



Atlanta architecture firm Kronberg Wall's vision for a safe DeKalb Avenue

Failed Promises on DeKalb

by Stephanie Stuckey

I am very disappointed that ReNew Atlanta reported to the community at their public hearing in mid April that there will be no bike lanes, no sidewalk improvements, and no "Complete Street" for DeKalb Avenue. After **three years** of jam-packed public meetings, Renew Atlanta announced that the highly anticipated "Complete Street" project would be reduced to a conventional resurfacing project with no estimated timeline for construction. Residents and commuters were left asking, "Three years for this?" Advocates participated in a bike ride late last month with community members who believe **Renew is Overdue**. This time last year, Renew Atlanta announced that the reversible lane would be removed before the end of 2018, and the Complete Street would start soon thereafter. In a **startling** about-face on a project that has consistently raised expectations for people who live, work, and commute along this dangerous corridor,

Renew Atlanta members cited safety concerns for not striping bike lanes in the resurfacing project. Renew Atlanta General Manager Josh Rowan cited 500 car crashes on DeKalb Avenue in 2018. (This is very high, nearly twice as many as the next highest year.) One attendee remarked afterward, "What has the City been doing for the last three years that they couldn't move fast enough to avert 10 crashes a week? It verges on reckless endangerment."

Editor's note: this article about the surprising and disappointing turn of events was on NextDoor. Current plans call only for removing DeKalb Avenue's "suicide" reversible lane and resurfacing lanes notoriously riddled with potholes. Previously ReNew Atlanta promised imminent removal of the suicide lane followed by improvements of wider sidewalks and bike lanes as part of the second phase, within a couple of years, with the intent to encourage more walking and biking.

HAVE YOU GOTTEN A CITATION FROM CITY INSPECTORS?

If you are a Lake Claire resident who has received a citation for something like overgrown vegetation or construction materials on your property, please contact Bill Fleming at wmayfourth@yahoo.com.

(See the last Clarion for details on what sorts of things have been happening to other neighbors.)

Please know that City inspectors are not allowed to trespass on your property, and you are within your rights to call police/911 if someone is on your property without permission.

Oh, What an (Art) Night!

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

Mary Lin Elementary celebrated all the arts on Thursday, April 10. This community is so fortunate to have an elementary school where the arts are not only appreciated but encouraged and emphasized. With many hours of hard work from parent volunteers, and led by revered art teacher Liz Sullivan, Mary Lin parents, teachers, and students explored and roamed the school to experience the arts. Kindergartners showcased pastel three-dimensional portraits as their third-grade counterparts explored more advanced (and amazing) portraiture. Fourth grade learned about the azulejos tiles of Portugal



as well as how to do radial printmaking. Fifth grade also focused on radial printmaking, using more advanced techniques. Second grade focused

on Picasso-style portraits emphasizing symmetrical shapes and facial features.

Art Night was a culmination

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Lake Claire's High School Seniors' Plans

by Boyd Baker

Where are you going to school? Are you going to school? What do you want to be when you grow up? This is the time of year where these questions are flying higgledy-piggledy at high school seniors from adults, and they're none too happy about it.

Can you blame them? They just want to enjoy their Time at the Top. Right now, they're Kings/Queens of the Hill and know everything about everything. Why shouldn't they enjoy the moment in the sun?

Well, as most adults would agree, enjoy it while you can. Life passes quickly, and you are in a magical moment when the world is your oyster with endless possibilities. I heard from students Jacob Johnson, Justina Mason, Deacon Baker, and Joseph McGill with their plans from Emory University to Medgar Evers City University of New York to Georgia State University. I thought I'd ask a few seniors on the precipice of graduation where they were going, what

they hoped to do, and if they had any words of wisdom for those kids following behind them. Here are a few of their "parting words."

"Stay true to yourself... Remember that your parents are your best friends, and they are the most loyal and real people in your life." "Networking is key." "For all the kids out there who are getting ready for high school, the biggest thing I can tell you is listen to your parents when they tell

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Know Your LCN Officers: Nancy Dorsner

This continues a 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, to two who have lived here 40+ years, to those who moved here in the 1970s-'90s, such as Nancy Dorsner, whom we feature this month.

