



Annual Lake Claire Halloween Party now Sunday, November 5

As we all know, one of Lake Claire's signature parties of the year is the Annual Lake Claire Halloween Parade and Party. This year it was scheduled for October 28, but the weather "rained on our parade." The new day for the party is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5—but we *may* meet in Lake Claire Park at 3 p.m. for the costume contest, prizes, food, games, and FUN, and forego the pa-

rade. Please bring your little pirates, princesses, super heroes, monsters, witches, and dragons! We hope to see you, Sunday, November 5, 3 to 6 p.m.

Important note: The Clarion went to press October 29. Please be sure to check lakeclaire.org for current information on whether to meet in the park or at Ridgewood and Marlbrook for a parade



Katherine & Nathaniel Wellen on Harold excitedly anticipating Nov 5 party

November Neighborhood Meeting

The annual Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) Executive Committee elections are this month, on Thursday, November 16. As our bylaws instructed, nominations were made at the October meeting. The slate of officers for 2018 to be presented for election on Nov. 16: President: Joe Agee; Communications: Nancy Dorsner; Environment: Melissa Pressman; Fundraising: Pen Sherwood; Planning and NPU Representative: Carol Holiday; Safety: Ann Mauney; Treasurer: Eileen O'Neill; Zoning: Robin Singer. Annsley Klehr will continue as Chair of Education, Naka Nathaniel as Representative to the Freedom Park Conservancy, and Ben Klehr as Representative to the Candler Park Conservancy. We hope you are able to come and cast your vote in support of these candidates willing to volunteer their time for the neighborhood. Thanks to all.

Code Enforcement Information

by Norman Glassman

Hello Neighbors, I read with great interest Beth Damon's excellent and needed article last month about what is essentially selective and abusive enforcement of the Atlanta Housing Code, which sets out the rules that apply to all of us who live in the City of Atlanta. Reading about the selective interest the City has taken in some of the

Inclusion is Key at Frazer Center Adult Program Spotlight

by Dina Shadwell, Frazer Center Communications & Development Coordinator

Thank you, Lake Claire, for being such great neighbors to the Frazer Center! We love running into you and your pooches in the Frazer Forest, and we love seeing the neighborhood parents who bring their children to our early education program every day. Did you know that we also

provide services for adults with disabilities, including Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and autism? After graduating from high school, or by the age of 22, adults with developmental disabilities are eligible to apply for our program. Inclusion is our cornerstone.

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Attention Artists and Crafters!

That time of year has almost arrived. Time to create art and craft work for holiday gifts. **December 2 is Lake Claire's Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair.** Please join us in creating and selling your art while supporting local communities. This year, Lake Claire Neighbors partners with Mary Lin Elementary to host the fair, and a share of the proceeds will help both of us support local charities and community work. At the Atrium in the Frazer Center,

older houses has inspired me to write this article.

I have been in the neighborhood for 40+ years as owner of an unusual property just down the hill and through the valley from the Land Trust. Many folks walk through our field as a scenic shortcut to and from the Land Trust; this has been happening for decades and is fine with

us. Occasionally we get a visit from a City inspector, probably because someone who walked through our land felt it was not up to his or her idea of proper landscaping, but since complaints are made anonymously I have no way to know, except to read what is on the occasional citation.

About 2 years ago I got a citation for "junk, trash, debris" delivered by a new officer on behalf of a more senior officer. The new officer, ap-

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November 2017

4 & 18 Lake Claire Land Trust Drum Circle—Please walk, bike, or carpool.

5 3-6 p.m. Halloween party/costume contest, Lake Claire Park, see p. 1

5 Meeting for “Camp Fire Intown,” see article on the Kids Page, p. 8.

7-Dec.3 **Actor’s Express** (west Midtown)—*Cardboard Piano*, a powerful new drama, www.actors-express.com/plays/cardboard-piano

9-18 **Seven Stages Theatre** (L5P). Home Brew Festival, by various artists. www.7stages.org.

12 *Have S’More!* Children’s Garden Show, 4-6 p.m. Land Trust (See article page 7.)

15 Mary Lin monthly dine-out, Flying Biscuit, 5% goes to the Mary Lin Education Foundation.

16 Lake Claire monthly meeting. This month: Elections for 2018 Offi-

cers. **Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. pizza free from Savage (THANKS, SAVAGE!—a great business neighbor!)**

17-Dec.31 **Horizon Theatre** (L5P)—David Sedaris’ *Santaland Diaries*, and *Madeline’s Xmas*, Dec. 2-3. www.horizontheatre.com

18 Land Trust Community Work Day, 3-6 p.m., followed by Drum Circle.

28 **Georgia Gives Day!**—Consider giving to our neighbors Clifton Sanctuary Ministries and the Frazer Center.

