



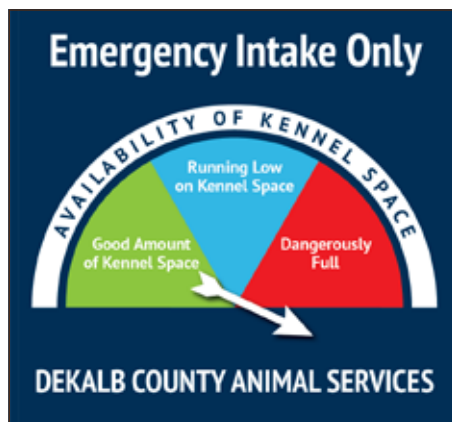
## Dekalb Shelters Need Your Help

by Scott McLane

This announcement was released on May 13 to Lifeline volunteers and the general public:

**“The DeKalb shelter has reached its peak capacity for housing, and due to this critical status, Dekalb County and LifeLine Animal Project, in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, are enacting emergency-only intake protocols. This means the shelter is only able to accept animals who are injured, or who are involved in bite cases or cruelty situations. DeKalb County Animal Enforcement Field Officers are also operating under these same emergency protocols.”**

We currently have more animals



than kennels available, and animals have been staying in temporary crates; this is not a sustainable solution. We do not have a way humanely to house any more animals at the shelter. These are temporary measures during extraordinary times, put in place to ensure we prioritize

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## Which Mode is Best: Transit, Cars, Scooters, or Bikes?

by Kevin Posey

Think for a moment about the last time you rode on the bus or subway. Was it even in the United States? For many Americans, the only time they are willing to ride transit is when they are in another country, such as any of the European Union nations, the U.K., Japan, or perhaps even China. All of those nations have systems that are sophisticated and popular in a way that most U.S. transit officials can scarcely dream of.

I could cite a variety of reasons for this: slow speeds, infrequent service, poor connectivity to destinations, and lax security. This latter problem may be the most troublesome for U.S. transit systems.

Even the New York subway—the most extensive in the U.S.—was reported by CNN to have no working security cameras in the station where a mass shooting incident took



place last month on April 12. Given the potential for a terrorist attack on the transit system serving a city that has experienced the worst such assault on U.S. soil, it is astonishing that security has such a low priority for N.Y. transit officials. A smaller, less high-profile city might very well treat security as even less important.

However, if a perceived lack of safety is a dealbreaker for transit

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## Open a Restaurant—What was I Thinking?

by Boyd Baker

Last night I got home around 6:15 p.m. Tonight I rolled in about 8. Each day started around 5:30 a.m. Now, I'm not an early riser by nature, but this whole business model doesn't really smile upon late sleepers.

Many neighbors have followed my adventures on Facebook or Instagram or Kickstarter to see if I could actually open a quick service bakery/cafe in Grant Park across from the zoo. As it turns out, I could. Was touch-and-go for a while, to be sure but it's not “grind time.”

My adventure began some time ago, but my hunt for the actual permits and licenses to get an abandoned coffeehouse in the City of Atlanta reopened took way longer than I expected. At the start of February is when I filed my first applications for a Fulton County Health Department permit. That was first in line, then a City fire inspection, and then a City business license, these seeming to be all that was needed to open my little biscuit cafe that would serve Grant Park—and give me a way to force my teenage kids to work a job.

There were so many surreal twists and turns that only over a glass of courage could you really grasp how



convoluted our governmental system of “food safety” is operating. When I finally managed to pay my City biz license fee and get my paperwork on a Thursday in May, I was elated that I could now focus on the really hard job—staying open and staffing a bakery/cafe.

Little did I know that my first day would be Friday the 13th. Yes, on May 13, around 5:45 a.m., I realized that I was embarking on a potentially disastrous Opening Day at Howdy ATL across from Zoo Atlanta. I thought that, since I'd had soft opening events for a couple of weeks that my staff was at least 80 percent ca-

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## Resist the Lies from Pesticide Companies!

With our temperatures rising in the summer, mosquitoes have already appeared. But an even worse danger than bug bites is treating your yard with pesticides, which don't even last past a nice rain. Pest control companies claim to eliminate mosquitoes “safely,” but there is no safe chemical to eliminate mosquitos—please don't fall for these claims that are frequent at this time of year.

The fact is that residential mosquito treatments are highly toxic to native pollinators such as bees and butterflies, fish, and other aquatic organisms, and they pose a proven risk to pets and people, too. Pesticides are linked to declining bird and pollinator populations, and to many chronic or terminal diseases in pets

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## Summer Calendar Bits and Pieces

Please check Page 15 for Lake Claire Community Land Trust events and the LCCLT website throughout the summer for updates; please check Page 13 for LIVE MUSIC; and please see Wahoo schedule below this calendar. Check theatre and other venue websites for the July and August events, since info in this Clarion is as of our publication date in late May.

### Theatre

**Actor's Express** ([Info/tix at actors-express.com](http://actors-express.com)):

**June 1-12:** *Booty Candy*, an audacious series of subversive vignettes that explore what it means to grow up gay and black in America.

**July 9-24:** *Lizzie*, a blazing rock-and-roll extravaganza based on Lizzy Borden. A cold-blooded killer or a victim of the patriarchy?

**August 6-8:** *Desire Under the Elms*, Eugene O'Neill's scorching classic that pulses with the intensity of a fever dream.

**Alliance Theatre** ([alliancetheatre.org/productions?season\\_status=current](http://alliancetheatre.org/productions?season_status=current)):

**June 1-26:** World premiere, *Trading Places the Musical*, Coca-Cola Stage, [alliancetheatre.org/production/2021-22/trading-places](http://alliancetheatre.org/production/2021-22/trading-places). And check out "Alliance Theatre Anywhere" for streaming offerings.

**Horizon Theatre** ([www.horizontheatre.com](http://www.horizontheatre.com)):

**June 1-12:** *Roe*, by Lisa Loomer, the play is in turns shocking, humorous, and poignant. It reflects the fierce debate over Roe vs. Wade through the personal journeys of "Jane Roe" and the lawyer who argued the landmark case at the Supreme Court.

**July 8-August 14:** *Square Blues*, three generations of a Black southern family share a passion for activism, art, and following your heart.

**Theatrical Outfit** ([www.theatricaloutfit.org](http://www.theatricaloutfit.org)):

**June 1-26:** *Lady Day*, a 1950s Philadelphia jazz bar where the legendary Billie Holiday is giving one of her final performances.

**Coming September 7:** *Flex*, a powerful world premiere about swagger, determination and young Black women sticking together.

### Frazer Forest Volunteer Workdays with Trees Atlanta

**First Saturday of June, July and August (June 4, July 2, Aug. 6), 9 a.m.-noon.** 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)

### Decatur Walking Tours

See [dekalbhistory.org/public-programs-dekalb-history-center/walking-tours/](http://dekalbhistory.org/public-programs-dekalb-history-center/walking-tours/).

### Other

**June 25:** National Pollinator Week Fest, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Decatur Square, free face-painting and other fun; [www.beecaturga.com/](http://www.beecaturga.com/).

The Lake Claire monthly neighborhood meeting (via Zoom): **Third Thursday of each month** (June 16, July 21, Aug. 18), [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org) for updates and Zoom info. Sign up for neighborhood mailings/Zoom link at [lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/](http://lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/).

## Editor's Note

I continue to seek contributions! We will take a little break now and be back in September, but in the meantime, if you have ideas for articles in the Fall, or if you are interested in theatre, arts, music, our neighborhood's and other in-town neighborhoods' events, I'd like volunteers for the Clarion, both writing and ideas. Send contributions to me by the 15th to 18th of the month preceding the month of publication. As the next issue comes out the first week of September, deadline is August 15-18. See you then. I hope you have a great summer. ~Beth D.



Photo by Gretchen Connell.

## Lake Claire Wahoo

Summer is Wahoo time! Fun in the sun is to be had at the Lake Claire Pool (LCP). As noted in a longer article in last month's newspaper, the Lake Claire Wahoo is a competitive swim team offering professional coaching and instruction for ages 4-18. More about the LCP and Wahoo: [www.lakeclairepool.com/](http://www.lakeclairepool.com/) and [lcwst.swimtopia.com/contact-us](http://lcwst.swimtopia.com/contact-us). LCP is a state-of-the-art saltwater pool with members from Lake Claire, Candler Park, and the surrounding communities.

### Remaining 2022 WAHOO Meets/Events

Time Trials: May 31 – Wahoo vs. Intown Dolphins (HOME);

7 June – Wahoo vs. HLHK (HOME);

14 June – Wahoo vs. Winding Vista (AWAY);

21 June – Wahoo vs. Venetian (AWAY);

27 June – Wahoo vs. Briarcliff/Sagamore (AWAY - Monday Meet);

30 June – Wahoo Divisionals/Championship Me.

The June 30 Divisionals are part of the season and an exciting day of competition at the Georgia Tech Campus Recreations Center, site of the 1996 Summer Olympics Swimming Events. Come cheer for the team! There are no finals, so Wahoos swim their best on this one day then go their separate ways.

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## Food Distribution Organization Seeks Help

by Beth Damon

Food insecurity continues to be a pressing issue, locally as well as nationally. Whether a church, government entity, nonprofit, or corporation, donating money, food, or time, there are many groups trying to feed people. Food distributors may have different models, but all contribute toward ending food insecurity.

One example is FreeFoodCommune (FFC), which Pam Noud started out of a concern for food waste. The group rescues food that is being discarded before its time. Not a traditional food bank, people join the FFC “commune” with a token donation, and they get about \$300 worth of food. Those who give more get to come earlier for a better food selection. Pam notes that not all those who show up are food insecure. “We have people who are struggling to make ends meet. They have a choice to feed their kids or pay the electricity bills. Then we also have people come out of consciousness about the environment’s carbon footprint and recycling, who come because they want to use food vs. having it go into landfills.”