Nancy is our VP of Com-

munications. She moved to Lake Claire when she and her husband bought their first house in 1995, in the years "when every table at Fellini's had a dog at it—and very few kids!" She never found time to move, she continued, and since then had a child—and a house addition. A part-time artist (her artwork has been featured in the Museum of Science in

Boston) and full-time technology nerd, Nancy owns a website development business, Dabbled Studios. She also volunteers with communications for the Inman Park Belugas Swim Team and

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May Calendar

1-5 The Theatrical Outfit, *I Love to Eat*. **Starting May 29, Five Guys Named Moe.** Info and tix for both at www.theatricaloutfit.org.

2 Actors Express—"Season Reveal"—as of press time, new season not announced. By the time this paper hits porches, see it at www.actors-express.com. We do know about *Head Over Heels*, fresh from New York, where your editor saw it on Broadway, coming July 17. Love the Go-Go's? Get your tix: A show not to be missed!

3-31 Dekalb History Center's Walking Tours of Decatur Square. Fridays during May at noon. www.dekalbhistory.org.

4 *Gather in the Gardens* celebrates Frazer Center's 70 years. Cocktail reception, dinner by Sun In My Belly, wine pairings, live auction, www.fraziercenter.org.

4 *May the 4th Be With You*, Good Gracious Variety Show #15! Lake Claire's own Boyd Baker, 8-9:30p.m., Neighborhood Church. **Info:** boyd@goodgraciousshow.com.

4 & 18 **Drum Circle at the Land Trust**, 8 to 11 p.m. Walk/bike/ carpool to the Arizona dead-end.

5, 19 and June 2 **Lake Claire Softball!!** **May 5 and 19, 6:15 p.m., and June 2, 1:15 p.m., all at East Lake Park.** See article Page 5.

11 Friends of Frazer Volunteer Day. Details in article on the right and www.fraziercenter.org.

16 **Lake Claire Neighbors monthly meeting—3rd Thursdays, Rose Room in The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting.** Free Pizza (THANKS, SAVAGE).

17 to June 23 Horizon Theatre—*The Cake*, timely piece about a devout Christian asked to bake a wedding cake for her best friend's lesbian daughter and her struggle to reconcile her belief in "traditional" marriage with her love for the young woman she helped raise. www.horizontheatre.com/plays/the-cake.

18 Land Trust Community Work Day, 3 to 6 p.m. Pizza and drum circle follow.

18 Dekalb History Center Bus Tour—history, art, and cuisine of Athens. www.dekalbhistory.org.

19 Lake Claire CPR/First Aid Class: see details Page 3 or e-mail safety@lakeclaire.org.

19 Ladybug Garden Planting Party—Fun Kids Event, includes dressing like a bunny! (See Page 7 for details.)

19 Lake Claire Land Trust Annual Meeting, please see page 7 for details.

Send calendar entries for the June/July (summer combo!) Clarion by May 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org.

Outdoor Happenings at Frazer Center

by Dina Shadwell

As part of Frazer's long-term commitment to restoring Frazer Forest, we partner with EcoAddendum (Eco-A), a non-profit committed "to raising awareness about Georgia's rich natural environment, and through education, to reconnecting people with the natural world." In April, Master Naturalist Kathryn Kolb of Eco-A led the first Frazer Forest Stewardship Walk, sharing the history of the forest as revealed in the landscape and how to "read" the forest in any season. She identified tree species and showed how to recognize "indicator" species. Frazer's vision is to create a dedicated group of stewards to help care for this

special remnant of the old-growth forest which was originally connected to the Fernbank and Deepdene tracts. The next Eco-A stewardship training is July 27, 2019. Frazer has regular monthly Friends of Frazer Forest volunteer days, generally the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next volunteer day is May 11, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers—please sign up at our website. Subscribe to our emails, with the option of joining the Friends of Frazer Forest list and/or our general list, at www.fraziercenter.org. We hope to see more and more of our Lake Claire neighbors throughout this beautiful season in our forest and gardens!



