

State of the Neighborhood

Lake Claire President's Message

by Joe Agee

Due to a faulty analysis of planetary alignment for this fall, the Lake Claire Tour of Homes did not happen. But not to despair; another attempt will be made next year. In this vein, if you've looked at your Lake Claire banner (a **package deal for \$50.00 if combined with annual dues!**) recently you'll notice that it says "est. circa 1915." I think this means that at least 100 years will have gone by when 2015 starts, which also would result in it being our Centennial Year, so we should really try to crank something up...perhaps combining it with the Tour of Homes or maybe a fun run/walk, etc. **Any suggestions and volunteering will be welcome.** Contact Sara Rockaway: fun@lakeclaire.org

As for the current state of the neighborhood, many events have and will come off by the time you

read this message. On September 27, the Clifton Sanctuary Ministries (CSM) held its annual graduation ceremony for the men who have benefited from the great work that this organization does. Taking a different approach from the past, the gathering was held on the grounds of the CSM and was open to all the residents of Lake Claire. Food and music was also provided for this uplifting event. Donations of course are always welcome. A couple of weeks later I was at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust (LCCLT) Peace and Love Fest on Oct. 11 and had, along with a lot of other people, a great time. On the 17th, Bill Fleming's Annual Harold Avenue Street Dance happened, featuring his and other local talent. The Lake Claire Parents Annual Halloween Parade will have taken place

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Hidden Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man Found by Lake Claire Leo, **Ally Bliss**. Pictured here: Tyler Bliss, Ally Bliss, Peter (the S-P MM), and Alyssa Olson with Seija (happy birthday) and Synnove

Lake Claire is chock full of little pirates, princesses, super heroes, monsters, Harry Potter characters, and just plain cuteness! On Pages 8 & 9, see the evidence -- pictures from Lake Claire's annual Halloween parade/party on October 25 – once again a fun event.



What a great bat! One of many creative costumes (photo by Callie Kaiser)

Lake Claire thanks **Beth Krebs** for her great work serving as the **Lake Claire Neighbors Liaison for Education** for the last two years.

Remembering a Friend and Colleague

by Paige McKay Kubik, Frazer Center Executive Director

Anyone who ever met Ken Tarczewski, our former Director of Facilities and Grounds, knows that he brought the Frazer Center's motto of "Gather. Learn. Flourish." to life:

Gather: His commitment to excellence in his work made the Frazer Forest, Cator Woolford Gardens, and the Frazer Center a warm, welcoming, beautiful place to gather.

Learn: From his sharing his vast expertise and his knowledge of Frazer, the surrounding community, and its history, we have all learned.

Flourish: Thanks to his love and friendship for each of those we serve and for his Frazer teammates, we flourish.

Ken was engaged in every aspect of our work and with every person who passed through Frazer's doors. He changed Frazer and each of us for the better. Shortly before Ken passed away, he was out two weeks due to a cold and an allergic reaction that sent him to the ICU. When he returned to work, I don't know who was happier, him or me. He gave me an

1000-watt smile and a big bear hug. Knowing he was so happy to see me made me feel like a million bucks. Shortly after we got the bad news, I began to realize that every staff member got that kind of greeting, along with encouraging words from Ken about how much he or she was appreciated. We didn't know it then, but on Ken's last day at Frazer, he gave each of us a beautiful memory and encouragement. It was a powerful good-bye.

Even before I arrived at Frazer, Ken was calling to find out what he could do to make my new of-

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NOVEMBER – mark your calendars!

(See also Fall and Winter Festivals Page 3)

1 & 15 Land Trust Drum Circle, dark until 11:00 pm. **Note new ending time!** Please walk, bike, or carpool. Donation requested.

1 Fernbank Bird Walk—details of this and many other activities at Fernbank!—check it out at <http://www.fernbank.edu/birdtours.htm> -- Museum, Classroom, and Woodland complex

4 Uncle Sam Wants You this day (i.e., go vote!)

8 Savor the City – a night of wine tastings benefitting the Frazer Center, 6:30-9 p.m., Frazer Center Atrium, Visit www.frazercenter.org/savorthecity for more information.

8 Decatur Wine Festival, 12:30-4:30pm, downtown Decatur, taste wines from around the globe, <http://decaturwinefestival.org/> --- and see many other fall and winter festivals on **page 3**

8-9 Literacy Alliance monthly sale, 884 Lake Ave, Inman Park, Noon to 5:00 p.m., on the second Saturday & Sunday of each month. Details literacyallianceatlanta.org or laura1hauser1@yahoo.com.

11 Sierra Club monthly meeting – 2nd Tuesday of each month, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 2089 Ponce de Leon Ave @ East Lake Drive, refreshments at 7pm, meeting start 7:30 pm. See <http://georgia.sierraclub.org/atlanta/> Dedicated to protecting, preserving and enhancing the 100-mile Georgia coast

14 Jenny Lewis, 8:30 pm, Variety Playhouse, The Buckhead Theatre, <http://www.variety-playhouse.com/event/jenny-lewis/>

15 See Nov. 1 / LT Drum Circle

15 BeltLine Tours - tour registrations open on the 15th of every month for the following month at Beltline.org/tours. More than 20,000 people have taken the free, three-hour tour of the Atlanta BeltLine. Tours are so popular that they typically fill each month within 45 minutes of reservations opening.

18 Dekalb History Center Lunch & Learn, 12 noon-1pm, Historic Courthouse, Court Square Decatur, "The History of Agnes Scott College, 125 Years." (Started in 1889 by a group of men at Decatur Presbyterian Church, originally called "Decatur Female Seminary," gradually developed into a college. Free, bring your lunch. For more info, contact Melissa Forgey 404-373-1088 ext 22

20 and the 3rd Thursday of every month - Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting, The Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, pizza (thanks, Savage); 7:15 meeting start – about one hour. **NEXT MONTH – NO MEETING: INSTEAD THE AN-**

NUAL XMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 11 (see details below).


