



Janie Wright

by Some of her friends

It happened at the end of January. Our neighborhood lost Janie Wright. We lost a bright, shining jewel of a person who created and lived in beauty. Maybe you were lucky enough to see her house or her magical backyard. Perhaps you met her on the street, delivering the Clarion for many years. Though quiet and gentle she was always first to meet and welcome new people to the neighborhood. There were so many ways that Janie contributed to our lives. Here are just some:

In 1989, before Cohousing began to think of building at their location at Connecticut and Dekalb Avenues, a developer tried to build a Single Room Occupancy Housing project (SRO) at that location. Janie, who lived next to the empty lot, was instrumental in organizing our fledgling Lake Claire Neighbors civic organization and larger neighborhood into what became a crystallizing moment for

Lake Claire activism. Janie, through research, determined that they were using half of her driveway as their setback, and fought them based on imminent domain. Eventually the SRO was successfully defeated. How different the neighborhood character might have been without Janie's efforts to preserve it in the face of destructive development.

Janie also was one of a small group that organized Lake Claire's first Tour of Homes, sometimes called The Lake Claire Tour of Funky Homes and Gardens, which became an annual event for many years. It featured the homes of neighborhood artists and craftspeople who had hand-renovated their homes in creative ways. Janie created a beautiful, artsy t-shirt and great map and brochure for it, among other contributions.

Janie's booth at the annual neighborhood Arts and Craft sales brought in customers from all over the city



who came to see Janie and buy a piece of her art. This was a benefit to all the other artists. Each year she donated all the proceeds from her "Big Lou" gourd ornaments (see picture page 3) to help feed Big Lou the Emu at the Land Trust.

Janie could transform old, discarded objects into amazingly beautiful works of art (see picture of the chair on Page 3). She was detailed, purposeful, and endlessly creative. Janie's home reflected her multitude of artistic talents and hard work, adorned with paintings, intricate shell art, stunningly painted gourds, and masterful mosaics.

Janie was thoughtful. She always followed up any little thing with a

beautifully thought out Thank-You note. When she needed to speak her mind, she always phrased everything with sensitivity and often with witty humor.

Over the years several stray cats found comfort and shelter in her yard and on her porch. Adopted cats found a dependable source of food, a bed warmed by a heating pad on a cold winter night, and a kind and patient hand they could learn to trust.

When anyone was overwhelmed with a chaotic task, Janie was able to step in with her incredible orga-

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Biracial History Project Free Walking and Bike Tours

by Edi/th Kelman

The Early Edgewood-Candler Park Biracial History Project is partnering again this March with the Atlanta Preservation Center to offer free Walking & Bike Tours during the Phoenix Flies month-long celebration of greater-Atlanta's historic sites. Our guided tours visit 1870s-1980s African American legacy sites

in Candler Park. Reservations are required; call 404-577-2553 (limited to 20 guests). Walking Tours are scheduled for Wednesday March 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Saturday March 14, 1-2:30 p.m.

Bike Tour with Civil Bikes is on Saturday March 7, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Nurture Nature: Neglect Your Lawn!

Why poison the earth when you can have wildflowers at your feet and songbirds in your trees without even trying?!

"Nothing is so beautiful as Spring," the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote, "...when weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush." A New York Times writer recently noted that she says that poem to herself every day because she can't think of any place more beautiful than the American South in springtime. The flowering trees—dogwoods and redbuds and serviceberries, the

crab apples and peaches and cherries—are in full glory, and the woody shrubs, cascading with blossoms, are like something out of a fairy tale: forsythia and quince and lilac and bridal veil spirea. She notes that what we mostly call "weeds" are gifts, arriving, through no effort at all, to feed bees and the butterflies. But in order to have a lawn that unrolls from the street to the door, a carpet of green that remains green even when grass is supposed to be dormant, one has to use a lot of chemicals and a lot of water. Instead of old-fashioned

weeding, it is easier to use chemicals to keep seeds from germinating, and to kill the ones that germinate anyway with even more chemicals (chemicals = poison). Giant bags of fertilizer and gallon jugs of Roundup are still stacked in Lowes and Home Depot, and the foul chemical stink they emit, even in sealed packages, will give you a headache if you linger long. To keep weeds at bay, homeowners have dumped over 59 million pounds of pesticides onto their residential landscapes in 2012, accord-

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This is a close-up of the new Lake Claire softball jersey. Games started March 1, and all are on Sundays. 13 players are confirmed, but the team is looking to build on this season from last year. If interested, contact abrookner@realfloors.com.

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March Calendar

1-8 Horizon Theatre presents *Once, the Musical*, (see article in last month's Clarion). And March 27-April 27, *The Light*, a roller coaster journey of laughter, romance, and despair that uncovers how the power of radical love can be a healing beacon of light. www.horizontheatre.com/plays/the-light/

1-10 Alliance Theatre, The Hertz Stage *Goodnight, Tyler*, (a contemporary and unexpectedly humorous drama. Depending on whom you ask, Tyler Evans was "a beloved best friend, grandson, mentor, and fiancée," or, "Tyler Evans was a young Black man killed by a police officer."). alliancetheatre.org/production/2018-19/goodnight-tyler.

4-29 Theatrical Outfit presents *Indecent*, by Paula Vogel and directed by Myra Hirsch. Based on the 1923 Broadway debut of *The God of Vengeance* by Sholem Asch, it tells the story of a kiss between 2 female actors. Live Klezmer ensemble!

7-29 Alliance Theatre, Coca-Cola Stage *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed*, (an exciting family musical, book and lyrics by Mo Willems). alliancetheatre.org

7 & 21 Drum Circle at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust, 8-11 p.m. Walk/bike/carpool to the Arizona Avenue dead-end. And see lots of info on the Land Trust every month in the Clarion (**this time, Page 9**).

11 to April 11 Actor's Express Theatre Company presents *The Brothers Size*, a powerful play that magnifies the struggle for freedom and the need to belong somewhere. From the Academy Award-winning writer of *Moonlight*! www.actors-express.com.

12-15 Atlanta Jewish Music Festival, various venues, see www.atlantajmf.org

14 Explore Georgia's "Pink Castle." See article p. 14.

16-17 Atlanta St. Patrick's Day Parade and other cool things to do—www.atlanta.net/Blog/Cool-Things-To-Do-In-Atlanta-In-March/

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

21 Lake Claire Land Trust Community Work Day, 2 to 5 p.m. Pizza and drum circle follow.

21 Collegium Vocale concert, 8 p.m., Glenn Auditorium at Emory University. This is the second oldest community chorus in the Atlanta area, organized in 1955 by faculty members of Emory University. Our layout artist Véronique Perrot is a member. Info and tickets cvchorus.org (tickets can also be purchased at the door).

22 Spring Children's Garden Party with Matt Donald and Friends, 4-6 p.m. See article Page 9.

28 Family fun at Fernbank. Little Critters Day—info: www.fernbank-museum.org/visit/events

And Now, the Clarion Presents:

