



## The Latest from Lower Lakeshore

by Dan Curl

There are some big changes at Frazer Gardens. Fences are installed at the Lakeshore and Ponce de Leon corner, and from Harold to Marlbrook Avenues. No fencing is anticipated along the south side of Lakeshore bordering the Children's Rehabilitation Center (CRC). Tree removal, substantial clearing, under-canopy plantings, and other garden upgrades are in progress. The derelict caretaker's cottage was demolished.

The east-side service gate is locked. In their presentation to the Druid Hills neighborhood last summer, CRC representatives testified that crime/unauthorized access as an issue and that residents weren't concerned about having to detour down Ponce to the main entry. Gar-

den access is now limited to the two main entrances.

There are photographers aplenty, and the first wedding was at the end of last month. It appears that CRC is seeking event income to finance school, forest, garden improvements, and operations.

Here's a link to Frazer: [www.fraziercenter.org/](http://www.fraziercenter.org/)

The Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House lease of Woolford Mansion was terminated. The house is empty. I am unaware of future plans for this historic property. AHHH is homeless at this time; see the article to the right, and [www.atlhhh.org/](http://www.atlhhh.org/).

Georgia Power improvements appear to be nearing an end. Hopefully, lane closures on Lakeshore are over.

More News from Lower Lakeshore:

## Atlanta Hospitality House Remembered

by Dan Curl

We live just down the hill and across the creek from Jaqueland, built by Equifax founder Cator Woolford. Marjorie and William McRae, second owners of Jaqueland, built and lived in my house (608) while repairing their fire-damaged mansion.

Recent clearing in the Frazer garden affords a grand view of the rear, but really front, façade, a signature technique of architect Owen Southwell (see picture on Page 7). Its steep, north-facing lawn is ideal for sledding. The rock garden exudes contemplative coolness. The "Wedding Steps" detailed balustrade is a photographer's favorite.

My first look inside the house was

during a renovation. Danny Feig of Small Carpenters at Large reworked the kitchen, HVAC, parts of the main house and built an energy-efficient cottage dorm. Neighbor but never Volunteer, I would hike up the hill during snowstorms to offer aid. Or visit while showing guests "our back yard." Some years I'd drop off an extra tree, knowing Christmas sick and away from home robs hope. When a Valdosta grandma's car (she'd been staying at Hospitality House while visiting her cancer-stricken daughter) kathumped to a hot midsummer's day halt in front of our house, my son Tom fixed the flat

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## Lake Claire and Jonquils

by Miriam Herbers

For a few years, the Clarion has encouraged neighbors to highlight our neighborhood with daffodils so that Lake Claire is distinguished from adjoining neighborhoods in the spring. It was Boyd Baker's idea several years ago to plant them in front of each house, or in the grass strip between sidewalk and road, so that beautiful welcoming yellow daffodils would be Lake Claire's trademark. People have started to get on board, and this picture plus the ones in the centerfold, show some examples.

There is still time to plant more. Though ideally we should plant our early spring bulbs when the temperature is a consistent 50°F at night, around October through late December, if bulbs are still firm and onion-like, they should be fine to plant now, and you could supplement those with some already blooming flowers (such as those you can purchase at the Land Trust on April 30 at the Spring Plant Sale). Let's make the daffodil project look even more beautiful. Happy Spring in Lake Claire!

## The First-Ever LeoNardi Gras!

by Jesse Sammons

What is the meaning of Mardi Gras? Its translation is, of course, Fat Tuesday, and it was literally the indulgence of all of one's fatty foods a day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of sacrifices for Lent. There are many cultural variations of the celebration, such as Carnival in Brazil and Carnevale in Venice. Regardless of where you live, your religion, or where you've been; Mardi Gras is a celebration of family and community.

Nowhere better to celebrate families and community than with your families and community, and that is how LeoNardi Gras came to be on Leonardo. LeoNardi Gras began with what else but a parade, and Aiyeeee! did the entire street come out for a parade. Wagons, scooters, strollers, and coolers all decorated in purple, green, and gold. As the procession navigated up Leonardo, the street was lined with enthusiastic neighbors eager to receive any beads, token treasures, candy, and other doodads thrown from the floats. One may still find beads hanging from

trees along the street.

After a lap around Leonardo, floats were parked for a good old-fashioned New Orleans krewe ball, where neighbors congregated to share stories of past NOLA and Mardi Gras experiences (some certainly not safe for print). Neighbors and families of all ages celebrated being

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## April Calendar

Please check Page 11 for Lake Claire Land Trust events, and Page 9 for LIVE MUSIC.

**1-17** Horizon Theatre presents *The Light*. A surprise proposal takes an unexpected turn that upends the world of Genesis and Rashad, forcing them to confront a secret from the past. (Check website to make sure no change and buy tix. As of press time, in person). [www.horizontheatre.com](http://www.horizontheatre.com)

**1-17** Actors Express season opener, *Intimate Apparel*. In 1905 New York, an independent woman named Esther creates beautiful lingerie for clients. [actors-express.com](http://actors-express.com)

**1-24** Theatrical Outfit presents *Wolf at the End of the Block*. In a world where nothing is as it seems, a Chicagoan seeks justice after a mysterious, late-night attack at a boarded-up bar. The neighborhood digs deep into escalating mystery, working against time to separate fact from fiction. [www.theatricaloutfit.org/](http://www.theatricaloutfit.org/)

**2 9 a.m.-noon, Frazer Forest Volunteer Workday with Trees Atlanta.** Help restore and maintain our beloved neighborhood old-growth forest. Pre-registration required. Space is limited. [frazercenter.org/about-us/events](http://frazercenter.org/about-us/events)

**8-10** The Alliance Theatre's Coca-Cola Stage presents Ballethnic Dance *The Leopard Tale*. Tix and info: [alliancetheatre.org/production/2021-22/ballethnic-dance-companys-the-leopard-tale](http://alliancetheatre.org/production/2021-22/ballethnic-dance-companys-the-leopard-tale).

