

Halloween is coming and (just as important) Lake Claire’s Parade and Party – October 25

One of Lake Claire’s signature party of the year, **The Annual Lake Claire Halloween Parade and Party** is coming!

This fun Halloween event has traditionally been put on by the Lake Claire Parents Group and Lake Claire Neighbors, and in the last few years it has been the main fundraiser for the Lake Claire Parents Association. (Through purchases of volunteer baked goods, beverages, etc., the LC parents group has raised funds to support free activities and community socials, such as last year’s ice cream social.)

All of us – Lake Claire Neighbors (big ‘N’ and small ‘n’) and the Parents Group enthusiastically encourage your participation. It gives



From last year’s party: Harry Met Hermione

kids (and adults!) a chance to parade (costumed or not) through the streets of Lake Claire, ending up in Lake Claire Park for treats and more.

This year’s party will happen on Saturday, October 25.

Bring your little pirates, princesses, super heroes, monsters, witches, and others to join the parade at the intersection of Ridgewood and Marlbrook at 4:30 p.m.! The parade will end at Lake Claire Park.

We need more volunteers! Please visit our neighborhood website, lakeclaire.org for information about volunteering. Volunteering is a great way to meet other neighbors and help make this Lake Claire event **super spooktacular**.

Let’s Party!!! Lake Claire is invited!

The annual **Harold Avenue Street Dance** will be Friday night, October 17. The music and dance is on Harold, from Marlbrook to Harriett. Harold in that block will be closed to traffic by police permit, with a security officer, and the music (always great) will be from 7 p.m. to 11-“ish.” See you there, neighbors!

Deadline Imminent For Georgia Voter Registration

The November election is just under two months away, and residents of Georgia have until **October 6** to register to vote in the November 4 general election. Early voting is set to start on **Oct. 13** and will continue until Halloween.

Frazer Center – Our neighborhood gem

by Andee Schroeder

Parents know how difficult it can be to select care for their little ones. The options are endless, and selecting the right one can be a harrowing experience. Applications, fees, waitlists, and interviews are just a few of the things that go into the decision-making process. This was an experience my husband and I faced upon the arrival of our son Hoyt last May.

Luckily, a Lake Claire neighbor sent me information on a part-time infant spot. It seemed too good to be true! We spoke to other Frazer Center parents, got a tour and met the staff. Our son started a few weeks later, and he loves it as much as we do! He attends full-time now, but we loved the option of part-time care initially. Frazer Center is one of the few programs to offer full days as part of the part-time care. From Spanish to art, the playground to the Five Senses Garden, I am constantly amazed by everything the children do during the day. They sit together at the table for breakfast, lunch, and snacks from a healthy menu that is put

together and posted for the parents to view.

The number of people who do not know about this resource still surprises me. Tucked away off of South Ponce, many don’t realize where it is located. Fortunately for those of us who live in Lake Claire and utilize the center, it is just a short walk away. There are about sixty children living in Lake Claire and adjacent neighborhoods with children also coming from other in-town neighborhoods, Decatur, Virginia Highlands, Midtown, to name a few. The center provides so much more than just childcare. Priority is given to children with disabilities so that they can flourish in an inclusive community. They have two pre-kindergarten classes and all of the children who attend the center have the option to enroll in the Georgia lottery-funded pre-K. In addition, they have an adult program for those over eighteen with disabilities. You will also see foster grandparents in the halls and classrooms. It is a wonderful opportunity for

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OCTOBER – mark your calendars!

1-19 Horizon Theatre presents “Detroit” – a backyard bbq spirals to a bacchanal... <http://www.horizontheatre.com/>

1-27 “Mommy and Me” at Fernbank EVERY MONDAY. Details at <http://www.fernbankmuseum.org/mommydeal> or 404-929-6400.

4 Lake Claire Tour of Homes - If you get this Clarion in time, PLEASE make an effort to attend. Fundraiser for the Lake Claire neighborhood, plus it will be great.

4 & 18 Land Trust Drum Circle, dark until 11:00 pm. Note new ending time! Please walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested.

5 Community Work day at the Lake Claire Land Trust - 12:00 noon-4:00 pm.

6 Deadline to register to vote in Georgia to vote in November 4 election.

6-31 Early voting for the November 4 election

8 International Walk/Bike to school day (Inman and Mary Lin both participating, see Page 7)

10 Fernbank Forest nightwalk – details on Fernbank activities: <http://fernbankmuseum.org/calendar-of-events/?year=2014&month=10>

11 Annual Lake Claire Land Trust PEACE & LOVE FEST, 2:00-11:00 pm. Info: Page 11

11-12 LAMA Book Sale, Inman Park details in the article on page 6

16 & 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*).

