

APS not to Rezone Midtown High School this Year

by Patrick McGrath

As part of the new annual review process, Atlanta Public Schools (APS) has made the decision not to rezone Centennial Academy Charter School from Midtown HS to Washington HS. Non-rezoning scenarios will be explored to address overcapacity issues at Midtown HS, Jackson HS, and Woodson Park Academy.

A roadmap for this process has been released as part of its Innovation Review Timeline. There are four areas that will be explored to deal with capacity issues: 1) Innovation Review, 2) Residency Review, 3) Additional Capacity Analysis, and 4) Available Resources Identification.

For the Innovation Review, Midtown HS will form a Design Team **including interested parents**. This team will develop potential solutions from June to September which will be shared with the community in October. A Residency Review to confirm in-zone students began for Midtown HS on March 20 and will conclude by the end of June. More information on what is included and involved in

this process can be found here: sites.google.com/apsk12.org/osar/midtown-high-school-residency-review.

For the Additional Capacity Analysis, APS Facilities will review the possibility of using existing space or adding space to increase capacity at each school. Increasing student classroom ratios will also be considered. Currently, APS uses smaller class size ratios than the Georgia Department of Education, e.g., APS high school capacity is calculated using a 25:1 ratio vs. a State maximum of 32:1 for core classrooms. APS will review how this difference in class size ratio can complement the approach it takes to address capacity challenges. Finally, APS will work with school principals to review resources available to lessen the impact of overcrowding on schools as part of the Available Resources Identification.

In the future, APS has updated its annual review process to consider non-rezoning solutions to overcapacity before rezoning solutions are considered.

Thoughts from a Lake Claire Resident visiting Lisbon

by Kevin Posey

You might not think of riding a bike in a hilly, dense city like Lisbon, Portugal. However, it is possible to ride from the city's waterfront to that of the nearby town of Belém. This is thanks to the presence of a riverfront path between the two that links a chain of parks along the river. While in some locations it is a top-notch route with separate paths for those on wheels and those on foot, in others it is rather rough and uses shared space. The latter conditions prevail in heavily industrialized areas. This remains a working port city, after all. Nevertheless, there are lots of families biking and riding scooters along the route.

Unfortunately, such bike lanes and paths are rare elsewhere in the city, which remains geared to-

ward cars despite its compact and dense development pattern. That's a shame, because the growing availability of e-bikes—with their handy motors for climbing steep hills—means that bikes can now act as a relief valve when transit systems become overwhelmed. Lisbon is just such a city, as its subway and trams are clearly strained.

The trams, including the funiculars, are a favorite of tourists who stand in long queues just to ride the vintage cars. They have no destination in mind, other than perhaps a scenic view from the top of a hill. Unfortunately, this means that residents and workers can no longer use them for transportation.

The heavily used Lisbon subway is also experiencing problems,



Help Restore the Watershed Mural!

by Kathy Evans

As reported previously in The Clarion, we are raising funds and beginning to restore the 343-foot long (it's big!) "Native Waters" mural on DeKalb Avenue. The mural tells the story of the watersheds and the Eastern Sub-Continental Divide, which is painted on the Lake Claire Co-Housing restraining wall on Dekalb Avenue.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed and volunteered so far. We are working on a grant application due in June. The award will be announced in September, so please keep your fingers crossed.

There are many ways to help:

Are you good at chemistry or masonry? We need to seal the mortar under the cap to prevent further leaching. Are you good at photography and able to take detailed reference photos for the panels? Do you

have a garage or warehouse space for painting the cut-outs? Are you good with a jigsaw? Are you comfortable on scaffolding to prime the bare spots (with our special primer)? Do you have scaffolding or a boom lift we can use? Do you have carpentry skills to install the cut-outs? Can you raise funds? Contribute funds?

These are the Giving Categories: Water Strider: \$50; River Cooter: \$100; Water Tupelo: \$250; Great Blue Heron: \$1000. If you'd like to offer help in any way, please email me at kathrynevans@outlook.com.

Thank you, and stay tuned in the Clarion for progress reports!

Editor's Note: For more of the history, and description and detail, please see April 2023's Clarion: lakeclaire.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/clarion-apr-2023-for-the-web.pdf.

mainly in the form of maintenance issues. Broken escalators are a common sight. Accessibility for those with disabilities is uneven, at best. Crowding on platforms and stairs can be extreme, even outside of commuting hours.

The crowding for both the trams and subway could be alleviated with proper bike infrastructure throughout the city. If people could ride safely

in protected lanes, they might forgo the crowded subway for short trips and wouldn't miss their displacement from the Instagram-famous trams. A reduction in the number of transit riders might also give maintenance crews a chance to catch up with delayed tasks, if budgets permit it.

Lisbon's leaders may be figuring this all out. This month saw the

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Thank you to Susan Irwin, who has just moved to Lake Claire and has already volunteered with the Clarion, after reading last month of our need for someone to upload the newspaper to the website each month. And thanks again to Angela Rhoton and Kenny Jones, formerly of Connecticut Ave., for doing it from 2019 until now. Welcome to Lake Claire, Susan, and good luck to Angela & Kenny.

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Howdy! A Year in the Life of a Baker

by Boyd Baker

Ever think of starting your own business? Maybe a flower shop or wine bar? As far back as I can remember, I wanted to have my own business. What did I know?

A year ago, Friday, May 13, I opened Howdy ATL Biscuit Cafe across from Zoo Atlanta in Grant Park. Originally, I had planned to open something in Candler Park, but Covid changed those plans like so many others. I found this cute little spot in 2022 that had been the Grant Park Coffeehouse. It was for lease and in a cool neighborhood like ours in Lake Claire, so I took a chance (though my wife wasn't as excited about this new adventure as I was). My 21-year-old son and 18-year-old daughter thought it could be fun. Me? I saw this as fulfilling a lifelong dream.

Though I've worked in countless food-centric jobs, did I know much about sucking clean a grease trap? Or teaching a high schooler how to lock a door? Or how many people on the internet would believe that I was purposefully trying to ruin their day with a biscuit sandwich they didn't like or a cup of coffee that didn't meet their expectations? No, I did not know what was in store for me. I knew the hours would be long and that challenges would be constant. What I didn't ever think about was how intertwined your personal life becomes with work. You get the flu—do you close the shop for a day or two? Nope. Can't afford to lose any income. A family member's wedding invitation arrives. Can you go? Probably not, as there's no one to cover your shift for a day or two. How do all these amazing small business people, who live all around us, do it day in and day out? My hat is off to each and every one of them—especially those who have a brick and mortar demanding that they pay rent and utilities to stay in business. Having an online business is a breeze compared to getting up

every day, making food, finding help, serving the masses, trying to pay all the bills, and keeping a family happy. People would tell me I'd be working "all the time" but it didn't sink in. In reality, I don't work all the time, but I do think about work all the time. Can't escape all the things that I could, or should, be doing. There just aren't enough hours in the day or fuel in my tank. Hopefully, I'll keep all the major issue rolling and slowly cross off my to do list as time goes on.

So we've been open a year now. What have I learned? Work-life balance is very hard. People, for the most part, are wonderfully supportive and great to be around. Training folks requires twice as much energy and time as you'd think. Paperwork and taxes are a necessary evil that I hope to pay someone to do one day. Profits are like catching a falling leaf—really hard to grab and hold on to. Regulars make the world go round and make you feel loved and part of the community.

Reflecting on this year, and how I started baking out of my home kitchen, it gives me newfound respect for those who manage to keep a retail business afloat year after year. Also, it reminds me of all the businesses I grew up knowing—Tortillas, The Point, Shrimp Boat, Service Merchandise, The Stein Club, The Odyssey, The Bagel Palace, Richway, Gorin's, Houlihan's, The Dessert Place—but have no idea why they closed. Did the owner just age out and their kids weren't interested? Did they lose a lease or just decide they couldn't do it anymore? So many questions, but I totally understand.

Life is a challenge. Running your own business, especially a brick and mortar, is no easy task but it can be incredibly rewarding. When I get a kid come in and squeal, "It's my birthday!" and I can reach into a cabinet and pull out a cookie or treat that makes his or her day, that's the



gold for me. Having folks say, "That was the best biscuit I've had in a long time," or "Don't ever take that Komodo Fire latte off the menu," I live for that. It charges up my battery. I hope that, whatever you do, you find some passion and support—don't forget to ask for help!—to reach your dreams. Whether it's building an international conglomerate or maybe writing that book that's been banging around

in your head. Nobody says it'll be easy, but it's worth taking a chance and not regretting it later in life. You can always come back to what you're doing now, right?