**10** KIDS INVITED!—After a 2-year hiatus, the Annual Candler Park Egg Hunt will be in person—see article p. 3.

**15** Pesach beginning. The first seder is this night. Ends the evening of April 23.

**15-16** *Gather in the Gardens*, Saturday, 7 p.m., Cator Woolford Gardens. Silent auction open Friday. See article Page 3

**16** DeKalb History Center Lunch & Learn. Author Robert M. Craig will be discussing the restoration of the Smith-Benning House and the competing preservation philosophies determining the “proper” way to restore a historic home. In-person or recording of the program at a later date via the DeKalb History Center YouTube channel. [selem@dekalbhistory.org](mailto:selem@dekalbhistory.org)

**17** It's Easter, and THE EGG HUNT IS ON! Lake Claire Land Trust Community Easter Egg Hunt (grown-ups hide eggs at 9 a.m.; kids hunt at 10 a.m.) & Potluck (11 a.m.) And many more exciting LT events are on Page 11.

**21** Live (via Zoom)! The Lake Claire monthly meeting. [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org) for updates and Zoom information. Always from Lake Claire the third Thursday of the month. Keep informed by signing up for mailings and Zoom link at [lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/](http://lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/).

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**24** Mary Lin Elementary Rocket Run 5K and 1 mile. For race info, sign-up, and donations, see [runsignup.com/Race/GA/Atlanta/Rocket-Run5Kand1MileFunRun](http://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Atlanta/Rocket-Run5Kand1MileFunRun)

**29** Great music at Emory all month, includes April 29–30 Benjamin Britten's *Immortal Fire* at the Schwartz Center. For starters, see [arts.emory.edu](http://arts.emory.edu) and [www.atlantamasterchorale.org/concerts](http://www.atlantamasterchorale.org/concerts).

**29** Atlanta City Nature Challenge, Friday 4/29 through Monday 5/2. Help put Atlanta on the geo-map! Participate at your leisure all weekend. For more details, visit [frazercenter.org/about-us/events](http://frazercenter.org/about-us/events).

**30** Alliance Theatre's one-of-a-kind experience developed for children from birth through 5 years old will feature performances of the Kathy & Ken Bernhardt Theatre for the Very Young, art-making at the High Museum of Art, outdoor dance performances by Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre with music by Atlanta Symphony Orchestra musicians, and much more. See [alliancetheatre.org/production/2021-22/toddler-take-over-2022](http://alliancetheatre.org/production/2021-22/toddler-take-over-2022)

### Attention Calendar Readers! Clarion Seeking Help

Would someone interested in theatre, arts, music, neighborhood events like to volunteer to manage the Clarion calendar every month? You would send the column to me by the 15th to 18th of the month preceding the month of publication. Ideally, we want to be sure to cover any school events of interest to Lake Claire. If interested in trying it out, please write [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org). Or please send me suggested items. I welcome help on any aspect of editing the Clarion, including writing of feature articles. ~Beth D.

### April Food-O-Rama with Vegan Options!

Our fellow in-town neighborhood historical Grant Park is bringing back “Food-O-Rama,” with a fabulous addition, “Vegan Alley.” There will be over 50 food trucks and restaurants. The festival takes place **April 16, at noon**. Also in Grant Park, watch for the opening of our own Boyd Baker's “Howdy ATL Biscuit Cafe,” a restaurant and cafe across from the Zoo. Follow at [howdyatl.com/](http://howdyatl.com/).



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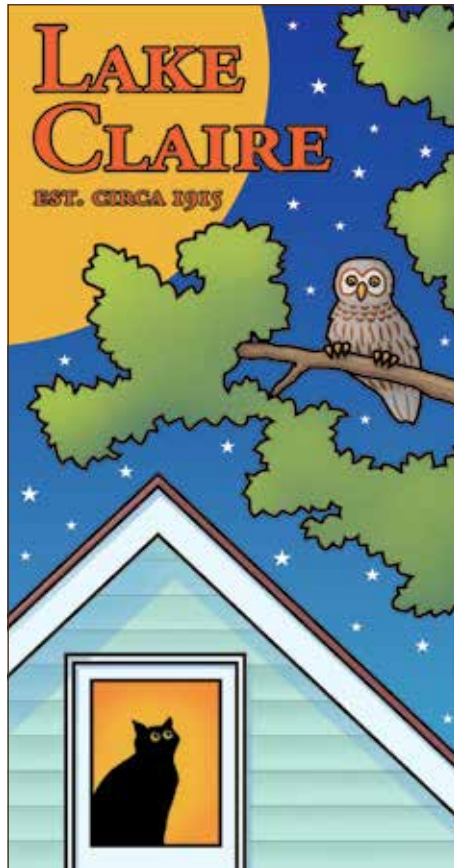
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*Lake Claire Banner,  
by Leslie Hodges*



## Notes for Fellow Foodies

by Beth Damon

Amidst the uncertainties and financial upheaval brought on by Covid over the last two years, many Atlanta restaurant and bar owners have started reopening their dining rooms and patios, and many others plan to open new establishments in 2022. To mention just a few, Yalda, a Persian-Mediterranean restaurant, opened at the Osprey complex on Howell Mill Road at 10th Street. Closer to Lake Claire, in Avondale Estates, Common Roots Farmers Market is a neighborhood grocery/deli, with to-go food and an outdoor seating area. Olive and Pine, just east of East College Avenue, will eventually include a large food hall; a coffee shop; and sandwich shop and bakery called “Leftie Lee’s.” The latter features Foodcation Forever chef and baker Vivian Lee, bringing Korean-inspired baked goods and sandwiches to the ‘hood.

