass, they were lucky enough to see the Co-housing flyer just in time to fill the last vacancy before construction began. For them, in part, COHO is a refuge from the stresses of their demanding jobs.

Jennifer is a Professor in political science at Georgia State University and Director of the Latin American Program at the Carter Center. She makes frequent trips to South America where she becomes a mover and shaker in South American political affairs. Hugo Chavez when he was alive asked The Carter Center to mediate in Venezuela after a coup ousted him for two days. Jennifer led that effort for two years. The rest of the community enjoys

listening to the stories she tells about the inner workings of Latin American politics. But being an internationally known expert in her field with a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and fluent in Spanish become unimportant in most community events -- as she washes dishes and helps in the smooth operation of the community. Her total involvement in COHO, coupled with her ability to lead groups and her gift of rephrasing and condensing some of the rambling conversations which occasionally develop at business meeting, blend the various skills of this remarkable woman.

Tom is Chief Evaluation Officer at the CDC. Conversation about Tom's job are almost nonexistent as the rest of the community can barely understand the complex nature of Tom's expertise. But we know it involves lots of questionnaires and spread sheets, a skill and resource he brings to our community life. The 20+ adult COHO residents have busy lives, so we try to keep the number of business meetings to a minimum. Our e-mails and common house bulletin boards are peppered with Tom's sign-up sheets, doodle polls, and survey monkey surveys, ensuring timely attention to details such as decisions about community upkeep. Each adult community member is "expected" to put in seven hours per month in commu-

nity chores such as cooking meals, landscaping, and attending to the constant needs of the community. Aside from some guilt I and others feel when my monthly tally falls short, total understanding is shown for community members whose busy lives make completing chores an impossibility.

How do children and pets fair in such close proximity? Their 20-year old son, Jack, now a sophomore at Tulane University, was here from age 4, while 13 year-old Gracie has no other experience for comparison. Says Jack, "Co-housing got me into college. I wrote my college admissions essay on my experiences growing up. It's funny how unusual it looks to everyone one else. I'm sure there were no other essays like it, even though to me it was just a normal, everyday experience." Co-parenting develops as children move in or are born. The sound of the "Pack" provides a frequent reminder of the delight and safety of the children. When misbehavior or a squabble develop, adults in the community intervene, as the needs and expec-



tations of each child are known. Frequent discussion among parents ensure that each child is co-parented. People are constantly observing the children, so the complex provides a safe neighborhood.

Let's not forget Papi and how he and other pets are included in the community. Early in our living together there was much discussion about pets, the inclusion of certain breeds of dogs, and the number of outdoor cats. Concern was expressed about the tendency of cats to hunt songbirds, snakes, etc., and the use of our small outdoor area as a litter box for the cats, hmmm...waste disposal. The four dogs and five outdoor cats live together amicably, but dog poop and murderous cats, or especially malodorous cat areas, are quickly noted!

Keeping An Eye on the Crime – And the Time

Lake Claire Security Report, August 25-September 28, 2013

Auto Theft

600 block Hardendorf Ave 9/3/13 parked on street

2010 silver Honda Accord with FL tag

Other Larceny

1800 block McLendon Ave 9/9/13

Taken: Surveillance shows a young man stealing a package (from Amazon) from a porch, opening it and then abandoning it and the contents in the front yard.

2000 block Palifox Dr 9/9/13

Taken: Fisher mountain bike and helmet parked in driveway by visitor. A dog's leash, which was on the bike, was found close by.