If you're ever in Grant Park—after dropping off recycling at CHARM?—stop in and say HOWDY! Maybe we can make your day a little brighter with some treats and happy service. Have a great summer!

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Email Alicia at distribution@lakeclaire.org.

(*Monthly except no Clarion in July & August.)

SUMMER CALENDAR

Great variety of events at the Land Trust (Pages 14 & 15) and live music (Page 13)! Check theatre and other venue websites for summer events, since info in this Clarion is as of our publication date in late May

June

1–25 Theatrical Outfit production *The Humans*, by Stephen Karam, continues. Named the ‘Best Play of 2016’ by every major publication including NPR & TimeOut New York, *The Humans* takes a hopeful, heartbreaking, and humorous look at the decline of the American middle class. Info/tix at www.theatricaloutfit.org.

3 Book Launch Celebration of Stephen Wing’s book, see article Page 5. 3 p.m., A Cappella Books, 208 Haralson Ave. (corner of Dekalb Ave. in Inman Park).

3 Frazer Forest Volunteer Workday w/Trees Atlanta. 9 a.m.–noon. Help restore/maintain our beloved neighborhood old-growth forest. Pre-registration/space limited. frazercenter.org/about-us/events.

5–11 7 Stages, Atlanta Fringe Festival, live theatre, improv, puppetry, circus arts, and more; see www.7stages.org/shows/atlanta-fringe-festival-2023/.

7 Alliance Theatre, *Water for Elephants* starts on the Coca-Cola stage. World premiere. Romance, Deception, and Magic beneath the big top. Based on the critically acclaimed and best-selling novel. Runs through July 9. Tix/info: www.alliancetheatre.org/production/2022-23/water-for-elephants.

8 Actors Express presents *Jesus Hopped the ‘A’ Train*, through July 2. At Riker’s Island, a frightened young inmate confronts complex issues of faith when he crosses paths with a charismatic serial killer, a sadistic guard and a jaded public defender. Info/tix: actors-express.com/whats-on/#35.

10 Lena’s Place Coffeehouse, 8–10 p.m., singer/songwriters, at the Central Congregational United Church of Christ, 2nd Saturday each month. \$5 donation/www.central-ucc.org/music-and-arts/lenas-place/.

13 Dekalb History Center—Architecture Walking Tour, 7 p.m. to beat the heat. In this year’s brand new walking tour, come learn about the Architects and Architecture of Downtown Decatur, focusing on 1920 to 1970. See a wide variety of building styles from classical to modern. Walk away with a new appreciation for the historic buildings found in downtown Decatur. dekalbhistory.org/programs/decatour-architecture-walking-tour/.

15 Lake Claire monthly neighborhood meeting via Zoom, 3rd Thursday. lakeclaire.org for Zoom link.

17 Juneteenth Atlanta 5K. 8 a.m.–8 p.m. at Centennial Olympic Park. There is also a virtual option. www.racethread.com/race/running-georgia-atlanta-juneteenth-atlanta-5k-reviews.

18 Juneteenth at the Atlanta History Center. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Teach kids to honor the past—such an important event. This program is part of Atlanta History Center’s celebration of the Civic Season, a nationwide initiative encouraging historically informed civic participation through a two-week activation between Juneteenth and July 4. Free but donations welcome to offset the costs. www.atlantahistorycenter.com/event/juneteenth-2023/.

July

1 Frazer Forest Volunteer Workday w/Trees Atlanta. 9 a.m.–noon. Help restore/maintain our beloved neighborhood old-growth forest. Pre-registration/space limited. frazercenter.org/about-us/events.

1–2 Actors Express continues *Jesus Hopped the ‘A’ Train*. See June 8.

1–9 Alliance Theatre continues *Water for Elephants* on the Coca-Cola stage. See June 7.

1–23 Alliance Theatre presents *The Incredible Book-Eating Boy*, a musical for the whole family. Henry loves books but hates reading them! On the Stillwell Theatre at Kennesaw State University. Tix, info: my.alliancetheatre.org/overview/138488.

4 Fun things to do on July 4: Peachtree Road Race, music, and more. See www.atlantamagazine.com/news-culture-articles/17-fun-things-to-do-on-fourth-of-july-weekend-in-metro-atlanta/.

7 Horizon Theatre production *The House that Will Not Stand*, by Marcus Gardley, begins July 7 & runs through August 6. Info/tix: www.horizontheatre.com/plays/.

8 Lena’s Place Coffeehouse, 8–10 p.m., singer/songwriters, at the Central Congregational United Church of Christ, 2nd Saturday each month. \$5 donation/www.central-ucc.org/music-and-arts/lenas-place/.

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21 Actors Express presents *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, through August 19. Groundbreaking cult musical. Darn I wish I weren’t going to be in Maine. Tix and info: actors-express.com/whats-on/#35.

31 Dad’s Garage, Vaguely Specific Productions Audition—Comedy Showcase. Come see Atlanta’s best talent. Info and tix at www.dads-garage.com/shows.

August

1–6 Horizon Theatre production *The House that Will Not Stand*, See July 7.

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7 Dad’s Garage, Vaguely Specific Productions Audition, see July 31 for link to tix.

10 Joe Alterman Album Release Show at Eddie’s Attic. Another that I wish I were in Atlanta to attend. Buy tix and see many other offerings at eddiesattic.com/.

12 Lena’s Place Coffeehouse, 8–10 p.m., singer/songwriters, at the Central Congregational United Church of Christ, 2nd Saturday each month. \$5 donation/www.central-ucc.org/music-and-arts/lenas-place/.

16 Alliance Theatre on the Hertz Stage, presents *English*, for ages 14+, a heartfelt humorous look at how identity gets lost in translation. Running through September 17, Tix, info: www.alliancetheatre.org/english.

17 Lake Claire monthly neighborhood meeting via Zoom, 3rd Thursday. lakeclaire.org for Zoom link.

25 Horizon Theatre production *Rooted*, by Deborah Zoe Lawber, begins. Runs through September 24. Info/tix: www.horizontheatre.com/plays/.

Mary Lin PTA Dine-Outs will start again with the new school year. Info sarahschwartz@gmail.com

Editor's Notes and Request

As the summer Clarion comes out, it seems that Atlanta's typical summer temperatures are fast approaching, with some 80+ days already upon us. Atlanta is no stranger to heat, and last year's June was one of the hottest starts to a summer in the city's recorded history.

If current projections hold, more warmer-than-average temperatures are likely on the way. For many, Summer means vacation, relaxation, and fun in the sun, but the high temperatures can put your dog in danger of heat exhaustion. Please keep in mind that animals are at particular risk for heat stroke if they are older, very young, overweight, not conditioned to prolonged exercise, or have

heart or respiratory disease. Some breeds of dogs, e.g., boxers, pugs, shiitzus, and other dogs and cats with short muzzles, will have a much harder time breathing in extreme heat. Dark colored dogs are especially vulnerable to overheating on sunny days; their dark coats absorb sunlight, in contrast with white dogs whose coats reflect the sun's rays. Most pet owners know what to do, but these are two good articles, if needed/interested: www.noahsarkvet.com/11-symptoms-of-heat-exhaustion-in-dogs and www.humanesociety.org/resources/keep-pets-safe-heat#:~:text=Animals%20are%20at%20particular%20risk,time%20breathing%20in%20extreme%20heat.



