



## Grady High: From Rockets to Robots

by Boyd Baker

**“W**e envision a world where STEM leaders are heroes and role models.” That is the start of the shared vision of the Grady High robotics team, also known as G3. Folks talk a lot about the incredible Speech and Debate team, or the great Journalism program, but did you know that Grady’s G3 is **one of the best robotics programs in the state?**

Now in their 14th year, the program has grown from 10 students to over 50, with volunteer mentors from Georgia Tech, MailChimp, local

engineering firms, and beyond. The team is more diverse than you might imagine, with over 25% of the team being young women, and almost 35% minority involvement. Glancing at the photo, you’ll probably recognize many of the kids as Mary Lin alums. If you think robotics is a “boys club,” know that this year’s team captain is Hannah Prausnitz-Weinbaum from Inman Park. [See interview page 5.]

**So what exactly does a robotics team do?** The primary goal is to design, engineer, and build a robot that **Cont. on p. 5**



## An Early History of Edgewood/Lake Claire/Candler Park

by Emily Taff

**M**ost of us know that Candler Park, Edgewood, and parts of Lake Claire began as the community of Edgewood which grew up along the railroad tracks in the 1870s. The community was linked to both Atlanta and Decatur by the Georgia Railroad which stopped then at “Mayson’s Crossing,” where Candler Park Drive (née Mayson Avenue) once crossed the railroad, and today is the site of the MARTA office building. The home of the Mayson family was at one corner, and it was the center of town. Other early residents and familiar names at Mayson’s Crossing included Mr. Jack Mell, who had a

grocery store and home on DeKalb, next to a blacksmith shop operated by Mr. Shellnutt and the home of the Haas family. Judge Charles Whitefoord Smith, who served as Edgewood’s first mayor, lived on the northern periphery of the town, in the Smith-Benning Place on Oakdale, from 1886 to about 1891. Ironically, Whitefoord Avenue, named for him, only remains such well south of his house.

First the railroad and then streetcars were responsible for the development and expansion of the neigh-

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## Calling all Community Gardeners!

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is renting garden plots for the 2018 growing season. The annual fee for rental of a community garden plot is \$40 plus a \$20 maintenance deposit for new gardeners. If you maintain your plot as required in the Gardeners’ Agreement, you get back your deposit. Otherwise that fee will be used to pay for maintenance. Gardeners who do not maintain their plots will not be able to rent plots the following year. Special arrangements can be made for sweat equity (at least 4 hours of labor on the Land Trust grounds). Designated “Giving Plots” are available at no charge. This is for volunteer groups and individuals who will tend the gardens and dedicate the harvest to feed the hungry through established agencies such as the Clifton Ministries Shelter and



Drawing by Sadie Gottlieb

Plant a Row. Plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and returning gardeners in good standing have first preference. Please contact the Garden Plot Coordinator, Sara Gottlieb, at [sara.gottlieb@gmail.com](mailto:sara.gottlieb@gmail.com).

## Frazer Center to Partner with Atlanta Ballet

by Dina Shadwell

**I**t might sound like an unlikely pas de deux, but the Frazer Center and Atlanta Ballet are creating a new partnership, thanks to a \$50,000 award from the Building Community Network, which is led by Georgia Center for Nonprofits and The Home Depot Foundation. An invitation-only competition for nonprofits, the Collaborative Innovation Grant program catalyzes “collaborative action among Atlanta’s top nonprofit organizations,” and requires two organizations with different focus areas to apply together. So the Frazer Center, which fosters inclusive communities for children and adults with and without disabilities, is joining forces with Atlanta Ballet, the state ballet of Georgia and the nation’s oldest ballet company.

This gift makes it possible for Frazer and Atlanta Ballet to explore new opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities, such as dance classes with the Atlanta Ballet Centre for Dance Education at the Virginia-Highland Centre, as well as volunteer possibilities like assisting in the costume shop. And the Frazer Center, with its surrounding 39-acre Frazer Forest and historic Ca-

tor Woolford Gardens, will provide unique and inspiring venues for outdoor performances by Atlanta Ballet. **Cont. on p. 6**

Lake Claire thanks Greg Hutchins, Candler Park Market (CPM), for donating half the amount that they raised from their bicycle raffle to Lake Claire (and half to Candler Park), in honor of customer appreciation.

For the past several years, New Belgium Brewery has generously donated one of their hand-crafted bicycles for CPM to display in the Market, leaving the fate of the bicycle to the discretion of each store once it goes off display. CPM holds a raffle for the bicycle with proceeds from ticket sales donated to the two neighborhoods equally (tickets were \$2, and the raffle raised about \$200 total). Thanks, Greg! Candler Park Market is a great neighbor! Readers, go check out wines, the deli sandwiches, etc.

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## Poison Water, *Angels In America*, and Roy Cohn

by Robert Bryan Davis

*Enemy of the People*, a play by Henrik Ibsen, was produced by Theatre In the Square in Marietta, Georgia, in the 1990s. I played Captain Horster. I should read the play again, as I cannot recall specifics of the plot, but generally... here goes: A town in Norway was known for its hot springs, but a Dr. Stockman discovered that the springs were contaminated and dangerous. He wanted to shut them down until the problem could be solved. But the town relied on these hot springs for their economic well-being. In the end, Stockman was vilified for telling the truth about the springs, and he was ignored. People who visited the springs got sick and died.

I remember one night, I stayed at the theatre after the show for a time. Why? There were several of us, and we stayed to party. I was a lot younger then! Marietta was having a problem with gay bashing at the time. Gay people were being beaten up. Treated badly. I remember being in the lobby, and two women knocked on the door saying they felt unsafe; they asked to be let in... they were seeking shelter from danger. They were a gay couple, and someone was threatening them. I told them the theatre was closed, you will have to find another place to be safe. I didn't let them in. I look back at that choice now, and I feel ashamed. Stupid. Ignorant.

That was some 25 years ago. I have just finished acting in *Angels In America* at Actors Express. I

play Roy Cohn. Cohn is an historical figure. He worked with Joe McCarthy during the '50s. He ruined a lot of people's lives as the assistant attorney for HUAC, House Un-American Activities Committee. I am reflecting on the choice I made 25 or so years ago every night I perform in *Angels In America* at Actors Express.

Do you know who Roy Cohn was? Wikipedia: "Cohn would play a major role in assisting McCarthy's crusade against Communism. During the Lavender Scare, Cohn and McCarthy attempted to enhance anti-Communist fervor in the country by claiming that Communists overseas had convinced several closeted homosexuals employed by the US federal government to pass on important government secrets in exchange for keeping the identity of their sexuality a secret. Convinced that the employment of homosexuals was now a threat to national security, President Eisenhower signed an executive order on April 29, 1953, to ban homosexuals from obtaining jobs in the federal government."

Roy Cohn ruined many people's lives. He ferreted out homosexuals out of the Army and high government positions. And while he was doing this, he was a closeted homosexual himself. I don't know what happened to that young gay couple 25 years ago. I hope to God, they stayed safe and found the shelter they needed.

Roy Cohn was Donald Trump's lawyer in the late 70s and early 80s. The Federal Government sued Trump companies for discriminating against Blacks. Trump settled without admitting guilt.

Roy Cohn was a ruthless man. He died of AIDS. Mike Wallace interviewed Roy Cohn shortly before his death, and he asked if Cohn had AIDS, which was the rumor. Cohn denied it; he claimed he had liver cancer.

