



Preserving Olmsted's Tranquility in Our Lake Claire Back Yards

by Sue Strauss

Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. once said, "The beauty of the park...should be the beauty of the field, the meadow and the prairie; of the green pastures and of the still waters. What we want to gain is tranquility and rest to the mind."

Olmsted's philosophy of suburban living was that Home should be as harmonious and restorative as nature. He

wrote in an 1890 letter to Joel Hurt that he envisioned a homeowner returning hot and tired from the city to a home "well shaded by handsome, umbrageous, permanently thrifty trees" in a neighborhood with a "pleasing rural, or, at least, semi-rural, character of scenery . . . to be permanently enjoyed."

Olmsted influenced many green spaces that define towns and cities across our nation – Central Park in New York, Prospect Park in Brooklyn, the Emerald Necklace of Boston, and the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, to name a few.

We are fortunate to have an amazing piece of his landscape architecture in our neighborhood, Olmsted Linear Park. These cur-

vilinear stretches of preserved green space have enchanted generations of families who call this neighborhood home. Likewise, for those who travel along Ponce de Leon Avenue each day, the pastoral scenery makes the trip a little less taxing.

Against this back drop of Home as a refuge from hustle and bustle of city life, we must ask ourselves what types of devel-

opment will be in keeping with Olmsted's vision for our community. This question is pressing as we wrestle with concerns about recent proposed plans for the two parcels at the corner of South Ponce de Leon Avenue and Clifton (*see Proposed Development Threatens Woodland, Historic Home; Unites Neighbors; May 2014 Clarion* - [http://lakeclaire.org/wp-content/up-](http://lakeclaire.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2014-05.pdf)

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Hardendorf Dead-End

opment" or "no development." Instead, we must carefully consider the impact of any proposed development on our ability to enjoy the tranquility of our homes and the livability of our neighborhood.

The development plan calls for clear-cutting the existing, mature tree canopy on the properties – into which Hardendorf Avenue dead-ends – to make room for

what have been called 'genuinely high-end properties, designed for a mature audience.'

Neighboring homeowners – and many who live nearby – oppose the development, citing not only environmental concerns,

but its incompatibility with Olmsted's tranquil vision for Druid Hills, which borders Lake Claire and Candler Park.

The developer has no firm answers to environmental questions, "because they are 'complex,' -- "many (questions) are impossible to answer -- they are a function of details being developed."

I live on the deadend of the "Dorf" as we call it, and my home shares a property line with both the 1715 and 1723 properties. Because of my proximity to the

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Lake Claire Volunteer Experiences

by Miriam Herbers

"If you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem." This slogan is sometimes credited to Eldridge Cleaver, but it actually was a VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) recruiting tool. It was even on billboards back in the late '60s and early '70s. President Kennedy

created the Peace Corp in 1961, and shortly after VISTA was started in the Johnson administration to fulfill JFK's dream of a domestic corp. I was one of

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JUNE

1-29 Horizon Theatre "Cowgirls" <http://www.horizontheatre.com/>

14 Annual Bicycle Tour. <http://www.atlantabike.org/atlantabelt-lineannualbicycletour>

14 Land Trust Drum Circle, dark until midnight. Please walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested.

15 Robert Earl Keen, Variety Playhouse (many more great concerts: <http://www.variety-playhouse.com/>)

19 and the 3rd 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).

28 Women's Outdoor Network Women's Variety Show, 1:00-9:00 pm at the Land Trust, a benefit for Project Open Hand. See article PAGE 9

28 Dekalb History Center presents Fiddlin' Dan the Mountain Man – Sing and Dance to oldtime music and American favorites (Fiddlin' Dan is Lake Claire's own Reuben Haller). "Dan" demonstrates instruments and teaches students to play the spoons and make instruments to take home. 10-11:30 a.m., \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers, Historic Dekalb Courthouse, 101 E. Court Square. More info goldemund@dekalbhistory.org. Many other great programs.

28-29 Old 4th Ward Arts Festival, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 11-6, arts & crafts, children's play area, food, etc. Full details: <http://www.oldfourthwardparkartsfestival.com/>

JULY

4 July 4 Potluck & Cook-Off (*still tentative at Clarion press time; see www.LCCLT.org for updates*) and, of course, Peachtree Road Race

6 & 20 – Land Trust Drum Circle, dark until midnight. Walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested.

10 Lake Claire Park plan approval, at City of Atlanta Park Design Review Meeting – see article page 3

12 Beltline 5K, 7:30 a.m. at Gordon White Park, 1350 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd SW, Atlanta, GA, 30310, along the Atlanta BeltLine Southwest Trail and through the Historic West

End and Westview neighborhoods. Last pre-construction event on Southwest hiking trail. **TEAMS TO COMPETE FOR \$500 CASH PRIZE!** Much more information at <http://beltline.org/programs/better-you/running-series>

12 Atlanta Street Food Festival – Food Trucks, Music, etc. at Piedmont Park, see food pictures at the website, looks delicious: <http://www.atlantastreetfoodfestival.com/>

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18 Horizon Theatre opens "Right On" <http://www.horizontheatre.com>

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24 Lake Claire Park plan approval, at Neighborhood Planning Unit-N Meeting, see article Page 3

26 Jerry Jam Grateful Dead tribute at the Land Trust; please see www.LCCLT.org for details as it gets closer.

Calendar deadline for the AUGUST Clarion: JULY 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org.

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Message from our Lake Claire President

It's been a while since I last wrote anything. Not that there have been many complaints, but since a lot has been going on in the neighborhood, it's time to recognize the efforts of many people. Although I didn't win a prize this year everybody else had a great time, even the children, at the Annual Lake Claire/Land Trust Picnic on May 4, thanks to the hard work of Miriam Herbers, Kathie Ryan and quite a few others. (See pictures on Page 5). With regard to our green spaces, the Lake Claire Land Trust, Lake Claire Park, and the Harold Avenue Green Space have all made great progress using the funds from Natalyn Archibong's donation and the Love Your Block Grant (LBG). The outdoor auditorium area at the Land Trust is much easier to sit in, and the vegetable gardens are looking much nicer with new plants all around. Brynan Hadaway of the LT has recently received another LBG with plans for a Japanese garden. Judy Hammack of Friends of Lake Claire Park got a lot of invasives removed and had volunteers from Trees Atlanta put in several new trees. She is now working with the City of Atlanta for further improvements to LCP. Anyone interested in

the planning process please contact her at judyhammack@gmail.com. Colleen Golden directed the planting for Harold Avenue that is now showing the effects of a lot of labor intensive cleaning up and planting.

Other developments include more signage for the crossings on Clifton Road to make them safer for children going to Mary Lin. Bike lanes were recently added to McLendon Ave. as the result of a positive interaction between the city and the neighbors on McLendon. Bylaw changes for the Freedom Park Conservancy (contact Laura Hartt, lhartt@gmail.com) were approved and changes to the Lake Claire zoning procedures were made to allow for a special meeting to consider variance requests in December when there is no regular LCN meeting because of our annual Christmas dinner, which, by the way, was a lot of fun. At that same event, the membership selected the design for the new LCN banner submitted by local artist Leslie Hodges. You can get one to display proudly on the front of your home for \$35.00 (\$30.00 if purchased with dues - a bargain by any stretch!) by contacting Sara Rockaway, fun@lakeclaire.org. Sara is also head-

ing up the Lake Claire Tour of Homes scheduled for Saturday, October 4. Two homes are already signed up, but a total of eight are needed, as well as volunteers, so please contact Sara if you are interested.

