

Arts Fair/Holiday Sale coming Dec. 2: Enjoy the Health Benefits of the Walking Fair!

## **What Makes Lake Claire Healthy**

#### by Kevin H. Posey

Lake Claire is a healthy community. I'm not referring to how many hospitals there are in close proximity or whether a lot of doctors and nurses live here. I refer to the healthy lifestyles and good habits that are enabled by the infrastructure and amenities found here.

Let's start with how we get around. True, traffic is a problem here, as the city is slow to endorse calming measures like speed tables, all-way stops, and road diets. Look how long it took to install the latter on Dekalb Avenue. But, we do have a lot of sidewalks that allow us to walk to many destinations. Bike lanes may only be present on uphill stretches of McLendon Avenue, but these encourage enough cycling to make seeing a person on a bike a commonplace event. The health benefits of walking and biking are well known. But it helps to have somewhere to go, rather than just wander around aimlessly. Our neighborhood's close proximity to the restaurants, shops, and market on the edge of Candler Park make getting a bite to eat or running errands things that can be accomplished with some exercise, but not so much as to make it a burden.

While we are on the subject of exercise, the presence of so much greenspace encourages healthy movement. Lake Claire and Candler Parks offer a lot of space for recreation, while the Lake Claire Land Trust offers the

opportunity to work out by gardening. Pulling weeds might be the most strenuous workout of all, especially in the summer.

Good health isn't all about using one's muscles, though. With its top quality schools within walking and biking distance, the next generation stands a decent chance of having strong enough minds to deal with the problems of the future. Both they and the rest of us can also keep our wits sharp thanks to the high density of Little Free Libraries that set Lake Claire apart from other communities.

Beyond physical and mental strength, our health gets a strong boost from altruistic activities. According to Stephen G. Post in the Journal of Behavioral Medicine (2005, Vol.12, No.2, 66-77): "...a strong correlation exists between the well-being, happiness, health, and longevity of people who are emotionally kind and compassionate in their charitable helping activities..."

Our neighborhood hosts the Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, which offers an opportunity to help those experiencing homelessness. This facility offers job training and placement help, wellness services, and meals. Many from our community volunteer or donate to this vital institution.

So, be glad that Lake Claire is relatively healthy. But remember, there is always room for improvement.

# Lake Claire Annual Arts & Crafts Sale \*DECEMBER 2\*

We are thrilled at the approach in just about one month of this annual community event that benefits the whole neighborhood as well as our public schools. The Lake Claire Craft Fair takes place the first Saturday in December with the following Sunday as the rain date, so this year's craft fair date is Saturday, December 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, December 3 (same time). Please note: the deadline to register as an artist is NOVEMBER 5. There is still time to register during November as a sponsor.

The streets included are: McLendon Avenue (south side), Connecticut Ave., Delaware Ave., Arizona Ave., Indiana Ave., Matthews Ave. New York Ave., and Casson St. By limiting it to these streets, we hope to increase the foot traffic and walkability, and maintain the same number of vendors as in other years. So, Lake Claire residents will not necessarily be located at their own residences; we match artists with host homes on the designated streets.

Designated parking is at the Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Connecticut at McLendon. If it is full, feel free to park on streets, but PLEASE find places with no artists so that you do not block access. There are two porta-potties, one in the CSM parking lot, and the other tbd, likely near the Land Trust.

If you get this newspaper by **November 5**, you may still register. Artists of ALL ages are welcome. We love our younger participants.

10% of proceeds go to funding some of the Midtown Cluster Elementary Schools, with a small portion to Lake Claire Neighbors for reimbursement of expenses/hosting.

Thank you so much to our generous sponsors, whose logos are featured on Page 12. Please support them!

**Product reminder:** You must hand-make your items to be included in this craft fair; they cannot be handmade by anyone other than yourself; they cannot be made in another country.

Confirmation required: The links below are submission forms only. You will hear back from the LC Craft Fair within a week of your submission. If not, please email: lakeclairecraftfair@gmail.com. Please do not assume your participation is confirmed until you receive the written confirmation. Again, the registration deadline for artists and for volunteer host homes: November 5. Sponsors—there is plenty of time; the more the merrier, and the sponsors will be noted on social media, our website, and the like, even though you missed being included in this issue of the Clarion.

Artist Registration form (deadline November 5): tinyurl.com/3dwkw43j

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Host Registration form:} \\ \underline{tinyurl.com/mr4ahsvs} \end{array}$ 

**Sponsor Registration form:** <u>tinyurl.com/5a6f2ank</u>

We also have some great music and food lined up for this fair! See Page 3 for details.

# Fare Thee Well, Richard Powers (1943-2023)

#### by Stephen Wing

Watching the children of the Mary Lin Training Chorus lining up on the Land Trust stage to sing at the Lake Claire Neighbors/Land Trust picnic, I thought of Richard Powers. It had been only a week since we lost him, and the picnic felt like a tribute to his love for the Land

Trust and the community spirit of the neighborhood he called home for almost half a century. "Somewhere over the rainbow," the children sang, and "What a wonderful world!"

As Amber Corbett wrote in the

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## **November Neighborhood Events**

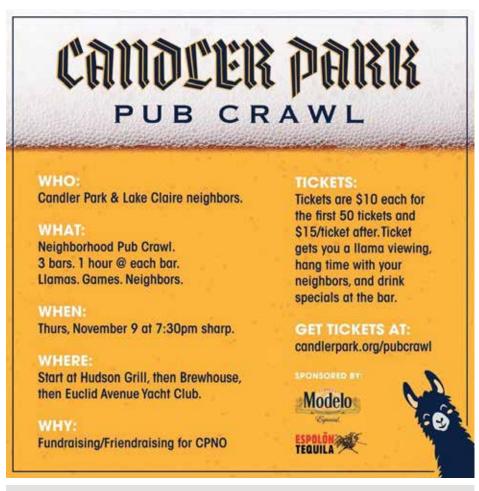
For Land Trust events, see Page 11. For live music, see Page 9.