Participants of Frazer Forest Stewardship Walk join Eco-A's Kathryn Kolb (2nd from right)

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Safety in Lake Claire: Beat 608 Crime and Mail Theft

by Cecily Stevens

We are fortunate to live in such a safe neighborhood! According to APD Zone 6 Beat 608 crime stats for the 28-day period ending on April 6, we experienced just two burglaries, three auto thefts, and three non-vehicle larcenies. Unfortunately, Beat 608 also experienced 19 larcenies from auto. The only way to stop this is to clean out our cars, taking things inside your home-- no matter the value. On my street a thief was once caught stealing board games from a neighbor's trunk!

Mail theft or tampering? The U.S. Postal Inspection Service suggests: Don't allow mail to accumulate in your mailbox. Remove it ASAP; deposit outgoing mail in the blue collection boxes or at your Post Office (or mail from work); If on vacation, have neighbors get mail, have it held at the post office, or have packages delivered to a location where someone can receive them. If you shop online, check to see that the retailer offers a specific

delivery time when you will be home; finally, if you see someone suspicious near a mailbox or see him or her steal mail, call police immediately, then report it to the p.o. at 877-876-2455. Report stolen mail at postalinspectors.uspis.gov or calling 877-876-2455.

CPLC Patrol: CPLC Patrol members receive great membership benefits, including the phone number for patrolling officers (and you may contact them directly while they are on shift) (always call 911 first in emergencies). Members may also request a Vacation Patrol, whereby an officer will monitor your home while you are away. Info at www.cplcpatrol.com.

CPR/First Aid Class Update: Thank you for your interest in the Lake Claire CPR/First Aid class scheduled for **May 19**. The class filled up after just two registration days! Email safety@lakeclaire.org to get on the waiting list in case a spot becomes available.

Hello – Safe Journey – Skiing in and around Lake Claire

MAY Birthdays:

- 3 Sarah Wynn, Harold Avenue
- 4 Bill Fleming and Jennifer Hubert, both Harold Avenue
- 9 Vivian Baker, Claire Dr., turns four! Bob Caine, Leonardo, and Reece Barclay on Hardendorf
- 11 Adler Waugh, last month's Clarion winner, turning 8, Leonardo
- 16 Peter Olson, Leonardo
- 18 Jett Friedman, Delaware Ave, turning 7. (We miss you, Jett, Heather, & Matt--and I can't believe I'm having to say this for the 2nd year!!!!) See you soon!!)
- 19 Joseph McGill, Delaware Avenue, will be 18
- 20 Aiden Rogers, Ridgecrest, turns 15
- 23 Mayla Carper, Leonardo, turning 6
- 27 Edie Haggerty, Harold, turns 8
- 28 Sadie Stevens, Leonardo, turning 9 (Kids grow up so fast!!!)

MAY Graduations:

Congratulations to our Lake Claire grads!!!! Read about some of them on Page 1.

Send us life cycle changes for June/July combo issue—**help make this series inclusive** (editor@lakeclaire.org) by **May 15**.

Know Your LCN Officers

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moderates multiple neighborhood and local Facebook groups. For several years, Nancy has been making sure the Lake Claire Halloween Parade happens every year. ("Yes," she notes, "we are looking for volunteers and sponsors for this fall!"—email Nancy at comm@lakeclaire.org.) The neighborhood has reaped the benefit of Nancy's technology nerdness for several years, since she has been running our website, including sending neighborhood e-mail blasts, monitoring the neighborhood phone number,

taking minutes at the neighborhood meetings, and the like.

Asked by the Clarion what she loves most about Lake Claire, Nancy said, "We love the eclectic style and closeness of the neighborhood, and the wonderful, friendly people. Some of my best friends have been my neighbors (even once they've moved on), and that is saying something about a neighborhood. Walking to the market, kids wandering the neighborhood, Lake Claire Park...this is a great place to raise a family. I often joke

City in the Forest Needs Your Help

City in the Forest (CITF) is a non-profit coalition of residents of metro-Atlanta neighborhoods building support for better tree protection through education, awareness, and efforts to improve tree ordinances and building practices. We can't save all trees, but a better balance is achievable. We are seeking balance in the development process so that we can sustain our unique urban forest as Atlanta grows.

The group's #1 focus right now is the **Atlanta Tree Ordinance**, because the City has committed to revising it in the next few months. It will not be reviewed again for 10+ years. Strengthening the ordinance is the most beneficial thing we can do for our trees because 80% of what is left of our beautiful tree canopy is in Single Family Residential zoning, vulnerable to development.