On April 21, the renewal meeting for the Frazer Center Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) was held in the FC Atrium. The SLUP guidelines, approved by the DeKalb County Commission in January of 2013, addressed serious issues regarding music in the Cator Woford Gardens and traffic flow along the Ridgewood entrance, among other items. A survey of surrounding residents found that these remedies have been successful. However, some concerns about the use of the FC Atrium remained. Added conditions for the Atrium, approved by the Lake Claire Neighbors and the Druid Hills Civic Association, were then presented. DeKalb County Commissioner Jeff Rader was in attendance and agreed to accept these conditions that will now be included in the overall SLUP. This arrangement represents the conclusion of a long process of negotiations between the FC, DeKalb County, Lake Claire and Druid Hills neighbors that will allow the FC to contin-



ue its great work in a way that is respectful of a residential area. Not surprisingly, there were differences of opinion on how to reach this outcome, and it was crucial to have them all vetted. In this regard, I want thank all the neighbors who were involved (there were many) in finding a solution that was as fair as possible to everyone concerned.

Other important issues continue, such as the proposed development on 1715 and 1723 S. Ponce de Leon Avenue (the Tamas property). So far, many meetings and site evaluations have taken place. Although the property is located in Druid Hills, Lake Claire is immediately adjacent

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Design Review for Lake Claire Park

by Judy Hammack

Noticed the sinking manhole at the north end of Lake Claire Park lately? Or the shabby state of the pavilion at the McLendon entrance? Atlanta City Parks and Recreation Design Department has initiated a review of Lake Claire Park. The review focuses on the deficits of the park and their solutions. After four meetings--two steering committee and two public-- the following are deficits that have been discussed:

- playground
- tennis court
- erosion/drainage
- pavilion
- access

From benches to birches, from soccer to slides, Lake Claire Park is getting refreshed. Come voice your views on park design. Below is the Tentative Schedule



for the process. Note the public forum at the Lake Claire Neighborhood Association. Friends of Lake Claire Park will also have a review process after the approval from the city.

Lake Claire Park Plan Approval / Presentations:

City of Atlanta Park Design Review Meeting..... Thursday, July 10 (Presentation by Park Staff and Steering Committee Member(s) for Approval of Plan)

Friends of Lake Claire Park Meeting:..... to be scheduled after city approval

Lake Claire Neighborhood Association Meeting .. Thursday, July 17 (Presentation by Park Staff and Steering Committee Member(s) for Approval of Plan)

Neighborhood Planning Unit-N Meeting..... Thursday, July 24 (Presentation by Park Staff and Steering Committee Member(s) for Approval of Plan)

See you in the park! -- Judy Hammack, Friends of Lake Claire Park, judyhammack@gmail.com



The Lake Claire Land Trust Family Project

The Family Project, as has been noted in the Clarion (April) and at several neighborhood meetings, has the mission to help families engage with the wonderful resources in the Lake Claire neighborhood, centered around the neighborhood's and Land Trust's ideals of community and civ-

ic engagement.

The Family Project is alive and well, and we will be giving a detailed update in the next Clarion. In the meantime, we continue to welcome volunteers, and you can contact us at tfrazi2@gmail.com.

Keep An Eye on the Crime and the Time:

Lake Claire Security Report, March 30, – May 24

Compiled from APD Report, week 45 (regularly 1-2 months behind)

Auto Theft

400 block Leonardo Ave 4/3/14 unlocked; from street
1998 Toyota LCR – Vehicle recovered after being involved in a hit and run accident

Burglary

300 block Southerland Terr 4/1/14 front door of home damaged
Taken: nothing – Print lifted

Other Larceny

300 block Mathews Ave 4/9/14
Taken: bicycle removed from unsecured area outside of residence

Theft from Vehicle

400 block Hardendorf Ave 3/30/14 vehicle unlocked; parked on street

Taken: Apple iPod

400 block Hardendorf Ave 3/30/14 no damage

Taken: USB charger, change – Prints lifted

400 block Clifton Rd 3/30/14 Taken: change and a check

Damage: vehicle 1 – window broken; vehicle 2 – passenger door pried open

Victim saw suspicious male on bike

400 block Clifton Rd 3/30/14 Taken: change unknown entry

Arizona and DeKalb 3/31/14 Damage: rear driver's side window

Taken: messenger bag containing Mac Book, SD card parked on street

200 block Mathews Ave 4/3/14 vehicle unlocked

Taken: family photos

300 block Mathews Ave 4/9/14 from driveway

Taken: pocket knife, cash Damage: small left rear window broken, front driver window broken

1800 block Gordon Manor 5/3/14 Damage: passenger side window shattered
Taken: book bag – Prints lifted

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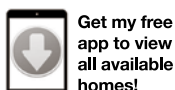
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Lake Claire Neighbors/Lake Claire Land Trust Picnic A Success

Lake Claire Neighbors and the Lake Claire Community Land Trust held our second annual joint picnic in May. Kids of all ages (including adults) enjoyed delicious food from the grill, prizes from the raffle, entertainment on the outdoor stage, and conviviality with neighbors and friends. Hardendorf's Myles Nielsen served as MC, and his sisters, Stella and Esther, wowed the audience with their perfor-

mance of Irish dances.

Our friendly firemen from Fire Station 12 parked their truck in the Arizona Avenue cul-de-sac for kids to explore "provided they don't get called to a fire," and they **did** get called to a fire! But while they were here, this was a big hit among young kids, who also enjoyed playing at the playground. The afternoon was wonderful, the weather was good, and a good time was had by all!



Pictures are by Lucy Nielsen and Judi Horn

Dear Friends & Supporters of the Gordon Avenue Greenspace,

The City is actively working to acquire the Gordon Greenspace and make it a permanent park. It is important that we show our interest, support this acquisition, and appreciate their efforts on Lake Claire's behalf. We would like to call the park "the John Lewis Good Trouble Park."

Please call, e-mail, or write the following city officials if you have questions, and feel free to call me at 404-373-7672. Thank you for eleven years of community activism to save this space! – Teri Stewart

Atlanta City Council: 55 Trinity Avenue, S.W., Atlanta Georgia

30303 | Natalyn Archibong, 404-330-6048, narchibong@atlga.gov; Mary Norwood, 404-330-6302, mnorwood@atlga.gov

"Green Team" Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, 233 Peachtree St., NE, Suite 1700, Atlanta 30303 | Attention: David L. Davis, 404-546-

6788, dldavis@atlga.gov

Donations: Friends of Gordon Green Space c/o Park Pride, 404-546-6760, www.parkpride.org, Harris Tower, Peachtree Center, Suite 1600, 233 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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Olmsted's Tranquility Threatened on Hardendorf

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Olmsted Linear Parks and South Ponce de Leon Avenue, I feel a special connection to Olmsted's vision, and a strong apprehension for this development. It is not because I am opposed to progress or development, but because I am concerned about the precedent this may set – indeed the message it may send – to future prospectors: that the beauty of the park and tranquility and rest to the community can be disregarded for profit.

