

The Faces of the Frazer Center

Paige McKay Kubik

Executive Director, Frazer Center

The Frazer Center was excited to welcome Paige McKay Kubik as its new Executive Director as of this January. Paige has 25 years of experience working with Atlanta nonprofits in the areas of early education, special needs, and homelessness. Before joining Frazer, Paige served for twelve years as Vice President of Development and Communication at Sheltering Arms Early Education & Family Centers. She has also been a leader in resource development, marketing and communications, strategic partnerships, and board governance at the Adaptive Learning Center

and United Way of Greater Atlanta. For six years she served as Executive Director of Our House, an organization she led to become the first program for homeless children in the nation to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). After receiving her bachelor's degree at Florida State University, Paige served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Honduras. She holds a Master's in Public Administration and Urban Affairs from Georgia State University and is a graduate of Leadership DeKalb. Paige is a Girl Scout

leader, is chair of the diaconate and children's choir director at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the Rotary Club of West End, where she was named Rotarian of the Year in 2010. Paige's husband, Craig, is a registered nurse with Agape Hospice, and her children, Jared and Kate, attend Tucker Middle and Tucker High Schools. As the cousin and aunt of people living with disabilities, Paige's passion for the work of Frazer Center is personal. "My cousin Randy had significant cognitive delays and was one of the first children to attend a program sim-



Paige McKay

ilar to Frazer Center beginning in the early 1960s. Several of my family members were volunteer or staff leaders at that school," she remembers. "Growing up with Randy, going to church with him, he was just one of the cousins, appreciated for his gre-

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February 20 – Our Lake Claire Monthly Meeting

All Lake Claire residents invited! Come at 7:00 p.m. for snacks, beverages, and conviviality
Meeting starts at 7:15 p.m., details in the calendar, see page 2.

Say, Do You Have Plans for Memorial Day Weekend?
See Page 9 for an idea at the Lake Claire Land Trust.

Want sugar snap peas or broccoli right out of YOUR Lake Claire Garden?
See hints from the Clarion's gardener on page 6.

'Dues' your part (pay Lake Claire dues)

KIDS: Find what 's hidden in the Clarion! See details on the Kids' Page; you could win!

Update from the Compassionate Cities Atlanta Campaign

by Katrina Hatcher

Atlanta joined the **International Campaign for Compassionate Cities** last February 2, with a kick-off event at the Carter Center. Inspired by the Golden Rule (*treat all others as you wish to be treated yourself*), **Compassionate Cities Atlanta's** purpose is to encourage city leadership to create and bring together efforts towards increasing compassion through local initiatives, policy, and community

projects. Almost 300 hundred people were in attendance at the Carter Center when Caesar Mitchell together with Natalyn Archibong, District 5 Council Member, presented the Atlanta City Council Proclamation of support. But this is not just about Metro Atlanta, and other municipalities are starting to join too. To create a compassionate city requires two kinds of leadership:

from the bottom up, in neighborhoods, workplaces, spiritual centers, educational institutions, and from the top down, in the offices of the city council and the mayor. While **Compassionate Cities Atlanta** is encouraging compassionate action throughout the Greater Atlanta area, people from all walks of life are coming together and getting involved in
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MARCH

1 Fernbank, evening viewing hours of the blockbuster special exhibition Whales: Giants of the Deep, during Martinis & IMAX®. <http://fernbankmuseum.org>

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

8 Fernbank Spring Fling 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Celebrate arrival of Spring, games and more. Free for members! See <http://www.fernbankmuseum.org/calendar-of-events/spring-fling/>

9 Compassionate Cities/Kind Neighborhoods, Hunger Walk. Full details in the article on page 1. Contact Bob Thompson, rvthompson@mindspring.com or Karina Hatcher, karina.compassionateatl@gmail.com.

10 and 26 and 27 – the Dekalb History Center presents “Shadows of the Past 1861-1865, play based on the Civil War, great for students – includes walking tour of historic Decatur Square. E-mail goldemund@dekalbhistory.org or 404-373-1088 ext. 20 for more info or to make reservations.

11-12 11th: Georgia WAND joins with Georgians For Alternatives to the Death Penalty for a day at the Capitol; 12th: Georgia WAND lobby training & meeting with legislators - amanda@georgiawand.org for more info and other initiatives

14 Tinsley Ellis! At the Variety. Full schedule for great performances: <http://www.variety-playhouse.com/>

14 Opening at The Horizon, “Elemeno” by Molly Metzler, March 14-April 13. <http://www.horizontheatre.com/plays/elemeno-pea/>

15-16 Purim - starting sundown March 15 (Adar 14). Megillah reading is that night.

16 Fernbank lecture *Jerusalem: Historical Perspectives from Ancient Sources*, 4pm

17 Lá Fhéile Pádraig, “the Day of the Festival of Patrick”... maybe wear green!

20 and the third Thursday of every month - Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting, The Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting start. Pizza from Savage (*thanks, Savage*). Come to celebrate the first day of spring with your Lake Claire neighbors.