March/April Music in Atlanta

Sun. March 1	Diana Ross	The Fox
Mon. March 2	Diane Durette and Michael Tolcher	Vista Room
Tue. March 3	Post Malone	Infinite Energy Center
Thu. March 5	Arlo Guthrie	Variety Playhouse
Thu. March 5	The Districts	Terminal West
Fri. March 6	Lucero	Terminal West
Sat. March 7	Lucero	Terminal West
Sat. March 7	Pink Zeppelin	Rock n Taco (Roswell)
Sat. March 7	Little Big Town	The Fox
Sat. March 7	Big Head Todd & The Monsters	Buckhead Theater
Sat. March 7	Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes	City Winery
Sat. March 7	Sturgill Simpson	Infinite Energy Center
Mon. March 9	Blood Orange	Variety Playhouse
Tue. March 10	Blood Orange	Variety Playhouse
Fri. March 13	The Black Lips	The Earl
Sat. March 14	The Black Lips	The Earl
Sat. March 14	Webster	Sweetwater Brewery
Fri. March 13	Erykah Badu & Common	State Farm Arena
Sat. March 14	Marc Broussard	Variety Playhouse
Sat. March 14	Here Come the Mummies	Terminal West
Sat. March 14	Magnolia Express	Cherry St. Brewing (Cumming)
Sat. March 14	Pidgeons Playing Ping Pong	Tabernacle
Sat. March 14	Jonny Lang	Center Stage
Sun. March 15	Erykah Badu & Nas	State Farm Arena
Tue. March 17	Graham Nash	Variety Playhouse
Thu. March 19	Steve Hackett	Variety Playhouse
Fri. March 20	EOTO	Terminal West
Sat. March 21	Nathaniel Rateliff	Tabernacle
Sat. March 21	Lawrence	Terminal West
Sun. March 22	Sinead O'Connor	City Winery
Sun. March 22	Meshell Ndegeocello	Variety Playhouse
Mon. March 23	Sinead O'Connor	City Winery
Thu. March 26	Hot Chelle Rae	Buckhead Theater
Fri. March 27	Dashboard Confessional	The Masquerade
Fri. March 27	Tauk	Variety Playhouse
Fri. March 27	Steve Aoki	Tabernacle
Sat. March 28	Susto	Terminal West
Tue. March 31	The Glitch Mob	Buckhead Theater
Wed. April 1	Kenny Wayne Shepherd	Center Stage
Thu. April 2	Kenny Wayne Shepherd	Center Stage
Thu. April 2	Thundercat	Variety Playhouse
Thu. April 2	Sheila E	Variety Playhouse
Sat. April 4	Paul Thorn	City Winery
Sat. April 4	Atlanta Blues Festival	Cobb Energy Center
Sun. April 5	The Bonaventure Quartet	Eddie's Attic
Tue. April 7	Tevor Hall & Brett Dennen	Variety Playhouse
Wed. April 8	The Lone Bellow	Variety Playhouse
Thu. April 9	Magnolia Express	From the Earth Brewery
Fri. April 10	Dark Star Orchestra	Tabernacle

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nization skills and help manage the situation. She freely stepped in and helped with the process. Janie was an educationally trained and a professional artist who helped awaken a creative side in many people with her patient and encouraging manner. Several summers ago, she had a truckload of glass tiles donated and delivered to her driveway. Thus the “ladies of the mosaics,” as she called some friends, was born. Janie gave suggestions but never imposed her ideas. She was as excited by the success of others as she was by her own artistic accomplishments.

Last autumn fifty jonquils were planted in her front yard. They should be coming into bloom about now.

Although Janie was a private person and fiercely independent, she was well-known and loved in the neighborhood. She touched lives in many ways and will be sorely missed up and down the streets of Lake Claire.

Note: The Raining Dogs Gallery in Dadeville, Alabama has some of Janie’s art for sale: rainingdogs.art/256-307-0017. The gallery is open Tues, Thurs, Fri, and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. The proceeds will benefit an arts organization.



Véronique purged the chair when decluttering—Janie got it from the street, turning it into a work of art!

Words from Janie Wright

by Beth Damon

When Marion Smith passed away in 2012, Janie wrote for the Clarion, “Marion was the first neighbor to introduce himself when I moved here in 1985, and I adored him. I called him ‘my favorite squirrel,’ as I often found little treasures from him on my porch... a handful of pecans he had gathered on a walk, a book, a vase, or some other item someone had thrown away or put on the street. He knew Rudean (his very patient wife) was not going to welcome more of his ‘pickings,’ but he had a great eye for the beauty and possible uses in such cast-off items. He had lived on Connecticut almost all of his life and had great stories to tell. Listening to those stories while sitting on the Smiths’ always-welcoming front porch is a favorite memory for me.”

We could say the same for Janie... her eye for art, her eye for beauty and use of cast-off items, her great stories, her generosity of spirit—a loss to us all.





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Lake Claire's Tess Horn Joins CSM Staff

by Leslie Prince, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

I received an email this week with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries' (CSM) our weekly wish list. This is the list that we at CSM publish on a weekly-ish basis letting our friends and neighbors know what we need in terms of groceries and consumables (think toilet paper and laundry detergent!). Sometimes those items end up on our sign at the corner of McLendon and Connecticut in hopes that you'll add them to your shopping list and then stop by for a visit and

drop them off.

Something was different. The wish list contained—insert stunned face emoji here—fresh vegetables and a few other items needed for healthy meals. Something is really different. Something is really different. we couldn't be more excited about it—as we announce that **Lake Claire's own Tess Horn has joined the Clifton team as our Food Coordinator!** Tess has a great background in the culinary industry and a real

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Thirty-Plus Years in Lake Claire: Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

by Cecily Stevens

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries (CSM), located on the corner of Connecticut and McLendon, recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. Back in November 1979, members of what was then Clifton Presbyterian Church drove the church van downtown to help three men who were experiencing homelessness. The church members convinced the men to come back to the church to have showers, a safe place to sleep, and a hot meal prepared by caring volunteers. Every night since, men experiencing

homelessness have relied on what is now Clifton Sanctuary Ministries for emergency shelter and more. Clifton is the oldest continuously operating faith-based shelter in Atlanta.

CSM provides emergency shelter in the former church building, as well as transitional housing at Joe's Place, located across the street. In addition to temporary housing, Clifton offers programs to help guests rebuild their lives, including financial planning, AA, counseling, health as-

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Wild in Lake Claire

by Flora Fauna (aka Carol Vanderschaaf)

Hello, all lovers of flora and fauna (and may I be so bold as to say Flora Fauna?). As I write, this hoary old winter is on its way out, and spring, seemingly a little early, is blossoming in. So, let me stay on this hopeful note and disregard the vagaries of our current world. I won't discuss a justice system crashing down the drain, the lawlessness of current events, nor the outcome of the Iowa vote. Has a winner been declared yet??

So you see why I plan to stay in a more optimistic state of mind (from here on out). Let's block all hoary (and whorey) thoughts out of mind and think only of those births and blossoms whispering in our ears and tingling under our toes and think only;

“What a strange thing it is
to be alive
beneath cherry blossoms.”

~ Kobayashi Issa, *Poems*

This has been a time of many delightful sightings, all precursors of March 19, the first day of spring. My friend M. reports many cherry trees in bloom. I have seen many blooming redbuds along the roadsides of my travels. Also, those brilliant daffodils have been popping up all over, as the saying goes. Today FF spotted a bright red camellia outside my living room window. It joined the many white camellias in my neighbor's yard.

Meredith W. has several things to report: “I saw two beautiful bucks with several points on their antlers in the woods on the Emory campus last month. The following week I saw a group of six does. Other than that, I've seen a lot of hawks, both red-tailed and red-shouldered. The red-shouldered ones have been on low branches and have let me get quite close. In fact, I startled one that was sitting just a few feet over my head on a trail in Ira B. Melton Park. I got so close before he flew off that I terrified us both.

Helton, my husband, saw a great blue heron fly out of the stream behind our house on Sun. so that was exciting. And I think the blue jays at your house must have all come over here, because there are tons of them in our yard. And they seem to get a kick out of imitating all the hawks around. Our poor chickens can't get a moment to breathe between the real hawk calls and the fake ones.

Finally, weekend before last we went up to see the Sandhill Crane Festival in Tennessee. Definitely worth the trip to witness the sandhill cranes so close, and the Cherokee Removal Memorial is nearly next door, so it makes for a fascinating (if heartbreaking) visit.” (FF notes that

the Festival is held in Birchwood, Tennessee. It is free. The Birchwood School is where booths are set up with crane info and other nature-related materials.)

Dorothy D. and I, FF, each had one Red-winged Blackbird in our yards about the middle of February. Shortly thereafter, my friend M reported to me that several flocks (or just one flock) visited for many days-around February 6. She urges that all Friends of Flora Fauna (FFF) not rake their yards. Besides hosting grubs and keeping an open smorgasbord for many creatures, the leaves, especially under bushes, may be where baby rabbits are being sheltered. Also Ilene saw a flock near her home. Nothing beats those surprisingly bright red swatches on their wings when the birds fly up en masse. And BTW, all those wearing that red apparel are male, talk about genderbending. Birds are way ahead of us in that department.

