



The Majestic Cator Woolford Mansion, about 1951

A (perhaps little-known) Resource in Lake Claire

The Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House: a “Home Away From Home” for Patients and Caregivers

by Melissa Ehrhardt

You know the drill. You may have been there before yourself. The phone rings. The news is not what you expected. How could you expect this? You know the reality that tomorrow is not promised for anyone of us but you never thought it would happen to you. You just talked to him or her a few days ago, and now she or he is being rushed to the hospital for treatment. You jot down the details on a napkin next to you and promise you will be there as soon as you can.

At the Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House (AHHH) we are serving those family members and loved ones who find themselves in such medical emergencies. AHHH provides affordable lodging, home-cooked dinners each evening, and a supportive environment that will allow those who are here to focus on loved ones, tak-

ing away the burden of all the other pieces to navigate. Set in the Cator Woolford Mansion on the same property as the Frazer Center and Cator Woolford Gardens, we are minutes from most major hospitals in Atlanta. Our rooms range from \$25/night to \$90/night (obviously, way more reasonable than a hotel) and include a home-cooked dinner, continental breakfast, WiFi, laundry, and use of the property.

The only requirement for our guests is that they live 40 miles outside Atlanta and are coming here for medical purposes. We serve every hospital in the area, every age, and every medical need from cancer, to transplants, to surgeries, to car accidents, to autism—you name it. The reality is, everyone who is at our house does

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Mary Lin Education Foundation Launches Annual Rocket Fuel Fund

by Lindsay Hill

The new school year at Mary Lin Elementary, home of "The Rockets," blasted off on August 1! More Lake Claire residents than ever depend on our public elementary school to provide their children with a first-rate K-5 education. While Mary Lin has been recognized as a good school for more than a decade, it is in the past few years that Mary Lin has truly soared to the top—posting some of the highest test scores in the district, recruiting more terrific teachers, and creating an even closer sense of community through very active parent-led organizations.

One of the key reasons for Mary Lin's recent academic ascent is the growth of the Mary Lin Education Foundation (MLEF) into a powerful fundraising entity. The MLEF's mission is to help every Mary Lin "Rocket" reach for the stars by funding professional development, curriculum enrichment, up to date technology, and environmental upgrades not covered by the district budget.

Since its launch in 2016, the annual **Rocket Fuel Fund** has raised over \$250,000 to ensure excellence in the classroom and encourage productive play outside the classroom. Resources and projects all or partially funded by the MLEF include Orton-Gillingham training for K-3 teachers, the build-out of the playground and the Outdoor Classroom, the Saxon phonics program, multiple math intervention tools, a Scholastic Leveled Book-room, iPad and Chromebook carts that support differentiation in the classroom, and much, much

more.

Mary Lin seeks and relies on additional financial support from its parents and business community for such endeavors because it is one of six schools in APS that does not receive Title 1 funding (federal funds allocated to districts that qualify as disadvantaged). We are of course fortunate to be in this position, but we still need to cover the gap between the resources allocated by the district and the amount we need to fully fund K-5 classrooms in which every child, regardless of innate ability, has the chance to succeed.

Every student at Mary Lin deserves the best resources available, and if we raise at least \$150 per student to reach our \$100,000 goal this year, we will ignite every Rocket's imagination and intellect to its fullest potential. Whether a family or friend can give \$5 or \$500, *every amount counts!* Grandparents, neighbors, friends, future and past Lin families, and other vested community members can support the Rocket Fuel Fund. Having an excellent public school benefits every member of the community.

Visit our website at www.marylin-foundation.org for all the details and be sure to donate by **November 2**, the final day to boost our Rockets! Your gift will ensure that Mary Lin can continue to offer an education that celebrates inquiry, creativity, and innovation. All donations are tax deductible.

Lindsay H. Hill is an MLEF Trustee and a Board-certified Health Coach. ~ Ed.

Vote! (Don't assume you are registered...)

by Miriam Herbers

Have you recently moved to Lake Claire and need to change your address for voting? Or are you new to Georgia and need to register? I recently attended a training session to learn how to register people to vote. Most of you probably know Georgia is undergoing changes to correct voting irregularities.

It was alarming to hear how many impediments are in place to deny

people their constitutional right to vote. Many people think they are eligible to vote but have been purged from the records or were never correctly logged and only find out when they go to the polls that they are not. Notices are not sent in Georgia when a voter is removed from the record.

