

Lake Claire Centennial Celebration!
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June 14 from 2 until 5 p.m., at the Frazer Center Gardens

Our neighborhood is 100 years old!!! And it's time to celebrate!!

Put on your shorts and tee shirts, pack the little ones in their strollers, and plan to breathe in summer in the beautiful Frazer

Gardens with your Lake Claire friends and neighbors! There will be seriously great BBQ; games for kids that include Miss Ladybug's face-painting and bubbles; a morning scavenger hunt; a si-

lent auction -- and more.

Lakeshore's David Gellen and Wayne Germon, authors of *BBQ Joints* and *Stories and Secrets from the Barbeque Belt* and recipients of a **Best Ribs** award

by "Atlanta Magazine," will provide delicious pulled pork plates and quarter chicken plates with sides and hotdog plates for kids, all cooked on site in their smoker. Mark your calendars, and plan to bring the family! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

It's Almost Swimming Weather!

Fun in the sun has already begun for Lake Claire's swim team, *The Wahoo*. There is still time to register (with a late fee if you didn't do it in April), and practice begins on May 4 at the Lake Claire pool. Swimmers: time to get wet and in shape!—join Coach Carmen's spring boot camps - e-mail carmena.carrion@gmail.com to join or for other information. Time trials and parent orientation are coming on May 19, with the season opener at Venetian Pools on May 26.

The Lake Claire Wahoo is a competitive swim team offering high quality professional coaching and technique instruction for ages 4-18. Swimmers must belong to the Lake Claire Pool or be on the pool waiting list in order to swim on the Wahoo team. The team goal is to have fun and provide every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills and achieve success at his or her level of ability. The club



Some Wahoo swim team members

is a non-profit, run by an elected Board of Directors which meets each month. All members are welcome at each meeting and encouraged to be involved in team activities and fundraisers. The swim schedule can be found on the website, <http://www.lake-clairepool.com/>.

And don't forget the **Junior Wahoo** Program, a selective developmental program for emerging swimmers. Your young swimmer will work with the Wahoo coaches to refine his or her stroke and improve endurance, with the goal of swimming a full lap and competing on the big squad.

And if swimming isn't enough of a draw, all the Wahos get Krispy Kreme doughnuts after Saturday practices! Go Wahoo!

The Faces of the Frazer Center

This month's employee spotlight in our series on the Frazer Center staff features Ari Finke, the Frazer Center's new Director of Facilities and Grounds. Our conversation follows...

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I was born here in Atlanta at Georgia Baptist Hospital, and I went to the University of Michigan to study philosophy...which naturally led to my work as a – carpenter! After living all over the country, I came back to Atlanta in 1993 and began working on property management and started a contracting business. Before Frazer I worked as the Facilities Director at Country Club of the South. I was thrilled to come back to my neighborhood and to accept this position at Frazer Center.

What is a highlight of your career?

Starting with the house I currently live in, I have built a few houses in Decatur that were both aesthetic and sustainable, before energy efficient systems and sustainable practices were the vanguard of the industry.

What was something about Frazer (or your position in particular) that made you excited about the opportunity?

I wanted to use my skills and talents in a way that added to my community, not merely for profit. And the commute is great!

What are you looking forward to accomplishing at Frazer?

My primary focus is on improving the efficiency of the building and on lowering costs. I hope to implement projects that increase



the visibility of the Frazer Center, our property, and the Cator Woolford Gardens. I'm also excited about utilizing the grounds and facilities within our programs to further our mission.

Where do you volunteer?

I help organize MLK Day activities in Decatur, take care of chickens at the Wylde Center community gardens, and participate in numerous activities at my children's school.

What are your hobbies?

I dabble in woodworking and quantum mechanics (for real).

Do you speak any other languages?

A little Spanish and "construction lingo."

What's the thing you have ever waited longest in line for?

Amusement park rides with my children, of course!

Lake Claire welcomes Ari!

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Great Stuff in MAY

(& see festival article below calendar)

1-23 Dad's Garage presents "King of Pops: A Post-Apocalyptic Musical" --You can't keep a good king down! <http://www.dadsgarage.com>. We did not close! Around the corner at 7 Stages, 4/523-3141.

2 Opportunity for students and parents to learn more about **Grady High** -- Contact gradynextstep@gmail.com for information or to RSVP for open house on May 2, 10-11:30 a.m.

2 and 16 Candler Park movie nights, "Wizard of Oz," May 2 and "Hook" with Robin Williams on May 16; free movies in Candler Park begins one hour before dusk. Bring your blankets & picnics! If rain, date subject to change, so check website: <http://www.friendsofcandlerpark.org/>

2 and 16 Land Trust Drum Circle, sunset to 11:00 pm. Please walk, bike or carpool. Bring a friend!

2 8th Annual Beat the Street for Little Feet 5K, 1 Mile & Tot Trot in Decatur. 830 College Ave. Family-friendly fun for all ages, a great run through Decatur and Oakhurst. Pete the Cat T-shirts designed by Decatur artist James Dean only as long as they last. Proceeds benefit Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool. <http://oakhurstcoop.com/events/5k/>

3 Last day for *The Power of POISON* at **Fernbank**. See their website for many other great events in May, including Humpback Whales and Mysteries of the Unseen World in the IMAX theatre.

4 "Life is Too Short to Watch Lousy Movies" home movie group, first Saturday evening of every month. For information, Steve Whiteman at classicfilmappreciation@gmail.com.

8 and 12 Grady Orchestra and Grady CLUSTER performances, see details in the article Page 5

9 and 2nd Saturday of every month RECYCLE Center in Old 4th Ward, Walden School (320 Irwin Street NE, where J.W. Dobbs meets Hilliard Street. 10 a.m. -- 3pm

9 1st annual Food Clothing & Shelter Fest, 12:00 noon. See article on Page 7 and www.LCCLT.org.