17 Harold Avenue Street Dance, from Marlbrook to Harriett. (Streets will be closed to traffic, with police permission/protection, and several great bands. The music will be from 7 p.m. to 11”ish.” Always fun!

18 Trees Atlanta Planting on Dekalb Avenue – feel free to park at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. 9 a.m. to noon. AND---- DARK UNTIL 11 P.M. – Land Trust Drum Circle – see under October 4 above.

25 Annual Lake Claire Parade and Party. See article on Page 1. Meet at Ridgewood and Marlbrook at 4:30 p.m.!! Volunteers needed – please go to lakeclaire.org or groups.yahoo.com/groups/lakeclaire-parents

26 Annual Pumpkin Carving at the Lake Claire Land Trust, 5:30 p.m. at the Gazebo.

Future Months - Please Hold these Dates:

Sunday, November 2 Lake Claire Halloween Parade joint event with Frazer Center Fall Fest, 3-6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4 Election day

Saturday, November 8 the Frazer Center will host a wine tasting event in partnership with CP Market.

Thursday, December 11 Lake Claire Neighbors Holiday Party

Calendar deadline for NOVEMBER Clarion: OCTOBER 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org. Submissions HOPED FOR—The Clarion is your newspaper; we want your participation.



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



Birthdays:

October 3: Margaret Witten, Tuxedo Avenue. Happy birthday!

October 13: Henry Charles Morgan turns 3 (son of Leslie Slavich, former Clarion editor and dad Ben --and not to forget big brother, Daniel)

October 25: Happy NINE-TIETH, Margaret Gossett on Harold!! Just think, Margaret was born October 25, 1924. Congrats and happy day. (Margaret was featured in Beth Da-

mon's "30+ Years in Lake Claire" series last year; see <http://www.lakeclaire.org/clarionarchives/2013/2013-10.pdf>.)

"Safe Journey" – Sad to report...

August 12: Jackie W. Johnson, Lakeshore Drive, passed away, from ovarian cancer. Her family wishes to thank all the Lake Claire neighbors who have helped her for the past two years.

September 19: Ken Tarczewski, Frazer Center Director of Facili-



Ken Tarczewski - Rest in Peace

ties & Grounds for the past eight years, died in a motorcycle accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and the Frazer Center. (Ken was featured in the April 2012 Clarion (<http://www.lakeclaire.org/clarionarchives/2012/2012-04.pdf>).

To help us continue this feature, send life cycle events/important rights of passage to editor@lakeclaire.org. As space allows, we will include in the newspaper. Deadline OCTOBER 15 for the NOVEMBER Clarion.

Volunteer in Lake Claire!

by Beth Damon and Tyralynn Frazier

Engagement with our neighborhood is extremely important. Without it, one or two people end up carrying the load for entire projects. Much of the appeal in getting involved comes when numerous neighbors get out, get involved, and get to know each other. Please, if you have any interest in being a part of the continued sense of community on which this neighborhood was

founded, then we challenge each and every one of you reading this blurb to make it a point to get involved in one neighborhood activity. It is this kind of engagement that brings real value to homes and to our lives in general.

Some ways to get involved:

- The Land Trust Family Project & many projects with the Land Trust (information on page 11)

- Our neighborhood group, Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) – the election is at the October meeting – see article on this page, below)
- Neighborhood play date coordinators (does not currently exist, but there is a real need here for different age groups)
- The Clarion (writing, calendar help, finding new advertisers, kids corner, etc. – contact editor@lakeclaire.org)
- Lake Claire Park (Contact Judy Hammack of **Friends**

of Lake Claire Park at judyhammack@gmail.com. Check the Calendar in the Clarion for the next Lake Claire Park work day.)

See other volunteer opportunities in the April 2014 Clarion, page 1, Alicia McGill's article with contact information for volunteering for the Clifton Sanctuary, Kashi, the Frazer Center, Atlanta Hospitality House, Mary Lin, and more (<http://www.lakeclaire.org/clarionarchives/2012/2012-04.pdf>. Current and past Clarions are at this link.)

Annual Elections of the Lake Claire Neighbors' Executive Committee – come to the October meeting

The annual election of officers for 2015 of Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) for 2015 is coming up!

LCN's all-volunteer offices are President and various vice presidents as listed on the Clarion masthead on Page 2. All nominations for officers for 2015 must be made at the October meeting, Thursday, October 16. Self nominations are accepted. To run, one must have attended at least four meetings during the cal-

endar year.

Whenever any Lake Claire neighbor (small "n") wants to bring information or concerns to the neighborhood, please come to the regular monthly meeting or contact president@lakeclaire.org. Our friend the Frazer Center kindly provides the meeting space the third Thursday of each month, and there is always a reminder in the Clarion, and the agenda is posted on our neighborhood website, <http://lakeclaire.org>.