Another lovely bird has been making the rounds: the glorious cedar waxwing. Waxwings can often be seen in the 'hood in small flocks during the late winter early spring. Ilene saw “a lovely cedar waxwing flock” in her neighborhood. Dorothy D also saw a flock flying in and out of the bushes in her backyard seeming to eat berries that were black (not the kind we love to eat). Some berries, if overripe, can intoxicate the birds, and one, the nandina with its red berries, can kill them. Consider cutting those berries off your nandinas. Each one is worth a waxwing!

Ilene didn't stop with red-wings and waxwings. She also saw, “an eastern phoebe, several times or a few of them at different times, a pair of courting red-tailed hawks, and a likely Cooper's hawk which cut in front of my car. Now there is squirrel living under my deck which has brought out OCD traits in my dogs. And late one afternoon, an opossum escaped the dogs and sat in a tree taunting them.”

Ilene, you have a menagerie!

I want to announce that 'Wild' has a new contributor, Frank W., who recently moved into our 'hood. His first report follows: “Last week I was riding home on the bike path at 7 p.m. and almost ran into an owl on the bike path who was busy trying to get his dinner—I managed to stop in time, and he flew to perch on the fence and looked right down at me. I could see very well that it was a white-faced owl. He was probably angry that I cheated him out of his dinner although the mouse or vole was probably very happy about it. We also

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March into April in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

Once again, I suggest you visit the Atlanta Botanical Garden, this time for the tulips (and narcissus and hyacinths, etc.) that peak in March. There is a special Member Spring Evening on March 9, 5-8 p.m., but truthfully it is probably nicer at 9 a.m. when it opens, Tuesday-Sunday. Beginning March 10, the hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. all summer. Gazing at tulips is a good way to get a non-gardener interested in growing things even though these flowers are annual in our climate, must be planted in late fall, and bloom for less than a month. In recent years, even this has not always been true, over half of my 600 bulbs failing in 2017 because of too few chilling hours all winter. We will see as you read this if the winter of 2020 has been the same.

Speaking of chill, this is the last month for planting shrubs and trees. I continue to recommend www.woodlanders.net in South Carolina. There is nothing wrong with picking out a healthy-looking tree from a local store. However, if you know exactly what you want, I find it bothersome to try to track one down in Atlanta

unless it is the hot, new plant of the year. The Internet is much quicker, and Woodlanders Nursery, which has been in the mail-order business for forty years, has a huge selection of Southern woody perennials.

Whether you have a new shrub to put in the ground or are moving a small sapling, preparation is key. Some weeks ahead, cut a wide circle around any plant you want to move with a sharp spade so that it can produce more tiny feeder roots within the planned root ball. There is a lot of disagreement about this process. How wide is wide, for instance? The bigger the plant, the more roots you will want to keep intact. Frankly, do not attempt to move trees with long tap roots. Leave that to a professional. Everyone is in agreement that you need a \$5 hole for a \$1 plant, however. Dig twice as wide as the ball and just deep enough to accommodate the moved plant at the same level it had been growing. Break up earth at the edges and bottom of the hole, do add compost and mix it in well, but do not add fertilizer. You want the feeder roots to work their way into the new soil, as similar to the old as possible.

Have someone help you lift and move the plant if heavy, supporting the root ball, and keeping the old soil with it. Set it down in the hole and adjust the level by adding or removing dirt under the plant. You do not want earth up against bark when you are finished. Then gently step around the plant to make sure it is firmly set. A large tree might need a stake to keep it from rocking until the roots are doing their job, but don't leave a tree staked past that time. Water the shrub or tree slowly and deeply, then weekly unless you are getting an inch of rain in that time. In a month, the plant should be all right on its own, needing watering the same as your other woody perennials.

Do you have a rain gauge? Inexpensive plastic ones are fine, and I recommend two, set in different places in your garden, because buildings and trees create different rain zones. Then check and empty them frequently. I keep a running daily log of rain as well as temperatures in my ten-year garden journal, a very useful tool. If you have not gardened

Lawns and Bees

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ing to the EPA. They leach into the waterways, potentially exposing children and pets to harmful chemicals. (Here is a link to the whole article from which this was taken: www.nytimes.com/2019/04/15/opinion/nature-lawns-environment.html.)

before, you will be amazed how the shower that ruined your May picnic actually dropped only 0.2" on your plants. And that rainfall will do nothing for plants if the temperature is rising to 90 degrees already or the bed is under trees. Most people were unaware this year that we had less than 15" of rain from July through November, far too little for plants to do well in our unrelenting summers.

The last frost will probably occur this month, a light one. You can set out all your brassicas plants, onions, and leeks now. Sow all the cool weather crops like peas, lettuce, radishes, carrots, etc., in open soil. And start your tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants indoors so that they are ready to plant outside in late April or early May. Happy gardening!



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Grady Cluster Data Dig

by Annsley Klehr, Lake Claire Education Chair
and Mary Lin Representative to Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS)

On January 22, in the Hope Hill Media Center, CINS partnered with Atlanta Public Schools (APS) for the Grady Cluster Data Dig. This event highlighted the schools within the Grady Cluster and the data that has been collected about anything from demographics to test scores. Michael LaMont, Executive Director of APS' Data and Information Group presented the material. Though he focused on the Grady Cluster, other APS clusters were shown in his graphs and data, showing how we compare to them. Here is a summary:

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity: APS and Cluster. As of 2019, the Grady Cluster is now majority white with a total population of 6,192, not including data from the cluster charter schools. The Grady Cluster has also seen a steady increase in the amount of students it serves since 2000, whereas other clusters have had a steady decline or remained fairly static.

Grady Cluster Math Milestones vs. Poverty. In order to compare the district, a challenge index is put in place to even the playing field by taking populations they serve into account. The index includes poverty and English learner indicators. It includes five years of trend data. For the 2019 Milestones Results vs. Challenge Index, Mary Lin, Springdale Park, and Morningside outperformed the rest of APS. Hope Hill outperformed its expectations. Inman outperformed all the other middle schools in the district. Grady outperformed the district average, and not far behind is North Atlanta High School and Drew Secondary.

3rd-8th Grade Milestones Results: 2018 Percentage Proficient and Above. Math and ELA milestones are taken in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades; Science and Social Studies are taken in 5th and 8th grades. The State of Georgia's percentage of students proficient and above has increase from 2015 to 44%. Morningside's percentage is 83; Lin's percentage is 82; SPARK's is 81; Inman's is 67; and Hope Hill, which made the most progress since 2015, is 40%. The APS district average is 36%.

Performance: Milestones by Subgroup. A subgroup has to have 10 or more in it to be counted. Across the board in the Grady Cluster, the Black subgroup populations underperformed the white subgroups in ELA. In the majority of Grady Cluster schools in ELA, the Hispanic subgroups outperformed the Black subgroups.

Performance Progress on the Milestones. Progress is determined by several factors: Each student gets a value 1-99, depending on how much he or she grew compared to similarly performing students the previous school year. Test is aggregated to show percentage of students making typical or high growth. This data is used to help calculate the CCRPI. The state average is 65. Elementary school data for students making typical or high growth are measured over the years by subject matter. It doesn't track the same cohort, but rather all of the 3rd grades. It is more of an indicator of curriculum and perhaps teaching techniques, as well as areas of growth and improvement over time.

Performance of CCRPI (College and Career Readiness Performance Index). This is how the States proves accountability. GaDOE gives each school a score based on a 100-point index, which includes many indicators (graduation rates, accelerated enrollment, attendance, etc.), but Milestones are weighted the most. In order to reach 100% mastery, there has to be a three percentage growth per individual subgroup each year.