My friend Michael Condon and partner Paul Vines opened Santo Cantina & Cocina, a sister location to Calle Latina in Decatur (which offers Latin Street Food). Find “Santo” at 31 N. Avondale Road in the previous home of Good Karma Coffeehouse. Calle Latina’s chefs are Latina women inspired by recipes that have been passed down from their mothers and grandmothers. Santo, on the other hand, is a creative Mexican restaurant including Tex-Mex favorites, also with the focus on original dishes. Dining there last week on their comfy outdoor patio, I got my Maine fix with their delicious lobster tacos, two plump and delicious lobster tacos, with a charcoal pineapple sauce, lemon, and green onion (see picture). Check out the varied menu



here ([santoatl.com/avondale-estates-downtown-avondale-state-santo-cantina-and-cocina-food-menu](http://santoatl.com/avondale-estates-downtown-avondale-state-santo-cantina-and-cocina-food-menu)), or better yet, there.

Is Atlanta ready for a zero-proof cocktail bar? Eater Atlanta asked that question last month, when the owners of Zilch Market at Old Fourth Ward’s “Chrome Yellow Trading Company” hosted a zero-proof pop-up bar. Founded by sober bartenders Lissa Eubanks and Savannah Rainey, the event was the first in a series of pop-ups planned over the next several months, and a preview of the future Atlanta bottle shop and bar they hope to open within the year. A variety of non-alcoholic beer, wine, canned aperitifs, and cocktails, included a coffee Old Fashioned made with Chrome Yellow coffee and Spiritless 74 whiskey.

In walking distance, have you tried Sean’s Candler Park? They have a small but unique menu that changes often to get the freshest and seasonal foods. My two faves there are the Thai Tuna Salad and the Salmon Mousse Country Club sandwich. The latter has a bit of a Korean flare, with a fried egg added to fresh ingredients, and the former a unique tuna combination with peanuts that you must taste to believe. Another thing that impresses me is their brewed iced tea. Breakfast is

## Let’s Gather in the Gardens

by Dina Shadwell

Frazer Center’s annual gala fundraiser is back in Cator Woolford Gardens, and you’re invited! After postponing then moving to an online platform during the pandemic, Gather in the Gardens returns as an in-person event on **Saturday, April 16, 7–10 p.m.** The gardens promise to be on full display.

The evening begins with a cocktail reception and an artistic performance by local painter Jean Alexander as she creates a new work of art in front of guests’ eyes. After drinks, enjoy a seated dinner catered by Chef Cary. Beer, wine, and spirits will be flowing from the open bar, and the live auction is guaranteed to be lively entertainment with items including a beach vacation, a glamping experience, a bourbon bonanza, and a private wine-tasting event. One goal for the evening is to build financial support for the Frazer Center Inclusion Institute, which provides innovative programming that reaches the wider community. Programs include: a Ref-

ugee Intern Program in response to the Early Education hiring crisis, in partnership with the Refugee Women’s Network; Frazer’s inclusion nature-based early education programs with outreach to ensure low-income children throughout metro Atlanta have access to nature-based learning; and a community inclusion pilot program that meets adults with disabilities in the community to build relationships with their neighbors.

Your participation in Gather in the Gardens helps ensure that these programs flourish, impacting the lives of children and adults with and without disabilities, fostering inclusive communities right here in Lake Claire and beyond. **The silent auction is open for bids through Friday, April 15 at noon.** For tickets, more information about joining the host committee or becoming a sponsor, to view live auction items, and to bid early on silent auction items, visit [32auctions.com/gig](http://32auctions.com/gig).

## Egg Hunt Set for April 10!

by Whitney Griggs

After a 2 year hiatus, the annual neighborhood Egg Hunt returns to Candler Park on Sunday April 10! The Hunt starts at 3:30 p.m. sharp, but please come early to play! Kids ages 0–11 can hunt for candy-filled eggs and treats will be available for purchase from local vendors. Additional lucky winners who find the

golden eggs will get a special prize. Thanks to Candler Park Market for being a generous and wonderful neighbor and donating thousands of pieces of candy for the event.

Editor’s note—and on Easter itself, don’t miss the Land Trust egg hunt. Details Page 11.

all day, and the weather is here for enjoying their outdoor seating on the corner of McLendon and Oakdale. Googling “Restaurants Candler Park/Lake Claire,” doesn’t necessarily bring up the delicious deli at the back of Candler Park Market. They serve breakfast, lunch, and early dinner (Mondays and Tuesdays, they close at 4 p.m., other days 6 p.m.). Though they make a delicious Reuben and hamburgers, they also have vegetarian and vegan choices, such as “The Claire” (order sans cheese), the Impossible Burger (vegan), and a house-made garden veggie burger. Yum, yum. Walk on down!

Some other things to mention (and try) are the Brussels sprouts and signature hush puppies at The Porter Beer Bar (and the beer there—excellent beer selection). I enjoyed meals in the back outdoor area during Covid closures. Think mussels, Belgian frites, and an impressively creative menu.

I could fill the whole Clarion talk-

ing about food, but instead, I seek your articles about local food you’ve discovered and enjoyed. Next Clarion deadline—April 15; please share. Finally:

**Brave Wojtek: a correction from last month.** Beatrice Wan wrote about the Polish food pop-up Brave Wojtek, and founder Matt Reeves reconnecting with his Polish roots. I mistakenly titled the article “Gato Pop-up.” Though Reeves has in fact worked with Mighty Hans at his Taiwanese breakfast pop-up at Gato (do check that out—featured in the February Clarion), his own pop-up Brave Wojtek has been found elsewhere, including at Dead End Drinks (which was formerly Ration and Dram, in Kirkwood). Reeves also has pitched in during service at TKO Korean and Seoul Chikin. Be on the lookout for more of Brave Wojtek’s Polish comfort food at future pop ups!—follow Matt’s Instagram @ [bravewojtek](https://www.instagram.com/bravewojtek). I can’t wait for more Lemon Pepper Pierogi!

**THE MARY LIN ROCKET RUN IS COMING TO CANDLER PARK!!!**



The Mary Lin Rocket Run is a fundraising event for the Mary Lin Elementary PTA which includes both a 5K race and a 1-mile fun run! There will be a DJ, treats for runners and spectators, and an awards ceremony!