Dec.2 Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, Lake Claire—Volunteers Needed! See page 1.

Dec.2 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 2nd Annual City Bazaar at City Church Eastside. See page 7

Calendar entries for the Dec. 2017 Clarion by Nov. 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org

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Frazer Center

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Would you like to get involved in our mission? We are always looking for organizations to host community outings. We love visiting work sites, museums and galleries, or public parks for community games. We are also open to new volunteer and employment opportunities.

Another great way to get involved is on GA Gives Day/Giving Tuesday, November 28. We can't do what we do—which includes maintaining Frazer Forest and the Cator Woolford Gardens—without support from individual donors. You can even pre-schedule your donation for the 28th, so you don't have to worry about forgetting. Please visit www.gagives.org/c/GGD/a/frazercenter to donate.

For more information about the Frazer Center, or if you have an employment or community outing suggestion, please email me at communications@frazercenter.org.



Hello—Safe Journey— Skiing in and around Lake Claire

November Birthdays:

Nov. 1	Jane Merkle (Connecticut)
Nov. 2	Woody Spivey (Harold) turns 9
Nov. 3	Seija Olson —(Leonardo) turning 5
Nov. 6	Cora Elisabeth Weeks (Leonardo) turns 2
Nov. 7	Sue McAvoy (Leonardo)
Nov. 10	Avery James Cooper —4 years old (Leonardo)
Nov. 11	Susan Ledbetter (McLendon), Elizabeth Knowlton (Arizona)
Nov. 14	Marilyn Schertz (Arizona)
Nov. 15	Aileen Mary Styczynski — 4 years old (Harold)
Nov. 18	Debbie Livingston (Connecticut)
Nov. 19	Sarah Shalf (Harold)
Nov. 23	Gobble, gobble
Nov. 24	Anne d'Agostino (Connecticut)

And a bit belatedly: Happy birthday, Wing! October 27!
Send us stuff!—editor@lakeclair.org by NOVEMBER 15.

The Garden November into December

by Elizabeth Knowlton

The lights went down, and the screen came into focus as Fergus Garrett's lecture at the Atlanta Botanical Garden began on October 4. Once looking more like a cheery elf than Christopher Lloyd's head gardener at Great Dixter, the famous 20th century garden in southern England, Fergus has matured amazingly well, still handsome with receding hairline and a suit as his voice rang out authoritatively in Day Hall. Of course we were entranced by the beautiful colors and exquisite foliage in the pictures we were seeing, much of it impossible to duplicate here with our extreme temperatures and great variation in rainfall. However, what Garrett was actually saying while the slides flashed by is that we should not be afraid of experimenting to see what

works best for us. (He had consistent praise for our own botanical garden.)

For instance, he eschews a lot of mulching because it prevents self-seeding. Correct. He allows plants to grow where they may sprout and counts on close plantings to suppress weeds. However, we need mulch to keep soil from compacting under storms, to cover soaker hoses, and to conserve water. Too close planting leads to disease in our humid gardens. Garrett let us in on an important caveat that some may have missed: when he allows self-seeding, he removes 99 of every 100 seedlings that germinate. Experience will lead to your recognizing a tiny plant before you weed and mulch. I have a new appreciation for self-seeding ever since I began growing the annu-

al salvia 'Summer Jewel' series, and this year I also got a return with zinnia 'Profusion White.' An enormous tomatillo appeared among the vegetables but unfortunately had no companion to pollinate the hundreds of flowers. The bees enjoyed it though.

When I got home from the lecture, I hauled out all my Christopher Lloyd (d. 2006) books and enjoyed again his transition from pastel cottage gardening to pots of gigantic tropicals in scarlet and chartreuse. Recently Garrett, now in full charge, has been increasing the number of tulips in the perennial beds, which reminds me that now should be spring bulb planting time. I say "should" because, I will confess, only half of my 600 tulip bulbs planted last November **Cont. on p. 7**

Code Enforcement Information

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parently using his eyes and common sense, looked around and told me he thought the citation was a mistake because he saw no junk, trash, and debris. He wrote down the contact info for the senior officer and told me to call him so the citation could be erased. After numerous attempts to contact the senior officer, with no reply, I had to obey the citation which told me "you are commanded" to appear in Court to answer this citation.

