



## The Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra:

Born in Lake Claire and Still Thriving

by Paul G. Farnham

In the summer of the year 2000, Lynn Farnham of Palifox Drive and Dr. Susan Tepping, Georgia State University music theory professor, were looking for an outlet for their students who played string instruments. Lynn had started teaching elementary school strings in Atlanta Public Schools, and Susan had a longtime interest in promoting chamber music in elementary and middle-school orchestras. With assistance from Lynn's husband, Paul, an amateur cellist, the summer orchestra started rehearsing on Palifox Drive.

Over the summer, it increased in membership to a full-sized string orchestra, which included children from several different schools, as well as several musically inclined parents. After eight weeks of rehearsals, the orchestra gave a house concert, at which Dr. Verne Richardson, the Mary Lin elementary strings teacher, sat on the stairs as part of the audience.

While enjoying the food and drink after the concert, many people asked what was next. Was there more to come? "You're not stopping now, are

you?" Lynn replied to many of them, "We don't have space in our living room." The solution was the birth of the Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra, a year-round friendly, relaxed organization, where musicians of all ages and levels of ability who play violin, viola, cello, or bass, can come together to share their love of music and develop their skills in a supportive, non-competitive environment. We were able to find rehearsal space on Saturdays in the historical room at Epworth Meth-



Recent photo of Patricia, Lynn, and Paul

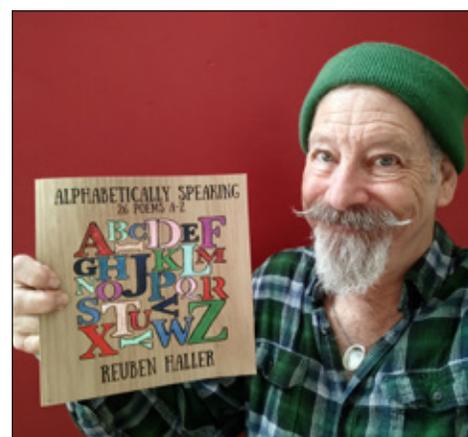
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## Reuben Haller: The angels started singing

by Jane Branscomb

Lake Claire neighbors are a mix of native-born Atlantans (that rare, proud breed), other Southerners, and transplants from around the country and beyond. An overwhelming majority of those I've met have in common that when they found Lake Claire, they knew they were home. I believe that is part of Lake Claire's charm: it welcomes you with open arms – and counts on you to do the same.

San Franciscan Reuben Haller arrived in Atlanta 32 years ago this July. "I'd never been to the South before. After about one day I decided this was it for me. I really loved it!" More specifically, Arizona Avenue struck him as "magical" when he drove down it, scout-



ing for a place to live. "I didn't know why. I didn't know about the Land Trust [yet]." There was an Oakdale stint before he got the chance to live on Arizona. He ultimately settled with his family on New York Avenue. "Everything really good happened to me in Atlanta, where I found this neighbor-

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## Community Volunteers Restore Beloved Urban Greenspace

by Sav Tello, Trees Atlanta Forest Restoration Coordinator

Each month, the Friends of Lake Claire Park group and Trees Atlanta's certified Forest Stewards have been working together to restore the forested areas of Lake Claire Park from the threat of the rapid spread of non-native invasive plants, such as Cherry Laurel (*Prunus caroliniana*) and Silverthorn (*Eleagnus pungens*). The monthly workdays happen on the 4th Saturday every month from 9 a.m. to noon. To be a part of the next project, sign up through the Trees Atlanta website: [treesatlanta.org/calendar](http://treesatlanta.org/calendar).

Protecting existing trees and improving the ecological health of existing forested spaces in the city have an incredible impact on the overall tree

canopy of Atlanta. Invasive and aggressive species of plants can overwhelm native vegetation, disrupt wildlife habitat, and reduce the forest's natural biodiversity. In response, Trees Atlanta, with the community, is working to safeguard and restore the forest's long-term ecological health.

In addition to the monthly projects in Lake Claire Park, Trees Atlanta offers weekly forest restoration projects across the metro Atlanta area where volunteers learn how to identify and remove invasive plant species as they work alongside staff and trained volunteers. The *Forest Stewardship training class* offers an in-depth classroom and

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**Please note a big change: this is a double issue, March/April.  
 The next Clarion will come out in MAY. Deadline for submissions: April 15.**

## Calendar (March through the first week of May)

In addition to these, please see the variety of neighborhood events at the Land Trust, Pages 12, 18, and 19.

### March

**7** Yay! The return of monthly Frazer Forest volunteer workdays with Trees Atlanta. **FIRST SATURDAY** of the month, 9 a.m.–noon, helping to restore and maintain our beloved neighborhood old-growth forest. Space limited, pre-registration required at [fraziercenter.org/about-us/events](http://fraziercenter.org/about-us/events).

**19** **The Lake Claire monthly neighborhood meeting - third Thursday.** Lake Claire Neighbors has hybrid meetings, in-person at the Frazer Center and virtual on Zoom. See [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org) for updates and Zoom info. Join neighborhood mailings and get Zoom link at [lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/](http://lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/).

**21** Collegium Vocale, 8 p.m., Glenn Memorial Auditorium, free parking in adjoining deck “Lowergate South,” 1651 North Decatur Road. Info [tix:cvcchorus.org/](http://tix:cvcchorus.org/). Collegium Vocale is a nonprofit volunteer chorus dedicated to advancing choral art and providing the community a repertoire ranging from early Renaissance to modern music, including demanding or seldom-performed works. At least one Lake Claire resident is one of the singers.

**21** Fiddler’s Green Coffeehouse (3rd Saturdays), 7 p.m. \$10 at door (members \$8). Doors open at 6:30. This time they feature two artists who blend Irish/folk traditions with their own creative voices. Connecticut-based Kala Farnham has earned national recognition for her signature reinvention of the folk tradition. The Irish Brothers’ music ranges from traditional Irish ballads to original songs of love, drinking, revolution, and redemption. More details on the musicians, music schedule, other info: [aaffm.org/aaffm-events/](http://aaffm.org/aaffm-events/).

**25** Trees Atlanta online opportunity to learn, noon to 1 p.m., virtual Lunch and Learn: Atlanta’s Forest Communities: How to Identify, Understand, and Protect Them. Details in article Page 1.

**28** Trees Atlanta and Lake Claire Park Workdays – last Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon (details in article Page 1).

### April

**1** Tickets go on sale for the April 11 Lake Claire Land Trust annual FUNdraiser, the Spring Peace and Love Festival. See article page 12 for details.

**4** Frazer Forest volunteer workdays with Trees Atlanta. 9 a.m.–noon, details in the March 7 entry.

**11** The Lake Claire Land Trust annual FUNdraiser, the Spring Peace and Love Festival. See article on Page 12 for complete details including BANDS! Support Lake Claire’s oasis in the city by coming to dance or donating!

**16** **The Lake Claire monthly neighborhood meeting - third Thursday.** Details in the March 19 entry

**17/18** Trees Atlanta, *Conserve the 4-0-Forest*, a 2-day call to action to protect Atlanta’s urban forest. (see article Page 1).

**18** Fiddler’s Green Coffeehouse (3rd Saturdays), 7 p.m. \$10 at door (members \$8). Doors open at 6:30. Musicians will be Jeff Black, a Nashville-based singer-songwriter, and Rob McHale, a NC-based folk/Americana artist. More details on the musicians, music schedule: [aaffm.org/aaffm-events/](http://aaffm.org/aaffm-events/).

**25** Trees Atlanta and Lake Claire Park Workdays – last Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon. Details above 3/28.

### May

**2** Frazer Forest volunteer workdays with Trees Atlanta. 9 a.m.–noon, helping to restore and maintain our beloved neighborhood old-growth forest. Space limited, pre-registration required at [fraziercenter.org/about-us/events](http://fraziercenter.org/about-us/events).

# Lindsey Crawley

December 21, 1927 — January 23, 2026

We are sad to report that Lindsey Hurtel Crawley of Tuxedo Avenue passed away on January 23. Lindsey was a cherished member of our neighborhood, who lived in Lake Claire for 94 of his 98 years (!), growing up on Adolphus, and living on both McLendon and Tuxedo. We highlighted him in October 2024 in our series on folks who have lived in multiple houses in Lake Claire. We have reprinted that article on Page 9; detailing his close connections with the neighborhood and his endearing personality.

Lindsey was born in Atlanta and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Boys High School (now Midtown

High) in 1945. Later that year, Lindsey joined the United States Navy. He was demobilized in 1946. He graduated from Georgia Tech University in 1949 with an undergraduate degree in industrial engineering, and he worked until 1951 as a production supervisor for National Biscuit Company in Houston Texas. Returning to Georgia, he became a risk manager, helping to lead the State of Georgia self-insurance property program for several decades. He retired in 1983, after two years with American International Group.

In the 1950s and '60s, Lindsey was a competitive, near-scratch amateur golfer, winning the 1958 Atlanta City

Public Links Men's Tournament. He was an early, long-term member of the Canongate Golf Club.

Lindsey also enjoyed carpentry and home improvement, and he became an avid bicyclist after retirement, which he continued to do until he got into his 80s, and many here may have caught sight of him bicycling in the 'hood. Our sympathies to his daughter Mary Eliza Crawley, his son, Lindsey Hurtel, Jr., and his two grandchildren, Rebecca Catharine Wiles and Nathan Mahone Markowitz. Lindsey was predeceased by his loving wife of 50 years, Carmelite Elizabeth "Bette" Crawley, and his daughter Catharine Carmelite Crawley.