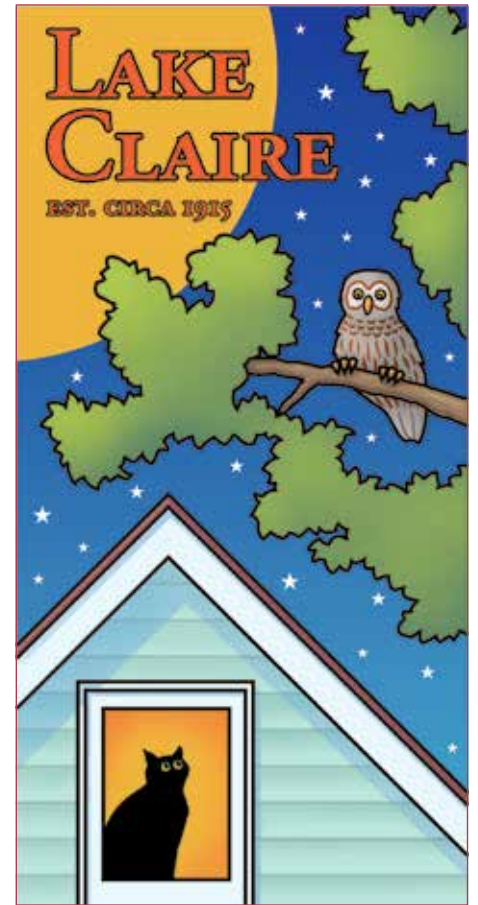
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Lake Claire in collaboration with the FineArtAmerica offers a way to buy neighborhood items online, including our Lake Claire banner (pictured), the 'Ski Lake Claire' logo, and the '30307 Not Just a Zip Code' logo. They have coffee mugs, clothing,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

See Shop and Support tab at the top of the LCN website 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.



The Clarion will take a little break now and be back in September, but in the meantime, I continue to seek contributions. I welcome any Lake Claire neighbors' participation, both your writing and ideas, so please contact me before the Fall with your thoughts and/or contributions. My hope springs eternal. And if you are interested in theatre, arts, music,

our neighborhood's and other in-town neighborhoods' events, please volunteer to help with the monthly calendar. As the next issue comes out the first week of September, the next deadline is August 15-18.

Congrats to all of our neighborhood's grads!! I hope everyone has a great summer. ~Beth D.



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Book Review: Wild Atlanta

by Polly McKinney

I recently read Stephen Wing's collections of poems, accompanied by Luz Wright's lovely and contemplative photographs, and I am extremely glad that I did. *Wild Atlanta/ Greenspaces and Nature Preserves of The City in the Trees* is a deeply gratifying and awakening read. In fact, the book is so compelling that I am hard-pressed to think of a better way to spend an afternoon, with the noted exception of venturing forth into natural world around me, as the book's entries encourage.

Born out of years of the author's own "Earth Poetry" workshops, and clearly, from even more time spent in consideration of our place in the universe, Stephen Wing's poems are arresting in both their beauty and their direct elegance. These pieces adeptly transport us from the things that we think we know, such as Frazier Forest, Scott Boulevard, and the Lake Claire Community Land Trust, to places and ideas that may have been buried since childhood, or even before. Consider this from his poem about the Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve, *Bedrock Rising*.

*Rusty spikes driven into granite
mark a straight line, parallel
to the sharp edge where the last
block fell*

*half a century ago
in this landscape of rolling waves
of stone:*

*an unfinished ruin, hauled away
block by block and re-assembled
into universities and prisons,
halls of power,
temples of democracy . . .*

Throughout the book, Wing masterfully counters our own sense of time and place with the irrefutable dominance of natural eternity, portrayed both as Creator of us all, and yet an uncaring and ultimately relentless force. From his epic poem *After Speaking Too Loudly in a Quiet Place*, he gently elevates the learnings to be found in the Everyday:

*Thirty feet below Scott Boulevard,
streamwater trickles
from a concrete culvert, slowly
shifting the bars of sand and
gravel
along its course,
undercutting steep banks of clay
where twisted tree-roots hang
through,
rolling storm debris and random
litter
steadily downstream,
as casually unstoppable
as the roots and flowers and seeds
of time—*

Wing and Wright are perfect foils for each other's work. The combination of words and imagery stimulates not only a visual awareness of one's place in the ecosystem, but an aural one as well. Recurring references to sounds, from birds and children to helicopters and nail guns, are reinforced by lush photographs of streams and waterfalls, birds and insects, plus an array of beautiful but thought-provoking manmade structures. The following words from *Feathered Joy*, coupled with a shot of steps, curving to a flameless fire-pit evoke the blending of children and birds not only in the meshing of sound waves, but in the interconnectedness of all things that are, have been, and will be.

*The children's voices
carry across the pond.
By the time they reach me,
the meanings of words
have slipped through
the nets of grammar
and the sound that arrives
is a music of pure
meaning, devoid of concept
or definition, like
birdsong, an intricate
improvisation of simple
feathered joy.*

What's more, without condescension or insult, *Wild Atlanta* invites the reader to question his/her/their own vulnerability by virtue of peaceful imagery and Wing's own quan-

Sad News re Chris McPherson

by Beth Damon



I am so sad to report that Chris McPherson passed away, on May 14. I am one of many folks in Lake Claire who got to know Chris in his capacity as the Chief Lending Officer at BOND Community Federal Credit Union for the past 20 years. As a first-time homebuyer, I worked with Chris on my home loan in Lake Claire, and over the past twenty years, I financed 3 cars with him/BOND. I also called him for advice beyond those things.

Everyone in this neighborhood knows that the service from BOND Community Federal Credit Union greatly exceeds the service one receives from banks; I always found that Chris, in particular, went above and beyond, on so many levels. Of course, he exhibited the expected professionalism, superior customer service skills, and attention to detail; he found the best loan programs, terms, etc. His extensive knowledge of the industry, rules and regulations, and the like, was evident. But, beyond that, Chris always made the extra effort to get to know people, to share his knowledge on a vast array of topics beyond the procurement of specific

loans, to find out what our interests and needs were—and to get to know us. It was clear how much he cared about people, never limited solely to one's business with the credit union.

I join the staff, directors, and all of you, my fellow members of BOND, in the shock and sadness of Chris' untimely death at 51. A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 20, at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Gainesville. BOND stated in a letter to members, "Chris was an inspiration to us all and will be truly missed. He is survived by his wife, Sarah (Pollard) McPherson; daughter, Lauren; son, Reese; and mother, Marianne (McPherson) McCuller. To donate to the Chris McPherson Memorial Fund please send your donation through Zelle to chris@bondcu.com, or contact BOND Community Federal Credit Union. To send online condolences visit www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com/obituary/ChristopherSteven-McPherson."

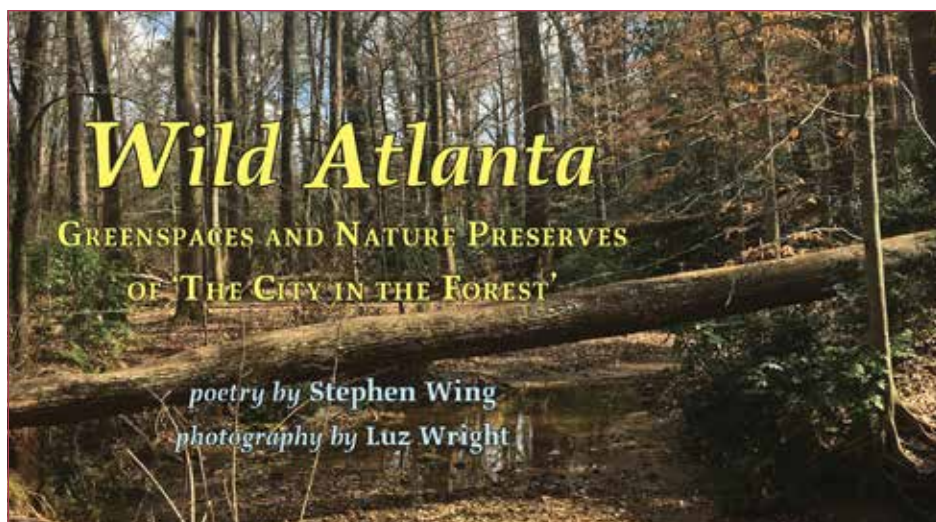
BOND also noted they are working diligently to resume normal operations as soon as possible.