The mission of Free Food Commune is “Reduce food waste.” “I have a conviction about this food,” says Pam, “that if I am not doing this work it will end up in a landfill.” And she is right, according to the RTS website, which says “80 billion pounds of food is thrown away each year in the U.S.

The effort began nine years ago when Pam repurposed imperfect fruit tossed by a farmstand into fruit salad for her neighbors. Later she provided the fruit cups to a soup kitchen housed in a downtown church each weekend. One day when she was volunteering there, she noticed that at the end of the day the servers dumped several five-gallon containers of soup—“half meat!” she exclaims, incredulous—into the dumpster. The church kitchen couldn’t store their remainders, and they had nowhere else for it to go. Pam stopped them and called friends to help her transport the leftover soup to one of their homes. They advertised on Craigslist and social

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## Mosquito Larvae Traps

by Miriam Herbers

By now most people know that spraying insecticides targets and kills adult mosquitos. Pyrethroid is the most widely used insecticide in this country. It is highly toxic and works for the short-term but it also kills beneficial insects like bees, butterflies, moths, lightning bugs, dragonflies, and more. The spray drifts to gardens and may linger for days. The Lake Clare Community Land Trust would like to offer another suggestion that is very easy. The target is the larvae, not the adult. Get them before they can bite! You just take a 5-gallon bucket or any bucket and add 4-5 handfuls of hay or straw. Then fill it half full of water and set the bucket in the sun for a few days. After a few days this brew makes a good environment for the female mosquito to lay eggs. Drop ¼ to ½ of a mosquito dunk in the bucket. The dunks cost about \$1 a piece. Save half for another bucket. The active

ingredient is *Bacillus thuringiensis* and will kill the hatched eggs but no other insect. You can cover with chicken wire if you want. I have noticed the also pesky squirrels peering in, but I don’t think it will hurt. This is a natural way of limiting the number of insects in our yards. My neighbor placed 6 buckets in her yard and on the Land Trust. I made 6 myself but gave all but gave 3 away. I don’t know how many it will take but when I find more buckets I will add more. Please give it a try before you spend money on sprays that are temporary **and harmful**. For more information go to [www.audubonva.org](http://www.audubonva.org) or [www.beedecaturga.com](http://www.beedecaturga.com).

*Editor’s note: a new piece of mosquito dunk has to be added every month, the same way that rain barrels and any standing water have to be dosed with a fesh mosquito dunk every month during mosquito season.*

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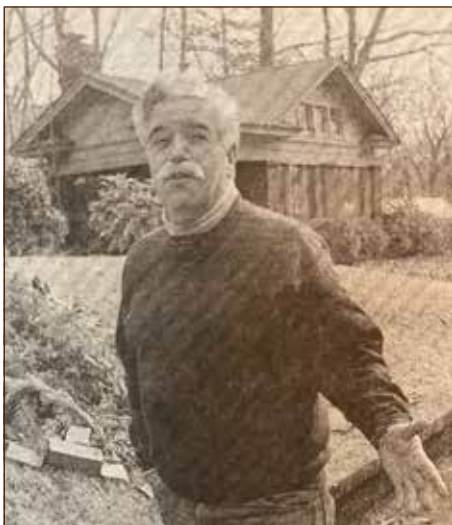


## Ted Brodek (1942-2022)

by Ann Mauney

Soon after moving into Lake Claire in 1969, Ted Brodek joined others working to revitalize the Little 5 Points neighborhoods. He enjoyed participating in organizational work, living and walking in the neighborhood, and making friends in this community for nearly 50 years. Ted passed away from congestive heart failure in April at age 79 in Boston, Massachusetts, where he moved in 2021.

In the early 1970s, as the Bass Organization for Community Development (BOND for short) connected Lake Claire, Candler Park, Little 5 Points, Inman Park, and Poncey-Highland, Ted was involved with several emerging initiatives and groups: an early Lake Claire neighbors association; the Community Star Newspaper serving the five neighborhoods; the newly established BOND Credit Union; and the opposition to the Stone Mountain Tollway, the first freeway attempt, stopped by then-governor Jimmy Carter in 1972. Ted reported local news for WRFG, the independent radio station established in 1973. Joining the Roadbusters' civil disobedience, Ted was part of the "Road Fight," which mobilized our entire community and stopped the Stone Mountain Expressway in 1991. In the 1990s, he served a term as chair of NPU-N. This picture is from a news clipping during that time.



Political activism on international and labor as well as neighborhood issues defined Ted's life. Arriving at Emory in 1967 to teach German history, he soon became immersed in the movement against the Vietnam War. For several years, Ted combined teaching with activism, writing much of the Vietnam War coverage for the Great Speckled Bird, Atlanta's underground newspaper started in 1968. Ultimately, he left Emory, joining others of his 1960s generation who parted ways with academia.

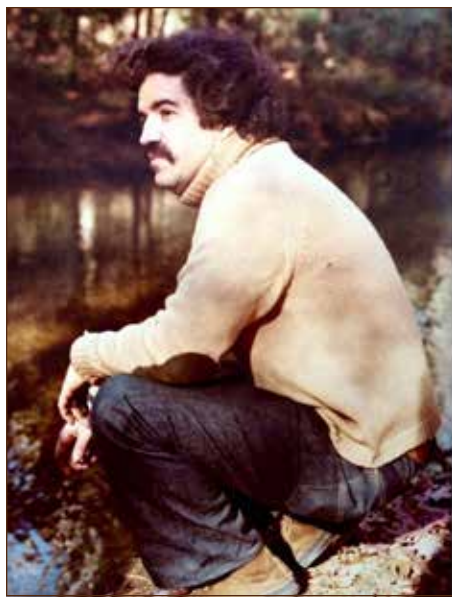
After working as a sheet metal worker and German translator, Ted found his niche as a mediator. When



the Carter Administration set up the Neighborhood Justice Center in Inman Park in 1978, Ted signed up for the training. What began as one more neighborhood involvement evolved into a decades-long career in dispute resolution through mediation.

Ted was born during World War II in Tel Aviv, Palestine, before Israel was established in 1948. His parents had fled Germany in 1933 shortly after Hitler came to power and then moved to New York in 1950. Connected to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict through his background, Ted drew conclusions that were opposed by many Jews. Willing to take unpopular stands he believed to be just, he spoke out against human rights violations by the Israeli government and worked for decades organizing educational programs, hosting Palestinian and Jewish peace activists, and establishing long-term friendships.

Ted and his wife, Ann Mauney, put down roots on Hardendorf, first renting a house for \$125(!) a month in 1969 and then rolling their refrigerator and piano across the street when they bought the house at 555 Hardendorf. There they raised two daughters, Karen and Lorna Mauney-Brodek, who attended Mary Lin Elementary, Inman Middle, and Grady High Schools. Although they divorced in 2012, they maintained a connection. Karen now lives in Boston and Lorna in Dublin, Ireland.



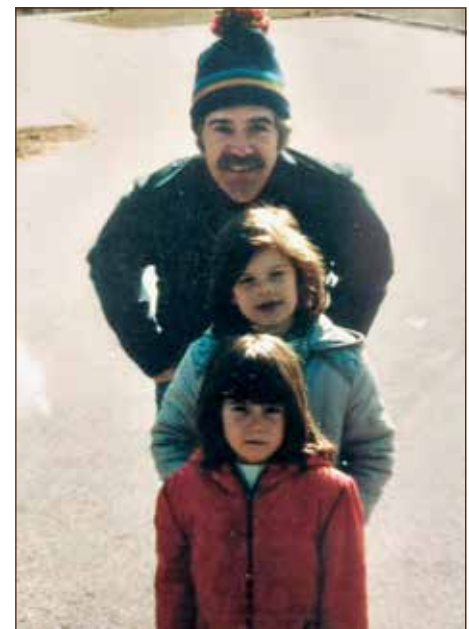
## Ted Brodek

by Lorna Mauney-Brodek

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of our beloved father, Dr. Theodor (Ted) Victor Brodek, on April 15. Born in Tel Aviv, Palestine to German-Jewish refugees during the Second World War, he knew that oppression, no matter where it occurs, is everyone's obligation to challenge. Even in his final days, he was trying to unionize the care workers around him.

Dad lived a full life in Tel Aviv, Rapallo, New York, Berkeley, and Heidelberg before settling down in Atlanta for most of his life. He spent his final year in Boston under the care of my sister Karen, his eldest daughter. He will be truly missed: the world has lost a radical voice, a brilliant thinker, an insightful writer, a loving parent to Karen and Lorna, and a funny and feisty comrade.

If you are moved to action or to give in his memory: please join a



protest, write a letter to the editor, question authority, make a gift to your favorite cause, or consider a donation to WRFG (Radio Free Georgia) Atlanta's independent community radio station for progressive information, at [secure.givelively.org/.../radio-free-georgia](https://secure.givelively.org/.../radio-free-georgia).

A memorial service is being planned for the fall, Dad's favorite season.

## Volunteers—the Heartbeat of Clifton!

by Lori White

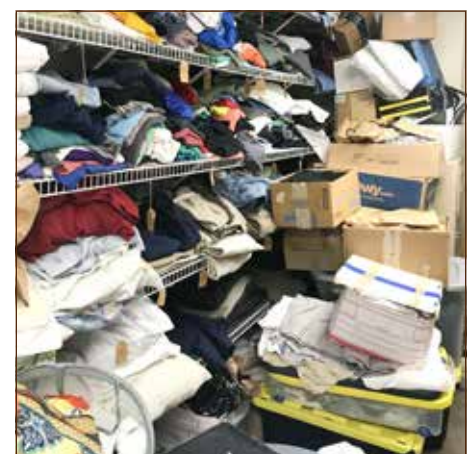
We often say around Clifton Sanctuary Ministries ("Clifton" or CSM), we could not do what we do without the assistance of our volunteers. They do tasks around Clifton such as providing dinners, landscaping, cleaning our facility, organizing our food and clothing closet, making sack lunches, and any other jobs we might need to be done. We are so thankful.