21 Dekalb History Center – hopes Lake Claire will help celebrate our SIXTY SEVENTH anniversary! Fundraiser, Annual Meeting, Silent Auction, 6-8 p.m., Dekalb Courthouse 2nd floor (101 East Court Square); To donate an auction item, call 404-373-1088, ext. 22, or email Melissa at forgey@dekalbhistory.org.

22 Fernbank Forest Bird Walk, 8 – 10:30 a.m. With Atlanta Audubon Society volunteers. Discover the feathered inhabitants of Fernbank Forest, both permanent residents and visitors. Excellent for beginning birders or those desiring gentle terrain.

26/27 Civil War Play, Dekalb History Center. See 10th above.

27-30 Callaway Gardens Annual Plant Fair & Sale. During late March into April, azaleas bloom and the woodlands come to life at Callaway Gardens. Visit Warm Springs during this beautiful time of the year.

28-9 28th, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; 29th 9.30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Epworth Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, many local artists, info: janepageferriss@msn.com

29 GMO Awareness fundraiser and teach-in (Lake Claire Land Trust; see Page 9 for details) 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early April / save the dates

3 Compassionate Cities/Kind Neighborhoods event at Morehouse College. See www.compassionateatl.com and article on Page 1 herein.

4 “Island of Lemurs: Madagascar” Opens April 4 at Fernbank’s IMAX® Theatre.

12 FDR commemoration and “Spring Fling” in Warm Springs, Georgia. See article on Page 11.

12 Land Trust Peace & Love Spring Fest - See www.LCCLT.org for details.

Send calendar items for the APRIL Clarion by MARCH 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org



DUE(S) YOUR PART FOR 2014

How? Mail a check for \$20 to Lake Claire Neighbors, Attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107, or go to www.lakeclaire.org/lcn/members.htm.

Why? Help your neighborhood association clean up greenspaces, install signs, support initiatives, have great parties, and support deserving causes
Thanks to Lake Claire neighbors who have already paid 2014 dues.



From and To the Editor

Happy March, Lake Claire. We are all happy that Spring is around the corner. Icy streets, losing electric power, and falling trees are not among the reasons we live in Atlanta. Full disclosure regarding the letters below: I asked in the last Clarion if people find the Clarion Calendar useful, and these were some of the (all positive!) responses. Please consider sending in calendar items, notes about life events for the next month, and other suggestions for YOUR Lake Claire Clarion.

Kind regards, Beth

Dear Editor,

OK, I'm just now reading the Clarion, and I absolutely read your calendar each month! You always find some things to do that I am not aware of, so I really appreciate it. Hope you had a great birthday yesterday!

--Lane Fuller, Ridgewood

Dear Editor,

I read your calendar and your paper every month! You are (at least silently) appreciated!!

--Katy Jackson Kozee

Dear Editor,

Happy birthday, neighbor! I read the Clarion calendar...I read the

whole issue every month! Hope you had a great day :-)

--Annie D'Agostino, Connecticut

Dear Editor,

Happy birthday! You asked for readers to confirm that we read your monthly events calendar in the Clarion, and I answer, YES!!

Please do not think your effort is in vain if readers are too busy or apathetic to say thanks. You'll never know for sure how many read and appreciate your work, but you must know how much good you and the paper are doing. **The Clarion is a big part of the adhesive that holds the neighborhood together.**

I live in a Snellville neighborhood where most of us do not know each other. Twenty years ago most of us did know each other. The Swim and Tennis program was alive and well; there were parties at the clubhouse. Now that's in the past. Maybe if we had started a neighborhood paper and recruited willing volunteers to run it, things might be different for us now. Don't know!

Anyway, please do not doubt the impact your Clarion and Lake Claire Neighbors group has in/on your community. Every neighborhood should be so lucky. *Hurrah for Lake Claire!!*

--Bill Johnson, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries volunteer, Connecticut at McLendon

You too could impact the neighborhood...be part of the "adhesive"

Seeking help for the Clarion in expanding our advertising base. Great for someone who has longed to help the neighborhood, but feared the time a regular commitment would entail.

As noted in the treasurer's report last issue, the Clarion not only pays for itself with its advertising funds, but these advertising funds have covered or help to cover many more of the neighborhood activities and donations to good causes. Please consider helping us. A short commitment (even 1 to 3 hours) to make some phone calls to potential advertisers would help us greatly – we're maxed out, and **we need you!!**

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garious personality, his enthusiasm for life, and his many catch phrases that my cousins and I quote to this day. Randy passed away several years ago, and his memorial service was the most meaningful I've ever attended. Story after story was told about how Randy had touched lives. His disability was not seen as a deficit, but as part of what gave him a unique perspective on life

that changed the outlook of everyone around him. There are now other children in our family with special needs. What my cousins and I learned growing up with Randy has prepared us to be supportive parents and aunts and uncles in their lives. At the time Randy reached adulthood, his opportunities were very limited, and most decisions about where he would live and how he

would spend his days were made for him, not with him. I am so excited to be part of a program like the Frazer Center -- where there is a vision of an adult program built on inclusiveness and self-advocacy."

Paige is also happy to be back in Lake Claire, where she spent 15 years as a member of Clifton Presbyterian and a volunteer for Clifton Night Hospitality. Even

though Paige has only been at the Frazer Center for a short time, she has already contributed greatly to the mission and seamlessly become a part of the Frazer family.