Lindsey was well-loved in Lake Claire and made dear friends on Tuxedo. He lived across the street from Gillian Grable and Johnny Mason (both of whom



*Lindsey with Caregiver Sandra.*

participated in the service for Lindsey). Gillian organized the neighbors every year to sing Happy Birthday to him. She made sure he was able to come to

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## Robotaxis: An Alternate Perspective

by Jane Branscomb

I do not share my Lake Claire neighbor's opposition to autonomous vehicles, including robotaxis. I get the skepticism and fear, but personally I have more fear and skepticism about human drivers.

Autonomous vehicles can be built to near-perfectly avoid a myriad of shortcomings that plague human drivers and lead to abysmal public health statistics (leading cause of preventable death for pregnant women and for all people aged 5–22; second most common for those 23–67). Autonomous cars can be programmed to follow the law, obeying speed limits, traffic signals, and yes, stopped school buses. Would that when the first human driver went around an unloading school bus, a fix could have been installed to prevent not just them but all drivers from ever doing that again.

An autonomous vehicle does not get high or drunk. It does not get distracted and take its hands off the wheel or its eyes off the road. Indeed, it is constantly scanning both its physical and au-

ditory environment in every direction at once. And it does not kidnap, rob, or assault its passengers.

I hear you: these machines will not be perfect in every one of those areas, and they could be nefariously programmed or hacked to do them. By all means, let's make sure we provide enough regulation and oversight to minimize that. But I count it a relief for autonomous vehicles to replace at least some of the humans, ages 15 to 105, and with all levels of attention span, reaction time, visual acuity, neck mobility, and hand-eye coordination, who are behind the wheel.

At 70, I am actively calculating how I can maintain as much activity and independence, for as long as physical and mental capacities allow, while phasing out my driving. Because even a sharp and active elder experiences gradual decline in the many skills and capacities needed to operate a 2-ton machine safely on the streets among other vehicles and pedestrians. I am counting on robotaxis or my own autonomous car to be part of the answer.



## Priorities & Distractions

by Kevin H. Posey

Have you ridden MARTA lately? I have, unfortunately. East Lake MARTA station is a short walk from my house, or at least it would be if the sidewalk wasn't narrow, overgrown, and directly adjacent to the sole remaining stretch of 4-lane Dekalb Avenue that functions as a race track. To say the walk is unsafe is like saying that smoking might not be a good choice on the Hindenburg. But, I'm sure that Dekalb County officials could likely produce a set of statistics showing how few people had been killed along that sidewalk.

Once I got on the train, I saw cigarette butts on the seats, a man angrily murmuring to himself, and a level of grubbiness that made it clear that the car hadn't been cleaned since the Obama Administration. What I didn't see were any MARTA police officers. I rode all the way to Peachtree Center, changing at Five Points, but not one officer was present. This is an anecdote that I'm sure MARTA would refute with some statistics that showed how hardly anyone has been murdered or

picked up a deadly infection on a MARTA train in the last few months. However, statistics don't matter in either case. Perceptions do. Unlike Metro in D.C., which gets heavy ridership from people of ALL walks of life—including me when I lived there—MARTA seems to have been relegated to being the mode of last resort for those who can't afford anything else. It is as if those in charge are unable to make it feel safe and clean enough to entice riders who can easily afford using something else, like the bus-sized SUV parked in front of their house.

It would be easy to stop here and say that this is all the fault of local officials, but much of the blame falls on a group of individuals who hold no office, are few in number, but are very loud. They call themselves Beltline Rail Now (BRN). Their antics have successfully distracted local politicians from important yet mundane matters, like station access, transit security, and general maintenance, in favor of an unwanted, destruc-

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# More Animals Leaving the Shelter Alive

by Scott McLane

As of February 17, in the past six months, Lifeline-operated shelters have only had to make the agonizing decision to euthanize two dogs for space reasons! As I wrote last month, Increased staffing has been allocated for the “Pet Neighborhood,” but the county has been slow to actually provide the \$. In lieu of this, Lifeline has stepped up to provide funding for additional staff without a promise of reimbursement. Hiring for these positions remains quite the challenge with few applicants and delays of up to 2 months by the state in completing background checks. Dogs are being moved into the units incrementally, as is safe.

## Lifeline’s Top Moments of 2025

Last year, 21,406 animals came through LifeLine-operated shelters—~10,000 of these for the DeKalb County Animal Shelter, or ~28/day or 840/month. A save rate of 90.4 percent means more than 19,000 animals left the shelters alive—a significant achievement for two of the largest open-intake shelters in the region. The milestone comes amid a sharp rise in intake. Between 2024 and 2025, overall intake increased 13%, including a 75% increase in dog owner-surrenders, placing additional strain on shelter capacity and resources. Lifeline leaders say the results reflect a coordinated, community-wide effort to sustain lifesaving even as pressure on the system increased. In 2025, adoptions rose 27.2%, foster placements increased 35.2%, and transfers to rescue partners grew, marking the first increase in rescue transfers in two years.

“Rising intake is a reality, but it doesn’t have to define outcomes,” says LifeLine CEO Rebecca Guinn. “This progress belongs to the people who show up for animals every day—our staff, volunteers, foster families, adopters, rescue groups, and our county partners—who refuse to compromise on lifesaving.” Founded in 2002, LifeLine Animal Project was created to build the lifesaving infrastructure Atlanta lacked. Today, through shelter operations, prevention programs, spay/neu-

ter services, and access to veterinary care, LifeLine continues to protect and strengthen the system that keeps pets with families and ensures more animals leave shelters alive.

## Advancements in Spay/Neuter: Spay/Neuter Training

In partnership with Commissioner Michelle Long Spears and our friends at the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association, Georgia Pet Coalition, Inc., and United Spay Alliance, we held another high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter (HQHVSN) training event at our Community Animal Center. Veterinarian trainers and trainees from all over the state came together and spent the day learning important spay and neuter techniques for dogs. This group spayed or neutered 18 dogs in one day, marking this event as one of the first dog wet labs of this kind in the country!

## DeKalb County Spay-A-Thons

Thanks to support from DeKalb County and Commissioner Michelle Long-Spears and the Georgia Pet Coalition, 195 pets received spay/neuter surgeries over the course of two days in May—164 through LifeLine and 31 through our partners at PAWS Atlanta. These events were the first of their kind in the Atlanta area, and we’re incredibly proud of what we accomplished together. Did you know that across our shelters and clinics, **LifeLine spays or neuters on average 100 pets every single day?** We’re committed to reducing the number of accidental litters that contribute to shelter overpopulation.

## Lucky One Lemonade Supports Atlanta’s Animals!

This year, we were so grateful to be the recipients of an astounding \$500,000 donation from LuckyOne Lemonade. The lemonade brand, created by Spirit of Gallo and Dave Portnoy, who adopted the incredible Miss Peaches, is dedicated to helping animals in need and donated a portion of their sales to help save lives here in Atlanta. And a special shout-out to our alumna Miss Peaches who made her *Tonight Show* debut.

## Record-Breaking Healthy Pets

Over 5,200 dogs and cats were provided FREE services through LifeLine’s Healthy Pets events in 2025! Healthy Pets are held in the spring and fall, ensuring that pets have access to free vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries, microchips, food and more.

## 2 days, 100 dogs, all saved

The first week in October was one of the most challenging of the entire year. Both our Fulton and DeKalb County Animal shelters were far over-capacity, landing nearly 100 dogs on an urgent list, i.e., scheduled for space euthanasia. Our incredible staff, along with our lifesaving community of advocates and volunteers, spread the word far and wide—Atlanta’s animals needed homes. In just two days every single dog on the largest urgent list ever was saved. A testament to the amazing work that can happen when we all come together to help our city’s animals.

## Pet Neighborhood Opens

This December, DeKalb County Animal Services officially opened the annex Pet Neighborhood, 120 kennels for dogs that are currently inappropriately housed at the shelter, due to the efforts of the advocates, county, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, who helped see this project through from concept to completion.

## Featured Pet: Yahoo

Yahoo’s owner became homeless and had to return him to the shelter last July. He may be a little shy when you first meet him, but he warms up quickly, becomes wiggly and is happy to give kisses. Yahoo has been on several Dog for the Day and Weekend Warrior outings and has EXCELLENT NOTES. Yahoo is housebroken and crate trained, knows basic commands, and is dog-friendly. He is at LifeLine Community Animal Center, 3180 Presidential Drive, Atlanta, GA 30340. See [lifelineanimal.org/pet-details/?aid=5527421&cid=97&tid=Dog](https://lifelineanimal.org/pet-details/?aid=5527421&cid=97&tid=Dog).