So I appeared in Court, plead not guilty, and after several months appeared for the trial, in which I acted

as my own lawyer. When the senior officer, who had written the ticket, was on the witness stand under oath, I asked him why he did not answer the 3 emails and 2 text messages that I had sent him. After a pause of about 10 seconds, he replied "I don't know." He also could not point out any offending items in the photo I provided of my yard taken the day I received the citation. I also pointed out to the Judge, who was very fair, that my land is not visible from the street or neighbors' houses because of topography and landscaping. The Prosecutor dropped the case (it was totally bogus from the start), and Justice prevailed. But only because I had the time and inclination to assert my rights against improper City enforcement.

Now the important part: As part of doing my research to prepare for Court, I discovered (thank to the Internet) what my rights were. And it became apparent that the City inspectors were violating my rights and were not obeying the laws concerning enforcement. This seems to be happening to other folks in Lake Claire, as Beth Damon's article points out. So, dear neighbors, here is a short guide to learning what your rights are under the law:

First step: Municode, the free online compendium of all the Codes for the City of Atlanta (and all other cities and towns in America!). Google "Municode" and follow the prompts to the Atlanta codes. Scroll down to Atlanta Housing Code, and read the enforcement section. Be aware that many of the Code folks have not read

the enforcement section and have been unaware of what the Law says is proper enforcement procedure. Do not believe what anyone, including me, tells you concerning the Law. Believe only the written Law as provided by Municode. Much useful info is contained in the definitions sections.

A City inspector cannot come onto your property (past the front entry point) without your permission or a court order (search warrant), showing probable cause. Any City person who violates this is trespassing. I checked this with help from our excellent Councilperson Natalyn Archibong, who had the City Attorney verify in writing that we are indeed protected by the 4th Amendment. Speaking of Natalyn Archibong, we are fortunate to have her as our Councilperson. She was genuinely helpful, and I felt that she was my ally in dealing with the City. Municode helps you know the law, and Natalyn Archibong and other city officials help navigate the bureaucracy and push back when you are treated unfairly. Perhaps someone on the LCN Board could also be a contact person that could be called in to help if a Neighbor thinks the City is being inappropriate. And what a great niche for a lawyer who lives in Lake Claire, who could be called, and maybe hired, for advice and help.

And remember, when a City inspector comes to your property, that you have helped put the badge on his/her chest, and you help pay the salary of each City employee; they actually work for you. And they must follow the Law as they do their job of enforcing the Codes.



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SMORE Garden Fun at the Land Trust!

by Maya Wiseman and Andrea Zoppo

Looking for local, best home-grown family fun in our hood? Well look no further than the next Ladybug event on **Nov. 12, 4-6 p.m.** for Smores and puppets!!! Miss Ladybug, and her team host parties and events that are a great time for children of all ages. Miss Ladybug creates memorable shows, and spaces, that fill the imagination with wonder and magic!

Join the team for our annual Smore Party, November 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. This will be the last event of the year for Ladybug at the Land Trust, so come eat some smores, dance around, and watch a national award-winning puppet show and traveling toy shop! Keith Shubert's "Toybox Theatre" is a national phenomenon, featuring colorful characters like you've never seen before! "This show is really special, and we look forward to seeing you there!" says Miss Ladybug.

Have you seen the garden? 'Ladybug Rocks Children's Garden', at the

Lake Claire Land Trust, has become a slice of paradise, and you're invited to visit and participate! In partnership with local families and sustainable businesses, like Terra Nova and Beech Hollow Farms, Ladybug Events has co-created an enchanting space that is friendly to little beings of all kinds! You will find winding stone paths, native Georgia flowers, herbs, gnomes, an epic bean teepee, loofah tunnel, and of course, lots of ladybugs. Visitors are encouraged to touch, smell, and observe the many little pollinator friends that come to visit the flowers in the garden. Come be a helper, too! We have regular workdays so come dig in with us!

Ladybug Events is in its 3rd year of offering family fun educational programming at the LCCLT. In addition to programming, Ladybug Events provides Farm to School programs, afterschool acting classes at Mary Lin Elementary, and educational

and whimsical services for birthday parties, events, and Farmers Markets. To learn more and to sign up for our seasonal newsletter visit Ladybugeventsllc.com or email Missladybug@Ladybugeventsllc.com. Consider having your next special event at the Land Trust with Ladybug Events!

REQUEST! BRING BLING ON NOV. 12:

If you have some special trinkets or treasures to share please bring and help BLING out the Garden, so we may create a mosaic!

At all of our events we do ask for donations, as little as \$5, and for you to bring your own water. All donations support our programming directly. You may also donate online and know you are supporting our efforts to create a lasting beautiful space and our two honey bee colonies located at the Land Trust."