**Come on out, get some sunshine and exercise, as well as some friendly competition, all while helping to support your local elementary school PTA! Registration is open to everyone in the community!**

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## Wild in Lake Claire

by Sara Gottlieb

I just finished reading (for inspiration for this column) Margaret Renkl's latest New York Times column, "What to do with Spring's Wild Joy in a Burning World," and I can hardly think of anything I can write that could hold a candle to her exquisite turns of phrase. This time of year, when we again are gifted with longer days, warm temperatures, low humidity, flowering trees, and singing birds, capped by impossibly blue skies, I am helpless to resist the pull of spending hours outdoors.

As Renkl notes, however, in the midst of our joy at the return of spring, the world is burning in ways real and metaphorical. Much of this burning can seem far away: poorly conceived laws being passed in state capitols, devastating floods in Australia, war in Ukraine. Is it ok to partake of joy when so many are suffering? Renkl and I would agree that it is not only ok, but necessary; you cannot pour from an empty cup.

My one noteworthy nature observation recently was a large opossum hiding under a car parked on Connecticut Avenue. I spotted it while driving home, then went back to have a closer look while on foot. Opossums aren't usually active during the day, and seeing one in daylight can sometimes be an indication that he or she is sick or injured. This one had no obvious affliction and didn't even seem particularly defensive when I bent down to look at it from a couple feet away.

Ilene S. is still enjoying the many birds that frequent our neighborhood. reported seeing an eastern towhee foraging on the ground beneath one of her bird feeders, a grackle, hairy woodpecker (that could have been a downy), yellow-rumped warbler, house finch, Carolina wren,

white breasted nuthatch, mourning doves and what appeared to be a European starling. Ilene also heard barred owls calling and the usual hawks, as well as her first Carolina chickadee of the season.

Bernard S. was offered some firewood from a garage. As he loaded it, he found a lizard (a green anole, based on the photo he submitted) in between the pieces. It was totally still, and he thought for a second that it was dead. Bernard pushed the lizard off onto the grass and it slowly started moving and went away. It was probably hibernating like some reptiles and a few mammals. I have seen anoles out sunning on warm days throughout the winter—they seem to be getting more and more common around the neighborhood!

Frank W. on Arizona reported seeing a continuation of large numbers of redwing blackbirds and robins from 70 to 300+ individuals, primarily along the bike path in February. He also saw a small hawk eating an animal on the side fence of his backyard. It was very cautious and would take a bite, look around for danger, then take another bite—very methodical. Frank recently saw quite a few other hawks and a gorgeous pair of white owls flying around during the daytime. He has been hearing owls and about 10 woodpeckers this month in the neighborhood as well as on the Freedom bike path.

Meredith W. saw a good-sized eastern garter snake by the creek in back of her home one morning. Twice recently she found what she is pretty sure was coyote poop (also known as scat) in her back yard—it looked like dog feces but was full of gray fur. She also reported birds singing up

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## Scout Project with CSM

by Lori White

Neighborhood Boy Scout, Lawson Crutcher, from Troop 455, recently did a special eagle scout project on our Clifton Sanctuary Ministries campus. Here is a bit of history: about 20 years ago a group of women from the neighborhood would come to our shelter and provide much needed foot services to our men (trim their toenails, file down calluses, rub their feet down with lotions, etc.) After learning about the endearing service these women were providing, a group of local artists came to the shelter and took a foot imprint on stone of each of the guests at Clifton and arranged them in the ground outside in the shape of a cross. Very special. As the years went by, the ground grew over the stones and the stones began to sink.

Lawson approached us and wanted to know how he could serve and do his eagle scout project on campus. "The reason I chose Clifton Ministries is because they're a local nonprofit and because my dad has worked with them in the past," says Crutcher. We immediately thought of this special "Foot Garden" on the grounds, and Lawson jumped at the opportunity.

We are so happy with the results of Lawson's project. As you can see

from the pictures, the "Foot Garden" has been brought back to life!

"If others are looking for a place to do their eagle project, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is a great organization to work with, and I would highly recommend reaching out to them," says Crutcher.

Just another wonderful example of how our neighbors love on us and walk beside us in this ministry!





Photo by Debbie Livingston

## The First-Ever LeoNardi Gras!

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together over king cake, muffulettas, homemade gumbo, and hurricanes for the adults (Look Out!).

This year's LeoNardi Gras is hopefully the start of an annual tradition helping to illustrate how our neighbors are here for one another, and that is absolutely worthy of celebrating. The stage is set for bigger parades and family-friendly revelry for all, for years to come! Laissez les bons temps rouler from Jesse, Rachel, Oliver, and Mila Sammons.

*Floating along with a super parade float are Mason James (in wagon), Tiffany James with baby Harper, and Adam James.*



*Showing the Mardi Gras spirit are, from left, Peter Olson, Janie Branscomb-Collier (with Bosco), Sam Branscomb-Collier, Stell Simonton and Wade Marbaugh.*

## Daffodils/Jonquils/Narcissus?

by Beth Damon

Whether you call the harbinger of spring a daffodil or a narcissus, the popular and easy to grow flower salutes spring with a burst of colors—white, cream, soft yellow or bright yellow, as well as orange, pink and even lime-green. Because daffodils divide, one bulb can produce a cluster of bulbs for future enjoyment. Often confused with the use of narcissus and daffodil is the term “jonquil,” which is a specific type of daffodil with dark green leaves and clusters of several small and fragrant flowers—different from the daffodil's one flower and flat leaves. The major difference between daffodils vs. jon-



*Daffodils in front of the Sullivans' home on Arizona*

quils would be the leaves. Jonquils have slender leaves that round on the tips while daffodils sport slim sword-tipped foliage. Jonquil stems

are hollow and usually shorter than daffodil varieties. Narcissus is the Latin name or botanical name for daffodils, and daffodil is the com-

mon name for all members that fall under the genus *Narcissus*. Call 'em what you want, but plant 'em in Lake Claire. Enjoy, y'all!