*Editor’s Note: If you follow this monthly column, you know that the animals in our city need our support. There*



Yahoo

*are many ways communities like ours can help make a difference, e.g., fostering and becoming a monthly donor at LifeLine. Animals bring such joy to our lives.*

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## Wild in Lake Claire

by Sara Gottlieb

Spring seems to be right around the corner with temperatures moderating, tree buds fattening up, and spring bulbs such as daffodils, crocuses (e.g., to the right), and snowdrops blooming along sidewalks. And yet, some vestiges of winter are still hanging on. One word I've been training myself to remember is *marscescence*, which means trees and shrubs hanging on to their dead, withered leaves throughout winter. A prime example of this phenomenon in our region is exhibited by beech trees. Walking through just about any forest in the Piedmont in winter makes it easy to see the abundance of beech trees of various ages. My husband and I noticed this especially during a recent walk through Deepdene Park (see my photo below). Beech trees have a very wide range, and we noticed last summer while hiking in the Adirondacks that the beeches there were dying as a result of a bark disease caused by a sucking insect and a fungus. The disease is widespread in New England and has been making its way south since the 1930s, but is rare outside of small areas of western North Carolina and Tennessee. Beech trees here (and everywhere) are more affected by lovers carving their initials into their smooth, silvery bark (photo below right).



Sara's crocuses

Dan G sent in some photos of a mob of redwing blackbirds, which his wife Ann calls the "gangster birds" because they empty the feeder daily (photo right). Dan also shared his first sighting of a bumblebee of the season, on an early daffodil (photo far right), where the bee is unlikely to find any sustenance, alas.

Bernard S reported in from south Florida, where the vegetation is so different than in his Lake Claire "home" zone. He took note of a large papaya tree and a banana tree producing right now (photo Page 11), which is so interesting to contrast with the banana trees at the Land Trust. In the last few years, at least one of those trees has produced fruit, but the



Dan's red-winged blackbirds

first frost always gets them before they are anywhere close to ripe. With climate change continuing unabated (and worse, now that the EPA has repealed the endangerment rule, which allowed it to regulate carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions), maybe we'll



Dan's bumblebee

have bananas ripening in February in Atlanta before too long...

Beth D on Delaware saw a gigantic barred owl in her back yard (page 11)—she had never seen one that big. As Beth stared at him out the window he seemed to be staring right at her, even so much that when she moved, his head turned

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Sara's beech leaves and bark in Deepdene Park



DIFFERENT BUT EQUAL!

# Coming Home and Growing Forward at Frazer Center

by Dina Shadwell

For many Lake Claire families, Frazer Center is more than a campus tucked among the trees. It is a place where children grow in confidence, friendships take root, and inclusion is practiced every day. This spring, we are excited to share two meaningful updates with our closest neighbors: the return of a familiar leader and the opening of enrollment for Summer Nature Camp. **A Leader Returns at a Meaningful Moment**

Frazer Center recently welcomed Susie Riddick back to campus as Senior Director of Child Development and Operations. For some families, Susie is a familiar face. For others, she represents a new chapter grounded in experience, vision, and deep care for children, families, and educators alike.

Susie first joined Frazer in 2016 and immediately connected with the warmth of the community and the beautiful forest surrounding our class-

rooms. During her earlier tenure, she helped lead the organization through the uncertainty of the Covid pandemic, supporting teachers and families during one of the most challenging periods in early childhood education. She also played a key role in launching Frazer's Refugee Intern Program, creating pathways for newly arrived community members to gain meaningful work experience while strengthening our classrooms with diverse perspectives and lived experience.

Since that time, Susie has supported other early education programs as a consultant, gaining valuable insight into what it takes to build high-quality, inclusive environments that truly serve children, families, and educators. Her return comes with both expanded perspective and renewed purpose.

Today, Susie oversees child development operations, licensing and compliance, and long-term strategy. She works

closely with teachers and leadership to strengthen systems while preserving the heart of what makes Frazer special. As enrollment grows and the need for inclusive early education continues to expand, her leadership ensures that growth is thoughtful, mission-aligned, and centered on children.

For families who remember Susie from earlier years, her presence brings both continuity and reassurance. For newer families, her leadership signals stability and forward momentum. Most importantly, her work reinforces what Lake Claire neighbors already value: a place where children of all abilities learn side-by-side in a joyful, nature-rich setting.

## Looking Ahead to Summer

Spring on campus brings new leaves, muddy boots, and children eagerly exploring the forest trails. It also brings planning for one of our growing traditions: Summer Nature Camp.

Registration is now open for rising kindergarteners and first graders who are ready for a summer of outdoor adventure. Rooted in exploration and curiosity, Summer Nature Camp invites children to spend their days discovering the wonders of Frazer Forest and Cator Woolford Gardens. Campers dig in the dirt, observe insects and birds, create art inspired by nature, and build friendships that often last well beyond the season.

Each week centers around a new theme, offering hands-on experiences that spark imagination and build confidence. Children construct forts, experiment with natural materials, and learn to collaborate as they explore the outdoors. The rhythm of the day balances active discovery with time to rest and recharge, giving children space to grow socially and emotionally as well as physically.

In many ways, Summer Nature Camp reflects the same values that guide our school-year programs. Inclusion is not an added feature; it is foundational to who we are. We welcome children of all abilities to apply, and our Inclusion Team partners with each



*Summer Nature Camp Coordinator Kim Corson helps a camper take a closer look during a day of forest exploration at Frazer Center*

family to assess thoughtfully whether Frazer Center is equipped to provide the appropriate staffing and support for a successful camp experience for each child. This collaborative approach allows us to build trust with families and ensure that children who attend are set up to thrive.

Camp sessions run through late May, June, and July, with options designed to accommodate a variety of summer schedules. Families who are not currently enrolled at Frazer are invited to learn more and apply at [frazercenter.org/child-development-program/summer-camps](http://frazercenter.org/child-development-program/summer-camps).

## Rooted in Community

For neighbors in Lake Claire, Frazer Center has always been part of the landscape. You may have walked past the gardens on an evening stroll, heard children laughing from the forest, or attended a celebration in Cator Woolford Gardens. Many of you have entrusted us with your children's early years. Others may be just beginning to explore what inclusive, nature-based education can look like.

As we welcome Susie back and prepare for another vibrant summer, we remain grateful for the support and partnership of this neighborhood. Summer feels richest when children can explore, belong, and flourish close to home.

If you are considering summer plans for your rising kindergartener or first grader, we invite you to learn more about Summer Nature Camp. If you see Susie on campus, feel free to say hello and welcome her home.

Lake Claire has always been part of Frazer's story. We are honored to continue growing forward together.

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## Paper Routes in my Life

by Patricia Emerson

When the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* recently ceased production of its printed newspaper, I started thinking about my paper routes. When I first came to Georgia in July 1944, my family moved to W. Hill Street in South Decatur, as it was known then. I turned 10 on August 1, and my brother was three and a half years older. To help out the family and to have spending money, my brother had a paper route. This route was Mead Road, Jefferson Place, Cambridge Avenue, and a couple of other streets in that area. When my brother was not available to do his route, I did it

for him. He had a very heavy book with the names and addresses of all who took the paper. When I did the route for my brother, the book of names and addresses was too heavy for me to carry along with the papers.

If the customer did not get his or her paper, a “kick” was phoned in, and my brother would have to go over and deliver the paper. The papers were left for us at the corner by the Pattillo United Methodist Church (now closed). I would open the stack, which was tied with wire and extremely difficult for me to open. Plus, I was not strong enough to

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tive streetcar project costing hundreds of millions of dollars for just a short stub of track. They are very, very, VERY unhappy that this project is now little more than a zombie: dead, but still twitching a bit. You may have read about their latest antics recently in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, which was once a respected newspaper but now is, um, a blog? The *AJC* breathlessly reported that BRN supporters recently turned up at a MARTA Board meeting to denounce the board’s decision to cancel the Eastside Beltline streetcar.

How vast was this protest? A whopping 20 speakers, or 0.0037% of the city’s population, who proceeded to yell at MARTA Board members and accuse them of selling out to Big Oil, a group that I’m sure was just in a panic about a two-mile-long streetcar extension. Even as I type this, BRN supporters are mounting an email campaign to harass a vast Google Doc list of people, including school board members, civic association leaders, and probably dog-walkers. If you’re reading this, you probably got one of the emails, too! It’s all an effort to intimidate everyone into spending \$200 million-per-mile in taxpayer dollars for their little trolley instead of any other transit project in the region.

If BRN were as committed to transit and equity as they claim to be, they would have embraced the Mayor’s initial plan to reprioritize transit on the Beltline to the Southside and add in-fill MARTA stations that would create heavy rail connections to the Beltline that the streetcar wouldn’t offer. The Southside is an area where a lot of people have poor transit access and can’t afford a car. Instead, they denounced Mayor Dickens for putting others ahead of their own extremely gentrified neighborhoods. If getting more people out of their cars and onto transit was BRN’s priority, they would call for more maintenance and security on MARTA’s trains and buses, plus better access to stations. Instead, they ignore such mundane matters and distract everyone with their screams of betrayal because the city won’t destroy the Beltline that everyone enjoys today just to stick a streetcar on it.

So, I can’t complain too much about MARTA officials, city councilmembers, and county commission members for failing to fix some of our glaringly obvious transportation problems. It’s hard to focus when a small, but loud, group is bent on being disruptive rather than constructive.



carry all of the papers. I would count out the papers needed for Jefferson Place, Olympia Place, and Mead Rd. I would deliver these and then come back to pick up the stack for Cambridge and the street next to it.