CITF supports a **4-step plan**:

- (1) **Save more trees**, by planning at the beginning of the development process;
- (2) **Preserve our best trees**;
- (3) **Reduce grading and impervious surfaces**; and
- (4) **Enforce effectively**.

No other major U.S. city has the unique urban forest we have. Atlanta's tree canopy is a symbol of our city as much as the Statue of Liberty is a symbol of New York. **We truly live in a City In the Forest. Let's keep it that way.**

Now is the time to write to Tim Keane (Commissioner of City Planning, tkane@atlantaga.gov) and **our City Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong** (narchibong@atlantaga.gov), expressing your concern. Join the mailing list at cityintheforest.org.

Mary Lin Art Night

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tion of contributions from all of Mary Lin's specials educators. The marvelous Mr. Marvel leads both training chorus and advances chorus programs at Mary Lin, after school programs for 2nd-5th grades. Advanced chorus performed twice, singing the song Rolling Stone by Passenger. Training chorus also performed, singing *Song for the Asking*, by Simon & Garfunkel. Mary Lin also offers an option of band or orchestra when students reach 4th grade. Led by Ms. Wade, several band and orchestra students performed a musical medley in the media center for Art Night attendees. Additionally, Dr. Waldman, who teaches Spanish to all K-2 students at Mary Lin, focused on Spanish culture and art. The K-2 kids created colorful maracas and tile flags to display. And finally, Coach Hicks provides APS students with a fun extracurricular alternative, combining self-motivation, health, and being part of the step team. The Psi

Phi Beta Step Team performed for all the Art Night attendees to a fantastic Mr. & Mrs. Smith themed medley.

The Mary Lin community truly appreciates all the hard work and commitment shown by the Specials teachers. The art on display was very impressive, a **brilliant showcase** of Ms. Sullivan's dedication to emphasizing the richness of various art mediums.



that I really can't bear to leave my 3-mile radius—everything you need is right here. And another shout-out about the Lake Claire Parade... it's everything that makes Lake Claire great in a microcosm. Kids (and many adults!) in costume, frosty beverages, sweet treats, local businesses, and everyone coming together for the sole purpose of walking around the block!"





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Wild in Lake Claire

by Flora Fauna (aka Carol Vanderschaaf)

*Tra la! It's May!
The lusty month of May!
That lovely month when everyone goes
Blissfully astray.*

from *Camelot*

Hmmm . . . sounds inviting, doesn't it? Well, let's get on our way. First, many of our contributors have gone blissfully astray, so we have some far-away reports. Bernard S. went to northern Florida at the beginning of April to canoe and camp. Along his journey he saw the wonderful manatees. Unfortunately, he was also "a Christmas present to chiggers." "They really celebrated my coming," he told me. Bernard, you say maybe there is an article to be written about these little spiders; I agree, but only if you share your full story! (*Editor's note: THAT is intriguing!*)

Andrew F. went to Riviera Maya last month. He reports seeing coatis (also known as coatimundi), South American raccoons. Andrew also saw iguanas and "various species of tropical reef fish." Hmm...that sounds beautiful—the fish, that is.

Miriam H. has also gone blissfully astray, to the Andean mountains in Peru. Miriam wonders if llama, alpaca, and toucan can count as her contribution this month? Certainly! (And don't forget my Peru Unlimited Baby Alpaca Half-Zip Mock Sweater that you promised.)

Ilene S., one of our top contributors, reports that she has nothing to report. Ilene, I hope you've also gone blissfully astray (and will tell us about it when you get back).

Now on to the local news. Deer in the 'hood! Thanks to Meredith W. for alerting me to reports on *NextDoor*. Add one more species to look for here. Deer were reported on Hardendorf, McLendon, and Adolphus. When Meredith saw the latter post on *NextDoor*, she ran down to Adolphus "within 15 minutes of the post, but didn't see anything". Go, Meredith!

One person on *NextDoor* wondered how the deer got here. Pretty easily, I would think. I remember when my Mom was at Wesley Woods near Emory in 2010 that deer would wander the grounds there. Another person on *NextDoor* lamented how sad it was that loss of habitat forces deer to

seek food in our neighborhoods. Think about the habitat taken away by the Emory expansion. Meredith also said on *NextDoor* that someone had rescued a baby possum whose mother had been killed by a car on McLendon near Lakeshore. They took it to *For Pet's Sake*. (I hadn't heard of *For Pet's Sake*, but see Teri S.'s sidebar on this page for information.)