Mapping the Territory

A year-long community effort finally came to fruition at the Land Trust. Based on Ray Pague's digitally drawn map of the 1.7-acre greenspace, sign-painter Ralph Frank created a colorful 3' x 4' version on plywood. Stephen Wing designed the map legend and other text at the bottom, which was printed and applied by Hal Lilly at UFO Graphics. Diirga Brough set the posts and mounted it on the morning of July 29, just in time for Jerry Jam. Photo shows Stephen Wing with Robert Pue, who coordinates use of the Land Trust sauna. Thanks to everyone who helped! Coming next: a welcome sign for the Nelms corner footpath.



"Chilinardo"

Most folks in Lake Claire are aware of *Chilinardo*, the chili cookoff that the Leonardo residents ("Leos") celebrate annually. This year's party took place Saturday, Oct. 21. The winners of the contest (see picture) were Alyssa and Peter Olson (Navin pictured in Peter's arms) for Best Chili; Jennifer Clark, winner of Best Side and Best Cocktail; and Sue McAvoy for Best Dessert. See the cool prizes in their arms (and on Navin's head). Boyd Baker reported that no emergency services were needed and there were no fistfights. About 50 Leos attended. They missed their neighbors and former neighbors ("alums") who couldn't make it.





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Mary Lin Elementary's Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden

After what feels like a long, long, long time... the day finally came! Mary Lin's Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden is finished! The ribbon cutting ceremony took place at the end of September. There was a great turnout, including APS Superintendent Meria Carstarphen, Associate Superintendent Yolanda Brown, Atlanta Board of Education members, plus many local candidates, and of course the school community. Mary Lin students will get experiential learning through the great outdoors, integrating curriculum across the subjects. What a wonderful way to show our community how their fundraising dollars are being spent in our own "backyard." Thank you for continuing to support the Mary Lin

Rocket Fuel Fund!

Thanks to four local business sponsors: Cynthia Baer Realty, Treehouse Milk, Wondershop, and The HomeTeam, and to Keller Knapp Realty for providing snacks, refreshments, and activities. Kids had a chance to enjoy the refreshments and explore the hands-on learning space. AND there were also live performances by Mary Lin's Advanced Chorus and the Ukeldadies!



Advertising in the Clarion

Advertising in the Clarion is an effective, affordable way to reach 1,200+ households in Lake Claire. Our distribution manager, Monique Mikrut, and the all-volunteer deliv-

ery team deliver the newspaper to all residents plus businesses at Clifton/McLendon.

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City Bazaar: Locally Rooted. Globally Made

Coming Saturday, December 2 from 11:00 to 4:00 at City Church Eastside at 798 N. Highland Ave NE, the 2nd Annual City Bazaar is a craft market featuring vendors and artisans from the Clarkston immigrant and refugee community. It's an opportunity to support and build relationships with your local, international neighbors (and get some holiday shopping done!). There will be food and beverages, handmade art, jewelry, bags, accessories and more. Visit Lake Claire's at Frazer then come here.

DeKalb Emergency Management Tips After Irma

Late November to early January is the most accident-prone time of year. DeKalb Emergency offers this advice.

Prepare your home and business for impacts from storm-force winds and rain. Know places to seek safe shelter. Bring in or secure outdoor furniture, trash cans, and things that blow around. Trim branches that may cause damage. Taping windows has no benefit. Prepare for loss of power for several days, including having water for family & pets. Have non-perishable food that doesn't require electricity to prepare. Do not use grills or other open flame indoors.

Have battery-powered lighting and extra batteries. Keep cell phones charged. Have a way to charge cell phones, either by battery or car charger. Ensure you have enough cash,

as ATMs may be out of service during a power outage. Keep generators outside and away from windows, doors, vents. Generators emit invisible, odorless carbon monoxide gas. Do not attach the generator to your house unless a generator switch has been installed by an electrician for this purpose.

In the case of power outage, call Georgia Power, 1-888-891-0938 (not 911, unless a true emergency). Sign up for DeKalb County CodeRED at www.dekalbcountyga.gov, to receive emergency information and severe weather warnings by phone call, text, or email.

The DeKalb County non-emergency number is 404-294-2911. For the latest information on weather and traffic conditions, visit 511ga.org.

Gardening in Lake Claire

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ber appeared in spring. Call it what you will, climate cannot be depended on anymore, not even in a general way, such as expecting tulips to bloom once. (I may need to resort to pre-cooling my bulbs from September until nearly December before planting, the way they do in South Georgia and Florida.) For those of you who are interested in only tulips that grow on their own, enjoy those dinky little species tulips or, better yet, how about plastic flowers, a piece of statuary, or a garden gnome?