The Faces of the Frazer Center is an occasional Clarion series featuring people in the Frazer family.

The Clarion is happy to welcome Paige.

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



Keep An Eye on the Crime and the Time: Lake Claire Security Report, December 15, 2013 – January 25, 2014

Compiled from Atlanta Police Department (APD) Reports

Please note: APD used a different format for reporting crime information to the neighborhood contacts for the period 12/15/13 through 1/25/14. The format was much less specific and included only the frequency of given types of crime for the entire beat. Our beat, Beat 608 in Zone 6, includes the following neighborhoods: Inman Park, Candler Park, Druid Hills, and Lake Claire. Therefore, *the following stats are for our entire Beat 608, and there is no way to tell which incidents occurred in Lake Claire.* The report for the period 1/19-25/14 returned to the usual format.

Week 51 (12/15-21/13) – Pedestrian Robbery-1, Theft from Vehicle-2

Week 52 (12/22-28/13) – Residential Robbery-1, Theft from Vehicle-6

Week 1 (12/29/13-1/4/14) – Theft from Vehicle-2

Week 2 (1/5-11/14) – Theft from Vehicle-2, Auto Theft-1

Week 3 (1/12-18/14) – Theft from Auto-1, Larceny-2

Week 4 (1/19-25/14) – No incidents in Lake Claire

Useful Security Information: Contact APD by dialing 911 from your home or your cell phone for any incidence of crime or suspicious behavior. Tell the operator you're in APD's Zone 6, Beat 608 if your location does not automatically register on the operator's screen. Join the Lake Claire Neighborhood Watch listserve (lakeclaireneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com) for up-to-date security reports.



About Deadbolt Locks

Suggestions from Duncan Cottrell, The Entry Enforcer

When a burglar kicks a door, the usual thing that busts is the doorframe where the deadbolt and latch enter it. Next is the door itself at the deadbolt. Third, the hinge side can be kicked loose. Steel reinforcing hardware armors all three of these vulnerable spots.

But the deadbolt lock is another critical component to the system. Cheap deadbolts will bend and break when force is applied. Locks can also be thwarted by hitting with a hammer, twisting with a pipe wrench, drill-

ing, picking, and lock bumping. Grade 2 or Grade 1 locks are a better choice than the inexpensive Grade 3 residential locks widely available. Specific suggestions are at the end of this article.

The most important thing about a deadbolt is to lock it. 32% of unlawful entries into single-family homes are through unlocked doors or windows.

Good security features in a deadbolt include:

- Anti-pry shield integrated into exterior housing.



- Hardened steel as the exterior casing.
- Tapered exterior casing to deter grabbing with a wrench.
- A hardened steel pin inside

the bolt that spins in response to sawing attack.

- Strike box for jamb, with third, long screw inside the box for deeper anchoring into the jamb.
- At least 1 inch bolt throw, the length the deadbolt extends out of the door edge.
- Seamless steel construction of shroud around bolt inside door.
- Hardened steel ball bearings shield mounting bolts from being drilled out.

The ultimate solution is high security deadbolts like Medeco and MultiLock, costing about \$250 each. However, Kwikset's

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Wearing of the Green

Originally, the color associated with Saint Patrick was BLUE. Over the years the color green and its association with Saint Patrick's Day grew. Green ribbons and shamrocks were worn in celebration of St Patrick's Day as early as the 17th century. Saint Patrick is said to have used the

shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish, and the ubiquitous wearing and display of shamrocks and shamrock-inspired designs has become a feature of the day. In the 1798 rebellion, to make a political statement, Irish soldiers wore full green uniforms

on 17 March in hopes of catching public attention. The phrase "the wearing of the green," meaning to wear a shamrock on one's clothing, derives from a song of the same name.

"The Wearing of the Green" is an Irish street ballad lamenting the repression of supporters of

the Irish Rebellion of 1798. The song proclaims that "they are hanging men and women for the wearing of the green." Gerald O'Hara sings this tune while escorting his daughters to the barbecue at Twelve Oaks in Chapter 5 of Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*.

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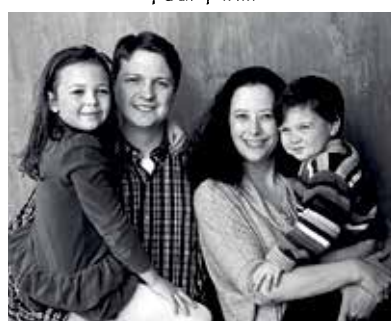
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Hello...Safe Journey

Skiing in and around Lake Claire

Happy Birthday! Jennie Caine of Leonardo – March 14.

Happy Belated Birthday! Missed last month: Linda Maynard of Delaware Avenue, February 1.

Welcome! Lola, new family member of Christiane and Emma French and Pat Del Rey. And, congrats, Emma! Grad school, yay!

