Time to weave together CP's Neighborhood Watch network

By Russell Miller/Safety Officer

Candler Park residents were crystal clear about one thing last year as they offered public input on our neighborhood’s master plan: Improving public safety should be a high priority. As a result, the master plan includes a recommendation that CPNO “create a neighborhood watch program.”

With that mandate in mind, I’ve been working with the CPNO board over the last couple of months on a “reboot” of our existing neighborhood watch efforts. Now, it’s time to enlist the support of the many neighbors who want to improve our capacity to prevent crime, respond to emergencies and watch out for vulnerable neighbors.

The concept isn’t new to Candler Park. Earlier efforts to establish a neighborhood-wide watch — complete with block captains, communications trees, and improved coordination with the Atlanta Police Department — left us with pockets in the neighborhood that have maintained effective communication structures.

The Iverson Park area, Oakdale Road and some individual blocks have loosely formed systems for touching EDVHZKHQWKHSRZHULVRXWDWUDIÀFHUKHSHUHWLQJ

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By Ken Edelstein/CPNO President

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Thank you, Fox Bros. Bar-B-Q!

A big thank you to our friends at Fox
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Members Meeting. Mmm. Mmm. Mmm.
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food from our finest area restaurants, as
well as beer, wine, soft drinks and also childcare.
Are you interested in becoming a CPNO food
sponsor? Email membership@candlerpark.org
to find out more about this opportunity.
### 3 groups join for April 19 family events in park

#### Kids expected to run amok for chocolate — again

**By Kelly Jo Bluestone**

More than 2,000 eggs filled with yummy treats ensure that no child's tummy will be left behind during CP's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt begins at noon sharp near Park Pavilion Number 1 — just east of the parking lot. Past attendees know how hard it is to keep the little hunters behind the starting line, so arrive on time!

There will be three age categories: 0-3, 4-6, and 7 and up. Bring a basket or container to take home the treats. But please remember to have the children empty the eggs and return them so we can reuse them next year.

“What can I do to help?” you might ask. Well here’s a little secret: The bunnies don’t stuff the eggs with candy before they lay them. So how about joining us for an egg-stuffing party on Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m.? If you’d like to attend, please email the host, Kate Sandhaus, for her address and directions at kate@sandhaus.com. Kids are welcome. You could also help to prepare for the hunt by arriving up to two hours early to help hide the eggs. Please take advantage of these fun volunteer activities!

And plan to stick around for Field Day immediately following: it's a great way for kids to run off that sugar buzz!

#### APRL 19 PARK SCHEDULE

**CPNO's Easter Egg Hunt, ContactPoint's Play Day and Friends of Candler Park's Movie Night round out a family-friendly trio of events in the park on the Saturday before Earth Day.**

**NOON:** Easter Egg Hunt

**1:00–2:00:** Flag football, lacrosse, hockey, martial arts

**2:00–3:00:** Rugby, kickball, soccer, tennis, yoga, fitness with Playout

**3:00–4:00:** Golf, softball, roller derby, volleyball

**4:00–5:00:** Ultimate, soccer, basketball, dodgeball

**5:00:** “Earth Ball” and Captain Planet appearance

**6:00–8:00:** Special performances: dance, drumming, juggling, magic

**8:30–10:00:** Movie Night showing of Wall-E

### Whether it's Play Day or Earth Day or both, it's still a day in the park

**By Ken Edelstein/CPNO President**

Atlanta ContactPoint founder David Epstein has organized eight Play Days for children and adults over the last two-and-half years. The first of them was in Candler Park. All, he says, have been inherently Earth-friendly affairs. “We pride ourselves on providing a day with food from the Earth (fruit and veggy snacks) and our main drink is water,” Epstein wrote in an email. “This leads to an event with very little trash.”

In addition, he notes, the nonprofit’s mission is to “engage the community in wellness programs such as sports, fitness, nutrition education, and social/environmental responsibility.” When kids learn to rely on their own bodies for entertainment and exercise outside, they’re bound to use less motorized or electronic equipment, and they’re likely to appreciate the great outdoors. So when Friends of Candler Park approached last fall to enhance its Earth Day Movie Night with afternoon activities, Epstein thought it a good fit.

The Earth Day Play Day will feature ContactPoint’s usual sports and activities, including supervised drills and games overseen by established coaches. Both kids and adults are welcome to participate. The event starts at 1 pm — right after the CPNO Egg Hunt. It should flow seamlessly into Movie Night related activities, with a closing event that literally takes the Earth Day ball and runs with it.

“We will have a special Earth Ball activity with our HUGE rolling Earth and special appearances by Captain Planet,” Epstein says. You’ll find more information at atlcp.org.