Now, I have been told that our neighborhood newspaper should not be used for political grandstanding. But I cannot hold back. Roy Cohn died of AIDS in the 80s: but he is alive today. As he says in *Angels In America*, "I have forced my way into history, I ain't never going to die." Well, he is alive today. Trump recently asked, "where is my Roy Cohn?" Trump was speaking of the Russian investigation. Trump misses Roy Cohn. Cohn was ruthless; he would be defending Trump today in the Courts if he were alive. Cohn's mantra was this: If you are attacked, never defend; attack back. Trump is our present-day Roy Cohn. Trump is our present-day poison water, as presented in Henrik Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People*. We live in dangerous times. If someone knocks on your door, and needs safety, let him or her in. Do not reject them, like I did, even if you disagree with their lifestyle.

We must treat each other with dignity. That is the bottom line. The only bottom line.

## Hello—Safe Journey: Skiing in and around Lake Claire

### Birthdays:

March 6—Dalton Troxell-Cappello, turns 10! (Winner!—see page 12)

March 8—Kai Nathaniel, Lakeshore Ave., turns 9, and Lawson Crutcher, 14, Hardendorf

March 11—Zoë Steib on Palifox Drive, 13

March 14—Jennie Caine, Leonardo

March 18—Ben Farmer, Hardendorf

March 19—Emily Allen, Harold

March 23—David Damon, Forrest Ave., B's brother...

March 29—Victoria Weldert—Happy Three!

March 30—Darcy Troxell-Cappello, turns 7 (see page 12)

March 31—James Crutcher, Hardendorf

### Born:

Jamie, of Jamie & Jeff Fisher on Leonardo, delivered a new Leonardoan on Feb. 1 (see picture below): welcome Ella Brynn Fisher!



### Safe Journey:

We are usually lucky to focus more on the happy milestones than on the "safe journeys" part of this series. This is about long-time Lake Claire resident, Leo Dolata, written by long-time Lake Claire resident, Dan Curl:

Dr. Wilcox

You've ruined my day

By leaving abruptly

Too proud and tight with money

Or too fearfully proud

To rely on others for such things as care and comfort and sharing

They could have cracked your chest and

All would have been fine in 6 weeks

Now you've gone and left a hole in

All our lives

No more contretemps over crosswords

No more learned discussions of the topic of the day

Of movies, of books, of the myriad jobs,

Of dogs, of birds, of friends and foes present

and past

Or wry smiles and bonhomie

Now Kai waits the 49 days until

You reappear. Perhaps a jay, a hawk or a free-willed hound

Still you've ruined my day

Burdened my heart

I'll give you no pardon

Until the 50th day

On December 19, 2017 our neighborhood lost long time resident Leo Dolata. Most everyone in LC/CP knew, knew of, or had seen Leo reading at his porch on McLendon or riding his orange bike. I met Leo at Lake Claire Park in the early 90s. He grabbed my dog by the ears and engaged him in what seemed to me a very long and complex conversation. Leo was like that: he'd meet and greet any living thing with an openness rarely seen these days. Leo, like his best friend Larry T. Dogg before him, was ubiquitous anywhere within bike range. He had a talent finding free and/or cheap: La Fonda (he'd order chicken soup and nosh on baskets of nachos), festivals, Emory movies, Carter Center book lectures, Bonaventure Quartet concerts, the Land Trust, Lake Claire Park, and for the past few years, our house on Lakeshore.

Leo's memorial was held, appropriately, at Manuel's, his favorite watering hole. Family, friends, and neighbors reflected his personality: eclectic, intelligent, interesting folks all. Leo, like other notable neighborhood personalities Ter-Bear Williams and Hawaiian John Apana, was alternately brilliant, lazy, flawed, selfish, and charming. He was, they were, people I loved. He was part of the fabric of my life and the soul of this place we call our home.

I miss Leo dearly, not just because he's not here to help me finish the Sunday crossword, because he was gregarious, deeply intelligent, and—difficult. For all faults Leo made our lives richer into the bargain.

~Dan Curl

Send us stuff for April Clarion—birthdays and other life cycle changes ([editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org)) by **MARCH 15**.

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**March 2018****On the Stage**

**1 - 18** **Theatrical Outfit** presents *Perfect Arrangement*, by Topher Payne. As the Red Scare looms large, two State Department employees, Bob and Norma, receive orders to expose "moral turpitude." The coworkers are both gay and have married each other's partners, Millie and Jim, in a picture-perfect façade of domesticity. [www.theatricaloutfit.org/shows/perfect-arrangement/](http://www.theatricaloutfit.org/shows/perfect-arrangement/).

**9 & 10** *The Harvey Milk Show*, by **Actor's Express**. To commemorate AE's anniversary season by presenting a special concert version of this landmark musical starring AE founder Chris Coleman. 2 nights only, Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10 at 8 p.m., at Saint Mark United Methodist Church, 781 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30308. Tix: [www.actors-express.com/order/event-details?wbeventid=TheHarveyMilkShow](http://www.actors-express.com/order/event-details?wbeventid=TheHarveyMilkShow). **Actor's Express** (west Midtown)—next show of the season begins in April, *The Flower Room*, a 'madcap' comedy, [www.actors-express.com/plays](http://www.actors-express.com/plays)

**9 - April 22** **Horizon Theatre** in Little 5 Points, presents *Freaky Friday*, a new musical, by Bridget Carpenter. [www.horizontheatre.com](http://www.horizontheatre.com). I (editor) attend all the plays at Actor's Express and Horizon and occasionally Theatrical Outfit and others. If you have favorite theatres, please let me know, and I'll include them here.

**And...**

**3** 10 a.m.-noon—Students & families can give back to Mary Lin & our community. Outdoor Classroom and Garden Clean Up: help clean up & weed the Mary Lin Garden for Spring planting, & do light clean up in the Habitat. Bring your own gloves! Rain or shine! Coffee provided, snacks requested. This is part of Go-Green week, Feb 26-March 3. Sign up: [signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c094bafaf2aab9-mary4](http://signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c094bafaf2aab9-mary4).

**3 & 17** Lake Claire Land Trust Drum Circle, sunset to 11 p.m. Please walk, bike, or carpool. Please walk, bike, or carpool. Bring a friend, and spread the word! See Land Trust stuff on Page 11.

**9** Grady High Robotics team (G3) hosting Drones for Good in the Grady High School cafeteria on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free and family-friendly, come build your own drone and get a glimpse into this exciting STEM based program. See article on Page 1 and [bit.ly/AtlSciFest](http://bit.ly/AtlSciFest).

**13** Sierra Club, 2nd Tuesdays, [sierraclub.org/georgia/atlanta](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/atlanta)

**15** **Lake Claire monthly meeting—and every 3rd Thursday, in the Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting. Pizza provided free from Savage (THANKS, SAVAGE)**

**17** Community Work Day, 3-6 p.m. Pizza and drum circle follow at the Lake Claire Land Trust. The Land Trust needs your help to stay beautiful!