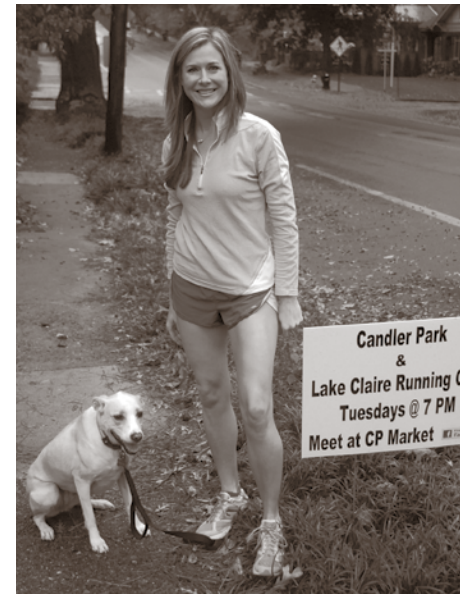
Congratulations, Anna Kilinski, Clifton Road. Anna, resident of Lake Claire, delivery volunteer for the Clarion, the organizer of the Lake Claire/Candler Park Running Club, and a Realtor with Keller Williams Realty, will



Lola held by Emma

be married to Spencer McKinley Brent on March 22. Happily, the couple will stay in Lake Claire – along with their sweet Cajun puppy, Roux, pictured with Anna here.

*To help us continue this feature on neighborhood life cycle events, send the news to editor@lakeclaire.org -- birthdays or other celebrations for the upcoming month, births or deaths or important rights of passage. As space allows, we will include in the newspaper. **Let us know your suggestions by MARCH 15 for the APRIL CLARION.***



Anna with Roux

Emergency Contact Numbers

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March into April in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

If you have never grown your seeds, seedlings, or plants outside before, consider beginning with giant pots or with raised beds. The easiest way to do the latter is to mound up soil in the space you have selected, surround it with some kind of support, and then add good soil and plenty of compost to the enclosure. Supports can be as easy as some old boards or as expensive as a raised bed set ordered through the mail. I suggest you not invest in something so elaborate, however, until you are sure gardening is a passion. The signs of abandoned hobbies, especially out of doors, are pretty forlorn.

That said, when you choose your supports, make sure they are not pressurized wood or concrete blocks, both of which may leach unwanted substances into your beds. If your old boards rot into the soil, all to the good. Find some more in a few years. And do not skimp on good soil and mulch for your plants. Feed the beds with organic fertilizers or mixtures I have suggested of blood meal, bone meal, wood ashes, and other blends. Finally, choose plants for your first gardens that will reward you with beauty as well as bounty. If you grow vegetables, choose those with colorful leaves,

roots, and fruits, such as "Rhubarb" chard, bronze fennel, "Chioggia" beets, patty pan squashes, "Purple Rain" eggplant, 'Lipstick' peppers, and 'Sungold' tomatoes. You can mix these with flowers or have a whole bed of annuals:



Elizabeth's Tender Broccoli Head

'Bonanza' marigolds, salvia cocinea (scarlet sage), zinnias large and small, coleus, nicotiana, gomphrena, and browallia have their places in sun or shade. Not all will be successes, but each fruit or failure will teach you more than you can learn in any other way.

I want to warn again about the impatiens *walleriana* downy mil-

dew that has decimated my impatiens for two years now, even grown from seed. This year I will grow impatiens *hawkeri* (New Guinea impatiens), more expensive but not affected by the mildew. I also want to remind gardeners that if

you ever intend to plant sweet potatoes in your garden, you should avoid growing the ornamental sweet potato vines (very popular now as 'Blackie,' 'Margarita,' etc.) because they spread the diseases that may affect the food potatoes.

And if all this seems still too much, then do invest in some very large plastic pots with drainage

holes, which you can place on bricks or casters, fill the bottom levels with light-weight perlite or packing peanuts, add soil bought specifically for containers, and sow seeds or plant seedlings directly into the pots. Be sure these are set up where sun and shade will best suit them and where you can easily water because they will need much more moisture than plants in the ground. To find suggestions for fertilizing and maintaining a container garden, ask your friends or look on line.

Wondering what happened to my winter garden? Well, not only did it come through the amazing frost we had in January, but then it also came even more easily through two snow storms because the cold was not as severe. As I wrote last month, I had the large plants covered with metal hoops and then layers of Agribon floating row cover. Even though there was no information that additional layers would give much additional protection to the plants, I found that three layers brought plants through frosts at or just below 20 degrees F with no damage. I added the trouble light and bedspreads only when temperatures fell below 18 F or so. When it snowed, the three layers of Agribon provided a nice tight little tent for the insulation. As snow melted, it passed through the fabric and allowed more light to enter. On Feb. 10, I had har-

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The Lowdown on Clifton's Slowdown

The Clarion continues to follow any city initiatives that might help to slow the traffic on Clifton Road, affecting not only Lake Claire but our close neighbor Candler Park. Almost ten years ago, in a previous Clarion, a newly formed Pedestrian and Bicycle committee met to discuss Clifton Road concerns expressed by both Lake Claire and Candler Park. Lake Claire residents on Harold, Hardendorf, Page, and Clifton Terrace could all be affected by changes made to Clifton Road. In 2005 and 2006, several concerned residents on Clifton and surrounding streets called dozens of their neighbors, sent hundreds of emails, and distributed over 600 flyers on Clifton and the surrounding streets. Attendance at the meeting of concern

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vested enough collards and kale to make a dish for two; and I cut the broccoli head, so tender that we ate every bit of the stalk also. These plants should all keep producing. And there is still that spinach, arugula, and cilantro to eat this spring. Yes, I have been a fool to let autumn malaise keep me from planting then. Fall 14, here I come.

