

## Annual Lake Claire Halloween Parade!

Our traditional Lake Claire Halloween Parade will be **Saturday, October 29**. If you have grand ideas on what our post-pandemic parade should entail, or just want to meet some neighbors and help out a bit, or if you have a Midtown High student in need

of community hours, we are currently planning the event. Contact Nancy at [comm@lakeclaire.org](mailto:comm@lakeclaire.org) if you want to be involved, or want to be a sponsor. We welcome both, and we look forward to seeing our usual witches, Harry Potter characters, scary monsters, and the like!!



## Call-out to Artists and Crafters, and Porch Hosts

### Lake Claire Annual Arts & Crafts Sale/Stroll

by Beth Damon and Annsley Klehr

In December 2020, we spearheaded changing the Lake Claire Arts and Crafts Sale to a walking/porch event for the first time, and

we continued in this format last year; everyone has loved this new way of spotlighting our artists and getting a start on holiday shopping. For those who weren't there/don't know about it, we have artists/vendors/businesses/food trucks located on porches of homes and other outside places throughout the central part of the Lake Claire neighborhood, and we distribute a walking tour map in advance. There will be a little music, too, but please know that music is not the focus of the event, so we will keep that in the minority of the activities; this event is for arts and crafts and the artists and crafters exhibiting and selling their wonderful creations. Two other neighborhoods that we know of liked and adopted our idea, and we already

know that Virginia Highland will be doing it again the first week of December this year, along with us.

**Fast forward to this year: the event will be Saturday, December 3, raindate the next day, Sunday, December 4.** This is our first attempt to solicit interested artists and crafters! (We are not soliciting musicians, for reasons noted above.) We will be contacting everyone from last year, so if you participated, expect to hear from Annsley or Beth this month. For anyone who didn't participate, if you are an artist who wants to sell your wares or a host who would host someone who is outside of walking distance to the central part of the neighborhood (be it in Lake

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## Fundraising Campaign Honors 40 Years of Jesters Slaying

by Julie Roseman

Midtown (formerly Grady) High School Jesters Speech and Debate Team has celebrated 13 consecutive State Championships! Now, the Midtown Jesters are gearing up for the 2022-2023 season—its 40th year—and needs your support. Help honor and celebrate 40 years of successful forensics education by participating in the Midtown Jesters' "40 for 40" Fundraising Campaign. Donate \$40 in honor of 40 years of excellence! The students' success relies heavily on donations and fundraising throughout the year. The Midtown Jesters team members spend their weekdays

practicing and weekends traveling around the Atlanta area and beyond. The Speech & Debate Team must raise an estimated \$50,000 for travel, lodging, tournament registration fees, and other team expenses. Donations also help fund scholarships, which are critical to keeping team membership accessible to all students. Your generous gift will help:

Send students from in-town Atlanta to compete at local, regional, and national tournaments;

Help Midtown Jesters host their own Carter-King tournament; and

Cover the cost of student

membership in the National Speech & Debate Association Honor Society.

Give in \$40 increments (\$400, \$4000), share the fundraiser with 40 people (you can do it!), and help the Jesters get ready for an incredible year. Please donate at [www.midtownjesters.org/donations](http://www.midtownjesters.org/donations).

The first Speech and Debate tournament was September 24, the Ivy Street

Tournament at Marist School. It was virtual, but the majority of this season's tournaments are expected to be in-person.

To learn more about the Midtown Jesters and the opportunity to support their 2022-2023 Tournament season, please visit [midtownjesters.org](http://midtownjesters.org). Donors will receive a letter for tax purposes and will feel confident their donations are directly

helping this hard-working, award-winning team as they represent Midtown High School. Feel free to contact the Jesters at [midtownjesters@gmail.com](mailto:midtownjesters@gmail.com).

The Jesters team's achievements depend on the generosity of the community. Thank you in advance for supporting the Midtown High Jesters at this 40-year milestone. \$40 for 40!

Join Lake Claire Neighbors for a "Meet and Greet Potluck,"  
 Sunday, October 23, at the Frazer Center's Cator Woolford Gardens  
 More info: [aprilstar64@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilstar64@yahoo.com)

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## October Calendar

See Page 11 for many Lake Claire Community Land Trust events! and See Page 8 for upcoming live music.

**1** BOND members welcome to join BOND at Coan Park, 1530 Woodbine Ave., S.E., from noon to 4 p.m. for "50 Years' Celebration." Food, non-alcoholic beverages, games, prizes. Bring chair or blanket and 70s attire. We hope to see you, and thank you, Lake Claire, for your loyal support.

**1-2** Candler Park Fall Fest. 5k on October 1 ([www.active.com/atlanta-ga/running/distance-running-races/candler-park-fall-fest-5k-and-fun-run-2022](http://www.active.com/atlanta-ga/running/distance-running-races/candler-park-fall-fest-5k-and-fun-run-2022).) Support is appreciated.

**1-?** Possibly all of October (end date not announced as of Clarion going to press). *Designing Women*, a new comedy by the creator of the tv series, the women of Sugarbaker's are now tackling 21st century challenges with wit, pluck and style. [www.horizontheatre.com/plays/designing-women/](http://www.horizontheatre.com/plays/designing-women/)

**1-16** Running through Oct 16, Actors Express presents *Sunset Baby*, a crackling play from MacArthur Genius Grant recipient Dominique Morisseau. When Black Liberation activist Kenyatta Shakur comes back to the world after prison, he finds himself widowed and alone. His fraught reunion with his daughter Nina only intensifies when she refuses to release to him letters from his late wife that are both personally and historically significant. [actors-express.com/play-page-sunset-baby/](http://actors-express.com/play-page-sunset-baby/)

**2** Theatrical Outfit presents *Flex*, last night is Oct 2. Next play in 2022-2023 season starts January 25. See website for other offerings, including the Balzer Jazz Series. [www.theatricaloutfit.org/shows/flex/#](http://www.theatricaloutfit.org/shows/flex/#)

**2** Alliance Theatre, presents "Everybody," last night is Oct. 2. Coca-Cola Stage. See [www.alliancetheatre.org](http://www.alliancetheatre.org) for more offerings.

**3, 25** Naan Stop! See article at right on Mary Lin. Also on October 25

**17-19** Osteria 832 — See article at right on Mary Lin.

**20** The Lake Claire monthly neighborhood meeting (via Zoom) is the third Thursday of each month. [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/). See article Page 3 re nominations at this meeting.

**22** Trees Atlanta is working with community members to plant trees throughout the Lake Claire neighborhood this fall, starting this date from 9 a.m. to noon, corner of Terrace Avenue and Clifton Terrace, NE. Our staff has identified potential planting locations along Clifton Road, but if you'd like trees planted in your right-of-way and/or front yard, Trees Atl would love to hear from you. See article Page 9.

