



This LC fun time always abounds with creativity (this photo is from another year).

Lake Claire Annual Halloween Parade/Party October 27

One of Lake Claire's signature parties of the year, the Annual Lake Claire Halloween Parade and Party, is coming, Saturday, October 27! The Lake Claire Parents spearhead the annual event, with plenty of volunteers from Lake Claire Neighbors (lots overlap—anyone who has been in Lake Claire any amount of time looks forward to this). Children (and children at heart) parade through the streets of Lake Claire, ending up in Lake Claire Park. So gather your big and little pirates, princesses, super heroes, monsters, and witches, and meet

us on the corner of Ridgewood at Marlbrook at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, October 27. The march to the park begins at 5 p.m. sharp. **Please, no pets, whatsoever.**

This year the Halloween Parade welcomes back organizer from last year, Matt Stacey. But the event can only be successful with lots of participation. A snack foods sign-up will make the rounds in the weeks before the parade via lake-claire.org. As the Clarion goes to press in September, there may be minor changes to our event when

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Trees Atlanta's Plantlanta in Lake Claire!

by Lindsay Malone

Trees Atlanta volunteers will be in Lake Claire on November 3 as a part of Plantlanta! We will be working around the city in every council district planting new trees. Our NeighborWoods team will be in the Lake Claire area from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be out and about planting new trees in the strip of grass between the sidewalk and the road called the right-of-way. Say hello if you see us around! If you find that you want your own new tree for the front yard, you're in luck! Trees Atlanta will plant a tree in your front yard for free. If you really like trees or you have a need for shade, we will be happy to plant up to three trees

for free. Please contact us at neighborhoods@treesatlanta.org or via an online request form at www.treesatlanta.org/freyardtree (if you're interested in getting a free front yard tree or if you have any questions about Plantlanta). For more trees, come to our tree sale. The Trees Atlanta Tree Sale will be held at the Carter Center on Freedom Parkway on **October 6**. We will have over 300 different types of trees and plants to choose from.

Trees Atlanta also joins Friends of Frazer Forest, October 18, 6-7, in the Frazer Rose Room, for a planning meeting. All are welcome to attend.

~Editor.

October Meeting—Nominations for LCN

The annual Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) Executive Committee elections are in November. According to our bylaws, all nominations must be made at the regular yearly LCN meeting in October. The basic requirement for nomination, either self-nomination or if nominated by another, is attendance at a minimum of four regular meetings since last November. An official slate of officers will also be presented. So, if you would like to serve the neighborhood in this valuable fashion, and you will meet the requirement as of the Oc-

tober meeting (i.e., you have already attended at least 3 meetings, so the October meeting will be your 4th or more), do consider leadership in the neighborhood, a very good cause and lots of fun. Meetings are on the third Thursdays, in the Rose Room at the Frazer Center: 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting. Savage provides free pizza for the meetings. **Nominations (complete listing of positions are in the masthead at the top of Page 2), will be at our meeting on Thursday, October 18. We hope to see you there.**



Mary Lin student Ava Roseman, selling her magnets with the help of her mom, Julie Roseman, at last year's Fair

Calling all Artists and Crafters!

It's time to get busy because our Neighborhood Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair is coming back!!

On the first Saturday in December, Lake Claire Neighbors and Mary Lin Elementary are hosting the **2018 Lake Claire Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair**. A share of the proceeds will help both organizations support local charities and community work. Mark your calendars: **Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Atrium in the Frazer Center, 1815 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307.**

We are looking for local artisans, crafters, photographers, painters, potters, jewelers, and more, to sell their original artwork. All items must be handmade—no mass-produced, store-bought, resale, or imported items.

Details: Artists keep 75% of their

sales; Payment by check, cash or credit card accepted; Only hand-made items accepted; Child artists are welcome and encouraged, but the exhibit must be supervised by a parent at all times; Artists are asked to stay with their art exhibits during the entire sale period; Artists are asked to contribute a baked good or other finger food; Volunteers are needed for set up, break down and cashier positions.

Please fill out this online application form to become a vendor: form.jotform.com/82388603894167.

For more information, please contact Julie Roseman (julieroseman@yahoo.com) or Annsley Klehr (anzoid@yahoo.com), Holiday Sales Coordinators, for more details

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October Calendar (Send us your contributions!)

1-21 Horizon Theatre—*Nomad Hotel*, a wry comedy about inclusion and understanding, by playwright Carla Ching. See www.horizontheatre.com/plays/nomad-motel/.

5-7 Actor's Express, 3 nights only, *Merrily We Roll Along*. One of Sondheim's most fascinating shows finally comes to the AE stage in a special concert event. See www.actors-express.com/events/merrily-we-roll-along-in-concert **AND, next in its Season, starting October 27 (through Nov. 18), *Reykjavik***, a tour-de-force in which playwright Yockey demonstrates that the supernatural is closer than we think.

6 After a two-year hiatus, the Lake Claire Land Trust has resurrected our Fall fundraiser. Join us for more peace, love, and music at the Land Trust. **Please DON'T park on Delaware for LT events, inconvenient resident parking.** There is designated free parking at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries (end of Delaware, at Connecticut and Ivy). See article including music line-up on Page 11.

9 Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the November general election

10-Nov. 4 The Theatrical Outfit presents *Royale*, by Marco Ramirez. In 1905-1910 America, Jay "The Sport" Jackson dreams of being the first Black heavyweight champion of the world, but in the segregated world of boxing, his chances are as good as knocked out. More info/tix: www.theatricaloutfit.org/shows/the-royale/

18 Trees Atlanta + Friends of Frazer Forest, 6-7 p.m., Frazer Center Rose Room. Join your neighbors at this planning meeting with Trees Atlanta as Frazer Center enters the final phase of its 3-year forest restoration project. Learn how you can continue to help protect and preserve your neighborhood forest. Then stay for the Lake Claire neighborhood monthly meeting at 7:15 (see below).

18 Lake Claire Neighbors 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). Minutes on the website, and when room, in the Clarion. The annual LCN Executive Committee elections are in November. Nominations must be made at THIS LCN meeting. See article outlining eligibility to serve on Page 1.

27 *Scary Fireside Stories* at The Land Trust Fire Pit, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. See details in article, page 11

28 Frazer Center Fall Fest. Sunday, 3-6 p.m. Cator Woolford Gardens at Frazer Center Tickets: \$5 per person OR \$20 per family—Grab your favorite fall sweater or Halloween costume, and join us for tons of fun in the gardens! We'll have food and family fun for all ages. Hosted by the Frazer Center Parent Teacher Action Committee. Info: fallfest@frazercenter.org.