So now, do not be afraid to still plant peas (garden, sugar snap, and snow) directly into your garden. And sow those root crops that do so well (carrots, radishes, and beets). Plant Swiss chard seeds, but it is a little late for spinach in our climate, why you need to seed it in fall and then mulch. If you

have tomato plants going inside, do not be afraid to put them out in wall o' waters (where I should have planted the broccoli last fall). If you have time, dig pits for your tomato plants and layer in pulled weeds, manure, and organic sources of nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus as well as plenty of compost.

My last suggestions have to do with pruning. We all know not to prune spring-blooming shrubs until they have bloomed and to prune summer blooming bushes early in the year, don't we? We remove the dead branches and the ones that cross others and then cut 1/3 of the old stems to the ground, right? There are

shrubs that are difficult to prune this way, however, the suckering ones like forsythia, flowering quince, and mock orange. One way to handle them is to chainsaw the whole plant to the ground in late winter. Although you will see no flowers this year, the plant will bush out immediately and be more compact and manageable next spring. A more complicated, lengthy method is, in both summer and winter, to spend hours sculpturing your plant, as an artist would, removing each crossing branch and cutting back a little at a time to create a balanced whole. Or maybe something in-between. You decide. It's your garden.

You may write to Elizabeth at

knowltonew@earthlink.net. Elizabeth is a longtime resident of Lake Claire, who is happy to answer your gardening questions and hear your gardening experiences. Have you missed some of Elizabeth's articles in the past couple of years? Each issue targets gardening hints for the following month. See them on the Lake Claire website at <http://www.lakeclaire.org/wpsite/clarion/clarion-archives/> - also a great place to view color pictures of any black-and-white pictures in the paper issues. **March into your garden! Couldn't resist the pun—Ed.**

Save Your Trees: Remove the Ivy

by Dan White



The recent loss of a neighbor's tree (and the near miss of his house) reminded me that winter is a good time of year to remove

English Ivy from your trees. Winter is great time for doing this work because no other vines are growing this time of year, and that makes it a whole lot easier to perform this vital work.

Did you know that our urban forest covers nearly 50% of the land area in the City of Atlanta, and that nearly 80% of our trees are located on single-family residential lots? Homeowners are truly the caretakers of the urban forest. A healthy tree is one that does not have vines attached to it. Removing those vines requires little more than a small saw, a pair of gloves, long sleeved shirt and pants, safety glasses, and a dust mask if you are sensitive to sawdust.

In less than 15 minutes you

can save a tree by following these simple steps.

1. Start as low on the tree as is comfortable, and using the small saw, insert the flat tip of the saw between the vine and tree; pry vine away from the tree a few inches.
2. Pull the vine away from tree with your gloved hands as far as you can.
3. Cut the vine in 2 places 12 inches apart (be careful not to cut into the tree's bark).
4. That's it!

The vines will slowly die and fall off the tree, usually taking a few months. If you feel the need you could pull them off as far as you can reach. Either way the tree will be better off for your



Cut Ivy at Base of Tree and Saw Used

effort, as will your home, your pocketbook, and your neighbors. You could also kill the vines by applying herbicide to the root side of the cut vine using a small paint brush. *Preserve the urban forest by doing your part. Keep the ivy out of your trees.*

The Lowdown on Clifton's Slowdown

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was estimated at 80 to 100 people. A show of hands revealed a healthy balance of folks from Candler Park and Lake Claire. Residents of Clifton Road were a sizable part, but not a majority of the attendees. Also included were representatives and cyclists from SOPO (a bicycle co-op), the Southern Bicycle League, and the Atlanta Bicycle Campaign. This meeting focused on the use of medians and on how the road might be carved-up among its various uses. In the past PEDS has suggested narrowing Clifton using medians and/or bulb-outs,

even though lane narrowing, as has since been established on McLendon, is known to pose problems for cyclists. The majority opinion was that stop signs - not medians - had been the favored approach. A city's traffic engineer, Lorne Whitaker, began explaining the policies of the city regarding traffic calming, stop signs and a recent speed study for Clifton - which showed an 85 percentile speed of 41 mph. For bicycle safety, the city prefers 14-foot widths if cars and cyclists share a lane. Presently, the lanes on Clifton are 13 feet

wide and are part of the PATH bike route.

There was no official vote taken at the meeting, but Whittaker presented several non-controversial steps that would be undertaken by the city. These steps were: (1) The side lane stripping on Clifton Road is to be completed; (2) ADA-compliant curb cuts installed at crosswalks; (3) the installation of center-street pedestrian signs; and (4) undertaking a study of traffic speed and volumes after steps 1 to 3 are completed to learn what had changed. Concerning any poten-

tial medians or stop signs, Whittaker assured that if they are to be used, the city would provide a clear answer on stop signs and drawings to scale of proposed median designs. City representatives said after the meeting that it would likely take up to 4 months before these tasks could be accomplished.