**23** Lake Claire Neighbors "Meet and Greet Potluck," Oct. 23 at the Cator Woolford Gardens, 2-5 p.m. As of Clarion press

**time in mid-Sept, no definite details other than the time; possible food truck, possible music, check with Pen Sherwood at [aprilstar64@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilstar64@yahoo.com)**

**25** Dekalb History Ctr's next Lunch & Learn, noon to 1. Frank Hamilton and Mick Kinney from the Frank Hamilton School will be presenting and performing Georgia songs and tunes. This program is free and interested parties are encouraged to bring their own lunches to enjoy during the presentation. Thank you for helping to spread the word about this exciting program! More info: [selem@dekalbhistory.org](mailto:selem@dekalbhistory.org); [www.dekalbhistory.org/](http://www.dekalbhistory.org/)

**25** Alliance Theatre's Family Series, *Roob and Noob*, at the Rich Theatre, through Nov 6, see [www.alliancetheatre.org/productions?season\\_status=current](http://www.alliancetheatre.org/productions?season_status=current).

**29** Annual LC Halloween party/parade. See article P. 1.

**Nov. 7 & 16**—Support Mary Lin with delicious eats! See article this page.

**Dec. 3 (rain date the next day, Sunday, Dec. 4.)**—Hold date for Lake Claire's Annual Arts & Crafts/Porch event (see article Page 1).

## Support Mary Lin

by Sarah Perlin

Please support our Mary Lin PTA and these generous local restaurants, AND, of course, have delicious food while doing so! (More dine-outs coming in the November Lake Claire Clarion).

- **Naan Stop** ([www.naanstop.com](http://www.naanstop.com))—**Mon. Oct. 3 and Tue. Oct. 25** (easy pick up on Arizona in Lake Claire 5-5:45 p.m.)—complete the order form at [naanstop-mary-lin-pta-fundraiser-102771.square.site](http://naanstop-mary-lin-pta-fundraiser-102771.square.site) or email [mlp-tafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:mlp-tafundraising@gmail.com) for order form details. 20% of your order will be donated back to Mary Lin thanks to Naan Stop & Joan Arkins Realty (Just Joan—[justjone.kw.com](mailto:justjone.kw.com))!

- **Osteria 832** ([www.osteria832.com](http://www.osteria832.com))—**Mon. Oct. 17-Wed. Oct. 19**. Take out or dine-in at Osteria in Virginia Highland and 25% of your bill will come back to Mary Lin's PTA! Be sure to mention Mary Lin—includes take out and dine-in, excludes delivery.

- **Guac Y Margys** ([www.guacymargys.com](http://www.guacymargys.com))—**Mon. Nov. 7**—Get together with family & friends the night before Election Day and enjoy dinner & drinks at Guac Y Margys at the midtown location (502 Amsterdam Ave NE). Includes take-out and dine-in—10% of all their revenue from the night will come back to Mary Lin's PTA.

- **Wahoo Grill** ([www.wahoogrilldecalur.com](http://www.wahoogrilldecalur.com))—**Wed. Nov. 16**—Dine-in or take-out around the corner at Wahoo Grill in Decatur and 15% of your food order will come back to Mary Lin. Wed. night is also 1/2 of many of their wines. When you dine there, be sure to mention Mary Lin.

Save these dates, and spread the word!

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## Possible Development in Historic Candler Park

by Neal Wilson and Nancy Fonti

A group of developers led by the firm Third & Urban hopes to build a 166-unit apartment building and parking garage on 1240 Euclid Avenue, which is currently home to a Montessori school. Their plan includes possibly destroying the 70-year old church—a historic anchor of Candler Park—that currently houses the school. The proposal is part of a larger plan that includes demolishing the Star Bar and putting an office building in its place.

Candler Park has been through this before: in 2008, a different development group made a similar proposal for a high-density apartment building on 1240 Euclid Avenue. The surrounding neighbors strongly objected based on safety, traffic, and other infrastructure concerns. After much discussion, the 2008 project was adjusted to meet the community's needs, and a new plan with townhomes that incorporated the historic church was approved by the Atlanta City Council. You can find that plan here: [gis.atlantaga.gov/rezoning/](https://gis.atlantaga.gov/rezoning/).

This past September 7, Third & Urban gave a “courtesy presentation” to the Candler Park Zoning Committee that many residents found misleading. The company opened the presentation with a rendering of the project showing the church intact and touted their background in historic preservation. When pressed on the issue, however, they admitted that they have no intention of preserving the church.

**Their plans to demolish the Star Bar** have generated much outrage, as it is a beloved original music and comedy venue, one of very few remaining in the area. It has been in operation since 1991, and the historic mid-century modern building that houses it dates to the early 1950s. A Change.org petition to preserve it has over 6,300 signatures to date. [www.change.org/p/save-the-star-bar-atlanta](https://www.change.org/p/save-the-star-bar-atlanta).



*Star Bar's Eternal Shrine to Elvis Presley*

Candler Park residents are very concerned about the density of the project. Certainly 166 new households, many described as micro-units, on such a small property, will stress the infrastructure of an area already burdened by traffic, awkward intersections, and pedestrian safety issues. According to Third & Urban's own press release, parking will be “unbundled from apartment rents so that residents have the option to live without the costs associated with car ownership.” In practical terms of course, this means new renters will be parking on the streets of Candler Park, as Atlanta is not a city well suited to life without a car. Many current Candler Park residents do not have off-street parking and already compete with L5P tourists for parking. We have also seen historic neighborhoods like Virginia Highland and Old 4th Ward robbed of their individuality by soulless development and we would like to preserve the unique character of our neighborhood.

If you share these concerns or have concerns of your own, please reach out to our city councilman, Amir R. Farokhi, and let him know, as he voiced support for the development in a recent AJC article. His email address is [arfarokhi@atlantaga.gov](mailto:arfarokhi@atlantaga.gov).

## Lake Claire Leadership October Nominations

The annual Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) Executive Committee elections are in November. According to our bylaws, all nominations must be made at the regular LCN meeting **in October**, i.e., **at this** month's meeting. The basic requirement for nomination, whether self-nomination or by another, is attendance at a minimum of four regular meet-

ings since last November. A slate of officers is also presented. So, if you would like to serve the neighborhood in this valuable fashion, and you will meet the requirement as of the October meeting (you will have already attended at least 3 meetings, and the October meeting is your 4th or more), do consider leadership in the neighborhood, a very good cause.

## Lifeline's New Ways to Help: A 'Humble' Request

by Scott McLane

Lifeline is making a humble request for Humble (the dog pictured here) and all his friends in the still dangerously overcrowded Dekalb Animal Shelter.