CCRPI Percentile by School
Using the table below, Lin's score was below the others, because it's closing the gap score and meeting performance targets was a 51% and a 35% for progress (how much improvement) even though it's content mastery was 97%. It is not an indication of students' testing scores. Overall, Grady had one of the highest CCRPI percentiles for 2019 at 87%, next to North Atlanta's 85% and Classical's 88%.

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	CCRPI Percentile by School						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	3-year Avg.
Morningside	97	99	98	95	99	98	99
SPARK	92	98	97	96	96	98	98
Lin	92	96	99	98	96	85	96
Centennial	33	9	13	73	41	69	66
Kindezi O4W					35	49	44
Hope-Hill	21	32	22	16	72	10	28

Grady High School Students Call for School Name Change

Taken from two articles in the *AJC* (by Raisa Habersham and Molly Bloom)

Calling for a new name that doesn't "honor a segregationist," students at Grady submitted a petition last month calling for the school to be re-named. The school was named for the former managing editor of *The Atlanta Constitution*, Henry W. Grady, and the student petition alleged that his racist ideals pushed white supremacy in the South.

About 180 students submitted the petition to the Atlanta School Board during its February 3 meeting. Students cited work by a University of Massachusetts, Amherst, professor, who found that Henry Grady worked with political leaders and businessmen to push a "white supremacist political economy" in Georgia. The editorial board of the school's newspaper, *The Southerner*, previously published a story in January about students' efforts to change the name. The effort coincides with upcoming renovations at the school.

The Southerner editorial board wrote, "As a community of individu-

als from various backgrounds, races, and ethnicities, we should not have a name that fails to represent that heterogeneity. More than that, we should not have a name that is counter to the goals of any productive and welcoming school — one that fails to celebrate many cultures and embrace the uniqueness of Atlanta." As an alternative name, they suggested Ida B. Wells, John Lewis, Andrew Young, or Jimmy Carter.

In response, district spokeswoman Jill Strickland said, "Atlanta Public Schools is proud of The Grady High School *Southerner* newspaper's long and storied history of encouraging community dialogue with thoughtful articles. As such, we respect its position on this issue."

Henry Grady (1850-1889), was an editor and part-owner of *The Atlanta Constitution*, and was known for his work to promote his vision of a "New South," a vision that depended on maintaining white supremacy.



Hello—Safe Journey—Skiing in and around Lake Claire

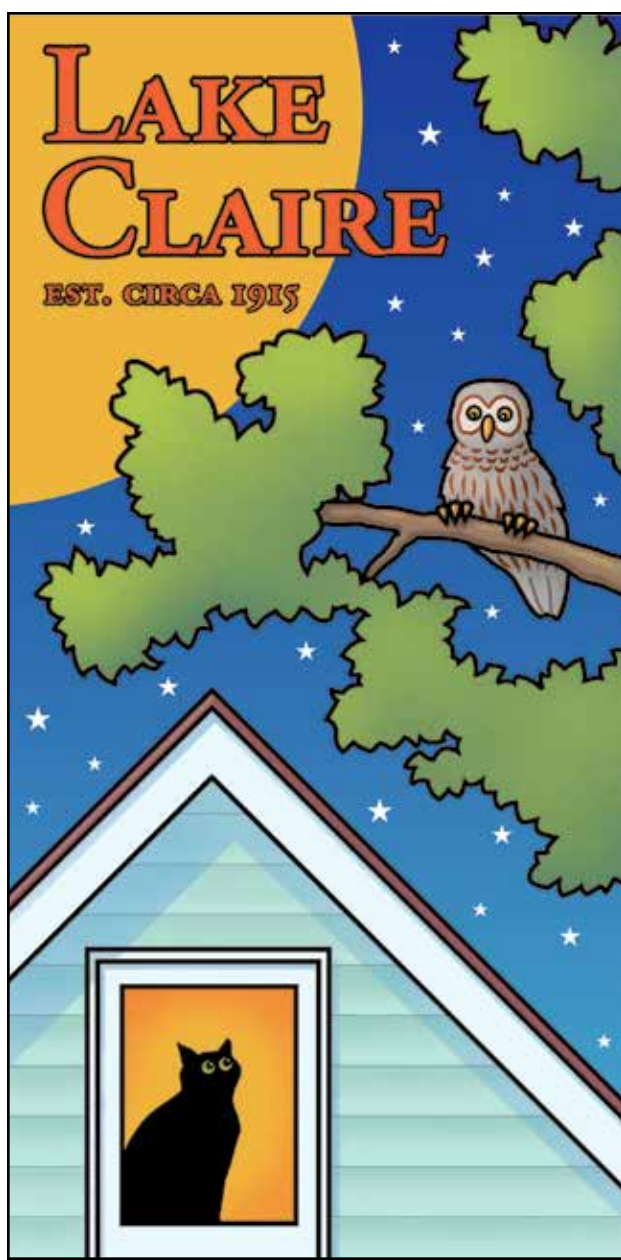
SAFE JOURNEY—to Janie Wright, Connecticut Avenue

March Birthdays

- March 3 – Judy Langford and Robin Singer, both on Harold Avenue
- March 6 – Dalton Troxell-Cappello, Almeta, frequent Clarion winner, turns 12!
- March 8 – Kai Nathaniel, frequent Clarion writer (see last month, page 1) Lakeshore Avenue, turns 10
- March 14 – Jennie Caine, Leonardo
- March 20 – Kaia Wiltsee, turns 11
- March 23 – David Damon, Forrest Ave, Beth's brother... "will you still love me, will you still need me, when I'm ..."
- March 29 – Victoria Weldert – Happy Five!!
- March 30 – Darcy Troxell-Cappello, Almeta, another frequent winner, turns 9
- March 31 – James Crutcher, Hardendorf, and Carol Vanderschaff (she's WILD!) (Indiana Ave.)

Send us stuff—birthdays and other life cycle changes—for April by MARCH 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org. **Help make this series inclusive!**

We're delighted to announce that our official banners designed by our neighbor and artist Leslie Hodges, are available for sale at the Candler Park Market and the Wondershop on McLendon. We also added other new products. All proceeds from the sales go to support local charity organizations, Lake Claire Park, parties, etc.



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by Sadie Bader

Calling all Community Gardeners!

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is renting garden plots for the 2020 growing season. The annual fee for rental of a community garden plot is \$40, plus a \$20 maintenance deposit for new gardeners only. If you maintain your plot as required in the Gardeners' Agreement, you get back your deposit; otherwise, that fee will be used to pay for maintenance. Gar-

deners who maintain their plots all year will be invited to renew their plots the following year. Special arrangements can be made for sweat equity (at least 4 hours of labor on the Land Trust grounds prior to gardening season). Designated "Giving Plots" are available at no charge. These are for volunteer groups and individuals who will tend the gar-

deners and dedicate the harvest to feed the hungry through established agencies, such as the Clifton Ministries Shelter 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 the Garden Plot Coordinator, Sara Gottlieb, at sara.gottlieb@gmail.com.



Annual Lake Claire Women's Tea

by Miriam Herbers

Since 2004, women of Lake Claire have met at Betsy Hoddinott's house on Indiana Avenue for tea. Unbeknownst to the organizers the first year happened to be Super Bowl Sunday. From then on that has been the date because it is easy to remember.

Some women come in hats and gloves; others don't, but all come for the company of women and for interesting conversation. We enjoy homemade tea sandwiches, cookies, or whatever little treats arrive. It is a wonderful time to visit with old neighbors and meet new ones.

This year's gathering was even more special because our dear friend, Janie Wright, had died just days before. Her presence was deeply missed, but Betsy posed a toast to her, and others spoke about ways she was important to them. (Please see article on Page 1. ~ Ed.) A decade long plus tradition like the Women's Tea had an unexpected effect of creating a place safe for comforting one another during this time. I believe newer neighbors felt the warmth in the room, and everyone left with warm hearts and having one more reason why Lake Claire is a great place to live

Another Correction:
Roger Swift designed the oval-shaped sign pictured in the February Clarion, now posted at all three Land Trust entrances. Roger also designed the logo that won our logo contest a few years back. Thanks Roger! My apologies for omitting the design credit in my article. ~Wing

Will Your Love Outlive You?