Please keep Chris and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

daries. These age-old, but important questions are delivered in a clear, fresh and sometimes witty manner, allowing the reader to feel an intimate part of the conversation, and at times even hopeful about one's own value as a player in this larger-than-life play. From the poem *Ecology Lesson*:

*Am I some kind
of invasive vine, climbing
into the magnificent
crown of an oak
to siphon its nutrients,
usurp its sunlight,
gradually choking it
until we topple and crash
together? Am I just
another intruder in this
struggling ecosystem?
No, wait! Somebody
has to feed the mosquitos, right?*

The message delivered by this collection, while soothing, stimulating, and inspiring, is nevertheless timely. This book is one of those rare volumes that somehow reminds us where we came from and recommends a path forward, yet without a prescriptive or fear-inducing answer. But to be clear, while the conclusion of "eternity" is hardly a concern for most, the conclusion of civilization affects us all. Fortunately, Wing and Wright have found perhaps the kindest way to guide us to wiser and better choices as we humans struggle to understand and manage our own impatience and eco-system myopia in light of a warming planet. I'll wrap it up by imploring you to read this fantastic book for yourselves! -



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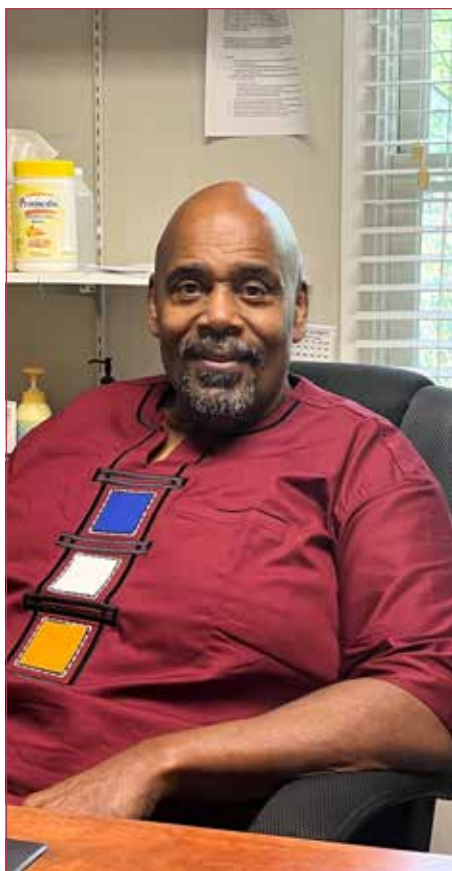
Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

by Lori White

Good things are happening at Clifton! We are excited to come together in partnership with Intown Cares and have their Case Manager, Richard Cook, work on-site at Clifton to provide case management services to our guests here at Clifton. We are in hopes that this partnership will open up our footprint in the homeless community and provide us with greater resources and opportunities to make a difference.

Here's a little bit about Richard. He is originally from White Plains, New York, and he received a BS degree in Communications from Jackson State University. In 1982, Richard relocated to Atlanta working for The Kool Jazz Festival, and later in 1984 he helped launch the first Hip Hop tour, The NYC Fresh Festival. But substance abuse would soon control him, and he became homeless on the very streets he serves today. He never could have imagined his past of substance abuse, homelessness, and incarceration would become an asset to help others evolve from poor decisions and facing barriers.

Richard has been serving the Atlanta community with various social service agencies for the past 18 years, and he has maintained 19 years of recovery. In 2019, he became a Certified Peer Specialist, and in his free time he loves to fish, golf, and produce high level jazz concerts in Atlanta. He also led a group of Atlanta



teens to perform at The Dominican Jazz Festival. Richard says, "I have met some pretty amazing people in my life, but none as important or special as the marginalized people that I see daily. Being of service for them gives me immense joy." Case Management is such an integral part of the work done here at Clifton. We are excited to have Richard's expertise in helping us to achieve positive outcomes for all the guests who come through our doors.



Yogic Breathing

by Frani Green

Greetings, Neighbors! As I write this, Summer in Georgia has arrived, even though it's only the beginning of May! But we should be used to that by now. There are several ways to cool off; turn on your A/C, jump into a cool shower or pool, or go into an area with lots of shade. If none of those things are available and you need to cool down quick, here is a simple breath that you can use anytime, anywhere, any place.

Sitali Breath, also known as the Cooling Breath, is conveniently at your disposal. Here's what to do:

Sit down in a comfortable place. IF you are able, stick out and curl your tongue like a tube or a straw. If you

cannot curl your tongue, stick out your tongue in a relaxed way. Inhale through your curled tongue or over the top flat surface of your tongue for a count of four. Hold the breath for a count of four, then close your mouth and exhale through your nose for a count of four. Do this slowly, for several minutes until you feel your body relax and cool down. Notice how you feel, and continue if needed. Stay cool and safe this summer! If you are interested in Live and Online classes, please feel free to contact me at franigreen@bellsouth.net.

Namaste,
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We are all in this together: Lifeline's Core Values

by Scott McLane

On May 6 and May 13, I volunteered at Lifeline Animal Projects semi-annual Healthy Pets events for Dekalb and Fulton County respectively. In just 5 hours, at these semi-annual events, over 1700 animals were provided with:

- **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 Life-Line Spay & Neuter Clinics
- **FREE** pet supplies such as food, leashes and collars

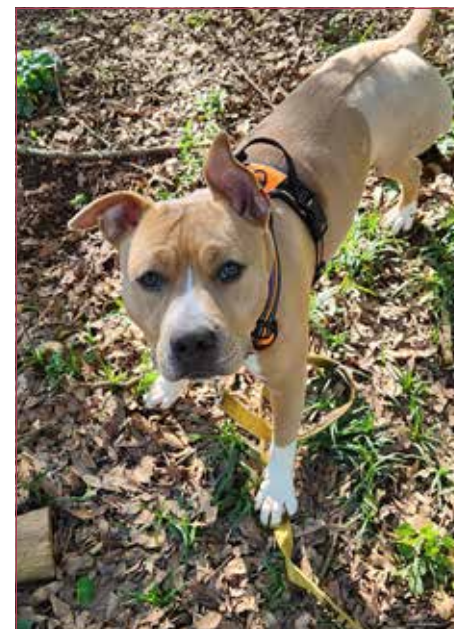
As I walked around filling water bowls, picking up dog poop, answering questions, and watching our community come together for a singular purpose, I found myself reflecting on how I came to be there and the joy it has brought to my life. In November of 2021, I received one of the greatest blessings of my 68 years on this planet when I became a volunteer with Lifeline Animal Project at the Dekalb County Animal Services shelter in Chamblee. Little did I know how thoroughly the threads of this implacable and saintly group would be woven into the cloth of my everyday life. Once I read the core values I understood exactly why. Lifeline stands for everything I value and hope to actualize in my everyday life with both people and our four-legged friends.

Here are those core values, as taken from Lifeline's website:

Our Core Values : What We Stand For: Our seven core values are woven into the fabric of everything that we do. We strive to conduct ourselves in a manner that upholds these seven core values in our everyday interactions with each other, the pets in our care and our community.

Build Community.

We are part of the community. We partner to find solutions that support



Poppyseed

diverse needs, save lives and keep people and pets together.

Be Compassionate.

We meet every person, animal and situation with kindness and respect. We assume good intent.

Be Exceptional Stewards.

We are committed to careful and effective use of the resources entrusted to us to have the greatest positive impact in our community.

Take Responsibility.

Our duty to the animals in our care requires personal responsibility. We own outcomes. We commit to doing whatever it takes.

Be Courageous.

We don't give up. We find a way. We are not afraid to challenge ourselves. We are the driving force behind the change needed to save more lives.

Respect, Embrace and Celebrate Diversity.

We respect each other and our community and embrace our varying viewpoints, experiences, identities and cultures, creating a safe environment where we can share openly and celebrate together.

Save Lives.

Every life has worth, and every

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ADOPT Louise

IT'S FLOWER PICKING SEASON, AND LOUISE HOPES YOU PICK HER THIS SUMMER!

Louise (A892758) is adoptable through Fulton County Animal Services. Scan the QR code to read her profile. Then, click on "adopt me" this is NOT a commitment to adopt; instead, it'll connect you with her foster family to learn more about this charismatic girl.



Safer McLendon/TBD in June

At the May Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) meeting, the vote on whether to support the Safer McLendon proposals narrowly failed, and the matter will be brought up again at our June meeting. Candler Park Neighbors voted in support of the projects. This is just the start of the process, and there will be more information as the projects receive funding, start design, and begin to move forward. It is impressive how much community engagement there has been in this process. If you've missed past discussions, however, or need more information, please see this link to

study the map. It is important for Lake Claire since it includes traffic circles, traffic calming, stop signs, etc., for multiple McLendon intersections (e.g., Lakeshore, Howard). At the link, you can also sign up to receive email updates: safermclendon.org/design-concepts/. Please attend the June meeting (info about getting Zoom link is on the calendar, Page 3) to give your feedback!