Residential Burglary

300 block Southerland Terrace 9/9/13

Damage: rear window shattered

Taken: gaming systems, Prints obtained

Theft from Auto

300 block Nelms Ave 8/26/13 parked on street

Damaged: rear door window

Taken: tote bag, check book

300 block Nelms Ave 9/13/13 parked on street

Damaged: driver side window

Taken: iPad, Arrests made by MARTA Police

200 block Connecticut Ave 9/16/13 parking lot; vehicle unlocked

Taken: voice recorder

2000 block DeKalb Ave 9/17/13 parking lot

Damaged: passenger side window

Taken: gift cards

1700 block Indiana Ave 9/18/13 parked on street; vehicle unlocked

Taken: GPS, phone charger, sunglasses

2000 block McLendon Ave 9/23/13 parked at residence

Damaged: window broken

Taken: iPhone

500 block Hardendorf Ave 9/24/13 parked on street; vehicle unlocked

Taken: loose coins

2000 block Howard Cir 9/25/13 two vehicles at residence; one unlocked/undamaged

Damaged: rear passenger window

Taken: jewelry, iPod mp3 device, wallet with GA DL & cards

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. Up to date neighborhood security reports: lakeclaireneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com

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Two Interesting Fall Plants

by Genise Spenle

Two fall plants, *Lycoris Radiata* and *Euonymus americanus*, display such interesting fall characteristics that they deserve special attention. Both of these photos (bottom of Page 6) were taken in early October, the first on McLendon Ave, the second on the path above Dekalb Avenue that winds through the Lake Claire Land Trust. *Lycoris radiata* is a bulbous plant whose showy red flower spikes rise up from the bare earth or in the middle of lawns in late summer or autumn and are therefore called 'Naked Ladies' or 'Resurrection Flowers.' The leaves ap-

pear in the spring but disappear in the summer. In Florida, the plant is referred to as Hurricane Lily, because the flowers, triggered by heavy rainfall, bloom in hurricane season. Another common name is Red Spider Lily because of the exceptionally long stamens resembling spider legs. Other common names for *Lycoris* are red magic lily and surprise lily. The Genus name comes from the name of the mistress of Mark Antony, a Roman general. They are in the amaryllis family, and while not native to Georgia, they have naturalized

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News from Mary Lin Elementary School



NEW APS TIMELINE

by **Boyd Baker**

There is a new timeline set as APS plans to get the Land Disturbance Permit on Monday. With that in hand, they can start

work. Below is the official timeline as of Friday, 10/25. They'll be posting information (I will let you know where when I know) online with updates. Feel free to share this with all your friends, neighbors, and grade level folks.

Atlanta Public Schools

Facilities Services Department

October 25, 2013

Construction Management Team

Mary Lin Elementary School – Project Timeline

Building Department Review	Complete
Site Development Review	Complete
Health Department Review	Complete
Planning and Zoning Review	Complete
Fire Marshall Review	Underway
Building Permit Obtained	Need Fire Marshall approval
Obtain LDP from City of Atlanta	October 28, 2013
Kick Off Meeting with Site Development	Week of October 28, 2013
Write Contracts for Site Contractor	Week of October 28, 2013
Mobilization	November 4, 2013
Site Layout	Start the week of November 4, 2013
Install Erosion Control & Tree Save	Start the week of November 4, 2013
Construction Fence	Start the week of November 4, 2013
Site Demolition	Start the week of November 11, 2013

Mary Lin Trees Atlanta State Farm Grant

by **Carol Vanderschaaf**

State Farm Insurance Company recently presented Trees Atlanta a grant of \$35,000 for their Youth Education Program. The presentation took place near the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden, which is part of the Trees Atlanta Youth Education Program at **Mary Lin School**. Fourth grade students who have been participating in the Mary Lin program attended the event. Students were from the classes of Mr. Rice, Mrs. Barry, and Mrs. Wyczalkowski. Students also had a

chance to look at the flowers they had planted earlier this year as part of the program.

...And Speaking of the Freedom Park Garden

Volunteers are needed to put compost over the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly on Saturday November 16,, from 9 a.m. until noon. The garden is on the corner of North Ave. and Candler Park Drive. Please contact Carol at cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net for more information or to volunteer."