Well, we've had our fun for now, so let's talk some Fake News (fake news herein simply means the news we don't want to think about). So, we don't have to think about the destructive storms plummeting the Midwest, flooding farms and cities, nor about the Luxury cruise liners full of partying tourists paying \$16,407 to sail "In The Wake of the Great Explorers." In the Wake seems to be the operative phrase here.

And let's not say a little about lawns. Wanting them is perhaps a guilty pleasure. According to Ronda Kaysen, NY Times reporter, lawns are the most irrigated plants in America. Over 50 million pounds (!) of pesticides are used to keep that cherished green space going. The EPA reports that much of these pesticides leach into the soil and onward into our rivers and streams. From there they hurt our children and pets. More "fake news" on lawns: They consume about 1/3 of residential water used annually, half of which is wasted due to run-off, evaporation, or overwatering. Then comes the mowing, edging, and leaf-blowing equipment, which (mostly powered by gas) emitted 26.7 million tons (!) of pollutants into the atmosphere in just one year alone. Those emissions contribute to climate change. Despite the time and resources needed to maintain a tidy lawn, it provides no habitat for bees, butterflies, or the birds that feed on the insects. In fact, tidy lawns are often "dead zones" in regard to birds, bees, and other pollinators. (This information on lawns comes from an article in the April 3 issue of The New York Times' Climate Forward newsletter, by Ronda Layson.)

Well, let's end May's column on a happy note, since summer isn't far away. Let's not think about climate or of lawn problems. Instead, remember e.e. cummings's words, "sweet spring is your time is my time is our time for springtime is lovetime and viva sweet love."

Fondly,
Flora Fauna

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

Letter to "Wild"

Dear Flora Fauna,

I just read your column in the Clarion, and as always, it was great. I saw your question about what's going on with golfers yelling at neighbors walking through the golf course, and thought I'd share my understanding. While I prefer unadulterated wilderness and natural landscapes, my husband is a golfer, and I appreciate Candler Park's course because it's the only one in the area that's affordable for many folks. So I see both sides, those who wish it were all parkland, and those who want the golf course to stay. While golfers shouldn't be yelling at anyone, I do believe the golf course is closed to the general public. That said, the course managers tend to be much more friendly to non-golfing visitors than at most courses. I've seen people walk through the course without respect for the golfers, who have to wait for them to pass

or possibly hit without even knowing they're there. I've seen people letting their kids rearrange the tee boxes, golfers waiting while kids sled down the fairway, and people walking completely unaware with dogs *off leash* where owner and dog could both be hit by a flying ball. I once even saw a young couple picnicking near the flag on hole #5, unaware that they were directly in the line of play.

I totally understand neighbors wanting to enjoy the beaver pond (it's an amazing community treasure), but if they do walk onto the course, they should do so carefully and with awareness of where the golfers are. This may not address your question, but I think we would all enjoy the park more and be safer if we learned to coexist and be more aware of each other's use of the park.

~Meredith Walters

My Experience with "For Pet's Sake"

by Teri Stewart

With increased tree and habitat loss in Lake Claire, more neighbors will be needed to help injured and displaced wildlife. For many years, we have used the excellent vet services at "For Pet's Sake." They normally handle exotic pets, but they also accept any type

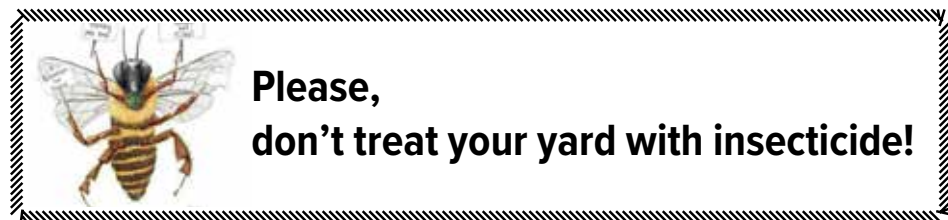
of wild animals, including reptiles and birds. They provide a full range of medical and rehab services. Donations are appreciated, but are not mandatory. The address is 3761 North Druid Hills Rd., Decatur, Georgia 30033 (404-248-8977, www.forpetsake.com).