## Wild in Lake Claire

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Trout Lillies at Sweetwater Creek.

a storm—cardinals, towhees, tufted titmouses, wrens, pine warblers, and chickadees, brown-headed nuthatches, red-bellied and pileated woodpeckers, as well. A pair of red-shouldered hawks is nesting in a pine tree in her neighbor’s yard just across the creek. She’s seen them mating a couple of times and hears their calls frequently. Finally, Meredith reported seeing a lovely and large group of trout lilies in full bloom at Sweetwater Creek State Park in early March (see picture above). Given how elusive they are and how short their blooming period is, seeing them can feel like such a gift.

Speaking of gifts, allow me to end this column by sharing the gift of Margaret Renkl’s words in her March 7 column in the New York Times:

“If you tell me I don’t deserve this joy, you are telling me nothing I don’t already know. The world is on fire, and I’m the one who struck the first

match. I did it, and you did it. From the very first hominid to rise up on bare feet and stumble across a field of blooming grass, we have all been burning it down. We are burning it down still, to this very day, to this very hour.

“The world is burning, and there is no time to put down the water buckets. For just an hour, put down the water buckets anyway. Take your cue from the bluebirds, who have no faith in the future but who build the future nevertheless, leaf by leaf and straw by straw, shaping them and turning them into a sheltering roundness perfectly fitted to the contours of the future they are making.”

*If you’d like to report a wildlife sighting or gardening happening for inclusion in a future column, please email sara.gottlieb@gmail.com. Flora Fauna (Carol) is gradually passing the column on to Sara, with Flora having an occasional guest column.—Ed.*

## Atlanta Hospitality House

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while we offered her a cool drink and tour of Kai’s garden. Months later this gracious lady presented us with a rose bush and heartfelt thanks. Volunteers, many from Lake Claire, made dinners every night, answered phones, checked in guests and otherwise served as ambassadors of good will and compassion. That’s the way Hospitality House was: personal, modest, caring, neighborly.

Our connection intensified when we met former director Melissa Earhardt. Melissa, a loving, Christian soul, was well versed in pastoral care. But she was a novice at property management, and, as it turned out, property acquisition. We did our best to help, inspecting the Mansion (I was an inspector), and asking a fellow St. Bartholomew’s parishioner and former dean to open a dialogue with Emory (the old Ronald McDonald House was potentially, though not eventually, available). When Covid hit and living in the mansion basement became increasingly burdensome, we rented our basement

apartment to her.

One day we saw Melissa with a mother and young daughter. The family had stopped for gas, and the father had had a massive stroke. Kai ran home and gathered a plushy toy for the grateful youngster. That night, her father died. Melissa shared similar stories. Some were tragic, others hopeful. In all, the Hospitality House, forest, and garden served as refuge from storms of illness, pain, and hopelessness. A Sanctuary built with care and kindness.

The kindness of those willing to give of themselves, even in the smallest way, is why Kai and I treasure our neighborhood. It’s our sanctuary. We’re grateful—and blessed, to live here.

*AHHH is engaged in a search for a new physical home as well as exploring alternative options. These efforts are being led by the AHHH board. AHHH manager Sheila Cooper may be reached at 404-377-6333.*



A Russian weather satellite’s 121-megapixel image of Earth (the most detailed image of Earth so far)



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

### April Birthdays:

- April 2, Tyler Bliss, Leonardo, turns 14 (how did that happen?!!)
- April 6, Bridgette Maddux turns 12, Harold Ave
- April 10, Kelly Crutcher, Hardendorf
- April 12, Aarini Kakkar, Southerland Terrace
- April 15, Jim Wilson, Delaware Avenue
- April 17, Joe Agee, Harold Avenue
- April 18, Deacon Baker, Leonardo, turns 21 (that means Boyd is really old!)
- April 19, Emily Allen, Harold Avenue
- April 21, Jamie McGill, my favorite Jamie in the world, Delaware Avenue, turns 19
- April 23, Dan Geller, Marlbrook (“Will you still feed me...” (hint hint))
- April 27, Claudia Restler, Lakeshore Drive
- April 28, Sara McGill, my favorite SARA in the world, Delaware Avenue, turns 17
- April 28, Kevin Restler, Lakeshore Drive
- April 30, Beth van Arkel, Southerland Terrace

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- April 3: Pen and Andrew Sherwood of Harold, 11th wedding anniversary! Congrats!
- March 19, belatedly, Alicia & Tom McGill on Delaware, 28th anniversary! Congrats!

### MEMORIES:

2 years this month since Janie Wright left us in 2020; 3 years since Gay Arneri left us in 2019. They both made a deep impact. Rest in Peace, Lake Claire misses you guys.

Send us birthdays and other life cycle changes for May—**help make this series inclusive (editor@lakeclaire.org) by APRIL 15-18.**



Scouts Jai Warren, Arya Morris, Naomi Busk. See article p. 12.

## Upcoming Music!

by Beth Damon

Spring has sprung, and there is some really great music coming up. The Clarion is pleased to offer what we have found by press time. Of particular interest might be the Virginia Highland Fest May 14, and the Can-

dlar Park Fest, June 3–4 (for which tickets are already for sale). Check actual venues to see any changes/cancellations, and to see if there are any Covid vaccination requirements.

