



Sad News/Longtime LC Neighbor Gay Arneri

by Boyd Baker

Our time on this earth can often seem so short. And some reach deeper into the hearts of their communities and leave a warm imprint. Gay Arneri was one such person.

Gay had health challenges, as well as an unfortunate home fire that displaced her this past year. Through it all, she kept her chin up and remained positive. Words are a faint representation of our feelings but can help us heal and deal with loss. Below are a few loving words from our community, who will remember Gay fondly.

"I first met Gay 6 years ago when my daughter Esther was in kindergarten and selling Girl Scout cookies door-to-door. We rang her doorbell, and Gay was so delighted to

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2nd Call for Community Gardeners!

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is again renting garden plots for the 2019 growing season. The annual fee for rental of a community garden plot is \$40, plus a \$20 maintenance deposit for new gardeners. If you maintain your plot as required in the Gardeners' Agreement, you get back your deposit. Otherwise, it will be used to pay for maintenance. Any gardener who does not maintain his or her plot will not be able to rent a plot the following year. Special arrangements can be made for sweat equity (at least 4 hours of labor on the Land Trust

grounds, prior to or very early in May, e.g., by attending two work days). Designated "Giving Plots" are available at no charge. These are for volunteer groups and individuals who will tend the gardens and dedicate the harvest to feed the hungry through established agencies such as the Clifton Ministries and *Plant a Row*.

Plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and returning gardeners in good standing have first preference. Please contact Garden Plot Coordinator, Sara Gottlieb, at sara.gottlieb@gmail.com.

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is protected from future development! The Southern Conservation Trust, a leading land conservancy in the southeast, has succeeded in a 2-year effort, gaining a Conservation Easement for the Land Trust. Please see details in this issue (pp. 8-9).

Residents Receiving Disturbing Citations from City

by Bill Fleming

On Monday March 11, Lake Claire residents Bill Fleming and Jo Hartsoe and Candler Park Safety Officer Lexa King met with our District 5 Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong to discuss a recent rash of citations issued to long-term residents of the neighborhood. The meeting was set up in the wake of a gathering by a number of residents at the February Lake Claire meeting who have been summoned to municipal court for what many feel are arbitrary and unwarranted pretexts, including overgrown flower bushes, saplings, and peeling paint and lumber on porches. Trivial as these may seem,

some residents have had to spend many hours in court and hundreds of dollars in response to these citations.

Councilwoman Archibong and neighbors focused their discussion on three areas. First, the anonymity clause of the ordinance leads to 'weaponization' of the code, in that any person, regardless of his or her interest in the home or residential status (whether he/she lives in the neighborhood) is allowed to call in a complaint about a yard which is then investigated by the code enforcement officers. Instances of disgruntled residents calling in complaints about their

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Know Your LCN Officers: Cecily Stevens

This continues a now-and-again series in the Clarion for you to get to know our neighborhood officers. They are a diverse group, ranging from one who grew up in her house in Lake Claire (recently retired from the board), to others who moved here in the 1970s-'90s, to our VP of Planning and representative to the NPU, Carol Holiday, who

has lived here for 42 years (and whom we featured last month). This month we feature Cecily Stevens.

Cecily Stevens is our VP of Safety. She moved to Lake Claire in the fall of 2007 with her husband and daughter. Cecily joined Epworth UMC in Candler Park in 2008 and helped start its Parents Morning Out Program after

hearing a need for part-time neighborhood childcare from neighborhood moms. In 2015, she was one of the founding members of the Candler Park Lake Claire Patrol and served on its board for two years. Cecily also played on the Lake Claire Softball team in 2009, then known as the "Lake Claire Lager Affair." Over the years she's also volunteered at the Lake Claire Tour of Homes, participated in more Lake Claire Halloween Parades than she

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Cecily Presenting Gift in December to our Firefighters on Lake Claire's Behalf

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April Calendar

1-21 Horizon Theatre—*Pipeline*, nominated for five 2018 Lucille Lortel Awards, including 'Outstanding Play,' about Nya Joseph, a dedicated, inner-city public high school teacher who is committed to her students, but sends her own son to a private school. Get info and tix at www.horizontheatre.com/plays/pipeline/

1-28 Actors Express—*Falsettos*, a musical with a book by William Finn and James Lapine, and music and lyrics by Finn. The musical premiered on Broadway in 1992 and was nominated for seven Tony Awards, of which it won Best Book of a Musical and Best Original Score. It was revived on Broadway in 2016, and the revival performance was nominated for five Tony Awards including Best Revival of a Musical. Get tix and info at www.actors-express.com/.

6 & 20 Drum Circle at the Land Trust, 8 to 11 p.m. Please walk, bike, or carpool to the Arizona dead-end. Bring a friend! Please help spread the word.

6 9:30-11:30 a.m.—Frazer Forest Stewardship Walk with Kathryn Kolb of Eco-Addendum. Learn how to "read" the forest in any season and about this ongoing program to help care for this special remnant of old-growth forest originally connected to the Fernbank and Deepdene tracts. For more info, www.fraziercenter.org or d.shadwell@thefraziercenter.org. We hope you can join us.

10 to May 5 The Theatrical Outfit presents *I Love to Eat*. 1984 Manhattan. "In the beginning there was Beard," said Julia Child. A flamboyant yet introverted gastronomist, James Beard was his own greatest promoter and harshest critic. Drop into Beard's Greenwich Village kitchen for bean-spilling anecdotes, on-air flashbacks, and a salty voyage around the world of love, life, and comfort food. Sit close and sample a taste! See www.theatricaloutfit.org/shows/i-love-to-eat/ for info and tickets.

13 Lake Claire Land Trust Peace & Love Spring Fest, 2:30-10:30 p.m. See article pp. 8-9.

14 Candler Park invites Lake Claire to their Easter Egg hunt, 2 p.m., in Candler Park. Info: andeeschroeder@gmail.com.

17 6-8 p.m., Hops @ the History Ctr presents *Atlanta Beer: A Heady History of Brewing in the Hub of the South*, with the authors & beer samplings. Courthouse in the Square. Info: selem@dekalbhistory.org

21 Lake Claire Neighbors monthly meeting—and every 3rd Thursday, in the Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting. Free pizza (THANKS, SAVAGE). Minutes on the website, and when room, in the Clarion.

26-29 City Nature Challenge through Fernbank Museum. A 4-day contest to document observations of living wild organisms and share through iNaturalist app. Fernbank is offering fantastic prizes. See www.fernbankmuseum.org/AtlantaCNC.

20 Land Trust Community Work Day, 3 to 6 p.m. Pizza and drum circle follow. Note change to spring hours!

21 Easter in Lake Claire: Lake Claire Community Land Trust presents its annual well-loved Easter Egg Hunt: all are welcome, hide eggs at 9 a.m. hunt at 10 a.m., community potluck at 11 a.m.

22... Earth Day! (Some activities at www.eventbrite.com/d/ga--atlanta/earth-day-events/).

Early in May:

Please note the annual Frazer Center Gather in the Gardens event on May 4; see details in the article below.

Send calendar entries for the MAY Clarion by APRIL 12 to editor@lake-claire.org. I'd love to make this calendar relevant for YOU—send ideas! NOTE THE APRIL 12 DEADLINE, THIS MONTH ONLY; USUALLY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH.

Frazer Center—Gather in the Gardens

by Dina Shadwell

The arrival of spring always feels like a cause to celebrate, and at the Frazer Center, we hope our Lake Claire neighbors will join us in celebration on Saturday, May 4, at Cator Woolford Gardens. Not only will the gardens be at their peak loveliness, but Frazer is marking 70 years of service with our annual gala, Gather in the Gardens.

We will be honoring two gentlemen who played crucial roles in Frazer's growth for five decades—George Atkins and the late Walter Moeling. We'll also look to the future as we continue our capital campaign to create an outdoor classroom setting in

Frazer Forest with a boardwalk that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The event takes place from 6 to 10 p.m. and features a cocktail reception, seated dinner catered by Sun In My Belly, wine pairings, a live auction, and a "Bubbles & Bling" raffle. All proceeds support Frazer's programming, which fosters inclusive communities for children and adults with and without disabilities. For tickets and more info, visit fraziercenter.org/gather-in-the-gardens-2019. For more info or questions, e-mail d.shadwell@thefraziercenter.org; our website is www.fraziercenter.org.



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Education Legislative Update

by Annsley Klehr, Educator and Education Chair for Lake Claire Neighbors, Mary Lin Representative to CINS

"The law is to provide adequate education for everyone who walks in a school building. No one does that better than public schools."

Stephen Owen,
Senior Policy Analyst at GBPI

"We just underpay teachers. That's not campaign b.s.; that's just fact."

Representative Scott Holcomb

On Tuesday, February 26, Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) hosted an Educational Legislative Update at Grady High School featuring Senator Elena Parent, District 42; Representative Scott Holcomb, District 81; Senator Nan Orrock, District 36; Erica Long, Senior Policy and Governmental Affairs Advisor to Atlanta Public Schools (APS); and Steven Owens, Senior Policy Analyst at Georgia Budget and Policy Institute (GPBI).

