



## Lake Claire and Candler Park Art During Covid

Barely over the Lake Claire/Candler Park border, the art gallery “378” is located behind the Flying Biscuit at Clifton and McLendon. 378 is a con-

temporary art gallery and performance space. It has two levels and features over 80 linear feet of exhibition space in the upper gallery and over 30 feet of exhibition

space in the lower gallery. In the lower gallery is a small stage and performance area with comfortable seating for over thirty people. Normally, the gallery hosts arts exhibi-

tions, musical performances, and film screenings, as well as other cultural and community events. The gallery art director is Tom Zarilli of Lake Claire.

Now, during the time of Covid, 378 is “closed but not shuttered.” This summer, they conceived of a unique exhibition that features Lake

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## Seeking Historical Materials

### Editor’s Note

The Clarion continues to study our neighborhood history, as with the articles on this page and the articles and pictures on Page 6. On that note, if anyone has old plat maps, photos, or other information to add to our historical materials, please con-

tact me at editor@lakeclaire.org, and let me know what you have.

We always welcome contributions to the Clarion regarding any current neighborhood interests—from adults and kids. Next month, we will hear from some neighbors

about productive things folks have done/made during the time we’ve been socially distant because of the pandemic, as well from a Grady Junior and from a Lake Claire neighbor who has made a Star Wars blaster.

## Social Distancing

“Social distancing” does not mean social disconnectedness. There are many support options available right now: Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line—866.399.8938; Georgia Crisis and Access Line—800.715.4225; Cares Warm Line—844.326.5400; Georgia Department of

Public Health COVID-19 hotline—844.442.2681; Peer-to-Peer Warm Line—888.945.1414

More than ever, we need the value of connecting with family, neighbors, and loved ones, and we have to be more intentional about doing it. Leave the house with intention to connect with someone

with a smile or a nod, even through a mask. He or she will see you smiling with your eyes. Some things that we can all do to stay connected at this time include: Take a picnic to the park ~ everyone can bring his or her own individual meal. Join a walking or exercise challenge with

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## History of Lake Claire Development

During the Lake Claire and surrounding communities’ early years of development, many homes were built in the Queen Anne, East Lake, Arts and Crafts, and Victorian Folk styles, primarily along Howard Street between Howard and College Avenue, as well as in the Sutherland Terrace subdivision built on the site of the John B. Gordon estate, along Gordon Avenue, Oxford Avenue, and Sutherland Terrace just north of DeKalb Avenue. Part of this area was originally part of the original Kirkwood neighborhood. The 1970-era MARTA east rail line severed Sutherland Terrace permanently from the Kirkwood community to the

south.

After a few decades of growth, the craftsman-style two-story American Four-square homes and crafts bungalows became more prominent. From the 1920s through the close of the 1930s, Lake Claire and surrounding neighborhoods continued to grow, loved for the convenience to both Atlanta and Decatur. The area continued to grow for the thirty years following this period, experiencing another surge in development following

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**August Calendar**

Another almost non-existent calendar!! This is all we know for sure at the time of submitting the Clarion to the printer at the end of July. But as hope springs eternal, we suggest that you check websites of various venues, as well as those of Lake Claire and the Lake Claire Land Trust: Lake Claire Neighbors—[lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org); Land Trust—[www.lcclt.org](http://www.lcclt.org). **Please support the restaurants you can, to the extent you are comfortable, as they try to survive with social-distance type seating/take-out.**

**20** Lake Claire Neighbors monthly meeting on 3rd Thursdays. Please check website to see if it will be at The Frazer Center (7 p.m./pizza then meeting) or via Zoom.

**24** Atlanta Public Schools Opening: Superintendent Dr. Terry Oatts announced Thursday that the district will implement a virtual-only instructional model for all students, and will not return to brick-and-mortar classrooms for the 2020-21 fall semester. Oatts said the district will continue to work to ensure a safe reopening of schools for the second semester.



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## Wild in Lake Claire

by Flora Fauna (*aka* Carol Vanderschaaf)

Hello out there, or in there, wherever you are. Wild in Lake Claire? It seems to be Tame in Lake Claire compared to a lot of places. I think I, Flora Fauna, need to address both.

Tame in Lake Claire and beautiful. We haven't been seeing that much. Those 90-degree plus temps and the virus seem to be keeping us in the house, not even looking out of windows. Our scarce reports include:

Ilene S has seen rabbits and a just fledged baby blue bird, also some hummingbirds. She gets out some, including visits with her son and his girlfriend, and walking her dogs with her nephew and sister. She "stays apart" at the grocery store and wears a mask.

Miriam H. enjoyed the juvenile cardinals she had at her feeder with their brown beaks. Some time ago, a man from the Smithsonian who was banding birds in Miriam's yard told her that "the brown drops off." Miriam wishes she had been lucky enough to find one. The Smithsonian program, Miriam sadly notes, has no funds now.

Our neighborhood naturalist, Mr. N., who had previously reported

a resident owl family at the Land Trust, said the family seems to have moved on in the middle of July.