All 159 counties in Georgia have different requirements for purging. If you have not voted in a couple of

cycles I urge you go to this website to check if you are still on the rolls. If you registered up at a DMV office because it seemed convenient when you changed or renewed your driver's license, you should also check. Unless you received a card showing your voting place you may not have been logged in. DeKalb County sends notices but not all counties do. It is beyond horrible to suggest you need

to check, but please do: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov

Other Things to Know and Dates to Remember

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September Calendar

(short this time—send us your contributions!)

1-30 **Actor's Express**, *A Doll's House Part 2* (Fifteen years ago, Nora Helmer made the shocking decision to leave her husband and family: now she has come home.) See www.actors-express.com/plays/next-season

8 Next *Good Gracious Show*, www.goodgraciousshow.com/shows/. As Boyd says: "I'm Boyd Baker, and I love the South." Check it out!!

20 **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. when room, in the Clarion.**

21-Oct. 21 Horizon Theatre presents *Nomad Motel*, by Carla Ching, who writes for *The Walking Dead* and *Graceland*. Info at www.horizontheatre.com

Early October: Return of Peace & Love Harvest Fest! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 6.

After a two-year hiatus, the Lake Claire Land Trust has resurrected our Fall fundraiser. Come on back in October for more peace, love, and music at the Land Trust. Please don't park on Delaware for LT events. There is designated parking on Connecticut.

Send other October events to editor@lakeclaire.org by September 15.

Vote!

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a utility bill, bank statement, pay stub, or other government document should be submitted when making a new application to vote. **THIS IS NOT TRUE.** The ACLU challenged this and won. You are not required to show ID to register. You will show ID on voting day, so an ID is necessary then, just not to register.

After the court decision, applications were not changed to save tax payers money. Ha! The same incorrect information is on the required voter registration notice flier you must be handed when you register. **It is unlawful to mark out this information but they were not reprinted.**

Note these Dates

October 9, 2018: Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the November general election

October 15: Early voting begins

October 27: Mandatory Saturday voting for the November general election

November 6: VOTE

What to do if you get to the polls and are unable to vote? **Do not leave!!** Call the **Voter Protection Hotline** immediately to report any problems, toll-free number 888-730-5816.

Editor's note: Georgia is one of five states in the U.S. that run their elections using direct recording electronic machines (DREs), which provide no paper trail of the votes. That means if there is a contested election or a suspected breach or tampering attempt in those states, there is no way to verify the election result. There are three proposals circulating in the general assembly that would back using machines with paper trails, but it's not clear that any of them will pass this year. The governor's budget proposal doesn't include the funding.

Community Access Matters at Frazer Center

by Dina Shadwell

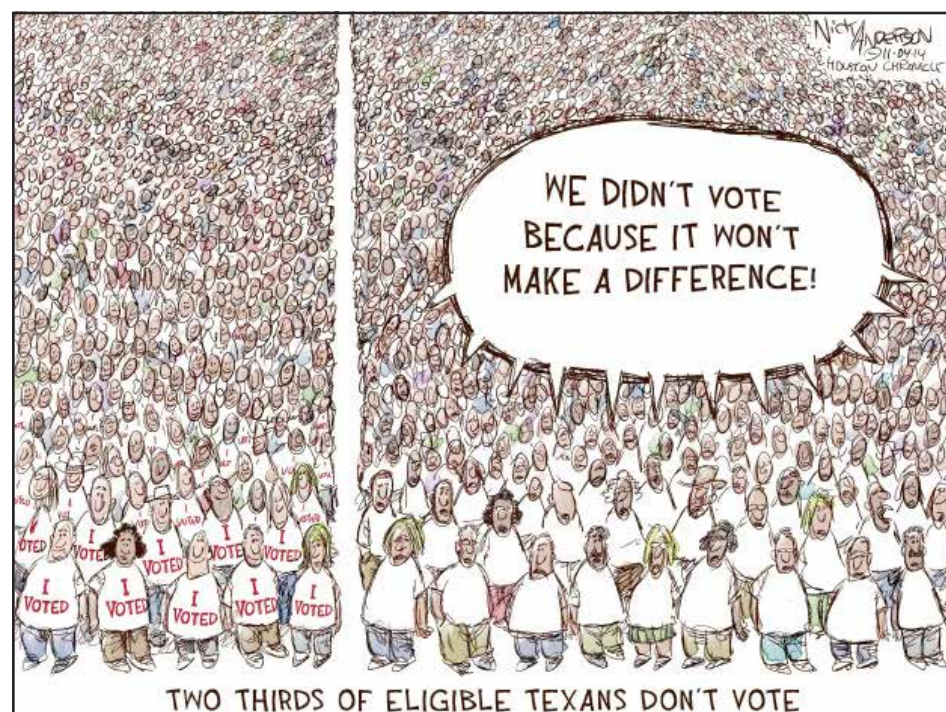
For people with disabilities, "accessibility" is a word that comes up a lot. For people without disabilities, activities like running to the grocery store, getting to work, or meeting friends at the movies can be second-nature. For those with a disability, the logistics around these everyday events often require a heavily coordinated effort. For those who use wheelchairs, that effort is multiplied even further: does the location have a ramp and accessible bathrooms? Even so, getting there is often the biggest hurdle.