At the last walk through of the semi-final plan in March, I asked repeatedly what the view would be from Hardendorf, and the response was very disappointing, especially since the developer claimed community support was essential.

Though the developer claimed that we would 'see nothing' from our side of the development, nothing in his plan verifies this assertion. In fact, after further inquiry the developer indicated he currently has no firm answers to this issue and environmental questions we have posed, because they are 'complex.' He further stated in an April 29 e-mail to adjacent neighbors on South Ponce, Clifton, and Hardendorf

that "many (questions) are impossible to answer because they are a function of details that are being developed...when the time is right I will address the issues. I feel like a response now would be premature."

It is inconsistent that it is 'too complex' to tell a homeowner meaningfully and specifically what will be seen 20 feet from a front yard or across a back fence, yet be able to provide purportedly exact renderings of what will be seen (or not seen) 400 feet from South Ponce. The message I got from this exchange is that there are many aspects of this project that neighbors will not like, but those will not be discussed until after the requisite approvals have been secured, and it is too late for our neighborhood.

Olmsted had 10 design lessons, one of which was that a designer must 'stand for something.' His vision for his parks was "to supply to . . . tired workers, who have no opportunity to spend their summers in the country, a specimen of God's handiwork that shall be to them, inexpensively, what a month of two in the White Mountains or the Adirondacks is, at great cost, to those in



*Olmsted Linear Park - across from Lake Claire
Photo courtesy of OLPA*

easier circumstances."

Many of us on the Dorf are those workers. We purchased our homes precisely because the location allows us to gain 'tranquility and rest to the mind.' I agree that something needs to be done with those parcels, but squeezing 13 units into a space that was designed for two families will disrupt the tranquility of our part of the neighborhood. The harmony of the neighbor-

hood will be in discord, and it will add to the cacophony of travelling along the Clifton Corridor and Ponce de Leon Avenue. We must stand firm that no concessions should be made to allow more units to be squeezed onto the lots. The tranquility of our neighborhood should not be the price we pay to maximize developer profit.

Lake Claire resident creates Southern-Born Good Gracious Variety Show

Debuts in Atlanta June 21

Ever tried to tell somebody what's great about Atlanta? Lake Claire's own, Boyd Baker, has created the *Good Gracious* variety show to convey the flavor of life in Atlanta and the South.

Good Gracious will highlight Atlanta and the South's creative and talented characters from the worlds of music, comedy, food, books, philanthropy, and more. At the debut performance, you will laugh at **Dad's Garage improv**, groove to R&B/Blues queen Lola (aka Lola Gulley), explore PTSD and a fun project by **author Christal Presley**, listen to the Americana stylings of award-winning **singer-songwriter Wyatt Espalin**, learn about conservation from the young founders of the **One More Generation philanthropy**, be enthralled by the **Tracy Walker** of the *Southern Order of Storytellers*...and this is just a taste of the fun-filled first night. Every show will be a unique and entertaining highlight of the South.

Good Gracious is a natural ex-

tension of Boyd's numerous other community roles and projects. An active parent at Mary Lin, he has served as PTA president, established the Mary Lin Foundation, created and coordinated the Rocket Run 5K and began the touching tradition of the Small-Tall Valentine's Day dance. The first year his son, Deacon, started at Inman Middle School, Boyd began the now annual Inman Frosty 5K fundraiser. Even closer to home, Boyd brings together friends and neighbors through the creation of the Cowabunga Dude Soap Box Derby and the yearly Chilinardo chili cook-off on Leonardo Ave.

Boyd hopes to build community through *Good Gracious* and explains what led him to embark on this sizable endeavor.

What is Good Gracious? It's a unique event that brings together community by celebrating the South. Too often, we don't get out to see live performances, whether they are authors, comedians or musicians, and this is a

chance to put them all together in one event.

Why do you want to do this? Years ago, I was in a variety show here in Atlanta that combined theater, dance and an author's reading. It stuck with me. I was also impressed with a Colorado radio show called eTown that combined music, ideas and community. I realized I could take the best parts of both shows, tweak them and create a uniquely Southern show that was really special.

What does a Southern show mean to you? The South gets a bad rap in popular culture, yet so much creativity and influence is Southern. The South is a driving force in food, film, theatre, and music. I want to celebrate that fact and remind ourselves what talented people are all around us.

You have organized so many events, how do they all relate? Community. That is the key. I enjoy bringing people together to connect on another level and build a better community.



Good Gracious will debut at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Agnes Scott's 800-seat Gaines Chapel in Presser Hall on S. McDonough Street (one block off E. College Avenue). Tickets to the show are \$15 and can be purchased at www.GoodGraciousShow.com.

Highlight of some of the talent in the Good Gracious Show

CHRISTAL PRESLEY is the author of *Thirty Days with My Father: Finding Peace from Wartime PTSD*, and the founder of United Children of Veterans. Her work has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning, CNN, NPR, Fox News, and more. In her spare time, you can find Christal playing with her dogs and her potbellied pig Snoop Hoggy Hogg--and dressing up exotic chickens in scarves, ties, and pearls for her new

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June and July in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

The time for choosing spring bulbs has come. And what could be more delicious than poring over the colored catalogs or web pages, remembering what you admired a couple of months ago and planning next year's selections, all the hard work of planting still months away next fall? But do not wait until then to order your bulbs. The best selections are available now, and reputable firms will hold your shipment until late October or early November when you need it.

My recommendations of two years ago still stand: Brent and Becky's in Virginia, John Scheepers in Connecticut, and Messelaar Bulb Company in Massachusetts, all of them with direct connections to the Netherlands as well as growing some of their own. Brent and Becky (**who offer an early order discount good through July 1**) specialize in narcissus (daffodils, jonquils, etc.), most of which will return regularly in our climate, fortunate since most of them cost over \$1 a bulb now. If you have not grown grape hyacinths (muscari), crocus, or snowdrops, do experiment because in Atlanta the second two are often opening in late December or early January. I recommend the species crocuses because they are less likely to be dug up and eaten by squirrels than the larger, later blooming vernus.

For the smaller bulbs, McClure & Zimmerman has a wide selection although I do not recommend them for tulips. And Old House Gardens is a wonderful site for browsing and occasionally treating yourself to a single \$18 bulb once you decide you know what you are doing. I also recommend White Flower Farm for the flashy front yard mixes that earn the attention of even non-gardeners once spring arrives. Of course, most of these companies will have great specials come fall; but if you have planned exactly what you want, it is only too likely that your choices will be sold out by September as northern gardeners must plant earlier.

I have had excellent experiences with bulbs ordered by these firms because they are stored in chilled conditions with just the right humidity (like rare manuscripts) rather than sitting in warm stores getting dried out until you purchase them. If you order only a few, you can store your bulbs in your refrigerator until you are ready to plant them; but never put them in the fruit bin because the gas produced by ripening fruits will ruin the bulbs. I have a separate refrigerator in the basement where I can fit about half the bulbs I plant. By asking for different ship dates, I can usually avoid letting bulbs get too warm or dried out before planting.