November

November 3 Trees Atlanta in Lake Claire!!! See article on Page 1, and join us to plant new trees!

November 6 Elections! Whom will you support? Time to research now. What to do if you get to the polls and are unable to vote? **Do not leave the polling place!!** Call the Voter Protection Hotline immediately to report any problems, toll-free number: 888-730-5816.

December

And, last but not least, please mark your calendars for these important dates in December:

- 2018 Lake Claire Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair—December 1, 2018, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Atrium in the Frazer Center. We need volunteers now, see article Page 1 for contact information.

- 2018 Lake Claire Annual Xmas/Holiday Potluck—Thursday, December 13—details in the November Clarion, but hold the evening (in place of the monthly neighborhood meeting).

Please send calendar items for November and December to Beth at editor@lakeclaire.org.



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Wild in Lake Claire

by Flora Fauna (aka Carol Vanderschaaf)

There is exciting news to report regarding hurricanes and elections—whoops—I mean fauna and flora. My mind gets so muddled lately between fake news and hate news, but I will not go there. The facts are that two faunas have been reported to this columnist that have never been mentioned before in “Wild” and both by our eagle-eyed correspondent, Andrew F. First, Andrew noted that his wife saw a fox recently, “sniffing around Lake Claire Cohousing’s compost area right near the Land Trust. Foxes are notoriously hard to see, so I thought it was noteworthy.”....he also notes, “this summer my own wildlife sightings have consisted mostly of rats, and there seem to be more this year than in any other year that I have been here, but I’m not sure why that would be.” Well join the club. We’ve had plenty of rats in this column so let’s get on with the foxes for now. There are two types of foxes most likely to be seen in urban areas, the red and the gray. Both are carnivores. Both are monogamous (mostly). The gray is smaller than the red but does have the unique ability to climb trees to escape predators. The red escapes predators by using his or her speed to elude them. The gray fox is native to Georgia. The red fox was introduced by European settlers. They are the foxes used in the hunt because of their speed.

The second fauna seen by Andrew was the Little Brown Bat. The bats sleep and groom during day and hunt at night. Bats seem to love life in

Georgia. Sixteen species claim Georgia as their home. A good thing, too, as bats are an essential part of the environment. **Bats are a chemical-free method of insect control.** The Little Brown Bat is also well known in areas of Georgia and Arkansas. Among all the things that folks should know about bats in Georgia, the minimum is that they are a very necessary part of our ecosystem.

Moving on to other wild-in-Lake-Claire creatures, recently my friend Melissa saw a rabbit being stalked by a Cooper’s Hawk in my backyard. As Melissa turned the corner of the yard she saw the bunny gaily hopping around, totally unaware of the hawk’s presence. She startled them both, most likely saving the bunny’s life and depriving that hawk of a full stomach. A couple of days later I saw that bunny (or a bunny) hopping around near my dog’s food dish. He went so far as to hop up my back stairs. A chipmunk who was also sniffing was much wiser and ran to his burrow quickly. I guess the news of the Cooper’s Hawk had reached him. The rabbit again was lucky. He managed to run off into the undergrowth without incident.

Bernard S. recently saw the shell of a cicada. “They stay underground for years and then come out to mate.... pretty weird,” he said. Well, Lake Claire is known for weirdness, so they came to the right place. Bernard continues, “the only thing I saw that surprised me was in our side yard. I was walking by and suddenly, my eye got

caught by this bright red flower that I hadn’t seen before. It looked like a red firework, with petals exploding in all directions. Genise told me that it was some sort of lily.” I’ve had one or two in my own yard. Very pretty, and they seem to come out of nowhere.

And speaking of flora, Miriam H. and Brynan H. (no relation) both reported having problems with invasives....*ssh*, we don’t like to think about this threat. Miriam spent a lot of time recently pulling out the Japanese chaff plants that have invaded her backyard. These plants have been spreading to north Georgia hiking trails, mainly on the fur of dogs who pick them up in the city. My dog picked some up a few days ago but fortunately we were not planning a trip to the mountains. These plant seeds are very aggressive. They grow quickly and block out native plants.

Brynan reports that, “Unfortunately, my flora encounters this month has been dealing with invasives such as the Chinese yam vine. Not a very positive topic for an article.” The Chinese yam (*Dioscorea polystachya*), also called cinnamon-vine, is a species of flowering plant in the yam family. This perennial climbing vine is native to China and now grows throughout East Asia (Japan, Korea, Kuril Islands, Vietnam). It was first noted in Alabama in the 1770s and was introduced to Florida in 1905. It has slender vines that spiral counterclockwise and pointed, heart-shaped leaves that are often indented on the



Chinese Yam

sides. The bulbils or air tubers are present from June to September and resemble very small potatoes. It has small, white or greenish-yellow flowers that smell like cinnamon. It was considered to be a possible food crop and an ornamental and is still used as a food source in some parts of Africa. The uncultivated plant which grows wild is bitter and could be poisonous. Its vines can grow up to 60 feet long. Though its leaves are beautiful the whole plant has a kudzu like effect, blocking out light to anything beneath it (see picture).

Well, it’s nearly time to go out and meet the Fall. Flora Fauna sends her good wishes to all. May our invasives go far, far away—and our flora and fauna flourish and stay.

~Flora Fauna

PS: Please report any sightings to my assistant, cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net.

Personal Responsibility, Our Local Police, and the CPLC Patrol

(lifted from a previous article 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 a 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!