Frazer Forest Volunteer Workday with Trees Atlanta. 9 a.m.-noon. Help restore and maintain our beloved neighborhood old-growth forest. Pre-registration required. Space is limited. frazercenter.org/about-us/ events. To stay informed, join the Friends of Frazer Forest email list at frazercenter.org so you don't miss a date that falls earlier than you get your Clarion, as is a possibility this time. We aim for the first week of the month, but it's all-volunteer, and life happens!

Neighborhood Kickball—Lake Claire vs. Candler Park adult kickball game at 2 p.m. Location TBD. \$5 per person. Lake Claire wears red; CP wears blue. See info and location when available at candlerpark.org/ kickball/.

Frazer Fall Festival, 2-5 p.m., Cator Woolford Gardens. Celebrate the **3** season with inclusive, sensory-friendly fall fest play for infants through preschoolers. Hosted by Frazer's Parent-Teacher Action Committee. frazercenter.org/about-us/events

Lake Claire and Candler Park Neighborhood Pub Crawl. It's the pub crawl you've all been waiting for. Kicking it off at Hudson Grill at 7:30 p.m. with 2 llamas. First fifty tickets are \$10, \$15 after that. Friends don't let friends miss the pub crawl. candlerpark.org/pubcrawl/



Mary Lin Dine-Out – see details below. Paideia Slither 5K Race. See details Page 5.

The Lake Claire monthly meeting (via Zoom) is the 3rd Thursday of each month. lakeclaire.org for updates and Zoom info. Sign up for neighborhood mailings/Zoom link at lakeclaire.org/resources/newscastsign-up/. ELECTION for officers is at this month's meeting.

Wurst 5K, 8 a.m. start time at Wurst Beer Hall, 863 Ponce, \$38— Wurst 5K, 8 a.m. start time at warst 2002. Sign up at: runsignup.

Benefit for the Freedom Park Conservancy. Sign up at: runsignup. com/Race/Register/?raceId=152204&eventId=757171

23 Cynthia Baer's Pie Day. See www.cynthiabaer.com for details.

2 Dec. Lake Claire Arts and Crafts Fair—See Pages 1, 3, and 12.

### CINS 2023 Voters' Guide

#### by Annsley Klehr

To help you get informed on the Atlanta Board of Education candidates seeking to represent the Midtown Cluster's neighborhoods (Districts 1 and 3, and At-large Seats 7 and 9; Lake Claire is in District 3), please read the CINS 2023 BoE Voters' Guide. The candidates answered 11 key questions to showcase their positions on many important issues affecting the Midtown Cluster. The guide is found at tinyurl. com/2p8sa65j.

Early Voting: You can vote early in Fulton and DeKalb counties, though you may not get this Clarion in time for early voting; for Election Day, November 7, you should go to your regular voting location, found at www.dekalbcountyga.gov/sites/ default/files/users/user3597/Polling%20 Place%20 Report%202023-09-25.pdf. You can also always check your voter registration by going to your voter page. Fulton Co.'s early voting starts at 9 a.m. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 7.

Ed's note: Annsley is the President of The Council of Intown Neighborhoods & Schools (CINS), which supports Atlanta's Midtown cluster of schools through education, advocacy, and community engagement.

## Nov. & Dec. Dine-outs to Support the Mary Lin PTA

Please support Mary Lin PTA and the generous local restaurants in this column each month, and, of course, have delicious food while doing so! As of the Clarion going to press, there is one in November and one in December, as follows. **November 11:** The Daily, on Hurt Street. Mention "Mary Lin," and kids

get a free pastry plus 15% donated back to Mary Lin PTA.

**December 13:** Chipotle in Emory Village. Order online, and pick up by using the Promo Code VBQXZQH on the Chipotle app or website. A whopping 33% (!!) will be donated back to Mary Lin PTA.

Save the date, and spread the word. For info: Aviva Berman, avivaberman@gmail.com.

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# Books are Everywhere, on the Streets of Lake Claire!

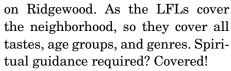
#### by Susan Beeching

I have lived on` Connecticut Avenue since the late 1980s. I have walked every inch of this neighborhood, enjoying the seasonal plantings, bloomings, and the occasional wacky yard art. Now, as I enter my senior years, I find walking a little more difficult, physically, than it used to be, so the impetus to go out and stroll does not always manifest itself. In other words, I need an incentive.

I have found that incentive in the form of the Little Free Libraries (LFLs) that abound in Lake Claire. As Little Free Library states on its website, they are dedicated to providing access to books to readers of all ages; a library in every community and a book for every reader. Please visit littlefreelibrary.org for more information about their mission, accomplishments and how you can help.

Lake Claire is very fortunate to have at least ten LFLs spanning both sides of McLendon Avenue. AND, as a bonus, we have two Little Art Galleries, one on Arizona and one





Bedtime read for your toddler? Covered! Fantasy? Self-help? Cooking assistance? Beach read? Non-fiction? Epic novel? All covered!!!

In my opinion, I have also found it a good way to divest myself of my pile of "Oh, I really enjoyed that book. I'm sure I'll want to reread it later" books. At 67 I still have too many on my list to read the first time. So, I pass on the second reads I will never get to.

I plan my walk route around the LFLs in the neighborhood. I carry a tote back with at least one book to donate or art supplies for the Art Galleries. Of course, the bag is useful if I just happen to find a volume that looks like a promising read.