In the last issue I listed the to-

matoes I was growing from seed. Alas, Celebrity bit the dust before long, so I quickly replaced it with Costoluto Genovese, an Italian heirloom with wonderful pleated sides, like a small pumpkin. It leapt to the challenge and is blossoming already, as are the others. By June 1 Ultra Girl has set tomatoes, some as big as golf balls, and others are not far behind, like Bella Rosa and Sweet Million, the cherry I planted in a joint compound bucket by the back porch. Only Amish Paste is off to a slow start because I sowed the seeds so late. Both eggplants and peppers are beginning to flower, so fruit will not be far behind. This cool, moist weather in April and May has given me the most fantastic, colorful Swiss chard and sugar snap peas ever. I am picking my first bush beans now, and pole beans are twining up their strings. Even the roses are blooming their heads off despite the possibility of Rose Rosette Disease that apparently mainly attacks species-type roses, including the new easy care ones like 'Knock Out.'

Because this is a double issue, you will not hear from me until near the end of summer. Don't forget that when the dog days come and you huddle inside, that is a great time to sow pots of broccoli, cabbage, and even cauliflower seeds plus the perennials you want to grow, especially foxgloves for next spring's show as

they are biennials. Follow directions on the seed packets carefully as some like to be refrigerated and others soaked before you plant them. Once they have germinated, keep them close to fluorescent lights or in a bright windowsill until you can pot them up into larger containers and gradually move them into shade outdoors. Then they will be large and ready for the ground before you even see starts in stores.

Take a walk around Lake Claire and Candler Park to see what others are doing. Someone on the east side of Clifton has turned her/his whole front yard into a vegetable garden of raised beds surrounded by neat paths of wood chips, the entirety enclosed with a picket fence. Nothing could look more attractive and productive, plus it takes full advantage of its eastern exposure on the street. The Land Trust at the end of Arizona has added many new plots this year, all going great guns. Since someone is growing Dr. Wyche's Yellow tomato for me, I check it out often myself. Dr. Wyche owned a circus and fertilized his tomatoes with elephant manure.

You may e-mail Elizabeth with gardening questions/comments - knowltonew@earthlink.net. I know she would love to hear from you about your own gardening successes. -Ed.

Lake Claire kids are enjoying the summer of 2014 including Wahoo Swim Team!



(photos by Gretchen Connell)

Coming in August - Mark your Calendars Now

The Friends of the Decatur Library will host a book sale during the Decatur Book Festival on August 30 from 9 am to 3 pm on the front lawn of the Decatur Library, weather permitting. Thousands of gently used fiction, nonfiction and children's books, as well as DVDs and CDs, will be offered for sale at low prices starting at \$.50. Admission is free. Donations of gently used books are always welcome at the library front desk. More details next month.



Hello...Safe Journey – Skiing in and around Lake Claire



June

6/3 Yoni Williams turns 2 !
Harold Avenue

6/8 Patricia and Ben Farmer –
anniversary – first! Hardendorf

6/9 Jacquelyn Howard-Fleming's
birthday Harold

6/12 Steve Lamb's birthday,
Delaware Avenue (*I did remember, Steve! Now you're famous*)

6/12 Happy birthday, Craig Allen,
Harold

6/19 Zoe Kaiser's birthday,
turns 1!! Hardendorf

6/20 Sharon Doochin's birth-

day, Harold

6/27 Wendy and Boyd Baker's
anniversary – 17 years of fun!
Leonardo

6/28 Shawn Gillespy's 11th
birthday, Marlbrook

6/28 Wendy Baker, happy
birthday Leonardo

**And* --*

Just Received tenure from Agnes
Scott -- Lock Rogers

July

7/10 Happy birthday to my
buddy, Michael McGill, his 7th ---

Delaware Avenue

7/20 Happy birthday, Myhanh
(Ann) Phan, Marlbrook (proprietor
of Avondale Expert Alterations)

Belated:

5/2 Bill Fleming's birthday,
Harold Avenue

5/6 Lock Rogers, Harold - **50th**
birthday!!!!

5/24 Happy Birthday to P.J. Javahari,
Harold Avenue

5/28 P.J. and Kimberly Javahari – 4th
Anniversary

To help us continue this feature

on neighborhood life cycle events, send dates to editor@lakeclaire.org -- birthdays or other celebrations for the upcoming month, births or deaths or important rights of passage. We promise not to identify ages for people over 25 unless requested! ;-) As space allows, we will include in the newspaper. What's in August? Any belated graduations to report? Birthdays? **Let us know your suggestions by JULY 15 for the AUGUST Clarion.**



June Bugs

by Anna Trodglen

Anna Trodglen 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. Thanks, Anna, for your monthly contribution.

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Candler Park Master Plan

by Eric Dusenbury

At the May Lake Claire Neighbors meeting Candler Park residents Randy Pimsler and Eric Dusenbury gave a brief presentation of the recently adopted Candler Park master plan. Due to common borders (Clifton Road) and shared arteries (Dekalb and McLendon Avenues) some recommendations in the master plan would affect Lake Claire. The master plan also affects Candler Park (the park) and some Lake Claire residents are already involved with the formation of a conservancy which will help implement the aspects of the plan.

Time constraints prevented a complete review and discussion of the master plan but the CPNO Master Plan Coordinating Committee, of which Randy and Eric are members, would like to work

with representatives of Lake Claire (and Inman Park) to identify aspects of the plan on which it makes sense for LCN, IPNA, and CPNO (and others) to work together to implement.

The plan may be viewed on the CPNO web site – select Master Plan from the navigation bar at the top of the screen or use the following URL <http://www.candlerpark.org/content/master-plan>. You may direct questions, thoughts, and concerns to the committee via e-mail masterplanchair@candlerpark.org.

Please contact Lake Claire president Joe Agee (president@lakeclaire.org) if you are interested in joining the group that will work with the Candler Park Master Plan Coordinating Committee.

Birds in Our Back Yard

by Miriam Herbers

Something fun is about to happen close to the Lake Claire Land Trust. This month, I will take part in a year-long backyard nest project conducted by Fernbank Museum. They have a list of eight common birds that they're targeting, looking at how these birds adapt to changes in the urban environment. Banding will happen in my yard and fifty other neighborhoods in Atlanta. I will be asked to notice if I see any of the banded birds and log the information, and to monitor the nests that I see. Monitoring means looking at them every few days to see if there are eggs, whether or not the eggs hatch, and if the nestlings actually leave the nest.

Since I just completed a birding course in the Great Smoky Mountains, this is a perfect next step for me to try to learn more bird songs by ear. It will be interesting to see how far a bird travels. **So if you see a banded bird on the Land Trust, please contact me at mvherbers@yahoo.com.**



[bon.org/hummingbird-friendly-yards](http://www.bon.org/hummingbird-friendly-yards).

Make a Difference for Hummingbirds

by Lynn Nomad

Audubon encourages all of us to make a difference by being a part of Audubon's first all-digital, mobile citizen, science network. "Hummingbirds at Home" website and smartphone app make it easy to keep track of hummingbirds you see while collecting valuable data that helps us understand and protect them.