Lake Claire/Candler Park Softballers—and Fans!



The 2019 Season is upon us! This year we are defending our championship, and our jerseys are now sponsored by Gato Restaurant. We welcome a strong team of veterans and newbies, the return of an amazing team captain, and lots of prayers

for good weather game days. So...find your magic socks in your top drawer, don your fave cleats, and dig your well-worn glove out of the closet. It is time to play softball! **See schedule for May/June in the calendar on P. 2. Come out to cheer the team on!!**



May into June in the Lake Claire Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

May and June are early summer in Atlanta, with high summer a threat to come. Perhaps six months of the year could be called summer here, with October often running into the eighties.

Get plants into the ground now. The intense heat to come makes it hard for almost any plant to take up moisture faster than it evaporates from leaves. If seedlings you have raised or bought do not have at least cup-sized root balls, give your plants temporary shade with frames, pots, lawn furniture, or special shade cloth draped from the same metal hoops that support the garden fabric used to protect plants from unexpected freezes or certain insects.

All the tender plants can be set out in May: tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and sweet potato slips. Sow beans, basil, corn, cucumbers, melons, okra, pumpkins, squash, and whatever new hot weather vegetable takes your fancy. This goes for all the summer flowers also. And you can still start tomatoes from seed to plant out later in the summer. Water these plants regularly and deeply until they have taken root, especially on sunny days.

Watering reminds me of the drill needed all summer: Water, mulch, pick, and monitor for pests. The best watering in our humid climate is early in the morning when more of it reaches roots before midday and foliar diseases are not encouraged at nightfall. Use watering cans and soaker hoses when possible, and monitor sprinklers to make sure they are not running when we have had plenty of rain.

For years I used bales of loose, fluffy, pale brown grassy mulch called "wheat straw," easy to spread around vegetables. What I have bought recently is stiff (also full of seeds), resembling broom straw, so if anyone knows where I can find what I now think was hay, do let me know. In addition, I drag plastic bags of shredded leaves, vacuumed from the lawn last fall, to use around most flowers and bushes. For plants that want to be held high and dry, like German irises, turn to bark chips.

I often pass raised beds full of purchased plants that are going to seed from failure to harvest. A few brassicas might be left to produce early flowers for pollinators, but flowering lettuce is a sorry thing. Pick until bit-

ter, and then pull for your compost area. Unharvested crops also attract unwanted visitors like rats. So keep picking to keep the plant producing.

I used to have many problems with insect damage. That this no longer happens is a case of "careful what you wish for." Remember that insects are almost never a major problem because you are not dependent on crops for providing your family with food or cash. Aphids: almost always, predators such as lady bugs arrive to eat them; if they are very thick on a favorite plant, blast them away with a hose. Seriously. Tomato hornworms: check your toma-

atoes regularly because the worms are the same color as the leaves, but you will notice denuded branches; pick the green caterpillars and smash them, that simple. Mexican bean beetles: these yellow-orange relatives of lady bugs with about 16 black spots will eat the foliage of beans, tomatoes, squash, and other vegetables. Monitor the undersides of plant leaves for yellow larva with spines or clusters of up to 40 tiny bright yellow eggs; squish all of these, including the full grown beetles because they reproduce at a great rate. The trick is to LOOK at your plants.

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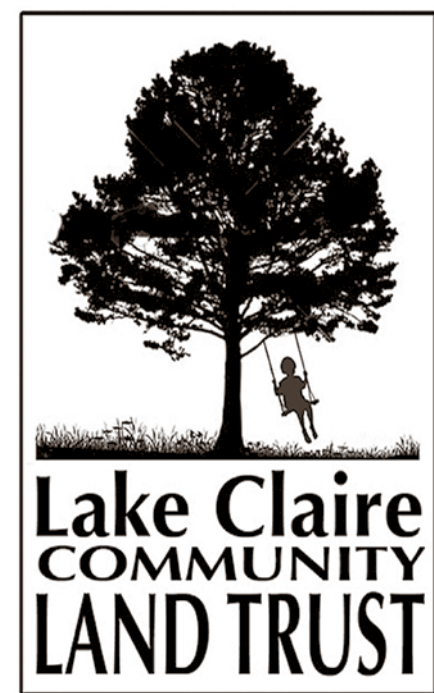