12 Sierra Club monthly meeting -- 2nd Tuesday of each month, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 2089 Ponce de Leon Ave @ East Lake Drive, 7pm. <http://georgia.sierraclub.org/atlanta/>

16 See May 2, for Land Trust Drum Circle and Candler Park Free Movies

16 Lake Claire Ice Cream Social, 3-4 pm, LC Park - join us!

17 "Faerie & Green Man Celebration," family arts & crafts event, 4:00-6:00 pm. See article Page 7 and to sign up, contact Andrea at missladybugevents@yahoo.com.

19 Dekalb History Center presents a Lunch & Learn of great interest to many -- All About the CDC. From noon until 1, at the Old Courthouse, 101 East Court Square. Info: 373-1088 ext 22

21 and every 3rd Thursday 7:15 pm Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting, The Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, pizza provided free from Savage (THANKS, SAVAGE PIZZA)

26 Wahoo Swim Team Season Opener at Venetian Pools, see article Page 1

COMING UP: Mark your calendars now for The Lake Claire Centennial BBQ -- June 14. REAL BBQ! Fun with family and neighbors -- see article on Page 1 and Joe Agee's note on Page 3

Reminder - The June/July Clarion is a combo-issue! So please tell us about **June and July events** for the next issue.

Calendar deadline for JUNE/JULY CLARION: MAY 20 to editor@lakeclaire.org.

Ready for Spring -- and Festivals GALORE!



Anna Kilinski of Lake Claire shares her bi-annual list of festivals for your enjoyment! -- Here are the ones from May and early June: They all have websites. **May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** -- Decatur Concerts on the Square; **May 8-10** Shaky Knees Music Festival and Sweet Auburn Festival; **May**

16 -- Taste of Virginia-Highland (John Howell Park), East Atlanta Beer Festival, and Kirkwood Spring Fling/Tour of Homes/5K; **May 22-24** Atlanta Jazz Fest; **May 23-24** Decatur Arts Fest; May 28-31 Atlanta Food and Wine Fest; **June 6-7** - Virginia-Highland Summerfest & 5K.

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A Message From Our President

Dear Neighbors,

You may have noticed that spring came a little late this year. Some thought that Lake Claire had been annexed by Chicago. As for the vernal equinox, the calendar still lists it on March 20, but we all know the new season doesn't actually begin until the Land Trust's Peace and Love Fest on the 28th, which was responsible for higher temperatures -- not to mention a good time. And although March was a pretty cold month, that didn't stop people from getting things done with regard to inter-neighborhood cooperation and green space connectivity.

Kathie Ryan, the LCN VP for safety, has been working closely with her colleague from Candler Park and a small committee attempting to establish a joint **security patrol** staffed by off-duty police officers. Hopefully, many of you have already seen the announcement on the LCN website and Nextdoor/Lake Claire asking for residents to show interest. If not, go to safety@lakeclaire.org or check the LCN website's March 25 posting, for signup forms and more information. Even better news is that the results have been very positive, so it looks like a go. The more households that sign up, the more coverage; so don't hesitate to jump in! Lake

Claire has made attempts in the past but without much success. However, combining with Candler Park offers a unique opportunity to develop a viable and ongoing patrol. An important point is that this project is not operated by either neighborhood organization; rather, it is set up and administered by a separate non-profit group. This will require a great deal of effort and time by a small number of neighborhood volunteers (including at least one from Lake Claire), to whom we will owe a great deal of gratitude.

On another positive note, Christiane French, LCN VP for the Environment, has been working with a group in Candler Park to explore the possibility of a **pedestrian bridge over Moreland Ave.** at the intersection at Freedom Park. Some of you may have viewed a Facebook page link (<https://www.facebook.com/FreedomBridgeATL>) with a detailed description of the project along with some potential designs and photos showing congestion at the street crossing. To date, the responses clearly indicate neighborhood residents are in favor of such a structure now that it appears it can be accomplished in an environmentally responsible way that will also be architecturally enhancing. All of this directly ties into the idea of greater connectivity among all the green spaces in the area

from the Beltline and Freedom Park to the Olmstead Parks and Fernbank. There is no doubt that most everyone wants to enjoy our amazingly beautiful environment while walking and biking more and using cars less.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Lake Claire Centennial BBQ**, scheduled at the Frazer Center's Cator Woolford Gardens on June 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. As noted in the article on Page 1 of this Clarion, David Gellen and Wayne Germon of Lakeshore Avenue will provide delicious pulled pork plates and quarter chicken plates with sides and hotdog plates for kids -- all cooked on site in their smoker. See the article for more information. This will be a family event with lots of activities for kids and maybe something for adults if they behave themselves! Thanks to Kathie Ryan, Miriam Herbers, and Jen Hawthorne for doing the groundwork.

Sara Rockaway, LCN VP for **Fundraising**, will be cranking up the **Tour of Homes** for the fall, which will take place Saturday, September 26 from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please contact her for further information and especially if you want to volunteer for something. Ticket sellers, house sitters, cheerleaders, and nice people are all needed and welcome: Fun@lakeclaire.org

On the larger scale of things, a \$250 million dollar **infrastructure**

bond for the City of Atlanta was recently approved at a special referendum held on March 17. The funds are dedicated to repairing bridges, new traffic signals, fixing city buildings and for paving streets and sidewalks. For Lake Claire, this includes improvements all along DeKalb Avenue with the possibility of alternatives to the current reversible three lanes and the addition of bike lanes and sidewalks. For Candler Park, a school zone flasher has been requested for Mary Lin at Candler Park Dr., which will also benefit students coming from Lake Claire. However, as several newspaper articles have pointed out, not all the monies are firmly allocated, and each council member has discretion over \$5.2 million dollars. In this regard, I strongly suggest that we look at our sidewalk areas that most need repair, especially the ones that Mary Lin students frequently use getting to school. Please contact me at president@lakeclaire.org with any suggestions.

And last, don't forget to pay dues, a mere \$20.00, to allow your neighborhood organization to keep itself going. You are certainly invited to make the transaction at one of our meetings (preferable method) every 3rd Thurs. of the month at the Frazer Center (7:00 social hour with pizza by Savage, 7:15 actual meeting time) or use the PayPal system on the LCN website.

Have a happy spring, Joe Agee

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



Happy birthday ...