Presentation of Grant (L-R) John Oxford, State Farm Agent; Lauren Sandoval, Coordinator of Trees Atlanta's Youth Education Program; Renate Dugans, Community Relationship Specialist State Farm Southeast; Kwanza Hall, Councilmember; Greg Levine, CoExecutive Director, Trees Atlanta; Connie Veates, CoExecutive Director Trees Atlanta; Carol Vanderchaaf, Coordinator of the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden; Alex Beasley, Trees Atlanta Art Educator

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries Annual Dinner a Success

The 2013 Annual Dinner & Graduation Celebration was in mid-October at the North Avenue Presbyterian Church.

This is always a great opportunity for Lake Claire Neighbors and others in the community to hear firsthand how Clifton Sanctuary Ministries (CSM) has had a direct impact on the lives of their guests, and this year was no exception. Matt Seadore of North Avenue delivered the keynote

address, reminding folks to consider what God thinks of when he thinks of us. Three graduates shared their personal histories of overcoming homelessness, which were amazing and inspirational. A fabulous time was had by all.

CSM says to Lake Claire: "Thanks to all who came, sponsored a place at the dinner, or participated in the Silent Auction. See you next year!" Lake Claire considers CSM to be one

of its foundational organizations, and thus has had an LCN representative to CSM for many years. Lake Claire resident James Crutcher is Vice President of the Board of Directors for CSM and is LCN's representative to CSM. CSM guests have participated in a myriad of LCN and Land Trust activities. Another annual event is coming up in December, one in which the CSM Guests give back to Lake Claire. Everyone

is invited to join the men of Clifton for 3 special nights of caroling, Wednesday, Tuesday, and Friday, December 11, 12, and 13. The group usually meets at 7:30 p.m. each of three evenings. Hot chocolate, apple cider, cookies, and other refreshments are served afterwards. No experience or talent is necessary; all are welcome...come to the corner of McLendon and Connecticut and join the fun!

Hello...Safe Journey

Just Sharing On

Born: to Talia Williams and her husband, son Jett. (Talia is on maternity leave from the Clarion.)

New addition to family: Chime, happy addition to Susan Rutherford's home

Happy birthday! Henry Charles Morgan (10/13/11) – son of Leslie Slavich former Clarion

editor and dad Ben (and not to forget big brother, Daniel)

We won't give the years for the adult birthdays!--- Elizabeth Knowlton, November 11, Sarah Shalf, November 19.

Last but not least, Sevananda celebrated its birthday.

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 NOVEMBER 18 for the month of December.***



Chime, new addition to the Rutherford family

Halloween Party and Parade – continued from Page 1

Priest, blue-hair, princesses, kitty cat, bride



Talk about angels!



Jett discovers the excitement



Throngs Marching to the Park



Olson unmasked



Park filling up...



Decorating or consuming



Mother Daughter Cats



Alemeta packed as folks make their way to the park



Superheroes (and cuteness) abounded



Kitty cats



Harry met Hermione (no joke, these two didn't know each other)



What's all this about...



Surveying the scene



I'm just trying to eat my cheetos



Darlene and Lee Gillespy, Queen & King of Hearts (regular advertisers in the Clarion - see page 11)



iKid

Pictures on Page 6 and Marshmallow Man and Ballerina on Page 1, by Beth Damon

Fall Plants, cont. from p. 4

here.

The second plant, *Euonymus americanus*, is more commonly known as Hearts-a-bustin', Bursting Heart, Strawberry Bush, or Spindletree. Hearts-a-bustin' is a common native shrub of the southeastern woods and is easily overlooked when it is in flower in late spring. But, in the fall, slender,



Lycoris Radiata - by Genise Spenle

drooping stems display brightly colored fruits that from a distance look a bit like strawberries. Up close, you can see that the round reddish-purple 4-lobed husks burst open to reveal Day-Glo orange seeds. Who says that red, purple, and orange don't go together? Hearts-a-bustin' is in the Bittersweet family.