**18** Land Trust Children's Garden Mosaic Art Project, Spring Planting & Equinox Celebration, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Land Trust

**Send calendar entries for the April Clarion by MARCH 15 to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org)**

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## Our Physical Security in Lake Claire: Personal Responsibility, Our Local Police, and the CPLC Patrol

by Ann Mauney (VP, Safety)

We in Lake Claire are fortunate to live in a community with a small-town feel right in the middle of gigantic Atlanta! Key to our comfort is the physical security we enjoy, confidence that we can walk safely on our neighborhood streets and permit our children to play outside—and even walk to a friend's house on the next street.

**How has that feeling of safety come about?** Contributing factors include the personal responsibility that each of us assumes as a neighbor, as well as the actions of the police department—the institutional support provided by our government. The Candler Park/Lake Claire Patrol provides an additional layer of protection.

The "Clean Car Campaign" is a great example of where our individual responsibility comes in. In December, 2017, **10 out of the 16 incidents** reported to Atlanta Police Department from the Lake Claire and Candler Park neighborhoods involved items stolen from cars. If we make an absolute habit of taking everything out of our cars, we will significantly lower car break-ins.

The Atlanta Police Department is committed to establishing strong relationships with the communities it serves. A police officer comes to every Lake Claire Neighbors meeting to give an update on incident reports, offer advice on important precautions, and listen to individual concerns. If you have not come (or even

if you have), make a plan to come to the next meeting—7 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Frazer Center!

Since the reality is that the City of Atlanta cannot provide sufficient personnel or financing to protect our communities fully, dedicated volunteers from Lake Claire and Candler Park have established a neighborhood-run, non-profit organization to supplement the customary policing by the Atlanta Police Department. The CPLC Patrol officers are off-duty APD officers in full uniform, in a highly visible vehicle, with the power to make arrests and in direct communication with 911.

The number of hours of patrol is directly related to the funds generated by Patrol memberships. In December and January, the CPLC Patrol documented 128 hours of patrolling for each month. If memberships increase, the number of patrol hours will go up.

The standard membership rate for single-family homes is \$200 per year (\$100 for those 65 and older), with adjusted rates for townhomes, apartments, and condos. When members are on vacation or away, they may request additional patrols of their homes. Find complete information about the patrol, including membership rates and governance, on the website [www.cplcpatrol.com](http://www.cplcpatrol.com). Become a member in order to contribute to your own security and to the safety of our neighborhood.

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**Morningside Elementary School Meeting with Carstarphen**

by Annsley Klehr, Lake Claire Neighbors Education Chair

On January 31, families in the Grady Cluster gathered at Morningside Elementary (MS) to learn more about what they should expect regarding overcrowding in the future. Meria Carstarphen, APS Superintendent, led the meeting with Audrey Sofianos, Morningside’s principal. Carstarphen set the tone, connecting with the audience through humor while conveying the seriousness of our capacity issues. She pressed

the audience to start having conversations now about the future of the Grady Cluster, while in the calm of the storm, before time is of the essence.

The main topic was to flesh out capacity issues relating to the incoming MS Kindergarten class (2018-2019). According to recent data on *apsinsights.org*, MS capacity, based on class size of 25 students, would have a maximum capacity of 900; enroll-

ment for this academic year is 936; i.e., with 22 children per classroom, capacity would be at 792 students. “MS often underestimates, so anticipate some growth. You could benefit from some kind of capacity relief today,” remarked Carstarphen. She provided these possible solutions: (1) Increase class sizes in the whole building; (2) Build portables on the side on the basketball courts; (3) Find an annex space within a 5-mile radi-

us. Audience members also suggested solutions: One former student/current parent in the cluster remarked that she and other MS students in her day spent first through third grade at Hope Hill Elementary. She proposed integrating students with another cluster school with space. However, there does not seem to be much space elsewhere, either. Other suggestions: (1) Annex another class/

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**Grady Robotics**

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can perform specific required tasks. In the past, the tasks have included scooping up items from the field, shooting items from an air cannon into a target, unloading gears from its own deck onto hooks, and even climbing a rope! This takes many dedicated hours from teammates creating CAD drawings, using shop tools to create the robot, and programming the mainframe so that the robot can be “driven” by someone.

**What about kids who aren’t so technically inclined?** Well, there’s a NEO crew of students who represent the Non-Engineering Operations. This group manages the marketing of the team, maintains the website, handles social media, creates newsletters, scouts other teams at the competition, and develops the very important Team Spirit documents. A competition isn’t just about having robots battle robots. Judges receive presentations from each team about how and why they operate, as well as what each robotics team does to serve their communities. These are

some of the most prestigious awards given at local, regional, and national competitions. And not only do they travel to competitions (at least 3 a year), but G3 does a HUGE amount of community service each year. For example, through hosting the First Lego League competition at Grady, the G3 team brings together over 50 area elementary school Lego robotics teams for a day of challenges.

For the middle school students, G3 created **Drones for Good**. This is another day-long competition where students work with their mentors and teachers to develop an innovative drone-based solution to a problem in their community, state, or the world. Over 60 teams from across metro Atlanta build and fly their own K’Nex based drones. G3 students support and guide these teams as they put their drones through their paces at Grady.

G3 Robotics believes that it’s not enough to promote STEM education alone. As they focus on building programs in each APS elementary, mid-

dle, and high school, they keep equity in mind. They continue to promote females, minorities, and the socio-economically disadvantaged in all their work. G3 hopes to build a stronger, healthier STEM community in Atlanta, and the world.

As part of the Atlanta Science Festival, held at Piedmont Park this year, G3 will be hosting a Drones for Good event in the Grady High School cafeteria on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and family-friendly, so come build your own drone and get a glimpse into this exciting STEM based program. Find the full #ATLSciFest schedule and event details here: [bit.ly/AtlSciFest](http://bit.ly/AtlSciFest). To learn more about Grady Robotics visit the team website at [www.G3robotics.com](http://www.G3robotics.com).

**Well-Rounded G3 Team Members**

by Beth Damon

I spoke with team captain Hannah Prausnitz-Weinbaum, whom I have known since she was about four. I have always been impressed with her artistic and singing skills, and I asked her about her interest in G3.

She told me, “I’ve loved math and singing ever since I was little, but when I got to Grady I discovered G3 Robotics, which is so much fun! G3 has taught me a huge amount about design and shop tools, but I think that I’ve learned even more about teamwork, communication, and leadership. I am so glad that I joined G3 and proud to represent us as captain this year.”

G3 Team Members – 51  
Drones For Good Teams – 60  
Lego Robotics Events Hosted – 14  
Female Team Members – 28%

Minority Team Members – 35%  
College Graduation Rate – 99%  
Community Service Hours – 6,263  
Habitat for Humanity Builds – 4  
Elementary Science Nights – 20



Past Mary Lin students on Grady G3 (pictured are L to R: Diego Gonzalez, Forest Dynes, Swagatam Das, Deacon Baker, Karl Haddock, Cate Crutcher, Jack Labadia, Hannah Prausnitz-Weinbaum, Sam Castellano, Jake Willoughby, Owen Hawke)

## Clifton Sanctuary Ministries (CSM)

by Robert Bryan Davis, Lake Claire's Rep to the CSM Board

We have now completed many of our highest priority items and are strategically working down the list of repairs that are still needed. The process has taken a little longer than anticipated, but for good reason. By remaining patient and waiting for the availability of donated materials, low-priced labor, and volunteers, we are pleased to report that we are well under budget on the items completed so far. Much of this savings is due to the amazing help from our partner HomeAid, who has been able to arrange tremendous discounts on labor and materials from their affiliates. Significant savings have also been derived from an outpouring of help from volunteers from our supporting churches and agency partners as well as from our amazingly supportive neighborhood.