So if you see me tromping around Lake Claire, with my tote bag and fancy schmancy walking stick, I hope you'll throw me a wave and ask me what I'm reading now.



# Music and Food at the Arts & Crafts Fair December 2

The focus of the Lake Claire Arts Fest is of course our talented arts & crafters. However, as usual, we have a nice sampling of some great musicians interspersed throughout the streets. Remember, this year the included streets for the now walkable fair are: McLendon Ave. (south side), Connecticut Ave., Delaware Ave., Arizona Ave., Indiana Ave., Matthews Ave., New York Ave., and Casson St. Below are our musicians as of send-

ing this Clarion to the printer the last week of Oct – keep an eye out for any changes on the Lake Claire-Candler Park Facebook page and the Lake Claire website (*lakeclaire.org/*) closer to the date.

These sets are at the times stated, but if there is not another band following them at the same address, they are welcome to (and just may) play on...

11 a.m.-noon Open to 2 more groups at two of the below "stages." Not

confirmed as of Clarion publication. Contact

editor@lakeclaire.org.)

1–2:30 p.m. Buford Highway, American roots and originals,

331 Connecticut Avenue (near Hungry Hippo BBQ –

AND – The Grateful Dawg is right next door)

12–1:30 p.m. Garden Fresh Pickers, Fast Bluegrass, 1770 Indiana Ave

 $1\hbox{--}2\ p.m. \hspace{1.5cm} The\ Poplars,\ Folk\ Rock,\ Blues,\ 70s,\ 80s,\ 90s;$ 

361 Arizona Ave @corner Delaware Ave 1–3 p.m. Lonesome Shoes, Acoustic, Varied,

1813 Indiana Avenue (+ great bbq there!)

1:30–3:30ish Chan, Sam, Jam Band, 1838 New York

(Bill Chanler of Webster, LT "house band")

3–4:30 p.m. Brother Sam, Americana and folk, 1813 Indiana Avenue (+ great bbq there!)

3–4ish p.m. Innitz, Bluegrass and Stuff,

361 Arizona Avenue @corner Delaware Ave

3–4:30 p.m. Crash Landing, Folk/Country Rock/Irish/Dutch,

1770 Indiana Ave

Fantastic food will be available, including Sunshine Alchemy (corner of Arizona/Adolphus), Grateful Dawg (Connecticut near Delaware), Hungry Hippo (Jamaican bbq/vegan options, also Connecticut near Delaware), Pig Parts BBQ, 1819 Indiana

Avenue (near Matthews), and our neighborhood fave Yom Ice Cream (New York @ Connecticut, and also a fair sponsor). If other food vendors are interested, we have space as of Clarion publication time; contact franigreen@bellsouth.net.



 $Frazer\ Center's\ Fall\ Fest\ features\ inclusive,\ sensory\ friendly\ fun!$ 

## Frazer Center's Fall Festival

#### by Dina Shadwell

Lake Claire neighbors are invited to join Frazer's fall festivities in Cator Woolford Gardens, featuring uniquely fun inclusive and sensory activities for infants to preschoolers including crafts, face-painting, music, seasonal food and drinks, and much more. This annual event is hosted by the Frazer Center Parent-Teacher Action Committee, with proceeds funding PTAC initiatives benefiting Frazer's hard-

working teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. The event is open to the public. Tickets for children under 18 are FREE. Adult (18+) tickets are \$20 each. We are so ready to connect and celebrate the season with our community! Join us on Sunday, November 5, rain or shine, 2–5 p.m., in the Cator Woolford Gardens. For tickets, visit frazercenter.org/aboutus/events/frazer-fall-fest-2023.



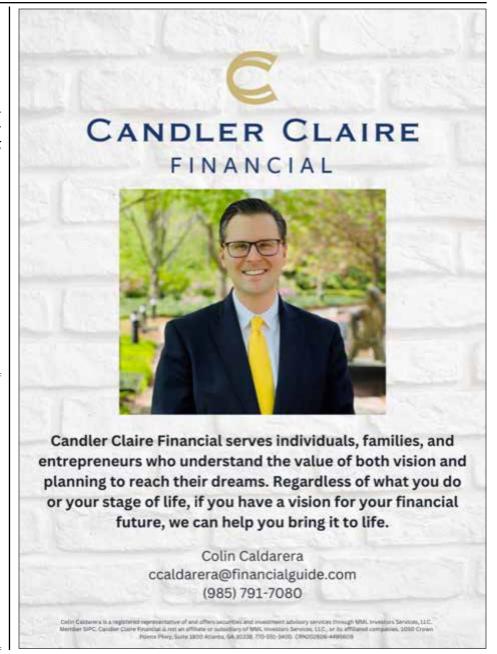
## **Neighborhood Dues for Lake Claire**

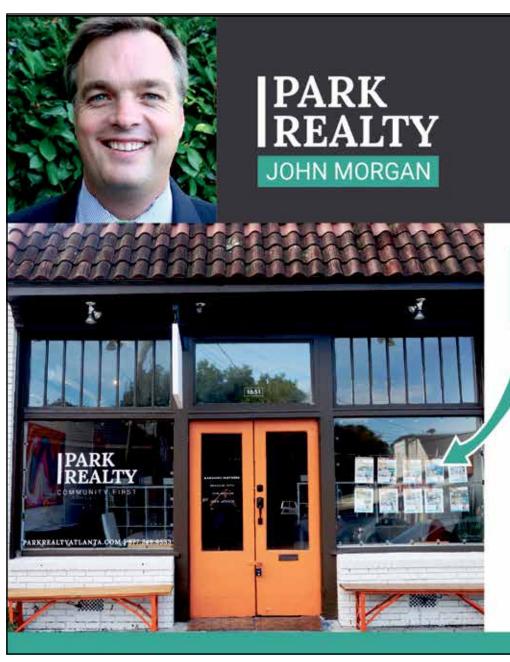
Suggested annual dues are \$20/year per household. Pay at *lakeclaire.org* via the link OR with the old-fashioned check in the mail, to Eileen O'Neill, Treasurer, PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107. Since the last Clarion, the following folks paid dues:

Janet Royalty Christine Roth Pat Del Rey Deborah Green Ralph Gilbert Jenna Settle Sarah Dangel Audrey Godiers Maya Sternberg

#### Thank you, everyone!:







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# **Dekalb County Attorney is Failing its Constituents:**

# **Apathy or Incompetence in its Handling of Animal Welfare Cases?**

#### by Scott McLane

A Case in Point: Advocates for Dekalb Animals is working to improve justice in cases involving domestic animals, who, as live evidence are held in cages at the animal shelter for long periods—sometimes years. This ongoing case is just one example. Last week a judge granted a second continuance in an animal neglect case, granted at the request of the defense attorney who is currently representing a famous rapper in another case and does not have time. This case drew our attention because:

- There were four dogs impounded in January 2022. These dogs have now been in the shelter system for over 625 days. The potentially recoverable expense for the County is \$25,200 and counting (less than the actual cost of care).
- Unfortunately, the expense is no longer recoverable due to lack of action on the part of the Assistant Solicitor General (ASG). The defendant was charged with ordinance violations and requested a jury trial, which moved it from Magistrate to State Court. At this time, the ASG could have recharged the defendant under State law, which would have allowed for costs to be recovered. The ASG failed or chose not to do this. Pursuing cost of care can be a deter-

rent to defendants who benefit from dragging cases out.

- The longer a case drags on the more likely we lose available witnesses. This impacts the quality of prosecution. There was a woman who was a witness when this case began over 1.5 years ago. It remains to be seen whether she will attend or even whether she will be subpoenaed by the ASG. Two of the Animal Control Officers in the case are no longer with the force, which presents another similar problem.
- In reviewing Animal Enforcement records on this case, there was a note made that at least some of these dogs and the defendant were part of two previous cases. There is history here with Animal Enforcement, and it remains to be seen whether the ASG will look into it.

Advocates for Dekalb Animals want our County Attorney to stop enabling intentional case dragging, which costs taxpayers money and weakens any case. At the very least, the SG or ASG should automatically elevate the charges when a defendant elevates a case so that cost of care can be recovered and the pain and suffering of the animals involved can be reduced. Please, please email your Commissioners



For you NBA fans, this is Nokolai Jokic, available for adoption at Lifelineanimal.org. Sadly, the subject matter of this article is much more serious.

## **Clifton Sanctuary Ministries**

#### by Lori White

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is so thankful for the local support and partnership of our neighbors and businesses. We recently received a donation from BOND Federal Credit Union for the purchase of MARTA passes for our guests. This is such a need. Our guests are continually in need of passes to travel to doctors' appointments, employment opportunities, documentation facilities, and much more. If you are looking for a great way to serve our ministry, a donation towards MARTA passes is much needed!

We look forward to participating in upcoming neighborhood events (including the December 2 arts fair), and serving our community in any way possible.

#### 」 Live Music! ♪

#### by Beth Damon

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to encourage more oversight of the County Attorney on this issue.

Kristy Lee

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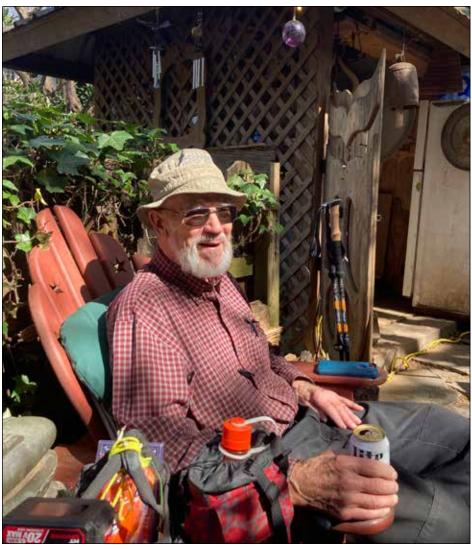
Cochran-Johnson, lcjohnson@dekalbcountyga.gov.Also, please remember to vote in favor of SPLOSTII on November 7.

Editor's Note: Please folks, try to find time to write to these Commissioners. Earlier this year, the AJC reported on a man charged with 16 counts of aggravated animal cruelty being tried after a 4-year delay. One of the 700 rescued dogs just shook; afraid to move lest he be struck. The perpetrators often get plea deals or probation sentences. My heart goes out to abused animals; the abusers and their defense attorneys know what tact to take to avoid being punished for their abuse of defenseless animals. It is they, the animal abusers, who should be in the cages. As always, please adopt rescues, not buy from breeders/pet stores. The need is urgent.



## **Fare Thee Well, Richard Powers**

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announcement she sent out to the Land Trust community, "We are saddened to report the unexpected death of Richard Powers on Sunday, October 8. Richard was instrumental in founding the Land Trust and has been continuously involved for almost 40 years. He will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences go out to his three children, Ben, Diana and Grace."