See Lore Ruttan's drawing of Hearts-a-bustin' in last month's Clarion, page 9.



Euonymus americanus by Genise Spenle



Photos on this page and “Smart Cookie” on page 1 by Gretchen Connell. Gretchen specializes in children’s portraiture (gretchen.connell@gmail.com).

November into December in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

You have your fall garden planted, whether by seeds or sets, and it is looking great. You've sprinkled BT on the cole crops to keep the cabbage worms and other varmints at bay. You have watered when it was dry, and the bed is covered with some nice fluffy mulch like wheat straw, tucked up under the plants. You are eating arugula and maybe some of the greens. But what about frost?

In our zone, first frost was supposed to occur in late November. Lately it has arrived in December. And last year it did not freeze in my garden until February. But, as we all know, Mother Nature is still full of surprises, like snow on leafy trees in New Jersey two autumns ago. What should we do? Mulch was a great first step as it keep soil temperature even, protects plant roots, and prevents heaving. The next step would be to cover your plants with what are known as row covers. These are non-woven pieces of material that admit light and water but can protect plants from frost as

severe as the low 20s, depending on the grade of fabric. And, depending on the winter, this may bring your whole garden through a winter. The fabric needs support and not to touch the plants for best results. You can make hoops over a row or even a whole bed out of thick wire or PVC pipe. If more protection is needed overnight, you can add clear plastic sheeting to the covers. Remember, however, to monitor such a situation carefully as it is the rare Southern winter day that does not rise above 50 degrees.

In the past I have found Gardener's Supply in Vermont a good source for any supplies I cannot make or find locally. Although they are never cheap and sell a great many silly garden gewgaws (from which I hope they make a tidy profit), their basic supplies are A-1. I recently wrote them about a rain barrel that had begun to leak after only two summers of use; they phoned me on a Saturday and are sending a replacement barrel for the price of shipping.

In a cold frame, you can keep planting greens all winter. Lower sunlight will cause them grow more slowly but that allows you to plant more densely.

If you have an empty bed, do plant a cover crop of wheat, oats, or rye. These can be cut in spring before they seed to be used as mulch. Or, if you use a tiller, turn them over as soon as soil is dry in spring to let the crop function as green manure. Crimson clover, an annual, can be used the same way. A cover crop prevents erosion of your valuable top soil and keeps down weeds. At the very least, mulch your empty beds to prevent these problems.

Last year I devoted nearly an entire col-



Jane Merkle in front of her tithonia she grew from seed! See also the picture behind the banner on Page 1 of Jane's tithonia against the sky
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The Clarion always welcomes your comments, feedback, and submissions. Happy Thanksgiving, Lake Claire. Warmly, Beth Damon

Reminder to Register House Security System

Remember the Clarion's breaking news last month? 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/ or by calling 1-855-725-7102. 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. To register call 855-725-7102 or access via website above), and they will provide a permit number that **you must give to your alarm company in order to complete the process.**

Don't Put That Used Mattress Out on the Curb!

The Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta

by Stephen Wing

Every time I see a mattress or sofa sitting out in the rain on somebody's curb, I cringe, wishing I hadn't put off informing the world (or at least Lake Claire) about a wonderful organization that puts old furniture to good

use. The Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta will pick up your used furniture and donate it to individuals and families moving out of homelessness, battling HIV/AIDS, or fleeing domestic violence. This is a great service to those of us who cannot manage to haul their furniture to a thrift store. It is even more helpful to those replacing an old bed, as thrift stores and other nonprofits cannot legally accept mattresses and box springs. The Furniture Bank is the only way to keep used but still usable beds out of the landfill (short of holding your own yard sale).

Their most-needed items: dressers, nightstands, chests, coffee tables, end tables, sofas, loveseats, kitchen tables and chairs, twin mattresses, and box springs. Visit their website at www.FurnitureBankAtlanta.org to schedule a pickup, find out more about the organization, volunteer or make a financial donation.

