

Membership Drive for the Lake Claire Neighborhood Please Join and Encourage Your Neighbors

by Joe Agee, President of Lake Claire Neighborhood Association

Since fall is just around the corner, it is a great time to start a Lake Claire Neighbors membership drive. Actually, any time is a good for an attempt to recruit more members, but somehow Fall sounds like a good time to begin. At the last executive meeting we decided to launch the membership drive.

Only about 91 households among the 1200+ houses in Lake

Claire are currently members. We need more households to join, and it is only \$20 per year. Funds pay for our bank account, our annual Christmas dinner event, and donations to local organizations, such as the Clifton Sanctuary, the Frazer Center, and the Freedom Park Conservatory. In addition, we designate funds for greenspaces, and several years when we've had

extra funds, we've been able to give gifts to our firefighters and police. Also, when advertising revenues aren't quite enough, we contribute to the printing of the Clarion.

The Executive Committee decided to do the following to increase membership:

- 1) engage cub or girl scout

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Faces of the Frazer Center

by Beth Damon

This spotlight in our occasional series features Josh Sanders, a Community Access Specialist at the Frazer Center. Our conversation follows.

What's your role at the Frazer Center?

I work in the Adult Program at Frazer as a Community Access Specialist. Essentially, my

job is to assimilate adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities into the community. Each day a group from the Adult Program goes out to various parts of the city from about 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., so pretty much the bulk of the time that they spend with the Frazer Center is out in

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The Passing of an Era: The Alarm Doesn't Ring

by Boyd Baker

So another "summer" slowly fades as the sun sets behind the trees on Hardendorf. The weather is warm, and it still feels like summer...but it isn't for us. Because we return to school in early August (July if you're a teacher). The date doesn't really matter. What matters is what won't in the morning - whether I get up or not. No need to set an alarm.

For the first time in a decade, it won't really matter if I rise with

the sun or not. Only as a backup am I needed. The wife rises early enough to get ready for work and rouse the spawn. One is now in 6th grade at Inman, and the other is in 9th at Grady. Whether they decide to ride their bikes or take the bus, my services are no longer required. The daily chore of rising to walk my kid(s) to

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Lake Claire Tour of Homes: Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

From Funky to Refined and In-between: Know Your Neighbors' Nests

Almost 25 years ago a group of our neighbors collaborated to share the spirit of Lake Claire and spotlight its many hidden treasures. This collaboration turned into the first Lake Claire Tour of Homes. It was officially named the **Lake Claire Tour of Funky Homes and Gardens**. The tour showcased homes with 'funky' features such as mouse-



Lakeshore Home on the Tour

trap art on Palifox, a colorful artist studio on Connecticut, and a jail cell door turned dining room table on Gordon. Tour-goers were

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Retirement After 15 Years at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries



by Leslie Prince

"Where do we start?" That was CSM Executive Director, Alice Jenkins's first question when I told her that I was writing an article about Prince. Well, he is just unique – even his name is unique. Alice often refers to Prince as her right hand... because she is left-handed.

Prince joined the staff of Clifton in August of 2000, and last month, Prince announced his intention to retire. He is working

part-time through this month, easing his way into retirement and easing our Clifton family into Life Without Prince.

Prince's official title is chaplain/case manager. But maybe a more accurate description is Coach. Alice often recounts how many times men come in broken down and bent over, but once they meet with him for their first

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SEPTEMBER

5 Saturdays, 5 and 19 – Land Trust Drum Circle, sunset to 11:00 p.m. Please walk, bike or carpool. Bring a friend!

8 The Sierra Club, Atlanta chapter, 2nd Tues. each month, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 2089 Ponce de Leon Ave. (at East Lake intersection); see <http://sierraclub.org/georgia/atlanta>

12 Candler Park Movie Night, “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,” 8 p.m., in front of the pool house. Free event, festivities start an hour before dusk. Check website for the most up-to-date info <http://friendsofcandlerpark.org/> (Last movie of the season is on September 26/see website)

12 Little White House, “Wheels At War” 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - fantastic display of military vehicles from WWII forward by the Ga. Military Vehicle Preservation Assoc and the Dixie Division MVPA. President Roosevelt to speak with guests on the progress of the war. Our own Dan White is on the Warm Springs Board of Directors.

13-23 Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur, **13** Erev. RH, **23** YK

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

19 Lake Claire Land Trust Drum Circle, sunset to 11 p.m. at the Land Trust. See above, Sept. 5.

20 *The Magic Compost Bucket* An Interactive Comedy Puppet Show About Our Environment & Growing Food at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., \$5 donation, see p. 11.

24 An important **Community Meeting for the Grady Cluster** at 6 p.m. at the Inman Auditorium, to discuss space concerns. Information 404-802-2820, Meria Carstarphen.

26 **COME ON OUT & SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!** Lake Claire Tour of Homes – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See article Page 1, and e-mail fun@lakeclaire.org for information)

26 Relax after the Lake Claire Tour of Homes at the Land Trust’s annual Peace & Love Harvest Fest, see page 11 for details. (lasts until 11 p.m.)

26 Little White House celebrates Your State Parks Day - Bridge & Sidewalk Refurbishing, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers for work detail receive free admission. For an hour or make a day of it.

Mark Calendars for Early October: Friday Evening, **October 9** - Harold Avenue Street Dance! Saturday, **October 10**, 10-4, Land Trust work day (see LCLT website for details)

Help us fill it out! Deadline, September 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org.

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treated to the entertainment stylings of various dancers, acrobats, jugglers, comedians, and the Tree Climbers International offering climbs on Nimrod and Diana (the two giant white Oaks at the corner of Arizona and New York) for \$1. Their ears were greeted by the lovely words of poets, and music, music, music with bands such as Atlanta Swamp Opera, Zen Dixie, Whirligig, and more, playing at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust. Following suit of the diverse nature of our neighborhood, the tour also featured a home with beautifully crafted hardwood details on Howard Circle, a fantasy bed and bath on Harold, and an enchanting garden on Mathews with perennials, herbs, vegetables, and butterflies galore that was also a beautiful dedication to fallen horticulturist and friend of living things, Raven Wolf dancer.