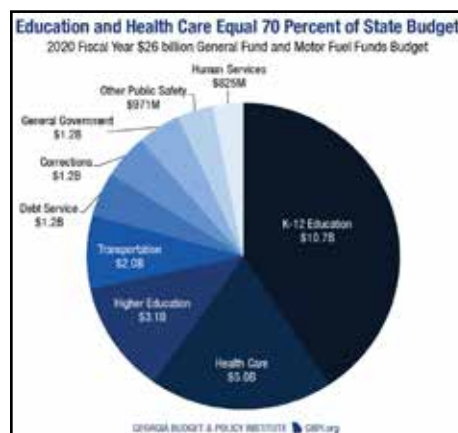
This panel spoke about the latest House and Senate education bills happening under the gold dome. They noted that there was a major change that came out of the Senate Education Committee. Lindsey Toppins (R), a fervent advocate of public education and former Cobb County Board of Education Representative for 9 years, recently resigned as the Chairman to Senate Education Committee. Toppins left as a result of a bill that proposes giving Charter Schools the equivalent to what public schools receive from state and local governments in one year. It would cost the state an additional \$17.9 million a year to fund these Charter Schools. Toppins did not believe this was fair to tradition public education, and so on principle, he stepped down. P. K. Martin IV is now the new chair.

Below is a summary of what was shared, along with other educational bills to put on your radar:

Education Related Bills in the House:

HB 31—The Budget

- The Governor's commitment to



raise salaries for Georgia's 115,000 educators, beginning with a \$3,000 permanent pay raise. The projected cost is \$483 million.

- The proposed budget includes a 2 percent merit pay increase for all state employees. The estimated cost is \$119 million.

- The 2020 budget provides an additional \$16.5 million in lottery funds to increase Pre-K teacher salaries by \$3,000 and assistant teachers' salaries by 2 percent.

- The proposed budget targets education, behavioral health, transportation, health care, and higher education with 5 percent greater funding than the original FY 2019 budget.

- The proposal does not include other professionals on staff in the public schools.

Note: According to GPBI, though the Quality Based Education Formula (QBE) written in the 1980s will be fully funded this year, and yet there will be a \$1 billion shortfall in the next fiscal year from the tax law. . .

HB 36—Tuition-free Grants to technical college. It would increase access to technical college by establishing tuition-free grants for technical college students through the HOPE grant.

HB 37—The Expand Medicaid Now Act (see SB 106). It would appropriate funding to expand Medicaid, as permitted under the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act. If passed, this would provide health care access to nearly 500,000 Georgians.

HB 53—Religious Freedom in Schools. Proponents of the bill argue that the legislation would allow students, teachers, and staff at schools to have freedom of religious speech. Opponents of the bill argue that it could allow for state-sanctioned discrimination against LGBTQ students and other minority students.

HB 59—Military Member's Children. It would allow children of active military members to enroll in the local public school when they move, before they establish physical residency in the school system.

HB 60—Military Children Qualify as In-State. It would allow children of active military members to qualify as "in-state" for purposes of calculating tuition at public universities, if the parent is currently stationed in Georgia.

HB 83 (Douglas, D-Stockbridge)—Recess Requirement. It would require elementary schools to provide

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Mary Lin Rockets Get into the Green Scene!

by Lynley Teras, Mary Lin Elementary 2018/2019 PTA Co-President

Mary Lin Elementary celebrated **Go Green Week** this year from March 4 to 8. Going green is better for students, teachers, and the environment! Throughout the week parent and student volunteers helped raise awareness about protecting our environment and learn the importance of sustainability. Each day students participated in a different way, from recycling lunch items, Walk-to-School Day, lights out at home and in the classroom, and signing the green pledge.

On Monday, students learned more about recycling. On Tuesday, the teachers helped by participating in "Lights Out in the Classroom." Adjusting computer monitor settings, turning off the lights before recess, and having a "lights off" hour, even just once a week, can help raise awareness and make a difference.

On Wednesday, March 6, Mary Lin participated in International Walk and Bike to School Day. This promotes healthy lifestyles and encourages students to think about the effect cars have on the environment. This community is lucky to have Mary Lin located in the middle of Candler Park. Therefore, it is realistic for many of its students to be able to walk or bike to school. And, even if a family is on the outskirts of the district and typically takes the bus or are driven by parents, students were still dropped off down the street from school to walk the last 1/4 mile. Upon arriving at school, all walkers and



bike riders signed the walk-to-school pledge.

Thursday was labeled as "**Throwback Thursday! Wear hand me downs.**" Students learned that making clothes takes a lot of resources. When an article of clothing is reused, there isn't a demand for a new item. It's one less piece of clothing in the landfill, just like reusing a plastic container or cardboard box. On Friday, students wore green in an effort to spread the message to their parents to "Go Green!" And finally, on Saturday, students, parents, and staff gathered in the Mary Lin Learning Garden to clean the garden up and get ready for new spring plantings.

In addition to everything above,
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Students with Styrofoam Trays from the Cafeteria Lobby for Reusable Boxes Instead

Wild in Lake Claire

by Flora Fauna (aka Carol Vanderschaaf)

April! Spring is here! Flora and fauna all asserting themselves with color and sound.

And it is the month of Earth Day, on April 22. This year the theme of Earth Day is "Protect our Species." (We might add, "from ourselves.")

At this point we are dealing with previously unheard of worldwide reduction of plant and wildlife species as a result of human activities: (psst, psst...head in the ground time) climate change, habitat loss, deforestation, unsustainable agriculture, shortages of potable water, pollution, pesticides, poaching, and trafficking are but a few. If we don't turn things around we can eventually consider ourselves the extinction generation, that's not "gen X," but "ExGen."

I used to have a negative view of Earth Day when I thought the Infamous Ira "the Unicorn" Einhorn created the day. Ira, as some might remember, was arrested in 1978 for the murder of Helen Maddux, his woman-friend. To give him ecological credit, he did "compost" her body in a trunk in the back of his closet.

The actual folks connected with founding Earth Day would be Gaylord Nelson, a senator from Wisconsin who was inspired to fight for public awareness of problems in the environment, and a group of twenty- and thirty-somethings who took up the call: and Earth Day spread worldwide. On Earth Day it is hoped

that each of us will do something to promote the environment. Some suggestions would be to organize a group to clean up a green space or to read books that educate oneself on the environmental crisis. And BTW all those involved in Earth Day's founding have distanced themselves from the Unicorn.

In celebrating Earth Day, please remember an indigenous people's proverb: "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

Now on to the 'hood:

Bernard S. reports an unusual experience outside his house. He was doing a project on his sidewalk to divert water away from his house toward some bushes. As he was digging to shape a gully, a little bird landed on a lower branch of one of the bushes, only about three feet from him. Bernard was excited to be so close to the bird and assumed that the bird hadn't seen him. So Bernard "stayed motionless for a good while, but then, I eventually remembered why I was there in the first place." He resumed his task, moving dirt, but "very, very slowly." Amazingly, the bird didn't fly away; in fact "s/he landed on the ground closer to me!" Amazing too is that when Bernard found a worm or a bug and threw it to the bird, it would accept his offer. Bernard was "so excited that I began to think of the bird as my new buddy." Then

Bernard had to go in to the house but the bird stayed on. (Bernard didn't elaborate as to what happened next in their relationship.) A friend later told Bernard that he had had a similar experience near his compost pile (no details on this one either), but the friend did tell him that the bird was an Eastern Phoebe.

Ilene S. recently had a Great Blue Heron in her pond eating her goldfish. Also, she saw two goldfinches coming into their breeding bright yellow color. A neighbor reported to Ilene that they had seen four deer in Frazer forest. Note: We had another report of four deer in Frazer Forest last month.) Thanks Ilene!

Brynan H. saw a dark grey hawk/raptor. Then she Googled it and got a couple of responses, Cooper's Hawk or Northern Harrier. She decided it was probably a Cooper's Hawk, as the habitat was wrong for a Harrier, though the bird did have a flight pattern like the Harrier. Brynan and I, Flora Fauna, are continuing to investigate this.

Meredith W. saw and heard a group of Sandhill Cranes flying north toward the end of February. And she also saw four deer, not in Frazer forest, but at Emory's Lullwater Preserve.

Dorothy D. and I went out to Clyde Shepard Nature Preserve in mid March to listen to the frog chorus. It was quite amazing! As darkness fell,

the chorus lifted their voices higher, or so it seemed. It was too dark to see the singers. They could only be ID'd by their songs. Dorothy and I, Flora Fauna, based on common wisdom, ID'd the singers as Green Tree Frogs. Later, as we moved towards the pond itself, we heard the harsher sounds of the Bullfrog. This chorus is an event I highly recommend, and it's free.

Miriam H. reports about an unsettling experience she had near the beaver pond in Candler Park. As she was approaching the pond, a golfer on the other side started yelling at her, the essence of which being that she should stay off the golf course and she was not welcome there. Miriam did notice that there were many golf balls near the beaver dam. Let's hope the golfers are not pulling rank. Anybody else know what's going on? If so, please contact me.

Well, that's all I have right now, and I have to figure out what my project will be for Earth Day...should it be flora or fauna? Or something in between?

Everyone have a great April! Take care of the Earth, and don't compost your partner.

Yours for and of the Earth,
Flora Fauna

PS: Please contact my assistant cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net if you have any floral or faunal reports—or if you have any comments on this column.

Citations and overzealous inspectors

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neighbors with whom they may have disagreements, as well as the more insidious possibility that developers and real estate agents may be 'targeting' certain properties owned by senior citizens in an effort to harass the occupants into selling, were discussed.

A second concern was the poor level of training the officers responding have exhibited, not knowing the distinction, in some cases between poison ivy and English Ivy, native plants and invasive species, and an ignorance of the regulations themselves that prohibit trespass on citizens' yards without a warrant and the need to leave undisturbed stream buffers within 50 ft. of the banks.

A third issue brought up was the incidence of homeowners' tenants being cited as co-defendants in some cases and a lack of clear communication by the city agents to the homeowners as to the exact nature of the

violation and what is required to ensure compliance.