27 Turkey Day! Traditionally a devout and religious festival celebrated to thank God for granting a generous harvest during the autumn season, a highly sacred and praying holiday, Thanksgiving has transformed into a feasting and family occasion. (Note also lighting of Macy's Tree @Lenox Square) Rita Damon turns 91!

****EARLY DECEMBER**:**

Saturday, Dec. 6 Lake Claire Community Land Trust's Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (location TBA) (email Miriam Herbers to sign up, or for more information, mvherbers@yahoo.com. See article on Page 11)

Thursday, Dec. 11 **Lake Claire Annual Christmas/Holidays/End-of-Year Party** Plan to come to the Frazer Center Atrium, Thursday, December 11, 6:30-8:30, for this fun neighborhood annual dinner. Exciting plans are in the works. See article on page 3, and look for updates on the website and in the December Clarion.

Calendar deadline for DECEMBER Clarion: NOVEMBER 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org. The Clarion is your newspaper, we hope for ideas/submissions.



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Lake Claire Annual Elections at November 20 meeting

The annual election of officers for 2015 of Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) for 2015 will be at the monthly meeting on **November 20**. All of our current officers have agreed to continue in their positions, so even though there is not a contested election, do come to vote for them to show your continued support, and to enjoy the rest of the meeting, as well. Enjoy pizza and Coke, meet and greet neighbors, hear reports from our APD beat officers, officer reports, green space progress reports, and discussions of other matters that arise. Please come, even if it is your first meeting. It is not only informative, but fun and convivial. Attendees typical span the diversity of the neighborhood, including folks who have just moved here to folks who have lived in Lake Claire

30+ years; folks who have been active in the neighborhood and folks who have not. It is always interesting to hear the reports from the Atlanta Police officers, as well as to be kept up to date on security, the environmental initiatives, and a myriad of other issues. Plus, our president, Joe Agee, makes a concerted effort to keep everyone on track, so the length of the meeting is typically right at one hour. The Frazer Center kindly provides the meeting space the third Thursday of each month, and Savage pizza kindly provides – the pizza! We hope to see you on November 20, and at some meetings to come. As a reminder, there is no business meeting in December; it is replaced by the annual party (see details below).

Update on Clifton Road Traffic Safety: Stop Signs/Paddles Installed October 23

Kelly Crutcher and others worked hard to keep the traffic safety issue of our kids on Clifton on the radar with the City of Atlanta. Both Natalyn Archibong's and Kwanza Hall's offices were involved because Clifton Road is between the two districts. Valencia Hudson, the Public Safety Liaison for Councilmember Archibong, who often attends our monthly meetings, has worked hard to coordinate with the City, and she said in mid October that the in-street crosswalk paddles we requested (see picture here) would be installed within weeks, and indeed, they have been in-



In-Street Crosswalk Paddles Now on Clifton

stalled, as promised.

Thank you, Valencia, Kelly, Melissa Pressman, and others who reported to the City's Office of Planning and Transportation about the seriousness of this problem. Now let's see if the drivers obey the law!

You are Invited! – Lake Claire's Annual Party December 11

Just in case the December Clarion's delivery is toward the end of that first week, we hope you'll mark your calendars now to join your Lake Claire neighbors (little 'n' and big 'N') in celebrating the holiday season, the year 2014, and the anticipation of the new year. Please join us at the Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner, Thursday, December 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. As usual, our friends at the Frazer Center have provided the use of the Atrium. LCN will provide vegetarian & meat lasagnas, lemonade, wine, and desserts. All attendees: please bring a salad, a side dish, or bread,

with serving utensils.

Please note that December 11 is the second Thursday, not the customary third Thursday of the month. Finally, please note that the Ridgewood gate will be closed to cars, but open to pedestrians. Cars must enter and exit the Frazer Center on South Ponce de Leon Avenue.

Myles Nielsen on Hardendorf has agreed to be our DJ again; his sisters, Stella and Esther, will do Irish dancing, and they will teach the little kids there a quick Irish dance number so they can get up and move!

We hope to see you there!



Partiers from Last year. Xmas centerpieces designed by Pen Sherwood (in Santa hat, next to hubby Andrew, treasurer, in Santa hat)

Fall and Winter Intown Festival Calendar

Thanks to Anna Kilinski

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

November:

1 – Chomp & Stomp Festival & 5K; 1-2 – Chastain Park Arts Festival; 8 – Decatur Wine Fest; 8 – 32nd Annual Veterans Day

Parade; 15 – Ponce de Leon Beer Fest; 15-January 3 – *Garden Lights, Holiday Nights* (<http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/events-classes/events/garden-lights>); Centennial Olympic Park Ice Rink Opens http://www.centennialpark.com/?page_id=123; 27 – Lenox Square Tree

Lighting; 27 – Atlanta Half Marathon & Thanksgiving 5K (<http://www.atlantahalfmarathon.org/>).