The Clarion, NextDoor, and Lake Claire/Candler Park Facebook page will continue to cover this extensively, though we at the Clarion are taking a break for the summer.

Thoughts from a Lake Claire Resident visiting Lisbon

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start of a traffic diversion scheme that prevents motorists from cutting through the heart of the city. Fewer cars in the center of town could mean more space for people on bikes and scooters. It also means less pollution, which would make the city even more enticing for tourists—not that it really needs them.

Editor's Note: As Clarion readers know, we like to include articles of interest such as this, in addition to our neighborhood news. The transportation possibilities in other cities certainly make us think about possibilities here in Atlanta. Kevin is a Lake Claire resident and a writer with a focus on transportation and urban development issues. See past articles at [lakeclaire.org/clarion-articles/](https://lakeclaire.org/clarion/clarion-articles/). And, as always, I hope other Lake Claire residents will contribute articles of interest.



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Bits and Pieces

- Moxie Burger is now open on the corner of Dekalb and Clifton! It has a full bar, TVs for sports, family-friendly, dog-friendly back patio, and tons of delicious food options including vegetarian and kids menus! There is something for everyone. Check it out!
- DeKalb Avenue—Atlanta DOT's last missive says resurfacing will take place by mid-May, and good thing I was sitting down when I saw that they started resurfacing the Ridgecrest end on May 15. They had done all the way to Connecticut Ave. as of this Clarion going to press; here's hoping these long-promised changes will continue. Thanks again to Lili-ana Bakhtari for keeping after ATLDOT. Stay tuned for updates.
- In addition to the calendar items, there are so many things to explore in Atlanta. E.g., Pullman Yards is a historic property in Kirkwood that is an ever-changing mix of fun, arts, and culture. In July, for instance, you could go there and hear instrumentalist and songwriter Andrew Bird and the musical act Iron & Wine or play pickleball. Another option, for foodies especially, is to stop in for a bite at Dailies & Sides, a casual eatery where chef Chris whips up delicious sides such as cauliflower soup, meatball subs, and salads.



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Wild in Lake Claire

by Sara Gottlieb

Summer is upon us even if only meteorologically and not yet cosmically. I thought I would try something a little different with this summer's Wild column and highlight good places near Lake Claire to make your own nature observations while the Clarion is on hiatus. My faithful observer-reporters have responded in kind with their own suggestions, including places frequently mentioned in this column. You may also wish to reference websites such as *atlanta-trails.com* where you will find maps, photos, descriptions, difficulty level ratings, and other helpful information about parking, etc.

About a week ago, I had a late-afternoon hankering to go for a walk in the woods, so my husband and I headed down Moreland Avenue to Constitution Lakes, perhaps best known for the famous Doll's Head Trail, but also an interesting locale for viewing birds, insects, amphibians, turtles, and other creatures fond of open water. You can also get right down to the South River on a somewhat obscure side trail on the southernmost portion of the trail to the lake. Andrew F. reports that while walking in Constitution Lakes Park with his son recently they discovered a very friendly mallard duck. They also ran into a turtle (possibly an eastern box) on a trail, who hid in his shell as Andrew's 6-year-old came close to say hi, but it eventually ended up moving at a pretty brisk pace to get away!

While down there, hop over to Lake Charlotte Nature Preserve, the City of Atlanta's newest park, established in 2021 and covering over 200 acres. The park has some wonderful natural features, such as shagbark hickories as well as cultural artifacts including outcroppings of soapstone once used for carving bowls by ancient native people of archaic period thousands of years ago. It also has a somewhat "haunted" quality given the remains of a former housing development that include stone walls, fireplace mantels, and a drained lake. There may even be some linkage to the Atlanta child murders in the 1970s—I highly recommend reading Hannah Palmer's wonderful essay on the history of the place in *Southern Cultures* magazine here: www.southerncultures.org/article/the-lake-and-the-landfill/.

Meredith W. reports the house wren who has stayed in her yard the last couple of years is back, singing his heart out. There's a pair now, and they may have moved into the bluebird box. She also saw an eastern box turtle in the yard, a first for her. And

a couple of weeks ago Meredith saw a doe at Lullwater who she believes was pregnant based on the time of year and her quite-round belly. Also at Lullwater recently there were some goslings and a mountain laurel blooming a dark pink—far darker and pinker than any she's ever seen anywhere else. As Meredith describes here frequently, Lullwater Preserve at Emory, where you can enjoy Candler Lake and an extensive trail system suitable for walking and biking, is a great place for making nature observations.

Miriam H. says the heron has returned to the Land Trust pond area. Her fresh supply of small goldfish in a backyard pond has provided frequent dinners. The fish are all gone except one, but Miriam says it was fun watching the heron hunt. Certainly the Lake Claire Community Land Trust has to be at the top of your list for an easy nature fix. Many wild birds, insects, squirrels, chipmunks, turtles, and frogs can be observed any time of day, not to mention a wide variety of native and cultivated plants tended by the gardeners and groundskeepers. Frank W. had a striking experience at dusk while walking along the DeKalb Avenue path of the Land Trust. He walked past the compost bins, and on the sign right next to them, there was a huge owl that may have been over a foot and a half tall; its big white face was staring at him. Frank walked by cautiously and quietly, and looked back from several feet away, only to see the owl looking at him! It was an exhilarating experience.

Consider lending a hand at workdays on the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon during the summer to help keep the Land Trust in tip-top shape. If you're an iNaturalist app user, your observations at the Land Trust will be automatically added to the project I created for the space: www.inaturalist.org/projects/lake-claire-community-land-trust.

Miriam also suggests that the Decatur Cemetery is a good place to see birds. She saw a red headed woodpecker which used to be more common but hasn't seen any in the neighborhood in awhile. I am not familiar with this nature-sighting location, so if you check it out and if you see something of interest, send in the report to my email address at the end of the column.

Frank W. reports having seen 7–8 Canadian geese on the Freedom Bike Path in Inman Park three days in a row. He also saw a male and female cardinal on a mailbox. He guesses



At Constitution Lakes

they were lovebirds. Frank also saw a male robin feeding a worm to a fledgling, possibly a female. The other day, he was surprised to see a rabbit hopping down his driveway, and the next day saw another rabbit hopping up the neighbors driveway across the street. He wonders if it was the same rabbit. Speaking of rabbits, Frank also saw one on the median by the gas station in Kirkwood. [Sara notes, you never know where a nature observation will strike, even while pumping gas in the city!]

Frank saw an enormous red tailed hawk on Terrace Avenue in Candler Park alongside the golf course. It was circling around and around. Its wingspan must have been more than 3 feet. The Candler Park golf course and vicinity is a surprisingly great place for nature observations. The beavers are reportedly back. (At the Georgia Water Resources Conference earlier this year, I spoke with a researcher who studies urban beavers in Atlanta, and she confirmed they have reconstructed the dam!) The golfers have been very active at the course this year, so be careful when trying to access the beaver

area. Once there, you can continue on to the PATH which will take you to Freedom Park or Olmstead Linear Park—both great places for nature in and of themselves, and also great connectors to even more greenspaces like the Frazer Forest, Deepdene Park and Lullwater Conservation Garden.

We are truly lucky to be surrounded by parks, preserves, greenspaces, gardens, the Land Trust, and even our neighbors' lovingly tended yards. I encourage you to visit these places throughout the summer and all year to enjoy the gifts of nature. Perhaps by the end of summer, you'll feel as Robin Wall Kimmerer does, "I wish I could photosynthesize so that just by being, just by shimmering at the meadow's edge, or floating lazily on a pond, I could be doing the work of the world while standing silent in the sun."

~Braiding Sweetgrass

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



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!!