Councilwoman Archibong expressed her sincere concern about these issues and resolved to begin looking into what other cities are doing to redress similar abuse of the ordinance and how the codes can be aligned with the enforcement branch to ensure that our officers are combating the true 'bad actors' such as slum lords and criminal occupants of vacant properties, rather than long-term residents and tax-paying citizens.

Editor's Note: If you are a resident who has received a citation, please contact Bill Fleming at wmayfourth@yahoo.com. This is a serious matter, and we do not want any Lake Claire residents to feel they are without help. Please know that the City inspectors are not allowed on your property without permission, and you are within your rights to call 911 if someone is on your property without permission.

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Welcome to Lake Claire!

If you are new to Lake Claire, you've come at a time with many opportunities to get to know your neighbors. People are out walking the neighborhood and gardening. Many streets have basketball nets, and children are out playing.

On Thursday, April 18, come early (7 p.m.) to the neighborhood meeting, for pizza/socializing; Savage Pizza provides free pizza, and the meeting starts at 7:15
(information in the calendar, page 3).

AND there are many activities for children and adults at the Lake Claire Land Trust in April, including the annual Easter egg hunt. (See pages 8-9.)

Thanks for Paying Neighborhood Dues!

Lake Claire suggested annual dues are \$20/year per household. Lake Claire Banners are \$45, but a package deal of dues and banner is only \$60! Join these neighbors who have paid dues since the last issue:

Ann Mauney	Sharon Doochin
Diane Ludington	Chris Krauth
Joe Agee	Susan Davis & Scott Russell
Matthew Woehrmann	Kathie Ryan
Susan Rutherford	Sue McAvoy and Bill McKinnon
Bill Fleming	

(Please specify when you pay dues if you do not wish to be listed in the newspaper.) To contribute to worthwhile and fun initiatives of our 'hood, pay dues at lakeclaire.org via the link **OR** with the old-fashioned check in the mail, to Eileen O'Neill, Treasurer, PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107. **Thank you to all who have paid dues and/or contributed your time to our great neighborhood, Lake Claire!**

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Needed: 30307 Calendar

by Richard Powers

The neighborhood calendars produced by BOND Community Credit Union with its annual photo contest and by Glenn Lopez with his two-sided collages are sorely missed. They fostered neighborhood identity, morale, and proud vibes. PLEEZE! Someone fill the void! There is interest at Moog Frames, maybe at the Land Trust, or perhaps we can encourage a BOND revival. I hope we make it happen!

There are so many special things about the 30307 neighborhoods: the Land Trust, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Little Five Points, Lake

Claire, Candler Park, Mulberry Fields, Edgewood, Emory Village, North Decatur, Druid Hills, and a diversity of folk.

Lastly, we need new bumper stickers, "30307: Not a Zip Code But a Lifestyle," t-shirts, buttons, etc.

Help keep 30307 quirky!

Editor's Note: Steven Wing informs me that those 30307 stickers haven't gone away - pick one up at the Land Trust's Spring festival, Saturday, April 13, at the Land Trust membership table. Let us know of any interest in the other things Richard mentions! (editor@lakeclaire.org)

**Attention any Lake Claire resident who has received
a citation for a problem on your property**

("overgrown shrubs," "junk on the porch," and the like):

**See article on Page 1 to read about your rights
and others' experiences.**



Hello – Safe Journey – Skiing in and around Lake Claire

April Birthdays:

April 2, Tyler Bliss, Leonardo, turns 11
April 6, Bridgette Maddux turns 9. Harold Ave
April 10, Kelly Crutcher, Hardendorf
April 12, Aarini Kakkar, Southerland Terrace
April 15, Jim Wilson, Delaware Avenue
April 16, Aliza Fleming, 19!
April 17, Joe Agee, Harold, our esteemed LCN President
April 18, Deacon Baker, Leonardo, turns 18 (that means Boyd is really old)
April 19, Emily Allen, Harold
April 21, Jamie McGill, Delaware Ave, turns 16
April 23, Dan Geller, Marlbrook
April 27, Claudia Restler, Lakeshore Drive
April 28, Sara McGill, turns 14, Delaware, AND Kevin Restler, Lakeshore Dr.
April 30, Beth van Arkel, Southerland Terrace

Belated for March, we missed two birthdays...

Happy Birthday Kaia Wiltsee, Harold Avenue, who turned 10 on March 20, and to our very own "Wild" Flora Fauna, aka Carol Vanderschaff, who turned some years older than 10, on March 31; we are sorry we missed both of you last month! And you!—send us your and/or your kids' events!

Safe Journeys, RIP:

Carl Stuart LeCroy of Gordon Avenue (see page 13)
Gay Arnieri (see page 1)

Send us life cycle changes for May—help make this series inclusive (editor@lakeclaire.org) by APRIL 12 (NOTE earlier deadline this month only, as it is usually the 15th of the month).

Gay Ann Arnieri (May 7, 1954 — February 26, 2019)

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see a Girl Scout. She invited us in and regaled us with stories of her scouting years. She was such a friendly and warm person. She never bought cookies to eat, but always donated them. We would see her in front of her house and chat regularly after that first meeting. She always had kind words for all the kids on the block, and every year when it was cookie season she would ask us when we were coming over so we could sit on her couch and hear tales of her scouting years. My daughter and I were just talking about her last week...wondering when she would be moving back home after repairing her house so we could have our annual cookie chat. She will be missed on Harold Avenue.” (Tamar Kapner)



“Gay Arnieri was a wonderful neighbor and friend. She was part of the ol’ crew in Lake Claire that welcomed us when we moved here in 2003. She passed away after frankly a pretty tough sequence of events in her life, starting a little over a year ago. I guess I just want to put a marker down here—I keep seeing “memories” on Facebook—to say—this was a good



Gay had posted this on Facebook with a note, "Here I am voting: what's your excuse?"

person. We will miss Gay. I look forward to seeing this post pop-up in the future; I really do. She was a heck of a funny person and a real character. We'll miss her. Marker set. Godspeed, Gay.” (Daniel Wright)

“My family and I live on Clifton Road, just a few doors up from where Gay was renting a house while her place on Harold Avenue was being renovated. I have been taking care of the rental property for the owners and got to know Gay over the last few months. Gay was such a nice woman, always smiling and saying hello to the neighbors. She would bake me cookies when I'd come over to switch a breaker back on and the like; I always protested, but the delicious morsels never went to waste! She never asked for much and was always ready for a conversation. I know she will be tremendously missed by her family and friends. She made a lasting impression on me just during the short time we knew each other.” (Peter Kruskamp)



“A special memory of Gay was when she first adopted her horse (an ex-racehorse), Cici. I had a bunch of extra horse supplies from having horses of my own, and when she told me about her new mare, I went out to meet her at the barn in Dekalb County, I think it was. I got to spend time with the two of them, grooming, and some other things, and I gave her some of my items to help her work with Cici. I know she loved that horse, and was always eager to tell me how things were going with her.” (Wendy Baker)

Before Gay edited the Clarion (June 2007-June 2009), she was the advertising coordinator for several years. This is from the Clarion, July 2009: “As Gay steps down from editing the Clarion, I want to point out that under her editorship, The Clarion has transformed its look, content, and even gone green! Advertising revenues have increased as well. Kudos to this super-talented neighbor who has contributed so much to the neighborhood!”

“Gay was a kind & caring soul. She often gave little special gifts to my 4-year-old daughter and loved talking to her. She enjoyed the spring time, working in her garden, and the simple beauty in the flowers. She cared about others and always seemed to be helping someone in the ways she could.” (Jen Dean)



“Gay and I crossed paths over the years as two 25+-year residents of Lake Claire. She preceded me as editor of the Clarion (June 2007-June 2009), and I wrote articles for it at that time, but, as is often the case, we communicated by e-mail. There are two things that jump out about Gay, first the deep impact she made even on those who knew her for only just a few months or so, as is obvious in the comments above. Second, I marvel at what a remarkably positive person she was in facing adversity, especially regarding her health troubles of late and the heartbreaking loss of her dogs in the house fire (because she couldn't walk, they wouldn't leave her side and exit the dog door). And then I read the following comments she wrote on her Facebook page. I believe she wouldn't mind my sharing them, because by all accounts, she always was so positive and wanted to help others to be so, by example. She wrote on November 28, 'I just found the post regarding the meal train you folks put together for me after the fire. Please know how much I appreciated it. You are all the best. I am enjoying bragging to people about my neighbors, and Harold Avenue in particular. I have not yet been by the fire station to thank the firefighters in person, especially for their efforts to



save my dogs. I can't put into words how much I miss them. I am happily back to cooking. Thanks, all, for helping me get there.' A couple of months earlier, she posted: 'I'm going to the Shepherd Spinal center for more intensive physical therapy!!! Couldn't be happier. Pics are from last week's trip to the farm after almost a year away. The beasts remembered me. I came back stronger and happier.'



And, in August 2018, she wrote, 'I'm in one of my contemplative moods. While I've been busy dodging my share of bullets this year... I've landed on the good side of several touch-and-go situations... I'm still recovering from spinal cord injury effects... yet I also seem to be more organized in some ways. It's a mystery! I'm just glad to be here.' Gay will be missed by so many people.” (Beth Damon)

Gay's son and grandson held a wonderful memorial service for her on March 3 at North Decatur Presbyterian Church. They will lay her ashes to rest at her beloved farm in Kentucky, near the horses she loved. If you are reading this, Tim and Nathan, please know how many of us are thinking of and cared for your mom/grandmom, and we have such fond memories of her.
May you be comforted.