At the Frazer Center, the Community Access Program for adults with disabilities allows for participants to make decisions about the activities they would like to participate in each day, and the staff provides the needed support to make those activities happen. That support always includes transportation in one or more of Frazer's accessible vans, and it often includes guidance on appropriate etiquette, money transactions, or instruction on how to complete a particular task. For many participants, having a job is a number one goal, but

they're not always sure what kind of work they would be interested in. Through the Community Access Program, Frazer's staff provides access to a variety of experiences, observes the participants for levels of interest and aptitude, and helps each individual determine if she or he would like to pursue a particular activity further.

Megan Kennerly is one such staff person. As a Direct Support Professional/Community Access Specialist at Frazer, Megan spends a lot of time researching the Atlanta area to find fun, interesting, and enriching opportunities for our participants. Sometimes that's a trip to a local museum, gallery, or park. Sometimes it's an opportunity for the program participants to serve as volunteers with another organization. Sometimes it is classes with Atlanta Ballet, one of Frazer's new partners. Megan and her fellow Community Access Specialists are responsible for making group outings happen every Monday through Friday. Community connec-

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Atlanta Arts Organizations Receive Support

Select, small and mid-sized cultural organizations in Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Denver, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, and Washington, D.C. have won support from the Arts Innovation and Management program of Bloomberg Philanthropies. The program offers general operating support and management training including fundraising, strategic planning, marketing, and board development. The unique program focuses on multiple organizations in each city, targeting arts non-profits because of the vital role that they play in building communities, driving local economies, and supporting artists.

"The arts inspire people, provide jobs, and strengthen communities," said Michael R. Bloomberg, founder of Bloomberg Philanthropies. "This program is aimed at helping some of the country's most exciting cultural organizations reach new audiences and expand their impact." The AIM program is part of Mike Bloomberg's American Cities Initiative, an effort to help cities across the United States generate innovation.

Among the 45 organizations chosen in Atlanta are **Horizon Theatre, Actors Express, Theatrical Outfit, Seven Stages, and Callanwolde**. For the complete Atlanta list, see aim.bloomberg.org/grantees/.

September in the Garden:

On Weeds and Mosquitoes

by Elizabeth Knowlton

I have been reading a loan from my friend Gail in South Decatur called *Weeds of the South* (edited by Bryson and DeFelice, University of GA Press, 2009), not to me a very accessible book, but eminently complete. Weeds are always with us, sometimes welcomed.

After preserving some tiny self-seeders in my front yard that I hoped were flowers, I fortunately noticed that seed-looking things were forming in the leaf axils and there were no flowers. They proved to be mulberry weed from eastern Asia, which entered the USA in the early 1950s, probably through New Orleans.

Weeds multiply in different years, such as the wild geranium or cranesbill in the back lawn that has "widely branching" reddish stems and teeny pink flowers. If only it resembled perennial cranesbill (the real geranium, not the tender pelargonium), and had less stem and larger flowers, I would allow it; but all it does is leave bare spots. Because it is also shallow-rooted though, it is easy to weed as I push the real mower.

The year after some construction and failed grass-seeding of the backyard, the muddy expanse filled with what I called knotweed as a child, definitely a polygonum, but more commonly called 'smartweed,' bearing even tinier knots of pink flowers, not a good groundcover. With gardening, no matter what bad things happen, there is always the potential for something new and interesting; and the next spring the area was full of white clover, in the bean family, so it enriches the soil as it grows. I welcomed it as a lawn, despite it being in the weed book, and so did the bees. But by July the clover had stopped flowering, and smartweed was angling up amongst it. Having already

weeded some tufts of grass that grow in a shady pebble path, I plan to insert these in spots here and there when I take out the most aggressive knotweed.