(This October meeting is particularly important—nominations and discussion of officers for the neighborhood Executive Board. See article on



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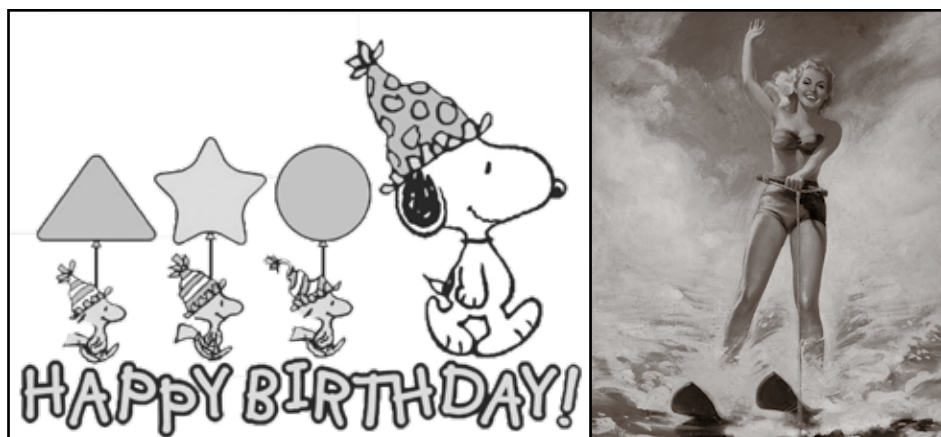
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Since the reality is that the City of Atlanta cannot provide sufficient personnel or financing to protect our communities fully, dedicated volunteers from Lake Claire and Candler Park have established a neighborhood-run, non-profit organization to supplement the customary policing by the Atlanta Police Department, **the CPLC Patrol.**

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 Pa-

trol memberships. 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. Become a member in order to contribute to your own security and to the safety of our Lake Claire neighborhood.



Hello—Safe Journey: Skiing in and around Lake Claire

October Birthdays:

October 2: Margaret Witten (Tuxedo) Happy *very special* (ahem) b'day! Whatever it is, you look mah-valous. Now it's as it should be; you are once again older than DPS. xo from a fan/friend...

October 5: Chloe Rachal will turn 7! (Howard Circle) and Emma DeBell (Harold) 11!

October 19: Kusher Thomas Tanguturi turns 5 (Harold Avenue)

October 19: Boyd Baker – happy b'day (Leonardo, also faithful Clarion contributor)

October 23: Izzy Kaiser – Happy 11th birthday! ('dorf)

October 27: Happy birthday, Wing! Faithful contributor to the Clarion LT page (and the LT, of course)

Marriage Anniversaries:

October 6 – Judy Langford and Bob Thompson (Harold)

October 15 – Sara Rossi and Jeff DeBell- (Harold)

Life-cycle events to editor@lakeclaire by Oct. 15 for November issue. Please help us make this feature inclusive of our LC 'hood.

Lake Claire Communications

by Beth Damon

The Clarion is only one of Lake Claire's communications vehicles. I hope you are aware that a large part of Lake Claire communications is the website/blog, run by VP Communications, Nancy Dorsner. The website information is much more timely, since Nancy keeps it regularly updated. As the newspaper editor, and with the newspaper being a monthly publication, I am only able to provide information on a monthly basis; in addition, with the deadline being the 15th of the month of the previous month, it is even harder for information to be as timely as it is on the website/blog. With only about 8-12 pages in the Clarion, we often don't have room for the monthly meeting notes, which Nancy also keeps on the website (www.lakeclaire.org)—if you haven't, please check it out regularly! The online version of the Clarion is featured on the website compliments of Eileen O'Neill (thanks, Eileen), and always in color.

Nancy also does an email newscast to neighbors who sign up for it. That is how you can get the meeting agenda in advance and other important information when time is of the essence; for example, this month, we feature an article on the annual Hal-

loween parade/party. But we are going to press the 3rd week of September. If you are on the newscast list, you'll be sent updated details. Sign up at lakeclaire.org/resources/communications-guidelines/.

Feel free to submit items to the website/blog (comm@lakeclaire.org) as well as to the Clarion (editor@lakeclaire.org) that are of community interest, such as local events and announcements. We regret that we cannot publish commercial announcements on the blog or the newspaper, but if your business has news, sales, or specials of interest to the Lake Claire neighborhood, please consider contacting Pat, our advertising coordinator, for a very reasonably priced announcement or advertisement, at advertising@lakeclaire.org. Please see the box on **Page 9** for more information about advertising your services or company in the Clarion.

Last but not least, you are welcome to submit articles, calendar items, life-cycle events, letters to the editor, etc., to me at editor@lakeclaire.org. We want the website and the newspaper to be relevant to—and fun for—everyone in Lake Claire, and we hope to hear from you!



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Thank you to Annsley Klehr. Annsley is the Lake Claire Neighbors Education Chair and the Mary Lin Representative to the Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS).

APS 2019-2020 School Start Date

Confusion abounds as I am trying to tell my son he has a summer birthday and yet school has already started—and it's almost considered Fall... well, almost. The temperatures have still been in the 90s! And then of course I tell him when school is over that it is summer break, and yet it's still spring. He seems quite confused, but the confusion might soon be over.

If you had been wishing for the school year to start just a bit later, the crystal ball has been read and your wish may be granted. The Atlanta School Board has tentatively approved the academic calendars for the next three years, making the start date the second Monday in Au-

gust. The 2019-2020 school year will begin on August 12 and end on May 22. Yes, you read it correctly! That means two more weeks of summer!

This year we started on August 1 and will end on May 24, 2019. So, how is it possible that there are two extra weeks? The past couple of years we have had week-long breaks, but those will get shortened. Despite the shorter breaks, the proposed calendars will still give us a full week off for Thanksgiving, two weeks off over the winter holidays, and one week off for spring break in April. Just think, in just 7 months from now you can look forward to your 10 weeks of summer vacation! Thanks APS!

Inman Middle School Grants Recess

Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Inman Middle School's relatively new principal, said in an email to a parent, "I found in my 20 years of lunch supervision that middle and high school students only need 18-20 minutes for lunch. The other 10 minutes are times when students get into mischief." Therefore, he decided to carve 10 minutes out of the middle schoolers' lunch for recess. He implemented something similar to this when he was a princi-

pal in Indiana. His goal is eventually to expand this lunch/recess period to a total of 35 minutes.

According to Dr. Maxwell, connection teachers are noting how much easier it is to monitor lunch, and classroom teachers have been pleasantly surprised with a higher level of engagement in class after lunch. The only downside is the 8th graders wish these changes had started 2 years ago!

Howard Middle School Construction On Track

The David T. Howard School, in 2020 will become the new Inman Middle School, but Inman's name will not carry over. This historically named building was named after David T. Howard, former slave, civic activist, and philanthropist. Born into slavery in 1849, he eventually rose in ranks to become an undertaker with his own mortuary business, becoming one of the city's first Black millionaires. Though he gave to many African-American institutions in Atlanta, David T. Howard School was one of his final contributions. Donated in 1923 as an elementary school and later a high school, it remained open until its closing in 1976. The Howard School educated several well-known African-Americans: Martin Luther King, Jr., Maynard Jackson, Vernon Jordan, Herman J. Russell, Eldrin Bell, and Walt Frazier. According to the David T. Howard National Alumni Association, Inc., "*Howard was a testament to the high scholarship of the student body, the dedication of the faculty, and the recognition of adherence to those standards established by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, which bestowed accreditation upon David T. Howard High School.*"

Located on the corner of Randolph

Street and John Wesley Dobbs Avenue in the Old Fourth Ward, Howard school is on track and projected to be completed by August 2020. It is a building with stories of the past and holds great promise for the Grady Cluster future.