As flowers bloom earlier because of warming temperatures, the impact on hummingbirds, which rely on nectar, could be severe. This new initiative from Audubon will help scientists understand how climate change, flowering patterns, and feeding by people are impacting hummingbirds.

Sign up here: <http://www.hummingbirdsathome.org/>

You can attract, feed, and nourish hummingbirds in your backyard with a few easy steps. Flowers, feeders, perches, insects, and water are the key ingredients to a healthy yard that will attract these amazing jewels. See complete details at <http://birds.audubon.org/hummingbird-friendly-yards>.

Tired of Movie Mindlessness? Local Classic Film Group Open to Lake Claire Participants

by Stephen Whiteman

After a half hour of commercials and two hours of explosions at the multiplex, have you ever had the feeling that there must be a better way to spend a Saturday night?

Founded in 2007, *Life is Too Short to Watch Lousy Movies* meets in Ormeau Park on the first Saturday of every month to screen and discuss recognized classics, the majority from Hollywood's Golden Age, the rest from other eras or countries. Programs include a cartoon and/or short subject, Coming Attrac-



tions, the feature film, and clips and commentary on personnel and genres, with thoughtful discussion interspersed. There is no charge for the films or the programs.

Interested? Have a look at the

group's website, ClassicFilmAppreciation.webs.com, which explains how things work. Then to be notified of future films, sign up for the mailing list as a space-available "Drop In" participant on the Contact Us page of the site.

As one of the regulars has said, "There is no better way to spend a Saturday evening in Atlanta!"

Meetings

are conducted like a friendly, laid-back seminar by Steve Whiteman, a long-time film buff with an 11,000-item video library. Steve can answer questions at ClassicFilmAppreciation@gmail.com.



Lake Claire Volunteer Experiences

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the first volunteers allowed into the state of Mississippi several years after the creation of the program. I always thought I was selected because I had a Southern accent. My service year in the Delta was a life changing experience for me, and I thought it might be for others too, so I thought I would ask some people in Lake Claire what their volunteer experience meant to them.

In addition to the question "where did you serve," I asked each volunteer two questions. Why did you serve, and what changes did it make in your life.

I will start with myself. After finishing college I lived and worked in Madison, Wisconsin, working just enough to support myself. Living in Madison in the '70s opened a new world of experiences for a young girl who came from a provincial southern city. There were Vietnam war protests and outrage over Watergate, and feminism was awakening for me with classes and discussions about the role of women. The civil rights movement was in full swing. Activism was in the air. I was looking for a way to be a part of the change.

My assignment was teaching first aid and flood and tornado preparedness in the Delta of Mississippi. I also worked in the aftermath of floods and tornados. My decision to go to nursing school came from this experience of directly advocating and teaching people. It may sound like hyperbole, but it really was almost epiphany like. That decision fit me well. I loved being a RN. It suited me and it gave me the secure feeling that I could always support myself and be useful to others, both ideals that were firmly engrained in me by then. But, and most importantly(!) when I moved to Atlanta to take a job as a PC/Vista recruiter and to save money for nursing school at GSU, I met another returning VISTA volunteer who would be my future husband. Mark Sanger served in the Appalachian mountains of Ohio in a literacy action program. I can't envision my life unfolding in any other way than the path it took after and because of Vista.

Dorothy Dabbs, (McLendon Avenue) said:

When I graduated from col-

lege I had no clear career plan in mind. I wanted to do something interesting and worthwhile. The Peace Corps was fairly new at that time and seemed like a grand adventure. I did not request a particular country; I told them to send me anywhere.

I was in the Philippines from 1965 to 1967. I was in a teacher training program working with English teachers in an elementary school in Cotabato City, Mindanao. The first year I lived with a Filipino family and another volunteer; the second year with another volunteer and a young Filipina woman. The languages spoken in Cotabato were Tagalog, Visayan, Maguindanao and English. The city had one traffic light, but

no one paid any attention to it. It's hard to say the difference it made in my life because once you've done something, it's part of who you are. However, I'm very glad I did it. I got to experience a different culture and to know a lot of people whom I would never have met otherwise. There were few phones - none in my town, so very little direct contact with home. I think the experience made me more independent and gave me a sense of how big the world is. I came home with a heightened awareness of what it is to be an American, and also a lifelong desire to travel and learn more about other people and cultures.

[a note from MVH: Dorothy is currently walking 400 miles on the camino de santiago pilgrimage in Spain, an example of her love of travel and culture.]

Ann Mauney (Hardendorf Avenue)

Ann joined right after graduating college at Stanford University in California. She says:

I was a volunteer from 1964 to 1966 in India -- in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, in the west-north of Bombay. I wanted to live in a culture very far removed from my life here--I envisioned it as a learning experience, which it was. I didn't have the sense that

I was going to give or teach very much. Others I knew from the west coast were headed to Mississippi (it was Freedom Summer exactly 50 years ago--voter registration, Freedom Democratic Party, the murders of Schwerner, Chaney, and Goodman)...I headed to India!

I think my two years in India contributed to my on-going interest in other cultures, international issues, and working with others to change U.S. foreign (and domestic!) policy. I have not been back to India, and while I am still healthy I hope to spend some real time there again -- a country in many ways the same but in others--oh, so different from 50 years ago!

Ann Shirra (Arizona Avenue)

I was all set to go to Central America as a Peace Corps volunteer, but back problems forced me to find another path. That path was to Atlanta, right after graduation from Ohio State in 1977. I joined over 100 other VISTA volunteers from around the country in one of the hottest summers in history. The month of July had 20 consecutive days above average, all around the hottest day of 98 degrees on July 8. Of course, when my family visited from Ohio in December, they were treated to 15 degrees and an ice storm. Besides learning about Georgia weather, I bought aspirin at Plaza Drugs, learned to say Mam and Sir, was introduced to boiled peanuts at Manuel's Tavern, enjoyed cold beer at Moe's and Joe's after volleyball games, and had front row seats to the Inman Park parade at the Pendleton Apartments on Euclid Avenue.

My job was at DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services, working with families to get preschool children vaccinated. I did home visits on MARTA, often talking with families at East Lake Meadows, nicknamed Little Viet Nam. It was hard work but fun, and VISTA introduced me to a city I made

home. I knew I wanted to go into public policy to make a difference on a larger scale, so I

earned a Master's in Public Administration from Georgia State University after VISTA. I moved to Lake Claire in 1982. After a job at Zoo Atlanta as the Zoomobile lady and 4 years at the Atlanta Regional Commission, I have spent 25+ years in planning and policy at the Georgia Department of Labor.

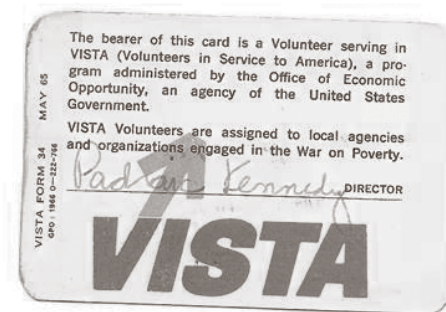
VISTA brought me lifelong friendships with fellow volunteers who became teachers, doctors, nutritionists, a staff attorney for the Secret Service, and a writer on the sit com Murphy Brown. Our VISTA class resulted in 3 marriages, and a best friend of almost 40 years. Volunteering continued in my life through 10 years as a Girl Scout leader and now a Tree Keeper with Trees Atlanta. It's been a wonderful ride!