**Promote a Pet:** Individuals using your social networks and neighborhood channels to promote pets for adoption and fostering is one of the most impactful ways you can make a difference. If enough community folks can identify at least one shelter pet to champion that could be a game changer. You can begin your search here: [lifelineanimal.org/adopt/](https://lifelineanimal.org/adopt/) by simply scrolling through the photos—it's a great substitute for “doom scrolling,” btw, lol. Select the pet that most pulls at your heart strings, and then find the time to market and promote this pet in search of an adopter/foster. You can also join the Lifeline Ambassador program ([form.jotform.com/213553529121046](https://form.jotform.com/213553529121046)).

**Below are five easy ways to promote a pet to get adopted:**

- Share the pet (picture, bio and Adopter's link [lifelineanimal.org/adopt/](https://lifelineanimal.org/adopt/)) on NextDoor.
  - Promote the pet on your other social media accounts (Facebook, TikTok, Snapchat, Twitter, LinkedIn).
  - Post about that pet on the public Adoptable Pets of LifeLine Facebook group.
  - Create a flyer or share existing flyers and post at your local shops and on social. You can find tools and examples at [Canva.com](https://Canva.com).
  - Take a dog out for Dog For The Day [lifelineanimal.org/dog-for-the-day/](https://lifelineanimal.org/dog-for-the-day/) Visit places that have many potential adopters. [lifelineanimal.org/dog-friendly-spots-in-atlanta/](https://lifelineanimal.org/dog-friendly-spots-in-atlanta/)
- Free Vaccinations and Spay/Neuter vouchers: Saturday,**



*Humble is the perfect name for this oh so huggable pup. It's the way he approaches cuddling, walking on a leash and taking treats (he knows sit and stay) and even the way he talks to his fellow four-leggeds across the fence.*

**October 29, Wade Walker Prk, 5585 Rockbridge Rd, SW, Stone Mountain, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.:** Life-

line's Healthy Pets DeKalb events provide a fun atmosphere for the whole family. They are often held at parks with playgrounds, so the kids can entertain themselves, and all humans receive free hot dogs, barbeque, chips, water, and more! Although the lines can be long, they move fast, and everyone agrees that the freebies LifeLine offers for pets are worth the wait. These include: FREE rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats; FREE canine distemper/parvo (for dogs) or feline distemper vaccine (for cats); FREE microchips; Vouchers for FREE spay or neuter surgeries at our two LifeLine Spay & Neuter Clinics; FREE pet supplies such as food, leashes and collars

As always, **YOU** are essential for the success of Lifeline's mission of reimagining sheltering by promoting community involvement and helping people and pets stay together. Thank you!

## What is an E-Bike?

by Kevin Posey

You may have noticed a new type of bicycle on your local streets and paths. This bike doesn't slow down much when the rider climbs a hill. In some cases, the rider may not even be pedaling. What you are looking at is probably an electric bike, aka an e-bike.

E-bikes come in different classes that describe their capabilities. A Class 1 e-bike uses an electric motor up to 750 Watts with energy supplied from a rechargeable battery to provide an assist when pedaling. So, when the

rider encounters a hill or just wants to go faster, he or she doesn't have to exert quite so much force on the pedal. This assistance cuts out above 20 MPH, so the only way the rider can exceed that speed is with muscle power or a gravity assist. Most state and local laws recognize these as bicycles, so they are allowed wherever conventional bikes are okay.

A Class 2 e-bike has this same top speed and power rating as a Class 1,

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## Lifeline Animal Project Honors Lake Claire's Scott McLane

Lifeline's quarterly spotlight acknowledged volunteers and foster families who have shown up for the pets time and time again, and one of those volunteers is Lake Claire's own Scott McLane (who has been highlighting the pets in the Clarion in the last few months, as well—e.g., see Page 3 this issue.)

In an interview, Scott discussed how in December 2020 he realized he had found a new calling. He loves "matchmaking," matching the right adopter with a dog and seeing his or her waggy-tailed adoptee's smile. He also loves walking dogs and sharing a moment of freedom with a dog allowed to run unconstrained.

Scott talked about his enjoyment of bringing order to chaos and how he has been able to apply the skills acquired from repairing people's homes. Such tasks as repairing gates, assembling dog beds, organizing storage, clearing up the work areas are all a contribution to the welfare of the animals and the staff. Scott feels that relieving a small amount of abandoned animals' suffering not



only helps the animals but is so rewarding to the person. He noted that there are no specific qualifications for this volunteer "job." There are a myriad of ways to contribute, fitting your own abilities and personality.

The complete article may be found here: [lifelineanimal.org/seasonal-volunteer-spotlight-summer-2022/](http://lifelineanimal.org/seasonal-volunteer-spotlight-summer-2022/). Thank you, to Scott, for this important work. We at the Clarion hope that others are inspired by your example to volunteer, too.

## What is an E-Bike?

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but it has a throttle. The rider doesn't have to pedal in order to go. These are also usually allowed wherever conventional bikes are okay.

Class 3 e-bikes are close to being a moped and are often treated as such by state and local laws. They can reach 28 MPH and must have a speedometer. Their use on bike paths is usually illegal. Because they are so like a moped, some states have placed an age limit for their use that restricts them to teens and older.

A Class 4 e-bike really isn't a bicycle at all. The rider must have a license and insurance. They can only be ridden off-road, like an ATV. Their speeds can reach as high as 50 MPH. Using them on a bike path is a great way to get a ticket or get arrested.

**So, that's what an e-bike is. The real question is: what kind do you need?**

For riding in the city, stick to Classes 1 and 2. These will get you where you are going without necessarily getting all sweaty and exhausted. If your route has lots of hills, as mine usually does, you will want that electric motor helping you out.

One big benefit of e-bikes is that they make it possible for those with injuries to ride again. I, personally, have arthritis in my knee thanks to an ill-advised stint on a Cross-Coun-

try running team in high school. Without the motor helping me, it would be extremely painful to climb the hills of Atlanta. I now bike at the same speeds I did when I was in my 20s: fast. I use it to bike to lunch (4 miles away, today) and run errands, if I can find a safe route to do so.

A word of caution before you run out and buy an e-bike: some cheap bikes have quality issues, while some are simply overpriced. I suggest looking for bikes in the \$2000-\$4000 range. Bear in mind that eventually prices will drop as adoption rates go up and supply problems decline.

If you want to ride something very special, try a folding e-bike. Mine is a Tern Q-9, a folding e-bike that I can toss in the back of my car. No more wobbly bike rack!

## Candler Park Playground

by Ben Klehr

There are a number of Candler Park neighborhood events open to Lake Claire residents who wish to support a beautiful new playground in Candler Park. More than \$750,000 has already been raised from public and private donors and foundations, and we hope to break ground in early

## Virtual Yoga? Hmmm....

by Frani Green

You ask, how do you participate in a virtual yoga class? I asked myself that same question almost 3 years ago when the world shut down. As a 29-year seasoned yoga instructor, going from gym, to studios, to private homes teaching in person, I had no clue how to do that. And I quickly learned how to navigate that situation.