The renovation could not be finished sooner, since Inman is bursting at the seams—and beyond. In case you have not had the lovely drive-by opportunity on Virginia Avenue, the whole field is consumed by trailers and milling students. Inman has a capacity of 875 students but has currently enrolled **over 1,000**. The \$52 million 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) project will house up to 1,375 students with 25 students per classroom. The current building is getting an addition and updates to allow space for students in the continual boom of the Grady Cluster.

When Howard opened its doors in 1923, it took the place of three grammar schools, two of which opened in 1866 for children of freed slaves. Today it will house 6th-8th grade children from a variety of backgrounds, socio-economic groups, races, and cultures. Its rich past and colorful future will pave the way for many educational opportunities to come.

Mary Lin Elementary Enrichment Opportunities

Back to school night at Mary Lin Elementary School was on Thursday, September 10. This was a night where teachers presented the curriculum and upcoming trips to those caregivers and parents inside of their children's classrooms. Principal Sharyn Briscoe highlighted some key features and enrichment activities that Mary Lin offers which help foster the Grady Cluster's signature theme, College and Career Readiness. Briscoe also pointed out that all opportunities below are part of intentional planning and school-based autonomy due to the fact that our cluster is (and has been for several years), a Charter System (different than a Charter School):

(1) Spanish is offered in grades K-2 once per week for 45 minutes. This exposure model allows the students to have continuous instruction in a foreign language for three years. Many of our pre-K feeder schools also offer Spanish, so this is also a continuation. Note, this class is meant for exposure, and students will not receive a letter grade.

(2) Band and orchestra are offered for students in grades 4 and 5 twice

per week for 45 minutes. Students that chose not to participate in instrumental music will have chorus twice per week for 45 minutes.

(3) Students in grades K-4 receive Technology Instruction once per week for 45 minutes. The focus is on keyboarding, Google classroom, and some coding. Fifth grade students receive technology support during their ELA/writing block once per week. Note, this class is enrichment, and students will not receive a letter grade.

(4) The GATE model for gifted-identified students has changed, most significantly for 5th grade. There was a meeting for all GATE parents before the Curriculum Night, and there will be follow-up meetings per grade level that will be announced by the end of next week.

(5) All classes will participate in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) that includes daily class meetings and one hour of lessons using the Second Step curriculum provided by Atlanta Public Schools.

—Thanks to Mary Lin's 9/7/18 e-mail communication, *the Rocket Blast*.



Grady Cluster Principals Discuss Achievements, Challenges, and Teamwork

by Ellen Mayer, Co-President of Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS)

On September 5, the Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) hosted its annual Principals' Forum at Inman Middle School. The Principals' Forum gives parents of current and prospective Grady Cluster students and other community members a chance to hear directly from the principals about trends, achievements, challenges and how

they work collaboratively to provide high-quality public education for the more than 6,000 students who attend Grady High School, Inman Middle School and the cluster's four traditional elementary schools* and two K-8 academies**.

In terms of academic achievement, the Grady Cluster continues to excel.

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Lake Claire Halloween Parade

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you see this: please be sure to check lakeclaire.org, or contact Matt at halloween@lakeclaire.org for current information and to arrange to sponsor, donate, volunteer, or otherwise help out.

Another LC Halloween: McLendon

by Holly Achurch, Nashville, Tn.

When it comes to celebrating Halloween, there are two types of people: those who absolutely love it, and those like I am, who see it as more of a sign that Autumn is here rather than something to celebrate. But for those that practically worship the 'wanna be' holiday, it's important business. This is where I learned that I shouldn't be so dismissive of its potential.

For my sister's Lake Claire neighborhood, Halloween is serious. Planning begins as early as July! It's hard to imagine falling leaves, brisk weather, and front porches bursting with pumpkins and corn stalks when July 4 just took place. Leighanne and

her neighbors on the 2100 block of McLendon come together to put on one heck of a display. As an illustrator for children's art, she and her creative neighbors find that Halloween proves to be just the right holiday. She says, "We start talking about it in July. We choose a theme and roll with it. When I first moved here, Don and Joe next door were the only neighbors to decorate. They've been here for 25 years. Everybody loves their setup. Spooky eyes in the trees, fire breathing dragons. We used to gather in their driveway for a potluck while trick-or-treaters meandered down the street. Now, with so

And yet ANOTHER Halloween Celebration: Fernbank

This Halloween, Fernbank Museum of Natural History invites guests to experience the darker mysteries of the forest as ghostly spirits begin to appear in the shadows. This new outdoor experience, *Woodland Spirits*, will be on view from Sept. 29 through Nov. 11. Drawing inspiration from the many enchanted forests in literature and movies, *Woodland Spirits* is filled with mystery, adventure and uncertainty. Guests will encounter dozens of ghostly visitors who inhabit the shadows and lurk in the far reaches of WildWoods and Fernbank Forest. There is a mystery to their presence, but occasional fragments from abandoned gardens and

many of our neighbors having children, we've evolved a bit. We're still coming together but we've expanded." From a general idea or specific theme, each house showcases its own Halloween spirit, from elaborate cos-

vacant estates suggest that the spirits of those who once explored these woods never left. Guests are encouraged to stay aware, as the apparitions and ethereal spirits could lurk all around—up in the trees, deep in the vistas and even in plain sight.

Woodland Spirits will be on view daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with museum admission and will also be a highlight of several special events:

- **Guided Evening Forest Walks for ages 8 and up: Thursday, October 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**
- **Fernbank After Dark: Forensics, adult science night on Oct. 12 from 7 to**

- 11 p.m.**
- **Fright Night, adult Halloween Party on Oct. 26 from 7 p.m. to midnight**
- **Dinosaur Trick-or-Treat for families: Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **Ghostly Gatherings for all ages: Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 from 6 to 9 p.m.**
- **Halloween Discount** for costumed guests: Receive 31% off museum admission Oct. 31.