Most recently, we have had a group of neighbors provide regular assistance in our clothing closet. As you can imagine, this is a never-ending job. We continually receive clothing donations that need to be sorted through and organized in our clothing closet. Neighbor Leigh Reynolds has headed up the project and recruited neighbors Emily Hill and Michelle Feeney to assist her with the task. When we asked Ms. Reynolds what she has enjoyed most while volunteering at Clifton, she replied, "I've really enjoyed getting to know some of the residents and staff over time. Guest Shareef recently helped me plant some large shrubs in my yard, and he is just an all-around pleasure and good neighbor. It's always great to see the guys enjoying their evening meal when we leave at the end of the afternoon from our folding and sorting duties. They are always full of smiles and good cheer, and they are just a joy to be around."

When Ms. Reynolds was asked what about Clifton stands out to her,



Leigh Reynolds on the Ladder in the Clothing Closet



Closet before organization started

she said, "It's immediately clear that a lot is getting accomplished by the high-energy staff and teams of volunteers. Everyone is on fire to serve the clients, and the vibe is so positive at CSM. I call it my happy place."

If you are interested in getting plugged in at Clifton, please email me at [lori@cliftonsanctuary.com](mailto:lori@cliftonsanctuary.com). Come join the Clifton family, and let us be your happy place!

# Wild in Lake Claire – Summer 2022

by Sara Gottlieb

I just got back from my evening walk, where I was surprised to be serenaded for a while by a wood thrush. If you're not familiar with their most melodious song, put this down and listen immediately to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's sound library: [www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Wood\\_Thrush/sounds#](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Wood_Thrush/sounds#). That song is the soundtrack for every childhood memory I have of camping with my family in the Appalachian Mountains every summer. They are most active in their song first thing in the morning, and at dusk. I don't hear them often in the city, so that was a lovely surprise.

Birds generally are the theme I wanted to write about in this, the final Wild column until September. As I write this in mid-May, nesting season is in full swing. My family has been graced by a mourning dove family nesting in the beautyberry shrub in front of our home. We noticed two doves "noodling" around there a few weeks ago, and then, suddenly, there was a small stick nest. Shortly after, a single dove could be seen sitting on the nest day-after-day-after-day for weeks. She never seemed to move except to turn her head slightly when we opened the door or stopped to talk to a neighbor. About a week ago, we noticed a second, small head poking up beside her, and then a couple of days later, the nestling was clearly visible in the nest (see picture on Page 10). Two days ago, I saw the nestling sitting in the nest by itself, accompanied by a second nestling, not previously seen. Finally, the bolder nestling was out of the nest, perched on a branch. They have both probably fledged by now. My mother, a biologist, tells me that doves produce a kind of "milk" in their crops to feed their babies, which explains why we never observed the kind of frantic activity one usually sees in an active bird nest with the parents flying back and forth with insects con-

stantly throughout the day to feed their voracious broods.

One more interesting bird observation I've made is in my backyard, where I have a bird feeder hanging year-round. This year, there has been a downy woodpecker coming to the feeder regularly and then lighting on a small box elder tree close by, where its fledgling is waiting patiently to be fed. The parent also frequently pecks at the bark of the tree at a soft spot to retrieve insects, which it also feeds to the fledgling.

Sue M. and Bill M. spotted a hawk which was enjoying the afternoon atop the fence at the foot of the Candler Park Golf Course. It didn't appear to be interested in hunting, and the birds must have sensed that (lack of) intention as they chirped away without mind to the potential danger. (See picture on Page 10.)

Ilene S. had the pleasure of watching a baby Cardinal and its mother leave the nest. There was a female Ruby-throated hummingbird at her feeder the other day, first one she'd seen this season. And, she said, "I heard/saw a loud flock of chimney swifts chattering as they flew in and out of a tree on Indiana Ave."

Wing saw a green anole sunning itself on top of his neighbor's privacy fence. Each time it inflated the flap of skin under its chin, the translucent bubble caught the sun and glowed a fiery red. [Sara notes: this is called the "dewlap," which male anoles (and some other lizards) use as a mating or aggressive display.]

Bernard S. reported from Florida where he has marveled at the different wildlife existing there. Lots of ibis and roseate spoonbills flying in formations, dolphins ganging up to hunt at dinner time. He reported seeing some needle fish for the first time. They looked like translucent wiggling sticks in the water. Such a variety of life forms!

Andrew F. and his son reported a



sighting on the Dolls Head Trail in Constitution Lakes Park, where they heard a rustling in the undergrowth near where they were walking. It sounded heavier and slower than a squirrel, so they looked closer and saw an opossum trudging along to a big oak, which it proceeded to climb up completely vertically and then rested on top of a branch for about a minute, before proceeding to go to the hole in the tree where it was apparently lodging.

Meredith W. found a baby snapping turtle on the road at Emory's Lullwater Preserve. It hardly moved except for closing its eyes while she relocated it to the edge of the water.

[Pictured here; Sara notes: That's pretty adorable for a snapping turtle!]

There is lots of life in Meredith's yard these days—carpenter bees buzzing, craneflies resting, hornets building, green anoles stalking and sunning, house wrens nesting, northern cardinal babies begging, bunies munching, great blue herons flying, and hawks screaming. Her newly planted blue-eyed grass put on a beautiful show, as did the crossvine. Blackberries and black cherries are ripening, poison ivy berries are forming, and elderberries are getting ready to flower next.

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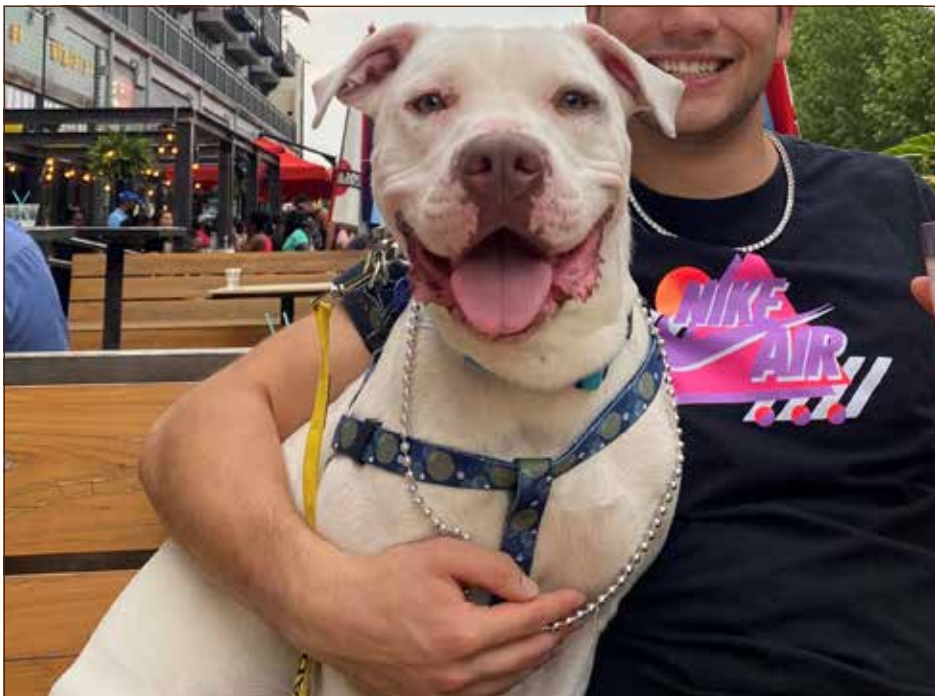
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the safety of our community and the wellbeing of the animals in the shelter. We will continue to evaluate the situation and make changes as necessary. For more information about these specific DeKalb changes please visit our FAQs at [DeKalbAnimalServices.com/emergency-protocol-FAQS](http://DeKalbAnimalServices.com/emergency-protocol-FAQS).

WHY is this happening?

- What we are seeing is a steady flow of lost and stray animals coming into the shelter, but there has been a decrease in the number of animals **leaving** the shelter, which means that animals are staying longer, and we have run out of space. The average length of stay for an animal at the DeKalb shelter is 80 days!

- Adoptions have decreased (by 14% across both of our county shelters in Fulton and Dekalb counties).

- Many rescue partners are unable to pull animals so we've seen a decrease in the number of animals that are able to leave via rescue partners, by 37%.

- The Dekalb shelter should comfortably house 350 animals (dogs and cats), but we are at 560, dogs alone, this week, which means there is no room for more animals to come in the doors. We have even resorted to stacking mobile kennels—salvaged from the old Dekalb Shelter—in every available square foot of space, including most staff offices.

**We will soon be facing difficult life or death decisions, and we need our community's help in a few ways:**

- Please come adopt or foster a pet, and encourage friends to do so. All adopted and fostered animals leave the shelter with all their shots, microchipped, and spayed/neutered. Fostered animals also receive free veterinary support and even food if needed.

- Lost dogs: Because we are tak-

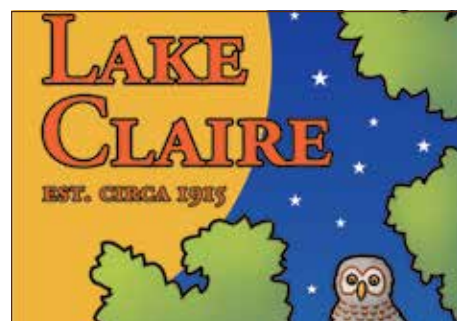
ing in so many lost dogs, we need the community's help in getting those pets back home.