Two special memories of this time remain with me. On one extremely hot, hot summer day, my mouth was so dry, my tongue stuck to the roof of my mouth. I knocked on the door of a house and asked if I could please use the hose to get some water. Of course, the kind woman brought me a glass of water. Remember that this was before plastic and the habit of carrying your own water around. Another time, I had so much trouble getting the wire off the papers, that I cut my hand and bled all over the sidewalk. When I was the one delivering the papers, I rarely had a “kick”.

As my brother got older and had a model T (named Ethel and painted all colors—it even had a rumble seat), he had a route that he delivered by car. This route was out by the East Lake Country Club (which then was considered to be the country). He did this alone except on Sundays when we would awake at 4 or 5 a.m. and set out together to deliver papers: I folded and he threw.

We have a history of paper delivery in our family. My grandfather had been

a jeweler in a small town on the Eastern shore of Maryland. During the Depression, transportation bypassed the town and left it too small to support a jewelry store anymore. He began to have several different jobs. One was to drive to Baltimore and pick up the two Sunday papers and bring them back down to the small town to deliver. My Grandfather would always bring both papers to our home before he began his route. This meant that I had two Sunday comics sections to read! This was around 1940 to 1942. When my family lived on W. Hill Street, my father subscribed to the *Atlanta Journal*. He liked to read the paper while he waited for supper.

Continuing my family delivery tradition, I delivered the *Clarion*, Lake Claire neighborhood’s newspaper, for many years until just recently.

*Editor’s Note: Patricia Emerson has lived in her passive solar house on Gordon Avenue for 40+ years. She has been actively involved in volunteerism in Lake Claire in countless ways in addition to being on our Clarion delivery team, and she has been very active on Gordon Avenue (e.g., her famous lemonade parties for children have been covered several times in the Clarion). Thank you again, Tish!*



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# Lindsey Crawley

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the twice yearly Tuxedo potlucks and many other events. Johnny noted that “Over the last several decades, many of us interacted with Lindsey, his visiting family, and his wonderful caregivers. I had many serendipitous connections with Lindsey that we discovered over the years, including both of us being native Atlantans. Although Lindsey was 20 years older than I am, my family was living off Hardee St. in the Edgewood Community when Lindsey was living only about a mile away on McLendon. We also both had connections with Georgia Tech; Lindsey and I often talked about Tech during football season, and we both would root for Tech, especially when it came to playing the University of Georgia Bulldogs. Lindsey’s activity level was amazing: I saw Lindsey cycling hundreds of miles when he was in his 70s and 80s, and

I would see him walking miles when he stopped cycling. When he could not walk unassisted, he walked on a walker; when he could no longer do that, he was out in a wheelchair, and when he could no longer make it outside, he moved around in the house. I would tell him he was my inspiration, and he would always say, “If you stop moving you die.” I think the more accurate motto to say about Lindsey is that he never stopped moving—moving physically, moving mentally and emotionally, and moving spiritually, up until the time he died. And I suspect that, wherever he may be today, he is still moving.”

Another close neighbor and friend, Mary Yoder (after Lindsey, Mary and her husband Tim have lived longest on Tuxedo), said, “I came to know Lindsey as someone who valued nature and valued relationships. He always had

time for conversation, and humor was typically a part of those conversations. Lindsey often sat in the shade of the large oak tree in front of our house; I enjoyed going out to talk with him. He knew the shape of the limbs and the way the sun shone on them at various time of the day – almost telling time by the sunlight on the limbs. It was easy in the winter when there weren’t leaves. In the summer, he was fine just enjoying the shade; and even then, he would often talk about the shape of the limbs.

“Lindsey paid attention to detail. He also took pleasure in the Sweet Gum tree in our back yard, typically viewing it from the street. He called it the “V Tree,” because of the shape of its limbs being easy to see because of their silver color. This past October, Sandra wheeled Lindsey into the back yard, and his smile broadened as he got close to the



*Lindsey in 2024 with caregiver Otis Pusey*

V Tree; there he practically fell asleep in its shade. Lindsey, though 98 years old, was always young at heart.” As Alicia noted in the 2024 tribute slightly edited below, Lindsey was a beloved Lake Claire neighbor whose legacy will be cherished for years to come.

This article is from the October 1924 Clarion, part of the Clarion series on living in multiple houses in the ‘hood:

## A Legacy of Love and Community: Lindsey Crawley

by Alicia McGill

This month, we have the privilege of spotlighting a cherished member of our neighborhood, Lindsey Crawley, who has lived in Lake Claire for 92 years! Born in 1927 in Atlanta, Lindsey has lived a life rich with memories and accomplishments, deeply intertwined with the story of our community.

### **From Humble Beginnings to a Life of Adventure**

Lindsey’s early years were marked by modesty but also by the warmth of family bonds. Growing up as the only child in a household that lived on Adolphus Street until he was five, he fondly recalls his parents’ dedication to providing a loving environment despite their financial constraints. His father, hailing from Jackson County and working for the railroad, took Lindsey on memorable train trips, including a special journey to Cincinnati. Lindsey’s father passed away in 1953. His

mother, originally from Grant Park and employed at Estes Supply in downtown Atlanta, became the cornerstone of the family home at 1788 McLendon Avenue. Lindsey’s earliest recollections of this home include his neighbor, Paul Carmichael, snatching his tricycle from the moving truck and taking off with it. Paul Carmichael would become a very good friend. Lindsey’s mother relocated the house from the rear to the front of the lot when Lindsey was a teenager. She lived there until she passed away in 1991 at the age of 96! Lindsey converted the home to a duplex, and he sold it in December 2021.

### **A Journey Through Education and Career**

Lindsey’s educational journey took him from Mary Lin Elementary to Bass Junior High, which later became Bass High School and is now Bass Lofts. He continued his studies at Boys’ High,

now Midtown High School, before earning a degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Tech. Lindsey retired from the State of Georgia, and also worked for the National Biscuit Company, now Nabisco.

### **Family Life and Community Roots**

In 1956, Lindsey married Bette Ware, the sister of his good friend Eddie Ware. They first lived in Virginia Highland, before settling into their home at 2049 Tuxedo Avenue in 1957. Their home, built around 1935, became the backdrop for their family life, where they raised three children: Mary, Carmelite, and Lindsey, Jr. Bette passed away in 2006.

Mary, a lawyer now residing in Philadelphia, fondly recalls sledding in Candler Park with her family. Carmelite passed away in 2001, and Lindsey Jr. now lives in Brazil. Lindsey’s passion for life is reflected in his hobbies.

He was an avid golfer, frequently playing at Candler Park Golf Course and even traveling to Scotland to play at the prestigious St. Andrews course. His love for cycling took him on annual trips, including a notable ride from Philadelphia to northern Maine.

### **A Special Place in His Heart**

Lindsey said that one of his favorite features of his home on Tuxedo is the back screened-in porch. Originally located on the side of the house, Lindsey, skilled in carpentry, relocated it to the backyard to enjoy better views of the trees and birds. This porch has been a cherished spot for Lindsey, where he continues to find peace and solace.

Next time you see Lindsey around, take a moment to greet him and perhaps share a memory or two. He is a living link to the past, a valued friend, and a beloved neighbor whose legacy will be cherished for years to come.

## Reuben Haller

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hood, I found a career, and I found a great partner, McKenzie [Wren].”

The career he’s referring to is professional clowning. Having followed a friend to Atlanta to help out at Circus Camp, Reuben was asked by Carrie Heller, camp founder, if he would be a clown one summer. “I told her, ‘I don’t know anything about being a clown,’” he recalls. “But she said, ‘Don’t worry about it; you’ll be fine.’” He was already a “kid person,” having been a camp counselor and preschool teacher before then. “When I put the clown nose on, it was like angels started singing to me, and the world shifted. I had found what I loved to do. That was 29 years ago. I feel like the luckiest person in the world to have found that.”

Reuben’s calendar filled quickly with gigs at fairs, festivals, and birthday parties. Then the biggest break of his professional career, getting to train with the famous Big Apple Circus, led to serving as a “clown doctor” in pediatric hospitals. He’s also done special events as a clown for Cirque du Soleil, another career highlight: “It’s so famous, and their creative standards are so high.”

Clowning bundles Reuben’s gifts: his musical talent, writing for and playing the mandolin, fiddle, and mandola (a lower-pitched version of mandolin); his performance chops (at one point he was headed for acting); the visual artistry he expresses in costumes and makeup; and his love of words, poetry, and wordplay.

“I’ve been writing poems since high school,” he says. “Then I started writing poems for special events” like weddings. He penned one called “Knees Please” for someone recovering from knee surgery. “I always loved rhyme and alliteration, the rhythm of words, the way they go together.” As a children’s entertainer, he writes material for his shows. One poem for his character Fiddlin’ Dan, who performs in library storytelling and music shows, is about Flapjacks and Bacon “that my mama would be makin’ on the griddle in the middle of the stove in the kitchen.”