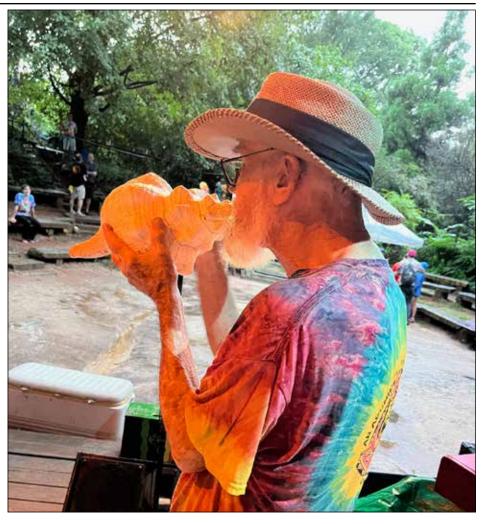
One of the few founding Trustees still actively engaged, until very recently Richard still handled the mowing along Dekalb Ave. and around the pond, anchored our front gate at the Drum Circle, befriended visitors, and took tangible pride in what he and his neighbors have accomplished on this land. The Trust is still dotted with signs he made in his distinctive handwriting wherever he saw a need. His commitment was an inspiration to all of us who follow in his footsteps, and his experience and wisdom helped to guide us until the end. He was also a friend and mentor to me personally and to many others among this community.

Richard had been complaining of shortness of breath lately, and only the day before he died he called me to say he did not feel up to his usual duties at that night's Drum Circle, and asked me to make sure the front gate was covered. A few weeks earlier he had dropped off an elaborate timeline he had made of the Land Trust's nearly 40-year history, with some archival photographs he wanted me to add at appropriate points along the way. Earlier this year when the LCCLT board decided to start honoring long-term contributors to the Land Trust's vision and mission with an "Unsung Hero" award, it was immediately obvious who the first recipient would be. Sadly, though the certificate was framed and ready, an opportunity to present it eluded us. The Webster concert in August was rained out, and Richard could not attend. When Jerry Jam rolled around in September, the date coincided with his son Ben's wedding. The latest plan was to present it at an event just for him, an 80th birthday celebration in January. I hope he knew how much we loved him and valued his role in making the Land Trust a place that so many love and cherish.

On very short notice, I put out a call for help to make this page a fitting tribute to Richard's vision, humor, integrity, humility, and uniqueness. The news was already making the rounds on Instagram and Facebook. Here are some comments from friends young and old.

Linda Pace: "Richard Powers was a community thinker, even before his Land Trust days, investing time, energy, and capital in the greater good, sharing whatever he could, bringing up kids who had a love of place and of making their own special places

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# My Friend Richard

#### by Miriam Herbers

Richard was a behind-the-scenes type of person. He did so much on the Land Trust without looking for or getting much recognition. When he still lived on Nelms, he walked the LT daily picking up litter and just looking after things. He was so responsible about keeping DeKalb Avenue looking nice. He organized the fun street dances in the cul de sac, lined up the bands and set up the sound, and everything involved—and had fun doing it.

Richard was proud of his children and kept me up on where they were living and what they were doing. He actively parented them through school and scout activities. Usually, he credited Joanne for their accomplishments, but we know he had a part himself.

When Richard had conflicts with people, which were few, he consciously tried to find their good points and then tell others about them. I liked that about him. He was a person I called for his point of view. Usually, he gave me a kinder idea."

And the conch. No one could play it as well. Others tried, but only he could actually play a tune. When my daughter Martha was in middle school and played the saxophone, she would pick up the family conch and answer him back. Recently when he played at the LT, she was here and grabbed the conch and answered him. He was happy to hear the story



but had taken his hearing aids out and didn't hear at the time. His hearing loss was frustrating to him. I'm sorry he felt people were impatient with him. His loss of strength and endurance also frustrated him. His friend Ralph told me the week before he died that Richard was worried the grass at the LT needed cutting. He felt responsible for it. Ralph brought him here and let Richard sit by the pond while Ralph mowed. He just wanted to be at the LT. He even took an Uber here just to be in this place where so much of his life was lived.

His scraps of paper and notes are famous. He kept so many pieces of paper that our 'archives' now exceed 10 binders' worth of history, photographs, and memorabilia.

The "Kudzu Kreep" monster came out every Halloween at the annual pumpkin carve. I'll bet there are people who remember that still!



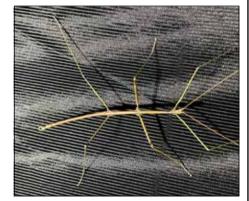
## Wild in Lake Claire

#### by Sara Gottlieb

The New England asters and swamp sunflowers are in full bloom while the goldenrod starts to fade and leaves start to accumulate slowly on the ground. Autumn has fully arrived, but some of summer's denizens are still hanging on. While watering some plants in my butterfly plot (which normally don't need to be watered because they are native and very hardy), I spotted a monarch caterpillar munching furiously on my common milkweed [see series of photos here by Sara Gottlieb]. By the time I was done watering, the caterpillar was gone. The next day, I found the cat hanging from a bent-over onion plant, curled and preparing for the next phase of its life. The temperature had dropped considerably at this point, and when I found the cat the day after that, still hanging and curled in the same place, but untransformed, I feared it was too cold for metamorphosis. That same afternoon, the sun came out in full force, and I found the process finally getting underway! On the fourth day of this mini-saga, I found the completed chrysalis with its intricate edges and gold-tinged protuberances in all its

While out and about on our bikes. my husband and I stopped on the PATH bridge over Peavine Creek through Candler Park to look for a snapping turtle my adult offspring pointed out to me there once before. Not only did we see the usual one in the middle of the stream on a boulder of broken concrete, poking its head above the water to stare at us, we saw another one facing it on the other side of the boulder, and YET ANOTHER one about 5 feet away beside a large concrete structure protruding from the bank. Snapping turtles are quite territorial, so I wonder if this trio is a family group. Audubon magazine has a wonderful article on these ancient creatures and their ways, which have enabled their survival for over 90 million years: www.audubon.org/ magazine/march-april-2012/thestaying-power-snapping-turtles.