LCCLT Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 19

Greetings, neighbors—Please join us for our Annual Meeting and Open House to socialize, snack, and celebrate another year of Peace, Love, and Greenspace at the Land Trust! The meeting will take place outdoors at the Land Trust, with our covered stage as the backup location if it rains. For the first hour (1-2 p.m.), you are invited to sit in on our monthly board meeting, as we catch up on business

and make any necessary decisions. Your input is welcome, don't be shy! For the second hour (2-3 p.m.), we will break for refreshments and reconvene for neighborhood feedback, q&a, and discussion of any issues that arise. Our brand-new Conservation Easement will also be officially unveiled. At 3:00 p.m., you are invited to join a guided walking tour of the Land Trust.

Special invitation to churchgoers: Would you consider showing up for a Land Trust Board meeting if it did not conflict with church services? Until recently, Sunday mornings were the best time for Board members to meet. This has now changed, and we're interested in hearing from anyone who would appreciate the option of joining us if the monthly meeting time were changed. Board meetings are not just for the Board; we value the participation of all interested community members. If you're unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please send your comments—on this or any other issue—via email to info@LCCLT.org. Thanks!



The Great Bunny Stump of Lake Claire Neighborhood is moving!

by Miss Ladybug



The Great Bunny Stump of Lake Claire Neighborhood is moving to the Children's Garden! I cannot even say how honored and excited I am! The legend of this neighborhood tree and the animal friends that call it home is an incredible story of the wonderful families of this community and the many changes happening all around us. Meredith Stocking, Jose Cambas, and their 3 lovely children, Ian, Teo, and Sol, have been caring for the remains of the stump and the animals. They have chosen to move the stump and the family to our magical garden. Come help us parade these animals!

Sunday, May 19: the Parade and Bunny move begins PROMPTLY at 3:30 p.m. We will meet at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust Stage. Show up at 3 p.m. to be face-painted like a bunny. We will parade through the Land Trust to their home on Nelms where the animals are and then parade them back to the Children's Garden. You may add a ceramic bunny to the newly relocated bunny family. After the parade and dedication, we will follow with garden planting, bunny treats, and music! Local artists, photographers, and some of the team of the Marchen Sagan Academy will be joining us for the fun.

Check out their awesome digital storytelling camps at marchensagen.org. Miss Ladybug will also be co-leading 2 camps in June. Suggested \$5 donation will help us keep our community events sustainable.

We are Ladybug Events, and we partner with the LCCLT for Family Fun Programming. Ladybug Events offers many services for birthday parties, camps, festivals, community events, schools, and more. Check us out at Ladybugeventsllc.com. We look forward to celebrating the seasons with you!

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Yes, you may use gloves. Slugs and snails: if your plants are being nibbled at night, especially in damp weather, and trails of slime are found nearby, then you may either use snail bait in a closed container or (my favorite) go out after dusk with a flashlight and salt shaker; the smallest sprinkle of the latter will turn the slug to mush. In the first year of my garden, I would kill up to 50 of these a night and despair of ever eradicating them. However, by the next year they were down to almost nothing. Squash vine borer:

High School Seniors' Plans

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you to finish your homework or your classwork—do it!" "Everything is going to be fine."

When I asked kids about scholarships they may have found, here's what I heard:

"I personally have not gotten any scholarships, but there are so many scholarships available to kids who have worked hard and have incredible, unique abilities." "I'm lucky to have a Courtesy Scholarship that covers full tuition because my parent works at the school. I still have to find a way to pay room, board, and expenses, though." "HOPE Scholarship is pretty neat."

I don't think anyone could argue against our state's funding of scholarships as being "pretty neat" with lottery funds. As most know, students with good GPAs attending state, public institutions are able to fund much of their college with the HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships. It makes staying in state for college quite attractive.