Advanced reservations and separate ticket fees for some programs are required and are encouraged for others due to anticipated sell-outs. For more information FernbankMuseum.org or call 404.929.6400.

tumes to 3D displays posed on their lawns. Last year, three shadowy witches hovered quietly over a foggy caldron. The witches, a graveyard lawn with candles, and handmade bats crafted from paper mache, transformed

Leighanne's yard into a spookily fun scene. Across the street, ghosts peaked from windows, slipping in the wind from behind an up lit oak. Their displays aren't

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October into November in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

Although October may be used to put your garden to bed, there are also other options, including the biennials. "One of the most beautiful things about the biennial season is that it keeps you gardening...you have something living and green to watch and admire as fall, winter, and spring flow together as one." (*Warm-Climate Gardening* by Barbara Pleasant, Storey Communications, Inc., VT, 1993)

Before you whine that last year I told you what an easy gardening month October could be, listen to these other options. If you are a new gardener or have just moved to some land in Lake Claire, perhaps you don't want to wait for spring to enjoy yourself. This is the month to sow spinach and plant potatoes. Spinach does better started this month than any time in the spring, believe me! And you will not need to protect it more than pushing a little straw or shredded leaves around the plants when the ground begins to freeze.

If you have parsley in the ground, leave it there. I have never lost a parsley plant to frost. It will need protection if potted to keep the roots from freezing, however. In spring, it will set seeds and die, but by then

you will have sown more. You can also put in garlic sets this month.

Setting up a cold frame can be as easy as placing hay bales in a square and covering them with an old window or some other transparent covering; the trick is monitoring it during the day if you are not at home. For the years I worked, I had an automatic vent controller that would push the cold frame lid up when the interior grew hot. It worked by the heat expanding the metal, so I never had to worry about losing power or electrical connections or bills. Although the cold frame may be moved whenever desired, it is best to set it up on the south side of a building in full sun for the winter months. Inside you can sow collards, lettuce, scallions, any of the cold-tolerant Asian vegetables, and—more spinach if you have room.

So what about those biennials? You may want to start such things as parsnips, beets, Brussels sprouts, celery, leeks, strawberries, and mints indoors under lights, per my instructions last spring. Use fresh seed. If you are stingy like I am, help the seed out by storing it in the refrigerator for three weeks before sowing so that it thinks winter is over. If weather continues mild, grow them

a little larger outdoors in a sheltered location before setting them in the ground. But remember that squirrels will dig up anything in a pot or in unmulched, turned soil.

It is the flowers that will give you the most pleasure by starting them in October. Sow sweet peas directly where you have set up a trellis for them to climb. Others that do best begun now are alyssum, *Bellis perennis* (sometimes called English daisy, pinks and white), bachelor's button, calendula, candytuft, dianthus, myosotis ("forget-me-not"), nicotiana, pansy, poppy, snapdragon, and wall-flower. Sown in fall, many of these cover the bare ground around your spring bulbs when they flower and after they fade away. Some will be offered for sale in February or March. Most of them die in our summer heat but are worth it for early bloom and, often, sweet scent.

This is a good time to test the pH of your soil, usually acidic in Atlanta. Take more than one sample from areas in your garden where you will be planting, and test them with a simple kit you can buy. If the soil is very acidic, you may want to add lime now so that it has a chance to change the

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always scary in nature, but even when they dial up the spooky, it's appropriate for everyone. Past themes include Grimm's fairy tales and a Creepy Carnival. My favorite was the year she chose Day of the Dead. See above picture. Faux flowers and candles filled her yard, sweeping around a large wooden chair where La Muerte held the Book of Life. Their displays represent a couple of things: creating fun for themselves and coming together as a community. "We enjoy the night. It brings fun and our neighbors together. We're connecting, even with those neighbors that are two or more streets over that we don't usually see on a regular basis."

Who would've thought that loving Halloween so much could have such a great purpose? I know where I'll be for Halloween this year. I'll be making the drive from Nashville to join in the fun with a great little community of people in Lake Claire. I won't spoil this year's Halloween fun by telling you what's planned for the 2100 block of McLendon; you'll have to come by and see for yourself. See you all there!



Thanks for Paying Your Neighborhood Dues!

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 (dues plus banner) is **only \$60!** See lakeclaire.org/shop/.

Join these neighbors who have paid since the last issue:

**Susan V. Davis,
Matthew Woehrmann,
Sarah Herbert,
Kimberly Perrins,
and Ryan Miller**

THANKS y'all!

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Garden to Table at Frazer

by Dina Shadwell

Many Lake Claire neighbors are already familiar with the Cator Woolford Gardens, a social enterprise of the Frazer Center. And if you've walked past Frazer's front door, you may have noticed the small sensory garden with its Japanese maple, butterfly bushes, tea olive, and grassy knoll. But unless you've been inside the Frazer Center, you might not ever suspect that there is a third garden tucked away within the complex. Frazer's courtyard garden is home to flowers, pollinators, and now a small vegetable garden that is being tended by some of the Adult Program participants.

The gardening project is led by Frazer's Direct Support Professional (DSP) of the Month, June Wilson. June grew up in Guyana in South

America, where her family had a farm. She learned most of her gardening skills from her father. Now, June is working alongside fellow DSP Erica Crenshaw to guide several adults with disabilities in our garden-to-table program.

The participants are involved every step of the way, from planting to harvest, to cooking and eating. This year's garden wrought okra, yellow squash, zucchini, peppers, tomatoes, and cucumbers. The vegetable beds are relatively small, and June is hoping to expand them next year. Even so, this season's yield has been generous enough for the participants to take some veggies home with them. And one particularly fruitful week was capped off with veggie lasagna and salad prepared by some of the



participants who enjoy learning new skills in the kitchen.

As the cooler months approach, the vegetable garden project goes into hibernation until next spring, but the Child Development Program puts the

courtyard garden to use as an outdoor classroom throughout the school year. No matter the season, Frazer's hidden courtyard gem provides an abundance of rewards for participants of all ages and abilities.

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pH to a near neutral 6 before spring planting. Lower is too acidic for most vegetables and many flowers, but not blueberries, strawberries, azaleas, or my Japanese iris, so check before liming if you are unsure of the ideal pH for a particular plant. For this reason, I would not lime a compost pile since you do not know where your compost may be going.

I have always meant to try winter cover-cropping and never have gotten around to it. If you have experience sowing annual rye or wheat or other

such crops over your unused vegetable beds, controlling it with mowing, and then tilling it into the soil weeks before you need to plant, please let me know so I can pass along your advice. Whatever you do, don't leave bare soil in the garden. Mulch with wheat straw, shredded leaves, mini-bark, or even stones, whatever is appropriate for the plants in that area.