Bernard S. helped me to identify a beautiful yellow mushroom I had taken a picture of in Deepdene Park. It is a chanterelle. Bernard BTW is our resident mushroom expert. He and his wife, Genise S, had some chanterelles and russula (*Russula emetica*) "popping up in their yard." The latter mushroom is poisonous. Beware of those red caps! (Editor adds: And of course, chanterelles are among the most popular of wild edible mushrooms, highly in demand.) In that same yard, a dangerous place for flora to be, a butternut squash vine grew out of their compost pile. One squash has now been cooked (de-

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## Clifton Sanctuary Ministries Update

by Lori White (CSM Director of Community Relations)

The last couple of months have certainly been unusual for everyone. However, in the midst of uncertainty, we still have several Clifton successes to share. Keep up the good work, guys! Some of the success stories: Henry T.—reunited with family; Michael W.—employment and transitioned to Joe's Place; Calvin B.—transitioned to Joe's Place; Reginald B.—reunited with family; Eddie S.—permanent housing; Frederick P.—employment and stable housing; Rudolph J.—employment and stable housing; Keith S.—transitioned to Joe's Place.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Jeffery Harris. As many know, Jeffery has been with Clifton close to two years and serves a vital role as Clifton's Case Manager. As Case Manager to all men who come through Clifton, Jeffery builds relationship and mentors each guest with an Individual Service Plan to help them in their journeys towards stable housing, employment and self-sufficiency. Jeffery is critical to Clifton's mission, and is always willing to do all he can—and top it off with a smile. If you come by Clifton, you



*Jeffery Harris*

are sure to see Jeffery, as he is very hands-on around the shelter. Be sure and say hi and thank Jeffery for his hard work!

If you are interested in dropping off a dinner meal in the next couple of weeks, please email me at [lori@cliftonsanctuary.com](mailto:lori@cliftonsanctuary.com). We have many open nights that we need to fill with dinners. We hope this email finds you healthy and happy. Thank you, Lake Claire, for being a part of our Clifton family and blessing us with your support.

## Frazer Update: Phased Reopening

by Dina Shadwell

After being closed for eleven weeks, Frazer Center is back in operation, albeit not at full capacity. As you might imagine from your own experiences during this time, the journey has been something of an obstacle course. But we are facing those obstacles and working on finding our way through so that we can continue to provide our life-changing inclusion programs to the adults, children, and families we serve.

Frazer did not reopen all at once. At the beginning of June, we welcomed back a limited number of children whose parents are first-responders. In mid-June, we added a few more families, and in July, all Children's Program classrooms were back in use. We are fortunate to have several epidemiology experts and medical professionals among our parents at Frazer. Several of them were willing to serve as an advisory committee as Frazer leadership faced decisions about new protocols and reopening. Additionally, we are meticulously following guidance from the CDC and the Department for Early Childhood and Learning (DECAL).

Communication with parents has been critical in our decision-making, and we are so grateful for the support they have shown us. One parent whose daughter has autism remarked, "Frazer should be a model for other schools. I've always thought that, but now it goes a step beyond as you are skillfully, communicatively, and transparently navigating these uncharted territories, utilizing what are probably the most knowledgeable medical advisors an organization could have. Since [daughter's name] has been back at Frazer, she is THRIVING."



*Ms. Gigi and her preschoolers taking advantage of Frazer's outdoor classroom*

Our Adult Services Program began its phased reopening in July with the return of over twenty of our eighty participants. The phased approach is allowing for staff and participants alike to become accustomed to the new health and safety protocols. More participants will return in August and September.

Since much of our programming is community-based, Adult Program Director Bill Payne and his staff are reexamining options for providing services, including virtual learning. A grant from Holly Lane Foundation allowed for the purchase of several new Chromebooks, and many participants are learning to navigate their way through Zoom and other applications that will keep them connected

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## Keeping An Eye on the Crime and the Time: Safety in Lake Claire

by Miriam Herbers

Several Zone 6 police officers are out with the corona virus, so the already understaffed force is working extra hard. We can help ease the workload by filing certain reports with the new Community Online Reporting system. For a complete list of what can be filed go to [www.atlantapd.org/i-want-to/report-a-crime](http://www.atlantapd.org/i-want-to/report-a-crime). The system is not designed for all crime reporting. For instance, car break-ins still should be called to 911. Custody order violations, some kinds of damage to property (not cars), lost property, and identity theft are a few examples, but there are 10 categories. Check the list, but

if in doubt call 911, and the operator will direct you. Be patient, and remember the principle of triage: Calls are answered in order of urgency.

Lake Claire continues to have very few reported crimes, and those are car related. Some nearby neighborhoods are experiencing mail theft. Locked mailboxes are advised. Take outgoing mail to the post office or to a street post-office box, such as the one at Clifton and McLendon.

**Please, please stop speeding down Arizona Avenue**, or anywhere for that matter. "Teach your children well."



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## PAWS Atlanta Offers Low-Cost Vaccination Clinics

by Kris Byron, Volunteer and Foster Parent, PAWS Atlanta

Many people are struggling financially at this time—and so rather than feature the usual adoptable pets—I wanted to tell you about a resource offered by PAWS Atlanta, Atlanta's oldest no-kill pet shelter. For years, PAWS Atlanta has offered a low-cost vaccination clinic for dogs and cats. The clinics are typically every other Sunday, noon to 3 p.m. (no appointment necessary). Please check the website for more information about the schedule; due to COVID-19, the vaccine clinics were canceled, but as of publication time, open as of Sunday, July 26.

Getting regular vaccinations keeps your pets healthy and safe (and rabies vaccinations are required in DeKalb County). Vaccination clinics are held at PAWS Atlanta (located at 5287 Covington Highway, Decatur, Georgia 30035), and as noted, no appointment is needed.