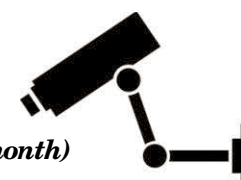
Biscuits and Bellyrubs

by Anna Trodglan



Keep An Eye on the Crime and the Time:

Lake Claire Security Report, August 10 – 30, 2014



Compiled from Atlanta Police Department (APD) Report (their notices are regularly a little behind, plus the Clarion comes out once a month)

Aggravated Assault

2000 block DeKalb Ave	8/23	Here's what happened: There was a physical altercation between two men following exchanged words over loose dogs and name calling in the apartment building's courtyard. Both men were arrested and charged with misdemeanors.
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Other Larceny

2000 block McLendon Ave	8/21	Taken: bicycle from patio at residence
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Theft from Vehicle

400 block Claire Dr	8/15	Taken: change entry method undisclosed	parked at residence
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2000 block Tuxedo Ave	8/21	Taken: money no forced entry	parked on street
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200 block Mathews Ave	8/27	Taken: silver flute vehicle unlocked	parked at residence
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The property manager at the Edgewood Retail District (ERD) requests that patrons program the following number into their phones in the event of threatening situations or to report anything amiss: 678-618-230. This is ERD's 24 hour security number.

APD recommends the following for home safety:

1. Use outdoor lighting – front and/or back porch lights, motion-sensing flood lighting near entrances.

2. Install wired, monitored home alarm systems.

3. Prune shrubbery near entrances.

4. Install motion-sensing cameras at doorways, on driveways, etc.

5. Make sure all doors and windows of your home are LOCKED when sleeping or away.

6. Have NOTHING visible in parked cars, and generally cars parked in driveways are safer.

Contact APD by dialing 911 from your home or cell phone for any/ every incidence of crime or suspicious behavior.



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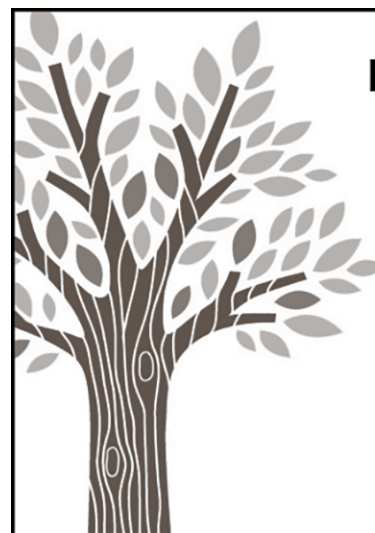
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The Frazer Center, Our Gem – Infant Care and more

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Parade involving Frazer Center adult program participants

them to volunteer, and my son loves to play and read with the grandparents.

Because it is a non-profit organization and the programs' fees don't cover the cost of running all of the operations, the Frazer Center has to get creative in fundraising. Luckily the onsite green space, Cator Woolford Gardens, holds many special events. On November 8, Frazer Center will host a wine tasting event in partnership with another neighborhood gem, the Candler Park market. They also hold another silent auction event in the Spring to benefit the programs. Lake Claire residents are welcome to purchase tickets for these fun events! In addition to these fundraisers, many weddings take place at the gardens and the beautiful atrium. There is a full-time event planner on staff who has helped coordinate numerous weddings as well as work with companies such as Turner to

plan meetings and events.

It is reassuring to know that our son is in such good hands when we drop him off at the Frazer Center. The staff and teachers are amazing, and we have en-



Reading in a toddler classroom

joyed getting to know them. It takes a special individual to sing "Old McDonald Had a Farm" twenty times a day, and they will do it along with anything else to further the development and

happiness of the children. We received heartfelt Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts that the teachers worked with the children to make. These are just a few of the small gestures by the staff that continually pleases us. It is a great feeling to have your childcare decision reassured on a regular basis.

We would love to have more Lake Claire families at the Frazer Center, and there are still some part time (2-3 days/week) spots available for infants and toddlers! For more information on the child development program, you can contact the program coordinator, Ashli Washington: a.washington@thefrazercenter.org.

For more information on Frazer Center: <http://www.frazercenter.org>

Taming the Wild Hillside Along Dekalb Avenue:

Trees Atlanta to the Rescue!

by Miriam Herbers

A little over a year ago, the Lake Claire Land Trust Board asked Trees Atlanta if they would be interested in taking on the DeKalb Avenue side of the Land Trust as a project. Because the long hillside faces a public right of way, and because more planting in Lake Claire was already in the plan for 2014, the answer was "yes." After Alex Beasley met with Board members and walked the property, we were on our way.