Elizabeth welcomes hearing from Clarion readers with questions—or your own tips—at knowltonew@earthlink.net. ~Editor

Grady Cluster Principals

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The principals were pleased with the early results on their students' Georgia Milestones performance last year, though detailed information will not be available until October. (Note: On Nov. 7, CINS will host a follow-up event, The State of the Grady Cluster, where cluster demographics, test scores and other facts and figures will be explored in depth. For details and registration, visit www.cinsatlanta.org.)

Grady High School administrators reported that they had seen a marked uptick in students taking advantage of the school's Advanced Placement (AP) courses, with almost half of the 1,355 students currently enrolled in one or more AP courses. In 2007, only 189 Grady students took AP tests for college credit; last year, there were 619.

While parents were curious about academics, what seemed to resonate

with many was the way the principals described how they work as a team. They laughed about weekend and evening group texts and said one of their shared goals has been to continue to grow the percentage of students who stay in the cluster from kindergarten through 12th grade. In some cluster neighborhoods, families have often sent their children to public elementary schools, only to then transfer them to private schools for middle and high school. Going into this school year, 83 percent of Inman sixth graders came from the four cluster elementary schools, and 75 percent of Grady freshmen came the cluster. These numbers reflect steady increases over time, though Grady principal Betsy Bockman noted that the percentage for Inman sixth graders had hovered around 75 percent in recent years, so 83 percent is big jump.

In that same vein, the elementary school principals reported that they were building community across their schools by creating opportunities for students to interact before middle school. This year the elementary schools will take field trips together to the High Museum of Art, and cluster music teachers have created a Grady Cluster Music Club, where elementary students will perform together and get an early introduction to marching band.

The principals agreed that transportation continues to be a particular challenge across the cluster and throughout Atlanta Public Schools (APS). Nationwide, there is a shortage of bus drivers, and the rate of turnover is high. APS is further handicapped by frequent mechanical problems among its aging buses.

While less of a problem for elementary schools, which have smaller

enrollment numbers and higher percentages of students who walk or carpool, late buses continue to be a tremendous problem for Inman and Grady. When students arrive late, they miss instructional time, and when first period classes are repeatedly interrupted by late arrivals, the entire class is affected. The principals noted that APS has instituted hiring bonuses to attract more bus drivers, and they are hopeful that bus-tracking apps currently being tested will help students, parents and school administrators be better prepared when things do go wrong.

The watch a video of the Principals' Forum, please visit www.cinsatlanta.org.

** Hope-Hill, Mary Lin, Morning-side and Springdale Park
** Centennial Academy and Kindezi Old Fourth Ward*

THE LAKE CLAIRE COMMUNITY

What the Land Trust Means to Me

by Chris McKenna

My family began looking for a home in the Lake Claire/Candler Park area around 2004, and looked on and off for about 3 years. Having lived in Atlanta for several years by then, I had come to appreciate the great yards and trees these neighborhoods offered, and one of our “must-haves” was ample yard space. When I first saw the house we ended up buying on Arizona Avenue, it was from the front, which gave no indication as to lot size. Upon seeing how deep the lot was, though, I knew this was the kind of “acreage” we were looking for. Actually the lot is only 0.3 acres, but the greenspace-feel is amplified by the adjoining properties’ large lots, the exquisite trees, and, though I knew it not at the time, the Lake Claire Community Land Trust (LCCLT), directly behind our lot.

For those who may be new to the area, the LCCLT is a small urban greenspace first envisioned by a group of neighbors in the early 1980s when it became known that MARTA was auctioning off the small strip of land across from where the Arizona Avenue train underpass was constructed. With help from BOND Community Federal Credit Union, the neighbors successfully bid on the land, somehow out-maneuvering developers who had wanted to put high-density housing there. Over the years, the original 1.5 acres acquired from MARTA grew via a string of land acquisitions, donations, and long-term leases.

After settling into Arizona Avenue in the spring and summer of 2007, I began to get a sense of community here as strong as any place I had ever lived. The area being so urban, this surprised me at first. As I got to know some of the families in my vicinity I learned that many of them had known each other for decades with their kids growing up together. Many of those “kids” are still around today, or if they’ve left the area have come back, and some have started their own families right here. Despite all the demographic shifts in Atlanta over recent decades, Lake Claire is a place people where people

want to stay. As I wondered why that was, it occurred to me that many of the neighbors I was meeting were involved in one way or another, or at one time or another, with the LCCLT, or the neighboring Lake Claire Co-Housing (Co-Ho), or both (*Editor’s note—or our broader neighborhood organization, Lake Claire Neighbors, Inc.*).

That observation made me wonder if, in my little corner anyway, the two entities were somehow part of the Lake Claire “glue” that kept people around. There are dozens of reasons to like Lake Claire, of course, and the LCCLT and Co-Ho are only two of them. Still, I think that the two organizations may have reinforced bonds among these neighbors, owing to the sheer amount of work and camaraderie required to bring big ideas to fruition at all, and then to sustain them. It was pretty cool to think that just by living out their noble missions the LCCLT and Co-Ho seemed to be innately creating community, or at least contributing to community-building.

With that realization, I felt more than ever a sense of debt to those first neighbors for the vision and work that went into reclaiming blighted urban space, and then the herculean effort it took to transform it into the urban oasis it is today. To me, these people are heroes. For as long as I can remember I’ve felt we needed to be better stewards of our Earth and preserve green space where possible, and here was a group of people who actually furthered that cause. In addition to these visionaries, though, the Land Trust would not be what it is today without the literally hundreds and hundreds of other individuals who over the decades have helped shape the land with their own sweat, inspiration, time, money, music, art, innovation, and professional services. All in all, the greatest collective example of pay-it-forward I’ve ever personally witnessed.

For these and other reasons, when asked to join the LT board in 2009 I agreed, though I was concerned about the amount of time I would be able to

devote. I served as bookkeeper and treasurer from 2010 through 2016 and found that I was able to do that work mostly on my own schedule. In 2010, I wrote a Community Foundation of Atlanta/Neighborhood Fund grant which helped the Land Trust buy the turtle pond/orchard parcel. I no longer keep the books but do serve as treasurer, a required office for this 501(c)3 organization.