In addition to keeping your pets safe, PAWS Atlanta also aims to keep you (and its volunteers and staff) safe through its new COVID-19 protocols. Staff and volunteers wear masks, sanitize between exams, and handle application and payment processes

online. In addition, clients must wear masks and pay by debit or credit card (cash or checks are not accepted).

A typical annual set of vaccinations for a dog costs \$67 and for a puppy costs \$68. A typical annual set of vaccinations for a cat costs \$53 and for a kitten costs \$52. While these are just sample prices, you can see a complete price list on the PAWS Atlanta website ([www.pawsatlanta.org/resources/veterinary-clinic/vaccinations](http://www.pawsatlanta.org/resources/veterinary-clinic/vaccinations)). An additional \$3 covers the medical waste disposal fee for syringes used during the vaccination.

In addition to vaccinations, the clinic also offers heartworm tests for dogs (\$30, or less with a set of vaccinations) and microchips for dogs or cats (\$30). The clinic staff can also clip your pets' nails.

These clinics are popular, so bring a little patience (for yourself) and water for your pets while you wait. For the safety of your pets, dogs should be on non-retractable leashes, and cats should be in carriers. Also, be aware that pets that are ill should not be brought in for vaccinations; you need to wait until your pet is well to get him or her vaccinated.



One of the fosters at "Java Cats"

Next issue, I will tell you about PAWS Atlanta's partnership with Java Cats, Atlanta's first cat café. As a preview, pictured is a cat currently in foster at Java Cats and available for adoption through PAWS Atlanta.

*Editor's Note: PAWS resumed normal operations the week of July 20, with safety protocols to protect the health and well-being of staff and the community. As of press time, they said that Vaccine Clinics will resume*

*Sunday, July 26. Volunteers will be allowed back on-site in limited numbers when they see the number of new cases drop below 500 per 100K population for DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett Counties as reported by the Georgia Department of Public Health. Their most pressing need right now is your continued financial support as the expenses of caring for our animals continue. They greatly appreciate your support. See updated info including ways to help at [www.pawsatlanta.org](http://www.pawsatlanta.org).*

## Candle Hut in Candler Park

by Sadie Teras, Annabelle Huebner, and Oliver Huebner

What have all the kids been doing during quarantine? They can't swim in the Lake Claire Pool or go to summer camps with their friends. So, what are they doing to keep themselves occupied? My cousins (age 12) and I (age 11) have limited options because we can't hang with friends or babysit. So we thought not only to keep ourselves occupied, but also to make a little money, we'd create our own business.

We call ourselves Candle Hut, and as you can tell, we sell candles! We have 15 different scents, such as dozen roses, apple pie, vanilla pudding, café mocha (for all you coffee lovers), mint leaf, lavender, and even baseball glove. We will continue to grow our collection of scents and colors as our business grows. The candles are made from all-natural, vegan ingredients. They are all individually homemade, and we kids do it on our own. That means our business is completely run by kids!

Our business is a great way to keep us busy during quarantine and even after quarantine ends. It teaches us about business in a fun way! This venture has kept us occupied for weeks, as we have done all the work, including research on scents, ordering supplies, advertising to potential



clients, sales, and finances. We love making our candles and having our own business. The candles also smell really good! We will be donating 10% of all of our income to important causes, starting with the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

This is what my cousins and I have been doing during quarantine. We are also planning to open our own Etsy shop. Please support us by getting in touch with us to buy candles using the email [candlehutofficial20@gmail.com](mailto:candlehutofficial20@gmail.com). TikTok: @Candle\_hut\_official

*Editor's Note: Sadie Teras lives on Oakdale Road and is a rising 6th grader at Howard School.*

## Wild in Lake Claire

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lectably by Genise) and eaten with relish (and with wine, I hope).

My dogwalker—or my dog's walker, Cher, related that she has raccoons in her yard in a nearby 'hood. One night she saw a mother trying to get her baby up a tree and away from something threatening in the bushes in her back yard. The baby kept dropping, so finally they went on to the next tree. No success there either so mother and child wound up scurrying across Cher's porch with the mother babbling warnings in raccoon speak over her shoulder. Cher said it had a happy ending.

Now for the Wild part of things. If you've been following the news you might have noticed that Federal agents, "dressed in camouflage and

tactical gear," appeared in Portland, OR, in unmarked vans "unleashing tear gas and bloodying protesters." Hmm, this sounds familiar. Wasn't there a group called the storm troopers who did the same as Germany marched toward Nazism? Scary times and scary people, and I'm not talking about John Wayne Gacy, though he was a clown as well. Well, I'll leave it at that. I will try to remember that I live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. And continue to sing that little song I learned as a child, "red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight..." another time, another place for me, but the sentiment's the same.

Yours truly,  
Flora Fauna

## APOLOGY to Chalk Artist on Sutherland

In the last issue, we featured a gorgeous chalk drawing by a Lake Claire child, but didn't know to whom to attribute it. We received an email from someone (on Sutherland?) noting it was her daughter's artwork, but the email has disappeared. Folks, please write again! We hope to see more of your beautiful chalk artwork!