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umn to the details of bulb planting, so I will just summarize this time. 1) Store bulbs in the refrigerator away from fruit until planting. 2) Begin with narcissus, which are perennial, to get their roots going, and plant all bulbs throughout November and into December, but try to be done before the holidays. 3) In general, plant each bulb 2-3 times deeper than its size. 4) Keep a diagram of where you put them so you do not accidentally dig them up again in your spring gardening.

Seed catalogs will be arriving after Thanksgiving. Did you ask for any last year? Park Seed (in SC), John Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds, Johnny's Selected Seeds, Harris Seeds, and Vermont Bean Seed Company are some of my favorites. I use the catalogs to make my selections and then order on line as it is easier to flip back and forth that way. Ace Hardware over in Virginia-Highland is my source when I have forgotten something, but germination is best when the seeds sit in cold storage until shipping.

Every year we need to document our successes with photographs and in our garden journals, no

matter how simple. Rain gave me the best garden I have had in years. Many people mentioned that their nightshade crops (tomatoes, peppers, etc.) suffered; I suggest that you need to plant them earlier, especially the tomatoes, in the ground with protection in March. I was picking tomatoes in June; and although production slowed by August, I still have tomatoes ripening as I write, this in a garden without ideal sun. Best producers this year were Sweet Million, Bella Rosa (in a front yard tub on casters), Viva Italia, Ultra Girl. Others, less productive, were *big*, 19 oz. And, again, eggplant were prolific, especially Fairy Tale, Vittoria, and Ping Tung—and these are melt-in-your mouth eggplants, far too good for parmesan. Even squash Trombolina managed to outrun the borers, criss-crossing the garden, climbing the privet, still setting out squash in October, growing to several pounds if not caught in time.

My tithonia in back and front did better this year with amended soil, and my friend Jane's grew 14 feet tall!

If there is a gardener on your holiday list, take a look at *American Home Landscapes* that illustrates and describes our gardens

from the 17th to 20th centuries (Timber Press, 2013, \$39.95). Not only does it give us a general history of our gardens, but it would also be a great boon in helping us design a garden to match our house's age. I look forward

ward to checking out 1890.

You may reach Elizabeth Knowlton with gardening questions and comments at knowltonew@earthlink.net. Happy birthday, Elizabeth, with thanks from the Clarion.

The Land Trust Family Project

by Tyralynn Frazier, Cara Haycak, and Beth Radtke

We are a new group working under the banner of the Lake Claire Land Trust Board and in cooperation with the Lake Claire Neighbors Association. We love the Land Trust and want to find ways for families to engage and make use of this wonderful neighborhood environmental resource. As well, we feel that it is important that such initiatives, no matter who "houses" the bulk of the work, include Lake Claire's foundational organizations, e.g., not only LCN and the Land Trust, but The Frazer Center and Clifton Sanctuaries. We have lots of ideas. **BUT** we want to hear from **YOU!** Please fill out this **10-question** survey to help us begin this exciting project.

Survey link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/33XXP6N>

Our goals are:

- 1) To initiate neighborhood supported projects utilizing the unique community asset that is the Land Trust;
- 2) To preserve the legacy of the Land Trust by encouraging environmental stewardship through education, outreach, and community connection;
- 3) To secure the future of the Land Trust by building even stronger connections and unity among neighborhood families.

Thank you wonderful neighbors! We look forward to hearing from you. For questions, please contact Tyralynn at tfrazi2@gmail.com

Be on the lookout for more to come from this group, in the Clarion and at future LCN meetings.



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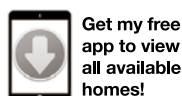
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Becoming a Land Trust Supporter

Our New Membership Policy, Fall 2013

by Miriam Herbers

Each year during fundraiser time for WABE radio, I think about the similarities in the station's plea for memberships and the Land Trust's need for financial support. Both WABE and the Land Trust will be there, and can be heard or visited, even if you don't give your financial support because (we hope) enough of you will continue your support.