1. If anyone should find a lost pet, please take some time to help that pet find its family. Take a picture, post it to social media, and walk that lost pet around the block. Most pets are found within a mile from their homes, so bringing them to a shelter actually impedes their chances of seeing their families again. There are lots of helpful tips and tools here: [LifeLineAnimal.org/found-pets](http://LifeLineAnimal.org/found-pets)

2. If you know people facing difficulties keeping their pets, you can help them rehome their own pet(s). We have lots of tools and resources to help people rehome their pets without surrendering a pet to the shelter. See [LifeLineAnimal.org/rehome/](http://LifeLineAnimal.org/rehome/).

Of course, these solutions, which will always be needed, are only short-term measures. Responsible pet ownership and creative changes in how we perceive the role of shelters will be the long-term solutions to caring for those four-legged creatures that become the public's trust through no fault of their own."

*If you have room in your life to become involved, or even more involved, please contact LifeLine at [www.lifelineanimal.org](http://www.lifelineanimal.org) to volunteer to walk dogs, care for cats, help with social media, do laundry, etc. Any and all are so welcome... and needed.*



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

### Graduations

Congratulations again to our Lake Claire grads, who studied and graduated in the continuing challenging times!!

### JUNE Birthdays

- 6/3 Yoni Williams—turns 10 (I think), Harold Ave., proud Grandma on Delaware Ave, Daddy on Indiana.
- 6/7 Pen Sherwood, Harold Ave.
- 6/12 Steve Lamb, Delaware Avenue
- 6/12 Happy birthday, Craig Allen, Harold
- 6/15 Kathi Kelley, Delaware Avenue
- 6/19 Zoe Kaiser turns 9; Hardendorf
- 6/20 Sharon Doochin, Harold
- 6/21 Hayden Pittman, turning 10, Marlbrook
- 6/21 Both Patrick Edmondson (turns 72, age included by request/congrats) and son Dylan, both Lakeshore Avenue
- 6/28 Shawn Gillespy, Marlbrook
- 6/28 Wendy Baker, happy birthday, & heal fast! Leonardo

### JUNE Anniversaries

- 6/23 Sue McAvoy & Bill McKinnon – Leonardo (4 yrs went by in a flash!!)
- 6/27 Wendy and Boyd Baker – 20+ years Leonardo (maybe that went by in a flash, as well!)

### JULY Birthdays

- 7/3 Brandon Bransford, Palifox
- 7/6 Missy Urda, Harold
- 7/10 Happy b'day to the Clarion's buddy, Mike McGill, 15 years old!!!!—Delaware Ave.
- 7/17 Happy b'day to Colin Calderera, Hardendorf.
- 7/24 Jason Weidert, Harold
- 7/29 Georgie Rogovin, Hardendorf, turns 7.

### AUGUST Birthdays

- 8/1 Patricia Emerson, turns 88! Wow, congrats, Patricia!! (She always says, "please put the age, as I am so glad to have made it!")
- And a few neighbors a bit younger:
- 8/3 Jazz Melodie Sibille, turns 16, Ivy Place
  - 8/5 Ally Bliss, turns 17 years old, Leonardo
  - 8/13 Lyriq Gaspard Sibille, turns 10!—Ivy Place
  - 8/16 Peter Belle, McLendon Avenue
  - 8/18 Mark Haggerty, Harold Avenue

### Safe Journeys

- 4/13 Longtime resident/activist Ted Brodek passed away; please see tribute on Page 3. Clarion sends our sympathies to Lorna, Karen, and Ann.

Send us life cycle changes for the next issue—September!—**help make this series inclusive** ([editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org)) by May 15–18.

## Buy Lake Claire Merchandise

Lake Claire in collaboration with the FineArtAmerica offers a way to buy neighborhood items online, including our Lake Claire banner (pictured above), the 'Ski Lake Claire,' logo, and the '30307 Not Just a Zip Code' logo. Coffee mugs, clothing,

face masks, etc. See Shop and Support tab at the top of the LCN website [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org). Hanging banners and bumper stickers will continue to be ordered directly from LCN via cash, check, or PayPal. Any questions, contact [fun@lakeclaire.org](mailto:fun@lakeclaire.org).

## Which Mode is Best?

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use, would your first alternative be a car? Traffic in every major U.S. city is a nightmare, with no hope of improvement. True, the Covid-19 pandemic shutdowns emptied streets and gave drivers a taste of the open road promised in every car ad, but the reopening of the economy has put an end to that.

While politicians and planners will insist they can bring back the open road, promises of congestion relief inevitably come to nothing. That is because the expansion of roads in urban areas leads to the phenomenon known as induced demand. Originally an economic concept, induced demand is the result of an increase in supply of a good which yields a price decline, followed by higher consumption of that good. So, more lanes on a road (supply) leads to a drop in congestion (price), followed by a rise in traffic and congestion (demand).

There is no escape from this trap, even when tolls are used. As researcher David Metz pointed out in 2018, "While it is difficult to mitigate congestion by means of congestion charging, it is possible to raise revenue." So, toll lanes won't make your commute better, but the government will get more money.

This doesn't mean that your only option is to walk everywhere. Sure, we are all pedestrians at some point, but a two-block walk is a bit different from one that's two miles. For the latter, you'll need wheels.

Electric scooters are one possible option. Cheap and quick, these scooters are showing up all over the country and in many other countries. Even Iceland's cold, wet capital, Reykjavik, has standup scooters roaming all over. Seated scooters are something many people with infir-

mities use on paths or in retirement communities.

They are not without controversy. Their very existence represents a significant change that frightens people, including the previous mayor of Atlanta, it would seem. She ordered the scooter sharing firms (Bird, Uber, etc.) to shut down temporarily after several riders were struck by motorists. Curiously, she also permanently banned them from sidewalks, forcing them into the streets where the danger was. It was an odd approach to public safety.

Controversy also follows another mode that potentially offers freedom from slow or unappealing cars, buses, and trains: bikes. I don't really mean conventional bikes, as Atlanta's steep hills are a bit challenging for most people to attempt. I refer instead to e-bikes, which use a battery to power a motor that gives a little assist while pedaling. The effect of this is that hills feel like they've been flattened. Cycling on a hot day isn't as draining, since the required effort is much lower.

However great e-bikes are, though, they need safe space just as scooters do. This requires space to be taken away from some other mode. That mode is typically cars.

Unfortunately, columnists like the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Bill Torpy and the Wall Street Journal's Frank Buckley have railed against bike lanes in their communities because of a mistaken belief that taking space away from motorists worsens traffic congestion. But as I mentioned earlier, the scientific evidence shows the exact opposite: adding capacity is what yields congestion, because it induces more driving.

The key to getting around a city is



A major route in Reykjavik. See (L-R) person on a scooter, someone walking, and a cyclist on an e-bike.

## Food Distribution Seeks Help

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media, and week after week sat on the front porch and served it for free. Free Food Commune was born.

Now, FFC rescues all varieties of perfectly good food after it has exceeded its standard usefulness. Devoted volunteers collect, sort, clean, and arrange it to stock the co-op tables every Saturday from noon until 3 p.m. at Edgewood Church. They haven't missed a Saturday for six years.

Several local charities and food-rescue groups, instead of wasting food themselves, provide FFC their own overruns for wider distribution. It is through such sources that name and store brands are represented on the food tables. FFC gets most of its produce from the Atlanta Farmers Market; they also rescue food immediately after grocery stores have targeted it for throw-away. They collect "breads, meats, cheeses, yogurt, milk, and produce."

FFC has created a marvelous multiplier effect as some sponsors have found creative ways to repurpose the food they pick up. For example, last summer, school counselor Jessie Carr used it to raise money for Black Lives Matter and distributed the summer funds to national and local organization chapters directly serving the social justice movement.

As a co-op, the Free Food Commune membership donations just cover "the cost of our operating, which is acquiring, storing, and transporting the food," Pam says. Edgewood Church provides the Saturday distribution location. One key to the ef-

fort is that folks bring their own bins and containers to carry their food home. There are no grocery bags or boxes available for use. Through donations (some of which due to a Clarion article several years ago), FFC has purchased dry and refrigerated storage, and purchased a "mooler," or moving cooler. They have grown into an organization with more than 5 vehicles, two storage buildings, refrigerated storage, multiple trailers, and over twenty volunteers attending every weekend.

All donations to the co-op are tax deductible. They could use your donation right now as they campaign to purchase another storage building, which is urgently needed. If you are able, please donate any amount: Cashapp \$PamTheFreegan; Venmo @PamTheFreegan. For more information, [pamnoud@gmail.com](mailto:pamnoud@gmail.com).



not roads or even transit: it's scooters and bikes enhanced with an electric boost. Yes, the weather can be terrible in Atlanta, but there's a saying among cyclists in The Netherlands (rainy, windy) and Sweden (snowy, cold): there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing.

*Ed. Note: As noted previously, Kevin is a Lake Claire resident and a writer with a focus on transportation and urban development issues. These articles are a great addition to the Clarion; see past issues at [lakeclaire.org/clarion/clarion-archives/](http://lakeclaire.org/clarion/clarion-archives/).*





The girls making s'mores at their first camping outing

## Daisy Troop 21669

by Heather Tomlinson

It's been a busy year for the 12 Mary Lin first graders of Daisy Troop 21669. In preparation for Girl Scout Cookie season, the troop started the year learning how to set goals and work toward them. Each Daisy then got to work individually selling cookies to make progress toward meeting her personal goals. The troop also held several cookie booths, helping the girls to learn valuable customer service skills and to show off their math know-how as they added up purchase totals and calculated change. It was definitely service with a smile! And speaking of smiles, many cookie boxes were sent to military personnel overseas via the "Smiles4Military" Program thanks to the generosity of Troop 21669 customers. Several Daisies were also able to donate boxes to local organizations, including fire houses, the Frazer Center, and the SoulShine Community Cares program.