May Birthdays (belatedly, as we didn't have room last issue):

- 2 Layla Klehr, turned 14, Hardendorf Ave.
- 3 Sarah Wynn, Harold Avenue
- 4 Jennifer Hubert, Harold Avenue
- 9 Vivian Baker, Claire Drive, turned 8! Bob Caine, Leonardo, and Reece Barclay on Hardendorf; and Linda Hoopes, Claire Drive, my music buddy.
- 11 Adler Waugh, turned 12, Leonardo
- 16 Peter Olson, Leonardo
- 18 Liz Baker, Claire Drive; Jett Friedman, Delaware Ave, turned 11
- 19 Joseph McGill, Delaware Avenue
- 20 Aiden Rogers, Ridgecrest
- 23 Mayla Carper, Leonardo, turned 10
- 24 Cara Yang, turned 10, McLendon Avenue
- 27 Edie Haggerty, Harold, turned 11
- 28 Sadie Stevens, Leonardo, frequent Clarion contributor, turned 13

JUNE Birthdays:

- 6/3 Yoni Williams—turns 11 (I think), Harold Ave.
- 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 10; Hardendorf
- 6/21 Hayden Pittman, turning 11, Marlbrook
- 6/21 Both Patrick Edmondson and son Dylan, both Lakeshore Avenue
- 6/28 Shawn Gillespy, Marlbrook
- 6/28 Wendy Baker, happy birthday! Leonardo

JUNE Anniversaries:

- 6/23 Sue McAvoy & Bill McKinnon - Leonardo (5 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, 16 years old!!!!—Delaware Ave.
- 7/17 Happy b'day to Colin Calderera, Hardendorf.
- 7/24 Jason Weidert, Harold
- 7/29 Georgie Rogovin, Hardendorf, turns 8!

AUGUST Birthdays:

- 8/1 Patricia Emerson, turns 89! Wow, congrats, Patricia!! (She always says, "please put the age in the Clarion, as I am so glad to have made it!")

And a few neighbors a bit younger:

- 8/3 Jasper Sibille, turns 17, Ivy Place
- 8/5 Ally Bliss, turns 18 years old, Leonardo—Congrats, graduate!
- 8/13 Lyriq Gaspard Sibille, turns 11!—Ivy Place
- 8/16 Peter Belle, McLendon Avenue
- 8/18 Mark Haggerty, Harold Avenue

Send us life cycle changes for the next issue—September!—**help make this series inclusive (editor@lakeclaire.org) by August 18.**



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Bees Swarming

by Beth Damon

Lake Claire friends, it's the time of year for trees to leaf out, flowers to bloom, fun in the sun, and honeybees to buzz. As my neighbor Marcy Cornell pointed out last year at this time, most of those things happens regardless of what we do, but one thing does require our help: keeping the bees buzzing. Just one person spraying a yard for mosquitoes can affect bees for a surprisingly large radius. If you have sprayed in the past or were considering having this done, please, please reconsider! Honeybees (both wild and kept in backyard hives) are vital pollinators. Any beekeeper (and we have several in Lake Claire) will tell you how heartbreaking it is to have thriving hives die overnight.

This time of year is also the swarm season for the bees. If you see a cluster of bees hanging on a limb (or other object), you need a beekeeper, **NOT** an exterminator, **NOT** a flamethrower, **NOT** a water hose, and most certainly **NOT** bug spray. Please, please, folks, call a beekeeper, your County Extension Office, local beekeeping club, or the like; the Metro Atlanta Beekeepers Association (contact info on their website at metroatlantabeekeepers.org/) will send someone out to collect honeybees. You could also call a neighborhood beekeeper, who will be happy to collect them and often, install them in a neighborhood hive so that you and your family can enjoy seeing the rescued swarm from time-to-time.

Side note: Swarms are quite literally homeless bees. As such, they are not defending hives, and they are non-aggressive—usually quite docile. But that doesn't mean you should mess with them unless you know what you're doing. Leave it to the experienced folks. Even if you do nothing, they will move on after a few days to their new home. Swarming



occurs when hives start increasing their populations in the spring, and the bees start to feel crowded. They hatch a new queen for the existing hive, and roughly half the bees, and the old queen, take off in search of a new home. In the wild, this isn't an issue, but it can be a problem in urban areas like ours, because if they don't find an appropriate spot, they can end up in houses, walls, trash cans, gutters, etc. Relocating swarms is the best option for beekeepers, homeowners, and the bees themselves. Also, it's just plain fun.

And, finally, please, another reminder: After all the work to catch and maintain a swarm, it's devastating to lose it. The most important thing you can do to help bees, wild or not, is to refrain from spraying your yard for mosquitoes, so that we can all continue to enjoy gardens buzzing with our sweet Lake Claire honeybees, and children and pets can be safe too. Despite marketing claims, these sprays don't just harm mosquitoes. Residential mosquito sprays are highly toxic to native pollinators such as bees and butterflies, fish, and birds (AND insects that help eat mosquitoes!), and they pose a risk to pets and people.

We are all in this together: Lifeline's Core Values

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animal is an individual. We owe the animals in our care their lives, and if we can save their lives, we will.

I believe that every human is capable of actualizing these core values. High seas raise all ships. We are all in this together.

With the horrible, way-over-capacity situation at DeKalb Animal Shelter, Lifeline is having to make a difficult decision. For the first time since 2018, they have had to make the

unthinkable decision to euthanize for space. If you have room in your life to foster a pet or become involved, please contact LifeLine at www.lifelineanimal.org to volunteer to walk dogs, care for cats, help with social media, do laundry, and importantly to donate \$. Any and all are so welcome... and needed. To view animals available for adoption at the shelter, visit the DeKalb Animal Services website. ~Editor

Important Facts on Mosquito Treatment

Companies such as Mosquito Joe, Mosquito Squad, Mosquito Authority, and a host of others use pyrethrins and pyrethroids in their standard treatment options. Marketing efforts and corporate talking points note that these pesticides are regulated and approved for use by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but that doesn't mean they are without any negative environmental consequences. The specific pyrethroids that these companies use such as bifenthrin, deltamethrin, and permethrin are all highly toxic, e.g., killing bees on contact and for one or more days after treatment, a fact the EPA itself acknowledges.

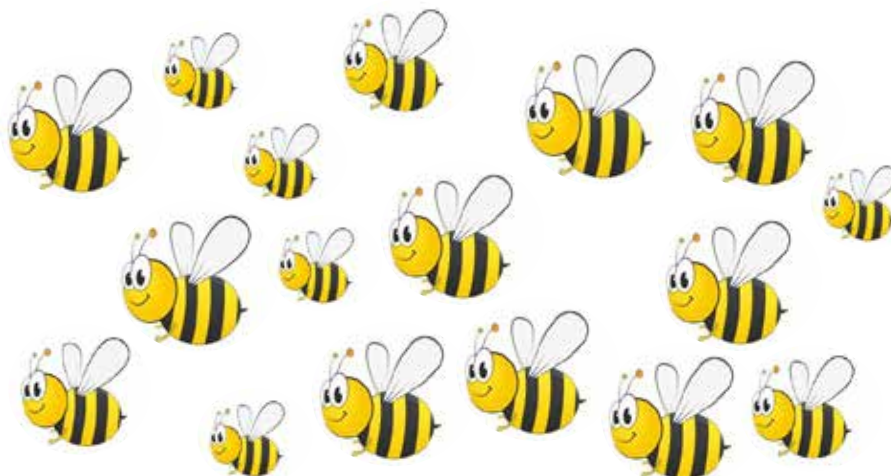
There is no way for companies to spray these broad-spectrum insecticides in your yard without also killing other insects they come in contact with, including bees, butterflies, caterpillars, ladybugs, dragonflies, and other beneficial insects. Even extremely small, residual doses of the chemicals used in mosquito sprays can disorient honeybees and prevent them from returning to their hives. Monarch butterfly populations have plummeted at an alarming rate; the total ecological impact of a spraying event is untold, but surely devastating to an unimaginable number of wild insects due to permethrin's broad-spectrum toxicity.

Last: Published peer-reviewed research by Professor David Pimentel shows that only 0.1% of the pesticides on average reached mosquitoes, the target pests. [Pimentel, Cornell University 1995]. When Pimentel looked specifically at flying insects in the study, like mosquitoes, the average was less than 0.0001%, or only one in a million. This is because the droplet size of a pesticide must be small and must float in the air. The droplet size of a mosquito spray must be so small that the chemicals must float in the air, but they also easily drift out of the target area, killing other insects and mingling into the air we breathe.