In summer childhoods, when my mother would lock us out of the house, I foraged among New Jersey weeds for something toothsome and often enjoyed a sour tasting, clover-shaped leaf that I read in the weed book is wood sorrel or oxalis. The plants contain toxins that cause labored respiration, renal disease, "metabolic tetany," and collapse. Guess kids were tougher in those days.

Some of us grow the showy evening-primrose (*Oenothera*), a pretty weed that produces nice large pink flowers in hot, dry situations. Another attractive weed is the common Asian day-flower from the Spiderwort Family, which you may recognize as resembling the native perennial *Tradescantia* we grow in our gardens. It is easy to weed out if you don't want it. Oddly enough, the purchased perennial that blooms most profusely in spring can be more invasive. I now keep it confined by small rain ditches, but the hunks I threw off into ivy-infested areas under deep holly shade have rooted themselves and wave merrily at me as I walk by.

The mosquitoes don't wave. They sail silently in and perch on my arms, ready to sip blood. If hands are not free, gusts of carbon-dioxide-filled breath usually send them on their way. Mosquitoes are definitely a nuisance. Our Lake Claire neighbor, Leah Pine, has written a great blog (published in the Clarion in April 2017) about, amongst other things, the Asian Tiger mosquito

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Wild in Lake Claire

by Flora Fauna (aka Carol Vanderschaaf)

Brynan Hadaway found an injured male barred owl at the Lake Claire Land Trust in August. She was giving a tour of the Land Trust when what she thought was a statue of an owl appeared before her. Then, suddenly, the statue moved. This was no statue but a real live owl. As more people appeared on the path, the owl tried to retreat from them. It then became sadly clear that the owl had been injured. Ten seconds more and they would have missed him. Luckily Brynan knew Dawn and Wing, who live three houses from the Land Trust. She called them and, more luck, they were home. Dawn knew a rescue agency so the plan was made to take the owl there. Wing was able to scoop up the bird in a net and place it in a box. Brynan stayed with him in the back of the vehicle. She said he had the deepest brown eyes (almost black), and if she winked he would return with a wink of his own!

At the rescue agency it was clear that the bird had a badly injured wing. The group was told that vet would have to examine him, and it would be best for someone to call back later. When Brynan called later in the afternoon she was told the owl had to be put down. His injuries were so severe that he would have died from them eventually, probably after many weeks of pain. The owl had "an impact injury," most likely caused by being hit by a vehicle. This was the dark end to the group's heroic efforts. Brynan reflected that for her "it was



a mystical experience to have been so close to such a magnificent creature." Indeed, if we all had such experiences with the creatures around us the world would be a much more caring place for all of us all. The owl had been named "Peace" by the rescuers.

On a more encouraging note: Miriam H. on Arizona and Beth D. on Delaware continue to hear lots of owls in their backyards.

It's a short column this month. So sorry.

Everyone be safe and take care,
Flora Fauna.

P.S: If anyone else has any reports of flora and fauna they would like to share, please contact my assistant Carol V. at cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net

Info on Gas Leaf Blowers

Shared by Meta Larsson and Flora Fauna

The beautiful season of fall is coming! Instead of enjoying the cool weather with windows open and sitting on screened porches, though, we may well be subjected to the constant deafening noisy leaf blowers. This is not acceptable, and not sustainable.

In the 1970s and 80s, we educated the entire country about the dangers of cigarette smoke, and now we must educate regarding the danger of leaf blower exhaust. Please copy this article and share with friends, acquaintances, neighbors and family. Place it on bulletin boards at your local coffee shop, library, school, and hospital. Email it to lawmakers, environmentalists, and journalists who might

want to cover the issue. I'm sharing it widely and with your help we can really get the word out. The #1 cancer in the U.S. is lung cancer. Concentrated carcinogens are found in leaf blower exhaust. Gas Leaf Blowers have already been banned in 170 cities across the U.S.

See these 3 articles:
www.fairwarning.org/2017/09/leaf-blower/;
www.almanacnews.com/news/2015/08/31/air-district-report-leaf-blowers-present-health-risks/;
www.kqed.org/news/11310630/more-pollution-than-cars-gas-powered-gardening-equipment-poses-the-next-air-quality-threat.