December:

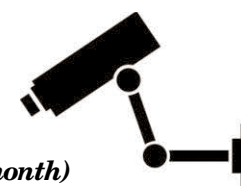
6 – Atlanta Beltline Eastside 10k (<http://beltline.org/programs/better-you/running-series/2014-eastside-10k/>); 31 – Underground Atlanta Peach

Drop (<http://www.peachdrop.com/>)

All have websites!—Look them up, and have fun! (*Editor's note—go to the Peach Drop website—the countdown until the peach drops has already begun!!*)

Keep An Eye on the Crime and the Time:

Lake Claire Security Report, August 31 – September 27, 2014



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

Auto Theft

1900 block Tuxedo Ave	9/12/14	Doors left unlocked; vehicle had been entered the previous week with nothing taken; unreported	2004 silver Lexus	from driveway
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Burglary

400 block Sutherland Pl	9/3/14	Taken: multiple pieces of jewelry, 2 televisions; back door kicked in. Witness advised that a teenager came to her door asking if Isaiah was home. She saw 2 more young men sitting in a grey Dodge Durango parked in front of her house. Prints taken		
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Other Larceny

2100 block Palifox Dr	9/23/14	trailer stolen from street in front of residence Witness stated that she saw a U-Haul truck blocking her neighbor's driveway and then pulling the trailer away.		
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Theft from Auto

400 block Claire Ave	9/12/14	two vehicles in driveway. Taken: camera, sunglasses. No forced entry, although doors were believed to be locked.		
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Edgewood Retail District requests that patrons program 678-618-2308 into phones to report any problems. This is ERD's 24 hour security number.

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

told otherwise, it is still better to dial 404-658-6666 when using a cell phone. Tell the operator you're in APD's Zone 6, Beat 608 if your location does not automatically come up on the operator's screen. It's also a good idea to give a call back number. For up to date security reports join lakeclaireneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com.



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Wild in Lake Claire

by Carol Vanderschaaf

A coyote was spotted in Lake Claire around 11 p.m. on Friday, October 17, in the middle of the intersection of Indiana and Mathews Avenue by Stephanie Hackett Apuzzo and her husband.

Steph reports that the animal ran down Mathews away from them. "I had heard reports, but

never seen one with my own eyes," Stephanie stated. "It was a little unnerving for all the cats who frequent the neighborhood!"

Yes, it is so sad about the cats. Recently, I noticed the many "cat missing" signs, particularly at Candler Park Market. I hope that this coyote spotting serves as a warning that they are

around -- and they do attack cats left out at night.

From his office window on Harold, Dan White spotted this owl in a tree next to their house -- our new neighborhood icon.



Picture of Owl by Dan White

The Most Honorable Turkey

by Carol Vanderschaaf

If Ben Franklin had had his way, the Wild Turkey would have been our national bird rather than the Bald Eagle. Ben found the eagle to be a bird of "bad moral character," prone to stealing the catch of other birds who had gotten it honestly. Ben also found the Eagle "a rank coward." A bird no bigger than a sparrow "can drive him out of the district." In the vote that ensued, the Wild Turkey lost by one vote.

So let's talk about Ben's choice. The wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) is native to North Amer-

ica. It is the biggest game bird in Georgia. This is the bird from which the domestic turkey was bred. The Wild Turkey can fly almost 60 MPH. Guess that's why it had to be domesticated! The bird's hearing is far better than ours. It can hear territorial males up to one mile away - and it can see three times better than we. So stop calling the turkey a turkey!!

The Wild Turkey was very important to native peoples. They would establish habitat for it by burning down trees to make

a meadow which would attract mating birds. Eastern tribes, in particular, ate both the eggs and meat of the bird, even turning the meat into a type of jerky (not to be found at the 7/11) to preserve it for their winter needs. Turkey feathers were used for headgear and cloaks and could be important in rituals. One tribe, the Caddo, had a ritual turkey dance.

Turkeys are inhabitants of forests and open woodland, particularly in the mountains, but you might keep your eyes peeled in

the neighborhood as well. Several years ago a flock of the birds was reported near the corner of Clifton and North Decatur Roads, and one was regularly seen hanging out in the parking lot of Emory Law School. I think they went into hiding in early November of that year.

Any sightings since? If so please email me, cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net for the Wild in Lake Claire column. - Thanks, Carol

Traditional Time of the Year to be THANKFUL

The Clarion is thankful...

for our delivery volunteers -- The "Clarion carriers," some of whom have been volunteering with the Clarion for *many* years, and who the first week of every month make a supreme effort to get the paper to your door within a week of its being printed and distributed;

...for our advertising coordinator Pat Del Rey, our delivery managers (both previous delivery manager Sarah Wynn and

now Alicia McGill), and to our layout artist, Erik Rühling;

... for artists/photographers Sarah Coburn, Gretchen Connell, Anna Trodglén, Lore Ruttan;

... for Stephen Wing, Elizabeth Knowlton, and Carol Vanderschaaf, for regularly contributing to the Clarion; to all the young readers who have contributed to the Kids' Corner page; and to all other contributors this year;

...for Leslie Hodges, for the

Lake Claire banner

...for our advertisers -- We hope that when you need a product or service, you will support our advertisers. *Their* support allows us to produce our product, your Lake Claire Clarion.

Much appreciation goes to all of these -- as well to all volunteers on all initiatives in Lake Claire that add to our wonderful neighborhood! With apologies if I missed someone...

The Clarion always welcomes your comments, feedback, and submissions.

**Thank you,
and Happy
Thanksgiving,
Lake Claire.**

~ Warmly, Beth Damon

At Thanksgiving time, we sincerely thank our Clarion advertisers. They help us pay for this neighborhood newspaper's production! Please support our advertisers when you need a product or service.



by Anna Trodglén

Close-Up on a Clarion Carrier: Anna Kilinski Brent

Around two dozen Lake Claire neighbors are involved in the effort to produce and deliver this newspaper. Though the editor, layout artist, distribution manager, and webmaster are named in the masthead, many more volunteers are involved, including writers, advertisers, and our "Clarion Carriers," one of whom is Anna Kilinski.