Last month (see cover page article) several Lake Claire residents gave examples of the dangers currently facing children as they negotiate Clifton Road to and from school during high-traffic times. Stay tuned!

Deadbolt Locks

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UltraMax lock (780 or 980 series) is quality, reliable, and reasonably priced. Kwikset's easy-to-rekey Smart-Key version of this is readily available. For Schlage, their B560 series (Grade 2) is the recommended mid-price choice.

And locksmiths have a Grade 2 lock from LSDA—Locksmiths Distributors of America.


A strike plate comes with every door lock. Many times these strike plates are cosmetic and not intended to provide much secu-

rity. High security strike plates are available, sometimes coming with a heavy gauge metal reinforcing plate or box that mounts under the cosmetic strike plate and comes with 3" long screws that secure the strike to the wall

framing, not just to the door-frame jamb. Better yet is the 4-foot jamb-reinforcing plate sold and/or installed by The Entry Enforcer.

Duncan Cottrell, The Entry Enforcer (404-289-6960; Duncan@EntryEnforcer.com) can advise you about door and window security options at your home and install any products mentioned.

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Say, Do You Have Plans for Memorial Day Weekend?

by Stephen Wing

When I first moved to Lake Claire in the early '90s, the annual Memorial Day Street Sale was a beloved Land Trust tradition, and it soon became one of my favorite events. Filling the Arizona Avenue cul-de-sac with a smorgasbord of pre-owned treasures seemed like a great way to spend a weekend. Originally combined with a Saturday night street dance with live music, later a disc jockey, it faded away not long after I got involved, only to bounce back again for several more good years.

Putting together a musical festival is quite a bit easier on our aging physiques, but I for one

felt that the Street Sale added a pleasant variation to our ongoing efforts to cover the Land Trust's expenses. I especially appreciated the way it brought us together in a mighty community effort -- collecting and storing donated items, putting up posters around the neighborhood, setting up tables on Friday night, unpacking and organizing and arranging the merchandise, taking turns staffing the check-out table, dealing with the leftovers on Sunday afternoon.

It was hard work, but rewarding in a way that only a shared challenge can be. It was fun too, but also a bonding experi-

ence that made us more effective when we sat around a table to make decisions. Every athlete knows the subtle benefit of teamwork in building character and teaching cooperation.

I also felt it provided a valuable service to our neighbors, who were able to clear unwanted stuff out of their closets and basements and garages -- kitchenware, books, toys, knickknacks, furniture -- then stroll over to the Land Trust and pick through other people's donations for new treasures. I'm sure many of us still own a particular prize we picked up at a bargain price one memorable Memorial Day. For



me, it's the button-making kit I use to make the Land Trust lapel buttons we sell at fundraisers.

Besides these local, individual benefits, finding a new home

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The Land Trust Stage in last month's snow -- by Genise Spenle



The Land Trust in the February snow this year -- by Genise Spenle

GMO Awareness Fest

March Against Monsanto Atlanta -- Saturday, March 29, 2014, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
at The Lake Claire Community Land Trust, \$5 admission for adults, children free

Learn the facts about **Genetically Modified Organisms** in your food! Bring your friends and children for a fun and informative day: music, speakers, workshops & vendors, kids' activities, non-GMO shopping, and organic gardening tips, Seed Savers, games, raffles, prizes!

Contact: marchagainstm Monsantoatlanta@gmail.com. Please let us know if you are interested in being a vendor, speaker, or musician. All vendors must be non-GMO.

Upcoming Events at the Land Trust . . .

Sat. March 1 and 15 -- Land Trust drum circle, dark until midnight. Please walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested.

Sun. TBD in March -- Community Work Day. Look for announcements.

Sat., March 29 -- GMO Awareness fundraiser and teach-in (see on this page for details)

See www.LCCLT.org for details on all of these events.

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and in 2 columns, anything to take up less space

2014 Land Trust Events (Event details will be posted as they get closer.)

APRIL

Sat. April 12 Peace & Love Spring Fest

Sun. April 20 Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck

MAY

Sun. May 4 Land Trust / Lake Claire Neighbors Picnic

Sat./Sun. May 24-25 (tentative) Memorial Day Cul-de-Sac Sale

JUNE

Sat. June 28 Women's Outdoor Network Women's Variety Show

JULY

Fri. July 4 Independence Day Potluck & Cook-Off

Sat. July 26 "Jerry Jam" Grateful Dead tribute

AUGUST

Sat. Aug. 23 Nuclear Watch South benefit

OCTOBER

Sat. Oct. 11 Peace & Love Harvest Fest

Sun. Oct. 26 Pumpkin Carving

DECEMBER

Sat. Dec. 6 Holiday Arts & Craft Sale

SCHOOL STUFF

Mary Lin Elementary Kicks off "Homeless Pet Club"

Mary Lin Elementary School is the first school in the Atlanta Public Schools to start a Home-



Mary Lin Welcomes Xena

less Pet Club, a group that supports the rescue of homeless pets in the community. As members of the HPC, students share their

love of animals and promote animal rescue, responsible pet ownership, and adopting animals from community shelters. Funds raised by the Mary Lin HPC will support the LifeLine Animal Project, a non-profit organization that strengthens the animal welfare community, and benefit DeKalb County Animal Services.