Brian Otis (Arizona Avenue)

In December of 1968 I graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in German. I had not the slightest idea of what my next step would be. At the suggestion of a roommate, I had applied to the Peace Corps. I also knew I stood a good chance of being drafted, as the Vietnam War was raging with about a half million troops deployed in Southeast Asia.

I received an offer from the Peace Corps six weeks before I heard from the draft. The offer was to work in the Philippines training elementary school teachers in "modern" mathematics. I was to begin training in March 1969 in Hawaii! I pondered long and hard over this offer, and my acceptance was in the mail in about 2 minutes.

Up until the time I accepted the Peace Corps offer, I was ambivalent about the war in Vietnam. Had I heard from the draft board before I heard from the Peace Corps I would have served the country. Once in country and living in the sticks (8 hours by boat to the nearest city, on the Zamboanga Peninsula of the island of Mindano), my views of the war changed. I would go to Manila as often as I could, as it offered me many creature comforts I could not find in Siocon, the



VISTA I.D. from the '70s

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Southern Born Good Gracious Variety Show Debuts

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venture, *Real Hens of Atlanta*.

WYATT ESPALIN Entertaining audiences in his hometown of Hiawasse from an early age, Wyatt was one half of the acclaimed Americana duo **Trees Leave** with Cobi Ferguson. After two successful albums (Run and The Gospel of Hurt) and years of sharing the stage with Patty Loveless, the Greencards, and Chris Barron of the Spin Doctors, it was time for Cobi to settle down. Wyatt's solo project reveals a more personal level of songwriting. Recently winning the **First Annual New Song Songwriting Contest** at North Carolina's popular L.E.A.F. festival, Wyatt has found that taking the stage alone is not so lonely after all with his songs being a constant companion. His debut solo album, *The Pardon*, was released in 2013.

TRACY SUE WALKER has always loved stories – hearing them, creating them and telling them. She began her journey as a professional storyteller ten years ago. Since then, she has shared stories with people in many places – from the St. Louis Storytelling Festival to the Tale Spin Festival in Chattanooga,

and lots of libraries, schools and festivals in between. She is a certified teacher and librarian, and a Road Candy Records recording artist.

LOLA is a dynamic blues and R&B singer/keyboard player, who has been igniting stages in the Atlanta area and is beginning to break out as a national artist. Blessed with a deep soul voice, a funkified keyboard style, and an intense, and high energy stage presence, Lola was named among "Atlanta's Queens of Blues" with Francine Reed and Sandra Hall in 2013. She has shared the stage with The Pointer Sisters, Bobby Womack, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Betty Wright, and Chubby Checker. Lola is a proud winner of the 2011 Jus Blues Music Award for Contemporary/Traditional Blues Artist Female. Her latest cd, "Cleanin' House", is out on Wilbe Records.

KODAC HARRISON is a native Georgian, a professional musician and poet, who has made 16 recordings of original music and spoken word, done 7 tours of Europe, co-edited 4 anthologies of poetry, and sold his original paintings. Kodac held the visiting McEver Chair of

Poetry at Ga. Tech in 2010. In 2013, he released his first book, which is a retrospective of poems and lyrics entitled *The Turtle and the Moon*. Chairman of Poetry Atlanta, he hosts the award winning Java Monkey Speaks. www.kodacharrison.com

ONE MORE GENERATION Carter (13) and his sister Olivia (12) started their nonprofit in 2009 in an effort to help save endangered species for at least one more generation. When the BP Gulf Oil Spill happened, they decided they needed to get involved to help the sea creatures caked in oil and in peril. That visit opened their eyes to the broader issues of helping endangered animals and their fragile habitats. Since then, they have broadened their focus to include a **Plastic and Recycling Awareness Curriculum** with the help of educators to help other children understand pollution's impact to the planet. Several dozen schools have already adopted the program, and it has spread to the United Kingdom! Their hearts have not strayed from their foundation of helping animals.

Their work to eradicate rhino poaching in South Africa has taken them to meet with the Minister of Environmental Affairs and deliver over 10,000 letters written by kids from around the world asking the South African President to work to save the species.

ATLANTA BICYCLE COALITION EXEC. DIR. REBECCA SERNA has served as the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition's leader since late 2007. Their mission is to create a healthier, more livable Atlanta by making it safer, easier, and more attractive to bicycle for fun, fitness, and transportation. Their events like Atlanta Streets Alive and the Beltline Annual Bicycle Tour engage Atlantans with their inner cyclist. She got involved in bicycle advocacy through an internship with the Georgia DOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian program where she helped writer their action plan and monitored state projects. Studying participatory planning practices and innovative public transportation projects as a Fulbright scholar in Bogota, Columbia, color her focus on making Atlanta a better city.

Frazer Center Update

We all know the Frazer Center is a treasured neighbor of Lake Claire. Its dedication to inclusivity is one of the many ways that they fit in with Lake Claire's own principles. The below is excerpted from this month's blog by the Executive Director, Paige McKay Kubik.

The Frazer Center is an inclusive community, and that is what attracted many of those who work there. Those who don't have someone in the family with a disability likely knows others who do. But sometimes in the hustle and bustle of our more immediate familial and professional responsibilities, we may either take for granted or simply stop noticing the astonishing, heart-warming stories of inclusion taking place at Frazer every day.

It's the adults putting their



unique gifts to work in the community by volunteering to welcome visitors to Fernbank Museum, assisting with landscaping at the Olmstead Linear Park, or producing vegetables in the Frazer gardens to help feed men who are homeless and staying at Clifton Sanctuary Ministry.

It's the emergency drills at

Frazer each month, where pre-schoolers help their friends who use wheelchairs to evacuate, or comfort a child with autism who is agitated by the alarms. It's the laughter of a child, or Jonathan's "Best Day Ever" that turns a hard day around for a staff member. It's all the adults with disabilities who work at Frazer and in the community who are loyal employees and customer service experts who set the bar for their teammates with their positive attitudes and work ethics. It's the neighbors, families, volunteers, and friends of Frazer who share this space together each day and give all of themselves to help make our work possible. It's all of this and so much more.

But we are never satisfied. We are always pursuing more effective and efficient ways to broad-

en our inclusive mission in both the Adult and Child Development Programs. Furthermore, we want our mission to extend to the outside world. So, the next time you leave Frazer to head to work or home for the evening, try to take a piece of the Frazer mission home with you. Be cognizant about the needs of individuals with disabilities, adopt the person-first language, and read up on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Lake Claire readers, let's all take a lesson from Frazer, embrace inclusiveness in your daily life, and begin or continue to shape a more inclusive world together, one where people of all levels of ability and disability can learn and flourish together.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries - hoping for volunteers

The Clifton Men's Shelter has been a successful part of the Lake Claire community for 37+ years and will continue to be in the future. One reason for this success is the oversight of a Night Host at the shelter. The Night Host is vital to the continued success of the shelter. In the past, the role has most often been staffed by volunteers (men and women) from churches around Atlan-

ta and people outside of Lake Claire. The person in this role insures that basic shelter rules are followed and remains on site in case of any emergencies that may occur.