To say our neighborhood has changed in the last 25+ years would be an understatement, indeed. New homes, new neighbors, expanding families, and the passing of time itself are just a few of these changes. In addition to traditional artists, musicians, and dancers, we now have talented graphic artists, software

developers, and bloggers. In addition to flyers and the Clarion, we are now able to share neighborhood information on Lakeclaire.org, NextDoor, Facebook, and the various Lake Claire yahoo groups – and access this information from smartphones at that!

But the spirit of Lake Claire remains much the same. We are fortunate to be surrounded by many talented individuals... business people, artists, politicians, healthcare givers, parents, empty-nesters, volunteers, entrepreneurs, pet lovers, environmentalists, and much more. The neighbors of Lake Claire are what makes us Lake Claire! On **September 26, from 10am to 4pm**, come out and see where some of these amazing neighbors call home. Partake in the opportunity to experience up-close the items they surround themselves with that makes them, well, them!

Lake Claire’s approximately 1,200 homes are an eclectic mix from the Revival, Victorian, and Modern periods: Craftsman bungalows, 1950s cottages, and Contemporary Folk styles of archi-

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Back to School at Inman Middle School

by Kelly Crutcher



This year brings Inman more students: a larger learning village for the 8th grade, and the largest incoming 6th grade class! We expect to have more than 1,200 kids learning at Inman Middle this year.

We now have four teaching teams on each grade level and 22 new teachers! We are fortunate to welcome Dr. Betsy Bockman back to Inman as principal, and the year is off to a great start.

With more students, we need extra support from our community. In the past, PTA has relied on our annual Play-A-Thon fundraiser. This year, we will not have access to the fields because of the new trailers. Instead, we are asking for donations to support our Annual Fund, which will help provide teacher startup funds (\$125 per teacher), scholarships for field trips, teacher grants, educational programs, and athletic scholarships, as well as teacher & staff appreciation. All donations are tax deductible, and 100% of your donation goes directly to supporting our students and teachers. Because our funding needs are urgent, we need to raise funds by September 25. Any amount is appreciated.

Donations can be mailed to this address or donate online at www.inmanmiddleschool.org: Stephanie Abramowitz, PTA Treasurer, Inman Middle School, 774 Virginia Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

Report from the Education Chair

by Annsley Klehr

Wanted: Education Committee Members

Good news Lake Claire, we will officially have an education committee!!

Approved over the summer, Lake Claire Neighbors has decided to create an Education Committee!

Both Inman Park and Candler Park already have these in place. The purpose of an education committee are:

- To keep the neighborhood informed about ongoing educational topics;
- To get a diversity of inputs and opinions, especially if pertinent issues arise;
- To make sure that our diversity of voices within the neighborhood has an outlet to express ourselves.

It is crucial that we as a neighborhood stay abreast of educational topics, disseminate information, and have a wide, diverse body on the committee to field the neighborhood's thoughts on education topics.

The committee is imperative so that Lake Claire has a united front on current education topics.

CALLING ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN EDUCATION:

We are looking for people of all ages, without and without children, with children in public school and without children in the public school, who are interested in education to join our committee. The commitment will be minimal. If interested, please email Annsley Klehr, the Education Chair for Lake Claire, at anzoid@yahoo.com

APS + Tax Revenue = More \$\$\$

APS has an addition \$22.8 Million dollars to spend this 2015-2016 year. Some questions you might ask:

"How in the world did that happen?"

You can thank unexpected tax revenue and savings from APS employees who did not use their APS benefits.

"Where is all the money going?"

On Monday, August 10, the

BOE went over their list of priorities from the spring and approved a plan:

- \$11 million to move the roughly 3,100 teachers and staff who are below their appropriate to their appropriate step

- \$5 million to execute a remediation plan for the roughly 3,700 students still in APS who were impacted by the CRCT scandal

- \$2.5 million in additional discretionary dollars for schools and clusters, (bumping up the total amount from \$14.1m to \$16.6m)

- \$2.5 million in additional funds for operational issues (HVAC, security, bus upkeep, custodial services)

- \$1 million to lay the foundation for a strategy proposed to keep APS schools out of the state's proposed Opportunity School District

- \$250,000 to support our transition to a Charter System

"How does this affect the Grady Cluster?"

- Teachers who have had a salary freeze since 2008 will be moved to the step that reflects their years of service

- Additional funds will be given for the "College and Career Prep" signature theme

- Additional support to help transition Local School Councils (LSCs) to Local School Governance Teams (LSGTs)

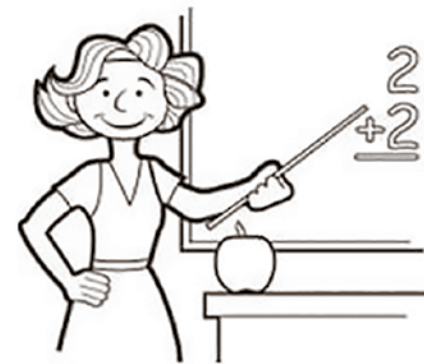
- Additional targeted support for operational issues (as listed above).

Needless to say, it appears we will be in better shape this year than expected!

A special thanks to Matt Westmoreland, District 3 Representative on the Atlanta BOE, for providing the information above.

The New APS Governance Structure

This 2015-2016 school year, the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) will transition to a charter system, as explained in previous articles. One of the major changes is that the Local School Council (LSC) will become a Local School Governance Team (LSGT).



An LSC is a legal body under Georgia Law that:

- consists of a group of school faculty and elected parents that can make recommendations and try to solve educational problems.