If you love the Land Trust, why not include it in your will? Help us not only to preserve the land but to continue the ongoing work of maintaining and

keeping it open to future generations of Land Trust lovers. Contact our treasurer at treasurer@LCCLT.org to discuss a bequest to LCCLT, Inc.

Billboards Available on Dekalb Ave. at Neighborly Rate

Neighborhood businesses take note—two of the Land Trust's billboard spaces overlooking Dekalb Ave. commuter traffic are vacant and need new tenants. Located on our smaller diagonal set of billboards near the corner of Nelms Ave., they measure 4" by 8" and rent for \$600 per year—far below market rates for anything

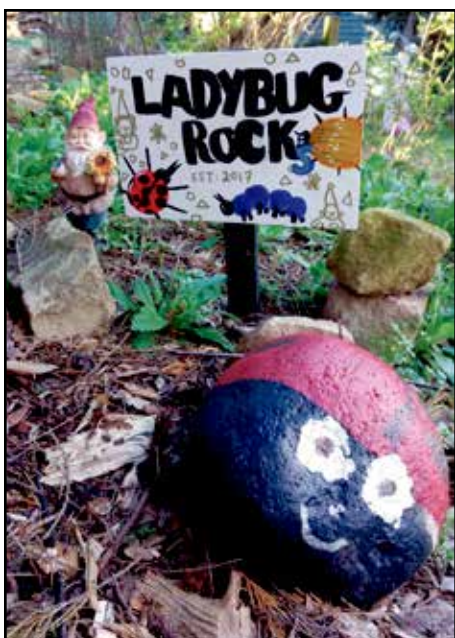
comparable. Both face east toward Decatur and the morning commuters. As you'll see next time you drive by, we much prefer to rent to small neighborhood businesses. Nonprofits get an even sweeter half-price rate. As it is already March, rent will be pro-rated at \$50 per month.

Spring Garden Party : Miss Ladybug, Matt Donald, and Friends

Sunday March 22, 4-6 p.m.

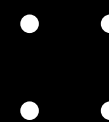
Spring is upon us! YAY! Join us at the Magical Lake Claire Community Land Trust for garden planting, crafts, snacks, and music to celebrate the Equinox. Our good friend Matt Donald will be playing music with our lovely Ms. Melabee and other friends. We will have wooden charms to deco-

rate and take home as a special treat. Come see the Garden blossom! There are new magical statues appearing all the time, keeping the great stump bunnies company! Come see what's new, and bring your love and presence to celebrate our beautiful Land Trust greenspace. Suggested donation: \$5





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Should You Stay or Should You Go Now?

The most common questions I receive from past clients, neighbors, friends, and family are:

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Should we stay in our home and renovate, or should we move?

2

Where should we spend our money?

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Where can we spend the least, to gain the best return?

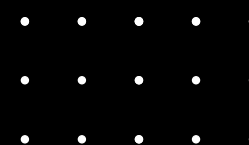
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Do you know professionals who can help with the work?

5

If we sell, can we find a home within our budget?

Often people ask if they should stay in their current home and renovate, or if they should sell their home and buy a new one. In the current market, it is sometimes better to renovate. Our job is to provide the best advice to help you make your home ownership decisions. We're happy to come out, sale or not.



—Jo Gipson, Candler Park Resident since 1995; Realtor since 2002



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Frazer Center Party in the Gardens

Saturday, April 18, 2020, 6–9:30 p.m.

by Dina Shadwell



Live auction during Gather in the Gardens 2019, photo by Allison White, Familiar Roots Photography

There is a party coming in Cator Woolford Gardens, and you're invited! Gather in the Gardens is Frazer Center's annual gala fundraiser that supports inclusion programs for children and adults with and without disabilities. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18, 6–9:30 p.m. The gardens promise to be a beautiful backdrop for a festive evening.

The event begins with a reception featuring a signature cocktail. Enjoy the gardens while you meander to the meadow where a large, open tent is set up for a seated dinner catered by Sun in my Belly. Wine and beer will be flowing from the open bars under the tent. Bourbon lovers will want to purchase a bottomless glass to sip on for the evening and to be entered into a drawing for a bottle of the coveted Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon.

Throughout the evening, watch artist Jean Alexander paint a brand new work of art that will be auctioned off at the end of the night. Other live auction items include a trip for four to Disney World, and a weekend stay at a Serenbe cottage with horseback riding and lunch at The Farmhouse, an organic farm-to-table restaurant.

The evening's honoree is Catherine "Tee" Porter, a long-time board member and supporter. Known as Frazer's greatest cheerleader, Tee will be celebrated for her over sixty years of dedication to Frazer's mission.

One of the goals for the evening is to build Frazer's new Flourish Fund, a scholarship program for children and adults with disabilities based on financial need. The fund is designed to serve adults who are on Georgia's Medicaid waiver waiting list so they don't have to wait the average five or more years to access the support they need. The Flourish Fund will also allow for more families to access the life-changing, early intervention inclusion services that Frazer provides for children ages birth through five years. The host committee is: Phillip Campbell, Sharon Day, Meghann Greineisen, Jason Hakerem, Bill Hall, Tonja Holder, Gué Hudson, Bilal Malik, Paige McKay Kubik, Jonathan Miller, Rian Smith, Jeff Williams, Kristie Williams. There is still time to join the host committee.

For tickets, more information about joining the host committee or becoming a sponsor, and to stay updated about additional live auction items, visit www.fraziercenter.org.



Lake Claire & Clarion Past and Future: Editor's Note

These entries are from The Lake-Claire Civic Club, published in 1951!

April 1928: Road construction machinery went to work cutting out streets, and by June 1, there appeared Lakeshore, Claire, and part of Palifox Drive. Tuxedo Avenue was cut through at a later date.

July 1928: Houses began springing up, and by the end of the year there were approximately twenty new homes in the neighborhood.

June 8, 1929: It was at this time that the Civic Club was formed. Meetings were held, committees were appointed, and pressure brought to bear on both the City and the County for the development of proper sanitary facilities, sewerage, street lights, police, and fire protection.

Parkways were then systematically planned at a cost of ten cents per front foot. Thus, an owner with a sixty-foot lot received two dogwood trees, two lucidums, and two crepe myrtles, plus having the soil fertilized and grass sown at a total cost of \$6.

As the years went on, the section became more fully developed, more

homes were built, and our civic club grew in membership and strength. After all, we do have a beautiful neighborhood, well cared for, with friendly home folks as neighbors that make our lives worthwhile.

The above entries and explanation, signed by H.M. Long, First President of the Lake-Claire Civic Organization (1929-1931) (Lake-Claire, with a hyphen), came from an old directory found in the home of an elderly Morningside resident, who gave it to Susan Beeching. As some of you know, Susan was Lake Claire Neighbors President, Secretary, and Editor, at various points during the early 2000s. We don't know when the hyphen was dropped between Lake and Claire; it is possible that the hyphenated name came from the Lakeshore-Claire streetcar line, shortened to Lake-Claire.

Forward to the present, I hope you will submit articles and ideas for the Clarion. It's your neighborhood newspaper, and we want it to be in-

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Reminder About Leashing Dogs at Frazer Center

This week, Frazer instructors were out in the Frazer Forest with a class of toddlers, and a big off-leash dog came charging and barking right at them. The dog-walker was nice about it, but it is an ongoing struggle for Frazer. Please leash your doggies, and tell dog-walkers in the neighborhood to keep dogs leashed in Frazer Forest and Lake Claire Park (and make sure they know about nearby dog parks). As a reminder to our neighbors who also love the old-growth Frazer Forest, it is imperative that all dogs remain on leash while in the forest. Aside from being the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County law, many of the children and adults served have a fear of dogs, and we've heard from some neighbors who no longer use the forest because they share that fear. We're sending this reminder in the Clarion again in hopes that more

people will see it.