The best way to treat is to ensure water doesn't stay standing long enough for a mosquito to lay its egg and hatch into an adult—which is about 7 days. BTI dunks are great solutions—in fact one of the best ways to treat mosquitoes is to give them a chance to breed in a bucket filled with straw and water and a BTI dunk. The females are attracted to the smell of the wet straw and water and lay their eggs in there, but the BTI dunk then kills the larvae. This trap will help the whole neighborhood reduce mosquito populations! PLEASE, LAKE CLAIRE, if you must spray, spray yourself and shower later.

I'm Just a Soul Whose Intentions Are Good!

One of the cutest beings on this planet, an opossum, commonly called possum, is also one of the most misunderstood. Possums are marsupials, they do not transmit rabies and are indispensable for pest control, they are naturally docile and gentle. When scared, they show their teeth and hiss to appear menacing, but when they are terrified they don't "play" possum—they quite literally faint from fear—so please do not harm them!"



Neighborhood Dues for Lake Claire

Suggested annual dues are \$20/year per household. Pay at lakeclaire.org via the link, OR with the old-fashioned check in the mail, to Eileen O'Neill, Treasurer, PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107. Since the last Clarion, the following folks paid dues:

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| Jessica Falcone | Beth Grashof |
| Kevin Taylor | Anne Baney |
| Beryl Farris | Karen May |
| Carol Holliday | Joe Agee |
| Jenny Di | Ian Mackenzie |
| Amy Hoang | Leigh Adams |
| Sara Dangle | Sara Goodfellow |
| Ellen Mayer | Martha Grover |
| Matthew Chotin | Jeffery Sprain |
| Nancy Thompson | Mark Styczynski ? |
| Stacy Sutton | Jennifer McCormick |

Grant Info Sessions

by Liliana Bakhtiari

Neighbors, I wanted to share this exciting opportunity from Park Pride. It includes \$1M for District 5 park improvements alone.

Info sessions are required for eligibility, so register with Park Pride to see how you can use the funds. At-

lanta sessions are June 1 and June 3, so depending on when you get your Clarion, this notice could be too late.

Register and get more info if you miss these at parkpride.org/grantinfo-sessions.

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Sofia Bork, Community Affairs Manager for Truist Foundation (Second from Right), visits Frazer Center. Pictured with Sofia are (L-R) Frazer CEO Paige McKay Kubik, Vice President of Development Tonja Holder, and Vice President of Programming Pam Livingston.

Frazer Center Receives Truist Foundation Grant

by Dina Shadwell

Frazer Center has received a \$25,000 grant from Truist Foundation to support the continuation and expansion of our Refugee Intern Program. “We are honored and thrilled to receive this grant from the Truist Foundation,” says Frazer Center CEO Paige McKay Kubik. “Our paid internship program provides a path for women who have had to uproot their lives and start anew here in the United States.”

In the midst of the Covid pandemic, and in response to a national hiring crisis in the early education sector, Frazer Center began a partnership with Refugee Women’s Network, a nonprofit in Decatur, to identify and support refugee women who were interested in becoming early childhood educators. By the end of the program, the interns gain hands-on experi-

ence, a solid foundation in English as a second language, and they are positioned to earn their Child Development Associate certificate. Two intern cohorts have completed the program, and 17 refugee women are now full-time Frazer employees, exponentially diversifying and enriching Frazer’s teaching staff. Planning is underway for a third cohort, with this generous Truist Foundation grant providing salary support for the interns as they spend 12 weeks learning in classrooms side-by-side with veteran Frazer Center teachers.

“We are so grateful to Truist Foundation for recognizing the value of this program,” says Kubik. “it’s a win-win-win—for Frazer, for our children and families, and for the refugee women. Thank you, Truist Foundation!”



A Frazer Center intern (shown in the center) gets hands-on experience with a veteran teacher and toddlers.

♪ LIVE MUSIC! ♪

by Beth Damon

This is the music for this summer that I know about as of time we go to press the 3rd week of May. Always feel free to send more listings to me (by 15–18th of the previous month usually, but this time, not until August 15–18). Please check venues to confirm details. Please support live music—and local musicians!!

Friday, June 2	Nickel Creek	The Eastern
Friday, June 9	The Revivalists	Fox Theatre
Friday, June 9	Indigo Girls	Chastain
Saturday, June 10	Boz Scaggs (Keb’ Mo’ opening)	Fox Theatre
Saturday, June 10	The Connells	Variety Playhouse
Saturday, June 10	Toad the Wet Sprocket	Frederick Brown Amph
Saturday, June 10	Claypool/Fearless Flying Frog Brigade	The Eastern
Wednesday, June 14	Rebelution	Tabernacle
Thursday, June 15	Duran Duran	State Farm Arena
Friday, June 16	James Taylor	State Farm Arena
June 16-17	Eddie 9V	Eddie’s Attic
Saturday, June 17	Sugarcane Jane	Eddie’s Attic
Sunday, June 18	Bruce Cockburn	Variety Playhouse
Friday, June 23	Jim Lauderdale	Eddie’s Attic
Friday, June 23	Tori Amos	Cobb Energy Ctr
June 23-24	Tedeschi Trucks Band	Fox Theatre
Saturday, June 24	Noel Gallager & Garbage	Ameris Amp
Sunday, June 25	Weezer	Ameris Amp
June 27-28	The Cure	State Farm Arena
Tuesday, June 27	Joseph	Variety Playhouse
Thursday, July 27	Peter Frampton	Variety Playhouse
Wednesday, June 28	Yo La Tengo	Variety Playhouse
Thursday, June 29	Steel Pulse	Variety Playhouse
Friday, June 30	Eels	Variety Playhouse
Friday, June 30	Cosmic Charlie/Dark Side of the Dead	Terminal West
Friday, June 30	Barenaked Ladies	Chastain
July 1-2	Drake	State Farm Arena
Sunday, July 2	Matchbox Twenty	Lakewood Amp
Monday, July 3	GR8FLDUDE’s Token Rhyme	FTE
Monday, July 3	Alicia Keys	State Farm Arena
Thursday, July 6	Foreigner	Ameris Amp
Wednesday, July 12	Little Feat	ASO
Wednesday, July 12	Son Volt	Variety Playhouse
Thursday, July 13	Blink-182	State Farm Arena
Thursday, July 13	Young the Giant	Chastain
July 14-16	Phish	Ameris Amp
Saturday, July 15	Erykah Badu	State Farm Arena
Tuesday, July 18	Boy George & Culture Club	Chastain
Wednesday, July 19	Michael Fanti & Spearhead	Tabernacle
Saturday, July 22	Darius Rucker	Ameris Amp
Sunday, July 23	Lynyrd Skynyrd & ZZ Top	Ameris Amp
Wednesday, July 26	John Fogerty	Chastain

Lake Claire Neighborhood Monthly Meetings

You may have seen the calendar announcements every month noting that the meetings are held the third Thursdays of the month. We welcome more neighbors to take an interest in these meetings and attend. At nearly every meeting, representatives of the Atlanta City Council as well as officers from APD attend and give updates. For example, at the May meeting, the police officer noted that crime in the last month has been low in Lake Claire. The most predominant theft was auto theft, especially Kias and Hondais. If you have one of those, you may come by and get a club from APD, at our precinct (Zone 6, which is at 2025 Hosea). APD also

reported that there is an order in for speed detectors for multiple locations on McLendon Avenue, where we’ve had speeding problems recently. Also at these meetings, our neighborhood officers give reports. Their names and titles are listed on Page 2, including our Treasurer, so you can see the worthwhile uses that we have for your Dues.

We no longer lure folks to the meetings with the promise of free pizza; ever since the beginning of Covid in early 2020, these meetings have been held via Zoom. So feel free to wear your PJs and check them out, on June 15, July 20, and August 17.

Lake Claire

Summer's Here & the Time for Webster to Rock the LT



Local band Webster will perform its traditional summer fundraiser at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust on Saturday, August 12, 5–10 p.m. Webster has been performing at the Land Trust since 2005 and has helped raise considerable funds over the years for the revered non-profit greenspace and other neighborhood projects, beginning with the Dekalb Ave. Mural project. Known for its wide range of rock, jam, blues, bluegrass, country, and more, the band is commonly referred to as the Land Trust's "house band," and the feeling is mutual. "The Land Trust is our Greek Theater," says founding member and Lake Claire resident Bill Chanler. "There's no place like it around. It brings out our best music and the engaged audience helps make it a uniquely fun experience."