Meredith W. was in Brazil visit-



Walking stick insect

ing her husband's family for several weeks, so she had much less to report than usual (except that the burrowing owls there are adorable). The jewelweed continues to bloom in her yard, and the bees are ecstatic over the goldenrod. Blue mistflower has thrown its purple tones into the mix. She observed at least one hummingbird still around and enjoying the blooms. Meredith has seen more green anoles than usual, including some younger ones, and wondered if it's because they're taking advantage of all the pollinator activity or something else. And the red-tailed hawks have been screaming a lot since before she left for Brazil, and she is quite curious to know the reasons for their shrieking calls.

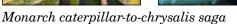
Bernard S. went camping in central Georgia last weekend and found a walking stick insect [see photo by Bernard] trying to come in and share his tent. He had nothing to worry about, though, as walking sticks are all herbivores and only eat plant material. If anything, the insect was merely trying to find safety from its primary predator, bats!

Andrew F. reports that while camping in Townsend, Tennessee, over a recent holiday weekend, his family went on a hike in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. They noticed a family of bears (mother and two cubs) about 40 yards off the trail. One of the cubs stood on its two hind legs to get a better look, but as the younger human kids in the group made noise, the bears eventually scattered away. Andrew saw more bears driving through Cades Cove, along with wild turkeys, horses, and a coyote.











# LAKE CLAIRE KIDS" CORNER

We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers, writers, and artists to participate in our 'hood. Our featured artist for the month is August Goldstein, who turns eight years old this month and is in second grade at Mary Lin. The family lives on Indiana. August submitted his Atlanta United FC soccer drawings because he's a big fan and plays Academy Soccer with Inter Atlanta and loves everything about the sport. Also, a couple of weeks ago, he

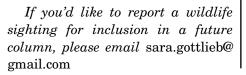
caught (and released) a bunch of little minnows in the creek at Frazer Forest because he is super-fast with his net! Congrats on your talent, August, both artistic and dexterity with the net. I know your parents are proud. To all the Lake Claire children and young adults who read and contribute to the Kids' Page each month, we appreciate you. Add *your* creativity to this page! Send contributions to *editor@lakeclaire.org*, by **Nov.** 15–18 for the **DECEMBER** issue.





August

There was a recent story in the New York Times about a small group of people in the New York City who have worked with city maintenance crews to let stands of milkweed grow in all their unkempt glory to provide needed habitat and food sources for monarch butterflies migrating through that region. In our culturally—and sometimes legally—enforced habit of keeping landscapes perfectly trimmed and mowed, we inadvertently but surely make the continued existence of our fellow travelers on Earth less likely. As summer's blooms fade and more leaves accumulate on the ground, consider leaving them awhile for birds to pick out seeds to power their migrations and insects of many kinds to burrow until spring (when they may become food for the next generation of birds!).







Celeste, 1st prize contest winner

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## **Contest Winners**

Only four winners spotted the picture of carved pumpkins on page 7 of last month's Clarion! Celeste Young won first prize, followed closely by Evan & Lily Cornell (2nd prize) and **Summer Barton** (3rd Prize). Celeste is in first grade at Mary Lin and is seven years old. Evan is also seven and in 2nd grade at Mary Lin, and Lily is nine and in 4th grade, and they live on Arizona. In honor of Book Month we asked what kids are reading. Evan is reading Diary

of a Wimpy Kid, and Lily is read- is available for kids aged seven and ing Chomp by Carl Hiaasen, close to • under after the completion of the your editor's heart because he and I • 5K. The Paideia community, family, attended Emory together. Summer is Lake Claire and Candler Park neighage 4 and attends the Freedom Park Preschool; she lives on Southerland (Pre-K). She is reading Madeline in London. Congrats to you clever winners! To all Lake Claire kids, do keep • ing Foundation announces the reading the Kids' Page and sending availability of classes at the Little 5 in your guesses. See our new contest • Points Community Center for ages 5 below.





Summer, 3rd prize

#### **New Contest**

November is a great month for holidays big and small. On the threshold of the huge Christmas holiday season, we get a chance to slow down and give thanks for all that we have. Some people enjoy Thanksgiving more than any other holiday. Why? Simply because Thanksgiving is all about the "Four Fs": food, family, football, and fun. In honor of that, find a football hidden in this month's issue. The winner/winners will be pictured in the next Clarion. For extra credit, in honor of National Book Month last month, tell us a book you are reading or just finished reading, or one • able. Without homes for the animals that a parent is reading to you. We • to go to, we must euthanize for space; enjoy hearing what kids are reading.  $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$  starting next week, we must do so in Email editor@lakeclaire.org, identi- • much greater numbers to reach and fying the page number, and include sustain a safe, healthy, and humane your name, age, school, street, and • environment. grade, along with a photo of yourself. (Parents: send large picture • must reduce and sustain its shelter files, 1mb+.) Any child from Lake • population from 615 to 450 dogs or Claire is eligible, except that you • less in the next 60 days. With the cannot win two months in a row. • current intake rate, an average of The deadline is NOVEMBER 15- • 21 dogs must leave the shelter each **18. Hurry and look; competition** • day, through adoptions, foster, rescue is always stiff for this coveted • transfers, or euthanasia. prize.

### **Paideia Slither 5K**

The Paideia Slither 5K will be held on November 11 in Lake Claire's adjoining neighborhood, Candler Park. Proceeds from the race benefit the • Paideia financial aid fund. The race will begin at 8 a.m. and will conclude • by 9:30 a.m. Walking is also fine.

The 5K course will start and finish at Paideia School, 1509 Ponce de Leon, and the course will follow along the streets south of the school. • A short Tot Trot Race on South Ponce

bors, friends, walkers, first time racers, and strollers are ALL welcome! (No dogs, please.)

Registration is \$35 and takes place up until November 11. Registration for the Tot Trot is \$10. Complete info at raceroster.com/ events/2023/77261/the-paideiaslither-5k.