Anna Kilinski Brent, married to Spencer Brent, has enjoyed living in Lake Claire for several years, having moved here from Cabbagetown. She has always loved the dynamic style of our neighborhood from our community events, friendliness, culture, and unique vibe. She has been helping to deliver the Clarion for about two years, "just a small token of gratitude and involvement to support our community," she says. She also co-chaired the Candler Park Tour of homes last year, and because they live on Clifton, she feels that both Lake Claire and Candler Park are their home. She has been selling real estate for 8 years, growing and leading a small team of specialists where she operates as a Listing Specialist. Her team focuses primarily on 30307 and surrounding neighborhoods, as that is where they live, work and play. Selling real estate is a natural calling for her, however, sometimes it makes her sad that



Anna and Spencer at their wedding this March

she meets some of her neighbors for the first time when they are moving and selling their homes. She and her husband, Spencer were recently married in New Orleans (where Anna is from), and she has made intown Atlanta her home and her passion.

We previously covered in the

Clarion that Anna wanted to bring together runners in the community (February 2013). She began the Candler Park & Lake Claire running club two years ago that meets each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Candler Park market - often followed by beer and pizza :-). Anna and Spencer

plan to "stay for the long haul" and are exploring opportunities to add to their current home to make space for "future additions to their family."

Thank you to Anna, and to all of our volunteers, who make it a priority to fit service to the neighborhood into very busy lives.

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Lake Claire President's Message

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on the 25th with Peter Olsen, the Stay-Puft-Marshmallow Man, in front, and organizational help from Emily Oppelt, Kris Wellen, many volunteers, and photo coverage by our editor Beth Damon. Now that we're on the subject, I won't pass up the opportunity to plug the **Lake Claire Neighbors Annual Christmas dinner scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 11** from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Atrium of the Frazer Center. This is in lieu of the regular LCN meeting for December, so you won't have to hear me talk. If that's not enough of an incentive, don't forget that there is also music and wine -- but most of all just a whole lot of nice people eating and communing together.

On the more practical side of neighborhood activities, the City of Atlanta has provided a detailed design plan for **Lake Claire Park (LCP)**. It involved many hours of work by Judy Hammack and the Friends of LCP to develop a long-range projection for improvements and upgrades that will depend mostly on funds raised as time goes on. Also, **Trees Atlanta** will have

planted at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust on the 18th, while on Nov. 1 Brynan Hadaway will have hosted a large group of student volunteers led by Kenan Maldonado of the Germination Project to help with the beautification work funded by a *Love Your Block Grant* for the LCCLT. In the spirit of neighborhood cooperation, Brynan generously offered to send part of the group down to the Harold Avenue Green Space for cleanup and maintenance. A truly synergistic deal!

Traffic issues remain, such as problems with the left turn lanes on DeKalb Ave. and safety for children crossing Clifton Road (see article on page 3). Kelly Crutcher, Miriam Herbers, and Melissa Pressman have made requests for improvements that have been sent to the City's Office of Planning and Transportation by way of Natalyn Archibong's office.

As we approach Lake Claire's centennial year, it's important to reflect on how we got to where we are today. Much has gone on from being part of the original Olmstead

Park design in 1915 to becoming a unique intown neighborhood. Two world wars, plans for the Stone Mountain Freeway in the early sixties (that would have cut through the bottom half of Lake Claire including the Frazer Forest and the Cator Woolford Gardens), the Presidential Parkway of the eighties providing a smaller version, and other hazards to the environment such as the development of property on Clifton and Ponce that borders our neighborhood. On the other hand, these types of challenges have also served to create and/or energize our neighborhood organization and volunteers. Although today issues may be somewhat more mundane (traffic, variances, green spaces, festivals, safety, education, etc.), they are still crucial to our general well-being. However, we should not forget the historical picture, and care must be taken to preserve what we have. This means keeping in close contact with adjacent neighborhoods and surrounding institutions including the Freedom Park Conservancy, the Olmstead Linear Park Al-



liance, the Frazer Center, and even the Atlanta Belt Line, to promote long-range connectivity with all of our green spaces in order to maintain as much of the tree canopy and open space as possible.

With all that, let me make an appeal for getting in the \$20.00 dues for the LCN. In the February edition of the Clarion for this year, treasurer Andrew Sherwood gave a good description of how the funds are needed for such things as expenses for our green space projects, the Annual Christmas Dinner, fees, donations to local institutions, including police and fire personnel, for our peerless and informative newspaper, etc.

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather and scenery and looking forward to completing another year in Atlanta's most singular neighborhood.
~Joe

Support Our Neighborhood – Thoughts from the Clarion

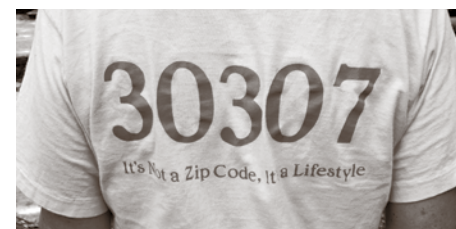
Our Neighborhood president, Joe Agee (see President's Update, page 1 and continued above), mentioned getting in the \$20.00 dues for the LCN. Our treasurer (above, this page) notes that 100 people have paid this year. This is 100 out of **about 1200** households. Many neighbors might not realize that we have a neighborhood group that organizes and plans community events, donates to worthy causes, improves our green spaces, installs signs, and more. Financial support

from Lake Claire residents is necessary for the neighborhood group, Lake Claire Neighbors, to continue these activities.