THE LAKE CLAIRE COMMUNITY

LCCLT Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 1-3 p.m.

Greetings, Neighbors!

Once again it's time for our annual Corporate Meeting, as required by law, and our simultaneous Open House for the neighborhood, back by popular demand. This is your chance to peek into the inner workings of a neighborhood nonprofit, hear news of the past year (including our brand-new Conservation Easement) and plans for the next, enjoy snacks, and socialize. It's also our chance to hear from you—your questions and suggestions, compliments and

complaints, visions and views. Afterward, you're invited on a tour of our 1.7 acres of gardens and greenspace, with a historical overview of how it all came to be.

Like our monthly Board meetings, the Annual Meeting will be held on a Sunday at the Lake Claire Cohousing Common House (facing the Land Trust main entrance across the cul-de-sac). Please come and celebrate another year of stewardship and community with us!

A Successful Family Fun Event! Join us for more!

by Miss Ladybug

On Sunday, February 24, the s'mores were sweet and sticky, both vegan and regular, and the dance was on at the Land Trust thanks to Miss Ladybug and the Ladybug Events team. We had a strong turn-out with lots of chocolate streaked happy faces!

Ladybug Events team Mister Greenthumbs and Miss Melabee led the children in a drum circle and sing-along. Some children helped Miss Ladybug weed and plant greens and peas in the Ladybug Rocks Children's Garden. Even Big Lou the Emu was ready and excited to welcome visitors around the corner. Big thanks to neighborhood teen artist Sadie Bader-Gottlieb for making two lovely new garden signs (see picture). Children helped install the new signs during the party.

Our friends at USIT, the babysitting service, volunteered at our s'mores table. Afterward, Jannet Cruz-Lopez said, "Thank you for having USIT at the event! We met so many amazing families and had such a fun time with the kids. We can't wait to do more with you in future events. Congrats on all the success with your event thus far and the great turnout. It's great to see such a cool event for kids going on in Atlanta."

At this writing our Equinox event on March 24 has not happened yet—hope you didn't miss it!



Coming up next at the Land Trust:

Sun. May 19, 4-6 p.m.—Garden Planting Party

Sun. Sept. 29, 4-6 p.m.—Welcome Fall Garden Party

Sun. Dec. 1, 4-6 p.m.—Jam-a-long Kids Drum Circle and S'mores (vegan options available)

For more information about Ladybug Events upcoming events and programming, please visit Ladybugeventsllc.com. To receive email invitations join the Land Trust email list at LCCLT.org.



The Ladybug wears no disguises,
She is just what she advertises.
A speckled spectacle of spring,
A fashion statement on the wing.
A miniature orange kite.
A tiny dot-to-dot delight.

J. Patrick Lewis,
The Little Buggers

Why Sunday?

The tradition of Sunday morning board meetings is pretty much my fault. For the past four years, I have worked the afternoon shift at Sevana-nda Natural Foods Market six days a week, so evening meetings were out, and Sunday mornings worked better than Saturdays for other Board members. But as a P.K.—Preacher's Kid—I am well aware that our traditional meeting time excludes all you church-goers. Now that I have retired from the co-op (mostly), we have the option of changing it. So, it

is time we posed the question:

Who out there would consider showing up for a Land Trust Board meeting if it did not conflict with church services?

We have scheduled the Annual Meeting for a Sunday afternoon instead of morning, hoping to get your feedback on this question. If you are unable to attend, we would appreciate hearing from you, anyway. Please send me an email at info@LCCLT.org. Thanks!

~ Stephen Wing

Lake Claire Community Land Trust Peace & Love Spring Fest: "SOULICIOUS!"

Sat. April 13, 2:30-10:30 p.m.

Suggested donation: Adults \$10; teens (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.

BE KIND TO OUR NEIGHBORS,

PLEASE NO PARKING ON ADJOINING STREETS.

Greetings Land Trust Lovers!

We all know how you love to dance and celebrate community, so come on out to our Spring 2019 Peace and Love Festival—SOULICIOUS! 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. Put on your dancing shoes, and come on out!

We will have an **artists' market**, a raffle, face painting and bake sale. If you are a baker we would be so grateful if you could contribute to our bake sale; please include an ingredient card for our sensitive friends.

Part of our fundraising is in our food and drink sales, and we have worked on the menu to include vegetarian, vegan, dairy free, and gluten free items. Bring your own reusable plates and utensils and get \$1 off

of your food! Re-use/Recycle! Cash, credit and debit are cards accepted at the gate and the membership table. Food and drinks are cash only. The closest ATM is at the Candler Park Market.

Please walk, bike, carpool, ride MARTA, Uber, Lyft. If you drive, please park at Clifton Sanctuary, 369 Connecticut Ave. (a 3-block walk). Be mindful of our neighbors, and do not block driveways. **Please remember that many of our neighbors do not have driveways and rely on their on-street parking.** The designated parking at CSM is only a short walk, as noted.

We are in need of volunteers, so if you would like to join in on the fun, please email brynan1865@gmail.com.

Here is our INCREDIBLE line-up!

3:00-4:00 Diane Durrett: A great way to start our Festival is Diane Durrett, a down to earth DIVA! She sings from her soul, writes with heart and humor, and will be bringing her southern wit and charm to play for us! She will be joined by Melissa "JuneBug" on drums/percussion.

4:30-5:30 Jane Brown & the Ho-Town Review: A collective of women rockers that first met through Ladies' Rock Camp and then through

friends of friends. Keeping the group steady is Teresa Bondora and Vicki Smith on drums, Jenn Carr and Janet Wade on bass, Johanna Millin on guitar, Linda Bav on keyboards, and Melissa Goehner on lead vocals.

6:00-7:00 The Squirrelheads: Since 2001, The Squirrelheads have been dishing out some of the freshest New Orleans Funk, Blues and Boogie this side of the Mississippi Delta.

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LAND TRUST

The New, Improved LCCLT Conservation Easement

by Sara Gottlieb

A little slice of Lake Claire has been protected from any future development, a rare thing indeed as we see trees cut down in so many areas in the neighborhood to make way for new/bigger houses or other buildings. While the Lake Claire Community Land Trust has become known and beloved as a beautiful green space, the last of its kind on DeKalb Avenue, there was never any assurance that it couldn't be sold and turned into a development if some future governing board decided to do so. That was the case until February 28, 2019, when neighbors Miriam Herbers and Norman Glassman signed a Conservation Easement, now filed with DeKalb County, on behalf of the Land Trust Board.



Oasis in the city: view from the Overlook, photo by Jason Thrasher



Community event at the fire pit, photo by Jason Thrasher

Conservation Easements are a common tool in the world of environmental management. Many organizations with the words 'Land Trust' in their names exist almost exclusively to hold conservation easements on land owned by other individuals or organizations. The purpose of a conservation easement is to ensure that the unique conservation values of the land (healthy forests, wetlands, geologic features, groundwater recharge areas, agricultural land, etc.) are protected in perpetuity (that means forever). Conservation easements are legal instruments that are attached to the property itself and are filed with the relevant governing authority (usually a county). If the area of land under a conservation easement is sold or passed to another owner, the easement still applies and governs what the new owner can or cannot do on the land.

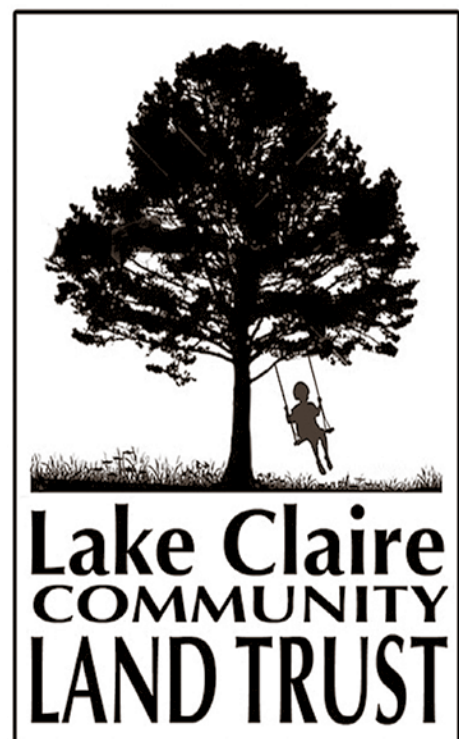
The Conservation Easement on the Lake Claire Community Land Trust (LCCLT) is held by the Southern Conservation Trust (SCT, sctlandtrust.org), a non-profit organization based in Peachtree City that works

with landowners who wish permanently to protect the ecological, agricultural, scenic, or historic qualities of their land.

During a lengthy process of drafting and negotiation, the LCCLT and the SCT agreed on the terms of the Conservation Easement that

now protects the 1.74 acre greenspace in our community. No activity is permitted that would diminish the conservation value of the land, which primarily consists of publicly accessible greenspace that includes mature native trees and vegetation providing habitat for birds and other wildlife, infiltration of stormwater runoff, reduction of particulate matter from car exhaust, and space for local food production by community members. The tract cannot be subdivided, built upon (except for specific small structures, after approval by SCT), used as a garbage dump, used as a site for major utilities such as cell-phone towers, modified in any way that would increase erosion or runoff, or planted with non-native invasive plant species.

The LCCLT has many reserved rights that allow for its continued use and enjoyment by the community for **Cont. on p. 14**



About the Southern Conservation Trust

SCT is a community land trust founded in 1993 by residents of Fayette County to preserve greenspace as their community develops. The Trust protects greenspace, conserves forests, safeguards rivers, shelters wildlife, provides environmental education, and ensures that everyone has access to nature in communities throughout the Southeast. Participating landowners may be eligible to receive significant tax benefits for donating land to the Trust or permanently protecting it from development with a conservation easement. The Trust owns, manages, and protects over 16,032 acres, including four donated preserves through the state of Georgia. Learn more at sctlandtrust.org.