Friday, April 1	Webster and Mystery Cassette	Venkman
Saturday, April 2	Thao	Terminal West
Sunday, April 3	The Band of Heathens	Terminal West
Tuesday, April 5	Daryl Hall & Todd Rundgren	ASO
Wednesday, April 6	Joan Osborne	City Winery
Thursday, April 7	the Zombies	Center Stage
April 8–9	John Mayer	State Farm Arena
Saturday, April 9	Magnolia Express	Napoleons
Saturday, April 9	Bon Iver	Chastain
Tuesday, April 12	Porches	Terminal West
Wednesday, April 13	Cat Power	Variety Playhouse
Wednesday, April 13	Charli XCX	The Eastern
Thursday, April 14	Steep Canyon Rangers	Variety Playhouse
Friday, April 15	Fruit Bats	Variety Playhouse
April 15–16	Johnnyswim	The Eastern
Monday, April 18	Jake Shimabukuro	City Winery
Wednesday, April 20	Diana Krall	ASO
Tuesday, April 26	California Honeydrops	Variety Playhouse
Friday, April 29	Umphrey’s Mcgee	Variety Playhouse
Friday, April 29	Taz	Terminal West
Saturday, April 30	Thievery Corp	Variety Playhouse
Saturday, April 30	The Manhattan Transfer	Rialto
Sunday, May 1	Van Morrison	Ameris Amp
April 29–May 1	Shaky Knees	Central Park
April 29–May 1	Sweetwater 420	Centennial Park
Wednesday, May 4	Tori Amos	ASO
Thursday, May 5	Built to Spill	Variety Playhouse
Friday, May 6	AJR	Ameris Amp
Saturday, May 7	Mary J Blige	State Farm Arena
Sunday, May 8	Eric Krasno	Terminal West
Monday, May 9	Victor Wooten	City Winery
Friday, May 13	Lucius	Variety Playhouse
Friday, May 13	Don McLean	ASO
Friday, May 13	Joy Oladokun	Terminal West
Friday, May 13	Gogol Bordello	The Eastern
Saturday, May 14	Pokey Lafarge	City Winery
Saturday, May 14	Virginia Highland Fest	in Virginia Highland
Thursday, May 19	Ray LaMontagne	Fox Theatre
Saturday, May 21	Dave Matthews	Lakewood
Friday, May 27	Sigur Ros	Cobb Energy Center
Saturday, May 28	Gipsy Kings	Chastain
Sunday, May 29	Bright Eyes	The Eastern
June 2–5	STS9	The Eastern
Friday, June 3	Bonnie Raitt	Chastain
Saturday, June 4	Brit Floyd	Cobb Energy Center
Saturday, June 4	Barenaked Ladies	Chastain
Fri/Sat, June 3 and 4	Candler Park Fest	Candler Park! Tix already on sale!
Thursday, June 9	Indigo Girls	Chastain
Saturday, June 11	Coldplay	

## Time to Resist the Lies from Mosquito Treatment Companies

As the calendar flips to April, we know Spring is just around the corner. With those warmer temps we also know mosquitoes will appear. But an even worse danger is the offers that the mosquito treatment companies come out with to entice you to kill honeybees. Pesticides are linked to declining bird and pollinator populations, and many chronic

or terminal diseases in pets and humans. Perhaps an individual cannot control global warming—this is something in your power to control. Please resist the mosquito programs. Please think of the beneficial insects, the environment, and the children’s and pets’ little bare paws that they will later lick.

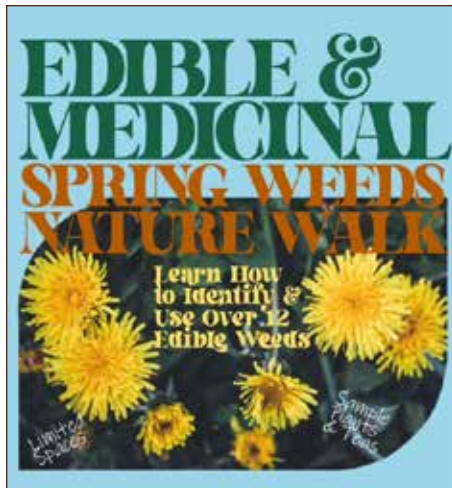
# Edible & Medicinal Weeds Walk

by Morgan Strickland

Did you know that the “weeds” in your yard are actually a superfood and medicine? Humans have been utilizing these weeds for centuries, but many of the traditions around foraging and cultivating wild plants have been lost since agriculture became more industrialized post-WWII.

Industrial monocropping and the heavy use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides have depleted the nutrients in our soil—our main food source. Additionally, vegetables lose half of their nutritive content on average within a week of being harvested, which is about how long it takes to get to the consumer. This is highly problematic from a health perspective, because the chemicals pollute our waterways and bodies while we are also steadily receiving less essential nutrients, vitamins, and minerals from the foods we eat.

I’ve always heard food is medicine, and I have found it to be a miraculous tool in my own healing journey. But once our bodies develop deficiencies, they can no longer perform necessary functions, much less defend against illness. In the same vein, a nutrient-dense locally sourced diet



can be an incredible healer. When pursuing a nutrient-dense life, we want to look for regenerative farming practices and get as close to the food source as possible. This may mean supporting your local regenerative farmer or looking to your own yard with a home garden. You might be surprised to find that the weeds that you wrangle from your garden bed every year are actually loaded with beneficial vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that you could be incorporating free of cost into your daily food regimen. Maybe they even have medicinal properties that might help

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## Lake Claire Land Trust Open House and Potluck

Sunday, April 24, noon-2 p.m.

Join us outdoors and in-person at the Land Trust to enjoy a community meal, spend time with neighbors, and help envision the future of our

neighborhood greenspace! All are welcome. A tour of the land follows, for those interested. Please bring a dish to share if you'd like. Less plas-

tic is fantastic, so we encourage you to bring your own plates and utensils too! Masks optional.

## Spring Plant Sale at the Land Trust

The Land Trust's second annual Spring Plant Sale will be at the entrance to the Land Trust, Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. to noon. Early May is the best time to plant tomatoes, pep-

pers, okra and other vegetables for your garden. We will have flowers, too. If you have a particular request, contact [info@LCCLT.com](mailto:info@LCCLT.com), and we will try to have it for you. If anyone

is thinning flowers from your garden and wants to donate them, they will be much appreciated. You can leave them in pots on the porch of 300 or 290 Arizona Ave.