February was an exciting month for the troop. As part of the "Cupid Crew" National Girl Scout project, the girls tapped into their creativity and compassion to create Valentine cards for the 35 residents of Canterbury Court senior living community. Next, they turned their creativity toward the creation of Pinewood Derby cars. With guidance from Cub Scout Pack 586, the troop learned how to design and create custom race cars



from blocks of wood. On February 26, the Daisies experienced the thrill of the race as their cars went head-to-head on a Derby track set up in Neighborhood Church. With their flashy paint jobs, imaginative themes, and clever nicknames, the girls' creations were as fun as they were functional, and everyone has a blast.

In April, the troop used some of the cookie money earned over the past two years to rent a cabin at Camp Meriwether. This was the first overnight outing for the troop, and it allowed the girls to experience the great outdoors (and s'mores!), while strengthening their bonds with each other and learning to be responsible stewards of their natural environments. The troop finished out the spring with a visit to PAWS Atlanta, where they learned about animal welfare and the important work that PAWS does as a no-kill shelter. The Daisies were also able to donate several much-needed items to PAWS Atlanta, using extra money earned through cookie sales (see pic.).

These young Girl Scouts have come a long way since their first (masked, socially distanced) meeting as kindergartners in the fall of 2020. They forward to their upcoming "bridging ceremony" as they transition from Daisies to Brownies, at which time they will also welcome several new members into the troop. Keep an eye out for Troop 21669, because these girls are definitely going places!



Brownie Troop 19060 and other neighborhood Girl Scouts participating in the Inman Park Parade. Local troops worked together to create the banner.



Daisy troop and valentines



# Wild

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Meredith also saw a group of about 16 unfamiliar ducks at Emory's Lullwater Preserve, and it turns out they were black-bellied whistling ducks. Their historic range is in Central and South America (and they don't migrate). They've been expanding northward into South Texas and coastal Florida and South Carolina. She wonders if they're pushing even farther north now with the warming weather. They were huddled close and wary at first, but seemed to relax over time as they spread out and ate and napped. Regardless, it was a treat to see them. They were gone when she went back the next day.

Miriam reported that the Land Trust bullfrogs are in full chorus this year. There are also green frogs there. They are the ones that say "yep" and jump in the water when approached. She thinks there are 11 red-eared slider turtles in the



pond (including a couple of babies). She enjoys asking children to count them. They enjoy it and it helps keep track of the number in the pond.

Frank W. saw a noisy crow on the ground and surprisingly a squirrel chased it away. Even more surprising, he spotted a cardinal on Indi-

ana Ave. eating a carpenter bee, but wasn't sure if the bird killed the bee or found it dead and gobbled it up. On the Freedom bike path Frank saw a male and female Canada goose couple with 8 little goslings eagerly nibbling clover. Closer to home in his backyard, he spotted a male cardinal feeding a little fledgling and a few days later he saw the female do the same. The story was repeated with a robin and her fledgling—not much more than a ball of feathers—Spring is here!

So, we end as we began, with birds, which is appropriate for this column, which will appear again around the time the birds that only spend the summer with us are getting ready to head to their winter



habitats. There's something comforting about that cycle, which we're lucky enough to be able to rely on to remind us of the turning and wobbling of the earth, the call of places far away as the seasons change, the care and concern heaped by parents of all kinds on their offspring, and the ways we can live our own lives to honor what nature bestows upon us.

*Have a wonderful summer; remember to look up at the trees, down at your feet, and across the horizon so you'll be sure to observe some wild animal or plant. I guarantee it will bring you joy, and if you'd like to report a wildlife sighting for inclusion in a future column, please email me at sara.gottlieb@gmail.com.*

## CLARION KIDS' CONTEST'S 3rd-Place Winners

Wow, y'all, these great-looking Lake Claire youngsters tied for 3rd-place in the Clarion Kids' Contest this month: Hudson Frank on Hardendorf (5½, Kindergarten at the Children's School); Arden Joiner-Clark on Claire Drive (age 8, 2nd grade Paideia); Asher & Zach Perlin on Harold (Asher 2nd grade Mary Lin, and Zach rising K at Mary Lin); Marlo Yonas on McLendon Ave (rising 2nd grader Mary Lin); Naomi Robles on Hampton Terrace (8 and 3rd grade Mary Lin) and Hudson Norvell, Hampton Terrace (7 & 2nd grade Mary Lin); Jett Friedman on Delaware (just turned 10, 4th grade ML); Adeline Harrell, Claire Dr. (8 and 3rd grade at ML).

See Page 16 for the first and second place winners and the New Contest. Congrats, Adeline, Arden, Asher, Zach, Naomi, Hudson F., Hudson N., Marlo, and Jett. Arden also got extra credit for helping plant raised beds. Thanks for playing, all of you, and see you in September!



Marlo



Adeline



Arden



Hudson F.



Asher and Zach



Jett



Naomi and Hudson N.

# Opening my Biscuit Café

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pable, and I was probably 70 percent ready to bake all that was needed (still don't have extra bakers to help me get things out to hungry folks).

I should have known that something was afoot when my scheduled morning baker (7 a.m.) didn't show until 8 a.m. due to a computer glitch. Also, the fact that our first "official" customers were waiting on the patio at 7:45 a.m. My servant mentality said, "We should invite them in." My son, who was trying to open the front service area, was not so inclined.

As it turned out, they were extremely pleasant folks whose names I almost immediately forgot. Couldn't tell you if they lived in Grant Park or Tuscaloosa. Turned out that they were extremely chatty, so I spent too much time making small talk when I really had baking to do. My son got everything set up for our official 8 a.m. opening. We took a photo of them for posterity, and I jumped back into the kitchen.

My baker showed up about 8 as I was internally (I try not to project my fears/crazy) stressed about getting biscuits, cinnabiscuits, and scones ready for the day ahead. Opening Day looked NOTHING like our soft openings because people flooded in the doors. Good problem to have when you're fully trained and ready, but it put me on my heels.

Of course, there were wonderful friends and neighbors who popped



in to say "Good luck!" I took time to chat and connect and thank them for their support (which didn't help my ultimate goal of producing baked goods people would buy), but I knew it was worth it. The second day Open was the same, and my fave part of the day was being able to walk away from the kitchen to hug and chat with amazingly loving folks.

As I look at Day 3 as I write this, all I can say is that it will be a long, strange trip indeed, but I wouldn't want it any other way if I'm honest.

Are you looking for a snack or unexpected treat while you're down at Grant Park or the Zoo? Right on Cherokee we sit. Pop in and give us some feedback on how we're doing. And if you're looking to make your "crazy dream" a reality, don't hesitate to reach out. Maybe I can give you a tip or two that would help ([boyd@sumowriter.com](mailto:boyd@sumowriter.com)).



## Councilperson Bakhtiari Visits Lake Claire

Last month, Liliana Bakhtiari, newly elected City of Atlanta councilperson for District 5, visited the Lake Claire Community Land Trust to get to know the Lake Claire neighborhood and answer questions primarily related to Lake Claire and

Kirkwood. District 5, represented for many years by Natalyn Archibong, also includes Edgewood, Reynoldstown, Cabbagetown, Sweet Auburn, East Atlanta, East Atlanta Village, and East Lake.

## Lake Claire CARES!

Anyone who has lived in Lake Claire even a short period of time or has read even one issue of the Clarion has figured out that we care about our trees; see picture at right, of a chestnut tree on Arizona; we don't know why it had paint marked on it, and hope it is not planned for removal. And we care about the health of the environment: that's why we publish so many articles on alternatives to mosquito chemicals, encourage kids to honor Earth Day, and the like. It's why we keep reminding people that lawn chemicals are the same thing

as toxic farm chemicals. We want to make sure you know that pesticides are linked to declining bird and pollinator populations, and to many chronic or terminal diseases in pets and humans. In that vein, below is a natural way to get rid of carpenter bees.

Play loud music! Many people have found that playing loud music next to active carpenter bee nests causes the carpenter bees to decamp. This method can work because carpenter bees find the vibrations from the music unpleasant. Although these flying pests don't sting unless provoked or pose much of a threat to us, our homes are a different story. Carpenter bees like to dig tunnels into the exposed wood of your house's window sills, doors, eaves, and decks.

Their least favorite music is that with a thumping bass line. So crank up the speakers near their nests. They also don't like strong smells, like citrus, certain oils, garlic, and vinegar. Squeeze the juice out of any



kind of citrus fruits, such as lemons, oranges, limes. You can also boil the peels of the fruit in a pot of water. Put this mixture in a spray bottle and spray it around the nest. Put your essential oil collection to good use by mixing lavender oil, tea tree oil, jojoba oil, and citronella oil, and put the concoction in a spray bottle. This strong-smelling mixture acts as a repellent for carpenter bees. Spray it around the nest and where the bees like to hang out. Another strong smell: garlic. Let a few cloves of gar-

lic sit in cooking oil for a couple of days. Add white vinegar to the potent mixture, and put it in a spray bottle. Spray the solution around the tunnels, and continue applying daily until all the carpenter bees have been driven away.

And, though carpenter bees generally don't sting, females are equipped with stingers and might attack if aggravated. Wait until the evening when attempting to drive the bees out of their nests, as they are less active at night.