Annual Lake Claire Land Trust Easter Egg Hunt

Once again, the Lake Claire Land Trust hosts an Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch on Easter Sunday, April 21.

It is a fun morning for all ages, from hiding the eggs, finding the eggs, and a convivial/celebratory brunch. Hide eggs for the kids at 9 a.m.; bring kids to hunt for eggs at 10 a.m.; potluck brunch at 11 a.m. AND—following brunch is the Annual LCCLT Meeting/Open House (see article on facing page).



At last year's Easter Egg Hunt

April into May in the Lake Claire Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

April is probably the busiest gardening month of the year, especially for seeding. Many packets hold 200 seeds or more, and I usually have some left over at the end of the year. Because I do not refrigerate my seeds (although I may start this year because I now have a large back-up refrigerator in my basement, thanks to Scooter and Ann) and because our house does not have AC, the germination rate for a second year is poor. Early this spring I did try germinating some old seeds under good, indoor conditions. Vegetable seeds were more viable than flower seeds; however, the biggest indicator of success came from the packaging of the seed companies. Old seeds from both Park in South Carolina and Stokes in New York gave the best results because both used foil packaging. Of course this means that you cannot recycle the empty packet, but it is something to consider if you know you will have many seeds left over at the end of the year.

Passover and Easter both occur in late April this year, both proximate to the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Traditionally, southern nurseries and gardeners have accepted that it is safe to put out tender



Picture Drawn by Sadie Bader-Gottlieb

crops after these observances because a last frost does often does come on a clear cold full moon night. In these warmer times, the last frost can sur-

prise us. Regardless, there are many hardier vegetables such as beets, carrots, chard, lettuce, potatoes, and sometimes even beans, that should

be sown early in April. It is probably too late for peas. I did not get mine in until mid-March this year, and peas sown last fall were doing well at the Land Trust as I walked by. Transplants of corn, kohlrabi, and lettuces can go out, also tomatoes if you are prepared to cover them.

If you have a cold frame or one of those plastic or glass cloches that I used last winter on the prize pansy my partner won at the LC holiday dinner, you can set out eggplants and peppers, still in their pots, as well as tomato plants, as long as you are ready to cover the whole thing with a blanket if cold weather threatens. And, finally, it is not too late to start those same nightshade vegetables from seed indoors because they can continue to be planted in permanent beds as late as June.

Just be sure you are not working the soil when it is wet and soggy, or our clay will dry into hard clumps. Put down some boards to walk on that will distribute your weight if you cannot reach across a whole bed. Add compost and some sand (especially in areas where you will grow root

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Safety in Lake Claire: Car Break-Ins, Reporting Crimes, and CPR Certification

by Cecily Stevens

If you use Nextdoor, you know that larceny from auto seems to be the most prevalent crime in our part of Zone 6. According to the APD Week 10 COBRA Report (3/3/19 - 3/9/19, newest report available at press time), there have been 288 reported larceny from auto incidents in Zone 6 in 2019. It's down 14% from one year ago, but is still a lot. Sometimes it seems that all of these incidents could have occurred right in our neighborhood! Over the weekend of March 9, at least four cars on my street alone were rifled through, but miraculously nothing was taken. Regardless of whether anything is stolen, knowing someone has opened your car door and actually seeing your glove compartment hanging open is a horrible feeling.

Patrol). This joint neighborhood-run, nonprofit organization supplements policing by APD with more neighborhood-specific patrols staffed by off-duty APD officers in full uniform, in a highly visible vehicle, with the power to make arrests. You've heard it before, but it's true: more CPLC Patrol members equals more eyes on our neighborhood. Visit www.cplcpatrol.com to learn about benefits (including vacation patrols) and membership options.

On another note, a safer neighborhood is one with neighbors empowered to help each other in the event of a medical emergency. That's why I'm working on scheduling a Lake Claire CPR/First Aid certification event to be scheduled on a weekend or evening later this spring.



How can we help stop this problem? One way is to clean out your car. By removing all valuables and bags (even empty bags; thieves don't know they're empty), you can help reduce the number of vehicle break-ins. If it does happen, report it. Call Zone 6 at 404-546-5700, and they'll direct you. Yes, filing a police report is a hassle, but the theory is that more reporting increases APD patrols in our neighborhood.

Speaking of police reports, did you know you can file a police report online for certain crimes? Visit www.atlantapd.org/services/online-reporting to file if you experience theft of services, identity theft, harassing communication, damage to property, and more. You can also use the same site to report lost property or add a supplemental report to a previously filed report.

If you see crime in progress or about to happen, and in all emergencies and traffic accidents, call 911. If you have tips on crimes happening in Zone 6, email zone6cid@atlantaga.gov. To report a crime but remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 404-577-TIPS.

A great way to increase security in Lake Claire is to support the Candler Park Lake Claire Patrol (CPLC

I'm happy to be Lake Claire's VP of Safety. Neighborhood safety is important to all of us. We must be vigilant and look out not just for ourselves, but for each other. I'm very fortunate to live in Lake Claire with such caring neighbors. I look forward to doing my part to help keep our neighborhood safe. If you are interested in the **CPR/First Aid certification** event, or have any comments or suggestions, please email me at safety@lakeclaire.org.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

by Leslie Prince

The Clifton Board of Directors met on Saturday, March 16 for their bi-annual strategic planning meeting to ensure that our program stays strong and plan for the next 3 years. When discussing our accomplishments for the last two years, board member Carol Beckman immediately celebrated the fact that our neighbors are such a huge part of our community and thanked Bryan Davis, our Lake Claire liaison, for working hard to maintain that relationship. Lake Claire, you are a huge part of the success of our guests. Clifton certainly wouldn't have the successful programs without you!!!

If you know a nurse who works part time or is retired and would like to devote a couple of hours each week to ensure that our guests receive proper medical case management, we'd love to meet them! We have two volunteer nurses, but we need more. Most of our guests have health needs

and could use some encouragement to maintain their appointments and take their medications!!!

BTW, our sign on the corner will be returning soon, but in the meantime, we don't want you to forget us!!! Next time you go to the store, please stick a pack of paper towels, toilet paper, or laundry detergent in your buggy and drop it off.

Our wonderful Lake Claire neighbor, CSM, provides year-round transitional housing services and comprehensive life skills counseling to men seeking to overcome homelessness. Clifton has served over 12,000 men in the 38 years that it has been a vital part of the Atlanta homeless community. Please visit the website, www.cliftonsanctuary.com for additional information and if possible, to donate. And as Leslie notes, they always appreciate food and product donations—and sweat-equity donations! ~Beth

Did You Know that "X" Marks the Park?

Take a drone up into the air, and hover over the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum from about 1000 feet. What would you see?

You'll see a big green X of Freedom Park with an overlay in sections of the John Lewis Freedom Parkway Road. That X may be one of the most fought-over pieces of land in the U.S. From the Civil War until the 1996 Olympics, that stretch of land determined the fate of Southern souls and the future of Atlanta.

You see, General Sherman used Copenhill, where the Library and Carter Center now reside, as his headquarters during the Battle of Atlanta. We know how that battle turned out. In the 1960s, Copenhill again saw conflict as the State Highway Depart-

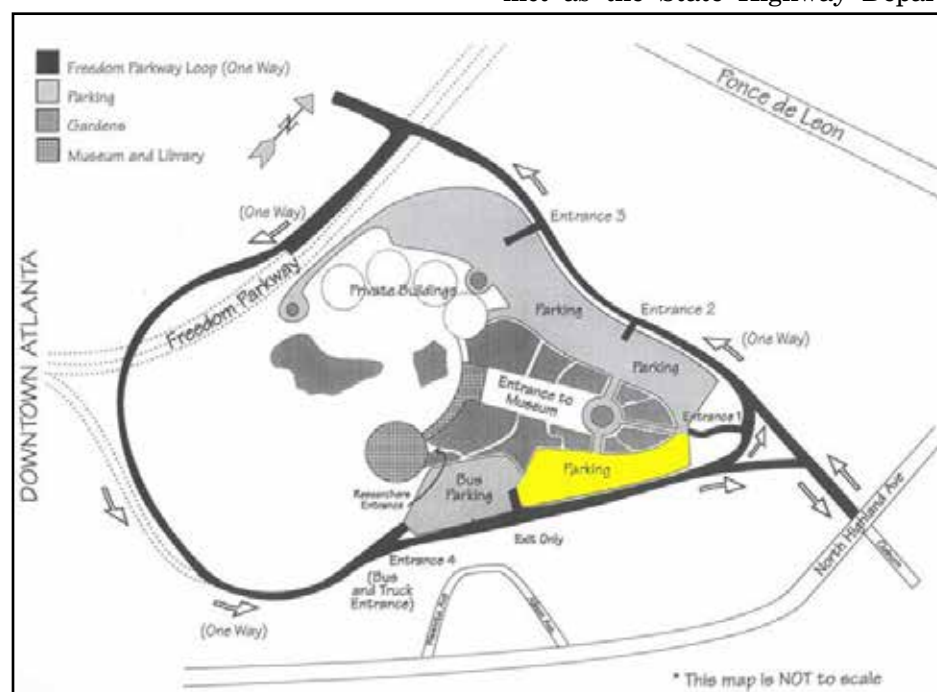
ment aimed to intersect two perpendicular roadways at this same spot.