If any Lake Clarions are interested there is a need for additional volunteers. Responsibilities are few, mainly just providing a responsible presence overnight. The guests are required to be in

by 9:30 PM and leave promptly at 6:00 AM. Hosts get a full night's sleep from 10 PM until 5 AM in private quarters. Responsibilities include signing guest in by curfew, locking doors, making sure all of the guests stay in for the night, getting supplies out for breakfast the next morning, waking guests and brewing coffee.

Problems are rare, the full time staff at the shelter absolutely

does not tolerate drug or alcohol use, intoxication, or other unruly behavior. Full time staff at the shelter are always available via telephone as an added backup.

If you're interested in volunteering please contact the shelter at 404-373-3253 or Alice Jenkins alice@cliftonsanctuary.com, for a full description of the responsibilities and to volunteer.

The Women's Outdoor Network presents: SummerFest 2014 -- A benefit for Project Open Hand

Saturday, June 28, 1:00-9:00 p.m., Lake Claire Community Land Trust

Featuring fabulous entertainment from Steff Mahan, Katherine Cole, Tabettha Durham, Kelly Spillman, the Morgan Rowe Band, Ruthanne Hayes, and the Monster Dogs - plus food and drink, art vendors and more - all to benefit Project Open Hand, which provides food for chronically ill patients living with AIDS and other diseases. Admission: \$15 WON members; \$20 pre-paid non-members; \$30 non-members at event. Tickets: <http://www.wonatlanta.com/summerfest>. The entrance fee includes 1 drink

ticket, 1 food ticket, and a full day of live entertainment from a WONderful female lineup! Additional drink tickets \$5 each; additional food tickets \$10 each.

About the Women's Outdoor Network . . . Whether you enjoy low-key pursuits or something much more adventurous, we have something for everyone! Our activities include kayaking, indoor and outdoor rock climbing, picnics, theatre nights, child- and dog-friendly outings, rafting, camping, hiking...to name a few. In addition to individual events

throughout the year, there are also activities offered as a series, and in some cases, depending on interest, clubs are being formed. For example, we are proud to now have our very own WON Climbing Club.

Exact details of all events are posted through our members-only mailing list, so please do join us to be kept fully up to date, or contact us for more information, at <http://wonatlanta.com>. For more information on Project Open Hand, visit www.projectopenhand.org.



Thanks Again!

The Land Trust sincerely thanks everyone who helped make the Memorial Day Cul-de-Sac sale such a great success. If you donated items or baked goodies for the sale, helped set up and break down the tables, staffed the cashier table for a spell, or simply came and purchased some stuff, we are grateful for your support.

Land Trust Plant Labeling Project

by Ann Shirra

Many of you have been enjoying springtime at the Land Trust, checking out the blooms on the Buckeye, watching the blueberries turn blue, and smelling the honeysuckle that some love and others not so much. Be sure to look down for the new plant markers recently put in place by the team of Miriam Herbers, Jane Merkle, Leah Pine, Ann Shirra, and Genise Spenle.

Over 75 trees, shrubs, vines and perennials have been labeled with botanical and common names, with more labeling to come. Knowing what grows well in Lake Claire can help us all figure out what works in deep shade, dry sunny spots, or that clay-y slope that washes away new plantings in a hard rain. The team appreciates the grant from the Land Trust to help fund some

of the labeling supplies.

Identifying plants is just one of the many escapades that neighborhood plant lovers are enjoying, including a recent TreesAtlanta planting day in Lake Claire and Candler Park, bounties of edibles in the new and improved Land Trust garden plots, and the creation of a Japanese Garden at the Land Trust.

2014 Goal of 100 Land Trust Supporters Reached 6 Months Early!

by Miriam Herbers

At its retreat last autumn, the Land Trust Board of Directors discussed everything from practical improvements to pie-in-the-sky dream projects. But we agreed that what we really wanted was to involve more of our neighbors in building the community that is the heart and soul of the Land Trust. We set a goal: 100 supporters who would contribute \$10 each in 2014.

We've tried various systems in the past to increase our "membership," but changing leadership, hit-and-miss record keeping, and just plain getting through the day didn't result in the accurate records we wanted. Our neighbor Debbie Livingston took our scrawled lists and scraps of paper and produced a data base that we can build on. And we saw

that we were reasonably close to achieving our goal.

We surpassed that goal of 100 supporters on Memorial Day weekend. We want to thank those who responded to our recent appeal in the Clarion, those who donate through PayPal on our website (www.LCCLT.org), those who drop donations down the chute, and those who signed up at the Memorial Day sale.

Your support helps to finance our wish list – more tree plantings, more water collection systems, playground improvements, etc. But even more important is your contribution to our growing community. We hope you will continue to attend our events, participate in various Land Trust activities, enjoy this unique place, and know that you are the "com-

munity" in the Lake Claire Community Land Trust.

But just because we met our goal in half the allotted time doesn't mean we have enough Supporters. It means we set our sights too low! Let's keep the list growing. To add your name, visit www.LCCLT.org, and make a donation, drop it in the bulletin board chute, or mail a check to LCCLT, P.O. Box 5379, Atlanta GA 31107. Be sure to include a mailing address if you'd like an "I Support the Lake Claire Community Land Trust" bumper sticker, and an e-mail address if you want to join our e-mail list.



Jane Merkle & Miriam Herbers help get supporters for the LT at the LCN LCCLT Picnic

Message from our Lake Claire President

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and has a direct interest in what will be built. Nearby residents and the LCN will be keeping a close watch on current developments. For more information, see Sue Strauss' article in the May *Clarion* as well as on page 1 of this *Clarion*. Another matter of concern is the proposed cell tower for the Epworth Methodist Church in Candler Park. There has also been much discussion on the issue. See the April edition of the *Clarion*.

Lastly, Eric Dusenbury (eric-dusenbury@gmail.com) and Ran-

dy Pimsler (rpimsler@hotmail.com) from the Candler Park Master Plan Coordinating Committee came to the LCN May 15 meeting to speak about traffic along DeKalb Avenue and the need for a joint proposal by Lake Claire, Candler Park, and Inman Park. They also invited all Lake Claire residents to participate in their Master Plan initiative. See the article herein on Page 10 and the full text of the MP on the CPNO website. The next meeting for the Master Plan Committee is on Monday, July 7

at 7:00 at the Epworth Methodist Church on McLendon Ave. Subsequent meetings are scheduled on first Monday of every month at the same time and place.

And don't forget that the LCN dues are only \$20.00 per year! Andrew Sherwood, treasurer@lakeclaire.org, will happily receive any payments, which can also be processed through PayPal. As a neighborhood with small resources, these membership dues are critical to keeping the Lake Claire Neighbors in operation to include expenses for its

website, state registration, banking, green space maintenance, Christmas dinner, and donations to our local institutions. As for volunteering, all the executive committee members (see addresses in the *Clarion*, always on page 2) have agreed not to turn down any offers.