## From a Land Trust Lover

by Dawn Aura

Like anything that is worthy of love, our spectacular neighborhood Land Trust needs maintenance, upkeep, and nurturing. It cannot be maintained without neighborhood support. You can lend your talents by attending work days or board meetings or joining one of the committees (Fundraising, Programming, Grounds, Communication), helping with grant writing, social media, plant sales, carpentry projects, etc. Board meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month (June 8, July 13, and August 10). See the calendar on Page 15 for more details, and find info and current and upcoming events on the penultimate page of most Clarions. At this link on our website, [www.lcclt.org/join-the-board](http://www.lcclt.org/join-the-board), there is a description of all of the committees and encouragement to join the board or one of the committees. BUT: you're busy—many are. So, another important way of helping the Lake Claire Community Land Trust is to set up a monthly donation to become a "Land Trust Sustainer."

Why is this starting to sound like an NPR pledge drive? Like NPR, knowing what funds are coming in

every month allows us to plan better. The goal is that when we reach a certain threshold of regular donations, we will be able to contract with people to do some of the work that the board members and other volunteers have done for many years, for free.

To become a monthly donor, just scroll to the bottom of any page at [LCCLT.org](http://LCCLT.org), and click "Donate," which will take you to our PayPal page. One-time donations are great, of course, but PayPal also offers a checkbox labeled "Make this a monthly donation."

To plug in to our board meetings or find out more information about our committees or any other aspect of volunteering or participating, send an email to [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org). You'll get a reply from my husband, Wing, the Land Trust "communications guy." And come by the Land Trust to enjoy nature—and see Big Lou.

Thank you,  
Dawn (Big Lou's Mom,  
volunteer zoo keeper)

*Editor's Note: Please see all the exciting events coming up at the Land Trust this summer, on P. 14 & 15 of this issue.*

## Resist the Lies from Pesticide Co.

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and humans. Perhaps an individual cannot control global warming—but this is something in your power to control. Clarion suggestion: join Facebook group "End Toxic Yards," committed to stopping the poisoning of our neighborhoods, [www.facebook.com/groups/252017342965086](http://www.facebook.com/groups/252017342965086).

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. Spray yourself, please! I've found the cream "Off-Botanicals," carried by Target, to work well.

For more on danger to honey-

bees by mosquito spraying, please see Marcy Cornell's article in last month's newspaper. In particular, "One person's spraying the yard for mosquitoes can affect bees for a surprisingly large radius. If you normally spray for mosquitoes, please reconsider! Honeybees, whether wild or kept in hives, are vital pollinators. Any beekeeper (and we have several in the neighborhood) will tell you how heartbreaking it is to have thriving hives one day, and a sad dead pile of bees the next." And, as she suggests, feel free to bring the kids to her house to see honeybees in action! Contact her at [mcornell@gmail.com](mailto:mcornell@gmail.com).

## Neighborhood Dues for Lake Claire

Suggested annual dues are \$20/year per household, but as with NPR, any amount is appreciated. Pay at [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org) via the link OR with the old-fashioned check in the mail, made out to Lake Claire Neighbors, and send to Eileen O'Neill, Treasurer, PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107.

Since the last Clarion, the following folks paid dues:

Janice Whitener  
Bradly Fernald

Lindsey Aprati  
Rodger Burgess and Joella Vitek

## Is 2022 the Year to Sell Your Home with L&D?

Congratulations to These Clients/Friends That Have Closed on Their New Homes!

- C & L - Off Market Home | 2 Story 5 Bed 3.5 Bath in Lake Claire
- L & K - 10 Multiple Offers | 2 Story 4 Bed 3.5 Bath in Kirkwood
- I & T - 8 Multiple Offers | 3 Bed 2 Bath + Bonus Room in Chamblee
- M - 5 Multiple Offers | 3 Bed 2 Bath + Screen Porch in Decatur

Who's next...? Our Current Buyers Could be Searching for Your Home...

- S & P - Lake Claire | Candler Park - Newer Construction up to \$1,300,000
- A & E - Lake Claire | Morningside | up to \$1,000,000
- S & A - Decatur | Brookhaven - Townhome up to \$850,000
- J & C - Ormewood | East Atlanta up to \$800,000
- Z & A - Kirkwood | Oakhurst up to \$850,000

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# Live Music in Greater Atlanta

by Beth Damon

Music we found as of press time. Support our local artists! Enjoy! Check actual venues to see any changes/cancellations, and to see if there are any Covid requirements.

June 2-5	STS9	The Eastern
Thursday, June 2	Elle King	Variety Playhouse
Thursday, June 2	Superchunk	Terminal West
Friday, June 3	Bonnie Raitt	Chastain
Fri/Sat, June 3 and 4	Candler Park Fest (YMSB, Taz, Andy Frasco, Webster etc)	Candler Park!
Saturday, June 4	Brit Floyd	Cobb Energy Center
Saturday, June 4	The Hold Steady	Variety Playhouse
Saturday, June 4	Kierks Bentley	Ameris Amp
Saturday, June 4	Barenaked Ladies	Chastain
Sunday, June 5	The Mother Hips	Eddie's Attic
Sunday, June 5	The Gilmour Project	ASO
	(50th anniversary of Dark Side of the Moon!)	
Tuesday, June 7	The Doobie Bros	Ameris Amp
Thursday, June 9	Indigo Girls	Chastain
Friday, June 10	Mandy Moore	Variety Playhouse
Friday, June 10	Rebelution	Roxy
June 10-12	Holla Yella Fest	Ellijay
	(Old Crow Medicine show, Infamous Stringdusters, Mystery Cassette etc)	
Saturday, June 11	Coldplay	Mercedes-Benz
Saturday, June 11	Robert Earl Keen	Variety Playhouse
Saturday, June 11	Flogging Molly	Roxy
Saturday, June 11	The Manhattan Transfer	The Rialto
Sunday, June 12	Strand of Oaks	Terminal West
Sunday, June 12	Tears for Fears	Ameris Amp
Tuesday, June 14	Steely Dan w/Snarky Puppy	Chastain
Wednesday, June 15	Bleachers	Tabernacle
Wednesday, June 15	Kid Rock with Grand Funk Railroad	Lakewood
Thursday, June 16	Joan Jett/def Leppard/Mötley Crüe/ Poison	Truist Park
Thursday, June 16	Robert Plant & Alison Krauss	Chastain
Friday, June 17	Styx and REO Speedwagon w/Loverboy	Ameris Amp
Friday, June 17	Maching Gun Kelly	State Farm Arena
Friday, June 17	Zack Brown Band	Truist Park
Sunday, June 19	Black Crowes	Ameris Amp
Sunday, June 19	Lord Huron	Roxy
Jun 19-21	Arrested Development	City Winery
Wednesday, June 22	Trombone Shorty	Chastain
Wednesday, June 22	Ringo Starr	Cobb Energy Ctr
Friday, June 24	Ceelo Green	The Eastern
Friday, June 24	Joe Jackson	Center Stage
Saturday, June 25	Michelle Malone	Eddie's Attic
Tuesday, June 28	Train/Jewel/Blues Traveler	Lakewood
Wednesday, June 29	Chicago and Brian Wilson with Al Jardine	Ameris Amp
Thursday, June 30	Halsey	Lakewood
Friday, July 1	5 Seconds of Summer	Chastain
Friday, July 1	Bikini Kill	The Eastern
Wednesday, July 6	Purity Ring	Tabernacle
Saturday, July 9	Maze feat. Frankie Beverly & the Isley Brothers	Chastain
Saturday, July 9	Blackberry Smoke	Atlanta Motor Speedway
July 15-16	Tedeschi Trucks Band	The Fox
Saturday, July 16	The Chicks	Ameris Amp
Saturday, July 16	The Shadowboxers	Terminal West
Saturday, July 16	Josh Groban	Chastain
Tuesday, July 19	Sheryl Crow w/Keb'Mo'	Chastain
Friday, July 22	Circle Jerks	Masquerade
Friday, July 22	Andrew Bird	Pullman Yards
Saturday, July 23	Tribute	Variety Playhouse
Tuesday, July 26	Third Eye Blind	Chastain
Wednesday, July 27	Rob Zombie	Ameris Amp
Wednesday, July 27	Adrian Belew	City Winery
Friday, July 29	CHVRCHES	Roxy
Saturday, July 30	Fleet Foxes	Roxy
Saturday, July 30	Boz Scaggs	The Fred (Peachtree City)
Thursday, Aug. 4	Rise Against	Tabernacle
Friday, Aug. 5	Dispatch/O.A.R.	Roxy
Saturday, Aug. 6	ZZ Top	Chastain
Monday, Aug. 8	Leon Bridges	The Fox
Monday, Aug. 8	Franz Ferdinand	Tabernacle
Tuesday, Aug. 9	Bad Bunny	Truist Park
Aug. 10-11	John Hiatt & the Goners feat. Sonny Landreth	City Winery
Wednesday, Aug. 10	David Gray	Chastain
Wednesday, Aug. 10	Red Hot Chili Peppers	Truist Park
Thursday, Aug. 11	The Weekend	Mercedes-Benz
Aug 10-13	WSP	The Fox
Saturday, Aug. 13	America	ASO
Tuesday, Aug. 16	The Shins	The Eastern
Tuesday, Aug. 16	Wavves	Terminal West
Wednesday, Aug. 17	Sleigh Bells	Center Stage
Thursday, Aug. 18	Lyle Lovett	ASO
Saturday, Aug. 20	Jack Johnson	Ameris Amp
Saturday, Aug. 20	Roger Waters	State Farm Arena
Wednesday, Aug. 24	Santana and Earth , Wind & Fire	Lakewood Amp



Frazer Forest Volunteers

## Frazer Forest Benefits from Grant Award

by Dina Shadwell

The ongoing partnership between the Frazer Center and Trees Atlanta has been fortified by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program supports the next phase of the Frazer Forest long-term restoration plan that Trees Atlanta and the Frazer Center began in 2016.