- serves as an advisory group to the Principal

- can raise issues with APS that, by law and practice, require an answer.

The LSC is not a governance body, and do NOT have decision-making authority; it can influence policy and decisions through recommendations.

The LSGT:

- will recommend the principal or school leader for selection by the Board Of Education (BOE)

- will have input into the final recommendations for the school budget, including number and type of personnel, curriculum costs, supply costs, equipment costs and maintenance and operations cost

- will have input into the selection of the curriculum and accompanying materials consistent with the district's Essential and Innovative Features as included in the charter contract

- will approve the school improvement plan and provide oversight of its implementation

- will have input into school operations that are consistent with school improvement and charter goal.

APS determined that all future LSGT elections be held in either February or March 2016; therefore, Mary Lin Elementary School has decided to suspend LSC elections and allow the current LSC members who are eligible to serve this 2015-2016 year to continue to serve until the LSGT elections. This decision required an amendment to the bylaws, which passed with a 9-1 vote. There will be 10 returning members and the new principal, Sharyn Briscoe.

These meetings are open to public, so stop on by!

There is an important Community Meeting for the Grady Cluster set for Thursday, Sept 24, at 6pm at the Inman Auditorium, to discuss space issues.

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texture, in addition to the new homes constructed within the new millennium. This year's tour will spotlight the variety of architectural and individual styles that our neighborhood is known for as well as celebrate the fun and the funky that makes us Lake Claire.

They say "birds of a feather flock together." Well, we chickens, hawks, owls, and more have successfully flocked to Lake Claire. So, come on out, and **Get to Know Your Neighbors' Nests!** The tour supports Lake Claire Neighbors, which supports our greenspaces, Lake Claire Park, and the DeKalb Ave. wall mural, among other things (see Joe's article on Membership on Page 1). Tickets can be purchased in advance at LakeClaireHomeTour.com or LakeClaire.org for \$12, or on the day of the tour for \$15. **Set-up on the day of the tour is at the park.**

Want to get a free ticket? Easy! **Volunteer** for the tour, and get to know your neighbors'

nests for free! **Volunteers are still needed!** Opportunities include taking a shift as a house greeter, hosting a directional sign in your yard, helping with set-up and take-down, getting sponsorships, and distributing flyers. Wanna volunteer, spread the word, and love to dance? Volunteer to be a Disco Directional (ok, hold a sign and dance) on the day of the event. Donations are of course also always very much appreciated. Contact Lake Claire Neighbors VP of Fun(d) raising, Sara Rockaway, at fun@lakeclaire.org. Visit LakeClaireHomeTour.com, LakeClaire.org, or our Lake Claire Tour of Homes Facebook page for more information.

Just as our funky neighbors in the early '90s wanted to share all that we are so fortunate to be surrounded by in Lake Claire, we hope that this 2015 Lake Claire Tour of Homes and Gardens will remind us that **30307 is more than just a zipcode – it's our home. SEE YOU THERE!**



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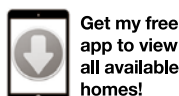


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the community.

Is this a new aspect to the Adult Program?

Somewhat. Community involvement has always been a large aspect of every adult's schedule. This just takes it up a level. It's modeled after similar programs in which adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities are encouraged to spend as much time out in the greater community—away from centers and group homes—as possible.

The great thing is that it is mutually beneficial for the participants and the community. On one hand, it introduces the adults at Frazer to places they probably would not get to go frequently, like the BeltLine, Krog Market, Center for Civil and Human Rights, and the King Center. It provides them access to a part of the community that they don't get on a day to day basis. On the other hand, it establishes their presence in the community. It shows us that the city and attrac-



Josh Sanders

know each individual, his or her limitations, and what to avoid. There's been a learning curve, and a few instances where we have to remind certain people in the community that adults with disabilities are entitled to access as much as anyone else, but those instances are few and far between.

What drew you to this mission and the Frazer Center in particular?

I have a brother, Jason, with intellectual disabilities that I grew up with and have taken care of throughout my life, so I was very attracted to the inclusive programs at Frazer. It's very important to me. Everyone loved my brother growing

up, but he was still treated differently. He and similar kids would be segregated in their own classes in school; it was very much an "us vs. them" environment. The Frazer Center is built on the idea that it is just "us," and that is awesome.

What else are you passionate about?

I actually started my own non-profit called Trashwater, that provides clean water solutions through partnerships with communities in developing nations. My passion for helping people get access to clean water started in

New Layout Volunteers for the Clarion

by Beth Damon

I am so thrilled that starting with this issue we have two new additions to the Clarion team: daughter-mother layout volunteers. Roshan Antia is a junior at Grady High School, in the graphics pathway, and she is already doing design work there. In addition to taking over these Clarion duties, Roshan is an enthusiastic techie in the Grady Theater Troupe. She is a lifetime resident of Lake Claire!



Véronique Perrot, her mom, has worked on the layout of the Wylde Center magazine and volunteered there frequently before she returned to work at Emory University's Biology Department. Véronique, her husband, Rustom, and daughters, Alice and Roshan, have lived in Lake Claire for 20 years. We know from the last Clarion that she is a great cook (see last issue page 11; Véronique won the Land Trust Cookoff on July 4, with her vanilla bean and coffee panna cotta). The neigh-

borhood owes a debt of thanks to them for joining the Clarion's all-volunteer team, Beth Damon (Editor), Pat Del Rey (Advertising), and Alicia McGill (Distribution). Alicia's children are

consistent distribution volunteers, including daughter Jamie (who also won the Land Trust July 4 cook off, 2nd place for her fudge protein bars), along with Joseph, Sara, and Michael. And of course, there

are the "Clarion carriers," who deliver the Clarions to 1200+ Lake Claire porches, rain or shine. And in the tradition of Lake Claire's multi-generational volunteerism, many of those volunteers have daughters and sons who help their parent(s) with delivery. Last but not least, our advertisers fund either all or much of the Clarion printing charges each month. Please consider our advertisers when you need a service or product. Welcome to the Clarion, Roshan and Véronique.