Zoom is my best friend these days. Even though the world is opening up, some with restrictions, people have become accustomed to taking classes from home. It has worked out and has several benefits: you don't have to drive in this crazy Atlanta traffic, which puts less stress on your car, on the environment, on your time and personal stress level. You can roll out of bed and onto your mat in minutes. If you have an illness, Covid, a cold, or any other health limitation being around people, you have your own space and no one to be around. If you are unable to keep up with the class, you can rest or do another pose without interrupting other students. You can have a class with your favorite



teacher from wherever you are, (as long as you have a good internet connection.) You can travel and still be able to take the class. For me, all of these reasons apply. I even have students from Germany, New York, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Oregon that attend my classes. It has opened up a whole new way to practice and connect.

I'd love for you to join me virtually on the mat! Feel free to contact me at [franigreen@bellsouth.net](mailto:franigreen@bellsouth.net) for a class schedule or any other questions you may have.

Namaste,  
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Claire or another neighborhood), please write to us both: [editor@lake-claire.org](mailto:editor@lake-claire.org) and [education@lakeclaire.org](mailto:education@lakeclaire.org) with your name, phone number, address, name of business if any, and what you sell.

**SPONSORS!** — Business folks, please advise if your business would be interested in being a sponsor. We will be contacting last year's sponsors. The amount is up to you. Sponsors' monies pay for porta-potties, printing of maps and flyers, and some supplies for the artists/crafters' tables. Write to Beth and Annsley.

As an outside event, this event is still safe as Covid rears its head with other variations. We try to keep people socially distanced, and people are welcome to wear masks as desired. As with our Halloween party, we fol-

low CDC guidelines for safe events: We encourage attendees to be vaccinated if they are eligible and able to medically. We will announce further details and a draft of participating artists and addresses, in the November Clarion and on the Lake Claire website.

To be in the November listing in the Clarion, we must hear from you by Thursday, October 20. If you miss that date, you will still be featured in the paper copies and maps that are handed out and available that day. We will be sending an information email soon to all past participants and to anyone who sends us an email expressing interest. We so look forward to seeing you again for this exciting and fun day.



2023. To learn more about the playground project or contribute go to [candlerparkconservancy.org/Play-scape](http://candlerparkconservancy.org/Play-scape). Lake Claire residents can also help raise funds for the playground by participating in the October 1-2 5k, noted in the calendar Page 2.

## Frazer Center Shares Forest and Curriculum with Our House

by Dina Shadwell

Frazer Center recently hosted a group of Pre-K students and their teachers from **Our House** in Decatur, a nonprofit early education center that provides “a pathway to stability and independence for families experiencing homelessness.” Frazer invited the Our House students and teachers to go on a field trip to Frazer Forest to experience our new inclusion nature-based curriculum. This outreach component is the next phase of the curriculum development that has been three years in the making. In 2019, this nature-based curriculum initiative was already in the works, but Frazer put it on a fast track as outdoor learning became a safer choice during the pandemic. Many of Frazer’s teachers were already taking advantage of outdoor learning in Frazer Forest, but they had no formal lesson plans. As Frazer first began looking for a nature-based curriculum to adopt, it became apparent that the vast majority of nature-based curricula treated children with disabilities as an afterthought. Lessons could be “retrofitted” for those

children. So Frazer decided to create a new nature-based curriculum to ensure that principles and practices of inclusion informed every part of it.

Frazer Center made a commitment to overcome the obstacles to nature-based learning for both children with disabilities and children from low-income families. To that end, Frazer Center leadership entered a collaboration with Dr. Gary Bingham, Director of the Georgia State University Urban Child Learning Center to put together a team to help Frazer Center create formal inclusion nature-based lessons and develop appropriate evaluation tools to gauge the effectiveness of the curriculum. Together they found practical and effective ways to implement nature learning using an inclusion model. They have developed 77 inclusion nature-based learning units. Now that Frazer’s teachers are implementing these units, the outreach phase of the program has begun.

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## Wild in Lake Claire

by Sara Gottlieb

I was a bit late in writing this column, not for lack of material, but for lack of time! Fall has arrived (so the thermometer says, as do the shorter days), and I'm convinced time is contracting because there is absolutely never enough of it to do everything that needs to be done. The Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu said, "Nature never hurries, yet everything is accomplished." I am skeptical.

By late August, there was a steady stream of hummingbirds coming to visit the feeder I put up on my back porch, with scuffles and outright fights occurring regularly. These little birds are fiercely territorial and will defend food sources with every inch of their lives (even if they are only 2–3 inches long!) My attempt to capture some of this activity with a trailcam mounted on a beam near the feeder was a failure because the camera was only triggered by large humans and not by birds of any size.

The birds visiting my backyard suddenly got much bigger at the end of August. One afternoon, I heard the telltale sounds of a hummingbird squabble in the mid-story trees in my backyard, and when I looked up, I spied a beautiful barred owl looking right at me. It sat on a branch in a redbud tree, swiveling its head and occasionally closing its eyes, and terrifying almost all the small mammals and birds that typically gather around my bird feeder. The backyard was suddenly practically silent, except for the hummingbirds which would periodically pair up to divebomb the owl, which was unperturbed.

After several hours, the owl suddenly flew down into my neighbor's backyard and spread out its wings on the ground. It sat there for several minutes, swiveling its head every which way, until it finally gathered itself up and flew back to the roost in the redbud tree. Shortly after that, a ferocious rainstorm blew in. The owl stayed on its perch during the storm, though my husband and I were forced inside the house, and when we went back outside after the storm passed, the owl was gone. While we regularly hear the call of barred owls at night ("Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you allllllllll?"), we have not seen it in our yard again. I suspect it's still around, because the activity at our bird feeder has scarcely increased several weeks later. Spooky!

Meredith W. reports seeing two hummingbirds fighting and one flashed his ruby throat! It was gorgeous. She always thought the visibility of the ruby color was due to lighting, but learned that the males know how to angle it to catch the

light and flash it at another bird during a territorial dispute (or to attract a female). It was beautiful, and really did glow bright red like a jewel—or a warning. Meredith has seen lots of green anoles around recently, including some young ones. She often sees their sides moving in and out and learned it's because they don't have diaphragms, so they depend much more on their intercostal muscles moving their ribs in and out in order to breathe than we do.

In addition to the jewelweed and mistflower that is blooming right now in her yard, Meredith has seen giant ragweed blossoms as well. Native Americans grew ragweed for its seeds, which are high in both fat and protein. Good to know and have around, despite their allergy-aggravating pollen, if we ever need to grow more of our own food.

Lastly, Meredith finally saw a cicada emerging from its shell, something she'd wanted to see since writing a blog post about what cicadas can teach us about change a couple of years back. The cicada was under a large squash leaf in her garden, and it was incredible to see it emerge with its first wings as it transitioned from a life underground to a life in the air. Amazing!