Reuben, aka “Ruby the Cow

Hot off the press now is Reuben’s first book, *Alphabetically Speaking, 26 Poems A–Z*. He wrote an eclectic group of poems, each tied to a letter of the alphabet, and created images to go with each one. The book is self-published; his priority is “to get as many eyes on it as possible so that people can enjoy it.” Once the poems were assembled, Reuben set about illustrating them with pencil drawings. “After three or four hours, I thought, ‘I’ll never get this done.’” So he turned to AI to create illustrations and then manipulated the forms, shapes and colors with an app called PicMonkey. This approach gave him wide freedom to come up with illustrations as eclectic in style as the

### Why is Q Always Followed By U?

Why is Q always Followed By U?  
And not me, or she, or they, or he?  
But always U, Q must have U  
What’s everyone else supposed to do?  
It’s not so much I’m tired of U  
(For U like me, I like U too)  
But just for once let’s say it is I  
That follows Q and makes it Q!  
And the duck will qiack  
And the earth will qiake  
Let’s change the rule for heaven’s sake!  
Just for now let’s give it a try  
U take a rest, for here am I!

from *Alphabetically Speaking*,  
26 Poems A–Z.

poems themselves. “I really had a ball with it,” he says.

The book’s cover has a fun backstory. Reuben had envisioned an alphabet in various typefaces. Then, on a bike ride in Wisconsin two years ago, he did a double-take when he saw just the thing painted on a Little Free Library. When it came time to design his cover, he had trouble getting what he wanted with AI and editing software. So he uploaded his snapshot from Wisconsin and manipulated that. “Some day I’m gonna have to try to find that house again and give them a copy of the book,” he laughs.

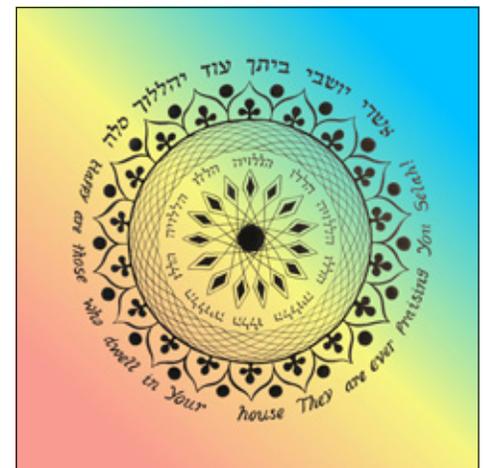
Reuben’s musical and visual arts skills find expression outside of his clowning as well. He creates images based on Hebrew calligraphy depicting sayings, blessings, and chants that are recited in his synagogue. These too he often enhances digitally after creating with pen and paint. He also has recorded two CDs of his original music to-date. These encompass children’s songs, fiddle tunes, and Jewish songs and chants.

You can find Reuben’s CDs and performances on Spotify and YouTube. To purchase a copy of *Alphabetically Speaking* or to learn more about it and his other work, go to *ReubenHaller.com*, or contact Reuben through his website to have a copy personally delivered!

*Editor’s Note: All photos are courtesy of Reuben Haller. This article is part of Jane’s Lake Claire Creatives series about neighbors whom you might not know are talented individuals, whether accomplished amateurs or consummate professionals. To read about the other creative Lake Claire residents that Jane has featured, see lakeclaire.org/clarion/clarion-archives/, starting with February 2024. Congratulations and my deep appreciation to Jane Branscomb on this column’s TWO-year anniversary, as of this past February 2026. Attentive readers may have wondered about my abilities to add, when I noted this milestone last month.*



Ufros Aleinu



Hebrew prayer artwork by Reuben Haller, digitally tinted.



Hebrew calligraphy by Reuben Haller, hand-drawn, digitally tinted. Ahavah, Rachamim, Chesed, Shalom: Love, Mercy, Kindness, Peace

## Wild

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in slow-motion. This was daytime, which Beth thought was odd, because they are normally nocturnal. I have occasionally seen them out and about during the day, as well, and frequently hear them calling at night with their distinctive, “Who cooks for you?” call.

Sheri S reported that she and her rescue dog Millie had a beautiful surprise companion on one of their daily walks at the Land Trust. They were followed for a bit—with flight, then the sharp eyes of a red shouldered hawk (photo at right).

I am looking forward to spending more time at the Land Trust soon, tending my garden plots and watching the bees and other insects on my native plants when they bloom. The turning of the seasons is one thing that helps ground me in place and serves as a reminder of the possibility of change and renewal, even when there are awful things in the world that too many people refuse to let go. “When all the world appears to be in a tumult, and nature itself is feeling the assault of climate change, the seasons retain their essential rhythm. Yes, fall gives us a



*Sherri’s red-shouldered hawk*

premonition of winter, but then winter will be forced to relent, once again, to the new beginnings of soft greens, longer light, and the sweet air of spring.” ~Madeleine M. Kunin, former Governor of Vermont and US Ambassador to Switzerland.

*If you’d like to report a wildlife sighting for inclusion in a future column, please submit it here: [bit.ly/WildInLakeClaire](http://bit.ly/WildInLakeClaire).*



*Bernard’s banana tree in bloom*



*Beth’s barred owl*

## Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

by Lori White

We often say volunteers are the heart-beat of Clifton. Each year we have volunteers that log over 5,000 hours of service! Recently we had members from 2819 Church come and do landscaping around our campus.

There are such a myriad of ways to volunteer around at the shelter. To name a few: provide a dinner one evening for our guests; serve an already

prepared meal; help to organize our clothing closet; sort through our pantry to make sure all items are in date; landscaping; and painting.

We are flexible and can provide opportunities that you would enjoy and that accommodate your schedule! If you are interested in serving, please email me at [lori@cliftonsanctuary.com](mailto:lori@cliftonsanctuary.com). We love our neighbors!

## Lake Claire Neighborhood Dues

Suggested annual dues have changed to \$25/year per household effective this year. This is the first increase in Lake Claire dues ever! Costs have gone up, and funds are crucial for covering basic operating expenses, e.g., our annual incorporation renewal, post office box, website, meeting space at the Frazer Center, PayPal fees, and our own Zoom site, plus last but not least, donating to our beloved neighborhood institutions.

We rely on—and appreciate—your willingness and generosity to help LCN to serve the community. Please pay at [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org) via the PayPal link, OR with the old-fashioned check in the mail, to Jay Severa, Treasurer, Lake Claire Neighbors, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta Georgia, 31107. Please note any family members’ names. And, we

still have a great promotion—\$5 off the Lake Claire banner, when you buy a banner at the time you pay dues.

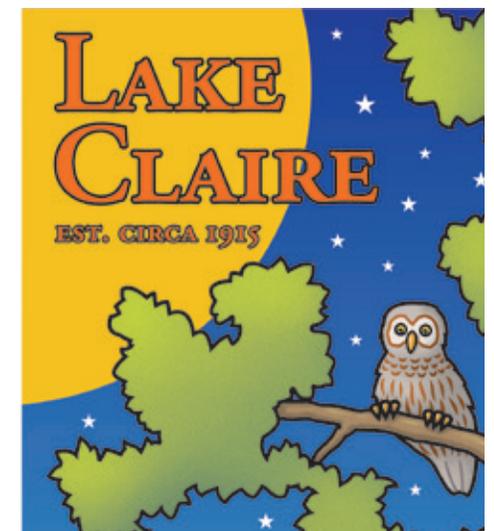
These folks have gotten a head start on 2026 dues, several of whom always pay in January and February! Thanks to all:

Kelly and James Crutcher; Will Stultz; the D’Agostinos; Ann B. & Robert J. Pyecha; Lyndsay Victoria Syfan; Thomas Stemen; Patrick Anderson; Rachel Weinthal/Robert Frank; Marilyn Schertz/Louis Belanger; Jennifer McCoy; Tina Maudsley; Melanie Bliss; Scott Long; Debra Livingston; Andrew Sherwood; Sam Beresford; Ruth Rucker; Miriam Herbers; David Gellen, Patricia Wheeler, Kelsey Shaw, Melissa Pressman, Deborah Green, and Cynthia Gatton.

## Buy Lake Claire Merchandise

Lake Claire in collaboration with the FineArtAmerica offers a way to buy neighborhood items online, including our Lake Claire banner, the ‘Ski Lake Claire’ logo, the ‘30307 Not Just a Zip Code’ logo, coffee mugs, clothing, face masks, etc.

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



## Greetings Land Trust Lovers!

by Frani Green

Spring is just around the corner and that means it is almost time for our annual FUNdraiser Spring Peace and Love Festival, supporting our favorite Oasis in the city, The Lake Claire Community Land Trust. This year we have an organic mix of music for your dancing pleasure.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 11, 2:30 p.m.–10 p.m. (there is no April Clarion to remind you!)

We will have live music, artist vendors, food trucks, and of course our famous bake sale. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of April for pre sale or you can purchase at the gate. We are always accepting any donated baked goods to accompany our efforts for some yummy sweets. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram or go to our website at [www.lcclt.org](http://www.lcclt.org) to check for any updates. If you cannot attend and want to donate anyway, there is a link

on the website.

Our bands this year are:  
2:30–3:30 p.m. **Shop Dog**, Mixing Funk, Jazz, & Jamband energy, Atlanta's Shop Dog delivers tasty grooves & fiery improvisation ·

4–5 p.m. **Matt Donald Farm Band**. Original Rock and Roll and fun covers!

5:30–6:30 p.m. **Hit Rock Bottom**. Classic Rock and catchy originals for shakin your bottom

7–8 p.m. **Burnin' Truck with Grandma**. Members from Hair of the Dog playing great music for dancing and overall fun. Original songs and great covers. Super energy.

8:30–10 p.m. **Nattie Love Joys**, an American roots rock reggae band – they have been supporters of our Land Trust for years.