**First, leaf blower education,
then leaf blower debate,
then leaf blower ban,
hopefully!**



Weeds and Mosquitoes

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that arrived in the USA in the 1980s, is active during the day, lays its eggs in tiny bits of water, and can produce a new insect in five days, much faster than our native mosquitoes did.

However, the risks of getting some disease from a mosquito bite are low here. Even if an infected mosquito is in your neighborhood, and if its bite infects you with West Nile virus, say, your chances of dying of the infection are only one in 1500. At my old age, I am much more likely to die than most readers. Naturally, pregnant women should not expose themselves to any such dangers at all, just as they should stay away from cat litter boxes. However, few women consider killing their cats when pregnant. Instead, they take precautions. Leah's article recommends many of the things I do: looking at your garden every few days to remove standing water and using organic mosquito dunks in bird baths and other places where you want water outside. When I am working in the garden and the mosquitoes approach en masse, then I apply DEET. I put the poison on myself, not in the fishbowl in which we live.

The truth of it is that spraying for mosquitoes kills pollinators, just like the signs say. Nowadays I continually see bees and butterflies flying in odd

ways, lurching along the ground, and lying dead amongst my plants. It is not a matter of killing cute little bees that bring us honey. It is a matter of putting poison inside our world, not a separate nature but a huge complex network that allows us to live, a tiny island in a universe that would not support us for a second. We are a part of nature and must not kill off the air, the water, and food we imbibe. (Link to Leah Pine's article: www.leahpine.com/spraying-mosquitoes-kills-bees/ and as slightly edited for the Clarion: lakeclaire.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/April-2017-Clarion.pdf).

Elizabeth welcomes hearing from readers, at knowltonew@earthlink.net. It is no coincidence that Elizabeth joins Flora Fauna and me in railing against the use of insecticides. Happily, and as you may know, Monsanto, the maker of Roundup, has just been found liable in a lawsuit filed by a school groundskeeper claiming Roundup caused his cancer; Dewayne Johnson, 46, received \$39 million in compensatory and \$250 million in punitive damages; hopefully the tide is turning in public awareness. Please think twice before using insecticides, Roundup, etc.—we can cut down on mosquitoes and weeds without this nasty stuff. ~Editor

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is great that so many Lake Claire neighbors are making their voices heard by campaigning against the removal of trees at the proposed development at the former Horizons school on DeKalb Avenue. Trees are a vital component of a strong and healthy city, and as a city grows and changes it is important to care for its green infrastructure.

However, there is one side of this issue that seems to be missing from the discussion. The city of Atlanta is facing a looming housing affordability crisis, and the need for more housing, intown and close to transit, is pressing. While it is important to work hard to protect Atlanta's unique urban tree canopy, it is also important to work hard to ensure that living in Atlanta remains affordable by increasing its housing stock. Therefore, though I appreciate the need for the preservation of trees, I ultimately believe that the benefits of building new housing in Atlanta are huge, and so I support the development at the former Horizons school as well as other locations nearby (like the East Lake MARTA station). Both our neighborhood and the city will be better off by allowing these developments, and I hope that many of my neighbors will agree with me.

There are three reasons why I support these new housing developments. First, building more new housing in Atlanta will increase housing affordability. The primary reason why some urban housing markets, like San Francisco and parts of Manhattan, are so astronomically unaffordable is because of zoning restrictions that prevent new construction. Since the supply of housing is kept artificially low, the price of housing gets artificially high. Second, allowing intown development is good for the environment. This may seem counterintuitive, since the opposition to development is often grounded in environmental reasons like preserving

trees. However, allowing more dense housing developments close to city centers is on net beneficial for the environment. Not allowing people to live intown means that more people will live in the suburbs, contributing to urban sprawl (and destroying more trees than intown developments do). It also means that more people will be suburban commuters, driving long distances and contributing to air pollution and congestion rather than commuting by transit or other alternate means.

Third, cities are just great places to live. The reason that my family and presumably most of us neighbors chose to live in Lake Claire is because of the quality of life being close to parks, restaurants, and transit and having wonderful neighbors. I enjoy my city and my neighborhood so much that I want more people to be able to enjoy them—I don't want to keep people out.