Ilene S. was sitting on her back porch and noticed a chipmunk foraging around near the pond. A Cooper's hawk suddenly swooped down out of the sky and landed where the chipmunk had been. She saw a blur of motion in what seemed like a nanosecond before the hawk hit the ground. The hawk sat there with its wings spread like a cloak on the ground for a minute or two before acknowledging defeat and flying off. (Sara notes: this sounds like similar behavior to the owl I described above!)

Bernard S. offers an observation that this summer has been more rainy and humid than usual. Therefore, mushrooms have popped up everywhere, to the delight of 'shroom lovers such as himself! He was thrilled recently to see some boletes, chanterelles, of course, and some amanitas. He even found some deliciously edible red chanterelles (*Cantharellus cinnabarinus*). See picture here. The ubiquitous mushrooms compensated for having mosquitoes be a little too friendly...

Frank W. has continued to see lots of hummingbirds foraging in the wildflowers in his backyard, although more recently there have been fewer of them. After a hiatus of seeing many other birds, Frank has started to see several and hear them as well, including a relatively large number



*Yellow orbweaver*

of black winged birds on the freedom bike path. He also spotted several hawks and swarms of bats in the area. And his son Yoni spotted a furry spider the size of a dime in a large web on the side of Frank's house. It looked like a mini tarantula (sounds like an orbweaver). Frank reports having seen lots of butterflies, including a beautiful black and blue iridescent one, and he spotted a pretty blue jay cooing softly in the backyard and kind of sounding like a doorbell.

A few more of my own observations this month have included a plethora of caterpillars, including the many fritillaries munching furiously on my passionflower vines, several black swallowtails, monarchs, oakworm, tussock moth, and yellow woolly bear. Fall is also garden spider season, and I have seen many examples of the native yellow orbweaver (including one gorgeous one at the Wylde Center, see photo) and the non-native Jorō—the two are easily distinguished by their web designs. The yellow orbweaver makes a beautiful, neat web with a "zipper" design down the middle; the Jorō makes a messy three-dimensional web with strands that have a

gold tint in the right light. Finally, a juvenile red-tailed hawk has taken up regular attempts at hunting in my neighbor's backyard, perching on a weather vane in the middle of her yard and swooping down on unsuspecting snakes, chipmunks, and the occasional squirrel. It doesn't seem to know what to do with its quarry all the time and sometimes drops it, but it never gives up or appears to lose patience.

*If you'd like to report a wildlife sighting for inclusion in a future column, please email sara.gottlieb@gmail.com.*



*Bernard's mushrooms*

*Barred owl*

## Herstory Maker

You might have noticed a Dunwoody Police vehicle parked in the neighborhood recently. Sergeant Rashida Herbers is a new resident on Arizona Ave. Sergeant Herbers was the first woman police officer hired by the Dunwoody Police Department. This September she was promoted to sergeant, making her again the

first woman to hold that position on the force. Sergeant Herbers has 12 years experience with both APD and Dunwoody PD. When you meet her, you will understand why her calm, reasonable, non-judgmental manner makes her a leader. Don't be shy to say hello and congratulate her on her promotion if you see her around.

## Dekalb Ave. Improvements

by Liliana Bakhtiari

Hey, neighbors! I wanted to give a brief update on the DeKalb Avenue Safety Improvements and Krog Street Drainage Improvements. At the Krog Street Tunnel, lighting installation is complete, and crews began preliminary boring for soil sampling following the Labor Day holiday. The Department of Watershed Management was slated to begin Phase I of the drainage improvement project on September 19 to restore the drainage system and mitigate flooding in the Krog Street Tunnel. This work is taking place at night as it requires temporary closure of the southbound lane.

Along DeKalb Avenue, the At-

lanta Department of Transportation has completed traffic signal work at several intersections between Jackson Street and Rocky Ford Road. Additionally, crews have upgraded technology for timing coordination and left-turn signals for safer intersection crossings, once activated.

I will be sure to continue updating you as I receive updates from ATLDOT and DWM on an updated timeline for the work. We appreciate everyone's patience as these two departments work to improve this corridor. You can find more information about these projects by contacting my office. Thanks everyone!

## Editor's Note

I continue to seek contributions! If you are interested in theatre, arts, music, our neighborhood's and other in-town neighborhoods' events, I'd love your participation. The neighborhood leadership functions, including running the newspaper, are

mostly filled by 60+-somethings, including myself. Where are the 30- and 40-somethings, lol?! Seriously, send contributions to me by the 15th to 18th of the month preceding the month of publication. Next deadline is OCTOBER 15-18. ~Beth D.

## Neighborhood Dues for LC

Suggested annual dues are \$20/household, [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org) via the link **OR** by check in the mail to Eileen O'Neill, Treasurer, PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107. Since the Summer issue, the following folks paid dues: Diane Ludington, Jenny Harrelson, Eva Belle, Carol Holiday, Lindsey H. Crawley, and Ryan Gesser.

## Frazer Center Shares Forest and Curriculum with Our House

*Continued from page 6.*

offer the training and curriculum—at no cost—to educators at early learning centers that serve under-resourced communities in the metro area. Frazer Center and GSU developed a training manual for the curriculum, and Frazer is now making the forest available to these centers for field trips. Frazer's collaboration with Our House is proving successful. Frazer staff first visited an Our House classroom and led a nature-

based learning experience in their own outdoor area this summer. In September, the same children from Our House ventured out for a morning in Frazer Forest with the Frazer staff and GSU team. Frazer hopes that Our House is just the first of many centers to take advantage of the abundant opportunities for learning, fun, and growth that Frazer Forest and the new inclusion nature-based curriculum provide.



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## Trees Atlanta

by Melissa Pressman

Trees Atlanta is working with community members to plant trees throughout the Lake Claire neighborhood this Fall. Their staff has identified potential planting locations along Clifton Road, but if you'd like trees planted in your right-of-way and/or front yard, they would be happy to hear from you. The program's intent is to lower summer temperatures and reduce energy consumption by investing in tree canopy cover for neighborhoods in Atlanta. Urban trees decrease energy bills for residents; absorb pollutants; reduce maintenance costs for streets and

stormwater infrastructure; increase property values by making neighborhoods more beautiful, walkable, and desirable places to live; and combat the urban heat island effect.

Please visit Trees Atlanta's website ([treesatlanta.org](http://treesatlanta.org)) to learn more about Trees Atlanta's planting programs and to request a tree. Look out for more details about the neighborhood-wide planting, including opportunities to volunteer, in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about this project or any other Trees Atlanta programming, please email [cate@treesatlanta.org](mailto:cate@treesatlanta.org).