This year's benefit show promises to be another fun-filled event with wonderful music and enthusiastic supporters. More details, including ticket information, will be available on the Land Trust website (www.lcclt.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/lcclandtrust) in the coming weeks.

SUMMER 2023 at the Land Trust

Check LCCLT.org/new-events for details & registration

COMMUNITY POTLUCK

13th of every month, 6:30 pm
Bring your own plate, cup & utensils, and something to share if you can.
Tues. June 13, Thurs. July 13,
Sun. Aug. 13
Rain location: the Gorilla Grill

DRUM CIRCLE

1st Saturday every month
8:00-11:00 pm
\$5 donation requested.
June 3, July 1, Aug. 5
Rain date: 3rd Sat.

COMMUNITY WORK DAY

3rd Saturday every month, 9:00 am-noon
The Land Trust was created by countless hours of volunteer labor, creating a community in the process. Bring drinking water and work gloves. Pizza follows.
May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19
Rain date: 4th Sat.

✧ Join our email list!

Visit LCCLT.org, click "Subscribe" under "Join Us" at the top of any page. Get monthly calendar updates and event invitations.

✧ Support the Land Trust!

Consider becoming a "Land Trust Sustainer" with a recurring monthly donation of any amount. Visit LCCLT.org and click the Paypal link at the bottom of any page. One-time donations also appreciated!

✧ **Get involved!** Show up for work days, join a committee, ask about board meetings. Your energy will make a difference! Contact info@LCCLT.org.

Sat. May 20
COMMUNITY SWAP MEET
12:30-2:30 pm
Homemade goods only; come to look, barter or buy.

Sun. May 21
INTRO TO INTERPLAY
with Jennifer Denning
10:30-11:45 am (free)
Experience this improvisational art form that anyone can do!



Sat. July 8
POWER TOOLS WORKSHOP
with Bernard Spenle & Jim Tolmach
10:00 am-1:00 pm \$25/person
Learn the basics or get advice on a project. Tools provided, or bring your own.



270 Arizona Ave. NE Atlanta 30307
www.LCCLT.org

THERAPEUTIC ART THURSDAYS

with Morgan Strickland, 6:30-8:30 pm.
Cost includes materials.
Collage Art Meetup \$10/person
May 18, June 22, July 20, Aug. 3
The Peace of Painting \$25/person
June 8, July 6, Aug. 10
Inner Child Care Jamboree
(with Crystal Desai of Tiny Earth Studio) \$15/person
May 25, June 29, July 27

CACAO CEREMONY

with Kris Catalyst of Balance 4 Bliss
4:00-7:00 pm one Sunday a month.
Used ceremonially, cacao in its pure form can open your heart and activate clarity and vulnerability.
Register in advance.
Early-bird price: \$27.77/person.
May 21, June 18, July 23

EDIBLE & MEDICINAL PLANT TOUR & PICNIC

with Morgan Stickland, last Saturday each month, 2:00-4:30 p.m. Learn to identify and use 15 edible and medicinal southeastern plants, and enjoy a wild edibles picnic! Tour (2 hrs.) \$30, picnic (30 min.) \$25.
Sign up at www.flourishandflora.com.
May 27, June 24, July 29, Aug. 26

✧ **Your class or workshop here . . .** Do you want to teach a class or lead an outdoor activity at the Land Trust? Contact info@LCCLT.org.

✧ **Visit LCCLT.org** to learn more about your community greenspace!

Claim Your Power with Power Tools!

Learn How at Our Power Tools Workshop, July 8

by Amber Corbett

Are you uncomfortable with power tools, or want to know more about their appropriate uses? Need some advice on how to best tackle a project? Join us at the Land Trust on **Saturday, July 8**, for some hands-on guidance. Tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. "After helping someone with a project, I realized that a good number of people

would like to use power tools, but are not comfortable with, and know little about, their various accessories and options," explains neighbor Bernard Spenle, who is hosting this workshop with Jim Tolmach.

This class will teach you how to safely use power tools and which ones are most appropriate for a particular project. Participants may discuss a

project they want to tackle but don't know where to start. Bernard and Jim will show you the different functions of battery-powered and corded drills, as well as how to safely operate other tools like circular saws, chainsaws, sanders (belt or orbital), and more. Join us to gain the confidence and knowledge you need to finally complete your "to do" list around the

house. The workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$25 per person. Pay using Venmo, PayPal, or cash, but **please sign up** in advance at www.LCCLT.org/new-events (scroll down to July 8). Online payments can be made through a link on the Power Tools Workshop page. If the weather is inclement, we will meet inside the Gorilla Grill.

Community Land Trust

Fabulous Festive Family Fun at the LT!

by Sunshine Allard

Our very first Fabulous Family Fun Festival was a huge success due to the generosity of our Community Business Partners and the involvement of our community! And with such joyful noises!

Special thanks to Fabster, our FFFF mascot (the creation of artist extraordinaire Kate Emery), who flew in to bring us a brand new Land Trust tradition. You haven't seen the last of him!

A gigantic, heartfelt thank you to the sponsors at right. Because of them, we were not only able to pull this off, but also able to reduce the ticket prices and provide free food! THANK YOU!!!

Time to Plant Winter Bulbs!

by Miriam Herbers

Too hot to think about planting winter bulbs? It may be too hot to plant, but it is the right time to plan ahead to order from Brent and Becky's and support the Land Trust. Browse the 84-page catalog at "Bloomin Bucks with Brent and Becky's Bulbs." Then scroll down the list of nonprofit organizations to select the Lake Claire Community Land Trust. Next hit "go" to be taken to the website where a portion of every dollar you spend goes to support the Land Trust. Bulbs will be shipped to you at the appropriate planting time for Atlanta. By the way, more than jonquils can be ordered. Tell your family and friends too, no matter where they live. Delivery to any planting zone is available.



Land Trust Board Retreat. Somehow ten years slipped by since the Land Trust Board last sneaked away for a Board retreat. It finally happened in May at one member's family lake house on Lake Harding. Like the Board meetings, the retreat was open to non-Board members who have become part of the team. It was a treat to eat meals together, take a boat ride, and wander in and out of a relaxed conversation about our common obsession without an agenda or a one-hour time limit. Left to right: Bernard Spenle, Dawn Aura, Stephen Wing, Penney Balmes, Elizabeth Sullivan, Miriam Herbers, Chris McKenna, Brynan Hadaway. Missing: Véronique Perrot, who had to leave early to attend an opening where her weavings were on display, Sunshine Allard, who was busy with preparations for the Family Fun Fest, and Linda Pace, who participates long-distance from Oregon.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER

We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate. Our featured artists for the month are Nicolas and Julian Sanders, but they did not submit an entry; they actually drew some of the chalk art we featured last month, in Linda

Hoopes' #morningwalk series!! We were pleased that they saw their art featured in the Clarion, and their mom let us know it was they who drew one of the robots (the one featured here)!! The Sanders family lives on Southerland Terrace; the boys are in preschool and first grade. Congrats on

your talent, boys! To all the Lake Claire children and young adults who read and contribute to the Kids' Page each month, we appreciate you. Add **your** creativity to this page! Send contributions to editor@lakeclaire.org, by **August 15-18** for the **September** issue.



Robot by Nicolas and Julian



Nicolas and Julian



Gabby



Ginny

Contest Winners!

The winners this month, who spotted the beautiful iris photo on Page 4 in last month's issue, are Gabby Jentes, first prize, and Ginny Garrett, who came in a close second. Gabby is eight, in the 2nd grade at Mary Lin, and lives on Lakeshore. Ginny is 4

years old, lives on Clifton Road, goes to Primavera, and is in preschool. Congrats to both of you clever winners! To all Lake Claire kids, do keep reading the Kids' Page and sending in your guesses. See our new contest below.

New Contest

- Did you know that August 20 is World Honeybee Day? To win the summer contest, find little honeybees in this issue and tell us the page number.
- The winner/winners will be pictured in the next Clarion. For extra credit, tell us what you know about honeybees and what will help them survive.
- Email editor@lakeclaire.org, identifying the page number, and include your name, age, school, street, and grade, along with a photo of yourself.

(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 extra-credit prize is that you'll be a featured writer/artist in a future Lake Claire Clarion with your original work. **The deadline is AUGUST 15-18. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.**