Since I joined the Board in 2009, most of the original trustees then remaining have retired, and the size of the board has shrunk. As the elders stepped back I was a more than a little disconcerted because I knew that we “newbies” still needed their experience, knowledge, and help. Thankfully, many of them stayed in the wings, and today I feel more confident in the current Board’s ability to carry the torch into the 2020s. However, I also fear something of an existential crisis is looming. Those of us who have assumed leadership roles are middle-aged (at best) and though not ready to step away yet, we are looking around to see from whence the next set of leaders will come. After 32 years I wonder, will the LT will have a 50th anniversary? Who will carry it forward after us? I’ve been feeling a bit alarmed that “they” just aren’t there. Very recently, though, I have been heartened by some wonderful interest and enthusiasm from younger people, which I hope is a trend. Our main areas of need include technology skills to help us manage our website, mailing lists, calendar, etc., and gardening, landscaping, carpentry and plumbing, business, planning, legal and other professional expertise.

Drop in to a Board meeting sometime. These are open to all and typically held once a month on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the Co-Ho Common House. The dates are sent out on the Land Trust Yahoo list and are available on LCCLT.org. (See “Next Board Meeting” under Calendar drop-down menu.) One does not need to attend Board or committee meetings in order to render assistance and, if “boring”

meetings aren’t your thing, a hands-on volunteer work day (3rd Saturday each month) might be more appealing.

Before you consider getting involved, however, I feel I must acknowledge that not everyone in the neighborhood is as enamored with the LCCLT as some of us may be. Reasons include sometimes parking issues, after-hours loitering, and occasional noise. I also know from personal experience that grassroots service can have a downside particularly when ardent and well-intended people disagree about weighty issues, of which my decade of involvement has seen aplenty. In addition to the issues already mentioned, I am referring to questions and concerns around programming, land acquisition and use, boundaries and security, easements, legal and insurance issues, grants, website security, financial and tax issues, and public relations, to name only some. All of these we have dealt with to the best of our ability, though not without mistakes, and not without someone on occasion feeling some ill will. I guess that is a “risk” one runs for getting involved in any endeavor.

Without over-romanticizing it, then, I must also say that my involvement to date has weighed heavily toward the positive, and I know that any benefit my service may have imparted I’ve received back multi-fold from, among other things, a sense of belonging to that very community which the LCCLT and Co-Ho help to foster. Despite any downsides I can say without reservation that it has been both a privilege and an honor to work with the LCCLT. I get a great deal of satisfaction from thinking my contributions have furthered this grand pay-it-forward in some small way. I like to think that my efforts have honored the founders’ intentions while allowing me to add my own vision, creativity, and self-expression. I encourage you to get involved.

Upcoming & Ongoing at the Land Trust

Sat. Oct. 6 – Fall Peace & Love Festival, a musical fundraiser. See article Page 11. Sorry, no Drum Circle that night!

Sat. Oct. 20 – Community Work Day, 4 to 7 p.m. Pizza and drum circle follow.

Sat. Oct. 20 – Drum Circle, 8 to 11 p.m. Bring a friend. Stay for our magical closing circle!

Sun. Oct. 28 – Community pumpkin carving! 5 p.m. Bring knives and candles; pumpkins provided.



LAND TRUST

Fall 2018 Peace and Love Festival: a Lake Claire Community Land Trust Fundraiser

by Frani Green

Greetings Land Trust Lovers! Fall Fest is back! We all know how you love to dance and celebrate community, so come on out to our 2018 Peace and Love Festival honoring the music of Bob Dylan. The wordsmith who won this year's Nobel Prize for Literature (finally) has been a singer-songwriter for more than 5 decades. His songs stand out even today, as we struggle for Peace in our world. We have a great line-up of local musicians to entertain and give us their time and talent as we come together to FUNdraise for the Land Trust, our oasis in the city.

We will have food and drink for sale, an artist's market, face painting, a raffle and bake sale. (If you are

a baker and would like to donate to our bake sale, please include an ingredient card for our food-sensitive friends.)

Suggested Donation: Adults \$10; teens (age 13-19) \$1; kids under 12 free.

NO PETS!! (We love our furry friends, but not on this day.)

No coolers, outside food, or drinks... water bottles are ok. Part of our fundraising is in our food and sales, and we have worked on the menu to include vegetarian, vegan, dairy free, and gluten-free items. Bring your own re-usable plate and utensils to get \$1 off of your food! Reduce, Re-use, Recycle!

We need volunteers! If you would like to join in on the fun, please contact brynan1865@gmail.com.

Bring cash! The closest ATM is at the Candler Park Market, corner of Clifton and McLendon.

Please walk, bike, MARTA, Uber, Lyft, carpool... If you drive, park at Clifton Ministries, 369 Connecticut Ave. NE. Be mindful of our neighbors, and please do not park on adjoining streets (many do not have driveways and rely on street-parking in front of homes); and do not block driveways.

Sign up at our membership table and become a member/supporter for only \$10 for the year! We'll have a fresh batch of Land Trust tie-dye



T-shirts for sale. And we will have free tours of the Land Trust to learn about our history and evolution.

Put on your dancing shoes, and we will see you there!

Our line-up is...

3:45-4:30 Sam Epstein (our teen band!): Sam Epstein is an 18-year old singer-songwriter born and raised in Atlanta and on the Land Trust. Please be sure to come and witness this talented young man perform for us!

4:45-5:45 Babe Dylan: A collective of women rockers that first met through Ladies' Rock Camp and then through friends of friends. Keeping the group steady... On drums: Teresa Bondora and Vicki Smith; On bass: Jenn Carr and Janet Wade; On rhythm/lead guitar: Johanna Millin; On lead vocals: Melissa Goehner

6:00-7:00 The Stoneberrys: An Atlanta-based rock and roll band that explores the Jagger/Richards and Chuck Berry songwriting catalog. This is not a look-alike tribute, but a musical one. getting to the heart and soul of these great songs. They are excited to explore the Bob Dylan songbook for this very special night!—with Eric Leland: Bass and Vocals; Casey Kozee: Guitar and Vocals; Rich DeLuca: Drums; Adam Leland: Guitar and Vocals; Harrison Dorfzaun: Saxophone

7:15-8:15 Mark Michelson with Michael C Smith & The Neighborhood: Mark Michelson is known for bringing together Atlanta's music community to perform tributes to various artists. He is a big supporter of the Land Trust and played an integral part in gathering the amazing musicians for this event. **Thank you,**

Mark!! Michael C. Smith is a songwriter's songwriter, creating lyrically driven slices of the American experience uniquely rooted in each great vision of wanderlust that has come before him. Whether you hear Dylan, Waits, Williams, or Cash when you listen to his work, you will know the goodness of music crafted with heart and soul. Together, Mark and Michael will share the stage to create a show to remember!