Cones will also be placed along the route to ensure runner safety. We hope you will join us for a fun morning of running and walking. We encourage our neighbors to register for the race ahead of time at the above

## Terrace and is in El Bosque Class: Fencing in Little 5 Points

The Atlanta International Fencand up. The oldest modern Olympic sport, fencing, challenges your mind and your body — helping you grow on and off the strip. The objective of the foundation is to offer fencing to children in Atlanta and provide the opportunity to become a competitive fencer and learn strategy, regardless of income.

For more information, write info@ atlfencersfoundation.org or call 678-561-5364.

#### A Sad Letter from Lifeline

The overcrowding in our county shelters has reached a pivotal breaking point. In our commitment and desperation to save lives and support families facing economic hardships • by taking in the pets they can no longer keep, we have stretched the shelters' capacity and resources to unsustainable limits. We share your heartbreak and are also distraught, and we agree that the current conditions in our shelters are no longer humane or sustainable.

We owe animals their lives, and • we've tried to give them homes, even when it meant more time in the shel-• ter. We have fought for lifesaving op-• tions, rather than end their lives for lack of space. We kept hoping there would be a turning point for these animals. But, that has not happened, and we have hoped for too long. We acknowledge that we cannot humanely • care for this many animals with the resources and space currently avail-

DeKalb County Animal Services

Similarly, in Fulton County, we

have 375 dogs, many living 6 dogs to a kennel, and humane capacity to care for 300. There are also 105 dogs in the overflow shelter in Midtown. Each day, two more animals arrive than leave our Fulton County shelter.

Over the past year, we have discussed the myriad challenges, including staffing and veterinary shortages, at length with DeKalb County. Their leaders are partnering with us in support of several long-term solutions, which include overflow capacity and access to resources and veterinary care for pet owners in need. We are investing in additional staff and cleaning resources, stronger veterinary care teams, and increased access to spay/neuter. In Fulton County, a new shelter is on the horizon. But right now, what the animals desperately need is our community's immediate help. LifeLine must maintain a lower dog population to improve shelter conditions. We do not want to kill healthy, friendly, and adoptable dogs because the shelters are full. Yet, without more support, that is currently the only remaining option. We are asking you, our community, to be the lifeline the animals so desperately need right now. Please foster or adopt a dog so they can leave the shelter. You will truly be saving a life.

We are thankful for your support as we cannot meet this challenge without you and this community.

> — In gratitude, Rebecca Guinn, CEO, LifeLine Animal Project, Oct. 20, 2023



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

#### Happy b'day in November!-

Nov. 1 Jane Merkle (Connecticut)

Nov. 2 Woody Spivey (Harold) turns 15

Nov. 3 Seija Olson (Leonardo) turning 11

Nov. 6 Cora Elisabeth Weeks (Leonardo) turns 8

Nov. 7 Sue McAvoy (Leonardo, xoxo) and Aviva Berman Billinkoff (Harold)

Nov. 9 Ollie Hutcheson (Hardendorf) turning 3!

Nov. 11 Susan Ledbetter (McLendon), Tim Bonner (Harold)

Nov. 12 August Goldstein, turns 8 (Indiana Avenue)

Nov. 14 Marilyn Schertz (Arizona)

Nov. 15 Aileen Mary Styczynski—10 years old (Harold),

Aileen Cole (Harold), Greg Hutcheson (Arizona)

Nov. 18 Debbie Livingston (Marlbrook) Thx for the photos.

Nov. 22 Andrew Sherwood (Harold) and Criss Wood (Harold)

Nov. 23 Christina Woodhouse (Harold)

 $Nov.\ 24\ Anne\ d'Agostino\ (Connecticut),\ Henry\ Cornell\ (turns\ ONE!),$ 

and Georgeanne Wasick (Harold)

Nov. 26 Mindy Kidd (Harold)

#### OOPS— we missed these in October:

Oct. 1 - Emerson Frank (Hardendorf) turned 4 years old on October 1.

Oct. 11 – Kim McRae (Delaware Ave.) (a zero-bday not to be named)

Oct. 23 – Rachel Weinthal (Hardendorf)

Send us life cycle changes to editor@lakeclaire.org by NOVEMBER 18-ish.



Lake Claire Neighbors, our neighborhood organization, and The Lake Claire Community Land Trust, co-hosted a neighborhood potluck on Oct. 15. We are excited about having a close connection between the two, since both our organizations are all about fostering a wholesome and inclusive neighborhood environment. Thanks to all who helped and attended! Attendees enjoyed the performance pictured above of the Mary Lin Chorus.



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## **3rd Annual Fall Plant and Bulb Sale**

Sat. Nov. 18, 9 a.m.—noon, at the LT front gate

**For sale**: 300 jonquil bulbs from Brent and Becky's nursery (Ice Follies, Carltons, Fragrant Mix).

**Plus**, miscellaneous plants donated by neighbors! Please bring your

donations to the front gate Friday evening or by 9 Saturday morning. Label them if possible, and adding a price helps too! Proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Land Trust. It's Fall and time to start thinking Spring, and helping the LT while doing so.





## **Fare Thee Well, Richard Powers**

#### Continued from page 6.

in the world. Whether it was blowing the conch shell at Festivals or speaking into a microphone with his resonant voice, Richard brought us together. May he be honored and remembered by name."

Chris McKenna: "Things about Richard: Love of music. Solid family man. Strong, deep, sonorous speaking voice. Hard-working to the end. Adaptable and non-judgmental. Rarely 'down.' Persistent. Even-tempered (typically). The only frustration he ever exhibited (that I saw) was with technology, very understandable!"