This desire for an increase in high density urban housing, primarily the concern over affordability, has launched a national movement calling itself "YIMBY," which stands for "Yes in my backyard." The name is a play on the more traditional acronym NIMBY, standing for "Not in my backyard." NIMBYism typically results in local homeowners lobbying against new developments in their neighborhoods, which unintentionally keeps housing prices unaffordable, contributes to urban sprawl, and prevents more families from enjoying city living. YIMBYists believe that more urban housing yields quality-of-life increases for both current and future city residents.

I see our neighborhood as a very open and welcoming place with open and welcoming neighbors. I would like to see it be even more welcoming to potential new neighbors by being a YIMBY neighborhood rather than a NIMBY neighborhood.

~ Garth Heutel, Palifox

Clarion Reply

Yes to Smarter Growth

It is fallacy to assume that all growth is good growth and to believe that neighbors who point out problems with poor development plans are "not-in-my-backyard" naysayers. The population of Atlanta is projected to double by 2050, and the city will continue to grow with or without good planning and smart development. Sound planning, however, includes attention to ecological principles, green infrastructure, and affordability to sustain a more livable city. Ensuring that these principles are followed sometimes requires citizen action.

The recent plan for a housing development on the historic site of the former Horizons School (1900 DeKalb Avenue) proposed to construct 42 single-family units, destroying over 200 mature and old growth trees, and grading, removing, or paving nearly all of the site's nutrient-rich topsoil.

A costly environmental impact for any location, the proposed damage would be particularly regrettable for this site because of its location at the top of the watershed -- on the Eastern Sub-Continental Divide, the ridge that separates the watersheds that flow to the Atlantic and those that flow to the Gulf. The plan improved only after neighbors filed a successful appeal to the City's Tree Conservation Commission and worked with the developer to modify the plan.

Still far from ideal, the environmental impact of the proposed development has been lessened, thanks to an initial appeal by neighbor Pete Peteet, a subsequent appeal by neighbor Stephanie Stuckey, and the work of dozens of residents who supported their efforts. The resulting revised site plan includes a smaller area of construction disturbance, larger green buffers, and preservation of approximately 65 mature shade trees that would have been killed under the original plan. These improvements will mitigate environmental damage by capturing and slowing stormwater, reducing the heat island effect, and providing natural areas for the enjoyment of new and surrounding residents. Neighbors remain concerned about the potential for offsite flooding, ingress and egress for buses and emergency vehicles, and other impacts, and continue to press these concerns with City officials.

While the plan for the Horizons property proposes a very intensive land use for the site, the density is relatively low at 16 units per acre. In contrast, the average density in New York is 162 units per acre, and the highest density census tracts in

San Francisco contain 58-103 units per acre. Developments like the one proposed at Horizons will do little to help Atlanta catch up with cities such as New York (8.5 times more dense than Atlanta) and San Francisco (5.5 times more dense).

We are on a dubious path of increasing building size, impervious surfaces, and environmental impact without accommodating more people. A meaningful strategy to increase population density in Atlanta without destroying the environment will require smaller building footprints, higher building heights, fewer parking spaces, and other innovations to counter the current pattern which is characterized by larger, not smaller footprints. Average new home size in Atlanta has increased steadily and is among the largest in the nation—second only to Washington, DC, according to the most recent data (over 2,000 square feet in 2012). New home size in Atlanta is, on average, 500 to 750 square feet larger than Oklahoma City, Dallas, Cleveland, and others, and nearly twice as large as New York.

The strategy for increasing density should also include reuse and redevelopment of underutilized and previously developed land, such as the 2,400 distressed and vacant properties throughout the city. Atlanta need not destroy its unique urban tree canopy, water resources, and environmentally sensitive areas before it repopulates the city to its previous high of approximately 500,000 people (reached in 1970, compared with today's population of around 487,000)—much less before it expands the housing stock to meet the expected population increase.

Further, the trend toward larger and more expensive houses is not diminishing Atlanta's affordable housing crisis, especially for the lowest income residents, many of whom were displaced between 1990 and 2011 when the city demolished all of its 14,000 public housing units in favor of a voucher program. The price of houses in the proposed Horizons development will start at more than half a million dollars, hardly a step toward alleviating the affordability crisis.

Former Georgia Tech professor Arthur C. Nelson, currently professor of Planning and Real Estate Development at the University of Arizona, predicts that Atlanta can absorb the doubling population "below the tree line" while preserving most residential neighborhoods. With the help of an engaged citizenry, this is possible.

~ Susan Casey

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not want to be there, but we seek to make it as warm and welcoming as we can.