But it took more than a meeting to get us to the October 18 planting day. The hillside had

to be cleared of the brambles, weeds, and vines that have made managing this space so difficult for us over the years. Days were spent in the hot summer sun by dedicated friends of the Land Trust, pulling, hacking, and battling stinging things to prepare for planting. We appreciate their hard, sweaty work.

Deciding what trees to plant took careful consideration. Height requirements had to be considered so the garden plots at the top of the slope would not be shaded. Access to the billboards

had to be maintained. Sidewalks and visibility were planned for, too.

When volunteer landscape architect Leah Pine met with Alex Beasley about design, they learned that federal guidelines exist for planting under and near transformers. Leah met with a Georgia Power representative to ensure that the chosen trees complied with the law. Because of these restrictions, most of the selected native trees are low-rising and will eventually make a nice thicket for wildlife and birds.

They will also make the drive down DeKalb more pleasant for commuters.

Finally Alex had to get approval from the City arborist, and we were ready to plant. Planting will take place **Saturday, October 18, from 9:00 am to noon.** Alex has recruited a large corporate group of volunteers from Buckhead to plant, mulch and water, so we do not have to provide neighborhood volunteers, but you are welcome to join us.

If you do come, please keep the **Cont. on p. 9**

Literacy Alliance of Metro Atlanta: Book Sale Fundraiser

Lake Claire neighbors may like to check-out this book sale in Inman Park; the books are cheap, and the cause is good. You may have noticed that we started including it in our calendar last month.

If you love books, you don't want

to miss the sale of donated books to benefit the Literacy Alliance of Metro Atlanta, which supports street level adult literacy/work skills programs. The monthly sales are held in the basement of *Small Carpenters at Large*, 884 Lake Avenue, from 12:00 noon

to 5:00 p.m., on the second weekend (Saturday & Sunday) of each month. (A map and directions to the house is on their website.) The range of books is amazing (old and new, fiction and non-, cookbooks, children's, etc.) and the cost varies from \$1 to \$4.

More details can be found at literacyallianceatlanta.org. E-mail laura1hauser1@yahoo.com.

These are the dates through the rest of this year: October 11 and 12; November 8 & 9; December 13 & 14

Lake Claire Neighborhood Meeting

Abbreviated Minutes (with thanks to Nancy Dorsner)

At our last neighborhood meeting, September 18, the police officer from Zone 6 discussed a rise in residential burglaries (50% increase) and emphasized locking windows and doors. He recommended monitored alarm systems. He mentioned several break-ins committed by two men driving a white Dodge Durango, and he reminded people to call 911 if spotting the vehicle or any suspicious activity.

Valencia Hudson from Natalyn Archibong's office reported that the City has added additional security officers at Edgewood Center. Regarding Dekalb traffic; we still need a turn signal at the underpass. It was mentioned again (as it was in the Clarion last month) that Clifton Road traffic is still a problem. Valencia recommends that Lake Claire form a Transportation Committee to come up with a master traffic plan/recommendations. The Vice Presidents who were present gave reports, including a Treasurer's report, and Christiane French, the VP of Environment discussed neighborhood greenspaces and other environmental updates. Miriam Herbers noted that on Oct 18 Trees Atlanta will lead a tree planting on Dekalb Ave from the Arizona underpass to Nelms Avenue (see article this page). Land has been cleared. They will plant between 40 and 70 trees, from 9 a.m. to noon. Miriam also announced the Land Trust's Oct 11 Fundraiser (see Clarion calendar Page 2 and article Page 11). A Japanese Garden is being developed at the Land Trust. President Joe Agee noted that Trees Atlanta is also doing planting at the Har-

old Ave Greenspace in January, and that the plan for Lake Claire Park (approved here last month) was presented to the NPU (on this, see page 3 on Lake Claire

Greenspaces). The Friends of Lake Claire Park King of Pops at the Park was a big success.

The Lake Claire Tour of Homes still needs volunteers. To volun-

teer: fun@lakeclaire.org.

Neighborhood meetings are held at the Frazer Center each third Thursday, and Savage Pizza provides pizzas. Join us!



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Dear Lake Claire parents out there –Am anxious to have regular news about schools to include in the Clarion – hoping to hear from parents of kids at any schools that Lake Claire kids attend, public or private – or to hear from students at Grady (I know you are good writers): Please write editor@lakeclaire.org

The New School

by Peter Lefkowicz



The New School is an independent project-based high school in Inman Park, dedicated to great teaching, engaged learning, and meaningful, relevant work. Our students are currently working on a neighborhood study of Little 5 Points, after which they'll be making a documentary film, before going even farther afield. We

believe that high school students should do work that really matters, and our students are doing just that. They're also mastering a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum.