Anonymous on Instagram: "He was one of the first few people who showed me what the Land Trust was about and showed, through the pride in his voice & actions, how much love and respect the LCCLT community had for those grounds. I was blown away by the place and its people that day—thanks, Richard, you reflected the love that's grown at the Land Trust and introduced me to a sacred place that I've held close to my heart ever since. Thank you for your kindness and warm, welcoming spirit."

Frani Green: "Richard Powers was an individual...one of a kind. One of the few dads that would show up and volunteer at Mary Lin Elementary, where our children grew up together. We were on the small team of crossing guards constantly for 5 years. Always reliable. When I became bookkeeper for the Land Trust, he would come every week with his scribbled invoice that I always had to decipher. Always dependable to mow, fix, build, create, and figure out whatever needed to be done. Blessings to his family and friends and all who loved him. Richard was a pillar in our neighborhood, and I will miss him!!'

Kathleen Cooley: "Give thanks for a magical life well lived."

Webster (the Land Trust "house band"): "Webster is saddened to learn of Richard Powers' recent passing. Richard was a strong community supporter and spent considerable time lending a helping hand to his/ our beloved Lake Claire Community Land Trust. He opened numerous Webster shows with a traditional conch shell hymn. He will be missed. RIP."

Melonchka: "I always loved being welcomed by Richard to drum circles. He always had a smile and a hug. His kindness will always be remembered."

Elizabeth Herbers: "I've known Richard most of my life. It's sad to think of the neighborhood and Land Trust without him. Things really just won't be the same without his voice and warm presence around."

Gillian Gussack: "May his memory be a blessing. He was an important part of our community."

Megan Gideon: "Richard was such a gentle soul. We will miss him."

Genella Brown: "I'm glad he was able to be so independent until his final day. So bummed he's gone! I'm grateful for all the fond memories from the short 2 years I was fortunate enough to know him."

Noah Glassman: "Wow, I've known him since I was a little kid. The best conch shell player in the city! The Land Trust won't be the same. Love you, Richard."

Britt and Fern: "We love Richard! He was kind and gentle. His spirit will be missed. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to be in his presence. My thoughts are with his family and Land Trust friends. What a beautiful human being!"

Evanevanev: "What a blessing to have him in my life. Will cherish my memories."

Jerry Clark: "I went up to the Lake Claire Community Land Trust earlier today in honor of our friend Richard who recently gained his angel wings. In my thoughts I thanked him for all of his service and kindness in the neighborhood and this particular place. I thanked him for sharing his family life with me and others over the years. I thanked him for his friendship and the times that we spent talking . . . When I was leaving, a big red-tailed hawk circled above me screeching, and the winds whipped all of the trees on that ridge around . . . I think it was a reply and a thank you from beyond."

# Upcoming and Ongoing at the Land Trust . . .

See LCCLT.org/new-events for details, sign-up and payment info.

**Sat., Nov. 4: Land Trust Drum Circle,** 8–11 p.m. (and every month on the 1st Sat.), \$5 donation requested. No alcohol please. Rain date: Sat. Nov. 18.

**Thurs., Nov. 9: LCCLT board meeting**, 7–8 p.m. (and every month on the 2nd Thursday) in the Greenfield. Come in person or contact us at *info@LCCLT.org* for a Zoom link. All welcome! *Rain location: the Gorilla Grill* 

**Sat., Nov. 11: Tarot Class** with Chakura Kineard of Unfiltered Glitter, 1:30–2:30 p.m. (and every month on the 2nd Sat.). \$25/person (20% goes to LCCLT). Pay in advance via Venmo or CashApp; see *LCCLT.org/new-events*. Sliding scale for women of color and LBGTQIA+ community if needed – contact info@LCCLT.org. More info: www.unfilteredglitter.

**Sat., Nov. 11: Edible & Medicinal Plant Tour & Picnic** with Morgan Stickland, 2–4:30 p.m. Tour \$30 (2 hrs.), picnic \$25 (30 min.). Maximum 16 people per tour, first come, first served; 10% goes to LCCLT. Join Morgan of Flourish & Flora for a seasonal foraging tour at the Lake Land Trust, where you'll learn to identify and use 15 edible and medicinal southeastern plants. Enjoy a wild edibles picnic featuring three seasonal dishes and four herbal teas of plants discussed during the tour. Sign up in advance at www.flourishandflora.com.

**Sun., Nov. 12: Clothing Swap**, noon–2 p.m. Clear your closet of things you're no longer wearing, and refresh your wardrobe in a sustainable way – and meet some great neighbors while you're at it.

**Mon., Nov. 13: Community Potluck**, 6:30 p.m. in the Greenfield (and every month on the 13th). Bring your own re-usable dinnerware, and something to share if you can. Label ingredients, please! Rain location: the Gorilla Grill.

Sat., Nov. 18: 3rd Annual Fall Plant and Bulb Sale, 10 a.m.—noon at the Land Trust front gate. Support the Land Trust by spreading the beauty of springtime wherever you live! We will have plenty of bulbs for sale from Brent & Becky's nursery as well as other plants. While thinning out your gardens, please donate your extras. Label and leave at the gate Fri. afternoon.

**Sat., Nov. 18: Community Work Day**, 1–4 p.m. (and every month on the 3rd Saturday). Bring drinking water and work gloves. The quickest way to join our community is to plug in and participate! Bring drinking water and work gloves. Pizza follows. Note the switch to cool-weather hours. Rain date: Sat., Nov. 25.

**Sat., Dec. 2: Lake Claire Arts & Crafts Fair**, 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Come visit our info table at the Arizona Ave. entrance to the Land Trust while browsing the neighborhood arts and crafts, listening to music, and sampling great food at Food Trucks. See Page 1 for more info about the fair and registration, Page 3 for the music & food, and please support sponsors noted on Page 12.



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