Frazer Forest was originally Muscogee territory and is part of a tract of old-growth remnants—including Fernbank Forest, Lullwater Conservation Garden, and Deepdene Park—that were protected from commercial logging. Over time, invasive species have come to threaten the forest's large native overstory trees, shrub species, and herbaceous ground cover. With four creeks and nearly eight acres of floodplain, Frazer Forest also suffers from creek bank erosion and flooding. With the grant award from NFWF, Trees Atlanta and Frazer Center are moving forward with a five-year management plan to restore 9.7 acres within Frazer Forest through suppression of the most pressing invasive plant species, continued maintenance, and replanting procedures to ensure the future health, functionality, and resiliency of the site. As of May, hundreds of plantings have already happened in Frazer

Forest as a result of the grant award, and invasive removal is ongoing.

This summer, the Trees Atlanta Youth Tree Team, a high school summer employment program, will be on board to boost this grant project. Fifty students will work on different aspects of the project, such as completing surveys of all plants in the pertinent zones; categorizing plants and compiling fun facts about the native species; finding, measuring, and estimating the age of champion trees in Frazer Forest; and brainstorming ideas for signage in the forest and possible curriculum lessons for Frazer Center's nature-based learning program.

No part of the Frazer Forest long-term restoration plan could happen without the help of volunteers, many of whom live in the Lake Claire, Candler Park, and Druid Hills communities. The Frazer Center relies heavily on these dedicated volunteers who show up on the first Saturday of each month to put this plan into action so that generations to come will be able to access and enjoy this beautiful, old-growth greenspace. If you would like to be a part of the Frazer Forest restoration team, sign up to receive information about upcoming volunteer events at [frazercenter.org/volunteers](http://frazercenter.org/volunteers).

Thursday, Aug. 25	LANY	Chastain
Thursday, Aug. 25	Jackie Greene	City Winery
Friday, Aug. 26	The Dirty Guv'Nahs	The Eastern
Friday, Aug. 26	Lady Gaga	Truist Park
Friday, Aug. 26	The Lumineers	State Farm Arena
Aug. 27-28	Grant Park Summer Shade fest	Grant Park
Saturday, Aug. 27	Bela Fleck	The Eastern
Saturday, Aug. 27	Three Dog Night	ASO
Saturday, Aug. 27	The Black Keys w/ Band of Horses	Ameris Amp
Sunday, Aug. 28	The Decemberists	Tabernacle
Sunday, Aug. 28	Goo Goo Dolls	Chastain
Tuesday, Aug. 30	Imagine Dragons	Lakewood Amp
Tuesday, Aug. 30	OneRepublic and Need to Breathe	Ameris Amp

# Lake Claire Community

## Summer Events at LCCLT

**Monday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.**  
Community Potluck Dinner (see article Page 15);

**Tuesday, June 21, 6--7 p.m.**  
Serene Outdoor Sound Bath in the Land Trust "water garden" (sauna enclosure) with Chiara Luce, cost: \$30.61 per person. Advance tickets required; use EventBrite link at [LCCLT.org/new-events](http://LCCLT.org/new-events). (30% of proceeds goes to the Land Trust).

**Saturday June 25, 3-5 p.m.**  
Mystic Monk Mycology 101, \$20 per person: Jason Ospina has been growing edible and medicinal mushrooms in his back yard and teaching others his method for over 20 years. In this hands-on workshop for beginners, he will share his techniques, which can be adapted to grow shiitakes, reishis, portobellas and more. Topics will include cultivating from spore to fruit; contamination vs. healthy culture; and the fungi lifecycle. Jason will provide an informational packet and have startup supplies for sale. (Note: The original date for this workshop last year fell victim to the pandemic; this time we promise! An advanced class is also in the works.).

**Sunday, June 26, 4-6 p.m.**  
Lake Claire Literary and Cornbread-Chili Society. Name sound vaguely familiar? If you are a book-lover, it may. Find out more at the first-ever meeting of the group, inspired by a delightful similarly named 2008 novel. Ringing a bell? Your inaugural host, Christine McKenna of Arizona Ave, will lead the discussion with her thoughts about the mystery novel. In the novel, set in the post-WWII Channel Islands, society members gather to discuss books they've individually read and enjoyed (rather than everyone reading the same book. Chili Cornbread, Potato Peel Pie, or any potluck/beverage items welcome/not required. If you plan to eat, please bring your own plates, utensils, etc. Bug-spray will be on-hand but pants and long sleeves are recommended!;

**Saturday, August 6, 5-9 p.m.**  
Benefit Performance: Webster! Local band Webster has been performing at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust since 2005. Commonly referred to as our "house band," Webster has helped raise thousands of dollars for the revered non-profit greenspace and other neighborhood projects, beginning with the Dekalb Ave. mural project. Known for its wide-ranging mix of rock, jam, blues, bluegrass, country, and more, they will perform its tradi-

tional summer fundraiser at the Land Trust for the first time in nearly three years, promising to be fun-filled with wonderful music and enthusiastic supporters. "The Land Trust is our Greek Theater," says founding member Lake Claire resident Bill Chanler. "There's no place like it: it brings out our best music, and the engaged audience helps make it a uniquely fun experience." More details, including ticket information, available at [LCCLT.org](http://LCCLT.org) and [facebook.com/lcclandtrust](https://www.facebook.com/lcclandtrust) in the coming weeks. (Note: the Drum Circle normally scheduled for this date will be held Sat., August 20 instead.);

**Sunday, August 14, 7 p.m.**  
Earth Poetry Workshop Group Reading. For over a decade, a group of nature-loving poets has been gathering once each season, exploring metro Atlanta's many public greenspaces and nature preserves, collecting observations and inspiration for their writing. In the winter, they come to the Land Trust to avail themselves of the wood stove in the Gorilla Grill. The group reading of poetic work celebrates the natural world. Featured poets (so far) include Debra Hiers and Stephen Wing, both Lake Claire residents, and A'nji Sarumi of Stone Mountain. An open-mic reading on the theme of nature and ecology follows; contact Wing at [swing1027@gmail.com](mailto:swing1027@gmail.com) to sign up, or for more info about Earth Poetry workshops.

**Storm Bugs with Ms. Ladybug** (in August: date TBD). Suggested donation \$5+.

**Introduction to Boat Building with Bernard Spenle** (dates TBD) Cost: \$75 (includes materials). If there is enough interest, "Introduction to Boat Building" will be offered at the Land Trust this summer, geared toward teams of 1 parent and 1 child age 8-9+, minimum 4/ max 9 teams. Goals: to explore possibilities of building a child-size boat (not suitable for open water) and working together. Participants should be able to handle simple tools. Building materials will be furnished. The end products will float, and will be tested in the Land Trust pond, but are only practice models. Classes will take place over two weekends, probably in August. Contact [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org) for more info. Warning: this is only an introductory class. The constructed product will not be suitable for use without some serious modifications. Neither the LCCLT nor the teachers will be responsible in any way

## Summer at the Land Trust with Miss Brook

by Brook Hewitt

Summer is such a fabulous time to get creative outside! I still have space in both of my Summer Day Camps the week of **July 11-15**, if you sign your kids up right away.

**Creative Kids Camp** (9 a.m.-noon) for ages 7 to 12: We will explore the gardens, sew, cook, create art, and of course do some fun photography projects! Snacks and water provided.

**Teen Photography Camp** (1-4 p.m.) for ages 12-15: Teens are invited to learn how to take amazing photos. Cameras, snacks, water provided. Students will get to print pictures to take home at the end of each class! Cost for both camps: \$260 per kid. Signup: [www.camera-classforkids.com/book-online](http://www.camera-classforkids.com/book-online).

My **Creative Kids Class** will continue through the Summer on the last Sunday of the month, 4-6 p.m. Pre-registration optional/not required. Feel free to drop in unannounced and get creative with me! A donation is requested but not necessary.

**June 26: Crazy for Cyanotype Workshop.** Cyanotypes are one of my very favorite images making projects. We will use photo sensitive paper and gool ol' sunshine to create cool art. Cyanotypes were some of the first ever "photographs" and are an excellent way to learn about the relationship between the sun and shadow. Once again, we mix art and science to create something super cool!

**July 31: Cooking in the Garden.** Is there anything more satisfying than snacking straight out of the garden on a beautiful summer day? In July we will whip up some tasty treats from the delicious things that grow among us!

**August 28: "Ice Ice Baby!" Water & Ice Crafts & Play...** August is the month when summer gets serious. I like to beat the heat with a little ice play and art. Ice art!? Yes, ice art, there are so many fun ways you can play with ice. We will paint, sculpt and photograph to make amazing cool creations.



From Miss Brook's Class on Snail-Friendly Crafts

for this product or for its use once the class is over. Info on actual boat building plans could be provided to interested attendees.

**Pop-Up Qi Gong Workshops at the Land Trust:** Qi Gong can be thought of as an energy development practice for balance of Body, Mind, and Spirit. There are a multitude of traditional Qi Gong forms and sets handed down by generations of Masters and teachers, which contain movements and meditations to focus on particular

issues, organs, concepts, theories, or needs and desires. Cate Morrill is a Certified Qi Gong Instructor with 25+ yrs experience. She directs Rising Phoenix T'ai Chi & Qi Gong and is president of Shoulders Down, Inc. (offers varied health/wellness programs). Watch the Land Trust website for pop-up Qi Gong sets at the Land Trust during the summer (or sign up for our email list). Read more about Cate's programs at [chooselltoday.com](http://chooselltoday.com) or [chooselltoday.com/public-workshops](http://chooselltoday.com/public-workshops).