In addition to safety, keeping dogs leashed in the old growth Frazer Forest helps prevent the spread of invasives that choke out native plants, and helps prevent the creation of spur trails that can impact tree roots and erosion in the forest. We appreciate our neighbors and are grateful for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring the safety of all who enjoy the Frazer Forest. Thank you.

Editor's note: The neighborhood is grateful for this wonderful forest accessible for our use. It would be terrible to force them to think of other measures such as fences and locks. Please respect the rule to leash dogs there. Also, if you would like to keep up with "Friends of Frazer Forest" news and volunteer opportunities, you can sign up for email updates at this address: tinyurl.com/FrazerForest.

Wild

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have a family of Blue Jays that have moved into our backyard—very beautiful birds—there are at least three of them—who needs a rooster when you’ve got a blue Jay in the yard?” Where did I learn, Frank, that they can imitate calls of our local hawks? Earlier in this column, I believe!

Another WILD contributor and his wife shared their lunch with a big bird, (not *the* BIG BIRD): “Today this guy came to share our lunch. Unfortunately, we only ordered for two.” (That bird looks like a Yellow-crowned Night Heron to FF, based on the photo which accompanied the report). And on the flora side, “I saw for the first time that banana trees produce a long tail with a big flower at the end, after growing bananas. On the Land Trust, they never get past the stage of producing small fruits. I guess it must not be warm, or humid enough.”

Miriam H. reported, “I get a few bluebirds at my feeder but I have never seen as many, maybe six, as at the feeder at Ann and Scooter’s house. Also, I heard a flock of Sandhill Cranes but it was a cloudy day, and I could not find them”

A post on NextDoor on January 23 indicates that someone spotted a large

coyote on Edgewood near Waverly in a neighbor’s yard. The poster’s German Shepherd scared the coyote off. “He ran down Edgewood and turned left on Waverly (towards Springvale). He seemed very bold, so keep your small animals inside!” (FF agrees. It is so sad to read those “missing” requests for those little pets.)

Well, as you see, Flora Fauna has gotten through this article without mention of the state of the world! One thing, however, I must include, for those who missed the Oscars. And it is not bad news. Jane Fonda, presenter of the Oscar for Best Picture, had beautifully coifed gray hair and wore a dress she had last sported at a public event 2014. She vowed she will never buy new clothes again. Clothes are a big issue when it comes to climate change. Look it up! Jane Fonda is now 82 years old, believe it or not. Activism keeps one young.

Thanks for reading, and if you’d like to contribute or criticize our column please contact my assistant, cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net.

That’s it for now. FF will be spending the next couple of months beneath the cherry blossoms.

As always, Flora Fauna

Biracial Walking and Bike Tours

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(Bring your own bike.)

All tours begin at the 100-year-old Old Stone Church/First Existentialist Congregation at 470 Candler Park Drive, N.E. Free parking is available on Candler Park Drive. Tours are appropriate for children 10 and older, but, we regret, not universally accessible due to uneven terrain. Tours will be cancelled during inclement weather.

Our mission supports community-based education and restorative justice work in the Early Edgewood-Candler Park neighborhood, respectfully reconnecting descendent stakeholders and today’s citizens with this historic African American community. For more info see www.biracialhistoryproject.org and www.civilbikes.com.

Grady Cluster Data

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Graduation Rate 2019. This is based on the percentage of students who graduate high school in four years. Based on a cohort of students who start high school at the same time, a 2019 graduation rate of 75% means that 75% of students who started high school in 2015-2016 graduated in 4 years. Students who transfer are removed from the cohort. Grady’s rate is 90.4%; North Atlanta’s is 91.1%; Jackson HS is 83.7%. When graduation rates are broken down into subgroups of APS and Grady over time we see 2 things: APS’ African-American population for 2019 graduation rate is 75.5% whereas Grady’s African-American

(AA) population is graduating at 85.7%; therefore, Grady’s AA population is doing better than overall APS. Second, when comparing a white population in APS to that of Grady, Grady graduates 96.1% of its white population, whereas APS graduates 93.4%.

SAT/ACT. APS has started an SAT day for all Juniors, which has dramatically increased SAT participation and access in the district. Grady’s SAT and ACT math average scores are higher than the nation’s. For more data and statistics for APS and the Grady Cluster, please visit: APSInsights.org.

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CSM Thirty-Plus Years in Lake Claire

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assessments, healthy meals (see page 5!), as well as an interview-clothes closet and more.

In addition to staff, Clifton relies heavily on dedicated volunteers. Volunteer tasks include preparing meals, doing laundry, landscaping, teaching reading or computer skills to guests, and much more. Clifton provides three meals for guests each day, seven days a week. Some of Clifton's volunteers from 40 years ago are still volunteering to this day!

Over the last 40 years, Clifton's guests have experienced amazing transformations. One former guest was in his 50s when he had heart surgery and came to Clifton to recover. His homelessness stemmed from drug addiction, and the former electrician found himself in need of a new career path due to his health condition. After arriving at Clifton, he was connected with services to begin a job retraining program as soon as he was able. He stayed at Clifton for two months to fully recover, then became

a resident at Joe's Place. Within six months, he was the resident manager at Joe's Place and found a job at the Veterans Administration. He and his ex-wife reconnected and remarried! He continued his amazing success story by returning to school and completing not only his bachelor's degree, but earning a master's degree as well. He ultimately decided to pay it forward and is currently running a transitional housing program for veterans.

CSM's history is not without some tragedy. In July 2005, two fires were started at Clifton. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the building was badly damaged. Epworth United Methodist Church (now Neighborhood Church) in Candler Park helped provide temporary shelter for Clifton's guests, and programs and services were able to continue without interruption.

In 2018, Clifton underwent a major renovation project completed by HomeAid Atlanta, a nonprofit that

builds and renovates housing facilities for nonprofits serving the homeless. The main building was originally a farmhouse, and some parts were over 100 years old and dire need of repairs. HomeAid recruited Pat Morgan of First Street Builders who volunteered his time to lead renovations of both Clifton's emergency shelter and Joe's Place. As part of the renovation, many generous building materials suppliers donated to the project, and Eagle Scout Sidney Howard led Boy Scout Troop 18 in rebuilding the front deck and ramp.

It is easy to get involved and support our neighbor of 40 years, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Visit www.cliftonsanctuary.com to sign up your family or group to serve a meal, check which supplies are needed, and find out all the ways you can help Clifton's guests as they work to turn their lives around.



In the series "30+ Years in Lake Claire," I have highlighted longtime residents of Lake Claire, sharing their memories and thoughts on changes they have experienced—and similarities they see—in our neighborhood in the last 30-odd years. Cecily has put a unique spin on it, highlighting Clifton—our neighbor of 40 years! We would love to hear from and feature many more long-term neighbors. Contact editor@lakeclaire.org with ideas. ~Editor



Tess Horn Joins CSM

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passion for our ministry—she is just what we ordered, and the men of Clifton are really enjoying their yummy and healthy meals.

Tess grew up in the Lake Claire neighborhood and has fun childhood memories of Easter Egg Hunts on the Clifton campus hosted by Clifton Presbyterian Church. As life often circles back around, Tess now organizes the Easter Egg Hunt each year for the Land Trust.

We're so thankful that Bryan Davis, our Board representative from Lake Claire Neighbors, had the

great idea to put our Help Wanted notice on Nextdoor.com, and we're as pleased as punch that Tess called and said she wanted to apply. We hope those of you who don't already know Tess will stop by and meet her. This week on the list were tomatoes, cucumbers, garlic, cream cheese, and canola oil.

Just a quick note: you may not know, but each day our Clifton men are brown bagging it. If you would like to provide lunch bags for a day, please let Tess know. Simply call us at (404) 373-3253; we'll give you some

ideas of what to include and how many to make. You can make them at home and drop them off or come and take advantage of our newly organized kitchen and chat with the guys while you assemble the bags. This is a great service project for a high schooler who needs volunteer hours, a girl scout or boy scout troop...or maybe even a group of friends who enjoy spending time together and making a difference in their neighborhood (wine is optional!).