2007 when I went to Cairo and experienced the global water crises firsthand and ended up in the hospital as a result. It is easy to take for granted ready access to a safe supply of drinking water, but the reality is that it affects nearly one billion people. Safe

water supplies directly improve the health and productivity of the lives of so many people. There is much more information on our website www.trashwater.org.

Thank you to Dan Watson at the Frazer Center for your help with this series. - Editor



Adults at Oakland Cemetery.



The Frazer Center's Adult Program spends as much time as possible out in the greater community -- this group is touring the DeKalb-Peachtree Airport.

tions can be and should be experienced by all types of individuals. Diversity is good, and the adults at the Frazer Center are such enjoyable people, so having them out in the community as much as possible is beneficial for everyone!

How has the community responded?

The community has responded really well. It's been going great; we get out every day. All the adults want to be out in the community. They love new things, and their different personalities really come out. Obviously, we as professionals in the field have to

Keep An Eye on the Crime and the Time:

Lake Claire Security Report, June 28 through August 1 (5 weeks)

Burglary

400 block Hardendorf Ave 6/28/15 Taken: dirt bike, black Honda vehicle
Victim advised he secures his garage door "with a piece of wood."

Theft from Vehicle

200 block Oxford Pl.	7/1/15	from street	Damage: right front window broken Taken: cash
1900 block McLendon Ave	7/1/15	from street	Damage: front driver's side window broken Taken: purse containing cash, passport, health insurance card, make-up
300 block Gordon Ave	7/3/15	from street	Damage: driver's side window removed Taken: hand tools, voltage meter, sunglasses
2100 block Palifox Dr.	7/7/15	from street	Damage: left rear window broken out Taken: drills, hand tools, other work items, personal checkbook
400 block Lakeshore Dr.	7/8/15	from street	Damage: passenger window. Taken: iPhone
200 block Southerland Terr.	7/11/15	from street	Damage: rear hatch window & passenger side front window broken Taken: laptops, monitor, sunglasses Prints recovered
1800 block Marlbrook Dr.	7/12/15	from street	Taken: Oxycodone prescription (15 pills) Damage: passenger window broken
500 block Hardendorf Ave	7/12/15	from street	Taken: nothing. Damage: passenger window broken
2000 block DeKalb Ave	7/14/15	from parking lot	Taken: money and business loyalty cards. Damage: none - door lock doesn't work so car was unlocked
400 block Clifton Rd.	7/16/15	from street	Taken: GPS, cash Damage: passenger window broken
2000 block McLendon Ave	7/16/15	from street	Taken: Leatherman multi-tool, picket knife Damage: right rear window broken and removed
2000 block Palifox Dr.	7/23/15	from street	Taken: circular saw, air compressor Damage: rear left side passenger window broken Note: The victim heard loud breaking glass & vehicle speeding off, and stated that this is the 3rd theft in a month.
500 block Lakeshore Dr.	7/28/15	from driveway	Taken: wallet containing credit/debit cards Damage: none; vehicle was left unlocked

Other Larceny

300 block Southerland Pl. 7/30/15 Taken: bicycle, from beside garage near rear door of home

2000 block Howard Cir. 7/30/15 Taken: artwork
Artwork missing after a delivery of furniture was made; suspect works for delivery company

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Candler Park Lake Claire Security Patrol

by Cecily Stevens



The Candler Park Lake Claire Patrol is here! Join your neighbors and be a part of the solution to crime in our neighborhood. The goal of the CPLC Patrol is to fight neighborhood crime by helping to prevent it. The Patrol will be staffed by off-duty City of Atlanta police officers who will

drive the marked CPLC Patrol car and have authority to make arrests. Your membership benefits include direct access to the patrol officers, and in addition, a member of the CPLC Patrol may request a vacation patrol, whereby the patrol officer will check on your home while you are away. All members will receive a CPLC Patrol yard sign.

The CPLC Patrol is set to begin in the early fall. Become a member of the Candler Park Lake Claire Patrol today. Together, we can make our neighborhoods safer. Help us reach our initial goal of 225 member households before October 1. The more members we have, the more patrol hours

we can fund!

Please visit our website for membership and sponsorship information and to join: www.cplcpatrol.com and e-mail us at cplcpatrol@gmail.com.

Note that the senior rate is half the regular rate, and that business sponsorships are available at the link.



Tips for Automobile Security

Help prevent vehicle break-ins. The Atlanta Police Department's "Clean Car Campaign" notes removing all valuables when parking -- Items such as tablets, backpacks, and navigation devices should be removed from plain sight. Place valuables in the trunk before arriving to your destination or leave them at home. Lock all windows and doors, removing GPS and mounts, removing electronic cords and power sources; removing brief cases, shopping bags and gym bags, removing items of clothing, and not leaving money visible, albeit bills or coins. Additional common sense tips include closing car windows when parked, using your emergency brake when parked, not leaving your car running while unattended, and never leaving the car registration or title in your car.

If you *See Something, Say Something*: Call 9-1-1 or approach a police officer if you see any suspicious activity. You can also contact your local precinct; ours is Zone 6: (404) 371-5002



Caleb Henry Loy



Violet Marie Rockaway



Rockaway Family (Little Violet with big brothers Ben, Jake, Sam, & Ralph, and daddy Jim)

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



Birthdays:

September 1 Thomas Mayer will turn 2 ! (Gordon Avenue)

September 13 Lilliana Amato's 7th birthday! (Leonardo)

September 19 Miller Lynn will be 4! (Leonardo)

September 20 Keely Baker – the big 12 this year! (Leonardo).