See ya on the Dance Floor! Love on All Ya'll's Heads!

## Come Learn Vital Life Skills Monthly at the Land Trust!

Are you worried about the climate? Other, bigger, political issues? You might want to check out Science for Georgia's **Climate Survival Training (CST) program**, which goes in a different direction than the doomsday prep type skills that you might expect. It is about community and resiliency, and the next phase of this program is going to take place on a monthly basis at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust.

For nearly three years this CST program has coordinated free monthly hands-on workshops designed around community empowerment. The program has included much of the survival content you might expect, such as tying knots, building shelters and foraging for food. But it goes much further than that. We learn lots of key information in the category of feeding ourselves, and growing our own foods more independently and sustainably, welding scrap metal, setting up solar at home, repairing engines of all sizes, and much more.

Since essential human knowledge such as how to take care of our communities, maintain our own shelters, and grow our own food, is being forgotten, programs like this are essential to stabilize our communities against uncertain futures under climate change (and other threats).

This next phase of the program aims to ground the learners in a steady habit of meeting monthly at the same place and sharing our skills. Beyond that, this monthly meetup is an opportunity to talk about what we want to learn,

make new plans, and grow closer to each other along the way. There is also a hidden option which can help your resiliency directly! Are you or your organization or community needing a project completed like building a fence, planting a large number of seedlings, removing invasives, or setting up a compost system? Michael will set up an educational volunteer workday **for you**. Just email [info@sci4ga.org](mailto:info@sci4ga.org).

This program isn't just about survival; the program director Michael Czajkowski teaches strategies to resist propaganda and misinformation. And at the end of the day, we aren't going to accomplish anything with any protest unless we are also engaging with mutual aid in the ways that political movements of the past have done.

Mutual aid is the practice of taking care of one another directly, exchanging goods and services to keep us all safe and secure, especially during political movements. That's the underlying theme here: strengthening our communities, not just against hunger and disasters, but also against isolation. When we are isolated and disconnected we are at our most vulnerable. Reach out about Climate Survival Training, join us in person, and also keep an eye out for an upcoming Lake Claire community safety group!

*Editor's Note: Please check out all of the valuable and fun activities at the Land Trust, on pages 18–19 of this issue, and their website at [www.LCCLT.org](http://www.LCCLT.org).*

The rest of the Land Trust info  
is on Pages 18-19.  
Check out the fun activities.



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## Four Seasons Orchestra

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odist Church (now the Neighborhood Church). During the rehearsal breaks, we had time to look at various historic documents in the church, including one with a picture of Principal Mary Lin.

In January 2001, a lady showed up at the church during a rehearsal. We thought she was looking for something else, but she said she was there for the orchestra. Her name was Patricia Emerson, and she had a son, Carl, who played the violin. Many of us had known Carl, who lived on McLendon Avenue, from various orchestral groups. Susan was so flabbergasted that all she could do was to blurt out, “You’re Carl Emerson’s mother?” Thus began a relationship, which endures to this day, as the now 91-year-old Patricia still plays with the orchestra. Patricia, Lynn, and Paul, all Lake Claire residents, are the oldest and longest-serving Four Seasons Orchestra members (pictured on Page 1). Many other Lake Claire and Candler Park residents have also played in the orchestra on various occasions.

Susan often described Four Seasons as a “middle-school orchestra for people of all ages.” But this statement seems to sell the orchestra short. We do play Grade 1 elementary school music, but we also play Bach, Vivaldi, Schubert, and Mozart. Because Susan was a music theorist, she was able to write simple parts for difficult music and challenging parts for easy music. Her goal was to get

everyone to participate, regardless of their abilities or training. The orchestra has no auditions and no assigned seats. We encourage our younger members to sit first chair when they are ready. The best candidates for the orchestra are adults that Susan met, who would say, “I used to play in school, but I haven’t touched the instrument in years.” That was not an excuse for Susan, but a reason to join the orchestra. She would give elementary- and middle-school children a few lessons, and then they would be sitting in the back of the second violin section, even if they were only playing open strings.

We performed various concerts at Epworth in the mid-2000s, including one in which four of us played Haydn’s “The Lark” quartet. One of our violinists, Steve Stone, was also the choir director at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in Decatur at that time. Over several years, we accompanied his choir on portions of Handel’s “Messiah,” the Vivaldi “Gloria,” and Schubert’s “Mass in G.” We always remember that we had to lower the latter to the key of F, so that his sopranos could reach the high notes. Four Seasons members accept all challenges of performance.

In the late 2000s, we moved our rehearsals to St. Paul United Methodist Church in Grant Park, where we also gave some performances. Lynn and Paul provided rides for Jamie, a high school student, who played the cello. One time,

after loading all the instruments into the car, we drove off from the church with his book bag on top of the car. Only when a passer-by started gesticulating furiously at us did we realize the situation—and how foolish we looked.

In 2011, Susan began having health problems, and we moved our rehearsals to her house in Tucker. She had a music room added to her house specifically for the orchestra and chamber music rehearsals. She had also inherited an entire string chamber music collection from her father, a talented amateur violinist, which was stored in a cabinet that lined one wall of the music room. After the snack following the rehearsals, which was always an integral part of the schedule, various members would stay to read through this vast collection of music. Reading tempos might not match those required by Beethoven and Mozart, but the point was to experience the genius of these musical giants. During one rehearsal of a Mozart string quintet, we slowed the tempo so much that the passage sounded like a Mozart sacred mass.

Susan passed away unexpectedly in September 2016. At her memorial concert at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta (UUCA) in October 2016, where we had performed previously, we opened with Susan’s arrangement, “Amazing Grace with Simple Gifts.” Susan wrote this piece in memory of a former student who died

in a bicycle accident in 1985 at the age of 22. As Susan told it, one of the parents wanted *Amazing Grace* and the other wanted *Simple Gifts* at the memorial service. Susan satisfied the family by combining both pieces into this arrangement. She always ended her explanation of the motivation for this music by saying, “So, kids, remember to wear a bike helmet.” As of now, we have played Susan’s moving version of this piece at memorials for Four Seasons members and others, on numerous occasions.

Although Susan’s death was a tremendous shock for all of us, Four Seasons has continued to this day. We went remote during the pandemic, holding musical discussions online. At one point after that, we were back rehearsing on Palifox Drive in our living room that is currently filled with Four Seasons music and materials from Susan’s remarkable life. We now rehearse at the First Christian Church in Decatur, and Steve Stone is now our conductor. Given his choral background, he brings a new perspective to the orchestra with both our classical and popular music. We perform fall and spring concerts at two assisted living homes, Clairmont Oaks in Decatur and Briarcliff Oaks in DeKalb County. We currently have fewer student members than in earlier years because students have this uncanny habit of growing up, graduating from school, and moving on with their lives.

Paul and Lynn provide rides to Patricia for both rehearsals and concerts because she no longer drives. This gives them a chance to attempt to keep up with her; she has the energy of and a social life greater than a person half her age! This obviously is one of the benefits of long-term residence in Lake Claire for the three of us.

*Editor’s Note: Please contact Lynn Farnham at (404) 377-6310 (home) or (404) 502-7614 (cell) if you are interested in joining the Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra. They are recruiting players of all ages and abilities for all string instruments.*



May 2025 picture of the orchestra with Steve Stone, current conductor.

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## Mulberry Fields Community Garden and Green Space

by Jesse Bathrick

Mulberry Fields, located in our closest neighboring 'hood Candler Park, is green and growing!

As a year of renovation and transition comes to a close, we're ready to expand our open areas and invite you to visit. Many of you know that after nine years with the Wylde center, Mulberry Fields has returned to our roots as an independent non-profit organization. Since 1999, the property has been open to the public, providing garden plots and areas to explore, picnic, and learn.

Old Pecan trees welcome you; goats, chickens, and hobbits' houses invite you to play. Owls, hawks, rabbits, and a natural habitat await your visit. And after a year-long hiatus, the rope swing is back. Some neighborhood kids have already tested it, and it's better than ever. The rope is new. The swing is new. It's anchored by the same old—strong—pecan tree. A new sign welcomes you with whimsy. Come check it out!

### And there's more.

To celebrate our new nonprofit and the restoration of the garden, we are throwing a party!

Save the Date, June 20; *the Mulberry Fields Roots Revival* will rock and roll the garden with food and drink, music, and children's activities.

Of course, the location will be at our beautiful garden at 1301 Iverson Street in Candler Park, down a narrow alley that leads to this hidden gem. The time is 4–8 p.m., and admission will be free.

It's summer solstice...The Chika-



billy Fire Sculpture will light up the night.

We invite neighborhood businesses to step in as sponsors, and we will be looking for hosts and volunteers to help pull off what will be a wonderful event. This is your neighborhood garden, and we hope neighbors (including Lake Claire neighbors) will answer the call for volunteers.

### And yes, we will be calling!

Mulberry is truly an urban oasis. The goats, Sassy, Fiona, Cleo, and Cybelle, and all eleven chickens say, "Mulberry Fields is **Rooted in Community, Ready to Grow. Baaaaaaaaa!**"

Follow this link to add your name to our mailing list, receive our newsletter, and explore ways to get involved: [forms.gle/uVg8CTVRRrRebfY4Y7](https://forms.gle/uVg8CTVRRrRebfY4Y7)

Donate here to preserve our urban community greenspace into the future: [www.friendsmulberryfields.org/donate](https://www.friendsmulberryfields.org/donate).