These were the roadways known as I-485 traveling from Morningside to Inman Park and the Stone Mountain Freeway from Old Fourth Ward through Candler Park. The neighborhoods of Inman Park, Druid Hills, Old Fourth Ward, Morningside, Poncey Highland, Lake Claire, Virginia Highland, and Candler Park would have all looked completely different from today... were it not for Citizen Activism and organization. That's the story we're planning on telling in the documentary film *X Marks the Park*.

It's a story of how communities came together to advocate for what's best for their neighborhoods and Atlanta. Lake Claire and Candler Park neighbors Sam Collier, Boyd Baker, Ben Martin, Nigel Rowe, and Melissa Pressman are doing the research, collecting stories, and hoping to give a truly complete and comprehensive view of this astounding time in Atlanta.

"The history of our intown neighborhoods is incredibly rich. We hope to capture the tales as told by the folks who lived it to remind everyone what makes these neighborhoods so special to Atlanta. Also, if you don't speak up and work together to change things for the better, it can all be gone in a flash" says Baker.

Learn more and become a part of the story at www.XMarksthePark.com.



Minutes from our Neighborhood Meetings

When space allows, we try to give you a flavor of the meetings.

Please know that you can always find the minutes on the website, lakeclaire.org.

February Minutes

The February meeting took place Thursday, February 21. People greeted each other and enjoyed Savage pizza from 7 to 7:15, as is our usual practice. Our President, Joe Agee, called the meeting to order. He called upon **Valencia Hudson**, Security Liaison from Councilwoman Archibong's office, who gave a brief report, noting "Renew Atlanta" would have a meeting about DeKalb Avenue. She also discussed the 2019 Focus Upon Senior Services (F.U.S.S.), providing vital contacts, information, and resources to senior residents. Councilwoman Archibong has been working on the regulation of Electric Scooters; after many months of deliberation and debate, Atlanta City Council voted to adopt an ordinance that will regulate how dockless, shareable, scooters and bikes are operated within city limits. A scooter is no longer to be parked anywhere other than a sidewalk, bike rack, or against a building. The scooter must also be parked in a manner that doesn't obstruct the path of pedestrians. No scooters should be ridden on sidewalks, nor no faster than 15 mph. Should patrons fail to dock otherwise dockless vehicles outside of the public rights-of-way, operators could be liable to pay a \$1,000 fine per day. Lastly, the legislation sets a \$12,000 annual fee for a company to operate 500 scooters, and a \$50 fee for every additional device. Finally, she noted that **citizens can now file Online Police Reports**: The APD website allows citizens to report on the following crimes: lost property, harassing phone calls/texts/emails, damage to property, and identity theft. You can utilize the following link for online reporting: www.atlantapd.org/services/online-reporting.

Prez. Agee called upon **Sergeant**

Jones from our Zone, 6, of the Atlanta Police Department (APD). Sergeant Jones discussed a new form for reporting issues with officers. He said people should feel free to contact him at zone6cid@atlantaga.gov. He also noted that the best way to avoid car break-ins is to leave nothing in the car.

The VPs gave reports, beginning with Cecily Stevens, **Safety**. She noted that the CPLC security patrol is up to 112 hrs per month. Lake Claire's main crime at this time is car break-ins. She also noted that if anyone is not a member, he or she should consider joining. She gave the contact info ATLANTApd.org/services/reporting if someone breaks in your car. She also asked if there were folks interested in a CPR class, asking folks to email safety@lakeclaire.org to let her know. Other reports followed: Treasurer: noting we have \$12000 disposable income (4K in reserve)

Fundraising (Joe Agree for Pen Sherwood) encouraged folks to buy Lake Claire items, now on sale at Candler Park market. He then moved on to announcements and current issues:

He noted the reactivation of the **Lake Claire Welcome Committee**: Annsley Klehr is heading it up a new welcome committee. Contact her at education@lakeclaire.org to get involved.

Then there was a presentation regarding tree ordinance changes from the group **City In the Forest**. **Margaret Spalding and Meredith Walters** spoke on strategies for improving the City of Atlanta's new tree ordinance. Joe noted that the next regular meeting will be Mar. 21, 2019. He adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

March Minutes

The March meeting took place Thursday, March 21. People greeted each other and enjoyed Savage pizza from 7 to 7:15, as is our usual practice. Our President, Joe Agee, called the meeting to order.

Guest speakers (Representatives of the City Council, and Atlanta Police Department):

• **Valencia Hudson, Public Safety Liaison for Councilmember Natalyn Archibong:**

1. She noted that beginning in April, in order to have bulk trash picked up, you must call 311 and make an appointment. After calling 311 or 404-546-0311, or making the appointment online at www.atlanta311.com, or using the 311 app, you will receive a request number, and your trash should be picked up within 48 hours. If you leave bulk trash on the curb and do not call to have it picked up, you will eventually be fined \$325. Visit www.atlanta311.com to learn what is bulk trash and what is not (no mattresses, paint, or auto and construction materials are allowed). Note: hard-to-recycle materials can be taken to cHaRM - Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials in Chosewood Park.

2. Suicide lanes on Memorial Drive are gone, and now there is a turning lane in place.

3. It is now illegal to park in a bike lane. The citation brings a \$100 fine.



• **Sgt. Smith, Atlanta Police Dept. Zone 6:**

1. Zone 6 picked up two new beats: Beat 506 (Monroe/Trader Joes) and Beat 213 (Cheshire Bridge). FYI: Lake Claire is Zone 6, Beat 608.

2. Clean out your car to help stop larceny from auto. Close garage doors. If you leave your car unlocked, leave nothing in it. Larcenies from auto do not stop in the rain.

3. Take bicycles inside or risk theft.

4. The 10-digit number to call 911 for City of Atlanta is 404-658-6666.

LCN Officer Reports

Safety: As of week 10 in Zone 6 there were 288 larcenies from auto and 11 arrests for this offense. Clean out car, report crimes. CPLC Patrol patrolled 100 hours in February. Of-

ficer incidents included suspicious vehicles, alarm calls, and individuals in Candler Park after hours. Join the CPLC Patrol! The CPLC Patrol is set to provide an item for the LCN welcome baskets.

Treasurer: No news; **Environment:** No news; **NPU:** No news; **Zoning:** No news; **Fundraising:** No news; **Education:** No news.



Announcements and current issues:

1. Code Enforcement: Improving the City of Atlanta's housing code enforcement procedures: Jo Hartsoe shared her experience of dealing with code-enforcement complaints on her property in Lake Claire.

2. CPR Class: A certified instructor, Colleen Ward, is interested in offering CPR/First Aid classes for Lake Claire residents: Cecily Stevens is working on scheduling a one-time CPR/First Aid class for Lake Claire residents age 12 and up. If interested, contact Cecily at safety@lakeclaire.org. The cost will be \$40 per person for a 2-year certification through the American Heart Association. The class will happen on an evening or weekend.



Other issues—LCN is hoping to have the 5th Annual Centennial BBQ this year. Plans are in the early phases. Lake Claire Neighbors meets the third Thursday of each month. **The next regular meeting will be Apr. 18, 2019.** Stay informed! To receive occasional e-mails about happenings in, around, and concerning Lake Claire, as well as reminders of upcoming meetings, please sign up at lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/



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Education Legislative Update

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a 30-minute recess every day to all students from kindergarten to fifth grade.

HB 87—Home School Students in Extracurriculars. It would allow home-schooled students to participate in extracurricular activities in their local school.

HB 266—Changes in 529 Plan

HB 301—Vouchers. It would allow public school students to get vouchers into the private sector. Proponents believe it will allow equal education to all students. Opponents believe this would take money away from the public schools, and students who could not afford private schools could still not afford them with the vouchers.

HB 789—Funding to Charter Schools. It would allocate an additional \$17.9 million a year to charter schools. There are more than 570,000 traditional public school students receiving less funding than the average charter schools receive. If passed, it would cost the state \$510 million to close the gap between what the charter schools will receive and that which the traditional public schools receive.

Education Related Bills in the Senate:

Senate Bill (SB) 36—Federal Funds for Medicaid. It would authorize the state to use federal funds to expand Medicaid. Proponents view this as a necessary means for students to be able to learn in a classroom when they have their basic needs met—food and medicine. Opponents see this as supporting a welfare system.

SB 48 (Martin, R-Lawrenceville)—Dyslexia Screening. It would require schools to screen pre-k through second grade students for dyslexia. It would also require the Department of Education to provide a dyslexia informational handbook to local schools, containing information about how to identify and treat dyslexia. If passed, it would start as a pilot program in urban, suburban, and rural schools.

SB 102—Community Schools. This would be a grant funded program to encourage schools to apply to become community schools. A community school would be like a community center for neighborhood activity that might include: after school programming, healthcare services, GED classes, etc. The bill would fund a coordinator position at the granted school.

SB 106—Patients First Act (see

HB 37). Proposed by Governor Kemp as a Medicaid wavier. The Patients First Act restricts the number of Georgians that would have access to health care by capping eligibility at the poverty line. Opponents would like to see it expanded to 138 percent of the poverty line as outlined under the Affordable Care Act. Only 240,000 Georgians would qualify under this act instead of the half a million under a full Medicaid expansion.

Final thoughts from the panelists included:

- In 2011, the HOPE scholarship became more difficult to achieve. Representative Holcomb believes that we do not do a good enough job on needs based education post High School.

- Long believes that people don't understand how legislative decisions truly effect public schools.

- Both parents and teachers need to be in legislative committee meetings and use their voices to make a difference.