Paying dues heightens our individual and family sense of belonging and our investment in our community, both financially and emotionally. As the saying goes "*30307 is more than a zip code*," and indeed, this neighborhood was founded on and is known for its sense of community. We all appreciate and benefit from our neighborhood's being able to do-

nate to the policemen, firemen, and organizations such as Clifton Sanctuary Ministries and the Frazer Center, all of whom give so much to others. I hope also of course that neighbors enjoy the Clarion, which often pays for itself through advertising. Once in a while, we produce a larger issue like this one, with color pages and extra articles that extend to more pages – and more printing costs. In order to do that, we occasionally need not only the ad-

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Lake Claire Neighbors' Heartfelt Thank-You!

by Andrew Sherwood
(Treasurer)

Lake Claire Neighbors sends a heartfelt Thank You to **more than one hundred people who have paid their \$20 dues so far this year.** Your contributions play a major role in funding our activities - including the forthcoming Christmas Dinner - as well as support for charitable organizations in the neighborhood. Your Executive Committee wishes to thank you all.

For others who may have hesitated, there is still time to become a fully paid-up member this year. We look forward to any and all contributions, so please hesitate no longer!

How to Pay Dues? Mail a check to Lake Claire Neighbors, attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107, or go to www.lake-claire.org/lcn/members.htm. Help keep neighborhood coffers "in the black." If you haven't, and if you are able, please pay \$20 yearly dues. Just like with National Public Radio, any amount is certainly appreciated!

And remember, you can receive a Lake Claire Banner package deal for \$50.00 if combined with annual dues!

Daisies in the Land Trust

by Heidi Hill

If you made it out to the Land Trust's fantastic Peace & Love Harvest Fest on October 11, you may have seen some Daisy scouts decked out in their blue vests selling raffle tickets for the event. Troop 14547, made up of sixteen first graders from Lake Claire and the surrounding neighborhoods, volunteered to sell tickets for the LCCLT; they worked



Daisy Esther Williams looks through the infrared camera

the crowd in shifts of two scouts an hour to help raise money for



To earn their safety award, the Daisies of Troop 14547 learned about fire safety from the firefighters of Candler Park's Station 12 (at the troop's meeting at the Land Trust in October)

the Land Trust. The Daisies who volunteered got the chance to

meet new people, practice mak-

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Fantastic Halloween Party

On Saturday, October 25, neighbors from all over Lake Claire once again dressed in their festive and frightful best, ready to parade into the park. The crowd was large, the scene animated for one of Lake Claire's signature events of the year, and through the baked goods, a fundraiser for Lake Claire Parents. As always, the streets abounded with witches, ballerinas, pirates, skeletons, superheroes, princesses, and others. Peter Olson of Leonardo was superbly decked out again as the Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man from the Ghostbusters franchise, greeting and charming the kids. Without the work of many neighbors, the parade and party would never be possible. Thanks

to coordinators Emily Oppelt and Kris Wellen, Cara Tobin, Marshall, Waugh, McCarthy (TME designs), Ruddell Barclay (Trumaker), Cynthia Baer (real estate), Paige Kubrik (Frazer Center), Janet & Steve Cywilko, Peter Olson, Connors, Stacy, Wilson, Neal, Frazier, Fisbhen, Waugh, Mikrut, Dorsner, Raimonde, Candler Park Market, Biscuit, and the Frazer Center... AND--to any others who pitched in. Apologies to anyone we inadvertently forgot and to those whose pictures wouldn't fit. Once again, this event was fun for everyone, of all ages. It was the usual terrific kickoff to the Halloween week!



Emily & Kris (L, R), organizers



Cool Booties..Zackie...



The cupcakes were popular!



Thank you, Frazer Center, Candler Park Market, all volunteers, and all the kids!



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Remembering Friend and Colleague Ken Tarczewski

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feel like home. When an ice storm closed the city after I'd been on the job for the entirety of 12 hours, Ken and I were tethered by our cell phones. I couldn't ask a question about the safety of our people or the condition of the building that Ken hadn't already anticipated.

Whenever I had a day when the learning curve was particularly steep, Ken would drop in to pick at me a little and then reassure

me that he was glad I had come to Frazer and hoped I'd stay. Whenever we faced a hard decision, Ken would be our "Cowboy," our straight shooter, and say the things we needed to hear, with a touch of humor. He expected the best of us and of himself, and was so dedicated to this place.

As time goes on and the regular routines begin again, perhaps the best way to honor our friend is for us to deepen our commitment

to the Frazer mission. We'll continue to advance our programs for children and adults, celebrate the differences of our friends and neighbors, and truly excel at creating an inclusive community—surrounded by beautiful forests and wonderful facilities that Ken lovingly maintained for us all to enjoy.



Support Our Neighborhood

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vertising revenues, but some financial support from dues. For all of these reasons, we hope you are able to and will consider a contribution.

Of course, some people cannot afford to pay yearly dues or choose not to. And many give to Lake Claire in other ways – hours of their time volunteering to work on neighborhood projects and donation of their organizational, photographic, artistic, or

other skills to the neighborhood. Whether you give cash, time, or skills – your support of the neighborhood is needed -- and appreciated.

A fellow Lake Claire resident, who prefers to remain anonymous, told me recently, "I remember paying my dues the first time. It was several tears after we moved here, and I did feel badly that it had taken me so long to become aware or be orga-

nized enough to realize there was a neighborhood association that needed my contribution. And after paying I felt so good, and with it came a surprising sense of ownership and connection."

We hope that you find that sort of sense of ownership and connection with this neighborhood – whether it be through paying dues or by giving of your time and energy. If you have not been aware of the need for participa-

tion, perhaps take the time right now to write a check and send it in – or contact the volunteer coordinator (Sara Rockaway, at fun@lakeclaire.org) to find out fun ways to volunteer. And, if you have time, come to the next neighborhood meeting to meet neighbors and to have a voice in what we do.