And, find us on Facebook at: Mulberry Fields Community Garden and Greenspace

## Trees Atlanta

*Continued from page 1.*

hands-on class series. This April 17 & 18, you may be interested in being a part of Conserve the 4-0-Forest, a 2-day call to action to protect Atlanta's urban forest. An online opportunity to learn will be on March 25 at 12 to 1 p.m. for a virtual Lunch and Learn: Atlanta's Forest Communities: How to Identify,

Understand, and Protect Them.

Trees Atlanta needs volunteers ages 12+ with all experience levels to join upcoming community workdays dedicated to removing invasive plants and supporting native habitat restoration. To support Trees Atlanta's work, please consider attending our annual fundraiser, Root Ball, on Thurs. May 14. Early Bird discount tickets are available before March 16 at [www.treesatlanta.org/rootball](https://www.treesatlanta.org/rootball).



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

### March & April Birthday people

- March 3 Judy Langford and Robin Singer, both on Harold Avenue
- March 6 Dalton Troxell-Cappello, Almeta, 18!
- March 9 Jonathan Cook, Leonardo
- March 10 Summer Barton turns 7, Southerland Terrace
- March 12 Willow Barton turns 5, Southerland Terrace
- March 13 Ada Covington, 12! Hardendorf Avenue
- March 14 Jennie Caine, Leonardo
- March 17 Stephanie DeSantis, Palifox
- March 19 Frances Koval turns 11– Frequent Clarion winner!
- March 20 Kaia Wiltsee, turns 17
- March 23 David Damon, Forrest Hills. Important volunteer role of providing emotional support and delicious vegan food for the Editor. Milestone b'day. This is a test of who reads this.
- March 27 Aaron Skrimpson, Southerland Terrace
- March 29 Victoria Weldert – Happy 11!
- March 30 Darcy Troxell-Cappello, Almeta, turns 15!
- March 31 James Crutcher, Hardendorf, and Carol Vanderschaff, Indiana.
- April 2 Tyler Bliss, Leonardo, turns 18!
- April 6 Cash Hunter turns 10 on Hardendorf, and Bridgette Maddux turns 16, Harold Ave
- April 10 Kelly Crutcher, Hardendorf
- April 12 Aarini Kakkar, Southerland Terrace  
Hudson Frank turns 10! Hardendorf
- April 13 Yasmin Mika Kianian, Clifton, turns 4
- April 17 Joe Agee, Harold Avenue. HAPPY B'DAY, PREZ!
- April 18 Deacon Baker, Leonardo
- April 19 Emily Allen, Harold
- April 21 Jamie McGill, my favorite Jamie in the world, Arizona Ave. and Finn Manning turns 9, McLendon Ave.
- April 23 Dan Geller, Marlbrook
- April 27 Claudia Restler, Lakeshore Drive
- April 28 Sara McGill, my favorite SARA in the world, Arizona Ave.
- April 28 Kevin Restler, Lakeshore Drive
- April 30 Beth van Arkel, Southerland Terrace

### ANNIVERSARIES

- March 15 Kim McRae & Frank Zamor, Delaware Avenue,
- March 19 Happy Anniversary, McGills! Arizona Ave./honorary members of Delaware Ave.

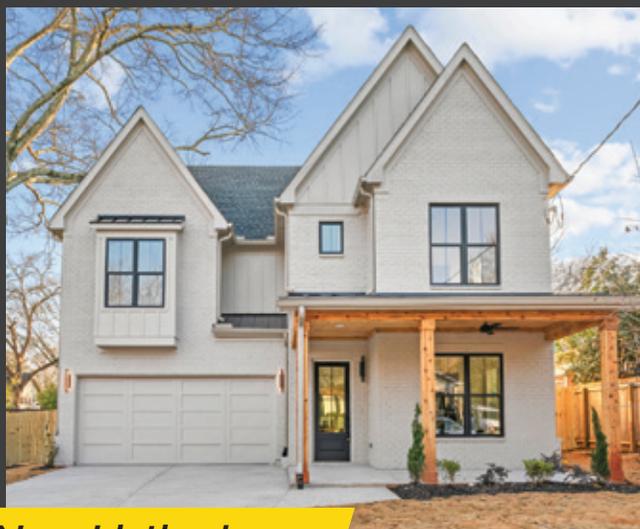
### MEMORIES

6 years this month since Janie Wright passed away in 2020; 7 years since Gay Arnieri passed away in 2019. They made a deep impact on this neighborhood and many people. Rest in Peace, Lake Claire misses you.

Take a minute, and send life cycle events for the **MAY** issue by **APRIL 15** to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org). We need **YOUR** help to make this series inclusive of the 'hood! Happy day, all!

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## Upcoming & Ongoing at the Land Trust

### MARCH

**Tue., Mar. 3: Full Moon concert with Eco-Folk Band Høly River.** Come celebrate the Full Worm Moon! See article Page 19 and updates on the Lake Claire website: [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events).

**Sat., Mar. 7: Veggie Garden Planning with Lauren Ladov** of Ladov Landscaping, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. This hands-on class covers what to grow, when to plant, garden layout, and best practices for healthy, productive plants. \$20 to \$30 sliding scale. Participants receive free seeds. Held at Lake Claire Cohousing, 265 Arizona Ave. Parking in the neighborhood. Accessible common room with bathroom and ramp access.

**Sat., Mar. 7: Land Trust Drum Circle**, 8–11 p.m. (and every month on the 1st Sat.), \$5 donation requested. No alcohol please. *Rain date: Mar. 21.*

**Sun., Mar. 8: Death Café** with Denise Johnson, 3–4:30 p.m. in the Gorilla Grill (and every month on the 2nd Sunday). All are welcome for a monthly informal conversation about death and dying, with tea, coffee and cake. Free! Donations welcome.

**Sun., Mar. 8: Storm Bugs Rejoice!** with Andrea Zoppo, 3–4 p.m. See article this page and check [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events) for details

**Sun., Mar. 8: LCCLT board meeting**, 5–6 p.m. (every month on the 2nd Sunday) in the Gorilla Grill. All are welcome to sit in and speak up. Come in person or contact us at [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org) for Zoom link.

**Mon., Mar. 9, 16, 23: Monday Nature Play Group**, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (and every Monday except the first Monday of the month). Join this informal gathering at no cost, or make a \$5 donation to LCCLT.

**Fri., Mar. 13: An Evening with Robin Greenfield: “Foraging 100% of My Food for a Year,”** 6–8:30 p.m. See article Page 19 and [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events) for more details visit [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events)

**Sat., Mar. 21: Community Work Day**, 1–4 p.m. (and every month on the 3rd Saturday). Bring drinking water and work gloves.

**Sat., Mar. 21: Tarot Class** with Chakura Kineard of Unfiltered Glitter, 2–3 p.m. Beginners, 3–4 Advanced, \$25/person (20% goes to LCCLT). Pay in advance via Venmo or CashApp; see [LCCLT.org/new-events](http://LCCLT.org/new-events). Sliding scale available to women of color & LBGTQIA+ community if needed; contact [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org).

**Sun., Mar. 22: Science for Georgia - Climate Survival Training Monthly Skillshare Meetup**, 3–5 p.m. Gathering to share skills and knowledge which are useful for community climate resilience and preparedness. Free! Donations welcome. See article Page 12.

**Wed., Mar. 25: NaanStop Pop-Up Indian Dinner.** Delivered to Lake Claire. The family-owned restaurant once more offers a pop-up Indian meal, with 10% of sales benefiting the Land Trust. The meal feeds four, including two entrees, fresh baked naan bread, handmade samosas, basmati rice and chutney. Vegan and meat entrees are available. Order form and more details on our website: [www.LCCLT.org/](http://www.LCCLT.org/)

## Pop-Up Dinner

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### APRIL

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

**Sat., Apr. 11: Peace & Love Spring Festival and FUNdraiser**, 2:30–11 p.m. It's finally here! Check out the music line-up and details on our website events page: [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events). Bring your dancing shoes!

**Sun., Apr. 5: Community Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck**, 9 a.m.–noon. Please bring stuffed plastic eggs to contribute (no real, dyed eggs please), a dish to share, and reusable plates/utensils. 9 a.m.: adults hide eggs; 10 a.m.: kids hunt eggs; community potluck to follow!

**Sun., Apr. 12: Death Café** with Denise Johnson. See Mar. 8 entry for details.

**Sun., Apr. 12: LCCLT board meeting**, 5–6 p.m. (every month on the 2nd Sunday) in the Gorilla Grill. All are welcome to sit in and speak up. Come in person or contact us at [info@LCCLT.org](mailto:info@LCCLT.org) for Zoom link.

**Mon., Apr. 13, 20, 27: Monday Nature Play Group**, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (and every Monday except the first Monday of the month). Join this informal gathering at no cost, or make a \$5 donation to LCCLT.

**Sat., Apr. 18: Community Work Day**, 9 a.m.–noon (and every month on the 3rd Saturday). Bring drinking water and work gloves. *Note the change to summer hours*

**Sat., Apr. 18: Spring Plant Sale**, 10 a.m.–noon. It's that time again! This twice-yearly sale benefits the Land Trust as well as beautifying your yard. Plants or trimmings needed. Drop off labeled potted plants or trimmings by the Peace Garden and spread the word.