8:30-9:00 The Justin Sams Band: Blessed with two principal songwriters, two skilled finger-picking string players, and a drummer with a fine touch, the Justin Sams Band delivers original songs that speak to the hearts and souls of their listeners. Lindsay Petsch: guitjo (banjo), acoustic and electric guitars, vocals; Tom Spach: bass, vocals; Jason Maynard: acoustic and electric guitars, vocals; Matt (the cat) Watkins: drums, percussion, vocals

9:30-11:00 Webster: Our most awesome supporters, Webster's music enjoys wide appeal. The five-piece band showcases a variety of rock, bluegrass, country, blues, reggae, and R&B. Webster constantly explores new musical journeys and encourages a fun experience. It is free-form style; no song is played the same way twice. Bill Chanler: guitar, vocals; Byron Alterman: guitar, vocals; Roger Krystopa: bass; Diane Rabson: keyboards, vocals; Jay Smith: drums.



New Halloween Tradition: Scary Fireside Stories at The Land Trust

by Brian Kirk

Halloween is right around the corner, and what better way to celebrate than with the time-honored tradition of telling spooky stories by the fireside while munching on s'mores. So come join us for the neighborhood's inaugural "Scary Fireside Stories" live reading event on Saturday, October 27 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at The Land Trust.

Hosted by Hardendorf resident and suspense author, Brian Kirk, the event will feature eleven of Atlanta's most prominent authors of spooky tales reading original stories in celebration of Halloween. While these stories will send chills up your spine, they will be appropriate for a **PG-13** audience (Brian's eight-year-old twin

sons, Ben and Dean, will be there), though parent discretion is advised. While the material will be spooky, the goal is to have fun. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. to receive ingredients for making s'mores by the fire pit in the amphitheater. Stories we'll be told from 7 to 8 p.m., with time to speak with the authors afterwards, or to let your heart rate settle before returning to reality. Books by the performing authors will be available for people interested in checking out more of their work. For more information, please contact Brian at brian@kirk-copy.com.

We hope to scare you see you there! Costumes Optional—Imaginations Required.



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 Best Friends Jett

Friedman and Sebastian Amato, who delivered the newspapers on Leonardo last month. They are pictured below. Lake Claire kids join in our commu-

nity volunteerism! Next time, we hope to go back to some kids' writing, art, or poetry...

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!

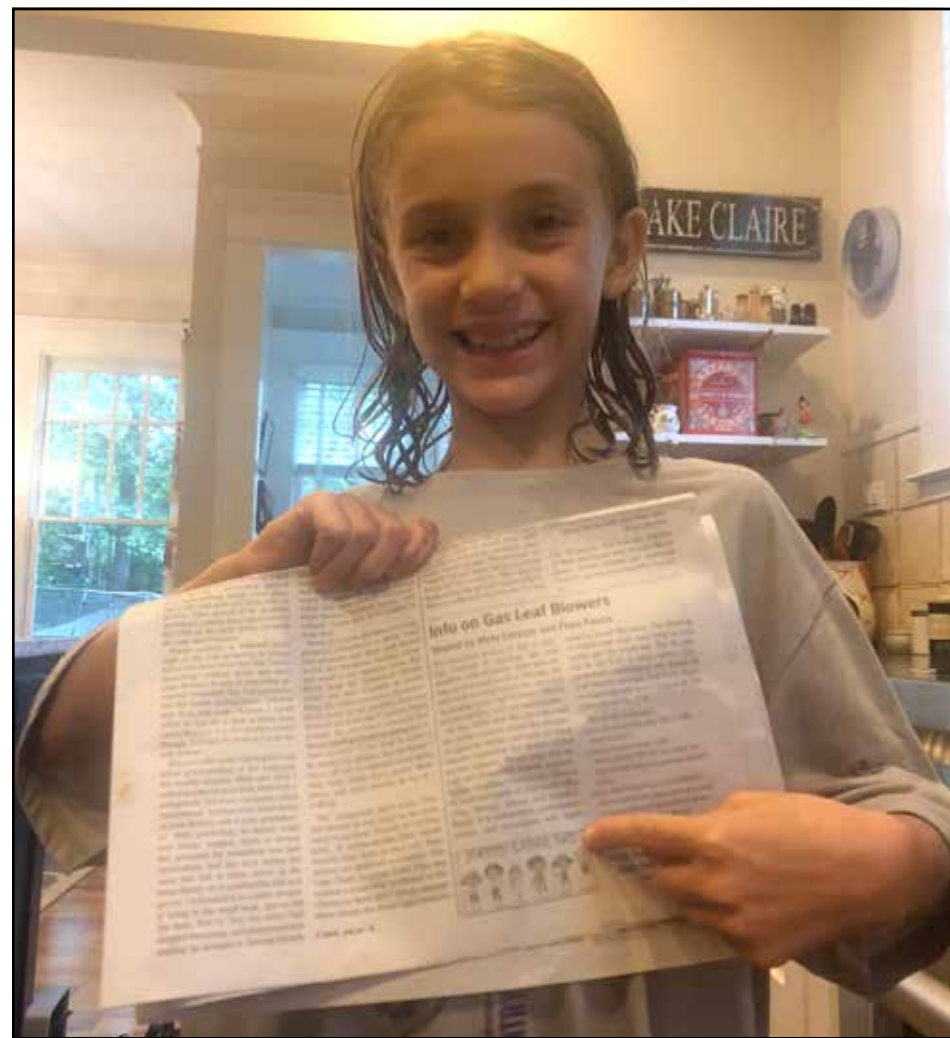
Contest Winners

Darcy Troxell-Cappello was the first to find last month's hidden Labor Day graphic. Darcy is 7 years old, and is a second grader who lives on Almeta Avenue. She and her brother found the March graphic, too. Athena Arillo came in second, by a hair. Athena is 6

years old and lives on Gordon Avenue. She had fun looking! They won over the hordes of children who participate every month in this contest. Keep up the good work and congrats, Athena and Darcy!!!



Athena



Darcy



Jett & Sebastian: we love the matching green socks!

NEW CONTEST!

Take a moment to find a Halloween black cat to become the Clarion prizewinner. The winner will have his or her photo in the October Clarion. To win, send e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org identifying the page number. For extra credit, tell us your favorite thing about Halloween or your favorite holiday. 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.