So if you have ever walked your dog on the Land Trust, brought your child to the sand pile, swung in the swing, walked on a path, sweated in the sweat lodge, enjoyed a pot luck, carved a pumpkin, planted a garden, looked at the city skyline from the overlook, listened to music from the stage, beat a drum, roasted a marshmallow, delighted in the toads' evening serenade, or just enjoyed being in this wonderful space, **why not consider becoming a Supporter?** Or if you only come to the Land Trust every once in a while, but are thankful that such a place exists in our neighborhood, why not become a Supporter? Or if you appreciate that a conscious effort went into putting this piece of earth into Conservation Easement so that the land will continue to be

honored and respected as an undeveloped haven for all that breathes, why not become a Supporter?

Our new membership policy is that anyone can become a Supporter for just \$10 a year. A goal has been set for 100 people to show their support for 2014. Please help us. Non-supporters will still be welcomed and encouraged to visit, but if you contribute you will know it is the right thing to do. Fees and insurance have to be paid, maintenance done, and improvements made. There is a lot that goes into making the Land Trust what it is. **You** are the community in "Lake Claire Community Land Trust"!

Checks can be made out to "LCCLT" and mailed to P.O. Box 5379, Atlanta GA 31107, or dropped down the chute by the bulletin board, or you can donate through Paypal or credit card at www.LCCLT.org. Include your email address if you'd like to be added to our email list. This is separate from our five Yahoo groups – strictly for notice of Land Trust events. Include your postal address and we will send you an "I Support the Lake Claire Community Land Trust" bumper sticker.

No maximum donation: you may even bequest to the Land Trust in your will. The Land Trust is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, so donations are tax deductible.

Calling All Neighborhood Artists & Craftspeople!

Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale, Sat., December 7

The Land Trust's annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale benefit is set for Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Each year we need a little more room as more artists participate. We think you will all be pleased with this year's location in the beautiful new home at 290 Arizona Ave.

As always, 75% of all sales is yours to keep. This is your reminder to save the date and start making your beautiful handiwork! Tell your friends they are welcome to sell -- and buy. Volunteers to set up the sale are also welcome. Contact us at info@LCCLT.org.

Upcoming at the Land Trust . . .

Sat. Nov. 2 and 16 – Land Trust drum circle, dark till midnight. Please walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested. And Saturday, December 7 – Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 290 Arizona Ave. See article this page for more info.

Note: We have discontinued our traditional potluck on the 13th of the month due to lack

of participation. We have also discontinued the bi-monthly "Keep the Trust" work days on the day after each Drum Circle. Watch this space or our calendar at www.LCCLT.org for special Community Work Days and potlucks. You can also email us at info@LCCLT.org to receive email notification of these and other Land Trust events. Thanks!

MISSION STATEMENT:


The mission of the Lake Claire Community Land Trust is to acquire, maintain, and protect green space for neighborhood enhancement and education, and to provide a place for neighbors and friends to celebrate nature, community and the arts.

Partial list of upcoming projects and purchases at the Land Trust: an agricultural water meter; a greenhouse; a weed eater; new wheelbarrows and garden cart; new stage lights; clear and replant Dekalb Ave. slope and the south side of the pond; a shed for the wood splitter; remove all weed trees and plant ornamentals throughout the

Land Trust; additional rain barrels; re-organize the tool shed, adding a secure section for hard-to-replace tools; repairs and improvements to the sauna.

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LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young readers to participate. This month's writer Jamie Connell's parents, Gretchen and Romey, live on Southerland Terrace; as Jamie notes, her dad bought the house in April 1992. The Connells live with their two wonderful children – Jerry (10) and Jamie (8), their dog, Johnny (5), and recently have been joined by Gretchen's parents. Gretchen is a freelance graphic artist

and photographer. See some of her wonderful photos of children on Page 7 and the "Smart Cookie" on page 1, as well as of her own kids on this page. She is also one of the Clarion carriers (volunteers who deliver the Clarion to doorsteps every month). And now, without further ado, read all about Jamie, and her life in Lake Claire.