Atlanta BeltLine Partnership Rolls Out New Highly-Sustainable, ADA Accessible Tour Bus

With the purchase of a natural gas-powered tour bus in mid October, the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership's tour program has become both more environmentally and economically sustainable and handicapped accessible.

The Atlanta BeltLine is the

most comprehensive transportation and economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and among the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment programs currently underway in the United States. The Atlanta BeltLine is a sustainable

redevelopment project that will provide a network of public parks, multi-use trails and transit along a historic 22-mile railroad corridor circling downtown and connecting many neighborhoods directly to each other. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) is the entity tasked with

planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine in partnership with other public and private organizations, including City of Atlanta departments. For more information on the Atlanta BeltLine, please visit www.BeltLine.org.

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



Liam Javaheri

Lots of November Birthdays:

Nov. 3 Seija Olson - 2 yrs old (Leonardo) (pictured on Page 1)
Nov. 7 Sue McAvoy (Leonardo)
Nov. 10 Avery James Cooper – 1 year old (Leonardo)
Nov. 11 Susan Ledbetter and Elizabeth Knowlton (Arizona)

Nov. 15 Aileen Mary Styczynski -- 1 year old (Harold)
Nov 19 Sarah Shalf (Harold)
Nov. 22 Astrid will be 1 year old (Leonardo, daughter of Sarah Coburn and Erik Rühling)
Nov. 24 Anne d'agostino (Connecticut)
Correction from last month: October 2: Margaret Witten, Tuxedo Avenue. Happy birthday!

Double Congrats:

...to Sue McAvoy (Leonardo), who has just retired from Emory Law School after 20 years! (secondly, for her birthday)

HELLO!

...to Liam Samad Javaheri, born 10/18/14 to Kimberly and Pedram "P.J." Javaheri, and big

brother Landon Javaheri, Harold Avenue. Welcome, Liam, to Lake Claire.

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 NOVEMBER 15 for the DECEMBER newspaper.

November into December in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

Let us now take stock of our garden successes this year. We had a coolish summer although warmer than last year, and the rainfall was not always helpful. There were no great amounts in the winter to fill lakes and provide a reservoir for our large trees in hot weather. Except for March, April, July, and August, rainfall was below average; and in no month did it measure more than 6.2 inches. In the summer, a brief shower can cool the air but does nothing for the soil, sometimes bone dry for inches below the surface. From July 20 until Aug. 8, we had such a spell of useless, short showers. For two days we did have good rain (while I was out of town); and then from Aug. 10 to Sept. 8 we had another long, dry spell. This has continued all the way until Oct. 14 when my two rain gauges oddly measured 3.4" and 5.5", unusually unhelpful. All that has been high has been our water bill as I relentlessly used soaker hoses, sprinklers, watering cans, and the rain barrel (soon depleted).

The winner of the year among vegetables has been okra Silver Queen, a pale green type that towers over my head and is still producing. Why these are prolific (129 picked by mid October) and Clemson Spineless did so poorly this year, I cannot say. I amended and watered each bed the same. One gets sun slightly earlier than the other but less later. Other winners are eggplant Fairytale and sweet pepper Lipstick (still covered with green peppers), perhaps because I plant them in huge tubs near my eastern doorway where they get early sun and plenty of attention. Ping Tung eggplant has done well also even in a garden bed. This was not a great year for tomatoes because of squirrel depredations beginning in late July, just as many of the fruits were ripening. I had picked dozens of Ultra Girls and Bella Rosas by then though. Now that the squirrels have gone back to nuts, my plants, ugly with disease as they are, have picked up speed; and I will have many tomatoes,

even green, to pick by frost, one of the perks of our climate. I had good lettuce in the rainy spring and need to start it earlier. Bush beans that I began August 21 have not "made it." After flowering profusely and setting little beans, most of the crop disappeared, perhaps eaten by voracious insects. I will try to start the fall crop earlier next year.

Of flowers, the annuals that have done best are nasturtiums, celosia 'Fresh Look Red,' rudbeckias (brown-eyed Susans), tidy tips (self-sowed), globe flowers, the zinnia 'Profusion' series, especially the coral pinks and apricots, dianthus 'Sweetness,' and, of course, the French marigolds, still going strong. I was especially surprised by the dianthus, never such a success for me before. I sowed the seed Mar. 6, transplanted outside in April, and saw no blooms until July 11; but they have continued flowering ever since in hot midday sun and with little attention. None of these is difficult to start from seed so I encourage you all to try

sowing flower seeds yourself. The nasturtiums are large and can be direct-seeded into the garden along with other large seeds like morning glories. Sow the others in germinating soil inside in pots and separate into larger containers when they show two real leaves. Because flowers generally are slow to grow, try to start them in January or February in our climate. Marigolds and zinnias are the easiest for beginners.

I still have perennial flowers in bloom, staples that begin late and are with us long after narcissus, iris, and daylilies have come and gone. They include both garden phlox (*paniculata*, not phlox *sublata*, the low springtime plant) 'Robert Poore' and 'David.' The latter is a modern white that seems impervious to the usual phlox problems like mildew. I *think* I have 'Robert Poore,' but have lost track, so many cultivars of phlox had I killed before this four-foot, pinky purple flower took root in the same difficult spot as the dianthus. I was just

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More Halloween Pictures



Panorama on page 8 by Kris Wellen; other photos pp. 8-9 and above by Beth Damon. Email editor@lakeclaire.org for a copy of your spooktacular child's picture!