- Long notes that the voucher system may not appear to hurt the public schools, but the public schools still have to run buses and buildings even when children are disappearing to private schools. The finances of public school are not a 1-to-1 correspondence. Owens notes that if 5% of the student body moves to the private sector, you cannot take away 5% of the bus.

- Owens pointed out that the more things are legislatively talked about openly, the more education begins to cross party lines.

If you're interested in more information about K-12 funding and educational policy, check out Georgia Budget and Policy Institute's website at gbpi.org/policy-areas/education/

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Rockets Get into the Green Scene

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Go Green Visitors

a committee of 5th graders, led by parent volunteers Tracey Barnhart and Sarah Gleason, are working hard to perform a trash audit of the Mary Lin cafeteria. During the week of February 25, the Green Team counted and weighed trash bags to see how much waste occurs during lunch. There was over 725 pounds of trash that week! The Green Team completed the trash audit again during Go Green week. The Green Team was able to sort and recycle at least

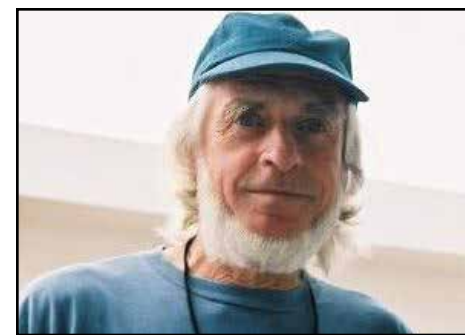
20 pounds worth! All week long, parent volunteers helped guide students as to what is recyclable and what is landfill trash. Volunteers pushed around recycle and trash bins every day to help students sort which items go into which bin, recycling all paper, plastic, aluminum, and glass.

It is so important to teach green methods to students at a young age. This encourages green habits rather than green exceptions. So, let's **go green** and keep our planet clean!

Longtime Lake Claire Neighbor Passed Away

by Teri Stewart

A memorial was held on March 30 at Manuel's Tavern for our good friend and neighbor Stuart LeCroy, a resident of Gordon Avenue since the 1970s. Stuart is survived by his son David (now residing at Stuart's home), his older brother Walter and family, and his younger brother Maurice (also now living at Stuart's), and extensive family. The family made a statement to Lake Claire: "As his neighbors and friends, you were central in the making of Stuart's life."



We will miss Stuart very much, and we are very happy that his cottage has stayed in the family and not gone to developers.

Cecily Stevens

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can remember, and for six years led a successful Girl Scout Troop mostly comprised of girls from Lake Claire. She currently works part-time for nonprofit HomeAid Atlanta and teaches Zumba Fitness classes four times a week, including on Saturday mornings at 9:30 in Candler Park, at Nazeem Allayl Belly Dance Studio.

Asked by the Clarion what she loves most about Lake Claire, Cecily said, "I love how Lake Claire neighbors come together in good times and bad. When my daughter was little I

enjoyed the Lake Claire Park "Happy Hour" on Fridays and met some of my best friends there. When it snows, it's such a fun event as neighbors gather to sled and play at the park or have get-togethers on their streets. On Halloween, there is always a pot of chili to be shared, and of course the Lake Claire Halloween Parade. When someone experiences a life-altering event, neighbors are quick to organize meals and support. The people are what makes this neighborhood great."

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Conservation Easement

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educational, recreational, and food-growing purposes and to maintain accessibility, safety, and aesthetics. Our periodic music festivals will continue, as will Miss Ladybug's children's programming, Drum Circles, and Friday Night Jam sessions. In short, the community will not notice any changes in the Land Trust as a result of the Conservation Easement, but can be assured that future generations will also be able to enjoy our oasis in the city!

• Press Release from Southern Conservation Trust

• Lake Claire Community Land Trust Protected • from Future Development

• The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is a true Atlanta gem, created, as stated in its mission statement, to “acquire, maintain, and protect greenspace for neighborhood enhancement and education; and to provide a place for neighbors and friends to celebrate nature, community, and the arts.”

• In 2017, the Lake Claire Community Land Trust sought the Southern Conservation Trust's help in preserving it for future generations. The Southern Conservation Trust, a lead-

ing land conservancy in the Southeast, has worked for over two years to ensure that this Dekalb County gem is forever protected.

“One visit is all you need to fall in love with this little haven of nature,” said Katie Pace, Executive Director of the Southern Conservancy Trust. “Our team normally works to conserve large tracts of land across the southeast; that is, until we saw

Lake Claire. Conservation is key in ensuring our children have access to nature. Lake Claire gives a perfect example of how less than 2 acres can benefit an entire community. It was our privilege to protect this gem.”

The conservation easement now placed on the 1.741 acre property will forever protect one of the last piece of greenspace on Dekalb Avenue from future development.

Spring fest lineup

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With a unique blend of New Orleans-influenced funk and good old Southern Soul, this band offers a musical blend that will insist you tap your feet and shake your thang! On keys, Jamie Hood; drums, Mike McKenney; guitar, Eric Murphy; bass, Bob Glick; percussion, David Kaiser; trombone, Dr. Vince Campbell; and on Sax, Barry Beeler.

7:30-8:30 SOUL SPACE: Forged in the fires of Music On Main Street's Summer Band Camp, Soul Space is burning up stages with their funk and sizzling soul. Tight rhythms, soaring vocals, and a sound that fills you with uncontainable joy are the calling of this young band that is set to take Atlanta by storm. The backbone of the band are two families that eat, sleep, and breathe music, the Vrazels—Noah, 18, Jake, 16, Lucy, 14, and Aidan, 13—and the Wells—Sophia, 13, and Madeline, 11. They will be joined for this special show by the Brass Knuckles horn section, Fairfax Larsen, 14, and Matthew Harris, 18. This will be their third performance for us, and we are so excited!!!

9:00-10:30 SOULHOUND: Soulhound has been described as “The Meters meets Hendrix meets Steely Dan.” One thing for sure: Soulhound are inspired disciples of the groove-oriented R&B, Soul, and greasy Funk of the late 60s and 70s. With their unique brand of song-based, groove-oriented music, the band's shows have become a crossroads where fans of all these genre can meet and get their groove on. It took us 3 years to get this awesome band to play for us, so let's show them how we do this! Soulhound is Rob Roth on guitar and vocals, Oliver Nichols on vocals, Greg Kirkland on bass and vocals, Aaron Kaufman on drums, and Stephen Keown on keys.

Please bring all your friends and family for a great day of music, community and FUN! See you there! April into May in the Lake Claire Garden

Gardening in Lake Claire

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vegetables). Don't worry about fertilizers and liming when sowing seeds. In fact, save the liming, if needed for acidic soils, until autumn so that it has a chance to work over the winter. The only other time I add it or wood ashes is if my broccoli wilts regardless of watering. Then I add lime to

a watering can, and drown the plant roots in the substance, often saving the broccoli from club root.

Avoid planting too much, especially if you are a novice gardener. Struggling in the heat of summer to feed, weed, and harvest is not the goal here. We have long autumns in which you can grow many vegetables and flowers. Speaking of weeding, as soon as plants appear, mulch with wheat straw, shredded leaves, mini bark, or pine straw, depending on the plant.

By April you will be mowing the lawn, if you have one. Consider buying or borrowing a push reel mower for the tiny amounts of grass on our lots. Actually, my lawn is a mix of clover, weeds, and runaway ground covers. If you find you enjoy gardening, expand your sunny spots into vegetable beds, flower islands, or collections of pots carefully mulched. You may not need to mow at all.

I was always aware that I do not care for nylon (invented in 1935, inventor committing suicide two years later) or polyester (invented in 1941 and popularized in the 50s and 60s). Recently Sally Bethea, who writes an environmental column in Intown Atlanta, alerted me to the fact that both these fabrics plus fleece (not the sheep kind) release microfibers each time they are laundered; and of course that plastic goes straight through our sewage systems into rivers, lakes, and oceans and returns to us as we drink, cook, bathe, and water our gardens. So think about all the plastic you use, visible and invisible. Take the Bethea pledge to Refuse, Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle. Email, write, or call your representatives every time some relevant piece of legislature is on the table. Be a good example to your friends and children. Soldier on!

Elizabeth may be reached at knowltonew@earthlink.net. ~Editor

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust presents

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Neighborhood Church Adjoining Lake Claire

by Michelle Hettmann, Community Curator at Neighborhood Church

It has been an exciting few months at Neighborhood Church, since finishing renovations! Our renovations are complete, furniture has been delivered, and community partners are using our space almost daily for meetings, trainings, community meals, support groups, and special events. We had an Open House in the beginning of February and were happy to welcome many old & new friends and neighbors to see the updated space.

Many people are discovering their own favorite parts of the new space! For some, it is the lighting that makes the building feel warm and inviting. For others, it is having accessible entrances and access to all the rooms of the building now. For the kids, it is being back in a building where they can explore and have space of their own. A favorite among the staff is seeing people discover and gather in the new areas of the building, creating purpose and community together as they dream of new ways to collaborate and be present with one another. My personal favorite is our new Neighborhood Commons; It is the first space you see after coming in through the Connector (new silver doors in the middle of the building) and is where we set up coffee & biscuits on Sunday mornings, have snacks for events, and frequently end up sitting and talking with each other at our new coffee-

shop style tables and decorative lounge chairs. I love walking by that room when we have an event going on and seeing people eating good food together, sharing stories, meeting new friends and neighbors, and living out what it means to work for restoration through relationship with God and others in community together.

We have many exciting events coming up in the next month. You can find more information at our website: www.neighborhoodchurchatl.com/happenings and below. Lake Claire: We are so happy to be your neighbor!