3 Sarah Wynn, on Harold Avenue
4 Bill Fleming, Harold Ave
6 Lock Rogers, Ridgewood
7 Gay Arneri, Harold
9 Bob Caine, getting younger on Leonardo
11 Adler Waugh, turning 4 (happy mother's day gift to Lisa), Leonardo
16 Peter Stay Puft Marshmallow Man Olson, Leonardo
18 Jett Friedman, Delaware Avenue, will be 3 (or 16, judging from his mimicking of driving cars)

19 Joseph McGill, Delaware Avenue, will be 14
20 Aiden Rogers, Harold Avenue, turns 11
23 Mayla Carper, Leonardo, turning 2
28 Sadie Stevens, Leonardo, turning 5
Belated April birthdays – Emily Allen, Harold Ave; Eva "Landa Panda" Masarak (4/25), Delaware Avenue, 30!

Birth Day: Congrats to Rachel Patzer and Justin Schrager, Delaware Avenue, on the birth of



Baby Owen Michael – April 7



Justin, Owen Michael, Big Sis Lily, Rachel



Victoria Weidert - March 29

Baby Owen Michael on April 7 (see pictures above). Lily is absolutely thrilled to be a big sister!

Belated Birth Day: Congrats to the Weiderts – Victoria Afton Weidert was born on 3/29/15, welcomed into the world by her parents Anne and Jason Weidert and her proud big sister Elle, Harold Avenue.

Get well soon!! – to Margaret Gossett (Harold Avenue). Margaret is home and recuperating from her broken hip -- doing better than most with broken hips,

she plans to run the Peachtree Road Race this July! Seriously, she would like to thank all the neighbors for visiting and bringing food...she very much appreciates it.

Congrats to all of our Lake Claire grads in May!

Please help us make this feature inclusive. Take a minute right now, and send life cycle events/important rights of passage, etc. for June & July, **Deadline MAY 20** for the **combo June/July** edition of the newspaper.

Keep An Eye on the Crime and the Time:

Lake Claire Security Report, March 8 through April 11 (5 weeks)

There have been multiple car thefts and attempted car thefts in the last month, which is very unusual. Please make sure that your home's doors and windows are locked, and leave nothing of value in cars.

Auto Theft

200 block Connecticut Ave	3/11/15	2007 Toyota Yaris	from driveway
500 block Hardendorf Ave	3/15/15	Attempt only in driveway, Chrysler Sebring,	Damage: ignition removed
2000 block DeKalb Ave	3/15/15	Attempt only in parking lot, 2001 Jeep	Damage: driver door lock and removal of ignition switch No prints
200 block Connecticut Ave	3/16/15	Attempt only in driveway, 1997 Jeep Cherokee	Damage: ignition switch, passenger door and lock No prints
400 block Hardendorf Ave	3/17/15	Attempt only at residence, Dodge Dakota	Damage: steering column and rear driver side window
1800 block DeKalb Ave	3/17/15	Attempt only in driveway, 1995 Jeep Cherokee	Damage: passenger side lock and steering column
200 block Southerland Terr	3/23/15	from street no prints, Jeep Commander. Note: a 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee nearby contained the key to the stolen vehicle along with sunglasses, all of which were taken	

Burglary

500 block Harold Ave	3/17/15	Taken: music equipment, air compressor Damaged: latch to basement door. Note: neighbor saw two Hispanic males taking items from the house to a car, but thought they were workers hired by homeowners	
1900 block McLendon Ave	3/19/15	Taken: Ipod Touch, \$300 foreign currency Damaged: side window of residence shattered	No prints found
1642 McLendon Ave Candler Park Market	3/24/15	3:20 a.m. Taken: \$320 in cash, large quantity of cigarettes. Damage: small glass window broken Surveillance video showed 2 masked males fleeing in a red/maroon SUV.	

Theft from Auto

300 block Oxford Pl	3/12/15	from street at residence no prints taken Taken: laptop, charger and mouse	Damage: front passenger window broken
1800 block Gordon Manor	3/23/15	from parking lot prints taken Taken: iPod, sunglasses	Damage: driver's side window broken; 2nd vehicle's window broken
400 block Ridgewood Rd	3/25/15	from street Taken: cards, GA driver's license	Damage: driver's side window broken out
600 block Hardendorf Ave	3/31/15	from street no prints Taken: GPS, wallet, cash, cards, GA license	Damage: right front window broken
200 block Arizona Ave	4/6/15	from driveway no prints Taken: iPhone, GA ID	Damage: none; passenger side window was half way down
300 block Gordon Ave	4/9/15	from street@residence prints taken Taken: purse, iPhone, cash, ID	Damage: front driver side window smashed

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Changes at Mary Lin Elementary for the Fall of 2015

by Annsley Klehr

Budget Related Notes

You may remember that last month I mentioned the FY16 APS budget has \$682.8 million, in which \$31 million will be used in mandatory expenditures for special education, Charter School, pension plans, and teacher retirements, resulting in a \$6 million reduction in other areas. One of these areas is Mary Lin Elementary School.

According to the Local School Counsel (LSC), Spanish, which is currently taught to grades 1-5 will only be taught in grades 4 and 5 next year. The reason for continuing it with the 4th and 5th graders is to ensure continuity of language as they approach middle school. Currently there is a push-in math teacher in 4th grade, which has been and still is extremely beneficial for the development of math skills. As of next year, there is no position for this push-in math teacher.

Renovations and Addition

Mary Lin's renovations and addition are schedule for completion in July!

The Grady Cluster

On a separate note, the Grady Cluster has decided that the 4th and 5th grades are going to become departmentalized (like they use to be several years back). Though it is unclear what exactly this will look like, it means that the students will not track with

the same teacher all day, but will begin switching classes and teachers to help prepare them for middle school. Other schools in the Grady Cluster, like Morningside Elementary, have already been departmentalizing their 4th and 5th grades.

Mary Lin Playground Update

It will cost \$150,000 to build the new Mary Lin playground, and they are two thirds of the way there! Individuals, families, or businesses who contribute \$500 or more to the playground fund will be permanently recognized as "Rocket Boosters" on the playground plaque.