We're hosting **Parent Information Sessions** for prospective families beginning in October. Lake Claire parents, please come to learn more about The New School and its unique curriculum, meet our faculty, ask questions, and explore the application process: Thursday, October 16, 2014; Tuesday, November 18, 2014; Thursday, December 4, 2014; Thursday, January 8, 2015; and Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

Meetings are held at The New School, 1015 Edgewood Avenue, adjacent to Inman Park United Methodist Church, and will run



Kids at The New School (TNS)

from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. To sign up, just go to www.tnsatlanta.org. For information, contact The

New School at 404-840-9900 or peter@tnsatlanta.org.



Mary Lin

Mary Lin encourages participation in **October 8** "walk or bike to school day." <http://www.marylinelementary.com>. Mary Lin kids and others participated in "Linapolooza" at the Candler Park Fest September 27-28. The 5K Road Race was September 27. Neighborhood band "Local Establishment," was among those playing.



Grady High

From the "Grady Brag Street May 2014" – According to the College Board, approximately 18 percent of more than 1.9 million students worldwide who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to earn an AP Scholar Award. That Board identified **80 Grady students** as AP Scholars.

We hope to hear from some Grady students with more and current news for future issues!

Inman



Inman made Georgia's list of Reward Schools for high academic performance and progress.

On another note, Inman encour-

ages participation in the **International Walk to School Day** on Oct. 8. Walk to School Day is an event that is organized by the Partnership for Walkable America and aims to join communities around the world for a special event designed to raise awareness about the benefits of walk-

able and bikeable communities. Inman is a registered participating school. In addition to Walk to School Day there is also a Bike to School day, which is usually held in the spring. While each of the respective events encourages people to walk/bike during their respective events, partici-

pants are welcomed to do either at either event. **Volunteers are needed to help with these events** – check out Inman's website at <http://inmanmiddleschool.org/>, or contact mrs30306@bell-south.net. And hop on a bike or get out your walking shoes, students!

Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School



Attention parents of 7th graders who are looking for a better fit, the Atlanta Neighborhood

Charter School (ANCS) has an open spot for a 7th grader who resides in the City of Atlanta

and is looking to transfer schools. ANCS is a free, public, APS constructivist school.

October into November in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

Think about planting a tree in October. Every year, more and more of our large Lake Claire trees have to be cut down or crash on their own during storms or hard rains. We take our shady canopy for granted. Oddly enough, the farther out from the city one drives, the fewer big trees there are until the suburbs are passed. Most developments are still constructed by leveling the whole area and then planting small trees after the houses are built. Even if new shade trees survive, it will be a long time until they are large.

When people talk about planting a tree, they usually are thinking about a small ornamental, a dogwood or flowering crabtree. Of course there is a place for such trees on our properties. But especially if you have recently lost a large tree, think about planting a replacement. In an "old" book I bought second hand, *Southern Living Gardening! Trees and Shrubs*, 1980, the editors lay out reasons for planting large trees: they provide shade, greenery, dif-

ferent forms and growth habits for your garden, shelter for wildlife, a colorful display, flowers, and even winter interest.

Your new tree need not be located in the same place as the lost one. Indeed, many trees in our neighborhood "just grew" and are not well-situated. The best place for a deciduous tree is on the west or southwest part of your property where it will provide cooling shade in the summer and early fall months. I often notice when I go out to the mailbox on our sunny street and then step back into my shady, western front yard, what an incredible drop in temperature I experience just from trees. If you want to garden, especially to grow vegetable crops, it is to your advantage to have the eastern side of your house in the sunshine and the western side shaded.

We have a large and very old pecan on our southwest corner. About 20 years ago, I realized that at some point it would have to be taken down, so I had a willow oak planted more directly in

front of the house, halfway between the latter and the street. Because the pecan is a less shady tree, leafs out later, and drops its leaves earlier, the oak has done very well. Our small front yard is well on its way to being a cool area carpeted with ground covers and never needing to be mowed. I selected the willow oak for several reasons, one of which being that such a tree shaded the western front of my maternal grandparents' house outside of Richmond, Virginia. But it is also has narrow leaves, easy to rake and grind up for mulch.

Plants that Merit Attention: Vol. 1 Trees lists several oaks—the sawtooth, the swamp white, the shingle, the burr, the English, and the shumard—all hardy in zones 7 and 8. Nowadays it is easy to find information about sources, eventual size, color, and shape of foliage, and any caveats on the Internet.

Besides oaks, my Southern Living book suggests beeches, American plane trees (sycamores), ashes, black gums, horse

chestnuts, ginkos, maples, sweet gums, and tulip trees. If you have room on the north side of your house or if you are looking to screen large buildings near your property, consider a conifer. These include deodar cedars, red cedars, hemlocks, the Southern magnolia, and spruces. I do not recommend any of the pine trees, lovely as they are in large woodlands. They provide neither screening nor much shade, and in ice storms they are downright dangerous on our small lots.