"I'm looking forward to working with the kids who have a natural inspiration and innate desire to care for animals," said HPC parent sponsor Kelly Crutcher. She wants to help the students develop that desire to care for animals so that they can make a difference in their own commu-

nities. Please see the Kids' Corner article this month written by Shawn Gillespie, a ten-year old Mary Lin student who is an enthusiastic member of the club, and who in last month's Clarion discussed the two animals her family has adopted.

Linda Hickey, who adopted the puppy Xena, shared that Xena was rescued from mistreatment, and she recovered after from her grave physical condition after being given less than a one percent chance of survival. Linda said that Xena has become a friend and a therapist for her eight-year-old autistic son, Jonny. The inspirational story of Xena and Jonny has spread around the world to 103 countries.

Colton Kettering of Lake Claire

(a 4th grader at Mary Lin and HPC member) said, "What the Homeless Pet Club means to me



is that you get to help animals and help them find homes and get food for them. And I joined because I used to have a dog I loved, and I wanted to help out other animals."

Say, Do You Have Plans for Memorial Day Weekend?

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for an unwanted but still usable boombox, board game, stuffed animal, garden spade, or three-ring binder is a boon to the planet as well: one less item tossed in the landfill, one less rolling off an assembly line brand-new.

So naturally, when we compiled our calendar of events for 2013, we automatically included the Memorial Day sale. But when last May approached, and we tallied up the available help, we realized that many of our usual volunteers had made other plans for the holiday weekend. Since we did not have enough committed helpers to pull it off, we reluctantly called it off.

While planning for 2014, we decided to include Memorial Day once more, but with a note that it was tentative. I volunteered to coordinate it . . . beginning with a call for volunteers. If you have helped with the sale in past years, or simply attended and enjoyed it, or miss having a way to pass along your cast-offs for a good cause, **this is your chance**

to step up and help make it happen again.

When you plan your travels this year, consider making a point of staying home the last weekend of May (Saturday, May 24, Sunday, May 25). And drop me a line at info@LCCLT.org, letting me know I can count on you to plug in. Together we can revive this venerable neighborhood tradition. But until I hear from you, it's still tentative. I can't do it without you.

Stay Current on Crime and Security in Lake Claire

by Beth Damon

The Clarion gives you the monthly summary (page 4 this month), but for **current, often daily** security information, join the Lake Claire Neighborhood Watch Yahoo group. The purpose of this group is to enable rapid communication among the Lake Claire block security block captains (each represents his or her street), the Safety VP for Lake Claire Neighbors, and anyone else in the neighborhood who wants to communicate about

safety issues. One of the security captains, Denessa on McLendon, set up the group in 2009. At its core, the Yahoo group gives us a single address to which you and anyone else in the group can send e-mail to get the word out about a crime issue.

The address is: lakeclaireneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com. (You can't send e-mail to it until you join the Yahoo group.). Anyone is welcome to join this group, but because this group is specifically intended for public safety and crime prevention, we ask that people not post other types of information (e.g., yard sales, art openings, missing pets, etc.).

How to Join the Lake Claire Neighborhood Watch Group: Go to <https://www.yahoo.com>, and sign in. Go to "Home," and then "Groups." Under "Search groups," type in "lakeclairesecuritypatrol." When it comes up, click on it. Then click the purple box "Join Group."

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Update from the Compassionate Cities Atlanta Campaign

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all sort of initiatives.

Opportunity for the Lake Claire/Candler Park neighbors:

Compassionate Cities Atlanta will sponsor a group for the *Hunger Walk/Run* in support of the *Atlanta Community Food Bank* and other organizations on **Sunday, March 9**. This will be a great opportunity for Lake Claire and Candler Park neighbors to walk under the "Compassionate Cities Campaign Greater

Atlanta" banner. To volunteer, please contact Bob Thompson at rvthompson@me.com or Karina Hatcher at karina.compassionateatl@gmail.com.

To learn more, please visit the website www.compassionateatl.com, sign the Charter for Compassion at www.charterforcompassion.org, and/or plan to attend **Compassion-**



ate Cities Atlanta's next event on **April 3** at Morehouse College. Becoming a compassionate hu-

man being is a lifelong project. Join the movement and start a journey filled with rewards!

FDR Commemoration in Warm Springs, Georgia

by Dan White

Seventy miles southwest of Atlanta along the top of the Pine Mountain ridge, a life size statue of Franklin Delano Roosevelt occupies a special location at Dowdell's Knob, overlooking Pine Mountain Valley. It was at this spot that FDR would socialize with friends and contemplate the many challenges that faced the country and the world from the period 1932 to 1944. It was at this spot that the ideas for many of his New Deal programs were conceived. And it was at this spot that Roosevelt sat alone for two hours the day before he suffered a massive stroke on April 12, 1944, at his Little White House in Warm Springs and died.