Upcoming Events at Neighborhood Church:

- Evensong & Eucharist—Elevating Queer Voices in Liturgy: April 13 // 7:30 p.m. // Neighborhood Church Sanctuary
- Creative Connections: April 20 // 10 a.m.-2 p.m. // Neighborhood Church Center for Art & Spirituality
- Easter Worship: April 21 // 11 a.m. // Neighborhood Church Sanctuary
- Southern Fried Queer Pride's Healing Space // 5:30-8:30 p.m. // Neighborhood Commons
- Funny Jesus: April 25 // 7-8 p.m. // Prayer-



works Studio @ Neighborhood Church

- Guac & Games: April 26 // 7 p.m. // Neighborhood Church Building
- Art Class for Adults Who "Can't Draw," Wednesdays in April // 7-8:30 p.m. // Neighborhood Church Center for Art & Spirituality
- *Yoga classes have just begun! Links to class schedules can be found on the "Happenings" page of our website.

Letter to the Editor: Dogs on the Run—Again

I would like to point out that at the entrances to Lake Claire Park there are signs stating that all pets must be on leashes. As many other moms and I have seen while at the park with our young children, large dogs, and dogs of all sizes, often end up running through the children's play area, knocking down and even cornering some children, as I have personally witnessed. Do the neighbors of Lake Claire think it would be beneficial to open a dog park somewhere in the neighborhood to end this recurring problem? We have plenty of green space in underdeveloped areas of the park, the Harold Avenue green space, and the Land Trust. Would anyone be interested in establishing a park just for dogs in any of these spaces, or at least researching it? Would it be possible for dog owners to agree to have dogs on leashes when not in an enclosed space (yard or dog park)? Not sure how this would be enforced, but why not do it for the safety of runners, walkers, children, and other dogs? If we had a dog park, the dogs could be unleashed there to run freely. As Alicia McGill pointed out in her letter, even "friendly" dogs can be triggered by something and will possibly attack.

Editor's Note: Are you getting a sense of déjà vu in reading this letter? It was in the June 2009 Clarion. Begging dog owners to leash dogs has been a continuous theme from residents of Lake Claire running throughout these years; hopefully this year, when the weather gets nicer and folks come to the park for Friday happy hour, the dogs will be leashed; those raising concerns are appealing to the dog owners vs. phoning 911 to get the dog owners in trouble, and maybe that good will might encourage dog owners to pay attention to these articles and letters before something bad happens to a child,

Leash the dogs, please!

by Lynn Nomad

Leashes exist for a reason, people. No one wants to have a dog fight on his or her hands, or expensive vet bills. More specifically, this is about leashing dogs in Lake Claire Park, a frequent discussion on NextDoor and every once in a while in the Clarion.

Leashes are required by law in City parks, but the issue is as much about the law as it is about consideration of neighbors. **Many in Lake Claire Park have gotten used to ignoring this law.** There have been far too many incidents with unleashed dogs over the years. It doesn't matter how friendly one's dogs are, how much you think they "love children" (a clear example of anthropomorphizing dogs – a dog I had fitting that description for years seemingly got jealous of a child sitting next to me and snapped at her, the dog's teeth scratching the child's face), or how great the dog has been to date. The fact is: dogs can be unpredictable. A dog on a leash meeting a dog off-leash is a particular problem. **When I walk my dogs in Lake Claire, I avoid the park (one block from my house of 25+ years) out of fear of running into an inconsiderate dog owner with an unleashed dog, and I know Lake Claire folks who avoid taking their **kids** there for that reason.** People may have allergies to dogs, may have had bad experiences with a dog, or may simply not like dogs. Not to mention the dogs doing their business without you there to bag it.

The exact wording of the code is: "Under Section 110-70 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances,

other dog, etc. (PS. I'm a dog owner of a male Dobie and a female pit-mix, leashed appropriately when in public spaces, who come to the park on walks, but often we must turn around and leave the park, because of the unleashed dogs.)

dogs are not permitted in city parks without leashes and an accompanying competent individual." There is an exception when the park or an area within it has been designated as an "off-leash area" for dogs. There is no off-leash area in Lake Claire Park. View the City's ordinances on pets in parks at www.atlantaga.gov.

As someone said on NextDoor, "no one can guarantee a dog won't get spooked by whatever. Of course. many people don't think their dogs will cause harm, but it's not logical to count on that." Another person rightly noted, "if all of the dogs are on leashes, together we owners can decide whether they might be introduced off-leash or if it's not a good idea/time/etc." There are great dog parks nearby in Oakhurst, off Freedom Park, in Decatur near St. Thomas More, and in Piedmont Park. **People who want their dogs to run free will hopefully take them there, not to Lake Claire Park—including the informal get-togethers on Fridays in good weather.**





LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



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

This month's featured writer is very timely with April being Earth Day. Eli Garland has been learning all about saving the environment in his environmental science class, and he wanted to share this important news with the neighborhood. Eli lives on Indiana Avenue, is 8 years old,

and is in 3rd grade at The Friends School of Atlanta. He has a little brother, Becker, age 5. His parents are Pamela and John Garland. Eli has brought a very important matter to our attention, one that Flora Fauna has also mentioned in her column "Wild." Nandinas, as Eli writes, are ubiquitous in our neighborhood; I pulled the berries off my own!

Hey there, Lake Claire kids of all ages: we want to see **your** creativity. You could draw a picture, write a poem, or join Eli in writing about something you learned in school—or perhaps why you like Spring, or any other subject that grabs you. Submit your work to *editor@lakeclaire.org*, by April 12 for the May issue. We hope this is a good starting place for your future writing careers.



Eli Garland, Featured Writer

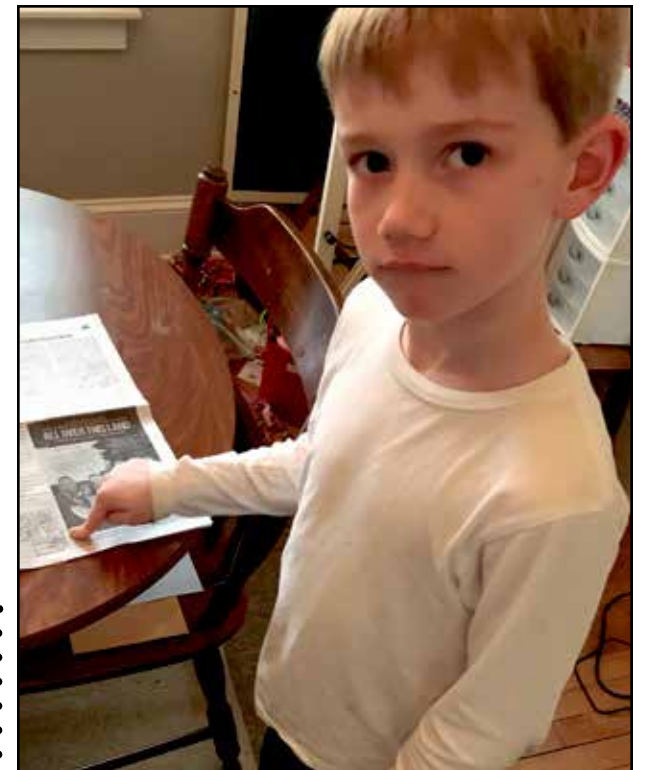


Nandina with its poisonous berries

Contest Winner

This month, Adler Waugh wins the prize for finding the cartoon about Daylight Savings Time on page 9 of the last issue. Adler is seven years old and in second grade at Mary Lin. He is a Leo (i.e., lives with his family on Leonardo).

Adler won the contest over vast numbers of Lake Claire kids who participate every month in the contest on the Clarion Kids' Page. Congrats, Adler! You did it!! To all of those kids who didn't win, please do keep playing. We know that competition is stiff. See the new contest below.



Adler Waugh

The Destruction of Wildlife: Nandinas

by Eli Garland

I am writing this article because I've been walking around our neighborhood, and I've been seeing a lot of Nandina bushes. Some people plant Nandina bushes thinking they are helping birds and other wildlife. However, they are actually harming it. I realized that many of you may not know that the berries on the Nandina bush contain a toxic level of cyanide. This cyanide can kill many kinds of wildlife, including cats, dogs and other animals.

One time, scientists found thousands of dead cedar waxwings, a type of bird that winters in the south. The scientists took in these cedar waxwings, and upon further investigation they found Nandina berries in their digestive tracts. This is one way the scientist figured out just how poisonous Nandina berries were to birds.

If you find Nandina bushes in your yard you can either uproot the bush or simply cut the berries off.

If you want me and my family to come and cut the Nandina berries off, please email me at *eligarland10@gmail.com*. For further information on Nandinas, go to: *ar.audubon.org/news/nandina-berries-kill-birds*

NEW CONTEST!

APRIL! Spring is HERE! Easter, Passover, and Isra/Mi'raj are all in April this year. Also, as you found out if you read "Wild in Lake Claire" on Page 5, April 22 is EARTH DAY. In honor of that, take a minute to find a picture of Earth in this issue. The winner will have his or her photo in the May issue of the newspaper! To win, send an e-mail to *editor@lakeclaire.org* identifying the page number, and you must include your name, age, school, street, and grade along with a picture. Ask a parent to take a picture of you, perhaps of you finding the hidden graphic, or doing whatever you like. For extra credit, tell us what you will do in honor of Earth Day or what it means to you. The extra-credit prize is that you'll be the featured writer/artist in the Clarion with your original work. **Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you cannot win two months in a row. This month only, the deadline is early, the 12th of April. BUT if you got your Clarion late, do send your entry as soon as you can, and we will try to get you in.... Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.**