Please Help Stop Candler Park Poisoner

by Amy Stout on behalf of Candler Park Conservancy Board of Directors

Unfortunately, someone in our community is placing potentially lethal rat poison out in our public park, endangering the animals that live in its natural spaces. The presumed target is the beavers, but residents need to be aware that this is a serious poison that can damage many living creatures throughout the food chain—including pets and children if they ingest it. This past December, CP resident Meta Larsson found rat poison in the leaves on the shoreline of the beaver ponds. She first noticed the bright green blocks when her leashed dog sniffed one out and was nuzzling it with his mouth. (A photo of the retrieved bait blocks is shown here.) On December 20, Bill Read, another CP resident, discovered more of the green poison in the same area. He pulled bait blocks from a beaver dam about 10 feet out from the shore using his extendable golf ball retriever. The active ingredient in this type of rat poison (bromethalin) is a mitochondrial poison, and its toxic effects are not selective, targeting energy production from mollusks to mammals. There is no antidote, so pests—and pets—who ingest too much can suffer paralysis, seizures, and death. These bait blocks are intended for use in rat traps with restricted openings that exclude most mammals and birds. Leaving them out in the open in a public park is highly irresponsible—and illegal. Councilmember Amir Farokhi's office consulted the City Legal Department, who indi-



cated that this activity constitutes cruelty to animals and is prohibited under city, county, and state laws. [Section 18-5 in Atlanta's Code of Ordinances states: It shall be unlawful for any person to overload, cruelly treat, maim, bruise, deprive of necessary sustenance, ill use or in any manner whatsoever torture or abuse any animal. (Code 1977, § 14-4015)] The City / Parks Department has indicated they will take appropriate action against those responsible. If you have any information, please share it before something awful happens. Our wildlife cameras cover some, but not all, of the areas involved. Please contact the Parks Deputy Commissioner Alvin Dodson at adodson@atlantaga.gov and copy the CPC board at info@candlerparkconservancy.org.

As an aside, most of us so enjoy the beavers. At a minimum, people who don't like them can have them relocated. Leaving poison out is incomprehensible.

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation:

Step Inside Atlanta's Pink Castle!

Enjoy a rare opportunity to explore one of Atlanta's most spectacular private residences. The lovingly restored 1923 Pink Castle will be the setting for the Trust's 36th Annual Preservation Gala (March 14), where guests will escape into elegance at the Venetian Carnival-themed event. The home was built on 100 acres on West Paces Ferry Road in the Italian baroque style reminiscent of villas in Northern Italy. The uniquely detailed house features a breathtaking

Allyn Cox mural, Italian tile roof and terrazzo floors.

Guests are free to wander the property, exploring the home's gracious main floor interior spaces and impressive outdoor areas. Small plate stations will feature an array of fine Italian fare, and several bars will offer your choice of libation, including the evening's signature cocktail. Live music will fill the air and revelers will dance the evening away at the magnificent estate.

Thanks for Paying Your Neighborhood Dues

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

Emily Jentes
Martha Loring
Kathie Ryan
J. Miller Tobin
Matthew Chotin
Timothy Smith
Susan Davis & Scott Russell
Thomas Stemen
Mary Jo Bryan
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Peter and Eva Belle
Michael Nelson
Jeffrey Rosenberg
Lisa Sharling
Kathryn Fidati
Eileen O'Neill

Please specify when you pay dues if you do not wish to be listed in the newspaper. Pay 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!

Stone Mountain Freeway – 30 Years of Opposition

by Rebecca Selem

The DeKalb History Center is pleased to announce, Stone Mountain Freeway – 30 Years of Opposition, a symposium focusing on the battle to stop the construction of the Stone Mountain Freeway. It will be May 6 at the Historic DeKalb Courthouse. We will bring together scholars, current leaders, and community activists who challenged the Stone Mountain and I-485 Freeways, to educate attendees about the history

of protecting our neighborhoods and communities.

How Lake Claire can participate: In conjunction with the symposium, we would love to hear from people who have stories or memories, items, or photographs that relate to the efforts and protests to fight the parkways. This event is funded through a grant received from Georgia Humanities. There will be more information closer to the event.

Music and Food Fest/ Candler Park in May

There is a second music and food fest in nearby Candler Park, in addition to the annual Candler Park Fall Fest. It is put on by Rival Entertainment, and like the CP Fall Fest, it has music, food trucks, and an artist market, but a key difference is that it is not free.

Still, the emphasis of Rival Entertainment's Music and Food Festival is great music. It will be held Friday, May 29, and Saturday, May 30. A general admission weekend ticket will range from \$25 to \$45, plus tax and fees. In support of Candler Park's future and the Candler Park community, 500 weekend general admission tickets will be made available to current CPNO members for only \$25 inclusive of tax and fees, of which \$10 will be contributed to the Candler Park Conservancy's Active Lawn project fund. With neighbors' support, this will help Candler

Park raise \$5,000 toward the vision of making Candler Park "Atlanta's Natural Place to Play."

For CPNO members reading this, you can find out info in the Candler Park Messenger about how to purchase the discount tix. For Lake Claire readers who are not members of CPNO, consider going, anyway! We all benefit from having Candler Park nearby for festivals, movies, wildlife, golf, and more. The festival features two days of nationally recognized music performances, local music showcases, artist and craft vending, and your favorite festival food! Often considered the music festival offering the biggest bang for the buck in the Southeast, Rival is proud to partner with City of Atlanta Parks and the Candler Park community to invest in the future of the park's greenspace. The Clarion will keep you informed as we approach the date.

Available for Adoption

by Haley Walker, Volunteer Coordinator, PAWS Atlanta

If you are wondering if **Big Boi** lives up to his name, he truly does! He is a big, sweet hunk of love who was brought to PAWS Atlanta when his owner passed away this year. Big Boi hasn't proven to be very vocal here at the shelter, but he lets you know when he wants attention by sauntering right up to you for a cuddle or a short head rub. He is a healthy, handsome 2-year old boy and gets along really well with other cats, as he previously lived with 3 feline siblings! If you are looking for an easy, affectionate, family-friendly cat, Big Boi could be your guy!



Big Boi

great dog and is just waiting for you to come meet him! If you are interested in Razzles or Big Boi, we invite you to come meet them at PAWS! If looking at Razzles and you have a dog, bring him or her, and we will facilitate an introduction to make sure they are a good match.

To meet Big Boi or Razzles, go to PAWS Atlanta (5287 Covington Highway, Decatur) or contact PAWS Atlanta at 770-593-1155 or info@pawsatlanta.org.

Editor's Note: The December 2019 Clarion introduced PAWS Atlanta, where, every weekend, Kris Byron, Ross Rubenstein, and other Lake Claire volunteers go to walk dogs amidst tall pines on trails on four acres of land on Covington Highway. PAWS Atlanta is Atlanta's oldest no-kill shelter. They always need more volunteers to help out, and they would love to see more Lake Claire residents become PAWS volunteers. You can drop off donations at 430 Leonardo Avenue, N.E., anytime. Please feel free to reach out to krisbyron1@gmail.com or ross.rubenstein@gmail.com to find out more about PAWS Atlanta.



Razzles

Razzles is an extraordinary gentleman and just genuinely excited about life. He is like the friend everyone wants to be around because he is always ready to party, eat yummy treats, and make you feel better about a sticky situation. Razzles is strong and loves to explore and meet new people and dogs! At just under a year old, this boy is quite large but will still try to curl up in your lap for a snuggle after a long walk or a sniff-filled hike. He is an all-around

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teresting and fun. Send suggestions to editor@lakeclaire.org by March 15—and the 15th of each month.