Commissioned by the Georgia Department of Natural Resource the statue shows FDR sitting on the car seat that the Secret Service would remove from the back seat of the Ford Roadster that FDR drove while visiting rural Georgia. Based on historic photos of FDR taken at the Knob, the statue is unique in that it shows the President wearing leg braces on the outside of his pants, braces usually concealed from public view. FDR was very comfortable in Warm Springs and environs, where his neighbors and friends attached no stigma to the polio from which he suffered. Indeed, through Roosevelt's efforts, Warm Springs became synonymous with polio

therapy, and the Warm Springs Institute continues to treat polio victims and others with physi-

cal impairments to this day. Little White House in Warm Springs. This moving tribute to FDR has been officially observed



cal impairments to this day. The campaign to eliminate polio through the March of Dimes, the largest successful public health campaign in the history of the world, originated in Warm Springs.

On Saturday April 12 at 11 a.m., the annual commemoration of Franklin Roosevelt's death will be observed at the

by the State of Georgia for **69 years**. The program lasts about one hour, and this year's speaker will be **Nina Roosevelt, FDR's granddaughter**. The Warm Springs Advisory Committee - hosting the event - was created by the State of Georgia following FDR's death, to honor and preserve his legacy in Georgia.

Simultaneously, Saturday and

Sunday, April 12 and 13, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Warm Springs will be celebrating their annual "Spring Fling." Arts, Crafts, Food Vendors, entertainment, kiddy train rides, fruit and vegetable stands, hands-on crafts booth for children, and more. Admission is free.

Take advantage of the Saturday commemoration, and come to the Little White House for the FDR event. Free admission up until noon for the Little White House. For directions to the Little White House, and other information, contact the Welcome Center at 706-655-3322 or 1-800-337-1927.

The Little White House State Historic Site and Museum also provides a rare opportunity to visit FDR's Georgia home and explore a state of the art museum focusing on his presidency. Less than a mile away FDR State Park encompasses 10,000 acres with cottages, camping, fishing, horseback, riding and swimming in the Liberty Bell shaped pool built of native fieldstone by the CCC.

Pine Mountain Trail which traverses the park, provides 23 miles of hiking opportunities. Also nearby is Callaway Gardens, the nature preserve in Pine Mountain Georgia encompassing 14,000 acres and a venue for golf, biking, birding, horticulture, butterfly viewing, and other resort activities in this beautiful central Georgia setting.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young readers to participate. This month Shawn Gillespie wrote a letter about the Homeless Pet Club at Mary Lin, headed up by Lake Claire resident Kelly Crutcher (see page 10). Shawn is age 10 and in the 5th grade at Mary Lin (and is the daughter of Darlene and Lee Gillespie).

Kids, let's put some of *your* creativity on this page. Submit articles, poetry, drawings, your original puzzles, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. Next time: tell us why you are looking forward to Winter changing to Springtime....your hobbies your favorite part of Lake Claire? Or choose any topic of your choice. Be creative...we'd love to hear from you.

A Letter from Shawn Gillespie



Hello everyone, my name is Shawn Gillespie, and I'm going to be talking to you about the **Homeless Pet Club** at my

school, Mary Lin Elementary. The Homeless Pet Club is basically getting kids and parents from our school to help out and make a difference on helping these pets living on the streets or in bad conditions.

We are helping the **Dekalb County Animal Shelter** by simply bringing in used (but clean) cat toys, dog toys bowls, litter, towels, pet beds, and DONATIONS \$\$\$\$. And that's where you come in...our community can help too by donating these things or making some donations \$\$\$\$. If you would like to help you can contact the head

leader of our Homeless Pet Club at: kellycrutcher@gmail.com or call her at: 404-849-4171.

The Dekalb County Animal shelter is open Monday through Saturday 10 am-5pm. They are also open on Sunday from 12-4pm. On Tuesday and Thursdays they are open later from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you would like to bring the donations to the animal shelter they are on 845 Camp Rd., Decatur, Ga 30032. They also have an Amazon wish list if you would like to go to amazon.com and look at their wish list you can, but I listed the most important things above. **They are working towards being a no-kill shelter with Lifeline Animal Project now managing the shelter.**

The Dekalb County Animal Shelter needs to get out there, and another



Students Meeting Xena the Warrior Puppy

way you can help is by going to: dekalbcountyanimalshelter.com and adopt a DOG, PUPPY, CAT, OR KITTEN. Or you can foster a dog or cat. Another way you can help is just to volunteer. If you would like to make a difference and help out, do these things above, and you will see a difference in how many homeless pets are on the street now vs. how many there are when **you** help. Thanks for reading !!!! **AND SPREAD THE WORD!!!!!!!**

CLARION CONTEST: OUR WINNER IS:

S O F I A

Congrats to Sofia, who was the first one to find the hidden valentine in the February Clarion and e-mail the editor. Sofia is a lifetime resident of Lake Claire and a lover of animals, and was featured in the November 2012 Clarion (see <http://www.lakeclaire.org/>



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clarionarchives/2012/2012-11.pdf) as well as the April 2013 Clarion after she submitted the winning design for The Mary Lin Education Foundation's 5th Annual Rocket Run 5K & 1-mile Blast.

NEW CONTEST:

KIDS: Find the *shamrock* hidden somewhere in this Clarion!

The first one to e-mail me at editor@lakeclaire.org is the winner, and you will have your name and picture noted in the next Clarion!