AHHH has been around since 1981 but many in Lake Claire likely do not know what we do. We would love to change that, and we could use your help! We have volunteer opportunities for all ages and group sizes. Tangible ways you can serve are:

- Cook and serve dinner to guests
- Help organize, clean, landscape, and beautify
- Create snack bags/hygiene bags for guests
- Make casseroles for us to use for dinners
- Write letters of encouragement to guests
- Assist with transportation or visit guests in hospitals
- Donate items you typi-

cally use in your home (toilet paper, laundry detergent, etc.)

If you have ever walked by the house or always wondered what we did there or what it looked like inside, **please come by**, take a tour, and find out how YOU can get connected! There is a place for everyone at the Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House. You never know the difference you could make in the life of someone faced with tragedy. Any one of us could receive that phone call that changes our lives forever. If you have been there before, or if you have a heart to serve, AHHH might just be the place for you.

Contact us at www.atlhhh.org or by phone at 404-377-6333 for more information. We would be honored to

have you partner with us as we seek to provide this home away from home for patients and their loved ones.

Melissa Ehrhardt is the Executive Director of The Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House. Cator Woolford was one of the founders of the company that today is known as Equifax. In 1951, seven years after Woolford's death, his home became a treatment center for children suffering from cerebral palsy, the first child rehabilitation center in the South, which has expanded to The Frazer Center's inclusive community where people at all levels of ability and disability gather, learn, and flourish together. And the beautiful old mansion was leased to AHHH. ~Editor

Access Matters at Frazer Center

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tions with business owners and organizations are crucial to the success of the program. Sometimes that just takes persistence and consistency. Nicole, one of the program participants who enjoys daily outings, communicates more physically than verbally. "She LOVES music," says Megan, who lights up when she talks about Nicole. "Every time she hears it, she jumps up and swings her hair and starts humming. Every time we pass a music store, she points and goes in." Megan says that at one particular store, a staff member was so accustomed to seeing Nicole respond in this way that he eventually asked her what she might like to do if she worked there. She pointed to the register, and he brought her behind the counter to show her around. This simple interaction may

or may not lead to a job for Nicole, but connections like these spark ideas in Megan to create more opportunities for Nicole and other participants who want to find meaningful employment and volunteer opportunities.

Frazer's Community Access Program has been expanding over the past few years, and there is still room for growth. Megan says that many participants want to go to events like a concert or Braves game, but those tend to happen outside of Frazer's current operating hours. Others want to go with their friends to White Water or Six Flags, but outings like that can prove to be cost prohibitive for many. And although Frazer recently acquired a new accessible van thanks to a grant from The Home Depot Foundation and the Georgia Center for Nonprof-

its, the need for more accessible vehicles is still growing. Frazer's staff is passionate about providing the guidance and support that allows each participant to maximize their potential to become productive, contributing members of the community. For our Adult Program participants, "community access" means living a life the way everyone else does, with meaningful relationships, employment, and opportunities.

If you would like to host a site visit or have ideas about opportunities for community engagement with Frazer's Adult Program participants, please contact me at d.shadwell@thefraziercenter.org.

Dina Shadwell is the Communications & Development Coordinator at Frazer Center. ~Editor

Land Trust Supporters –

See the Land Trust events in the LC Calendar, page 2. In addition, Drum circles are always the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 8-11 p.m., Community Work Days always the 3rd Sat. 4-7 p.m.

Be a Land Trust Supporter by donating \$10 a year at [www.LCCLT.org/steward-](http://www.LCCLT.org/stewardship)

ship; mail a check made out to "LCCLT" c/o Treasurer, 270 Arizona Ave., Atlanta GA 30307; or use the mailbox in the Land Trust cul-de-sac. Include your email, and we'll add you to our email list, donation not required to get on the list. Sign up on our home page at LCCLT.org.



The usual Land Trust page, the penultimate page of the Clarion, returns to the newspaper next month!

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 is only \$50 if combined with annual dues! Join these neighbors who have paid since the last issue:

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| Stephanie Stuckey | Steven and Leah Goldberg | Jesse Sammons |
| | | Tori Campbell |

Get your name in print! But more important than that, contribute to worthwhile and fun initiatives of your 'hood.

To pay at lakeclaire.org: go to Membership and to the link using PayPal, or with the old-fashioned check in the mail, to LCN, Attn: Eileen O'Neill, Treasurer/VP Finance, PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107.