An additional way to help contribute is to donate to the 7th Annual Mary Lin Rocket Run 5K Fundraiser which just took place on April 26 (www.rocketrun.org). All the proceeds will go to the playground fund. All donations raised from the run, up to \$15,000 will be matched by the generosity of a Mary Lin family. So please consider donating, even if you missed it. For more information about the playground check out www.linplayground.com.

Annsley Klehr is Lake Claire's Education Chair. - Ed.



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Grady Knights Orchestra – and Grady Cluster Concerts

by Denise Dumais, Clifton Road

The Grady Knights Orchestra of Grady High School will have two concerts in May. Both concerts are free (but have a suggested donation of \$5 per adult),

open to the public, and will be held at Grady. The concert **Friday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.**, features guest performer and conductor Juan Ramirez, a violinist in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Maestro Ramirez will play

the guitar part as well as lead the orchestra in a performance of his original piece *Suite Huasteca* as the highlight of their spring concert, based on folk music of the Huasteca region of Mexico.

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 pm. This **Annual Cluster Concert** features orchestras from across the Grady Cluster. The concert celebrates the musical achievements of the 2014-15 school year

for the orchestra students from the elementary schools (SPARK, Morningside, Mary Lin, Hope-Hill, and Centennial), Inman Middle, and Grady High School.

The Grady Knights Orchestra has consistently received highest ratings of "Superior" from the Georgia Music Educators Association. Students in the orchestra program at Grady High School have participated in the Governor's Honor Program, APS District Honor Orchestra, University of Georgia Honor Orchestra, Georgia All-State Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra, Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra, The Buckhead Youth Orchestra, and many other noteworthy ensembles and events. Orchestra members learn to work together in harmony and in a healthy environment. Come enjoy the wonderful performances and show your support for keeping arts in public education. For more information contact GKorchestraboosterclub@gmail.com

ANCS

Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School (ANCS) is the winner of a \$50,000 grant from The Coca-Cola Foundation as the 2015 GCSA Charter School of the Year. Staff from the school received the news at the Awards Luncheon of the Georgia Charter Schools Association's 2nd Annual Leadership Conference. Pictured: ANCS Executive Director, Matt Underwood (2nd from the left), Cathy Ramos (center) from the Foundation, Dr. Tony Roberts,

President & CEO of the Georgia - See more at: <http://www.gacharters.org/press-releases/atlanta-neighborhood-charter-school-is-gcsas-2015-school-of-the-year/#sthash.38bGTFAB.dpuf>



Children Read

by Marlene Zieler



I started a local non-profit organization (Children Read) this past year, which collects gently used and outgrown children's books, cleans and repairs them, and gives them away to children at local Head Start and other programs aimed at preschool aged children from low income families. We have already distributed over 5,000 books to chil-

dren in the greater Atlanta area.

We are in constant need of board books and picture books. More info about us can be found at www.childrenreadatlanta.org. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible. Spring cleaning is upon us – consider donating your books! See <http://www.childrenreadatlanta.org/>

Grady High Successes

Give the students, staff, and principal of Grady High School a standing ovation for winning at the Georgia Forensic Championship tournament. The Grady High School Speech and Debate Team, the Jesters, won the De-

bate Sweepstakes Award, Speech Sweepstakes Award, and for the sixth year in a row brought home the Overall Champions Sweepstakes Award at the Georgia Forensic Coaches Association Varsity State Championships at

Marist School.

The Grady High School Speech and Debate Team also broke some records. The team qualified more entries to the State Tournament this year than any other team in the history of the Georgia Forensic Coaches Association, winning its sixth straight "School of Excellence" Award.

Grady High School is now the only school in Georgia to have a State Championship in every event offered. And last, but not least, Mario Herrera, Speech and Debate Team coach, was inducted into the Georgia Forensic Coaches Association Hall of Fame last month.

Neighborhood Fundraising Event

We are already planning the Lake Claire Tour of Homes. Mark your calendar for September 26 from

10 until 4 – but even better: volunteer to help. E-mail our fundraising VP, Sara, at fun@lakeclaire.org.





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-  Old Fourth Ward

Volunteerism in Lake Claire

Volunteering helps build a more cohesive, safer, stronger community. There is a growing body of research indicating that volunteering provides individual health benefits in addition to social ones. It establishes a strong relationship between volunteering and health: those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional abilities, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer.

In Lake Claire, engagement with our neighborhood is extremely important not only for these reasons, but because without it, one or two people end up carrying the load for entire projects. Much of the appeal in getting involved comes when neighbors get out, get involved, and get to know each other. Please, if you have any interest in being a part of that 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 a 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 include:

- The Neighborhood Association (start by coming to meetings – 3rd Thursday of every month; see calendar for details, on page 2)
- The Land Trust Family Project & many projects with the Land Trust (check out <http://lcclt.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.)
- Last but not least: the Clarion, Lake Claire's newspaper (articles, calendar help, finding new advertisers, kids' corner, etc. – and right now we are looking for a volunteer layout person, which requires special skills, as out-



Clarion Volunteer Sara McGill delivering the newspaper to neighborhood porch (thanks to Sara, and to all of the Clarion delivery volunteers)

lined in the article below). Contact editor@lakeclaire.org if interested in helping in any aspect of your community newspaper.

See other Lake Claire volunteer opportunities in the April 2014 Clarion, page 1, Alicia McGill's article; there you will find con-

tact 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.)

Clarion Needs a Layout Artist Soon...

I have begrudgingly consented to allow our layout coordinator, Erik, and his family, to move from Atlanta. So, sometime in the next few months, I am looking for someone to volunteer to take over the Clarion layout.

One of the most important requirements of this job is to have the flexibility to stick to our timing. The paper comes out by the first day of the month, eleven months a year (no issue in July). For that to happen the paper must be printed and distributed between the 29th of the previous month and the first of the month;

so the layout has to be finished by around the 27th-28th of the previous month to go to the printer -- I can usually get the draft to the layout person by around the 19th or 20th -- which gives the person a little more than a week. The ideal volunteer is able to "drop" things in life to make sure to stick to this schedule of quick turnaround each month. The estimated time it takes for someone familiar with the computer software during that 7-8 days is 10-12 hours.