I had a professional plant my tree. If you do it yourself, be sure to read up on the newest information about preparing the soil, removing burlap, staking, etc. Advice changes all the time. I do not mean to insult anyone, but often gardeners do not realize that trees and shrubs have bark that will be damaged by planting too deeply or mulching up against the trunk. Unlike many flowers and vegetables, trees will not root along their stems and are so sensitive to injury by

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Lake Claire Says Good Bye to Donna Van Gogh's

After twenty years of business, Donna Van Gogh's will be closing their doors this fall. Owners Teri Stewart and Iris Hale, longtime residents of Lake Claire, would like to thank the neighbors who were the artists and customers. They stated that they are closing



due to age, changing local socioeconomic factors, and inability to sell the business. Artists will have one month to pick up their artwork, after which Donna Van Gogh's will liquidate. Teri and Iris thank their friends in Lake Claire, Candler Park, and the business district, and they send best wishes to all for the future.



Iris in front of Donna Van Gogh's its last week (end of Sept)

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cul-de-sac open for Trees Atlanta trucks and equipment. Park at Clifton Sanctuary if you drive. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes and bring drinking water. No experience is necessary, but plan to work the full three hours. Trees Atlanta will bring shovels and gloves and give a planting demonstration at the start of the morning.

From experience I can say that planting is hard work, but rewarding when you go by a tree you planted and know you contributed to making our neighborhood and city even more beautiful.

The Land Trust owes a big thank-you to Leah, our neighbor on Arizona Avenue, a registered landscape architect and certified

arborist, who donated her time and skills to make this project happen. She also donated a design for the next phase – a planting of native grasses in the spring of 2015 that will allow access for the utility people without obscuring the billboards. Jane Merkle, a retired landscape architect and classmate of Leah's who lives on Connecticut, also helped. They spent much time tracking down certain trees and working with design changes to fit Trees Atlanta's budget limitations.

To learn more about Trees Atlanta or to volunteer, visit TreesAtlanta.org. To learn more about the Land Trust or to volunteer, go to LCCLT.org. Leah can be reached at LeahPine.com or 404-428-2365.

Gardening

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string-trimmers and mowers that they may die.

Be sure to keep new plantings constantly watered, especially as October is often our driest month. Just because we are enjoying cool, low humidity days, does not mean that plant roots are not drying out, so monitor your pots, vegetables, and flowers as well as new woody purchases. The autumn garden should be well underway now with harvests of lettuce and other greens, such as turnips. If you did not sow collard, kale, broccoli, and other brassicas plants in August, then purchase small plants, feed heavily, and watch for cabbage butterflies. And start your spinach, which will survive the winter, mulched with straw or leaves, and provide delicious salads in early spring.

Every year I mean to sow sweet peas in October. When I do, when the winter is not too harsh (mulch as you do the spinach), then the effect in early spring is a delight to the eye and nose, especially if you plant them on some sort of trellis outside a window. Soak



Elizabeth's stately pecan tree

the seeds for a few hours before sowing, and let me know how they did. In fact, let me know how everything goes in your garden. I always like feedback.

You may e-mail Elizabeth with feedback and questions at knowltonew@earthlink.net. –Ed.

WILD in Lake Claire

by Carol Vanderschaaf

On July 14 Dawn Aura reported that a friend had seen a coyote crossing McLendon. Dawn wondered if there had been other reports in the area and so do I.

Two other things to report. One is from Candler Park (CP). I feel free to use this CP report since so many folks sum us up as part of Candler Park - and now it's my turn to sum CP up as part of Lake Claire.

Our fearless wildlife reporter, Meta Larsson, reports on August 7 that she saw three green herons and three baby muskrats on the pond at the CP golf course the previous morning. She wondered if there might be a nest nearby, as the herons had nested there last year.

In early August Meta reported that the CP NPU rep for Candler Park, Amy Stout, took her kayak out on the pond to gather up all the trash that had accumulated.. Three cheers or more for Amy!!!

I spent a little time in Miriam Herbers' (Arizona) yard recently. In a recent article in the Clarion, Miriam wrote about her involvement in the Neighborhood Nestwatch Project being conducted by Headquartered at the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center in Washington, D.C.

Miriam invited me to come see a young woman from the project band the birds nesting in her

yard. The young scientist caught the birds in a mist net, weighed and measured them, and then banded them. Quite something to see! "Neighborhood Nestwatch represents an innovative way to study the effects of rapid development on wildlife while educating citizens about these effects and the process of science. Each backyard involved in the program becomes both a research site and an outdoor classroom."

Miriam will record the banded birds seen as well as note if they return to the same nesting place next year.