The following is a list of items that have been completed to date: Complete demolition and rebuilding of three rooms: pantry, host room and nurses' office; Extensive tree removal and trimming of diseased and threatening branches; Carpentry repairs and repainting of the entire exterior of the main shelter building at 369 Connecticut Avenue; Demolition/Rebuilding of the entire dining hall floor, including installation of new floor covering; Repainting of the dining hall, foyer, and office hallway; Refurbishing of the vent hood and cast iron stove in the kitchen of main building; Demolition/Rebuilding of the entire entry deck steps and ramp for handicap access; Purchase of two new energy-efficient upright freezers to replace the old broken freezer; HVAC repairs including replacing and repairing ductwork, servicing units, and moving thermostats for greater energy efficiency.

The items listed below are next on our priority list. We expect to complete all these items within the next six months: Kitchen (main building)—Repaint, install new custom made cabinets and replace all sink fixtures; Joe's Place (Ivy): Replace all windows, exterior stairs and railings; Replace floor coverings in shelter laundry room and office hallway of main building; Purchase two new washers and two new energy-efficient dryers for the laundry room in the main shelter building; Upgrade HVAC units as necessary (if funds are still available).

One of the most exciting and rewarding aspects of this project has been the enthusiastic and caring participation of so many individuals and groups. We have been blessed to have major contributions of time and effort by so many neighbors and members of our affiliated agencies and churches. We were particularly blessed to have members of the prestigious Team Rubicon come and lead us in the demolition of the three rooms that were subsequently rebuilt. Also, the son of a neighbor volunteered to rebuild our entry deck as his Boy Scout Eagle project! As is so often the case, these volunteer projects end up being not only great fun, but inspirational to all involved and priceless opportunities for us to spread the word about the great mission of Clifton. Those who participate are able to experience Clifton's mission to turn hopelessness into hopefulness and meet some of the men we serve. These improvements have clearly improved Clifton's ability to carry out its mission by creating a safer, cleaner, and more cost efficient environment for our guests, employees and volunteers.

## Frazer Center and Atlanta Ballet

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let's second company, Atlanta Ballet 2.

"We couldn't be more thrilled about collaborating with the Atlanta Ballet," says Paige McKay Kubik, Frazer Center's CEO. "This partnership will give the adults in our program the chance to broaden their horizons by learning new skills and meeting new people in the professional community. And we believe the Atlanta Ballet 2 performances here at Frazer will be a wonderful way to bring the entire community together, whether you are a dance enthusiast, disabilities advocate, or nature lover."

The grant will allow the Frazer Center and Atlanta Ballet to collaborate through the 2018-2019 season, but both organizations hope it is just the beginning of a beautiful partnership.



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## One Hundred Dollar Prize Offered for Defeating Squirrels—aka: March into April in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

This is a genuine offer. If anyone can create a legal way in my garden to prevent squirrels from eating my tomatoes, blueberries, and other crops this coming summer, I will happily pay you \$100. This cannot involve poisons or traps that can hurt our pets. Over almost 40 years, after exhausting every method I have found, the only one to succeed was a particular cat who stayed in our yard and kept all squirrel in the trees. She alas died in 2001 after 20 years of good work for us.

A solution (particularly with the blueberries, a new crop for the squirrels) will allow me to work on the other big tomato problem, that being disease. No matter what kind of tomato I grew last year, no matter what letters were attached to their names—E, F, L, N, T, or V, they all fell ill with one ailment or another. I had rotated the crops, mulched the ground, and picked off foliage as it grew mottled and brown—and I did harvest some tomatoes green (just as the aerial rodents began to attack them)—but everyone reported problems with squirrels and disease. So be forewarned. Generally, your first garden, before disease and pests locate it, will be your easiest and best. By then you are hooked.

So now it is really spring, and we must move fast before summer heat hits in May. This advice is mainly for first-time gardeners and those who have relocated from colder climes: you must work hard from January through April if you want to be a gardener here. It may be dank and cold and windy outside, but these things are not going to kill plants—get them out there so they may flourish before heat kills off the small and fragile.

I am assuming that most of you have your soil and beds prepared. If you are working new ground and it is mostly clay, now is the time to add copious amounts of the compost you have been making. Many sources suggest double-digging the beds, more easily done in England and other places where clay is not predominant. I see some gardeners in our neighborhoods are wisely constructing or purchasing raised beds, often in front yards where we have more sun. (Although old, full-sized trees that die in Lake Claire are rarely being replaced, we are still predominately a leafy neighborhood.) I once bought “topsoil” for our front yard, and it was nothing more than sandy clay. So keep the soil you have, and

add bagged cow manure, compost, some sand, depending on soil consistency, and even moistened peat moss (although that vanishing resource should be used sparingly). Almost all the plant waste on your property should be composted and added back onto the land after it breaks down—leaves, most weeds, grass clippings, kitchen vegetable waste, and more woody cuttings if you have the space and time for them to decay.

Although our acidic soil will need to be limed for some crops, don't automatically add it, because other plants prefer our native soil. For the same reason, nitrogen, phosphate, and potassium are needed in differing amounts. I used to mix my own fertilizers from blood meal, rock phosphate, and wood ashes, but now there are more organic ones readily available for the various kinds of plants.

Never walk on prepared beds. If you cannot reach an area from the side, lay down boards to distribute your weight. Go on sowing the seeds of beets, carrots, lettuce, parsley, peas, radishes, and the like. They will rarely ever be harmed by any frost we may have now and can cheaply be sown again every few weeks for continuous crops. Whether your brassicas were grown by you inside or purchased as seedlings, be sure they have been hardened off outside for at least a week before planting them out. Cloches or row covers can be used if a hard frost is predicted. Nightshade vegetable (tomato, pepper, eggplant) seeds of your choice should be sown indoors this month and next so that you have back-ups in case of weather or other disasters.

Cool weather flowers can be direct seeded or planted outside in March. However, I find many tiny seeds for summer flowers get off to a better start indoors under lights. Experiment and see what you like and what works for you. This is the last good month to plant trees and shrubs until the fall. Set them in the ground at the same depth as in their pots and keep well watered for the first month.

I always recommend Barbara Pleasant's books, some available second-hand on the Internet. In addition, you might want to check out Sandra Ladendorf's, *Successful Southern Gardening*, published by the UNC Press in 1989. As a gardener from Maine to California who had settled in North Carolina, she has a broad view of our difficulties.

## Take a Walk in the Park, and Find an Atlanta Treasure

by Julie Ralston

Many of us also feel a strong connection to nature and appreciate the parks and open space around us. We are fortunate to have an urban, green gem close by to enjoy and appreciate in the historic Olmsted Linear Park that runs along Ponce de Leon Avenue in six beautiful segments.

Father of American landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmsted, first conceived this linear park as part of the master design for the Druid Hills neighborhood around 1890. It has since been enjoyed by many generations of Atlantans. But it fell into disrepair during the 1970s and 80s. During that time, its very existence was nearly lost to a four-lane highway that threatened to run right through it. With the help of many committed Lake Claire, Druid Hills, and other neighborhoods' residents and leaders, the park was saved from destruction and for the rest of us to enjoy.