## Early Land Ownership & Street Names in the Lake Claire Area

*I've published this before, but for newer Lake Claire residents, it might be of interest, or for others to read again.*

The earliest survey of Georgia counties created "Land Districts," each typically about 80 square miles, containing 256 landlots of approximately 202.5 acres each. Portions of six different landlots comprise Lake Claire. Between 1822 and 1851, names associated with the six different landlots during different periods include Caty Bailey (1822), James Hagerdy, Frederick Foster, who sold to Andrew Reid (1850), and William Fain, who sold to Joseph Pitts (1843). A noteworthy sale included the east half of landlot 239 from Joseph Pitts to **Cabel McLendon** in 1862 (the eastern north-south boundary of 239 runs between Harold and Leonardo). Mr. McLendon had already acquired a large portion of Landlot 210, immediately south of 239. So, at the time, McLendon became one of only two landowners of the current Lake Claire. Eventually, some parcels owned by Cabel McLendon were transferred to **Lula Mell** (in the vicinity of Mell Avenue in Candler Park).

James Kirkpatrick had acquired Landlots 211, 212, 238, 237, one half of 243, and 70 acres of 244 (over 1000 total acres) before his death in 1851. Except for McLendon's parcel, Kirkpatrick owned all of the land in Lake Claire and more in Candler Park and Kirkwood. By 1860, all of his land had been transferred to Kirkpatrick male heirs. The Kirkpatrick heirs eventually sold 86.5 acres of land to General John Brown Gordon in 1871, which became his Atlanta estate "Sutherland." Kirkpatrick also sold land to the East Atlanta Land Company, which became the eastern portion of the Olmsted Parks, and property to the Brooks family (*cf.* Brooks Avenue, in Candler Park), part of which was subdivided and eventually became a land donation by Asa Candler for use as the park "Candler Park." They sold land to Colonel Howard in the vicinity of Howard Circle. (The former Lt. Governor of Georgia, Pierre Howard, is a

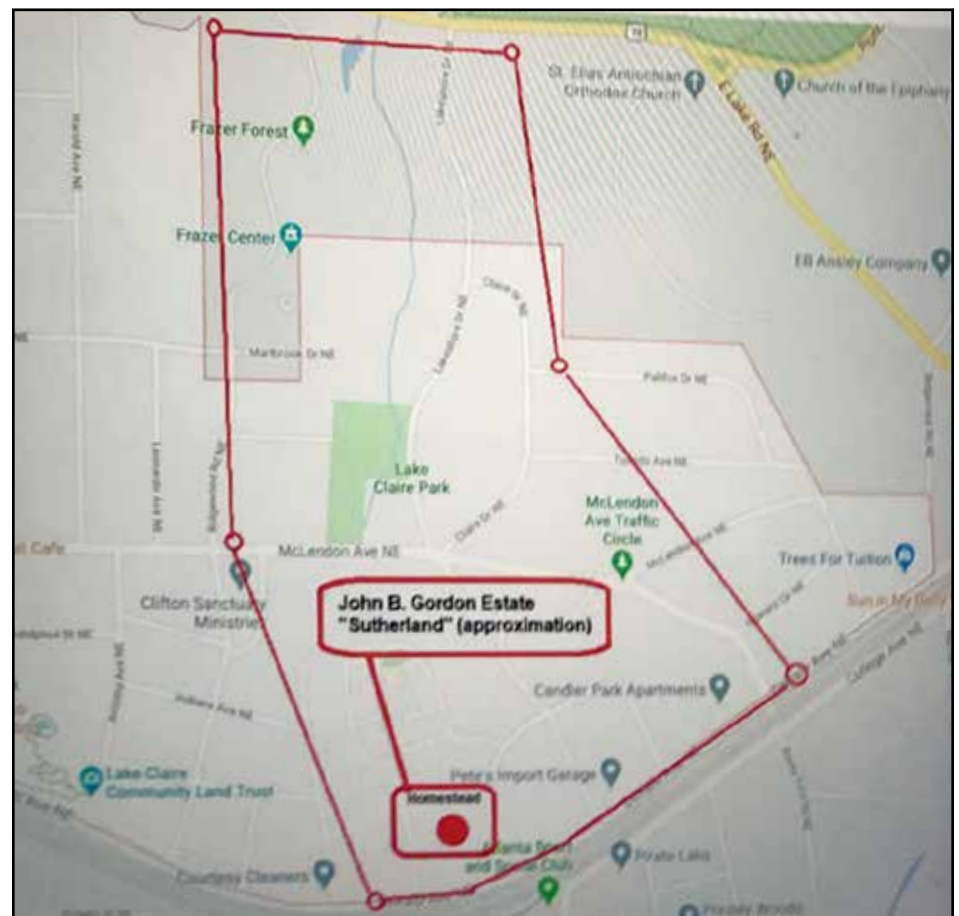
direct descendant of Colonel Howard.)

Here is some history of other street names. There is Dekalb Avenue circa early 1900s—the original Decatur Wagon Road/Atlanta Road originally meandered across the Georgia Railroad tracks. La France Street is part of the original Wagon Road. **Sutherland Terrace**: General Gordon's wife, Fanny Rebecca Haralson Gordon, had a maternal grandmother whose surname was Sutherland. **Hampton Terrace**: this was most likely named in memory of the very close and enduring friendship between General Gordon and General Wade Hampton of South Carolina. **Ivy Place**: Mrs. M. Ivy owned several parcels along the east side of the current Ivy Place. **Ridgecrest** was originally a pre-Civil War road named Durand Mill (because of its route to vicinity where mills were owned by the Durand family at the confluence of Peavine Creek and South Fork of Peachtree Creek, below WAGA Channel 5's studios). **Claire Drive**: Shirley Claire Massell and Sam Massell, former Atlanta Mayor, were the children of one of the three Massell brothers who were the speculators of Lakeshore Drive and Claire Drive. **Lakeshore Drive** was the road that passed by "Lake Ponceana" (leading to the name "Lake" Claire, located at the intersection of Claire Drive). Eugene **Hardendorf**, Charles T. **Page**, and Mr. (?) **Harold** lent their last names to streets, as did three of Page's daughters: Lula (now **Marlbrook**), **Harriett**, and **Muriel**. Last, Manry **Nelms** was the land speculator of the Nelms-Adolphus-Arizona blocks.