However, there are many other bulbs that do well here, narcissus (daffodils, jonquils), for instance,

that come in shades of yellow, white, and even coral with various sizes of trumpets, numbers of blossoms per stem, and amount of fragrance. These begin blooming in late January most years, but before them come snowdrops, snowflakes, and crocuses. Plant each bulb at a depth of three times its diameter, pointy side up. And make some attempt to hide crocus planting from squirrels, not spreading the edible feast out on the soil before digging holes. The smaller species crocus bloom earlier and are more squirrel resistant. Bulbs and corms live longer and even spread in well-drained situations that get plen-

ty of sun before trees leaf out so that bulbs can imbibe the nourishment, moisture, and sunshine needed for next year's flowering. If they are truly perennial, then by all means feed them in spring and fall. Once they have bloomed and their foliage has been allowed to die away naturally, they can exist happily underground in quite shady spots.

Warmer weather allows more vegetable gardening. Check your locations because even if it is warm, sunlight is more vital. There is no reason you cannot bring brassicas and greens through one of our winters under floating garden fabric, plastic

tunnels, or a cold frame if they get enough sunlight. Protection can be as simple as straw bales covered with an old window frame or some bedspreads over hoops just when frost is about to strike. It is not too late for a last planting of spinach. And this is an ideal time to plant another kind of bulb, garlic, something I am doing for the first time this year. Because it has been dry, despite two hurricanes, be sure to water well after setting each clove two inches deep, six inches apart, pointy end upright. If my tulips fail to appear in 2018, at least I can eat garlic.



We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate.

This month we feature Sara McGill, who is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School (ANCS). Sara's hobbies include rock

climbing, ultimate Frisbee, jewelry-making, reading, gardening, and (obviously, as evidenced by this) she is a good writer. Sort of a Renaissance girl. Sara has also helped to distribute the Clarion for many years and been a great volunteer in many neighborhood efforts. Thanks, Sara, for

your volunteerism and for sharing your talents.

Hey there, Lake Claire kids of all ages—we want to see your creativity. Write about anything that grabs you. Submit articles, poetry, drawings, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. We hope to hear from you!



Sara selling her jewelry at last year's youth market organized by Andrea Zoppo. #youth #artist #market

Making Food for the Clifton Sanctuary

by Sara McGill

In Girl Scout troop 13553, we do many things. We roller skate, we have mystery dinner parties, but most of the things we do fall under the work of badges. Badges are mainly 3/4 part adventure, and they focus on one topic in particular. We've done a dancing badge, a first aid badge, an entrepreneur badge.

This year we (Girl Scout Cadet Troop 13553), have decided on focusing on the cooking badge, which guides us through cooking different things, with a little help from our awesome troop leader, Cecily Stevens. In order to earn this badge, we

are cooking many things, but most importantly, we are going to cook a meal for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries (CSM), which is one of the oldest Men's Shelters in Atlanta, and here in our very own Lake Claire. We have decided on making a dish from another region of the United States, but we are still unsure what exact dish we are going to make.

We are so excited to make and present this meal to the men's shelter, and we hope that everyone has a good time and benefits from this badge.

NEW CONTEST!

November is diversity month; find the hidden November graphic in this Clarion. The winner/winners will have their pictures in the next Clarion. To win, send e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org with the page number where you find the picture. Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you can't win two months in a row. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize. And do send us your writing and artistic contributions for the Kids' Corner page!

CONTEST WINNER!

Lilly Amato, age 9, spotted the owl on page 8 last month. Lilly lives on Marlbrook and is in 3rd grade at Mary Lin. She loves soccer, tennis, and her Lake Claire friends. She has a younger brother, Sebastian. Congrats and thanks, Lilly!



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December 16

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Camp Fire Intown

by Kris Wellen

WoHeLo! That is Camp Fire lingo for Greetings! It's also been Camp Fire's motto since its inception in 1910. WoHeLo stands for Work, Health, Love, and that's pretty much what we're all about: teaching kids the importance of Working to respect our environment, promoting personal Health in the great outdoors, and learning to Love yourself just the way you are. Never heard of Camp Fire? You can learn all about our first 100 years by visiting campfire.org. Or come on down and check out our next monthly meeting:

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 4-5:30 p.m., in Lake Claire Park.

We will have fun activities, outdoor crafts, and so much more. This month, we begin focusing on the science of our environment. So if you're looking for an inclusive, co-ed scouting program for your children aged 3 to 12, then please join us for the next meeting of Camp Fire Intown (former Camp Fire Girls & Boys more than welcome) as we continue to accept membership and volunteers. In the event of inclement weather, we will reschedule.