## Hello—Safe Journey: Skiing in and around Lake Claire

### Happy Birthday to:

- October 2: Happy b'day, Margaret Witten (Tuxedo). Hugs from Maine!
- October 5: Chloe Rachal will turn 11! (Howard Circle) and Emma DeBell (Harold) 15!
- October 7: Todd Fernandez (Leonardo)
- October 11, Scarlett Capps turns 17! (Harold)
- October 19: Kusher Thomas Tanguturi turns 9 (Harold Avenue)
- October 19: Boyd Baker—happy b'day (Leonardo), much appreciated Clarion contributor
- October 23: Izzy Kaiser—Happy 15th birthday! ('dorf)
- October 27: Happy birthday, Wing! Much appreciated faithful contributor to the Clarion

*And last but definitely not least, happy belated September b'day to Alicia McGill, dedicated Clarion Delivery Manager whom we love!*

### Marriage Anniversaries:

- October 6: Judy Langford and Bob Thompson (Harold)
- October 15: Sara Rossi and Jeff DeBell (Harold)

**Take a minute, and send life cycle events for the next issue, November, by October 15–18 ([editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org)).**

## Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

by Lori White

We always say how much we love our Lake Claire neighbors. One particular neighbor truly stands out as a blessing to Clifton. Bee Bordeaux (pictured) has lived in the Lake Claire community for over 30 years. When she learned that volunteers were needed at Clifton, she reached out in hopes of "helping the community and being a little more useful." Bee comes to the shelter several days

a week and makes sandwiches and puts together bag lunches for our guests. She also helps sort through food donations and keep our food pantry tidy. Bee is always so pleasant and willing to help out where needed. When asked what she likes most about Clifton, Bee states, "the friendly group of staff and the fact that everyone tries to help the guests that come through the shelter." Vol-

## 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.

DATE	BAND	VENUE
Sat., Oct. 1	.38 special	Brightmoor Amp
Sat., Oct. 1	REM and ASO	ASO
Sat., Oct. 1	Jeff Beck	Roxy
Sat., Oct. 1	Magnolia Express	Cherry Street Brewing Cumming
Sat., Oct. 1	Dappled Grays	Eddie's Attic
Oct. 1–2	Goose	Pullman Yards
Oct. 1–2	Candler Park Fall Fest ("Webster" headlining Sun. night)	Candler Park
Oct. 1–2	Marcus King with Neal Francis	Tabernacle
Sun., Oct. 2	Ani DiFranco	Buckhead Theatre
Oct. 3–4 & 6–7	Lucinda Williams	City Winery
Tue., Oct. 4	Death Cab for Cutie	Roxy
Oct. 4–5	Clem Snide	Eddie's Attic
Thu., Oct. 6	Moon Taxi & PPPP	Terrapin Beer Co Athens
Fri., Oct. 7	Infamous Stringdusters	Variety Playhouse
Fri., Oct. 7	Father John Misty	The Eastern
Fri., Oct. 7	Panic! At the Disco	Gas South Arena
Fri., Oct. 7	Smoky Robinson	Cobb Energy
Fri., Oct. 7	Judah the Lion	Roxy
Sat., Oct. 8	lil Smokies	The Loft
Sat., Oct. 8	Porchfest	Oakhurst
Sat., Oct. 8	Monophonics	Buckhead Theatre
Sat., Oct. 8	Steve Kimock	Center Stage
Sat., Oct. 8	Keith Urban	State Farm Arena
Sat., Oct. 8	The Glitch Mob	The Underground
Oct. 8-9	Pavement	The Eastern
Sun., Oct. 9	Santigold	Buckhead Theatre
Sun., Oct. 9	Nikki Lane	The Earl
Tue., Oct. 11	Doobie Bros	Fox Theatre
Tue., Oct. 11	Smashing Pumpkins & Jane's Addiction	State Farm Arena
Wed., Oct. 12	Stevie Nix	Ameris Amp
Wed., Oct. 12	Bob Mould	City Winery
Thu., Oct. 13	Pitbull	Ameris Amp
Fri., Oct. 14	Magnolia Express	Distillery of Modern Art Chamblee
Fri., Oct. 14	JGBCB	The Eastern
Fri., Oct. 14	The Head and the Heart	Chastain
Fri., Oct. 14	Kitchen Dwellers	Terminal West
Fri., Oct. 14	Keller Williams	Center Stage
Fri., Oct. 14	Ryan Adams	Tabernacle
Fri., Oct. 14	The Judds	Gas South Arena
Fri., Oct. 14	Patti LaBelle	Fox Theatre
Sat., Oct. 15	Flaming Lips	Roxy
Sun., Oct. 16	Jack Harlow	State Farm Arena
Mon., Oct. 17	Calexico	Terminal West
Tue., Oct. 18	Regina Spektor	Tabernacle
Tue., Oct. 18	Post Malone	State Farm Arena
Tue., Oct. 18	Mt Joy	Roxy
Tue., Oct. 18	matisyahu	Variety
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unteers are the heartbeat of Clifton. We are so grateful for the food, in-kind, and financial donations our neighbors provide. We also appreciate the time and talents that are shared with us. If you are interested in getting involved and being a part of the Clifton family, please reach out to me at [lori@cliftonsanctuary.com](mailto:lori@cliftonsanctuary.com). We would love to get you plugged in doing something you enjoy!

## Howard Middle School Principal

Janet McDowell, hired just two months ago as principal of Atlanta's David T. Howard Middle School, has left the school. In mid-September, Superintendent Dr. Lisa Herring sent a message noting that McDowell would leave on September 13. She said in the note, "I want to assure you that Atlanta Public Schools (APS) is committed to ensuring the success of David T. Howard Middle School, our scholars, and our staff," Herring said. "Our Human Resources Department will work closely with the Go Team to begin the process of selecting Howard Middle School's permanent principal." Meanwhile, two interim principals have been appointed to begin immediately, Barbara Shea and Paula Snowden. Snowden was interim principal last year at Bunch Middle School, and Shea was interim principal at King Middle School. During

the 2021-2022 school year, interim principal Joy Antone had been Principal, after Dr. Kevin Maxwell was promoted to an assistant superintendent position.

Discussing McDowell's abrupt departure, Howard's PTO co-president, Susanna Roberts, stated, "We will continue to work with administration, teachers, and parents to help ensure all needs are met. We look forward to continuing our support of our wonderful middle school and the entire community of David T. Howard." Several teachers who were unhappy with changes that McDowell implemented when she arrived had quit, and some classes are without teachers; those classes work through the curriculum on the Atlanta Virtual Academy (AVA) program. Stay tuned for more updates.

## News from the Paideia School

by Kate Sweeney

The Paideia School has announced Thomas E. Taylor as its new head of school. Taylor will succeed Paul Bianchi, under whose guidance Paideia has become one of the leading progressive independent schools in the nation since its founding in 1971. Bianchi will retire at the end of this school year. Mr. Taylor will start on July 1, 2023.