In 1997, Olmsted Linear Park Alliance (OLPA) was formed with the mission of rehabilitating the park to its original beauty and in accordance with Olmsted's vision. Much investment and progress has been realized by OLPA. Power lines have been buried...thousands of trees and shrubs have been planted and cared for...paths and bridges have been installed...and old-growth trees have been nourished and pruned to last many more years.

But, the work is never done, especially when an unexpected visitor like Hurricane Irma blows through.

The pastoral park segments held up surprisingly well to Irma's blasting winds last year, due in part to recent pruning and tree feeding efforts; but, the old growth forest segment of Deepdene was not so fortunate. Several old growth trees sustained severe damage, as did a stone bridge on the eastern trail. Plans are underway to repair the damage, but constant stewardship is required. Volunteers are always needed to help clean out invasive plant material out so that native plants may pop up in return.

The park is a wonderful, accessible asset that benefits us and other DeKalb and Atlanta intown neighborhoods in so many tangible ways. Enjoy a morning stroll along one of the paths, and stop to take in one of the signature vistas, carefully designed by Olmsted so many years ago. Have a picnic with family or friends in one of the pastoral meadows. Teach a child how to ride a bike around the Deepdene mead. Or just take a break from it all in this green, urban oasis in our midst.

Many helped to support this lovely, historic park by attending the Olmsted Linear Park's annual benefit gala, *A Party for the Parks on Ponce* on February 25 at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History.

To find out about future opportunities and the park, please visit [atlantaolmstedpark.org](http://atlantaolmstedpark.org) or call Sandra Stewart Kruger, Executive Director, 404-377-5361, [atlantaolmstedpark@gmail.com](mailto:atlantaolmstedpark@gmail.com). ~Editor



## School Meeting with Carstarphen

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grade; (2) Move another grade to the portables, not Kindergarten (K); (3) If class sizes increase, adding more staff; (4) Suggestions of other annex locations; (5) Open K registration early to be prepared; (6) If playing field gets the portables, move play to the Sunken Garden across the street.

There were also many concerns pertaining to: Correlation of test scores and increased class sizes; Alienation of incoming K parents/children from the larger MS community; K being farther away; Losing outdoor play space with portables; The timing of trying to find an annex space; Too many transitions—moving K to an annex is a transition and then in 2 years to the Inman building for MS to undergo renovations.

**Key Q&As**, the majority fielded by Carstarphen with Sofianos stepping in:

**Q:** Talk to class sizes now and in the future at MS?

**A:** The average class size now is 23. In the lower grades it might jump to 25-27 and in the upper grades 28-32 [if that was the option chosen above].

**Q:** What would MS' capacity look like after the renovation in 2 years?

**A:** Unless a surrounding building

is purchased so that APS can expand the footprint, you still have the same footprint as before. There are other decisions that can be made that will be "hairier and angrier" about future capacity.

**Q:** When do decisions have to be made?

**A:** If we can agree as a community on priorities, we'll stretch out the search [for an annex] as long as we can do to do it safely and successfully. APS needs 1-2 months to get it ready for the school year. Portables need permits, applied for by March.

**Q:** Georgia Department of Education (GDOE) must issue a waiver for an annex site. What if GDOE doesn't like it?

**A:** I'll throw myself off my balcony! We're a charter system operating model and shouldn't have to get a state waiver. The state department needs a waiver, but the governor's office of student achievement says we don't need one. Assuming it's a good site, we'd have to press hard on the operating model position.

**Q:** When MS and Inman become elementary schools, are we all set?

**A:** That's a conversation with Yolanda Brown talking to GO TEAMS and principals. Even with \$10 million of

new investment, it would create new attendance zones, leading to redistricting.

**Q:** What can you do to influence City Council about annexing streets and more thoughtful planning with APS?

**A:** If no one lives there already [up and coming buildings], then I can make a move. We have a map of every potential new development in the Cluster area.

**Q:** Could you have an annex building at an existing APS school?

**A:** We have looked into using parking lots. We need to find a safe facility first and be close enough to a building to be able to use bathrooms.

**Q:** So there will one day be 5 elementary schools going to Howard then Grady?

**A:** That's why we have to talk as soon as possible about larger issues. We need strategies for enrollment in the Grady Cluster and think about redistricting our school community . . . thinking about all grade levels. Thinking about a family [and how redistricting will affect them if they have kids in different schools throughout the cluster].

We must have a strategy this school

year. We can't have a repeat of 2012! We must try to advocate for what is in the best interest of the whole cluster, expressing our concerns and being able to hear others' concerns. Carstarphen and the ABoFE are working hard to accommodate our cluster. However, there will never be a perfect solution. Open minds going forward and an understanding of our future needs can best prepare us for these pending conversations.



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## An Early History of LC/CP

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borhood. As transportation access increased, so too did dependency on transportation access. By 1899, the year Edgewood was incorporated as a town, two streetcar lines linking Atlanta to Decatur passed through Edgewood, and the new town was booming. The City of Edgewood extended north and south of the railroad between the town of Kirkwood and Atlanta's first suburb, Inman Park. The new town had about 1300 residents, both black and white, from a wide variety of occupations including businessmen, professionals, tradespersons, laborers, and even those outlying farmers. This racial and economic diversity was a fact of life before expanded and widespread access to transportation made cross-town travel—and thus larger segregated communities—feasible. All that was about to change.

Edgewood lasted as an independent city for just under 10 years. Boosterism for development potential and subdivision into single-family residential lots was strong even before Edgewood was annexed into Atlanta. But by 1907, the lack of paved streets, sidewalks, sewers, water, and gas lines was beginning to wear on residents and prevented the rapid large-scale development that they anticipated. Nearly bankrupt, Edgewood petitioned the City of Atlanta to be annexed in exchange for the much-needed amenities. By 1909 Edgewood was part of Atlanta. Immediate improvements were made, including electric lights, paved streets, sidewalks, and other amenities which gave developers the boost they needed.

So it was that the character of Edgewood changed rapidly. Streetcars turned the focus of development inward to McLendon Avenue. The commercial buildings we frequent today at the intersections of McLendon with Oakdale and Clifton sprang into being in the 1920s and 30s, eventually abandoning DeKalb to the busy through-route it is today, lined with small-scale industrial buildings.

Realty companies and large property owners began to subdivide the area, selling off small lots for building homes. The lot sizes (typically about 50' x 150') and house sizes (about 1200 square feet with at least 2 bedrooms) reflected the target market and their needs: hopeful middle class couples and families who relied on the streetcars for transportation to their jobs in the city. [See the ad on this page, which enumerated the many "desirable qualities" that made Edgewood attractive (an unfortunate sign of the times). It appeared in the *Atlanta Georgian* in 1907, when people were likely already anticipating being annexed into the city of Atlanta. ~Ed.] As with many other streetcar suburbs in Atlanta during this time, ownership was restricted to whites despite the African-American community that continued to inhabit the very heart of the district.

The progress of this rapid development can be seen in the progression of the ever-popular bungalows, from wood-sided Craftsman homes (that you see throughout Lake Claire), to brick bungalows (think Page Avenue), and then on to brick "English cottages," which were popular in the 1930s and are most common on later-developed streets east of Clifton.