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Gardening in November/December in Lake Claire

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determined to have that childhood scent in my garden. One source says it tolerates deer, clay soil, and black walnuts. Deer are about the only animals I have *not* seen in my garden, but I can vouch that the residue of a black walnut (removed ca. 1980) made that end of the garden so inhospitable to plants that I finally had the actual site dug for a pond. The phlox began to bloom June 27 and are still in flower in late October. The Japanese anemones did not open until August, but they too are still putting on a good show. They prefer an afternoon shade spot, so 'Prinz Henri'

is fine to the east of a crape myrtle. However, to keep 'Honorine Jobert' going on the southwest corner of my street bed, I go out once or twice a day with a bucket

are putting in narcissus, make the hole deep, 8" is not too much, and add some bulb food to the soil for the future as these will come back and bloom for many

climate. Narcissus bulbs are poisonous so will not be disturbed. Squirrels are very fond of the large Dutch crocus yet will leave most of the earlier, species crocus alone. You can plant these small bulbs by making a shallow pit about 4-6 inches deep, scattering your bulbs in the hole, and firming the soil back over with your feet before the squirrels notice what you are doing. Finish up this task by December because now our gardening season really begins.

You may write Elizabeth with questions and comments at knowltonew@earthlink.net

*November is the month
for bulb planting.*

of shower water.

If you have not planted perennials yet, better wait until March. November is *the* month for bulb planting, though, so make a good start now. If you

years as long as their foliage is left to dry away naturally in the springtime sun. Plant tulips the same depth, the better to survive being eaten, even though they do not regularly rebloom in our

"Alarm Barking" Is Not Normal Dog Behavior!

A Note to All the Dog Folks in Our Community

I am so thankful that so many of us love and have dogs living with us in Lake Claire. But have you ever thought about why your dog barks? I have given it a lot of thought and observation and would like to share what I've learned.

Some of us tune out dog barking as some unpleasant background noise, and we basically ignore it. But constant barking is not normal for a dog, any more than a person repeatedly calling someone's name. A dog that barks continually for an extended period is trying to call to its people, who are its "pack," to get their attention about something that is happening for her or him.

Dogs have a full range of emotions and have different temperaments just like we do, and barking occurs for many different reasons. *We need to stop what we are doing, go see what is going on, and alleviate our dog's concern. This is kind to the animal, and also to our neighbors* who must endure the commotion.

The times that I find barking most distressing is when it is allowed to go on for 5, 10, 30 minutes or more. Non-stop barking is called "alarm barking," and is not a pleasant pastime for the dog; it is very stressful. I have heard dogs barking themselves hoarse in our neighborhood. Either they are scared or nervous, or they do not feel right being separated or left alone without their family members. *Their barking should not be ignored.* Sometimes they

may smell a possum or other animal in the area, but there is no reason to let them keep calling and calling -- and wearing themselves out and everyone else within earshot!

Besides the fact that I cannot sleep when dogs are continually barking, I know that we here in

Tips from Dog Trainers on Continuous Barking

by Lynn Nomad

If you are home: *please react* when your dog barks. Make sure the dog knows that barking is a message, and that you are responding. "What is it, Fido?" "What's up, boy?" -- etc. A barking dog often sets off other dogs in the immediate neighborhood, resulting in a chorus of barking

ing. When leaving a dog alone, provide mental stimulus for him or her in the form of balls, empty ice cream buckets, or a large beef knuckle bone. Leaving a radio playing which is audible to the dog (but not the neighbors) may also help. If you know you'll be absent for long periods of time, arrange for a dog walker.

Most important, ensure the dog has plenty of quality time with family members and receives adequate daily exercise.

On another note... Taking dogs to dog parks is a great daily exercise. The one on Oakhurst, on East Lake Drive almost to the heart of Oakhurst where Oakview Drive intersects East Lake, is a great dog park. It is illegal to let dogs off leashes in Lake Claire Park (or any City park) and potentially

dangerous for other law-abiding dog walkers with dogs on leashes. There have been numerous reports of problems by dog owners walking dogs through the park. Again, another way to be kind to your neighbors -- and obey the law.



our community want to be the most humane with our pets that we can. I am requesting that dog folks tune in instead of tuning out when their pets are trying, repeatedly, to say something to them. And I can get some more sleep. ~ Thanks, Dawn Aura

dogs. Speak to the doggie, and calm him down. Please bring the dog indoors if necessary. This is a kindness to your dogs -- and neighbors.

If you are not home: It is important to combat potential boredom that leads to incessant bark-

Lake Claire Residents Partake of Ration and Drams

'Round the Corner from Lake Claire at *Ration and Dram*

by Beth Damon



Sunset from Ration and Dram

Three of us walked around the corner to Ration and Dram at the end of last month, and it was such a delight. There is relaxing décor and ambiance, with indoor and outdoor spaces on top and bottom floors. We (Patricia Del Rey, Christiane French, and I) sat in the upstairs room, and at our window-side table, we chatted as the sun set dramatically behind the Arizona lofts.

All evening the staff operated as a team to ensure our comfort and happiness, and they were friendly and knowledgeable about the eclectic food and drink offerings. For example, we began with aperitifs. They excel at specialty cocktails. I love their "Pistola de Oro," which is comprised of revolucion reposado, contratto bianco, and king's ginger. One of us expressed preference for less sweetness, and the waitperson worked together with her to craft a custom drink that was just what my friend wanted.

For dinner, we shared the roasted chicken, a Brussels sprouts dish containing apples, squash, and daikon, and the sweet potato quinoa salad. Everything

impressed us with its inventiveness and food quality as well as the impeccable service throughout the meal.