September 22 Rene Godiers (Marlbrook)

September 2 Alyssa Olson (Leonardo)

September 24 Artist Olivia Ledbetter, to be

14 (McLendon Ave)

Belated congrats, birthdays and birth days:

7/19 Caleb Henry Loy born to Jason and Alison Loy of Claire Drive

8/7 Violet Marie Rockaway born to Sara and Jim, and 4 big brothers (see pic)

8/13 Elena Godiers, (Marlbrook);

8/14 Sawyer Klehr, turned 2 (Hardendorf).

And get well soon:

Margaret Gossett on the mend with a new hip (Harold)—feel better!

To help us continue this feature on neighborhood life cycle events, send dates to editor@lakeclaire.org—birthdays or other celebrations for the upcoming month, births or deaths or important rites of passage. We promise not to identify ages for people over 25 unless requested! ;-). What's in October? **Let us know your suggestions by SEPTEMBER 15 for the October Clarion.**

September into October in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

As I sit here in August, writing the September garden column, it may seem odd to start talking about growing annual flowers. However, every winter when I should be talking about such things, there is just too much to do for the Southern garden. And the annual flower in this climate gives us color and bouquets from spring until November. What a bargain! Looking out the window during the hottest months of the year, I see these flowers bloom: zinnia, marigold, nasturtium, salvia, celosia, tithonia, sunflower, sweet alyssum, cleome, ageratum, torenia, impatiens, melampodium, angelonia, laurientia, petunia, and cosmos. The beautiful foliage of coleus is as bright as any flower.

Yes, there are perennials still in bloom, garden phlox, Shasta daisy, echinacea, and yarrow, but my David phlox up and died in July with no warning, and the others are looking tired and ratty. As far as perennials go, it is the shrubs that carry us through: crape myrtle, rose of Sharon, abelia, and butterfly bush. But they bloom higher up, not filling the low spots in our gardens.

All the annuals I listed above can be grown from seed without much trouble because that is how I get the flowers I want in the colors I plan. If you are a beginner or working with children, then I recommend starting with marigolds and zinnias because they germinate and bloom quickly. This year I planted the giant Benary zinnia seeds directly into the ground. Because we had plentiful rainfall most of the spring, I not only got huge plants, but also quite a bit of self-seeding. However,



Hummingbird, by Stan Keiser

I still sowed the small, floriferous Profusion zinnias in pots by color because they run several dollars for about 15 seeds per packet, still cheaper than buying large plants.

I also sow marigolds inside because they are small and tend to be too crowded if you scatter seed, or else they may get scratched up by squirrels. I grew five or six kinds of French marigolds this year and planted them out directly into the vegetable beds. All of the colors, from pale yellow through mahogany with clever, multi-colored ones, are lovely and may benefit your vegetables also by keeping down nematodes in the soil. And they make

lovely little posies in tiny vases inside if you like the scent, which I do.

I wrote already about how the salvias and celosias, both decimated by aphids when seedlings, had popped up all over my garden from seed shed last year. Lady in Red and Coral Nymph salvias seem to have been replaced by Red and Pink Jewel salvia, but they look just as nice. I think Lady in Red is a little taller. Certainly the hummingbirds love it. The celosia I have grown for years is Fresh Look Red, with red flowers and very chartreuse leaves, which give it that fresh look.

Hummingbirds also love tithonia now that the perennial monarda (or bee balm) has passed. So do the bees and butterflies. There are two giant ones by my back door that look like a popular diner all day, the various insects and birds circulating around from flower to flower. The giant zinnias are also popular dining spots. One morning I saw two finches holding onto giant zinnia stalks as they plucked the petals from two flowers, trying to reach the seeds inside, unfortunately still green. They do the same with echinacea in the fall.

Perhaps you have noticed how expensive angelonia still is. I grow flowers for several people by buying a larger amount of seed than normal and producing plants for much less. Like most (but not all) annuals, they grow bushy with light pinching when they are small. And they take any amount of heat, not appearing to care if they are watered or not while other flowers wilt in our fierce summers. These come in shades of purple, lavender, rose, and white.

Some annuals such as impatiens have a very long growing period before they are large enough to flower and must be started by January to be planted out in April. Look at your seed packet to see if the plant needs 12-16 weeks, and plan accordingly. Also check to see if they need light to germinate (many) or total darkness (a few). The latter is not difficult to provide. After you sow seed in the pot, cover it tightly with a piece of aluminum foil. Check in a week, and immediately uncover the pot if seedlings have appeared. Just be sure to tape the label to the outside of the pot so you know what you have inside.

So order yourself some catalogs from Park Seed, Stokes, or Select Seeds, and spend a few days in late November planning next year's flowers as well as vegetables. Perhaps you have neighbors who would share some seed ordering with you and divvy up the sowing. And don't forget to take cuttings of coleus and impatiens before frost hits. They easily root and can provide you with free plants come springtime.

Elizabeth loves to hear your gardening results. Write her at knowltonew@earthlink.net. — Ed.



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Blast from the Past: Some Lake Claire History

With thanks to Bob Schreiber, formerly of Claire Drive

Contrary to what some may think, there was once a lake in the Lake Claire neighborhood!

Where Claire Drive intersects the middle of Lakeshore Drive, there is a deep geographic hollow, and this is the location of the former lake. The Provisional Plat of the Massell Development Company, July 1926, lists the name of the lake as Lake Ponceana. Subsequent maps by the

Sanborn Insurance Company, the U.S. Coastal and Geodetic Survey (1928) and City of Atlanta maps from 1930 and 1934 all show the lake.

The creek which filled the lake still has a constant flow of water. It carries rainwater drainage from Palifox Road and Ponce de Leon Manor into Peavine Creek, which flows behind the west side of Lakeshore. Hiking 125 yards

up the creek from Lakeshore, you will find a stonework dam and outcroppings of tilted igneous rock layers, which lined the lake (be careful to avoid poison ivy).