Thank you all who have paid your dues and/or contributed your time to Lake Claire!

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

by Robert Bryan Davis

CSM invites all of our Lake Claire neighbors to join us on October 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Blue Mark Studios as we celebrate the photography work of Al Clayton, specifically *The Bum Raps*. Al Clayton and William (Bill) Hedgepeth spent time with 4 members of the Atlanta community back in the mid-1980s. Al took pictures of each of them, and Bill interviewed them and coached each as they wrote simple stories about themselves. This never-before seen photo exhibit is stunning, and the stories are amazing. Many of Al's photos, including many from his book, *Still Hungry in America*, will be on display. Numbered prints of four of his favorites will be available for purchase. VIP tickets are also available for a

6 p.m. reception with William Hedgepeth. Please join us for this special event to support Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. You can learn more about Al Clayton and William Hedgepeth at these links. See you in October. **Purchase tickets at www.bit.ly/Cliftonevents**
Al Clayton: Chronicler of America's Poor and Hungry: www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5492469
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al_Clayton;
www.southernfoodways.org/remembers-al-clayton-1934-2014/
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We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate.

Each month we feature a writer under 16. This month we feature Lilly Amato (in

honor of her birthday this month). Lily turns 10 on September 13. She is a fourth grader at Mary Lin, and she delivers the Clarion to neighbors. Thank you, Lilly, for your neighborhood service.

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!

Starting School

Lilly Amato

This year I started fourth grade at Mary Lin, and my younger brother Sebastian started first grade I was super excited to start school but was worried about having to switch classes and forgetting things. It turns out that it is a lot of fun. Although I will be leaving Mary Lin in two years it feels like a school I want to be at forever. I love it and it is an amazing school—Go Rockets. My brother has Mrs. Ashley, an awesome teacher, and I have Mrs. Tijerina, Mr. Rice, and Mrs. Graves, who are all great teachers.

If you had as much fun as I did over the summer, you must be sad it is gone. I was super upset that it was time to start school. Now when you look at the bright side, you get to see your friends more and if you are like I am you can start sports. You could be starting soccer, baseball, football, or tennis. Then you could look forward to fun after school activities with more of your friends that are not in your class. Do not forget recess! For some people recess is the best part of their day because you can talk, play sports, or play fun little games. I know I look forward to recess.

Transportation is a key to getting home to parents and fun! I take the school bus and walk. Some other ways you can get home is by car or by after school activities. When you get home, you can have playdates or, while it is still warm, you can go to the pool. Doing these things is fun but do not forget homework. It is something important that your teachers ask for.

In school my favorite subject is math, but you



could like reading or some other subject. A new thing this year for those of us in fourth grade is to choose between chorus, band, or orchestra. I chose chorus, and Mr. Marvel is my teacher. If you chose band or orchestra you have Ms. Wade. As a fourth grader your homeroom splits up for specials, and you go with the music group you selected.

This year I look forward to many things like field trips, class activities, fun specials, and seeing my friends. As I learn more things and make new friends I hope you do too. I hope you have a great school year wherever you go to school.

NEW CONTEST!

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Take a moment to find the hidden graphic representing Labor Day to become the Clarion prizewinner. The winner will have his or her photo in the October Clarion. To win, send an e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org identifying the page number. For extra credit, tell us something good to do on Labor Day to honor it, vs. just having a BBQ because it's any old holiday. Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you cannot win two months in a row. **Hurry and look;** competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.

Contest Winner

Georgie Paige Rogovin (Hardendorf Avenue) found last month's graphic. She found it on her 3rd birthday! This was July 29, and she found it right after another Lake Claire child, Aida, age 4, delivered the newspaper. We have great kids and great kid volunteerism in Lake Claire



Hello – Safe Journey: Skiing in and around Lake Claire

September Birthdays:

- September 1 Thomas Mayer will turn 5 (Gordon Avenue)
- September 7 Vickie Smith, Harold
- September 13 Lilly Amato—10th birthday (Marlbrook) (Clarion deliverer, and featured this month, see this page)
- September 15 Harper Gamble turns 9 years old. (McLendon Avenue)
- September 20 Keely Baker –15 this year (Leonardo)
- September 22 Rene Godiers (Marlbrook)
- September 23 Alyssa Olson (Leonardo)
- (and belatedly, Georgie Paige Rogovin of Hardendorf turned 3, July 29 (contest winner!—see photo at left)