Glimpses into Lake Claire's and Candler Park's Edgewood past can still be seen despite the march of bungalows. The Victorian homes that once lined DeKalb Ave. have long since disappeared but some of the oldest houses can be found around streets such as Candler Park Drive, Oakdale, Iverson, and Mell. Some of these homes were elaborate homes of illustrious Edgewood citizens while others plain gabled or pyramidal-roofed cottages, modest dwellings in this "delightful suburb" perfect for raising a family. Not such a far cry from today!

This is just part of the "snapshot" in time that Lake Claire and Candler Park provide.

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1906

### ALL ABOARD FOR GREATER ATLANTA

#### Are You Keeping Up With The Growth Of The City?

When you outgrow your clothes you have to get larger ones.

The city of Atlanta has outgrown its skirts and must spread. The opportunity is up to you. If you do not comprehend the situation, take the matter up and do a little investigating. Practically ALL OF THE VACANT LOTS in the present city limits have been sold or are valued too high for a moderate investment.

In Greater Atlanta it is proposed that Edgewood City be taken in. In order to meet the demand for a modest and safe investment we will offer at auction, on the premises, 51 lots in Edgewood, bounded on the south by DeKalb avenue, the Georgia railroad and Edgewood avenue to Decatur, Ga., car line, extending north between Clifton and Arizona avenue two blocks and fronting on McLendon avenue, at end of Inman Park to Clifton car line; thus fronting two street car lines, giving rapid and easy access to Atlanta. The Clifton car goes through to Grant Park without transfer.

This property is most desirable for many reasons:

- First. It has unexcelled car service.
- Second. It is midway between Atlanta, Ga., and Decatur, Ga., thus making it in direct line of the improvements which are rapidly extending up and down the Georgia railroad from both of these municipalities.
- Third. It is in a settlement where you have splendid neighbors, being a strictly home-owning, white settlement.
- Fourth. It is within three blocks of the new brick public school of Edgewood City.
- Fifth, and best of all. It is convenient to industries of all kinds where high-priced employment can be had, being only five minutes' ride from the Georgia and L. & N. roundhouse, opposite Inman Park.
- Sixth. It is only 15 minutes ride from the city of Atlanta, and 15 minutes' ride from Decatur, Ga.
- Seventh. It will be sold at prices and on terms where anybody can and should afford to own a few lots.
- Eighth. It is a good investment for home or for renting. Four-room cottages rent readily in this locality for \$15 per month. They would make a paying investment. There are no vacant houses to be had and a crying demand exists for the same.

Terms of the sale will be \$25 Cash and \$5 per Month, payable on or before at 6 per cent. interest.

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## Notes from February's Monthly Meeting

Pizza compliments of Savage Pizza; 22 members, 5 guests. Guest speakers (Representatives of the City Council, and Atlanta Police Department): Lt. Jason Ryan APD: [Jmryan@atlantaga.gov](mailto:Jmryan@atlantaga.gov). He reported: Crime is down in City 3%; Call if suspicious behavior witnessed. Car break-ins main issue we've been seeing at night. Put this in your cell phone (so you don't get routed to Dekalb)!! 911 for City of Atlanta, 404.658.6666. Valencia Hudson: representing Natalyn Archibong: Sponsoring Bail Bond Reform; Resolution to keep our Atl/DeKalb voting open 7 to 8 p.m.; Camera coming to Lake Claire Park. 17th annual Focus on Seniors Seminar for 60 or older. Contact [narchibong@atlantaga.gov](mailto:narchibong@atlantaga.gov) for more info. DeKalb Ave public meeting Mar 29.

Hannah Perkins (State House Rep for Bee Nguyen) referred folks to Rep. Nguyen's February update (link on LC website).

**LCN officer reports: Safety/Ann Mauney:** Join the CPLC Security Patrol (\$200/yr, \$100 for seniors, [cplcpatrol.com](http://cplcpatrol.com)). [See article in this Clarion, Page 2.] Candler Park having safety meeting

next Wednesday at E-church 7 to 8; **Education/Annsley Klehr:** CINS Legislative Update, Feb. 27 @Inman Middle. Please spread the word and come help!! Garden work day: Please join us for A Day of Service Saturday, March 3, 10am-noon - Students & families can give back to Mary Lin & our community. Act local, think global! Outdoor Classroom and Garden Clean Up: Let's Dig in the Dirt! Help clean up & weed the Mary Lin Garden for Spring planting. We will also do light clean up in the Habitat. Bring your own gloves! Rain or shine! Coffee provided, snacks requested. Sign up here: [m.signupgenius.com/#/!showSignUp/10c094bafaf2aab9-mary4](http://m.signupgenius.com/#/!/showSignUp/10c094bafaf2aab9-mary4). Also: Playground Painting Project: We will be painting wooden benches and playground equipment containers. Plus, a light trash clean up! Meet us on the playground and bring the whole family! Sign up here: [m.signupgenius.com/#/!showSignUp/10c094bafaf2aab9-playground](http://m.signupgenius.com/#/!showSignUp/10c094bafaf2aab9-playground). **Fundraising report/Pen Sherwood:** (1) New magnets! Can also buy at Candler Park Mkt. (2) BBQ party for annual celebration of our centennial coming this summer Sunday 6/10; e-mail Pen

if you have ideas.

**Announcements and current issues:** 2018 dues reminder—\$20 per household; Approval for donation to the Frazer Center to include use of facilities for meetings and events; Lake Claire Cohousing: has a new website: [LakeClaireCohousing.org](http://LakeClaireCohousing.org); Melissa Ehrhardt, Executive Director, Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House located above the Cator Woolford Gardens at the Frazer Center; Bennett Foster: Policy & Campaigns Manager, Atlanta Bicycle Coalition; Update on the development project at the East Lake Marta Station: final public open house and presentation on Monday, February 26 at Church of the Epiphany; Need approval for \$1000 expenditure for Frazer Center. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Lake Claire Neighbors meets the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is Mar. 15. Stay informed! To receive occasional e-mails about happenings in, around and concerning Lake Claire, as well as reminders of up-coming meetings, please sign up at [lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/](http://lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/)

## Lake Claire Community Landtrust: Honoring the Conversation Turning a Neighborhood into a Community in Intown Atlanta: Part 4

by Stephen Wing

“To change the world, you have to change the conversation.”

—Tom Blue Wolf, Ani-Coosa (Muscogee Creek) Faith Keeper

That conversation was part of our ongoing exploration of the relationship between “community” and “neighborhood.” How can a neighborhood remain a community when it is continually changing? The Land Trust’s founders, the original “trustees,” are aging, retiring, stepping back one by one. Long-time neighbors who were deeply involved have moved away. New people moving into the neighborhood have different needs and expectations. Children who grew up here go off to college and leave the neighborhood behind. Sometimes we wonder who will carry on the intensive maintenance that keeps our land from being swallowed by the luxuriant vegetation of our semi-tropical climate.

The families who established the Land Trust 30 years ago had moved into a block of “fixer-uppers” to raise their kids on a tight budget. They had pooled their savings to bid on the three lots. The developer they were bidding against backed out when the neighbors outbid him on one of the lots, leaving them the owners of a large tract of kudzu and holders of a large mortgage. They bonded around the hard work of clearing kudzu and trash, laying out gardens, building humble structures with fancy

woodwork, raising funds to pay the mortgage with an annual “cul-de-sac sale” and street dance. They shared a monthly potluck, hunted Easter eggs in the spring, and carved jack-o-lanterns in the fall.