Learning about the study made me realize that I had several birds that returned to the bushes in my yard each year, the towhee, the brown thrasher, and the cardinal. All three species like to nest in bushes and are dependent on thick bushes to keep other critters away. I know my yard must look overgrown to my neighbors, but there is a method (and many nests) to my madness.

Last word: I haven't been getting any reports of coyotes, or any other wildlife for that matter, and **I would sure like to hear from folks to keep this column going.** Please email me at cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net, or leave me a message at 404 373 0295 with any wild reports for Lake Claire.

Brief Update on Lake Claire Green Spaces

"You say Green Spaces... I say Greenspaces" ... The design plan for Lake Claire Park was approved recently at the last NPU meeting. Judy Hammack of *Friends of Lake Claire Park* is awaiting final approval from the City. Brynan Hadaway of the Lake Claire Land Trust is completing work on a *Love Your Block* grant. Trees Atlanta will do plantings at the Harold Avenue Greenspace at the beginning

of next year, and Colleen Golden will apply again for a *Love Your Block* grant. And, have you noticed that Robin Singer added a "Little Free Library" to the Harold Avenue Greenspace? Check it out! Judy Hammack will report more next month on the Lake Claire Park concept plan and some of the planned features. And as Judy says, see you in the park!



Peace & Love Harvest Fest Rides Again!

Get Ready to Dance and Feast on Sat., Oct. 11, 2:00-11:00 pm

by Frani Green and Stephen Wing

The Gorilla Grill will be serving burgers and dogs, both meat and veggie, along with drinks and sides. You can help make the festival more eco-friendly by bringing your own washable plate, cup, and utensils. Show them at the gate to get a free raffle ticket!

From 2:00 to 4:30, you'll enjoy

energy with Motown classics and dance favorites. Horn players from the Marching Abominables add extra flavor and pizzazz to thought-provoking lyrics as they celebrate life, love, and happiness.

From 5:30 to 7:00, The Amazing Mongooses will take the stage. The 'Gooses are a power

trio from Decatur serving up blues, classic rock, and original rock 'n' roll. Chris Iconis plays guitar and father-and-son rhythm section David and Mike Young play drums and bass, respectively. All three members take turns singing lead, but they specialize in three-part harmonies, making them one of the most diverse trios in the Atlanta-area music scene.

At 7:00, the mood will shift as Juliana steps out to beguile and bedazzle you with her accomplished bellydance moves. After dancing professionally at the Imperial Fez restaurant for several years, Juliana moved to California to broaden her style, studying with a respected bellydance teacher. Now she's back, living in Lake Claire and eager to share

her skills with the Land Trust community.

From 7:30 to 9:00, we'll feature The Jugtime Ragband. Purists beware! Neither a jug band, ragtime nor Dixieland, this is an energetic amalgamation of all three, immersed in an early New Orleans sound with a style that incorporates a little blues, a bit of swing, and some old-time gospel. They play amazing songs composed by some of the best songwriters from the early and mid-20th century, alongside original tunes which are heavily influenced by these composers.

From 9:00 to 9:30, a special treat: the Sensua Drummers. Created by the late Bill Liggin, a dear friend of the Land Trust, these drummers will infect your soul with their rhythms and beats to get you on your feet!

At 9:30, our headliners The Susi French Connection spring into action. The Connection's song list includes disco, classic country, rock and pop hits by everyone from Donna Summer to Earth Wind & Fire, Neil Diamond to the Bee Gees, and many others. If you want to hear great songs played by a rock band and not a lounge band, get ready for a great set.

We look forward to seeing you all! Please help by spreading the word. Invite your friends, your grandmother, your dentist, your babysitter. (This is one evening when you won't need a babysitter – the Land Trust playground and sandpile will be rocking.) See the box on this page for other ways to help make this another magical day at the Land Trust. Thanks as always for your support!



Zoe Brillante and Joseph McGill from Local Establishment

our awesome kid bands. First, Made in China, playing classic rock; then Local Establishment, playing alt-rock; then Fuisté, a progressive jazz-rock improv trio.

From 4:30 to 5:00, we present Rockit 88. Based in and around Little Five Points, this classic rock-blend band mixes environmental awareness, social consciousness, and garage-band en-

Dust off your dancing shoes for this fall's Peace & Love Festival at your favorite oasis in the city! As always, this is a family-friendly event, packed with music, art, food, a bake sale, raffle prizes, fun and frolic with neighbors, friends, and family. Our incredible musical lineup begins with kids' bands from the neighborhood, and it concludes with headliners *The Susi French Connection*. Along the way you'll enjoy special treats like the Sensua Drummers percussion ensemble and bellydance by Juliana.