Jamie: my notes from la-la land

My name is Jamie Connell, and I turned eight years old in July. I've been living on Southerland Terrace all of my life, in a house that my dad bought a long time ago, way before there was such a thing as Sutherland Place. I love living here, and Dad says we're never moving. He says we live in la la land, on the best street in the world. The kids on our street come over to our house to play all of the time. Most of them who are my age are boys, but a lot of girls who are my age come to visit a lot, too. Mom says I'm in high demand for play dates. It isn't that quiet around here, but it is a lot of fun.

Some of my favorite things to do are drawing, painting and crafts. I'm always drawing or painting something; like this cat here – I drew it last year and it is one of my favorites. I also like to play on my iPad and computer, and Mom says I do that way too much. I play on a girls' soccer team that Dad helps coach, and I'm starting to get pretty good at shooting the basketball. I'm also on the swim team, and you've probably seen us at the pool, because we go a lot.

I love to dance and sing, and I want to learn to play the piano. We didn't really have room in the house for a real piano, but after mom's parents moved in with us, we made our attic into a music room and we finally have one. I go to school at the Hess Academy in Decatur; it was started by a woman who used to teach at my old school. I really like to read, especially about dogs and other animals. You've probably met me if you walk a dog on our street, because I run down and pet every one that I see walk by. We got our own a few years ago; he's a lab mix named Johnny and he's super sweet, and he sleeps in my bed with me pretty much every night.

In case you didn't guess by now, this is me in the picture holding the balloon, when we were visiting some friends at the beach near St. Augustine a couple of years ago. Those friends used to live on our street. That guy behind me is my brother, Jerry, and Mom

says it looks like he is getting ready to pop my balloon. I can't remember if he did or not – I don't think so, but I do remember that he got a really bad sunburn on that trip from playing in the hot tub all day with Stanley and Peyton. Jerry just had his tenth birthday, so last week was crazy. Grandmom and Pop-Pop (Dad's father – he comes to visit) also have birthdays that week, so it is like one endless party. We still have lots of cake left over if you want any.

Jerry is in 5th grade at the Children's School in midtown. He is one of those really smart kids, and he likes to read. He also loves super scary movies; I do, too, but not as scary as the ones Jerry likes. He plays a lot of soccer now. He didn't used to play that much, but he got into some FIFA game on his iPhone and now he loves to play for real. He really likes NBA basketball, too. That also started with some video game, but now he plays all of the time in our driveway. He was into gymnastics, but he got a little tired of it. He and his friends play sports and video games at our house all of the time.

He also likes to draw a lot. He doesn't do it as much as he used to, but he can be really creative when he tries. This thing here is Benjamin Franklyasaurus. He drew it a couple of years ago when his class was studying about space and dinosaurs and people in history. I have no idea how he came up with this thing, but it is pretty wild. He has a drum set, and he also is excited about the music room, because when he first got the set, it was so loud when he played in the house that he really couldn't practice. It drove everyone crazy, even the neighbors.

Jerry also is really into cars. He can't drive a real one yet, but he knows



Cat by Jamie Connell



Benjamin Franklyasaurus by Jerry Connell

about all kinds of super fast, fancy sports cars. He would love it if we could get one, but Dad says we really can't afford any of the cars that Jerry wants us to get, so he'll just have to settle for racing on his X-Box and buying them with make-believe prize money. Jerry also likes to ride his bike and go on hikes, and he is a pretty good hula-hooper. He got one that lights up when we were at a music festival a couple of years ago, and he made a bunch of tip money this summer hula-hooping with it all night long on a boardwalk at a beach resort.

That's all for now.

--Jamie



Jamie and Jerry "Beaching It," photo by Gretchen Connell