# Land Trust

## Return of the Lake Claire Land Trust Potluck!

by Miriam Herbers

Monthly potluck dinners were an early tradition of the Land Trust. Friends gathered around a long homemade picnic table out in the open. Around 1994, the lovely pentagonal cedar gazebo was built over the old table. The “Big Gazebo,” as it was later called, was built with money donated by our former neighbor Kathy Kennedy of Matthews Ave. and constructed by a crew of volunteers. (Back then volunteer builders were called “Charlie and the elves.”) An early newsletter

noted, “Now we can come together in relative comfort (mosquitos notwithstanding) for our monthly potluck dinners under shelter from the rain and sun.” The 13th of the month was chosen because people who always worked on a certain day, Tuesday, for example, might be able to join us the next month when the 13th fell on a different day. The food was always wholesome and good and created the camaraderie that frequently developed into friendships. This continued

for a decade or so.

This year’s Land Trust Open House and Potluck on April 24 had that similar friendly, happy vibe. Many people said we should do this again, and now we are. Starting June 13, we will gather at the Greenfield picnic tables at 6:30 on the 13th of every month. As has always been the tradition, please bring your own plate, cup, eating utensils and a dish, beverage or dessert to share. Hope to see you on June 13, or the next time.



## Upcoming and Ongoing at the Land Trust for Summer 2022. . .

**Sat. June 4, July 2, Aug 20:** Drum Circles, 8–11 p.m. \$5 donation. Rain date: June 18, July 16, Aug. 27

**Sun. June 5:** The Council of All Beings, 2–5 p.m. More info: *NoNukesYall.org*.

**Wed. June 8, July 13, Aug. 10:** LT Board meeting, 7–8 p.m. All welcome! Zoom link/info: *info@LCCLT.org*

**Mon, June 13, Wed., July 13, Sat., Aug. 13:** Community Potluck Dinners (see article above)

**Sat. June 18, July 16, Aug. 20:** Community Work Days, 9 a.m.–noon. Pizza follows. Rain dates: Sat. June 25, July 23, Aug. 27.

**Sat. June 25:** Mystic Monk Mycology 101 with Jason Ospina, 3–5 p.m. (article on p. 14)

**Sun. June 26:** Lake Claire Liter-

ary & Cornbread-Chili Society, 4–6 p.m. (article on p. 14)

**Sun. June 26, July 31, Aug. 28:** Creative Classes with Brook Hewitt, see article on page (article this page.)

**Mon. July 11–Fri. July 15:** Summer Camps with Brook Hewitt, \$260 per kid. Info/sign your kids up at *www.cameraclassforkids.com/book-online* (see details in article).

**Sat. Aug. 6:** Benefit Performance by Webster, 5–9 p.m. (article p. 14. Note: this month’s Drum Circle postponed to Aug. 20)

**Sun. Aug. 14:** Earth Poetry Workshop Group Reading, 7 pm. (See article p. 14.)

**Sat. Sept. 24:** Jerry Jam Grateful Dead tribute returns. Save the date!

**Repeating Events:** Edible & Medicinal Weeds Walk with Flourish

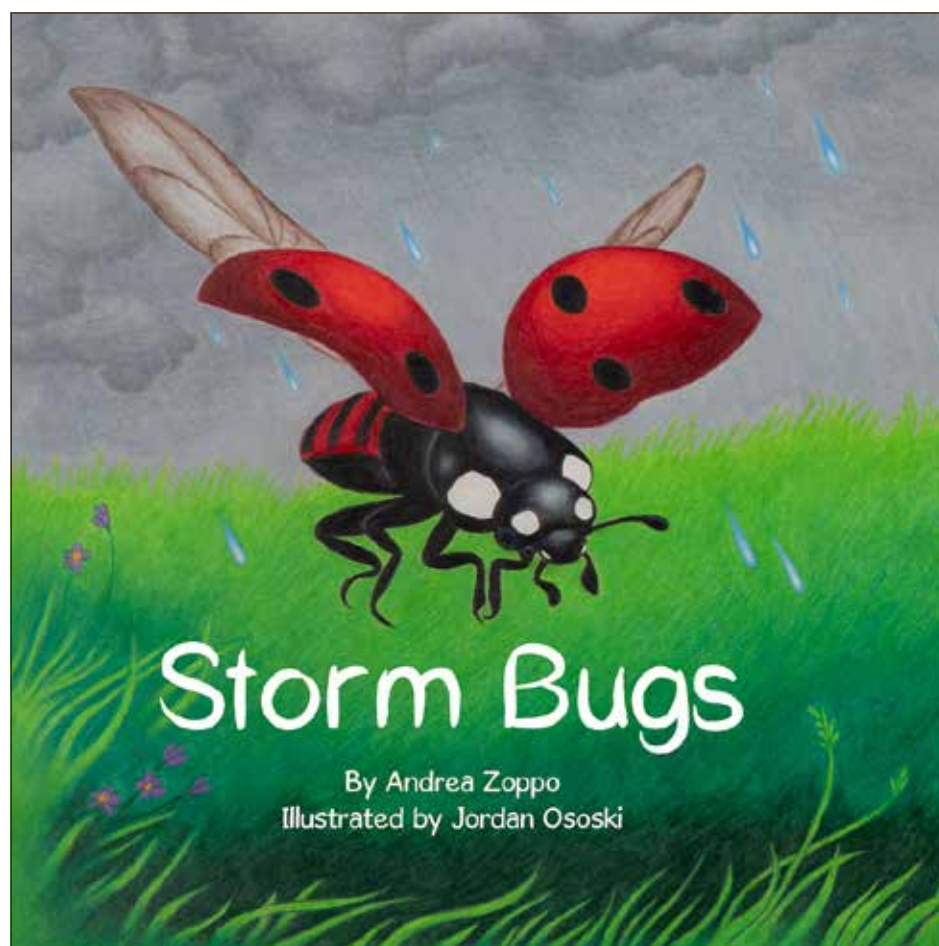
& Flora: Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays, 5:30 p.m. and select Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m. Walking class, identifying common summer weeds, using them as food and medicine, preserving them, and sampling and taking home some foods and teas made from them. Led by Morgan Strickland. Check for upcoming sessions and sign

up at *www.flourishandflora.com*.

Sorry! At press time we had not yet tracked down a substitute teacher for Ashley’s Yoga class. Check our Upcoming Events at *LCCLT.org* for updates. If you know a Yoga teacher who might be interested in teaching an outdoor class, contact us at *info@LCCLT.org*.



Webster



## Where Do Bugs Go in a Storm?

by Andrea Zoppo (Ms. Ladybug)

Join me for a magical storytelling based on my first children’s book, *Storm Bugs*, right here at the center of the known universe, the Land Trust! With fun movements, sounds, and of course fun, we will play and learn about what bugs do during a storm. After listening, we will act out the story with props and costumes. We can make a fun video and create our own story based on a nature question we come up with together. In the beginning of the pandemic I lost all my work teaching nature education at 5+ schools weekly. With a lot more time on my hands (and a bit of fear), in April 2020 I wrote my first children’s book. It’s about something I was scared of as a child: what happens to bugs and crawlies during a storm? TA-DA! *Storm Bugs* emerged. My book is beautiful, poetic, whimsical and true, hand-illustrated in glow-

ing colors by a dear friend from high school named Jordan Ososki. I know you and everyone you know will love it! Please order your copy soon, and share this opportunity with friends so I can inspire more people to wonder and care for our beautiful planet! Order extra copies as gifts for families and teachers. If you know of organizations and schools that may want a reading, please connect us. I offer options for both virtual and in-person visits and programs. To keep in the loop about the book, sign up for my newsletter at *Followladybug.com*. Thank you for all your support. And P.S. I love this community!

(Note: In case you’re wondering, Andrea Zoppo, formerly known as Miss Ladybug, has metamorphosed into Ms. Ladybug following her marriage to Ryan Welch, a grape farmer in the Chattanooga area.)


**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 Noa Yonas. Noa won the extra credit for Earth Day in April, and her prize was to be a featured writer/artist, and she was very creative in drawing this cartoon. Noa is

currently in the 4th grade at Morningside but will be at Mary Lin this Fall. She is nine years old and lives on McLendon. To celebrate Earth Day, she helped clean the creek near her house. She knows how to honor the Earth! Thank you for the great comic, and congrats, Noa. 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@lake-claire.org](mailto:editor@lake-claire.org), by AUGUST 15 for the next issue of the newspaper, which will be this fall- SEPTEMBER! Let us know what you do this summer! Have fun!



Noa

## New Contest

Summer! If YOU find a graphic showing Summer in this issue, you will be the contest winner, and you will have your name and picture noted in the September Clarion. 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, perhaps of you finding the hidden graphic, or something else. For extra credit, tell us your favorite thing about summer in Lake Claire or something you can't wait to do this summer. The extra-credit prize is that you'll be a featured writer/artist in the Clarion with your original work either writing or drawing. (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 AUGUST 15. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.



Sophie



Sawyer

## Contest Winners!

First place winner this month is Sophie Mawson-Puckhaber, 1st grader at Mary Lin who lives on Palifox. She just turned 7 on May 28. She says she saw lots of friends in the Clarion last time and wanted to join in the fun! Second place winner is Sawyer Klehr, age 8, 3rd grade at Mary Lin, who lives on Hardendorf. We had a tie of 9 winners for 3rd Place, pictured on Page 10. These 11 winners won the contest over a VAST number of Lake

Claire kids who participated this time. Congrats, Sophie and Sawyer, and the third-place folks on Page 10! Your prize is your picture in the Clarion; tell Beth if you need copies for grandparents! 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 above.