There were many unique touches that pleased us in addition to the food and service. One, for example, was the listing of sides on the back of an actual public library index card.

The owners pride themselves on sourcing local, hormone-free, and pesticide-free meats and produce, so depending on availability the menu does change with the season.

Lastly, and this is extremely important to my enjoyment of dining out, the music and noise level was acceptable; we could have easy conversation at our table without having to strain to hear or raise our voices over loud music and others' voices, as often one finds in restaurants these days.

In sum, it was a convivial evening and great food experience. I can picture this becoming Lake Claire's go-to place for relaxing cocktails and good fare. Come with the intention to savor flavors and to spend quality time.



The front of the restaurant



Lake Claire folks relaxing at Ration and Dram

Update on Dad's Garage

Dad's Garage Theatre opened its doors in Inman Park in 1995, bringing a combination of improv comedy, funny plays, and even interactive kids shows to the Inman Park and adjoining neighborhoods, such as Lake Claire.

In 2013, Dad's Garage's home was sold to developers. Since then, the company has performed out of 7 Stages Theatre,

and anywhere else that would lend them a stage. In September, Dad's Garage announced a plan to purchase a church in the resurgent Old Fourth Ward neighborhood. They're raising money for a down payment on the fundraising website Kickstarter at <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1947692763/build-the-house-of-dads>.

Lake Claire Community Land Trust's Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale

Saturday, Dec. 6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(location TBA)

Artists and crafters! Time to round up the elves down in the basement, and put them to work! Once again the Land Trust community will pool its talents to create a winter wonderland of homemade gift selections.

Holiday shoppers! Here's a way to help the Land Trust while supporting local artists and ar-

tisans instead of global corporations with your holiday giving. As in past years, the sale will include pottery, framed art, woodwork, soaps and lotions, jewelry, basketry, knitting, metalwork, greeting cards, books, art boxes, ornaments, cat toys and more.

Each year we have had to move the sale to a larger space. This

year's location has not yet been determined, so check our website or the December *Clarion* for an update. Each artist keeps 75% of the proceeds of his or her table; the rest benefits the Land Trust. To sign up, or for more information, contact Miriam at mvherbers@yahoo.com.



Daisies in the Land Trust

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ing change, and experience some healthy competition with their peers (they all wanted to sell the most tickets!). Some of the scouts even did this in the rain, but they stuck with it! And it paid off—the Land Trust raised more than expected from raffle ticket sales.

We encourage our troop to find ways to support and engage with the local community, and this was a great opportunity for them to assist with a cause that

is aligned with one of their goals this year—earning their “journey” badges for being good stewards of the earth. But their volunteering was also a way to say thank you to the Land Trust for letting us use the space for our monthly troop meetings. Over the summer, troop leader Tamar Williams reached out to the Land Trust to see if we might be able to work together this year. It seemed to be a natural fit: the



Daisies at the Land Trust

Daisies use the green space for their meetings and will potentially be completing their gardening journey at the Trust in the spring, and in exchange they will volunteer their time with the LCCLT for various activities and events. Neighbors helping each other—it's another important lesson our girls are learning as Daisy scouts.

As we continue our second and final year as Daisies (at the end of this year the girls will “bridge”

to become Brownies), you may see them around the neighborhood—especially in January, when they begin selling cookies! They are proud to be an active part of their community and are working hard and having fun as they go on this journey together.

Heidi Hill and Tamar Williams (Harold Ave, pictured here, far right) are co-leaders of Troop 14547. Their daughters, Claudia and Esther, are Daisies in the troop. -Editor



Daisies selling raffle tickets at Peace & Love Fest

New membership policy for LCCLT: Anyone can become a Land Trust Supporter by donating \$10 a year. Donate via www.LCCLT.org/stewardship; mail a check made out to “LCCLT” c/o Treasurer, P.O. Box 5379, Atlanta GA 31107; or donate via the chute in our bulletin board. Include your address, and we'll mail you an “I Support the Land Trust” bumper sticker. Include your email, and we'll add you to our Upcoming & Ongoing email list. (Donation not required to get on this list! Contact info@LCCLT.org.)

Upcoming at the Land Trust . . .

Sat. Nov. 1 and 15 – Land Trust drum circle, dark until 11. Please walk, bike or carpool. Donation requested.

And Saturday, December 6 – Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 290 Arizona Ave. See article this page for more info.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for younger readers to participate. This month we feature **Lillian Lee Sanfilippo**. Lillian and her mom Jennifer Lee have moved to Los Angeles, but Lillian has drawn a picture in honor of Iris Hale and Teri Stewart, longtime Lake Claire residents, who have just closed Donna Van Gogh's. The Lees are good

friends with Iris and Teri, and Jennifer is making a documentary film about them. Lillian is nine years old. She hoped her art could be featured in this issue, coinciding with DVG's closing, "an end of an era," she said. She is glad her mom is making a film of them.



Lillian with Teri and Iris in front of DVG's



DVG - by Lillian Lee Sanfilippo.



Lillian inside DVG's

CONTRATULATIONS TO OUR CONTEST WINNER, ALLY BLISS, WHO FOUND THE HIDDEN STAY-PUFT MARSHMALLOW MAN!! Ally is nine years old and in the 4th grade. She lives with her family on Leonardo. As always, the prize is one's picture in the next newspaper ---see Ally featured on Page 1, with all pointing at the found Stay Puft Marshmallow Man including the marshmallow man!

Biscuits and Bellyrubs

by Anna Trodglan



NEW CONTEST:

KIDS: Find the hidden turkey who tries to hide when Thanksgiving approaches! Find him or her, 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, but you can't win two months in a row. 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 NOVEMBER 15 for the DECEMBER issue.