Anecdotal stories from longtime residents confirm that the original lake was drained in 1928 or 1929 because of concerns about mosquitoes and the lake being a hazard to children. Shortly thereafter, the owners of the first

house on Lakeshore planted a garden that extended from their house to the corner of Lakeshore and Claire. The children of the neighborhood regularly played in the garden, and from the mid 1930s until after WWII, the owners had annual picnics for neighborhood residents.

Stay tuned! In the next issue: How did Lake Claire get its name?

Prince Retiring from Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

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counseling session, they come out standing up straight and proud. Maybe he has a magic potion in there? Alice asks with a giggly laugh. "No," she said as she answered her own question, "he reminds them of who they are—true children of God." And so it goes.....

Prince thinks outside of our homeless box, developing new programs that will benefit our Clifton residents. He is constantly reminding the guests that just because they are homeless, they don't need to look homeless or act homeless. To that end, Prince works hard teaching the guests how to be good neighbors and live in community with others, enjoying the privilege of residing here in Lake Claire, if it is only for a brief stay. Our annual Christmas Caroling on the Corner was Prince's idea, as was our

traditional Christmas program hosted by the guests.

Never in 15 years have we heard him raise his voice, but have we heard him laugh! "He has made a difference here—he definitely made his mark. Will anyone ever replace him—no!," Alice surmises.

The staff, board of directors, and volunteers at Clifton are tremendously proud of our success rate—an average of 69% over the past 5 years. Prince has been key to this success. The men of Clifton who have walked through our doors over the past 15 years are truly fortunate to have been ministered to and served by Prince.

We are all going to miss you, Prince! It has been our honor to have kept your company during our time together at Clifton and we wish you much love, joy, and happiness.

Parent's Life Changing/ Alarm Not Needed

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Mary Lin has been cleared off of my To Do list.

Gone are the hand-holdings to cross Clifton. Goodbye to the morning greetings of other parents along Candler Park Drive as we drop our most precious cargo off for another school day. So long to the extended chats and playtime at the playground as we walk home. It's the passing of an era, and I have to be honest—I'm not sure where it leaves me. How does a parent adjust to this life change? And how does Spot?

Spot, though only four, has become used to his morning and afternoon head pats and belly rubs from Linnars as he walks calmly to school with his "kids." Sure, he has four legs and often eats things we consider trash, but his life won't be the same. There is no way we, as a family, can replace the love and attention given to him by our elementary school community. And the twice daily walks were his only form of Zumba. Will his waistline suffer? Will his popularity fade? I have to think they both will.

I know I'm playing the pity card here. Thousands of parents have gone through this and somehow managed to survive. As a stay-at-home-work-at-home Dad, this is a real game-changer though. I'm not used to having this much control over my own life. For 10 years, walking to and from Mary Lin has been my job five days a week and ten months a year. My Time has only existed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. I've trekked many intown hills, seen many neighborhood



Spot

changes, and watched as other parents transitioned as I now must. Little did I know what was in store for me.

Progress? Evolution? Freedom? Whatever you call it, it's coming for some of you. It's a past memory for others of you. I feel like there should be a 12-step transition program or "grief group" somewhere. I suppose just walking Spot and giving him some sense of normalcy is the best course of action. Maybe that will be my therapy.

So if you see me, or other parents, looking slightly dismayed, confused, or adrift in the mornings as you get to your assigned daily chores, realize they're going to be okay. They may wander by Mary Lin at drop-off time under the pretense of "seeing the renovation" or "getting some exercise," but really they're just creatures of habit. It may take a few weeks—or months—before they remember who they are supposed to be when they grow up and their kids do too.



Prince Davies-Venn speaking with CSM clients

The Last Patch of Green on Dekalb Ave.: Land Trust Volunteers Making a Difference

by Miriam Herbers

A recent newsletter from Trees Atlanta opened with this Greek proverb: "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they will never sit in." Immediately I thought of Norman Glassman. It was Norman's idea to start the Land Trust on property no longer needed by MARTA. That was big, but his lead in getting the Land Trust put into conservation easement is what this quote really brought to mind.

Soon the section of the Land Trust that faces Dekalb Ave. between Nelms and the Watershed Mural will be the only undeveloped land between downtown Atlanta and Decatur! The last two lots are for sale, and it won't be long before something is built. The Land Trust's Dekalb Ave. border is now a special "hill."

You might have noticed some activity on this block-long slope this past spring. On the last weekend in May, 25 neighbors and friends of the Land Trust planted 1,600 tiny plugs of native grasses and native perennials between the 40 native trees that Trees Atlanta volunteers planted last fall. Some of the grasses you will see growing are broomsedge, purple lovegrass, and muhly grass. Perennials that were selected to bloom in each season include blackeyed susans, purple coneflowers, asters, butterfly weed, coreopsis and more.

Leah Pine, a landscape architect who has lived on Arizona Ave. for many years, volunteered her time and expertise to design this phase of the hill and supervise the volunteers. She also

worked with Alex Beasley from Trees Atlanta to select the trees. We are eternally grateful for her generosity.

Planting was actually easier than the next step, which was daily watering for two weeks, followed by two more weeks of watering every other day. The heat and lack of water pressure from the Land Trust's rain barrels and well water made this a labor of love for the mostly same volunteers, most of them Lake Claire residents. A rough estimate of 150 volunteer hours went into this project. Maybe we should call ourselves "the volunteer neighborhood"!

Weeds have claimed the space as their own for so long that it will be a difficult challenge to eradicate them. Pulling up morning glory and other "persona non grata" will be an ongoing project until the new plants fill in and out-compete the weeds. Feel free and appreciated if you ever want to spend a few minutes pulling these non-natives up.

What was once a weed-infested hill will eventually be transformed into a native meadow of flowers and trees for bees to pollinate the gardens above, providing food and shelter for birds and other small animals, and a beautiful place into the future. Many of the plants have been labeled so it will also serve as an educational tool for walkers and passers-bys. Please help us do what you can to maintain this last piece of green space on Dekalb Ave. for the future.