The Clarion depends on our advertising revenue. We completely pay for ourselves, and sometimes have money left over that goes to LCN for other neighborhood initiatives. Advertise in the Clarion, and reach 1,400 residents and businesses per month. Display ads are very inexpensive, with prices varying by size and length of run. Get exposure, and support Lake Claire. Please see the Lake Claire website for more information (www.lakeclaire.org) and contact Pat, the Advertising Coordinator, at advertising@lakeclaire.org.

Finally, The Clarion comes to your door! If you live in Lake Claire and do not receive your Clarion, please let us know at distribution@lakeclaire.org. Our goal is to get the Clarion out by the first full week of the month, though occasionally “life takes over.” If you would like to be a back-up delivery person for when life gets in the way for any volunteer delivery person, let us know. And The Clarion is also on our website at the link www.lakeclaire.org/upsite/clarion. Click on current issue, or for past issues, visit the Clarion Archives.

Warm regards,
your neighbor, Beth

Neighborhood Church: A Community Member's Perspective

by Erin Oakley

Just last month I was sitting in a service at Neighborhood Church, thinking about all of the ways this building has come to life. That Sunday, something like eight events were happening concurrently. Beyond our Sunday service, we're full to the brim with community life. Composting and crocheting and qigonging and voting and yoga and yodeling (okay, maybe not yodeling, but one can dream, right?) There are meetings and meetups and trainings and events. Potlucks and parties and Girl Scouts and gardening. And of course, sometimes we use the building for worship services.

This is what we dreamed of, and my eyes are shining when I write this—we dreamed of this bustling and busyness, we dreamed that we would be a meeting place and an eating place and a connecting place. We dreamed that the activities of the worshiping community would take a back seat to all of the *many* ways the busy community could use the space. We dreamed that the space would represent and mirror the community. We hoped that our physical building would be an extension of the community, and a hub for connection.

This is also what I dreamed of as a teenager, eating white pizza at Fellini's with my aunt and uncle who lived nearby. I grew up on the edge of the country, a suburban girl with a hunger for city life. I've lived in the city now for nearly ten years,

and loved every minute of it. When I chose to move near Lake Claire to Candler Park, it was because I wanted a sense of belonging. You can see community-ness on the streets, in friends meeting for walks, in lively discussions at community meetings. I wanted to live and walk and garden and worship in the same place, to have an anchored sense of belonging in this wide, big, confusing world. We are at risk of loneliness in our ever-connected world. Despite our social media friends and our Twittering and Snapchatting and TikToking, we're more lonely than ever. I'd argue that we need a sense of physical space to bring us together. We need busyness and bustling and opportunity to breathe the same air as other humans, to explore and connect and commune. There is an aliveness about all of this activity that brings a sense of belonging. It brings us a sense of place. It brings us a sense of safety.

I hope that you use our building for any number of activities, meetups, yoga, and yodeling (please). I hope our brick building brings a sense of belonging and safety. I hope it helps anchor you in your sense of community. I'm so grateful for the sense of belonging our community and our physical spaces offer me, and I'm looking forward to watching the building of Neighborhood Church connect people for years to come.

Intown Collaborative Ministries Hunger Run

Sunday, March 15, 2020, 12 – 4 p.m.

The 2020 Hunger Walk is coming up on March 15! Neighborhood Church supports Intown Collaborative Ministries through regular donations of food, but we also rely heavily on the Atlanta Community Food Bank to supply the majority of the food we distribute each week. Walking in the Hunger Walk is a great way to have fun and raise money for Intown Collaborative Ministries and the Atlanta Community Food Bank. 80% of the funds you raise will go towards Intown Collaborative's account at the food bank, and the other 20% supports the food bank itself. By raising funds for Intown Collaborative Min-

istries food programs, you will help us serve our average 85+ families per week who come to pantry, 40 members of our co-ops for lower-income older and disabled adults, and over 60 children who receive supplemental food every Friday during the school year through Glenn United Methodist Church's Snack in a Backpack program. For information, go to www.neighborhoodchurchatl.com/happenings. You can register, and look up the team called “Neighborhood Church.” This is a very family-friendly event. The fun run starts at 2 p.m. and the walk follows immediately after.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER

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

This month we feature Jett Friedman, who is seven years old and in the second grade. Jett found the hidden graphic of the leap year in last month's Clarion, and he won the extra-credit prize of getting to be

featured this month. What a great writer at age 7! He well deserves the honor of being the featured writer and the only contest winner for this month!! Neighbors on Delaware Ave. are so happy to have Jett and his family back on the street after their moving out for a house renovation. Welcome back Jett, Samson, Heather, and Matt!

Hey there, Lake Claire kids of all ages: We want to see your creativity. Submit your work to editor@lakeclaire.org, by **MARCH 15** for the April 2020 issue of the newspaper. We hope this is a good starting place for kids' future writing careers.



My Lake Claire

by Jett Friedman

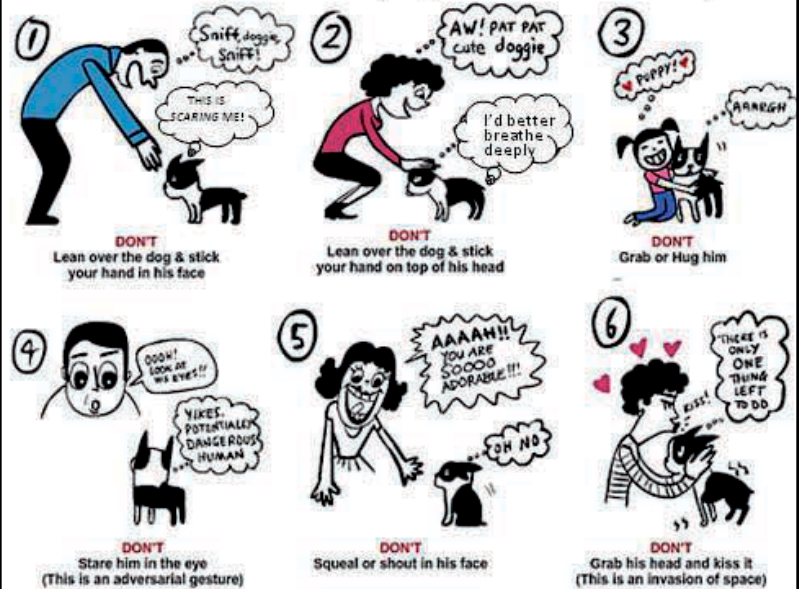
My name is Jett Friedman. I am seven years old. I love living in lake claire. I love living in my house because we have a bot that cleans the floor for us and we have a bus stop right outside our house. I also love my school because it's very close to my house. I also love my neighborhood because we have an emu, how cool is that! I love to deliver the clarion with my best friend Sebastian.

NEW CONTEST!

March is well-known for St. Patrick's Day, but other holidays include Purim in the Jewish faith, Nowruz (beginning of the year) in the Persian calendar, and Mi'raj (a national holiday in some Muslim countries). St. David's Day (Wales), Harmony Day (Australia), Freedom Day (Malta), and Day of the Sea (Bolivia) are other lesser known holidays. Our hidden graphic this month is a picture denoting one of these. The winners get their pictures in the next Clarion. To win, send an e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org, identifying the page number of the graphic, 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. (Please tell your parents to send large picture files, 1mg+. They can choose the size on their phones.) For extra credit, tell us anything else you know about any holiday in March. The extra-credit prize is that you'll be a featured writer/artist in a future Lake Claire 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 MARCH 15 for the APRIL 2020 issue. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.**

HOW NOT TO GREET A DOG

When people do this stuff, it stresses dogs out, and they might bite out of fear. No matter how cute you think "Boogie" is, PLEASE show him or her some respect!



Doing this to a dog who doesn't know you is like a perfect stranger giving you a great big hug and kiss in an elevator. Wouldn't that creep you out? And wouldn't you have the right to defend yourself?

THE CORRECT WAY:



- No eye contact
- Let the dog approach you in his/her own time.
- Keep either your SIDE or BACK towards the dog (non-threatening posture)

- Pet or stroke him on the SIDE of his face or body. Or on his back.