The 2nd requirement: the technical skills. You must have

an attention to detail and know Adobe InDesign well. After doing the layout in InDesign, you will produce a PDF for soft proofing, and we will email back and forth with changes/PDFs, until it is final, and you upload the Press-Ready PDF to the printer. The only other requirement is an easy-going nature, such that you don't mind frequent emails back and forth as we finalize the paper that week.

If you have the above skills and want to discuss possibilities, think you might be interested, or have questions, please

contact me at 404-727-0608 or editor@lakeclaire.org to talk or set up an interview -- if you have technical questions, you are also free to contact Erik at layout@lakeclaire.org. Above all, I want someone to enjoy it and join me in viewing this work as a "labor of love." Though it is unpaid, there is a great deal of satisfaction in volunteering for our community and producing a beautiful product.

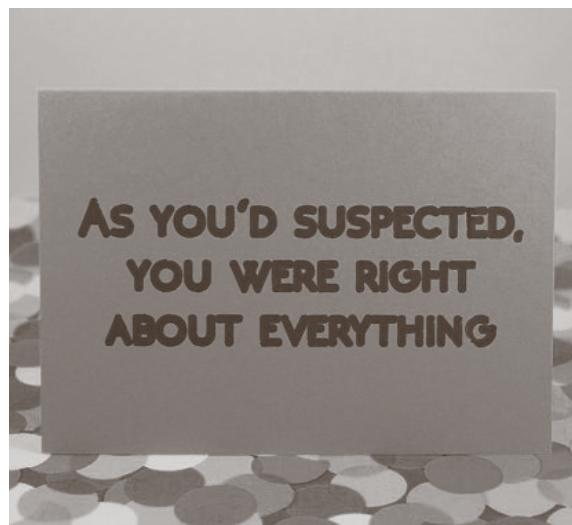
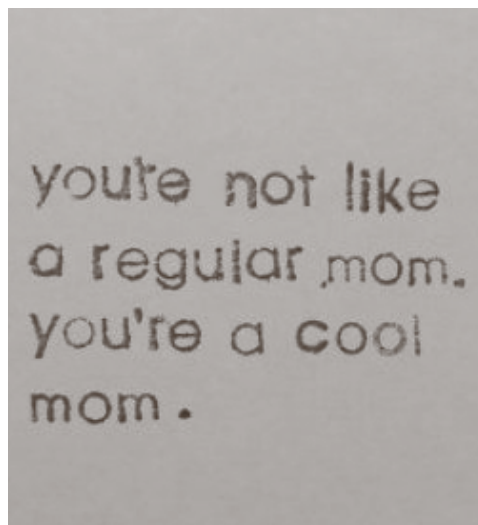
Our deepest gratitude to Erik, who started with the Clarion in March 2013.

Kind regards, Beth

Mother's Day

[Thanks to the Huffington Post]

Back away from the corny Hallmark cards! For everyone celebrating the mothers (and/or mother figures) in their lives this year, here are some better cards. Because who wants rhyming prose when you could have pug puns?



May into June in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

In general, I do not refer to articles in gardening magazines as you can read them yourself, but there is such a ridiculous article by Robert Hadad in the June 2015 issue of *Fine Gardening*, called "A Closer Look at Square Foot Gardening," that I am going to discuss it. The method he is referring to was popularized in the 20th century by Mel Bartholomew in his 1981 book, called (duh) *Square Foot Gardening*, which book, now in three pieces, I own.

He begins by saying he does not want to bash square foot gardening and then proceeds to do just that. His reasoning is that the method leads to improper spacing, too shallow beds, and not enough fertilizer. I suppose it is possible that Mr. Bartholomew's second edition (which I am sure I am getting this year for my birthday, hint, hint) is totally different from the first edition, eschewing fertilizer, demanding that your beds be built on concrete driveways, etc. I doubt it. Mr. Hadad is using unwarranted assumptions in his argument.

To start with, square foot gardening is ALL about proper spacing. At the end of the book, the part I use most often, is a separate section for each type of vegetable (except potatoes—he ignores potatoes); and as you can imagine, the section on tomatoes indicates that at least two square ft. are

required for each plant. Other parts of the book show us how to use the same space for more than one crop by planting continuously (spinach, for instance, from fall to spring, followed by a pepper plant), planting vertically (with use of cages or trellises) with heat intolerant crops on the shaded side, or beginning with two kinds of plants in one square (like lettuce around broccoli) and harvesting the quick growing one



before the slower one matures.

Where Mr. Hadad got the idea that the beds are shallow, only six inches deep, I have no idea. They can be any depth you want. On pg. 63 (1981 ed.) Mel writes that when you choose your site for gardening, "First dig a few test holes at least 12 inches deep and take a good look at the soil." He covers such problems as drainage, rocks, and types of soil, what to do in each case. Yes, some plants send roots even deeper than a foot (Hadad lists parsnips as an example!); but be-

lieve it or not, plants can do some things on their own, and heading into virgin territory is one of them. I have never dug out any area deeper than two feet (only for my special tomato pits) and see no reason to tear up the whole yard for plants as varied as lettuce and winter squash. A plus for square foot gardening is that you prepare each space for specific plants.

Finally, Mel devotes a whole

you will not see much benefit in composting and cannot do well without throwing in a bunch of high nitrogen fertilizer. Mel tackles pH before fertilizer because if your soil is too acidic or too alkaline for what you are growing, nothing else you add will help much. Pages from his book that I reference frequently list common organic materials that give you the percentages of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium of each, materials such as blood meal, bone meal, fish emulsion, rock phosphate, and wood ashes. He provides a formula for making an all-purpose fertilizer plus details about specific needs of certain crops. Like composting (which I have covered in other articles), fertilizing is not rocket science. "The exact numbers are not critical, . . ." (p. 62).