Membership Drive—Please Join and Encourage Your Neighbors

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troops, as well as any other willing and available kids to go door-to-door, block-to-block as part of a community service project that can win points for badges;

2) have block contests to see who can recruit the greatest number of new members (prizes such as dinners out or in neighbor's houses, sharing Lake Claire

wine; and

3) promote the idea of membership as a great gift idea for birthdays or other celebrations for only \$20.00 (less than a good bottle of wine and longer lasting!).

What are your thoughts? Any other ideas for increasing membership will be warmly welcomed!

Thanks to all the households who have paid their dues, some of whom include:

Babinska, Livingston, Anderson, Attebury, Howard, Barksdale, Bittinger, Bliss, Bonk, Bradshaw, Brookner, Burroughs, Capps, Cleveland, Covington, Curl, Cywilko, D'Agostino, Boyd, Amoroso, Barash, Dinkins, French, Gattton, Giordano, Klehr, Pomer-

anz, Grindo, Pressman, Harrison, Howard, Bourne, Hill, Herbers, Holloway, Lamb, McCorkle, Rachal, McAvoy, Osiecki, Schroeder, Mauney, Olson, Merkle, Neal, Rockaway, Singer, Blank.

All paid their \$20 annual dues, and we very much appreciate it.



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

The Lake Claire Land Trust is proud to be
Sevananda Natural Foods Market's
Be the Change Partner for the month of
 September. Round up your change for community greenspace all month long! Located at 467 Moreland Ave. in Little Five Points, Sevananda is the oldest and largest food co-op in the Southeast. Thank you, Sevananda!

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust presents

Peace and Love Harvest Fest 2015

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2:00 - 11:00 pm, Adults – \$10 donation, teens \$1, kids under 12 free

Greetings, neighbors and friends! The time is almost here for the Peace & Love Harvest Fest, our bi-annual fundraiser for the Lake Claire Community Land Trust. It's happening on Saturday, Sept. 26 (**note new date**). We are excited to bring you a full day of music, art, food, friendship, community, and FUN! We will be dancing and playing from 2:00 until 11:00 pm, so come on out and be part of your neighborhood, and help raise money to maintain our beautiful oasis in the city.

The musical line-up is not yet complete, but as always it begins with our teen bands, who have been playing for us now from their junior high days and now into high school. They have grown not only physically, but artistically and musically, and we are so proud of them.

Fuiste – This teenage trio just released their debut EP with their high-energy blend of progressive & experimental rock/jazz originals. Its members are now Grady High seniors. (Other teen bands are still tentative.)

My Imaginary Band – A crockpot of Alternative Rock. Imagine if you got out your musical blender and mixed together Cake, The Decemberists, Flogging Molly, Old97s, Radiohead, White Stripes, and the Jam. Put all that together, and you get this cool but quirky band playing songs you know by heart and

many you never ever knew existed. Its members are parents of some of our teen performers at past festivals.

She She R – This brand new all-female band emerged out of Ladies Rock Camp of Atlanta. They are making their DEBUT appearance, covering music from the band CCR (Credence Clearwater Revival). They are practicing hard and are very excited to be a part of our musical lineup.

Swami Gone Bananas – Atlanta native, artist, and musician Mike "Swami" Schulman was a radio personality in the early '90s. He called himself "Swami Gone Bananas" then, and the name was born. A fine artist in the '60s style, he began working for the Grateful Dead in 1992. Swami always said that the Dead were the best cover band ever, so after Jerry Garcia died, he put together a band to 'cover' them. The band has gone full circle since then, writing their own songs, becoming one of the South's fine nightclub acts, and playing festivals all over the Southeast.

Freddy's Finest – This original band has a unique sound that combines the groove of classic soul with the energy of modern funk with a heavy blues undertone. Their catalog of songs and grooves and huge range of styles make for a very versatile sound. They also cover a few classics from the likes of the Beatles, Otis Redding, James Brown, etc. If you haven't seen Freddy's Finest live, do yourself a favor and come on down!

You'll also be treated to a bellydance performance by the one and only Juliana, a hula dance performance by the Aloha Kitties, and some powerful drumming by the Sensua Players. We are so lucky to have all these talented and amazing musicians and performers to be part of our cause!

Besides the music, we'll have food and drinks, an Artists' Market, a Bake Sale, face painting, and a raffle with lots of cool prizes. If you bring your own re-usable plate and utensils, you will receive \$1.00 off on your meal. Bakers, we would love your donation of deliciousness for our Bake Sale table! Please include all ingredients on a small card. And

All Together Now Family Fun Series presents

The Magic Compost Bucket

An Interactive Comedy Puppet Show About Our Environment & Growing Food at the Land Trust, Sunday Sept. 20, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., \$5 donation

Join Miss Ladybug, Farmer Greenthumbs, and Ms. Ellen Feather for a laugh-out-loud good time! Participants will be entertained and invited to play and create while learning and laughing about the cycle of decomposition. The lines of puppet, people, actors, and audience are blurred through improv, props, food, music, and stories.

Farmer Greenthumbs is an accomplished entertainer and musician. He teaches music and gardening, and hosts birthday parties with Ladybug Events. Ellen Feather is an accomplished musician and actress. She weaves her many talents into her work as a professional Montessori teacher.

All Together Now is brought to you by Ladybug Events in collaboration with the Lake Claire Community Land Trust Family Project. Our last event on July 19 was about herbalism for the whole family, featuring Dara Suchke and Cara Langston. It was lovely learning about the healing plants that grow in our neighborhood, sipping refreshing teas, and making bug repellent. We'll close the year on November

please, everyone, use the marked recycling containers.

This event is held in the Lake Claire neighborhood, so we ask that you **treat nearby neighbors with respect**. Walk, bike, carpool, or take MARTA if you can. If you drive, **please do not park on side streets**. Event parking is available at Clifton Sanctuary, 369 Connecticut Ave., a short walk away. Walk quietly to and from your car. Please leave your critters at home.