The intensity of their shared focus transformed a group of neighbors into a tight community. But gradually a split developed. One contingent saw the Land Trust as a neighborhood project just for neighbors. Others began to see its potential as a gift to the world. The drum circles, founded in the early 1990s, began attracting people from all over metro Atlanta. The stage, originally conceived as a venue for amateur drama, was discovered by music-lovers, who plugged in to help raise funds. Some teens invaded in search of a peaceful place to get high, and spread the word to their friends.

The rift among the trustees widened until the conversation grew loud and caustic. They recruited a neutral neighbor to facilitate and keep the meetings peaceful. But finally the tension split the group, and the founders who did not appreciate all of Atlanta converging in their back yards departed. It was not an amicable parting. By the time I got involved, I marveled at how magically

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## Thanks for Paying Your Neighborhood Dues!

We appreciate our neighborhood support of many wonderful initiatives, green spaces, donations to our Police and Firefighters, the Frazer Center, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Lake Claire Park, etc. Lake Claire suggested annual dues are \$20/year per household—but just like with Public Radio, any amount is much appreciated. A Lake Claire Banner package deal is only \$50 if combined with annual dues!

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PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107.

## Open House

Saturday, February 3  
Saturday, April 14  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

The Friends School of Atlanta offers an exceptional academic program - PreK3 through 8th grade - with individualized instruction every step of the way. Joyful learners come together in small, diverse classes where they gain the confidence to become their best selves as students and engaged citizens.

Please plan to attend our next Open House, or reserve a parent-only tour during the school week by emailing Nancy Bent, Director of Advancement and Admissions at [nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org](mailto:nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org).



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## Introducing Drop-In Kids' Classes at the LT with Ladybug Events Team

by Andrea Zoppo

Join us for family fun activities with all the fun and none of the pressure! Classes are suited for ages 4 to 11. Check-in by parents is required 5 to 10 minutes before class time. All classes will be held at the Land Trust except those requiring use of a kitchen, which will happen across the cul-de-sac at the Lake Claire Cohousing Common House. Food-related classes require registration in order to prepare supplies. For other classes, while “dropping in” is fine, we strongly encourage signing up in advance by simply emailing [Missladybug@ladybugeventsllc.com](mailto:Missladybug@ladybugeventsllc.com). More opportunities TBA at [Ladybugeventsllc.com](http://Ladybugeventsllc.com).

**Food and Nutrition Lab with Chef Germaine: Pizza Amore!** A hands-on class—children learn to make pizza dough from scratch and build their own pizzas! Chef Germaine will draw on her years of expertise as a school chef and her passion for Neopolitan-style pizza

to prepare a classic Pomodoro sauce, and children will choose from an assortment of fresh toppings to build pizzas. Class will touch upon the importance of gluten development in dough-making and also how basic dough isn't just for pizza. Ciao!

**Saturdays: March 10 and 24,** 10-11 a.m., and **Sundays: March 11 and 25,** 10:30-11:30 a.m., Lake Claire Cohousing. \$15 plus \$2 additional supply fee per person

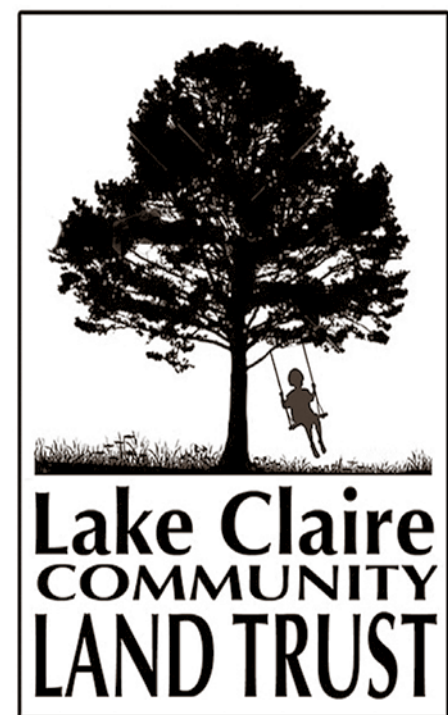
**Song-Writing Workshop with Mr. Greenthumbs:** Mr. Greenthumbs is a well-established Atlanta musician, performer, and songwriter in Atlanta who has recorded his music professionally for over 20 years. In this class he shares his knowledge and song-writing process with young aspiring musical artists. Engaging the logical and abstract functions of cognition, participants are taken through the process and taught basic formulas of song composition, lyrical

meter, and melodic forms. The class will collectively construct and build unique compositions, which will be performed and recorded for parents and students to enjoy and share with friends and family! **Sundays: March 3, 10, 17, 11** a.m.-12 p.m. and **Mondays: March 5, 12, 26,** 4:30-5:30 p.m.—meet at playground gazebo. \$10 per person

**Garden Fun with Miss Ladybug:** From soil to sky we explore the joys of the garden. Together we find our favorite bugs and learn about their roles in nature. Through garden adventures we meet wiggly worms and help them create nutritious soil for our fun planting projects. From growing and creating homes for our tiny garden friends to harvesting the garden and making yummy snacks, we share songs, stories, movement, and hands-on projects that encourage stewardship and wonder in our natural world. Only **Sunday, March 11,** 3:30-4:30 p.m.—meet at playground gazebo. \$10 per person

**Stone Soup with Miss Ladybug:** Join Miss Ladybug as we make magical yummy stone soup and read the delightful story. Bring containers to take home soup, and be prepared to chop, make, and play! **Sunday, March 11,** 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.—meet at playground gazebo. \$10 per person

**The Little Beekeepers Workshop with Miss Ladybug:** Join Miss Ladybug, local entertainer, beekeeper and teacher, for a super sweet and fun beekeeping adventure! Learn about our friends the Honey



Bees, taste honey from Miss Ladybug's own hives at the Land Trust, and get to try on all the equipment and become little beekeepers! Bonus: make your own scented beeswax candle to take home! **Sunday, April 8,** 3:30-4:30 p.m.—meet at playground gazebo. \$15 per person

### DONATE TO THE LAND TRUST

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is a green oasis in the heart of Atlanta. But it is more than a place; it is also the community of neighbors and friends who gather here to celebrate nature, the arts, and each other. Come and visit!

Please check the Clarion Page 11 each month, as well as the LCCLT website, for upcoming events. Fundraisers and volunteer days offer frequent opportunities to lend your support. Becoming a member helps to sustain both our greenspace and our community. Only \$10 a year makes you a Land Trust Supporter for the next year! Make a one-time donation or subscribe to a monthly donation plan. You may also put a check or cash into our mailbox at the gate, or mail it to LCCLT, 270 Arizona Avenue, NE, Atlanta GA 30307. Thanks for your donation; donations are tax deductible. Joining one or more of our e-mail lists will help you stay in touch. Donations are welcome via our Paypal link, our P.O. Box, or the mailbox at our main entrance.

Get involved!

### Upcoming events

March 3 and 17—drum circles (details calendar p. 2)

Sat. March 17—Community Work Day

Sun. March 18—Children's Garden Mosaic Art Project, Spring Planting & Equinox Celebration

Sun. April 1—Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck. Join us for a Easter Egg Hunt and potluck brunch at the Land Trust! We will hide eggs at 9 a.m. hunt at 10, and have brunch at 11. Bring eggs to hide, brunch item to share, and your own eating utensils and plates. We look forward to seeing everyone!