Lake Claire continues to be the great and unique place that it is and will get even better with everybody's help

– Joe Agee

Lake Claire's Past Volunteerism

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"town" I lived in. When in Manila, I encountered many troops on R and R. The U.S. Military presence was huge in the Philippines, with a large Naval base (Subic Bay) and a huge Air Force base, Clark Field. The troops talked about drugs being everywhere, and many talked about how you couldn't trust any Vietnamese, as they were either out to kill you, and or take your money. These were for the most part kids, barely aged 18. I realized then that my experience of Asians was so completely different, that there must be something more to the fight the Vietnamese were putting up than was depicted by the U.S. government. Also, as part of my continuing education about the war I have come to realize that our troops who served in Vietnam were treated horribly upon return. They served honorably and deserve to be acknowledged for their sacrifice.

I spent a total of 3 years in the Philippines. For my third year I worked out of the provincial office in Dipolog city. While I institut-

ed the mathematics curriculum, I feel that this was an extremely small achievement and that what I gained was much greater than what I left. I learned how much of the world could live without TV, refrigeration, Cheetos, washing machines, and automobiles, and not feel poor or live poor. I learned about mysterious spirits that existed for my Philippine friends. I experienced a life of rising with the sun. I learned to laugh at myself, as did the Filipinos, greatly, when I attempted to speak their language. I experienced the incredible beauty of the country, whether it be phosphorescence in the water, Hornbills and Kingfishers on the wing, or flying fish noisily breaking the water near the outrigger I was in, and sailing through the air for what seemed forever. I am grateful to the U.S. people for funding this experience. I am grateful to the Filipinos for their acceptance of me, and for their incredible warmth.

Betsy Hoddinott (Indiana Avenue)

1966: It's a gray and dreary Ohio day. I'm a college sophomore and as I'm trudging to class I think that everything I know has come from someone else, either in a book or in a class. I don't know anything from my own experience.

Spring, 1966: Maybe I should drop out of school and get a job so I can have some real experience. Then I go on a spring break trip to West Virginia where VISTA volunteers are working. They are doing what I would like to do: helping real people in the real world.

Fall, 1966: "Join VISTA and save the world". I'm in VISTA training in Norman, Oklahoma. Interesting people! Interesting ideas! I'm really excited when I am assigned to live and work in a poor neighborhood in Columbia, South Carolina with another young woman.

1967: From a small town in Ohio to a small city in the South. Culture shock! We rent a house with no hot water and a coal stove for heat. We try to integrate our-

selves as much as we can into our new community. With a local agency we start a preschool (which was later picked up by Head Start) and an after-school program. Often our little house is full of teenagers dancing to the latest tunes. We hang out with the adults and help them get a community center going. Local churches have us come to speak, and we were once interviewed on the radio. Real life and real experiences! Now I can say that I know something real about real life.

2014: If anyone asks me, I say that 1967 was the most important year of my life. It was the year that I became a grown-up, an adult with opinions and ideas based on my own experience. I think we made an impact on the people we worked with, and we made a small contribution to the civil rights struggle. For me, personally, it was the year I found myself and set out on my future career paths. That year I found me!

Please slow down on Lake Claire streets!

Thanx Monster Man

by Danny Pope

I used to go fast when I rode down the road.

I used to go fast like I was fixin to explode.

I used to go fast but it was all in fun.

Sometimes I think I did it just to watch ole Monster Man run!

Miriam Herbers notes that since the Monster Man (Burgess, on Arizona Avenue) was rightfully yelling "slow down" this very day, she thought this might be fun for the *Clarion* and to remind

But the more I slowed down

the more I could see

this beautiful neighborhood

that is gifted to me

So thanx, Mr. Monster Man,

'cause I'm one more person who is able to see.

friends and neighbors that people and animals live on this street. Please folks, BE the monster men and women on our Lake Claire streets when you witness speeding, and let's try to put a stop to it.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young readers to participate. This month we feature **Izzy Kaiser**, with a picture that she drew for the Clarion, and **Caden McLean**, with an article about moving here from California. Izzy is 6

years old and a kindergartener at Mary Lin -- and a Dorfer. Caden is 9 years old and a rising 4th grader and a recent "Leo." The McLeans just moved from Leonardo Avenue to Candler Park.



Caden McLean (behind brother Jaxon)



Izzy Kaiser - Our Artist this Month



Izzy's Picture

Hi! My name is Caden Scott McLean. I just turned 9 years old in May, and I am going to be in the 4th grade.

My family and I moved here 2 years ago. We lived in Sacramento, California all of my life (well, all of my parents' lives too). I have a younger brother, Jaxon Bruce McLean, who is 5. We moved to Atlanta because of my dad's job. He is an architect. Atlanta is a much bigger city than Sac. It also has nice restaurants, a forrest close to our house, Stone Mountain, and so much more.

It took us about 30 hours to drive here from Sacramento. We stayed at my uncle's house in Arizona for a few days, and we stayed in Sante Fe, New Mexico, too. We went to a rodeo and saw little kids my age riding sheep.

We moved to our home in Lake Claire when we first got here. Our house was on Leonardo Avenue and that was **EPIC**. All of the neigh-

bors were so friendly, and there were a lot of kids to play with! We just bought a condo in Candler Park. We now have our own swimming pool in our complex & we go every day. I love how I can walk to Fellinis & Zesto. My brother likes to go to Flying Biscuit and Donna Van Goghs. I also like the festivals and movie nights so close to home. (I definitely do not like the mosquitos!!!)

I enjoy school. I am in the Challenge program at Mary Lin. I had Mrs. Taylor for 2nd grade & Mrs. Baldwin for 3rd. I have also had to make all new friends in Atlanta, but it hasn't been hard, because there are a lot of cool people around here.

I am excited to start seeing more of Georgia and the other states that are close. Also, hoping more of my family come to visit from California too.

Hope to see you around the neighborhood! -- Caden

CLARION CONTEST: THIS MONTH'S WINNERS!

There were hundreds of contestants who searched for the Wahoo last month, but these four found the Wahoo and they (or their mothers) e-mailed the editor first!

****1st place**** Congratulations to Leah Braun, our First Place Winner in finding the Wahoo.

Leah is the daughter of Lori Blank and Eric Braun. They live on Claire Drive. Leah is a rising 4th grader at Mary Lin, and she loves her pups, Henry (seen in picture) and his momma, Cora.

2nd place--Della Goines, Lakeshore Avenue

3rd place -- Sara McGill, Delaware Avenue

4th place --- Caden McLean, Leonardo Avenue, is pictured above.



Leah Braun WINNER

NEW CONTEST:

KIDS: Find the July 4 graphic in this month's Clarion. Hint: It's a well-known character and is patriotic! Find it, and you're our winner, and you will have your name and picture noted in the next Clarion!

(Remember, you may also have your name and picture in the newspaper if you write an article or poem, or draw a picture.) To win, send e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org. Any Lake Claire kid is eligible unless he or she won the contest the current month. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.



Della Goines -
photo by Gretchen Connell



Sara McGill at Girl Scout camp

Hi, Lake Claire Kids, next issue let's put some of your creativity on this page. Submit articles, poetry, drawings, your original puzzles, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. Tell us about your hobbies, your favorite

part of Lake Claire, what's been great this summer in Lake Claire --- or choose any topic of your choice. Be creative...we'd love to hear from you -- **by July 15** for the August issue.