When I asked what they planned on studying in college—or "being when they grew up," the list was pretty varied. I believe most adults are still trying to figure out what they want to be when they grow up, so we need to

remember that our 18-year olds are really just starting to see the possibilities. We should give them some time to see the "real world," even if it's through the lens of a college student. Once they start doing internships and entering the real world, their perspectives will change once again. Here's where they saw themselves heading in the next four years:

"I would like to major in juvenile law and minor in secondary education/administration." *Great way to serve the public and, hopefully, build a better world.*

"MBA": *So this fella has jumped undergrad and gone right to grad school. Impressive!*

"Undecided." What *most* of us were and may still be.

So, as you see that neighbor's kid who is loving coming into spring as a Mighty Senior, remember that he or she is just figuring things out. Their choices of college are huge decisions that they are not even sure is right. The fact that they are supposed to have a major with a future goal is sometimes beyond comprehension, understandably. We are lucky to have so many bright, caring, and experienced neighbors intown. Don't forget to find ways to offer young students to "try out" whatever it is you do. Internships and opportunities to observe how the real world works can help our kids find their place in the world.

In the end, I think the student who said, "I'm playing music, working, living on my own, and studying anthropology" probably understood that there is a lot to becoming an adult beyond what classes you may be taking.

Thanks to all the students who gave info. If your kid has plans and would like to be in the next issue, please have her or him fill out the quick questions at forms.gle/4zytAaTTL4G3s2WT6. We would love to have a long list of the plans that our wonderful intown seniors have planned!

sorry, I have never succeeded in preventing the microscopic worms laid by a fast-flying moth from burrowing into my squash vines and killing the plants before I ever get a harvest.

Last, be sure to get a friend to film you emerging from your garden, covered with green and yellow gore, clutching a hose in one hand and a salt shaker in the other. And leave some squash at my door.

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LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



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

This month's featured writer is Layla Klehr, who wrote a timely article about Pesach, which was last month. Layla says, "I'm almost 10 years old, and I got a puppy

dog 3 weeks ago. He's a bernedoodle, and his name is Gulliver. I love to play with putty, read books, and play with my friends. I can also double-dutch jump rope, and I love the color red. I have a little brother who is 5½ years old, and he is one of my best friends."

Hey there, Lake Claire kids of all

ages: We want to see **your** creativity. You could draw a picture, write a poem, or join Layla in writing about something special to you. Submit your work to editor@lakeclaire.org, by **MAY 15** for the summer (June/July combo) issue. We hope this is a good starting place for kids' future writing careers.



Layla Klehr, Featured Writer, with Gulliver

Passover

by Layla Klehr

Passover is a Jewish Holiday that celebrates the Israelites (the name before they became Jews) not being slaves and leaving Egypt. Jews all around the world celebrate this holiday by having a Seder. A Seder is a dinner that Jews have to celebrate, and it's a word that means "order." The dinner is given this name because there is a special order to the rituals.

We eat matzah instead of bread on Passover. How matzah was created was that the Israelites had to leave Egypt and cross the desert in such a hurry that their bread didn't have time to rise. They had to leave in such a hurry, because Pharaoh finally let the Israelites go (not to be slaves any more), but since he had changed his mind before, they did not wait for him to change his mind again. The Israelites baked bread in the sun until it was flat instead of 3D. That is how matzah came to be.

This year Passover started on Friday, April 19 at sundown. There are tons of other fun traditions in different families. Maybe later you can look up some more Jewish holidays or read about them in the Clarion!

Contest Winners

This month, Layla Klehr won the prize for finding the cartoon earth, in honor of Earth Day, last month. She also won the special credit prize, which was to be the featured writer this month. Coming in second this month, Synnove and Seija Olson on Leonardo found the earth picture. They go to Mary Lin School, where Synnove, 8 years old, is in the second grade, and Seija, 6 years old, is in Kindergarten. Layla, Seija, and Synnove won the contest over vast numbers of Lake Claire kids who participate every month in the contest on the Clarion Kids' Page. Congrats to all 3 of you!! To all of those kids who didn't win, please do keep playing. We know that competition is stiff. See the new contest below.



2nd-place Winners Synnove and Seija Olson

NEW CONTEST!

This month the hidden graphic is of **Mother's Day**. The child who wins will have his or her photo in the next Clarion, the Summer (June/July combo) 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 your favorite thing about Lake Claire. 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. The deadline is May 15, but if you don't see this in time, write anyway, and your entry may come in before we go to print. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.**

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