When I looked for Mr. Hadad's credentials, I saw that he has been an extension educator at universities in New York, North Carolina, and Kentucky and that he previously owned his own farm in Rhode Island. This explains a lot. No one is advocating that the business men who provide enough food to feed us millions on their factory farms should take up square foot gardening. But Mr. Bartholomew and I are not talking about farming (a critical subject—and I recommend books by Michael Pollan and Barbara Kingsolver). We are talking about gardening. The SFG method is ideal for our neighborhoods where front yards may be the only sunny space on "our land" and uneducated neighbors may frown on huge plots of plowed rows. Because you can start small, four feet by

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four feet, you the amateur may have the courage to take this tiny step with your family, to create the perfect, protected spot in a raised bed where you grow only the vegetables and flowers you love. And, finally, the method may lead you to keep records, if only in a desk calendar, that will improve future successes.

Now it is May, the biggest gardening month in the South. Set out the tomato, pepper, and eggplant seedlings that you have purchased or grown. Put in the sweet potato slips. It is still not too late to start tomatoes from seed indoors for next month, especially with all the rain we have been getting. Beans, okra, and

sunflowers are all easy plants to grow from seed, with or without children. Sow these seeds directly into your prepared beds along with corn, squash, field peas, pumpkins, and even peanuts if you care for them. Add warm weather flowers like marigolds, vincas, globe flowers, and impatiens. Many zinnias can be

seeded directly. And don't forget to prune back the bushes that have already flowered and look as if they need a haircut. This is the time for it.

Contact Elizabeth at knowltonew@earthlink.net with your gardening questions.

Wild in Lake Claire

by Carol Vanderschaaf

Red-tailed Hawk sightings and Barred Owls calling have been reported on the NextDoorLakeClaire listserv. Both have been known to nest in our neighborhood.

Ilene Schroeder reported seeing a Red-throated Hummingbird during the first week of April, and within the next two weeks, an American Goldfinch in breeding (bright yellow) plumage.

Ilene and Dorothy Dabbs both had visits from the Easter bunny/ies in the week prior to Easter.

Meta Larsson, our Candler

Park reporter, saw a snapping turtle and a Green Heron at the pond in the CP golf course. Let's hope the herons are nesting there again as they've done in previous years.

And from "NextDoor" at the end of April: "Missing a peacock? Just saw it walking down Lakeshore in the 400 block, at 7:15 p.m. If two others had not seen it, I wouldn't believe me either!"

Please keep those sightings coming so we can continue this column. cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net



Peacock (or Peahen, as the female is called)

Protect Your Pets with Microchips

Microchips are a permanent method of identification and an ideal backup for your pet's identification tags, and collar. While some pets seem to always lose their ID tags, the microchip will always be with them. If your pet runs away from home or gets lost while you're out on a walk, a microchip implant helps improve his or her odds of being reunited with you. The chip can help hu-

mane organizations reunite you and your pet more quickly, and it can also help you prove ownership of a companion animal if there is a dispute. Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends hold microchip clinics. The Atlanta Humane Society veterinary wellness hospital will microchip for \$25, including free registration (404.875.6420), and there are probably other resources in Atlanta.

Still Looking for School History

Seeking old photos, cool memories of our LC/CP neighborhoods. Know someone who went to one of our schools years ago? Somebody who has lived here his or her whole life? I want to collect as many photos and stories as I can to share with future 30307 generations. Contact/email Boyd Baker at 404.895.9276 / boyd@sumowriter.com.

sumowriter.com.

And we'll continue to share some of the photos in the Clarion, of course. See the pictures from 1950s Mary Lin and Inman in last month's and March's newspaper (online at: <http://www.lakeclaire.org/clarionarchives/2015/2015-03.pdf>)

Outdoor Poisons

This is a reminder to dispose of things like anti-freeze and other outdoor poisons in a safe manner, and keep in mind that we have much wildlife in our neighborhood, as well as pet cats that roam into other people's yards. If poisons are stored in garden

sheds and basements, keep them locked. In particular, antifreeze is a sweet-tasting poison and appealing to animals; consumption of a very small amount can lead to rapid kidney failure and death within a very short period of time. Please be careful.

School History

Early Mary Lin

From the Old Stone Church Biracial History Project

Mary Lin Elementary School was built around 1927 (shown on the 1930 Walking Tour map as 'Edgewood School'). As many no doubt realize, when Lin School opened in 1929, it was an Atlanta Public School "for White children only." Today there are African American elders who were Candler Park residents as children, and who recall challenges they faced to attend the Negro school across the tracks. They made the daily, too often-unfriendly, 2-mile walk - through Candler Park, crossing over the railroad and into the Barnesville Community in Edgewood to attend the Wesley Avenue Elementary School.

The Sanborn Fire Insurance

map from 1924, Vol. 7 (1911-1925) shows nine homes that were removed soon after 1924 to make way for the Edgewood/Lin School construction. According to the Biracial History Project's sources, these nine homes housed African American residents. Atlanta City Directories indicate (and oral history accounts tell us) that in the 1920s all residences on Candler Park Drive, north of the Old Stone Church, were African American owned and/or occupied.

Lin Elementary School was not desegregated until 1965, when all grades in the Atlanta Public

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More Notes Regarding Crime and Security

Edgewood Retail District 24-hour security --program into phone in the event of a threatening situation or to report anything amiss: 678-618-2308.

APD: dial 911 from landline

or cell phone for any/every incidence of crime or suspicious behavior. Program 404-658-6666 into cell phone for a prompter response. 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, and give a call back number.

For up-to-date security reports join lakeclaireneighborhood-watch@yahoogroups.com and Nextdoor.com (Lake Claire). The latter has become the best way to receive up to date security reports, as the Atlanta Police Department posts to that site. To join: www.nextdoor.com/join. A

great place to report missing pets in the Lost & Found category. You will only receive the notifications you request when you choose your settings, so your inbox will not be slammed with information in which you are not interested.

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Schools were ordered to be integrated by a new school board policy. Lin's post-segregation principals may be best represented by the bold 1990s leadership of Dr. Adelia Hall, who wrote in 1994,

"Our strength has come from the spirit of diverse families and a talented, committed staff combining their energies to build a great learning environment. Let it always be so."