"Tom Taylor is an energetic and forward-thinking leader," said Search Committee Head Melba Hughes. "He demonstrated a strong affinity for the unique values and culture that distinguish The Paideia School, and he understands what makes it a special place. This understanding and his considerable experience make him the best candidate to lead Paideia into its next chapter."

"After a comprehensive search that spanned 3 countries and 8 U.S. states, we are confident we have found in Tom the ideal candidate to build on Paideia's legacy as a leading progressive school," said Board of Trustees Chair Wayne Aaron.

Taylor, a doctoral candidate in education policy and leadership at the University of Minnesota with a master's degree from Teachers College at Columbia University, has a bachelor's in physics and theatre from Oberlin. As a faculty member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), he provides one-on-one coaching at NAIS's School Leadership Institute. He has served as upper school director at Breck School in Minneapolis, and at Riverdale Country School in the Bronx has been head of upper school,

dean of students, and director of financial aid and outreach, beginning his career there as a physics teacher.

"I'm excited to be joining a place that centers both children and the joy of learning so clearly and consistently," Taylor said. "Parents who founded Paideia and invited Paul Bianchi to lead the school built an amazing community. It is an honor and a thrill to carry forward Paideia's legacy as a model of progressive independent education." A top priority is ensuring a smooth transition and advancing the school's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, consistent with the DEI Strategic Plan. "I have taken it on as an obligation to make sure that the spaces I curate are as inclusive as possible—and I look forward to continuing The Paideia School's important work in this area."

Taylor enjoys cooking with his family, doing New York Times crosswords, and playing Frisbee with his wife (a former Ultimate player) and children. (Whether he'll try out for the Pythons' Ultimate team is unknown!)

The Paideia community began the groundwork for this search by preparing for Paul Bianchi's eventual retirement as early as 1999. The search spanned eight months, included outreach to nearly 200 school leaders, and incorporated feedback from the administration, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and students. There were extensive interviews with 70+ candidates, 3 of whom visited the campus in August to interact with the Paideia community.

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# Meet Amber Corbett, Our New Programming Coordinator!

by Stephen Wing

When we finally took a deep breath and announced that the Land Trust had a contract position to fill, we received so many amazing resumes that it was tough to whittle them down to a reasonable number to invite for an interview. When we sat down to talk with each of the three women who had made the cut, it got even harder. All three had the basic skills we were looking for, but each had different strengths to offer beyond the basics of programming and social media expertise. In the end, what made Amber Corbett our #1 choice was her deep roots in the neighborhood. “I was born and raised on Adolphus Street,” she told us, “and grew up riding bikes in the Arizona Avenue cul-de-sac and playing at the Land Trust. I was involved with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on Connecticut Avenue my entire young life. I attended Mary Lin Elementary, Inman Middle, and Grady (now Midtown) High School.”

Amber’s parents were members of Clifton Presbyterian Church and played an instrumental role in transforming it into Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Their influence helped to form her passion for social justice, human rights, environmental awareness, and reproductive and LGBTQIA rights. Her other interests include international travel, reading, karaoke, music, art, and theatre. Since graduating from Warren Wilson College with a major in Religious and Women’s Studies, Amber has worked in sales, customer service, and management as senior manager of two FedEx store locations. She has

volunteered with organizations as diverse as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Open Hand, School of the Americas Watch, and the Atlanta Food Bank.

As Programming Coordinator at the Land Trust, she intends to approach the position with a mindset of inclusivity. “I have a ton of connections in a lot of varying communities including health and fitness, arts, crafts, education, literature, photography, performing arts, etc.,” she told us. She is excited about bringing us a regular poetry/spoken word jam and classes in acrobatics and circus arts. And she is open to suggestions from our neighbors and extended community about the programming they would like to see. “The Land Trust is such a big part of the community I grew up in and love, the community and neighbors that helped mold my character and ethical core,” she says. “I have so many memories there, both as a child and as an adult. I would often explore at the Land Trust with my friends, watch the trains from the big beach chair, swing and drag my feet through the sand and dirt below, visit Big Lou, etc. Not to mention countless events over the years! LCCLT and Lake Claire as a whole are a huge part of my roots.” Welcome back, Amber, we look forward to working with you to take Land Trust programming to the next level!

*Amber’s initial 9-month contract begins Oct. 1 and pays her \$25 per hour for just 20 hours a month. If all goes well, next July 1 we will renew the contract and add at least a few more hours. But that depends partly on you. To ensure we can depend-*



*ably fulfill our end of the bargain, we need more Land Trust Sustainers—LCCLT supporters who sign up for a recurring donation of any amount, giving us a monthly income we can count on. Please visit [LCCLT.org](http://LCCLT.org) and click “Donate” at the bottom of any page.*



## Upcoming and Ongoing at the Land Trust . . .

**Sat. Oct. 1:** Sacred Medicine Song Circle with Mother Jaguar, 5–7 p.m. \$30/person (20% goes to the Land Trust). See [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events) for full description.

**Sat. Oct. 1, Nov. 5:** Drum Circles, 8–11 pm, \$5 donation requested. Rain date: Sat. Oct. 15

**Sat. Oct. 8:** Autumn Sol Dance, 1–3 pm. An ecstatic dance experience—not a performance! Cost: \$15-\$25 (sliding scale). For tickets and more info visit: [soldancemovement.com/](http://soldancemovement.com/)

**Sun. Oct. 9:** Organic Plant-Based Macrobiotic Meal & Talk with vegan chef Carol Schreiner, 1–3 p.m. Cost: \$25/meal (sliding scale available; proceeds to be split with LCCLT) RSVP to [MacrobioticCareBear@gmail.com](mailto:MacrobioticCareBear@gmail.com) or [@macro\\_care\\_bear](https://www.instagram.com/macro_care_bear) on Instagram by Friday, Oct. 7. See [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events) for more info, including menu.

**Tue. Oct. 11:** NaanStop Indian food delivery. 10% of proceeds benefit the Land Trust. We are grateful to be selected to receive 10% of the proceeds of a meal delivered to Lake Claire by NaanStop, a family-owned Indian restaurant that supports a different nonprofit each month. Order any time between October 1 and 5 p.m. on Monday, October 10, at [naanstop-candler-lake-claire-family-meals.square.site](http://naanstop-candler-lake-claire-family-meals.square.site), and pick up your order on Tuesday, October 11, between 5 and 5:45 p.m. The meal feeds four. Vegan and meat entrees are available. Pickup location will be given with confirmation of your order. The Idnani family has been very generous to us and other nonprofits. Please support them and the Land Trust, and treat yourself to a feast!

**Thu. Oct. 13:** Community Potluck Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Little Gazebo. Bring a dish, beverage or dessert to share and your own plate, cup, and utensils.

**Thu. Oct. 13:** Land Trust Board of Directors meeting, 7:30–8:30 p.m., following the potluck and at the same place. All welcome!