*History seekers will also be interested to check out the April 2016 issue, "Blast From the Past." It noted, "The Sutherland Estate's acreage covered the core of what is now Lake Claire (and originally included part of Kirkwood). Sutherland was, roughly, north of DeKalb Avenue, east of the back yards of Mathews and Ridge-wood, south of and below Ponce de Leon, and west of the back yards of Claire Drive, sloping over to Howard*



*House that was at the red dot in the map below, taken from the autobiography of John Brown Gordon, JBG, 1832–1904: Reminiscences of the Civil War.*



Circle and DeKalb Place (see map on page 6). The Gordons built their home on a knoll which was alongside the Decatur Wagon Road, just north of the Georgia Railroad (now the site of the condos where the Horizon School was and the Lake Claire Pool). The original house was totally

destroyed by fire in 1897 and was replaced by a house with a virtually identical floor plan but with a more ornate exterior." *I'd like to thank Bob Schreiber, again, for neighborhood historical info he has provided to the neighborhood, that he began putting together in the early 2000s. -Ed.*

## Lake Claire's Lake

With thanks to Bob Schreiber, formerly of Claire Drive

Contrary to what some may think, there was a lake in the Lake Claire neighborhood! Where Claire Drive intersects the middle of Lakeshore Drive, there is a deep geographic hollow, and this is the location of the former lake. The Provisional Plat of the Massell Development Company, July 1926, lists the name of the lake as Lake Ponceana. Subsequent maps

by the Sanborn Insurance Company, the U.S. Coastal and Geodetic Survey (1928) and City of Atlanta maps from 1930 and 1934 all show the lake.

The creek which filled the lake still has a constant flow of water. It carries rainwater drainage from Palifox Road and Ponce de Leon Manor into Peavine Creek, which flows behind the west side of Lakeshore. Hiking

125 yards up the creek from Lakeshore, you will find a stonework dam and outcroppings of tilted igneous rock layers, which lined the lake (be careful to avoid poison ivy).

Anecdotal stories from long-time residents confirm that the original lake was drained in 1928 or 1929 because of concerns about mosquitoes and the lake being a hazard to chil-

dren. Shortly thereafter, the owners of the first house on Lakeshore planted a garden that extended from their house to the corner of Lakeshore and Claire. The children of the neighborhood regularly played in the garden, and from the mid 1930s until after WWII, the owners had annual picnics for neighborhood residents.

# Lake Claire Folks—Peaceful Black Lives Matter Protest

As we all know, groups of people gathered this summer in peaceful protest. The racist murders of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd became a tipping point in our country’s long overdue reckoning with systemic racism and white supremacy. These unjust deaths ignited rallies for racial equality across the nation. In particular in our own

area, for several weeks this summer, people gathered every day on Ponce de Leon at Clifton Road. Below are a few of the pictures taken at one of these peaceful protests, in which many folks from Lake Claire participated.

Please see also the Kids’ Page (Page 12), for a child’s remarkably insightful thoughts on this.



Thank you to Debbie Livingston, who took these and many more photos. And thanks for your time and work in resizing them for the Clarion.



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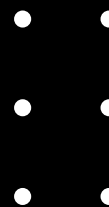
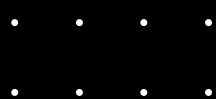
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## Art at 378 Gallery

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Claire and Candler Park artists utilizing its windows and doors in order to exhibit art in this age of social-distancing from others. The exhibition “Positive: Art in the Time of Covid” is a showcase of 19 artists with their works created since Covid began. The windows face the street, and there are more people on the street now than ever before. With this in mind, the gallery filled its forty front window panes with small works reflecting on how artists are responding to or affected by the Covid 19 crisis. The works have now been exposed to the sun for 2 months, so some have faded

slightly, and the exhibition officially ended last month, but it is still up as of this writing. So, check it out, asap!

Artists of “Positive”: Lisa Alembik, Temme Barkin-Leeds, Rose Barron, Pat Borow, Sarah Byrd, Deidra Lynn Currie, Elyse DeFoor, Sally Eppstein, David Godbey, Terry Hardy, Karen Hennessee, Deborah Heidel, Krista Jones, Stephen May, Richard Perano, Lisa Shinault, Alli Royce Soble, Cindy Zarrilli, Tom Zarrilli. You’ll recognize some neighbors’ names.

As of Clarion publication, 378 plans fully to reopen the gallery space sometime in August.