The Justice Center of Atlanta offers free mediation services to Atlanta residents. They do require that all involved agree to participate and that all call the Center to verify this. The Center is located in Inman Park, 976 Edgewood Avenue, NE, GA 30307-2580. Call 404.523.8236, ext. 200 to find out more information.

DUE(S) YOUR PART FOR 2015

How? Mail a check for \$20 to Lake Claire Neighbors,

Attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 5942,
Atlanta, GA 31107,
or go to

www.lakeclaire.org/lcn/members.htm.

Why? Help our neighborhood association clean up greenspaces, install signs, support initiatives, have great parties,

and support deserving causes.

Thanks to Lake Claire neighbors who have already paid 2015 dues.

The Watershed Mural

Right Under Our Noses

by Lynn Nomad

Sometimes the most important things in life are the ones we forget about. We in Lake Claire probably ride by the 340-foot long Watershed Mural nearly every day, and most of us likely don't give it a second thought. But this mural is one of the coolest art projects I've ever seen in Atlanta. And it is big, free, and out in the open.

The Watershed Mural tells the stunningly colorful story of Atlanta's environmental infrastructure. The mural was completed in 2006, painted by Boston artist David Fitcher and was



made possible by local volunteer supporters and donors, including then VP of the Environment Kathy Evan and literally thousands of others.

The mural is beautiful, resplendent with sea turtles, herons, huge trees, winding streams, and people of all shapes and sizes gracing this once sickly white concrete wall. Since the rest of DeKalb Avenue is still trying to resuscitate itself from a post-industrial fatigue, this public shock of color and meaningful environmental message is invaluable. On your way to Decatur to for brunch? Or to Edgewood shopping center to buy from Kroger, Target, etc.? Enjoy and appreciate this delightful, uniquely Atlantan public art experience.



You Can Have a Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary

The Atlanta Audubon Society (AAS) encourages Lake Claire residents to establish their yards as beneficial habitats for wildlife. When requirements are met, a homeowner will receive a sign stating that his or her property is registered as a "wildlife sanctuary" with the AAS. Creating a wildlife sanctuary in your own back yard is an important commitment to conserving and protecting our environment. You can provide a backyard habitat for wildlife simply by assuring these essential elements:

Shelter - active nesting areas or shelters that attract and protect birds and other wildlife;

Food - feeders and plantings that offer seeds, flowers, and berries to wildlife;

Water - birdbaths, water gardens, or natural features with flowing water; and

Nesting Sites - bird boxes, natural cavities, or wood piles and vine tangles.

In addition to homeowners' participation, it is anticipated that more developers and commercial property owners will continue to join this program. For more information, e-mail Jacqueline McRae at jacqueline.mcrae@comcast.net. Mail applications to: Atlanta Audubon Society, 4055 Roswell Road, Atlanta, GA 30342.

Food, Clothing, and Shelter Fest

Saturday, May 9, 12:00 noon at the Land Trust

“Street journalist” and filmmaker Ebrima Ba is a native African who was amazed to find that many people in the U.S. go hungry because they do not know how to grow food. His 40-minute documentary *Food, Clothing & Shelter* is the result. The film highlights the lack of food security in Atlanta and around the world. “Any community of people that depends or relies on handouts or aid from others will lose its self-worth and dignity,” Ebrima says. In addition to educating people about the issue, he has also founded an urban farm in Stone Mountain.

Next on Ebrima’s agenda: an annual festival that celebrates life and the three basic human necessities. The first annual Food,

Clothing & Shelter Fest on May 9 will feature classes on how to make your own clothes and shelter. You can also learn from local farmers how to grow your own food. Locally grown food will be available for sampling.

The festival’s keynote speakers will be Rashid Nuri and Eugene Cooke. Rashid Nuri is the founder of Truly Living Well Farm in the Old Fourth Ward, a nationally recognized leader in natural urban agriculture. Eugene Ala-Cooke is the author of *Grow Where You Are* and co-founder of the Good Shepherd AgroEcology Center in the West End, an “urban ecological restoration prototype” working to improve community food sovereignty and justice.

During the day we will also hear some of the best local bands in Atlanta on the Land Trust stage. The performers will include Kebbi Williams and the Wolfpack, Musiki Scales, Maestro the Vocalinist, and many more. The festival will be hosted by Wanique Shabbazz, Director of Operations for WRFG-FM, and Ajzah Netjer-Simons, Board President of Sevananda Natural Foods Market.

The Festival will kick off a crowdfunding effort to finance a sequel to Ebrima’s film, which is now in production. **Check www.LCCLT.org** for more information as the Festival date draws nearer.



Faerie and Green Man Celebration!

Sunday, May 17, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Land Trust

The All Together Now Family Fun Enrichment Series presents a “Faerie & Green Man Celebration,” a celebration of our home, the Earth, and the magical protecting spirits within all of us that care for nature. Join the very faerie Miss Ladybug and her amazing artist friend, Ms. Pam Beagle Daresta, for an enchanting afternoon of art and creation with the Green Man and Faerie Spirits of the Land Trust. Enjoy light live music and Faerie & Green Man tea while we create. Bring your own cups. Suggested donation is \$5.

Pam Beagle Daresta teaches at the Carlos Museum, the John C. Campbell Folk School, and the City of Decatur’s Special Interest Camps. She weaves myth and fine art, sharing skills and deep thoughts about our natural



world. She will be collaborating with families to create beautiful Green Man and Nature Sprite images with large, intricately cut, one-of-a-kind stamps using special inks, and found nature objects. Paper will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your special supplies.

Miss Ladybug teaches at the

Soul Shine School and provides programs and entertainment throughout Metro Atlanta. She specializes in whimsical characters, birthday entertainment, and environmental educa-

tion. She will be dressed up as a faerie and encourages all participants to join the fun by dressing up with flowers, leaves, or whatever you fancy. She will be leading a faerie craft project using paints, unique faerie forms, and leaves around the Land Trust.