## Community Conversation

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harmonious our meetings were. Each began with our customary blessing: “We come together in peace to share our visions, honor our differences, and create community . . .” I found the words a powerful and moving reminder of why I was there. It took me a while to realize why they had become necessary.

The founders who still live here continue to share meals and vacation trips, help with illnesses, deaths, and births, and so on, all stemming from early relationships built on a simple goal. But most of them rarely walk down the street to visit the Land Trust. One of them is overtly hostile; for him the conversation is over. Not that he has given up complaining about the “tourists” who have invaded

his neighborhood. But when I try to answer, speaking up for the positive influence of our green oasis in these people's lives, his voice invariably rises and drowns out my response. His bitterness allows no room for anyone's point of view but his own. (I wonder if he realizes that by refusing to listen to me, he relieves me of the obligation of listening to him?) But it's clear to me now that creating a Land Trust just for neighbors never was a realistic goal. A “neighbor” is anyone who can afford a house in the neighborhood. As Lake Claire gentrifies, the price of living here goes up. New neighbors bring new values. Kids don't stick around to carry on a legacy just because it was created for them. We still host Easter egg

hunts and pumpkin-carving every spring and fall, attracting families who share our values wherever they may live. Change is inevitable. The land remains.

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# LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



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

This month we feature Abby Hyken. Abby lives on the west side of Clifton Road, traditionally the "Candler Park side," and we grant the Hykens dual citizenship. The Hykens enjoy the Clarion, and Abby has been a welcome contributor

to the Clarion. She lives with her parents, twin brothers, and her dog. She loves to read, play the alto saxophone, cook, and play softball. In addition to the Reading Bowl team, she is excited to play on the Inman Middle School softball team. Abby was born in Atlanta and has lived on Clifton Rd in the same house her whole life. Abby, thank you, and we look forward to

future contributions

**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](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org). What have you done in 2018 so far? **We hope to hear from you!**



Abby Hyken with Inman Reading Bowl Team

## Reading Bowl Team Came in First!

by Abby Hyken

Recently, the Inman Middle School Reading Bowl team came in first place at the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl (HRRB) District Competition held on January 27 at Brown Middle School in Atlanta. The HRRB is a reading competition similar to an academic bowl. Team members must read the 20 middle school Georgia Children's Book Award books and then take Accelerated Reader tests on each book. At the competition, team members have to buzz in (on buzzers) and answer the question asked about one of the 20 books. The moderator will ask a detailed question out of any one of the 20 books, such as where was the key hidden or what was the name of the chap-erone at the dance. Members of the two teams have to buzz in if they know the answer. If the team member that buzzed in first says the correct answer, that team gets 10 points. If the answer is incorrect, the opposing team has a chance to answer. Each round has 10 questions, each worth 10 points. There are six rounds in each competition. The team with the most points at the end is the winner.

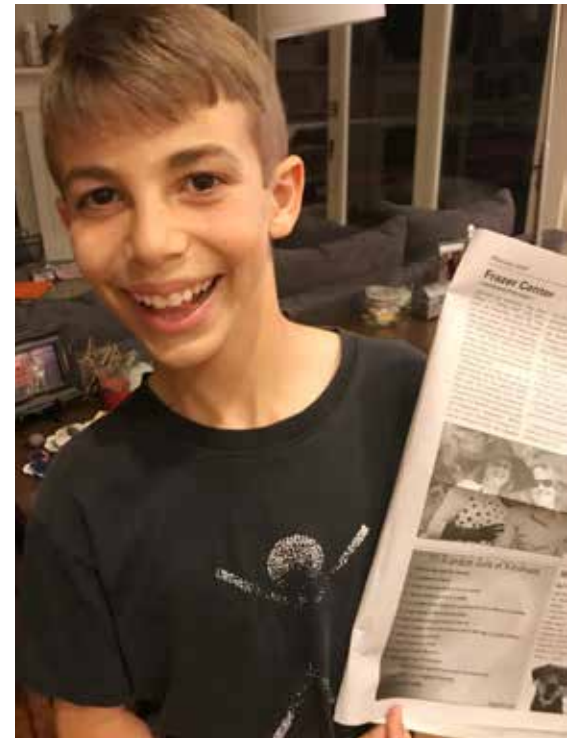
The Reading Bowl team at Inman, which includes me and 7 other students, competed at the District Competition held on January 27 for APS schools. There we won 1st place out of all the APS middle schools. We practiced officially on Mondays after school, and practices were also held every day for students who wanted to practice. On February 10, at Clayton State University, the Inman Reading Bowl team went on to compete at the Metro Regional competition. The competition was more challenging there including schools from across the Metro Atlanta Region, and we did not make it to one of the top 3 spots. Thanks to Ms. Kamenitsa, the Inman Media Specialist, for helping us to get to Regionals.

## Contest Winners

Dalton Troxell-Cappello (10 years old as of March 6) lives on Almeta Avenue and won the contest, finding the Random Acts of Kindness graphic for February on Page 9.

Close runners-up! — Dalton's little sister 6-year old Darcy Troxell-Cappello (turning 7 on 3/30) also found it. Hannah Silver also found the Random Acts of Kindness graphic. Hannah has been a happy resident of Lake Claire her whole life. She loves horseback riding, dance, and recently earned her purple belt in karate. She is proud to serve as a Peer Leader at her school. Hannah performed a random act of kindness herself, winning our bonus prize; she helped her friend feel better when she was upset about a bad grade by talking her through it.

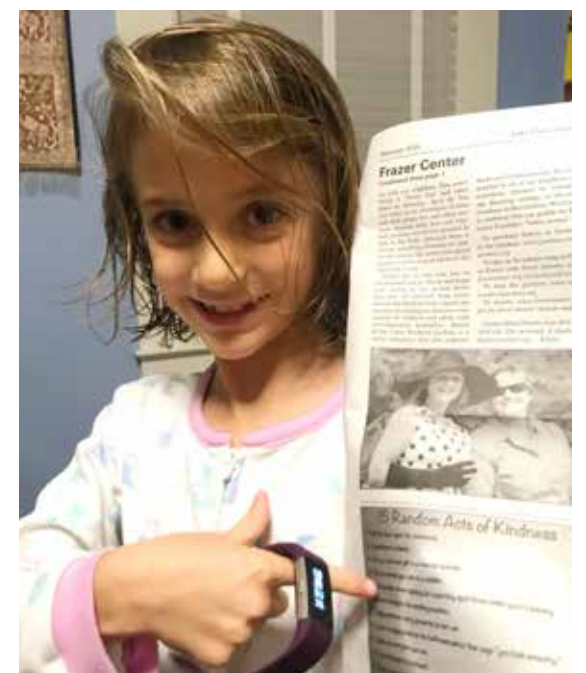
Lake Claire kids—just because Random Acts of Kindness Week was in February doesn't mean you can't do it every day! Let us know what you've done lately.



Dalton



Hannah (left) and her sister Rose



Darcy

## NEW CONTEST!

**You, too, could be featured in the Clarion!** Last month we featured Random Acts of Kindness Week. We still want to hear about YOUR random acts of kindness; it's so important. Find a random act of kindness featured in this month's issue (different from last month's) and tell us about your own. The winner will have your picture in the April Clarion. To win, send e-mail to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org) telling us the page number. 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.