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the second world war, with the development of smaller houses typical of that period. In Lake Claire today, we have current residents who can remind us from personal experience of the changes in the years following. Some of these Lake Claire residents, including some who have been here since the 40s and 50s, have been highlighted in past Clarions in the “30-Plus Years in Lake Claire” articles. For example, Rita Treon (69-year Lake Claire resident who passed away at the age of 79 in November 2012) reminisced about the area around her home on McLendon, which in earlier years was picturesque. She spoke of “a nice creek running through the property before the parking lot and church were built” near Howard Circle and McLendon.

Today Lake Claire is also loved for its green spaces, both public and private. At the heart of the neigh-

borhood sits Lake Claire Park, with its wooded areas and trails, large playing field, young children’s play area, and tennis courts. Other parks nearby include Candler Park, Olmsted Linear Park, and Freedom Park. A popular spot for hiking and exploring, the Frazer Forest is a thirty-plus-acre green space in the midst of Lake Claire and the private preserve of The Frazer Center, which for many years has opened its woodlands to Lake Clarions and other visitors, and its building for Lake Claire Neighbors to use as a meeting space. Our neighborhood is also home to the Harold Avenue Greenspace, a City-designated passive green space under the stewardship of Lake Claire Neighbors; and a diverse number of residential gardens, some of which have been enjoyed at Lake Claire Home & Garden Tours over the years.



## Hello – Safe Journey – Skiing in and around Lake Claire

### Happy Birthday to:

8/1 Patricia Emerson, turns 86! (She always says, “please put the age, as I am so glad to have made it!”)

8/3 Jazz Melodie Sibille, turns 14, Ivy Place

8/5: Ally Bliss, turns 15 years old, Leonardo

8/6 Fallou Diouf - 15 years old, Arizona.

8/13 Lyriq Gaspard Sibille, turns 8!—Ivy Place

8/16 Peter Belle, McLendon Avenue

8/18 Mark Haggerty, Harold Avenue

*Take a minute, and send life cycle events / important rites of passage, etc., for the month of September to editor@lakeclaire.org, by August 15. Please help us make this feature inclusive of our LC ‘hood.*

## Frazer Center Update

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to their communities.

In Cator Woolford Gardens, almost all of the events that were slated for the spring have been rescheduled. We now offer elopement packages for “mini-” or “micro-weddings,” and we have had some lovely events with plenty of space for guests to feel comfortable.

Every day may bring new challenges, and the future may be tenuous, but one thing remains certain—Frazer could not get through these trying times without the support of our community. We are grateful to our participants, families, staff, neighbors, and donors who remain committed to Frazer’s mission of fos-

tering inclusive communities. (We are continuing to build our Flourish Fund to provide financial assistance to families who have been economically impacted by the pandemic and associated budget cuts by the State of Georgia. If you would like to contribute to the Flourish Fund, please visit [frazercenter.org/give](http://frazercenter.org/give).)

For more information about event rentals, please email [cwginfo@frazercenter.org](mailto:cwginfo@frazercenter.org) or visit [catorwoolfordgardens.org](http://catorwoolfordgardens.org).

**Thank you for keeping dogs on leashes while in the Frazer Forest—Frazer’s outdoor classroom. ~ Ed.**

## 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!

Since the last issue, the following folks paid dues:

Joseph Sinkule, Carissa Vasquez, Daniel Hanlon, Sarah Herbert, John Pitman, Marilyn Schertz, Lucas Gosdin, Pat Del Ray, Lisa Holloway, Ruth Dinkins & Robert Dem Carr, Barbara Ross, Gregory McGill, and Susan Ying Chu.

Please specify when you pay dues if you do **not** wish to be listed in the newspaper. Pay at [lakeclaire.org](http://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 these and others who have paid dues and/or contributed your time to our great neighborhood, Lake Claire!

# August into September in the Lake Claire Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton, [knowltonew@earthlink.net](mailto:knowltonew@earthlink.net)

I can hear you now—August—“Surely Elizabeth will cease to yammer about planting vegetables this late in the season.” But no, there is just enough time, if you go outside by Aug. 10, to sow a few square feet of bush beans and also time to seed cucumbers, kale, or summer squash in August. If you have access to some bell pepper or cauliflower plants, get them into the ground by mid-month, shade if they wilt, feed, and initially water every day that there is no rain.

Yes, June brought drizzles nearly every day, and a couple of storms in mid-July gave us a few inches; but even our clay soil cannot hold water for long when temperatures top 90 degrees for weeks. Vegetables have much shallower roots than trees, so weed, water, mulch, and harvest your gardens as promptly as possible.

Following the picking of over 100 tomatoes green, after the squirrels, rats, and chipmunks had begun to ravish them, covering the birdbath each midday against hundreds of bees, and relocating the possum to the South River basin, the garden became a simpler, kinder place; and the increasing number of birds and I have enjoyed many peaceful hours there.

I was almost relieved when the At-

lanta Botanical Garden had to cancel its beloved May tour of Atlanta Gardens this year. On the 2019 tour, I saw for the first time Astroturf in more than one garden, and now I have begun to see it in Lake Claire and Candler Park. Folks, a paved driveway and lawn furniture do not a garden make, and neither does Astroturf. These are man-made items that add nothing to the environment and often make it worse. A South Australian fourth cousin wrote me recently about a conversation she overheard: “One couple spent \$10,000 on fake grass for their back yard last year. They said it would save them paying for water!!! I don’t think anyone could see the logic in their thinking. Fake grass adds 10 degrees [centigrade, 18 F] to the temperature of your yard. This has been proven, and the local council is now removing all fake grass from the town and banning people from putting it in front of their houses. When we have summer temps here that are regularly around 110 F, why would anyone want to add to that? It was hotter than the bitumen on the roads. The same couple has an average electricity bill of around \$1,500 per quarter. They don’t have solar because they

say it would take too long to recoup the cost. My god, I just want to slap them. I paid \$3,000 about 6 years ago for solar power, and my average electricity bill is about \$70.” (Nobody believes I met this cousin online less than a year ago: DNA testing.)