**Sat., Apr. 18: Tarot Class** with Chakura Kineard of Unfiltered Glitter. See March 21 entry for details.

For details and updates, visit [www.LCCLT.org/new-events](http://www.LCCLT.org/new-events).

## Storm Bugs Rejoice! Learning through Play and Literacy!

Join author and PBS award-winning educator Andrea Zoppo, fondly known as Ms. Ladybug, for a fun-filled time learning about our pollinator friends and what happens to them and other crawlies during a storm! With her beautiful book *Storm Bugs*, Ms. Ladybug will guide you through the story with puppets, sound effects, and interactive play. Come find out what happens during a storm, you might be quite surprised!

Andrea Zoppo is an author, artist, children's entertainer, and gardener, with over 20 years of teaching experience. Her work and dedication as an educator earned her PBS's Early Learning Champion award in November 2018, one of just seventeen honorees in the United States that year.

Show time is Sunday, March 8, 3–4 p.m. at the Land Trust amphitheater, storm or shine!



## Happy 40th to the Lake Claire Community Land Trust

by Eric Dusenbury

In 1986, a group of Lake Claire neighbors were crazy enough to purchase 1.5 acres adjacent to DeKalb Avenue, with the intention of creating a greenspace for community use and enhancement. Over the past forty (!) years, a lot of love, energy, and volunteer hours have transformed what was once a patch of kudzu-covered clay into the unique oasis that is known as the Lake Claire Community Land Trust (LCCLT).

In addition to the transformation at the Land Trust, there has been transformation in the surrounding neighborhoods. Many of the original trustees have moved or are getting older. New neighbors have moved in and enjoy the Land Trust, but not as many people have the time to volunteer and to help maintain it.

The board of the LCCLT recognized this gap, and in recent years has paid people to assist with the maintenance of the Land Trust's buildings and grounds. If you think maintaining your own yard takes time, imagine the effort required to maintain almost two acres that receive a lot of visitors!

As the LCCLT celebrates forty years, we are looking to you to help sustain it for another forty. Our goal for 2026 is to add 100 new Land Trust Sustainers. Sustainers are people who make a monthly recurring donation to the Land Trust. We make it easy for you; you can become a sustainer by following instructions at the bottom of our website home page, [www.LCCLT.org](http://www.LCCLT.org).

In a show of appreciation for your support, we are providing all Sustainers with good karma for their entire sustaining period!

Additionally, the first thirty people who sustain at \$10 or more per month will receive a free LCCLT t-shirt. Sustainers also receive free entry into festivals such as Jerry Jam and the Peace and Love Springfest (coming up in April!). But most importantly, those who financially support or volunteer at the Land Trust will know they are making a difference in their community by

helping the LCCLT continue to thrive and offer an oasis of peace in today's hectic world.

The LCCLT board thinks it is important for you to know how donations are spent. All board members are volunteers. However, we do hire people to assist with maintenance of grounds and structures, keeping the grounds secure, bookkeeping, programming and publicity for classes, workshops, children's birthday parties, and other events. Also, we have the costs associated with the running of any organization. These include utilities, website, taxes, insurance, firewood, toilet paper, garbage bags, and office supplies. Although most organizations don't have firewood as an expense! :-)

Whether you enjoy the overlook, a stroll through the gardens, bringing your children to the playground, or attending any of the programming and classes we offer, we hope you will take the time to give us your support.

*Eric Dusenbury is a new board member and the Treasurer of the LCCLT. He joined the board to give back, after spending much time at the Land Trust with his family.*



## An Evening with Robin Greenfield:

Foraging 100% of my Food for a Year

For one year, Robin Greenfield is foraging every bite of his food and medicine. A year without grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, or even a garden. "Nature" is his garden!

Is it possible to eat in harmony with Earth and live in reciprocity? Robin wholeheartedly believes so, and he is putting this love and devotion for Earth into bold action as he harvests the food and medicine that is growing freely and abundantly all around us.

Robin is traveling to our community to share his foraging journey and celebrate the individuals and organizations in our community working for a more resilient, local food system. He will also share about the newly launched One Million Community Fruit Trees Initiative and invite us to get involved in this grassroots collaborative effort in food sovereignty.

While many of us are in great despair over our current social, political and environmental crises, this is a call to bold action. Now is the time to embrace community, build local resiliency, grow our relationships, and develop our



skills. This is a call to healing our relationship with Earth. Join us for an eye-opening exploration of food sovereignty through the food and medicine that is growing abundantly all around us. It will be hosted at Lake Claire Community Land Trust, Friday, March, 13, 6-8:30 p.m.

## Land Trust Note

Have skills in web design or content strategy? The Lake Claire Community Land Trust would appreciate your feedback on our website and ideas for mak-

ing it easier for visitors to engage and become sustaining members. Contact [info@lcclt.org](mailto:info@lcclt.org).

## Full Moon Concert with Eco-Folk Band Høly River

Come celebrate the Full Worm Moon! The music of Environmental Folk band Høly River carries the message of humanity's need for reconnection with the Earth. Mystically political and wholeheartedly grassroots, this DIY band finds themselves playing on large festival stages as well as backyard fire pits of intentional communities around the world. In addition to their music, Laney and Jameson are passionate advocates for environmental steward-

ship and community building. They are the founders of Fonticello Food Forest, a thriving urban food forest dedicated to nature connection, education, and community access to fresh and rescued food. Høly River is honored to visit the Lake Claire Community Land Trust to sing and share about the environmental work they have been doing in their home community of Richmond, Virginia. ([www.holyrivermusic.com](http://www.holyrivermusic.com), Instagram: [@holyrivermusic](https://www.instagram.com/holyrivermusic))



# LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion writers and artists to participate in our 'hood. The March/April (combo-issue) featured author is Naomi Busk. She is in 7th grade at David T. Howard Middle School, and her family lives on Ridge-

wood Rd. Below, Naomi writes about her day at the State Capitol serving as a Page for State Representative Saira Draper. What an amazing experience! We appreciate Naomi's neighborhood volunteerism too; she's volunteered to join the Clarion delivery team

when needed.

Any Lake Claire child or young adult who wants to add **your** creativity to this page, send to [editor@lake-claire.org](mailto:editor@lake-claire.org), by **APRIL 15** for the next (**MAY**) issue.



Naomi Busk with Representative Saira Draper and Speaker of the House Jon Burns

## Learning the Ropes at the Georgia Legislature

by Naomi Busk

I was a House Page at the Georgia General Assembly on the 10th Legislative Day of the Session (February 2). It was an awesome experience.

I got there at around 9 in the morning and stayed until early afternoon. I helped my representative, Saira Draper, throughout the day and did some simple tasks with the other Pages, like delivering messages and getting copies

of bills. I would highly recommend being a Page, if you are interested in how our government works or just in helping out your local representative.

I loved the day and would definitely do it next year. You are allowed to be a Page once a year from ages 12 to 18. You also get Chick-Fil-A for lunch and get to spend a day learning new things!

## Seeking Clarion Deliverers – Including Kids!

We can always use volunteer delivery folks, including kids, for placing Clarions on neighbors' porches. It is a great way to help the neighborhood. Delivery time is usually a few days before the beginning of the month. We also need

occasional back-ups for when regular volunteers can't deliver by the first week of the month. Please mail Miriam at [distribution@lakeclaire.org](mailto:distribution@lakeclaire.org) with questions or to volunteer.

## Contest Winner

Genevieve Garrett wins! She found the hidden graphic on page 11. Genevieve is seven years old, in the first grade at Mary Lin, and she lives on Clifton Avenue. Congrats, Genevieve!

**Important Editor Disclaimer to Parents:** If ever I miss a child who sent an entry, please let me know, I'll fix it in the NEXT issue. Also, please reach out if you need extra newspaper copies, for grandparents, to post on refrigerators, or otherwise to celebrate the winners' 30 seconds of fame, [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org). And, it's available online at [lake-claire.org/clarion/clarion-archives/](http://lake-claire.org/clarion/clarion-archives/).

**Kids:** See our new contest below, and make your guess: it's your chance to be **famous!**



Contest winner, Genevieve

## New Contest

Hello, kids! Many religions have special days in March and April, including Holi (Hindu), observed March 3, Easter on April 5, Passover starting the evening of April 1, the Baha'i holiday Naw-Ruz (their New Year), celebrated with joy and festivities, and Ramadan, which has already started and ends on March 19. There are many more! It's important to respect all people and their traditions. You might know more about Easter because of Easter egg hunts and bunnies, but we honor all of them. Somewhere in this newspaper is a graphic representing diversity. The winner/winners who find it will have their pictures in the next Clarion (May). To win, write [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org), identifying the page number, and

include your name, age, school, street, and grade, along with a photo. **(Your parents should send large picture files, 1mb+. Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you cannot win two months in a row.)** For extra credit, tell us anything you like in March or April or about religious or non-religious holidays your enjoy celebrating with your family.

The extra-credit prize is to be a featured writer/artist in a future Lake Claire Clarion with your original art, poetry, or writing. You have time to think about it: the deadline is not until April 15! **But hurry and look, because competition is always stiff for this HIGHLY coveted prize.**