## Creative Class with Brook Hewitt:

Snail Appreciation Crafting Workshop

(\$10; scholarships available)

April brings us the delights of Spring blooms and lots of cute critters. One of the cutest is our friend the Snail. Join us at the Land Trust on Sunday, April 24 (4–6 p.m.), for a celebration of snails, a "snailebration," if you will! Miss Brook will be offering a variety of snail-friendly "make it take it" hands-on crafts and activities. Snails are pretty darn adorable and an important part of the ecosystem, but they will munch on your garden if you let them, so there will be a snail mix station where you can make a bag of your own snail deterrent to take home! If you can, please sign up in advance at [www.cameraclassforkids.com/book-online](http://www.cameraclassforkids.com/book-online). More info: [cameraclassforkids@gmail.com](mailto:cameraclassforkids@gmail.com)

Did you know these interesting snail facts?

- Snail is a common name for gastropod mollusks that can be split into three groups: land snails, sea snails, and freshwater snails.

- Snails can have lungs or gills

depending on the species and their habitat. Some marine snails actually can have lungs and some land-based snails can have gills.

- Most snail species have a ribbon-like tongue called a radula that contains thousands of microscopic teeth. The radula works like a file, ripping food up into tiny pieces.

- The majority of snails are herbivores, eating vegetation such as leaves, stems and flowers, some larger species and marine-based species can be predatory omnivores or even carnivores.

- The largest living sea snail species is the *Syrinx aruanus*, whose shell can reach 90 cm (35 in.) in length and the snail can weigh up to 18 kg (40 lbs.)!

- Common garden snails have a top speed of 45 meters (50 yards) per hour, making the snail one of the slowest creatures on Earth.

- Depending on the species, snails can live 5 to 25 years

## Camps this Summer

Sign your kids up today! Summer Camps with Brook at the Land Trust: July 11–15, \$260 per kid.

The first is Creative Kids Camp: 9 a.m.–noon, ages 7–12. Creative Camp will be 100% outdoors with lots of shelter space at the beautiful and amazing Lake Claire Community Land Trust. We will explore the gardens, sew, cook, create art, and of course do some fun photography projects! Snacks and water provided. Sign up at [www.cameraclassforkids.com/book-online](http://www.cameraclassforkids.com/book-online).

The other camp is Teen Photography Camp. Teens are invited to meet

at one of Atlanta hidden gem locations, the Lake Claire Community Land Trust, and learn how to take amazing photos. From 1 to 4 p.m., for ages 12–15. Since we are conveniently located near Candler Park and Little 5 Points, expect some fun photo field trips. Cameras, snacks, and water provided. Students will get to print pictures to take home at the end of each class! Sign up at [www.cameraclassforkids.com/book-online](http://www.cameraclassforkids.com/book-online).

## Edible & Medicinal Weeds Walk

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with that ailment you've been ignoring. These plants have so many gifts to offer, and yet they go uncelebrated simply because we've lost touch with them.

Weeds feel like nature's commitment to loving us. They are hardy, resilient, refuse to be killed despite all of our efforts, and they offer us significantly more vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants in a more bio-available form than any supplement on the market. Celebrating these weeds, the foods and medicines that humans have used throughout history, is a radical act of love to the self, our species, and the planet. This month, I will be hosting two separate guided two-hour nature walks at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust. We will discuss roughly 15 common



spring weeds, how to identify them, use them as food and medicine, and preserve them. We will also be sampling and taking home some of the foods and teas made from them. This could be a fun early Mother's Day activity, date idea, or celebration of Easter or Spring! You can sign up for a class at [www.flourishandflora.com](http://www.flourishandflora.com). I hope to see you there and to empower you in the pursuit of greater self-sufficiency, health, and connectedness to our beloved planet!

## Upcoming & Ongoing at the Land Trust

**Sat. April 2:** Drum Circle, 8–11 p.m., \$5 donation requested. Rain date: Sat. April 16

**Sun. April 3 & 17:** Vinyasa Yoga with Ashley Brooks, 10–11 a.m., \$10/person. More info: [ashleydbrooks@gmail.com](mailto:ashleydbrooks@gmail.com) or 404-604-9782.

**Wed. April 13:** Land Trust Board Meeting, 7–8 p.m. Contact [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org) for a Zoom link.

**Sat. April 16:** Community Work Day, 9 a.m.–noon. Pizza follows. Rain date: Sat. April 23. (Note change to Summer Work Day hours.)

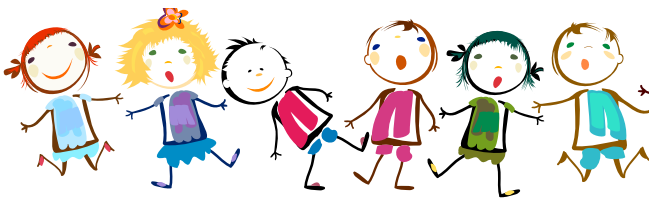
**Sun. April 17:** Community Easter Egg Hunt (grown-ups hide at 9 a.m.; kids hunt at 10 a.m.) & Potluck (11 a.m.)

**Sun. April 24:** Land Trust Community Open House & Potluck, noon–2 p.m. See article this page.

**Sun. April 24:** Creative Class with Brook Hewitt: Snail Appreciation Crafting Workshop, 4–6 p.m., \$10 per kid; scholarships available. (See article this page.)

**Sat., April 30:** Spring Plant Sale, 9 a.m.–noon, at the Land Trust.

(Note: All events except the Plant Sale subject to cancellation due to inclement weather; check [LCCLT.org/new-event](http://LCCLT.org/new-event) or our Facebook page before showing up. Note rain dates for Drum Circle and Work Day. Thanks!)



# 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 Naomi Busk, who is part of Girl Scout Troop 19060. Naomi is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at Mary Lin Elementary School.

The troop is comprised of girls in the 3rd grade at Mary Lin Elementary, and they and other Scouts just wrapped up cookie season. Naomi's mom, Cindy Zeldin, interviewed Naomi about how it all went; our feature this month is their conversation. Thank you, Naomi! To all the Lake Claire children

who read and contribute to the Kids' Page each month, we appreciate you. Add **your** creativity to this page! Submit your work to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org), by **April 18** for the next issue of the newspaper, which will be **\*MAY\*/yay**, and hello, Spring!