On a friendlier note, consider subscribing by paper or online to a garden magazine. I guarantee it will expand your universe of knowledge about plants and planting, garden design, tools, tours, and books about gardening. One of my favorites is *Fine Gardening*, nearing its 200th issue. I admit that it tends to feature authors from Seattle and Minneapolis, but there is always a section called “Regional Picks” with a Southern page. At least once a year, Richard Hawke of the Chicago Botanic Garden has an article on a particular perennial species, such as garden phlox, bee balm, or coneflowers, which evaluates a hundred or so cultivars of that group according to a four-star success system that lists height, width, color, blooming attributes, and zone. The latter makes it extremely useful to all of us. An evaluation of tender salvias listed a number that are not at all tender with us, such as many

of the *Salvia greggii*, a woody shrub that has survived in my front garden for years, needing only sun and good drainage. So look for plants that thrive in Zones 7-9 since the city of Atlanta is now squarely in Zone 8, with truly cold winters not seen here since the early 1980s.

It was only last year that Andrew Bunting of our own Atlantic Botanical Garden had an article in *Fine Gardening* on nine shrubs for shade, and every one of them was appropriate for our zone range. The past forty years have shown an increase in Asian plants, particularly from China, developed by plant explorers and growers for our markets. Before we turn up our noses at non-native plants, consider that most of the flowering plants associated with the South for hundreds of years originated in what we have called the Far East. There is room here for both.

So, cultivate your vegetables and annuals, and do a little planning on what to add to your garden in the cooler weather that will come, autumn being a prime time for planting trees and shrubs, as well as spring bulbs, in the South.

## Dear Neighbors,

We hope you and your loved ones remain healthy and in good spirits during these challenging times. We want to share some good news that the housing market in Atlanta is still strong and interest rates are at an all time low. With inventory low as well, buyers need help finding homes today. Real estate agents are handling and responding to the pandemic by instituting safe and responsible practices for our buyers and sellers to list, show and close real estate transactions.

If you or anyone you know (neighbors, work associates, family members or friends) are thinking about making a move please let us know. We may be able to find them a home before it hits the market.

Don't forget about our Compass Concierge program that will put money in your home today to help you get a better price tomorrow. This is a hassle-free way to sell your home faster and for more money. We will help you maximize your home's value with services like flooring, painting, landscaping, staging and much more!

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# Land Trust Support

This is a perfect time to renew for 2020. Anyone can be a Land Trust Supporter by donating \$10 a year. Donate online via [www.LCCLT.org/stewardship](http://www.LCCLT.org/stewardship); mail a check made out to "LCCLT" c/o Treasurer, 270 Arizona Avenue, Atlanta GA 30307; or use the mailbox in the cul-de-sac. Include your email, and we'll add you to our email list. Include your mailing address, and we'll mail you a bumper sticker.

A donation is not required to get on this list. Sign up on our home page at [LCCLT.org](http://LCCLT.org).

As of the Clarion going to press, public gatherings at the Land Trust are still cancelled or postponed. The Land Trust is open during daytime hours, but please maintain 6 feet of

distance from others. The playground is closed. The Land Trust now closes at 8:00 p.m. Please keep an eye on the website for changes.

Despite what is happening in the world, the Land Trust is still here, still beautiful, still magical—and still in need of your love. The flowers, trees, and plants continue to flourish, and there is always a need for maintenance.

Because of all of this, our fundraising efforts have been diminished, and we are in need of your financial support. Even if you joined as a supporter as mentioned in the first paragraph, please consider additional support by donating through our website, [lcclt.org](http://lcclt.org).

Ladybug Events Team sends their love! Contact [Missladybug@ladybugeventsllc.com](mailto:Missladybug@ladybugeventsllc.com) for a personalized farm tour and link to our YouTube channel with meditations from Ms. Melabee and fun nature facts from Ms. Ladybug!

# Social Distancing

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friends across the street or across the globe. Write a card, email, or text just to let people know you are thinking about them ~ better yet, pick up the phone and call someone you have not spoken with recently. Start coloring or drawing a picture or piece of artwork and send to someone else to finish. This works with the kids' chalk drawings on the street. Cook or do a hobby together over Zoom. Start to learn a new language, and practice with a friend. Participate in an online support group. Volunteer ~ there are many individuals and organizations that could use help right now.