Your donation helps to maintain and beautify the Land Trust. Cash is preferred, but we'll take cards at the ticket booth. Food and drinks are cash only. There is a money machine close by at the Candler Park Market or over at the Edgewood Shopping Center.

We can't wait to dance with all of you! Please invite all your friends and family!



8 with a giant leaf pile, music, storytelling, and more, featuring local poets and artists – and s'mores for all! (Note that this date has changed since the Land Trust postcards were printed.)

In the spirit of the All Together Now series, Ladybug Events is happy and excited to bring together children, local community educators, and artists to celebrate our jewel, the Land Trust, and spread awareness about our responsibility as stewards of our Earth.

If you would like more of these type of programs, let us know on our website, LadybugEventsLLC.com, or the Land Trust's, LCCLT.org. And next time you are planning a celebration, would like a custom class about homesteading (etc.), or need an entertainer for a birthday party or other special occasions, contact LadybugEventsLLC.com.

LCLT Community Work Days

Since the beginning, the Land Trust owes its beauty and magic to the many dedicated volunteers who have worked together to manifest the vision. Getting together to get the work done is the quickest way to build and experience community. Plug in and participate! Bring drinking water and work gloves, if you have some. Pizza will be served when we finish.

Sunday, Sept. 13, 1:30 - 4:30 pm: Help us get the Land Trust ready for Harvest Fest!

Saturday, Oct. 10, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Maintenance, repairs, and projects. Bring a bag lunch

The Land Trust Has an Address!

by Miriam Herbers

A year or two ago when the Land Trust was surveyed, the surveyor gave us the news that there was no legal access to the LT from Arizona. The driveway path that everybody uses actually belongs to our neighbor. Looking to the future, it seemed safest to petition for an Arizona Ave. address and access. With the assistance of the always helpful Valencia Hudson in Councilperson Natilyn Archibong's office, we now boast our own address: 270 Arizona Avenue. Love letters welcome.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate. Reading some of these columns, I feel certain that these are the first efforts of future renowned writers and artists. If you are new to Lake Claire, do go back and read the past columns on

the website (www.lakeclaire.org/clarion/clarion-archives).

This month's featured writer is Ally Bliss, a 10-year old fifth grader and a Leo (her Lake Claire street nickname, not her zodiac sign). Thank you, Ally, for your continued dedication to the Clarion and

writing this on such short notice.

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. We'd love to hear from you.

Progress at Mary Lin School

by Ally Bliss

Hi, my name is Ally Bliss. I am 10 years old, a resident in Lake Claire, and I go to Mary Lin. You may know that Mary Lin is under construction. I'm a fifth grader. Last year I was in a trailer, and this year I am in an actual classroom. The school has a new auditorium, a new gym, a new cafeteria, and a new entrance. I hear that the playground will be really exciting, but right now, recess is on Freedom Park Path. Because the school is under construction, we won't have much time as 5th graders to play on the new playground, or to really be in the newly constructed school! However, I am glad for the new changes and that Mary Lin can hold all the children in all the grades.

You may also know that we have a new principal. Her name is Ms. Briscoe. She is really nice, and I really enjoy how she plays music in the morning. She plays songs like "Happy" over the intercom. On the first day, she played a song from "High School Musical," and she has played Bob Marley as well. Ms. Briscoe has also reorganized dismissal at the end of the school day, and I think it is much more organized. I think this is going to be a very successful year with Ms. Briscoe.

This is my first year switching classes. We have four great teachers who teach very well. I think all of my fifth grade teachers



Ally with New Principal Sharyn Briscoe

live nearby—some in Candler Park and Lake Claire. Ms. Partridge teaches English/Language Arts. She is very good and has put together exciting assignments for this year. Ms. Iskhakova teaches social studies. I really like her—she is very nice and she assigns us journal activities every morning on interesting topics. Ms. Bringslid teaches math. I really enjoy her style of teaching because she puts math in the real world. Ms. Shumaker is new and teaches science very well. We have done a couple of experiments so far that I have really learned from.

I'm really excited for the rest of this year!

NEW CONTEST:

HELLO, KIDS: September is the anniversary month of the establishment of the U.S. Supreme Court. Hidden in this issue is a Supreme Court graphic. The child who finds it will be the contest winner & have his or her name and picture noted in the next (Oct.) Clarion. If you can name the Chief Justice or tell me how many justices there are, you win extra credit, and we will feature your writing or drawing in a future Clarion. To win, send e-mail (or have your parent(s) send one) with the page it is on, to editor@lakeclaire.org. 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.



Ally with New School Construction in the Background



Jordan Levs



Amelia Roberts

CONGRATULATIONS!

to Amelia Roberts and Jordan Levs, who tied this month to win our monthly find-the-graphic contest. Amelia Roberts lives on Claire Drive. Amelia is 6½ and has just started as a 1st grade student at Mary Lin, in Ms. Ashworth's class. She has a younger sibling named Isla who is 2½. Together they have pet fish because their parents won't allow them to get a puppy (parents Zach and Sarah regularly hear about how unfair that is). Amelia loves spending time with her friends, is somewhat obsessed with collecting Shopkins, and is perfecting the art of being a big sister. You can spot her in the neighborhood riding her bicycle or roller skating with grace—at frightening speeds. Her favorite thing in the whole world is her "dirty piggy" blanket, followed closely by Netflix, and her least favorite thing is going to sleep. Jordan Levs, who turns 6 in November, is a kindergartner at Mary Lin. He lives on Harold Avenue with his parents, Melanie and Josh, brother, Ryan, a Lin third-grader, and his baby sister Abby, almost 2 years old. Jordan (aka "Jordy" to many friends and family) loves Power Rangers, anything Lego, bounce-house places, being read to, and playing with his friends. Great job, Jordan and Amelia!