**Sat. Oct. 15:** Introduction to Zen Meditation with Bryan Price, 11 a.m.–noon in the Greenfield. Low-key introduction to the practice of Zen. Donations to LCCLT welcome but not required. See [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events) for full description.

**Sat. Oct. 15:** Community Work Day, 1–3 p.m. Pizza follows. Rain date: Sat. Oct. 22.

**Sun. Oct. 23:** Bringing Death Home, with “death midwife” Narinder Elizabeth Bazen, 3–5 p.m. Canceled if rained out. Cost: \$25/person, 45 people max. Register in advance at [buytickets.at/narinderbazen/765200](http://buytickets.at/narinderbazen/765200) (Proceeds will be split 50-50 between LCCLT and Free Fridge Atlanta. See [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events) for full description.)

**Sun. Oct. 30:** Halloween Pumpkin Carving, 3 p.m. Our Halloween tradition continues! Bring kids, knives, and candles; we provide the pumpkins. When it gets dark, we’ll light them up and take pictures before you take yours home. This replaces Brook Hewitt’s Oct. Creative Class, but Ms. Brook will join the fun.

**Sat. Nov. 5:** “DrumRise” Intro to Drumming Workshop with Amy Jackson, 5–6:30 p.m. See LT website for more info., [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events).

## LAND TRUST NOTES:

**Wild Edibles & Medicinals Foraging Tour & Picnic:** During this walking tour, participants will forage for and learn about fifteen common edible and medicinal plants of the southeast, ending in the shade with a relaxing picnic showcasing three dishes and four teas made using foragable plants to inspire you in your pursuit of greater self-sufficiency. **Weekdays** at 5 p.m., **Saturdays and Sundays** at 2 p.m. Led by Morgan Strickland at Flourish & Flora. Sign up at [www.flourishandflora.com](http://www.flourishandflora.com).

**Children’s Garden Update:** Girl Scout Troop 20102 answered Ms. Ladybug’s call for help in last month’s Clarion and will become caretakers of the Children’s Garden. Terri Evans will get them started. Terri, the caretaker last year, will continue to spread wood chips on the paths. When school is out for the summer (weeds at their prime) we will need another family or group to continue the care. The gardens are mostly in the shade now, so most of what is needed is weeding. Donations of shade-loving plants appreciated.

**Donate Plant Cuttings or Bulbs for the Land Trust Fall Plant Sale!** Many thanks to all who contributed plants from your yard to the LCCLT plant sales. This fall’s Plant and Bulb Sale will be **Saturday, November 12**. When you start dividing bulbs or thinning plants this autumn, please remember the Land Trust. Instructions for dropping off donations will be in the Clarion next month. Besides plants from around the neighborhood, we will be selling over 1,000 good-quality bulbs ordered from Brent and Becky’s nursery.



# 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 Brownie Troop 22102 and Victoria Weidert's experience. Reading about

the exciting trip to Fernbank, we can understand why anyone would use lots of exclamation points!

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 OCTOBER 15 for the next issue of the newspaper; by then, it will certainly feel like fall! Have fun!

## Troop 22102

by Michelle Cook and Andrea Brogan, Troop Leaders

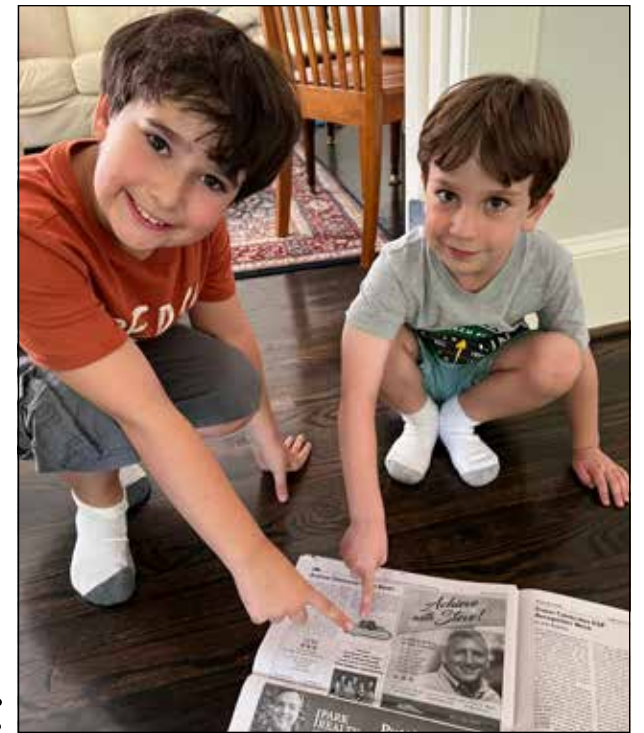
Troop 22102 has twelve 2nd graders from Mary Lin & one 2nd grader from SPARK. On Friday, September 9, we went to the Fernbank Science Center to earn the Space Explorer badge. Our girls have been learning about the phases of the moon, and tonight there was a full moon. They were so excited to stay up late and go on a field trip at night. We went to the Fernbank Science Center Planetarium to see Capcom Go! The Apollo Story and then to the Observatory to see the biggest telescope in the S.E. We weren't able to see through the telescope because it was too cloudy, but we will definitely go back on a clear night. Below is what one of our girls wrote about our trip to the Science Center



Frances Koval



Arden Joiner-Clark



Asher and Zachary Perlin

## Contest Winners

Frances Koval, age 6, found the September graphic from last month's Clarion. She's in first grade at Mary Lin and lives on Hardendorf. Our second place winner is Arden Joiner-Clark, 8 years old, from Claire Drive, and in third grade at Paideia. In 3rd place, we had a tie: Asher Perlin, 9, in 3rd grade at Mary Lin, and Zachary Perlin, 5, Kindergarten at Mary Lin, who live on Harold Ave., tied with Henry Wozniak, a first grader at Mary Lin. Congrats, all of you!

## Brownies Troop 22102 at the Fernbank Science Center

by Victoria Weidert

Brownie troop 22102 went to the Fernbank Science Center at night! We saw 3D sculptures of dinosaurs. We saw lots of reptiles. Next, we saw a movie about space. We learned stuff about astronauts. Three astronauts just barely got back to Earth. We went to a large telescope in a round dome. It was tall and big. We were amazed because the telescope was huge. It was very cold! We were shivering! We couldn't look at the stars because it was cloudy. It was fun going to Fernbank Science Center at night with my friends!

## New Contest

If YOU find a graphic of October in this issue, you win, and your picture will be featured in the NOVEMBER Clarion. To enter, e-mail [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org) identifying the page number, with your name, age, school, street, and grade. Ask a parent to take a picture, perhaps of you finding the hidden graphic.

**(Please tell 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 OCTOBER 15-18. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.**

For extra credit, tell us what you think is fun about Fall or October in particular. The extra-credit prize is that you'll be a featured writer/artist in a future Lake Claire Clarion with your original work.



Henry Wozniak