When you ask how people are doing, mental health experts tell us to listen for the truthful answer. A friend may really tell you how he or

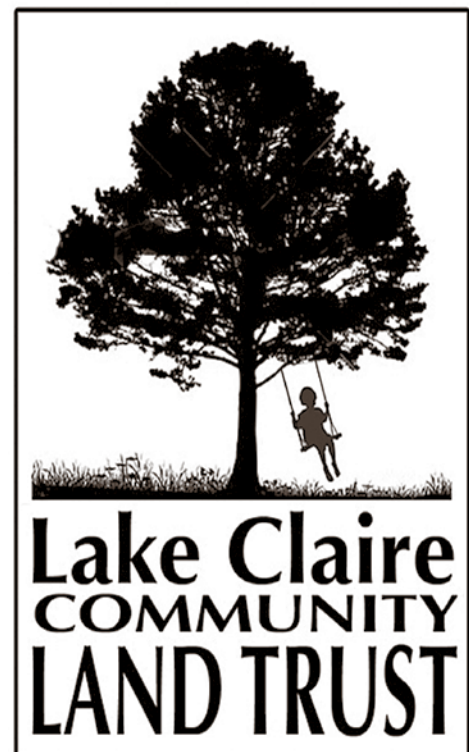
she is feeling and provide you with an opportunity to help with getting through a challenging situation. If you know someone who is struggling with depression, learn what signs of suicide may look like, and have a conversation with someone if you have a concern about this. Help guide others to local support groups or a resource and offer hope and encouragement. Warning signs that indicate a need to take immediate action to support someone may include:

- Talking about wanting to die or killing oneself
- Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online, obtaining a gun, or storing medications
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.

# Praising the Rain

by Stephen Wing

I hear it coming  
a minute or two before it arrives,  
like stampeding buffalo  
off in the distance, heading my way  
from some long-vanished  
ghost-dance prairie  
as I sit concentrating, distracted,  
here on my screened-in back porch  
down in Georgia—  
and then  
suddenly it's here,  
shaking the ground  
like the pounding hoofbeats  
of a herd of caribou  
migrating right  
through my neighborhood, dividing  
to thunder around my house  
and across  
the Arctic tundra of my roof,  
invisible in the dustcloud  
of mist and humidity they raise  
behind them—  
like an explosion of small  
flashing wings,  
a whirlwind swarm  
of Old Testament locusts  
around my cedar-shake shelter,  
devouring every  
blade and leaf  
of thought or memory in my head  
for a brief and endless,  
roaring, howling



trance-like span of time—  
and then just as suddenly  
it's gone,  
I hear it galloping on  
to the next neighborhood, and then  
those same three musical  
notes again—

All through the peak  
of the downpour,  
that 3-note birdcall never stopped  
praising the rain



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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 we feature Anna Kate Connors, a 10-year-old rising 5th grader, who lives in Lake Claire (on Ridgewood). She was inspired to write this article after her participa-

tion in some of the peaceful protests and efforts to address the injustices she has already noticed at her young age. Thank you, Anna Kate, for sharing your inspirational words, insight, and excellent writing skills.

Hey there, Lake Claire kids of all ages: We want to see your creativity. Submit your work to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org), by **AUGUST 15** for next issue of the newspaper, which will be September. We hope this column is a good starting place for kids' future writing careers.



## Black Lives Matter

by Anna Kate Connors

I am white. And I am learning what that means in ways I never thought of before. I never asked to be white. I was just born that way. I NEVER EVER have, and NEVER will go through what people of color have gone through. As I have been learning about the advantages I have just by being white, I have been wondering, "how will I use this privilege for good, and how can I change things?" I'm not a superhero, and I'm not even a teenager yet. I'm only ten. So what can I do? One thing I can do is to help spread the word—about how unfair the way people of color are treated based only on their skin, and even how some people suspect people of color, even when they aren't doing anything suspicious.

Racism has always been a problem, but when some of those whom we rely on for our safety treat people of color badly, it is even worse. Without going into the details of what has happened, it's important to say that those events are why I am trying to learn more, and why I am participating in trying to change things. Even though we've seen videos of some horrible things that have happened, it makes me think about how many things have happened that were not caught on camera. It makes me think about how when I go out for a walk, my parents are not as worried as Black mothers and fathers might be. My parents aren't

scared that someone might insult their child or hurt their child, or wouldn't protect their child only because he or she is Black. These are things that our neighbors and friends worry about.

Recently, I got to participate in the "Stand Up for Black Lives" protest with my mom, dad, and sister. We were holding signs that said things like "Black Lives Matter," and "No Justice: No Peace." It was peaceful, and it was encouraging to see that so many shared our beliefs and are taking action. Families lined the streets, and people driving by were honking and cheering. I've been thinking about one man, who was driving by, shouting and supporting the crowd. I've been thinking about what he has had to deal with because he is Black, and what my friends and their families have had to deal with, too. I hope when you read this you don't care that a white girl is saying this. I hope you just care that someone is saying this, and that she wants to make a difference. While some people may say racism will just be part of our world, I beg to differ. I think that justice for all races will become a part of our world, and no one can judge you by what you look like. One person can make the world better just by having an idea. So it's up to you what's next. It's up to you to figure out how we can make the world better. All you have to do is start.



## Contest Winner

Hayden Pittman found the graphic to signify World Music Day in the last issue. Hayden turned seven years old on June 21. She is a rising second grader at Mary Lin, and the family lives on Marlbrook. She's our first winner on Marlbrook! And this was a particularly difficult one, so congrats, Hayden!!

## NEW CONTEST!

This month, to win the August Clarion Contest, find a graphic showing a back-to-school scene. Hint: it may not be in-person at school! The winner will have your picture in the **September** Clarion. To win, send an e-mail to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto: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 something else. (Please tell your parents to send large picture files, 1mb+. They can choose the size on their phones.) For extra credit, tell us your favorite thing about coming back to school, even if it's online and not in-person. The extra-credit prize is that you'll be a featured writer/artist in the 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 August 15. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.