## Cookie Q&A

by Cindy Zeldin and Naomi Busk

**Cindy:** Let's start by learning a little bit more about Troop 19060. What sorts of activities do you do?

**Naomi:** We have meetings usually every month, and we do things that are very fun, like pottery. Once we went camping. We get our badge for the activity at the next meeting. We will be zip lining next! Girl Scouts teach girls leadership skills, kindness, and friendship skills.

**Cindy:** Cookie season kicked off with a Cookie Rally back in December. What did you do at the Cookie Rally?

**Naomi:** We started by making a poster, and we practiced knocking on doors asking if people wanted to buy cookies. We made a tree with a leaf with our goals on it for cookie season. At the end we got little prizes.

**Cindy:** What did you need to learn about before you started selling cookies?

**Naomi:** Girl Scout cookies are delicious cookies that Girl Scouts sell to support all of the activities we do. We also learned about cost and which ones are vegan or gluten free.

**Cindy:** What are some of the strategies you and your troop members used to sell cookies?

**Naomi:** We learned that if people says they like coconut, we could suggest Samoas because they have coconut in them, or if they like minty chocolate we could suggest Thin Mints, or if they like something with caramel, then we could request Adventurefuls. I would explain each of the cookies, tell their prices, and show pictures. Then I asked whomever I was selling the cookies to what they would like to order, and I would track it on my sheet. Recently we have been delivering them, and people have been paying for them.

**Cindy:** What about the cookie booths? How did those work?

**Naomi:** We would set up a table at a place like Chick-fil-A or PetCo or Candler Park Market, and we would have cookies on the table. Whatever strategies we learned we would use to sell the cookies and people could pay with any form of payment. One troop member would bring a pouch to hold the money. If people didn't know what they wanted, we would probably suggest either the new cookies (Adventurefuls) or popular cookies like Thin Mints, Tagalongs, and Samoas.

**Cindy:** What was the most unexpected thing that happened during cookie season?

**Naomi:** Some people at cookie booths would actually pay from their cars, and we would hand them their cookies in their cars (like a drive-through). Also, quite a few people actually donated without buying cookies to support the Girl Scouts or our Smiles for the Military program. Also, it was surprising and sort of not surprising that there was a national shortage of Adventurefuls. I know they're



Scouts Jai Warren, Quinn Adams, Holly Brandenburg, and Naomi Busk. See Page 9 for other troop members.

really good but I didn't expect there would actually be a shortage!

**Cindy:** What was your favorite part about cookie season?

**Naomi:** Mainly hanging out with my friends at the cookie booths and when I was talking to people on the phone and taking their cookie orders, I really liked talking to people that I don't usually talk to, like some of my babysitters and my parents' friends or family members that live in other places.

**Cindy:** What do you like best about being a Girl Scout?

**Naomi:** Probably all the fun activities and being able to hang out with my friends all of the time. We also learn skills that are useful in life and for making more friends.

**Cindy:** What is your favorite Girl Scout cookie?

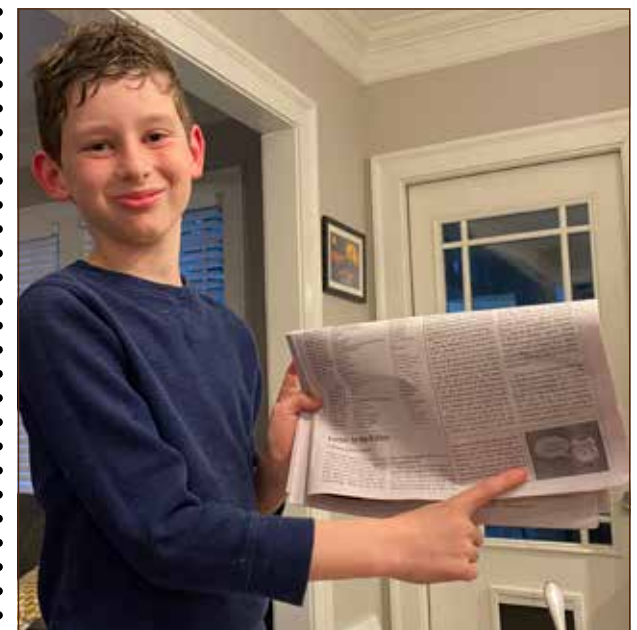
**Naomi:** I have a few favorite Girl Scout cookie flavors. I like Adventurefuls, Lemon-Ups, and Thin Mints.

## Contest Winners!

We have two winners for this month, who found the Daylight Savings Time picture from March.

First place winner is **Henry Allen**, who lives on Hardendorf, is age 9 and in the third grade at Mary Lin.

Second place winner is **Sawyer Klehr**, who also lives on Hardendorf and is in 3rd grade at Mary Lin. Congrats, Henry and Sawyer! You guys won the contest over a **VAST** number of Lake Claire kids who participated this time. Your prize is your picture in the Clarion. **Attention other Lake Claire kids**—Add your name to the list of winners. To all of those kids who didn't win, **many of you** came so, so close this time. Please do keep reading this page, and keep playing. See our new contest below.



Henry



Sawyer

## New Contest

**APRIL!** Flowers are budding, and we are hoping for no freezes that might kill those buds. April 22 is **EARTH DAY**. In honor of that, take a minute to find a picture of Earth in this issue. The winners will have their photos in the May issue of the newspaper. To win, send an e-mail to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org) identifying the page number, and you must include your name, age, school, street, and grade along with a picture. Ask a parent to take a picture of you, perhaps of you finding the hidden graphic, or doing whatever you like. For extra credit, tell us what you will do in honor of Earth Day or what it means to you. **(Please tell your parents to send large picture files, 1mb+.) Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you cannot win two months in a row. The deadline is April 18. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.**