We would love to take photos of the art work made with Ms. Pam

and Miss Ladybug on May 17 to create an art show display on the Land Trust bulletin board. Come out to play, and let’s enchant the Land Trust with family fun energy!

The All Together Now series is brought to you by LadybugEventsLLC.com in collaboration with the LCCLT Family Project. Each program is donation-based and supports local artists and educators. Coming up in July: a family herbal remedies class. To volunteer and help with more fun events, contact Andrea.Zoppo@yahoo.com.

(BY THE WAY . . . Miss Ladybug is also available for garden or fairy-themed birthday parties for children at the Land Trust. Inquire at missladybugeventsllc.com.)



Upcoming at the Land Trust

Sat. May 2 & 16 – Land Trust Drum Circle, sunset to 11:00 pm. Please walk, bike or carpool. Bring a friend!

Sat. May 9 – 1st annual Food Clothing & Shelter Fest, 12:00 noon. For more info: www.LCCLT.org.

Sun. May 17 – “Faerie & Green Man Celebration,” family arts & crafts event, 4:00-6:00 pm. For info or to sign up, contact Andrea at missladybugevents@yahoo.com.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate. This month's featured writer is Lily Morris. Lily is 9 years old and currently a 4th grader at Mary Lin Elementary; she has a brother named Jack who is in the first grade at Mary Lin. Lily loves taking dance classes at the Decatur School of Ballet, but especially loves her tap class. She loves to read and to write creative fiction. Her favorite museum to visit is the Tellus Science Museum

because of their amazing gem and mineral collection. She is a proud Lake Claire resident since 2007.

Hey there, let's hear from more Lake Claire kids – we want *your* creativity on this page. Submit articles, poetry, drawings, your original puzzles, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. Be creative...we'd love to hear from you.

Seasons of Me

by Lily Morris

*I am a rainbow shining bright across the sky,
A puffy white cloud,
A sparkling river with soothing warm water,
I am me
I am the morning dew droplets that shine on
the grass,
A bright green leaf,
A colorful flower,
The animals that roam the earth,
I am me
I am the snow that gracefully glides to the ground,
The ice on the lakes,
The chilly winter air,
The sharp blades on ice skates,*



Lily Morris, Featured Poet

*I am me
I am the leaves that fall to the ground,
The squirrels gathering nuts,
Children jumping into piles of leaves,
The wind blowing across cities,
I am me*

I wrote this poem last year when I was 8 years old in the 3rd grade for one of my Challenge projects (Challenge is the gifted program at my school, Mary Lin Elementary). This poem uses metaphors to describe my personality. I am not really all of those things. But this is figurative language. I like writing poetry because the sky is the limit for my imagination. If you want to learn more about poetry and poem structures, I highly recommend a great book called "R is for Rhyme," by Judy Young. --Lily

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Silver sisters and family

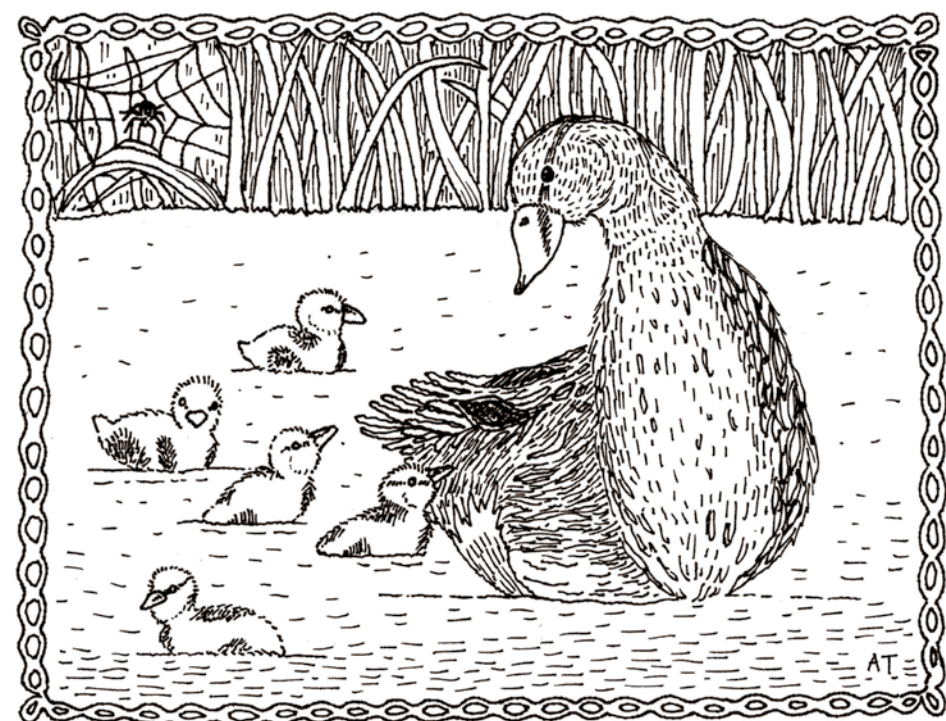
cream at Dr. Bombay's.

Sophie Heller came in second place. She is eleven years old, lives on Lakeshore Avenue, and attends St. Thomas More.

to the Silver sisters, who won the contest! Congratulations, girls!!! They are native Lake Claire residents and help take care of the Earth by picking up litter and recycling. They love spontaneous living room dance parties, cooking, building forts, playing together, and eating ice



2nd Place Winner Sophie Heller (last one on the right) with friends



Our monthly cartoons are from the Biscuits and Bellyrubs series by Anna Trodglén. See the article on Anna and her book in the March issue.

NEW CONTEST:

HELLO, KIDS: May is named after the Greek goddess, Maia. The month is a time of great celebrations, maybe even May Day, with music and games, and dancing around a May pole. If YOU find the dance around the May pole in this issue, you will be the contest winner, and you will have your name and

picture noted in the June/July Clarion. To win, send e-mail (or have your parent(s) send one) to editor@lakeclaire.org with the answer, and if you want to, tell us something fun you'll be doing this month. Any Lake Claire child is eligible, except that you can't win two months in a row. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.