Your \$10.00 donation at the gate will help the Land Trust fund its ongoing expenses for maintenance, utilities, insurance, and improvements. Kids under 12 get in free, teens for just \$1.00. Please leave your critters at home! Our local Girl Scout "Daisy" troop will be selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 as a service project for the Land Trust.

Please walk, take MARTA, ride your bike if you can. If you must drive, parking is available at Clifton Sanctuary at Connecticut Ave. and McLendon. **Neighbors have requested festival-goers not to park on sidestreets.** Please keep voices low when leaving at 11:00, and please don't litter our lovely neighborhood.

The 2014 Peace & Love Harvest Fest needs YOU!

Remember the First Law of Fun: You'll have more of it if you join in and help make it happen!

Volunteers are needed to fill 2-hour timeslots throughout the day. Contact info@lclt.org to sign up.

We need fabulous **raffle prizes!** Contact franigreen@bellsouth.net to coordinate pickup.

We need donations of **baked goods** – just drop them off at the Bake Sale table when you arrive. If you have any gluten-free recipes, please share!

Watching Birds with Us!

On September 14, the Family Project planned a bird watching session. A group of neighborhood kids and their parents took a bird walk on the Lake Claire Community Land Trust, led by Ken Boff, a Master Birder representing Atlanta Audubon Society, and his grandson, Fallou, an avid birder. Although the morning was overcast and drizzly, the group spot-

ted Red Tailed Hawks, Cardinals, Mockingbirds, a Catbird, and the biggest bird of all, Lou the amazing Emu. Bird walks are a great way to get outside and enjoy our beautiful greenspace in the city and discover what birds live amongst us. Thank you to Ken and Fallou for leading and all of our new neighborhood birders for joining us!



Bird Watchers at the Land Trust



by Anna Trodglan

Lake Claire Land Trust Community Work Day

Can you spare some sweat for your neighborhood greenspace? Come on over to the Land Trust to pull weeds, spread wood chips, and prepare the land for company! Our quarterly Community Work Day will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 12:00 noon to 4:00, the weekend before the Peace & Love Harvest Fest. Bring drinking water and work gloves, if you have them. Pizza will be served when we finish.

Important Drum Circle Announcement:

The Land Trust's Planning Committee regretfully has decided to change a decades-old tradition. Starting this month, the Drum Circle ends at 11:00 pm instead of midnight. The traditional closing circle will remain.

Upcoming at the Land Trust See the calendar on Page 2!

Hello Neighbors -- the Lake Claire Land Trust Family Project is currently looking for more programs! Family yoga, facilitating art projects, any activities that engage families in the beautiful Land Trust space are welcome. If you have ideas or time to help, please contact Tyralynn Frazier tfrazi2@gmail.com.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for younger readers to participate. This month we feature Sara and Michael McGill. The McGills live on Delaware, and they attend

the Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School. Sara is nine, and Michael is seven; they are my good friends, whom I've known their whole lives. Thank you, Sara & Michael!

LAKE CLAIRE! by Sara McGill

Aren't we so lucky that we live in Lake Claire! I mean, you can just walk down to Candler Park Market or Fellini's rather than get in your car and drive someplace for snacks or pizza. We can walk to people's houses and ride our bikes up and down the streets. We can climb trees. Everybody has friends or family in the neighborhood. You

can always play with them and talk with them, and you don't have to drive a car to go visit them. Everybody in Lake Claire is nice, and all your neighbors are really fun, and they don't exclude you. You can have outdoor pets, and everyone gives them attention. Lake Claire is a safe environment. I'm glad I'm growing up here. And, you should be, too.



Sara, Jazz, Jamie, and Briget. Middle row: Casey, Josephine. and Jamie. Front row: Kiki, and Lily Patzer (baby)

Our Guinea Pig, Kiki by Michael McGill

Kiki belongs to our family. Kiki is a cute and nice guinea pig. She only lets people pet her cheeks and sides of her body if she trusts them. Kiki is brown, white, and black. When her water

bottle is out of water, I fill it up. I feed her food when she squeaks really loud. She eats parsley, romaine lettuce, hay, clover, grass, carrots, and pepper scraps. These pictures are of Kiki.



Kiki!



Michael McGill at the Lake Claire Pool

NEW CONTEST:

KIDS: Find the hidden MARSHMALLOW MAN in this month's Clarion. He was the one who led throngs to Lake Claire Park at last year's Halloween party. Hint, he looks somewhat like Mr. Olsen on Leonardo. Find him, 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 with the answer. Any Lake Claire kid is eligible. **Hurry and look;** competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.

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. Choose any topic of your choice. Maybe Thanksgiving and what you love about it! Be creative...we'd love to hear from you – by OCTOBER 15 for the NOVEMBER issue.