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With the help of a CPNO survey that drew more than 120 responses, Friends of Candler Park has finalized a lineup of eight films to be shown this spring and summer at Candler Park Movie Night 2014. The kid-friendly lineup for the first time also includes movies, like Remember the Titans and My Big Fat Greek Wedding, that are targeted toward adult audiences. Related festivities start an hour before sunset, although some dates — including Wall-E on April 19 — will follow an entire afternoon of activities.

CPNO is again the presenting sponsor. Friends’ President Mark Clement decided to add an extra movie to the planned seven-night series, partly because of Friends’ success at luring additional sponsors.

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For Pot Fest’s Cornwell, show must go on 4-20

By Ken Edelstein/CPNO President

Marijuana legalization is making inroads across the U.S. Even Georgia lawmakers came close this year to allowing some patients to use pot. Still, these are trying times for Atlanta’s best-known cannabis activist. Twelve times over 26 years, CP resident and Coalition for the Abolition of Marijuana Prohibition founder Paul Cornwell has organized the Great Atlanta Pot Festival. He’s planning the 13th on April 20 in Candler Park.

The road to this year’s fest has been a saga. It started in October, when Sweetwater Brewing announced its 420 Fest would move to Centennial Park. It turns out that two promoters coveted that same mid-April weekend. “420” is a marijuana nickname, so Cornwell wanted to hold Pot Fest on April 19-20. “We will be security minded, respectful and courteous to the neighborhood,” he wrote in an email. Food and beer also will be available. At the same time, he’s careful to note that one thing can’t be had at the Pot Festival: Marijuana. “We will be security minded, respectful and courteous to the neighborhood,” he promises. “Let me say this, we come in peace to ‘celebrate the Earth and all living things’.”

Clement had a different annual date in mind. Clement often schedules a green-themed film around Earth Day to kick off his annual Movie Night series (see story, page 4). Earth Day falls on April 22, so he figured he’d include Saturday, April 19, in his permit application.

Two promoters coveted that same date. Cornwell and Clement nearly worked out a deal under which Movie Night would have skipped a May weekend for Pot Fest. But officials said city law wouldn’t allow that accomodation. They instead processed his permit as a one-day event, which is what he’s now planning. The “13th Great Atlanta Pot Festival” is, he says, “the Real 420.”

By Amy Stout/NPU Representative

There are more trees to hug in Candler Park, thanks to Trees Atlanta, CPNO and a fine group of volunteers. On March 22, we planted, mulched and watered 91 new trees in CP front yards and rights of way. For logistical reasons, the planting area was limited to areas east of Oakdale Road and north of McLendon Avenue. Around 125 volunteers signed in, a fifth of whom listed Candler Park as their home. I’m proud to say my own Terrace Avenue was well-represented, with members from at least six households lending a hand, including a new neighbor, Scott (who’ll be moving in this May and who came out with his 4-year-old and 8-year-old sons!).

On the same day, our friends across Clifton Road put another 64 trees in the ground in Lake Claire. Two days earlier, a group of corporate volunteers planted 47 trees inside Candler Park proper (thanks Sparks Grove!). After the planting, volunteers enjoyed pizza and fellowship. Thanks to CPNO for allocating $100 for the pies and for donating “vintage” T-shirts.

By Mark Clement

Volunteers sprout forth with the new season

Photo by Ken Edelstein

Marathoners notice loud, happy folks in CP

CPNO Vice President Lexa King scurried to organize a cheering section for the March 23 Publix Marathon. Most importantly, she bribed us with coffee and donuts. More than a dozen folks signed up, some with horns, clappers and crazy outfits. Considering the time of day, we were quite ... uh ... peppy.

The cheering section gives Candler Park a shot at $1,500 in marathon cheering prize money. Judging by many runners’ right-back-at-you cheers, we stand a pretty good chance.

Photo by Mark Clement

Mulch Madness creates massive park coverage

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Contrary to popular belief, the goal isn't to catch criminals; it's seeing something.

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Our second stage will be coordination, which is a major challenge for any neighborhood watch. Many people want to be involved, but how do we link our efforts all together? Once we've

Even if you're not ready to volunteer, you can support our drive toward a more effective network by looping yourself into our existing communication network — get the most current safety-related news, by going to Neighborhood Groups, searching for “candlerpark safety” and click “join group.” If you are ready to help in the reboot effort, however, please send your home address, phone number, and best email to safety@candlerpark.org.

A neighborhood watch is a collective network in which those allow neighbors to meet, communicate and recognize each other on a consistent basis. As the watch matures, the momentum of its mission will build each year. Don’t believe it? Look no further than to Avondale Estates, Virginia Highlands, Inman Park and East Atlanta.

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Compiled from Atlanta Police Department reports by David Bruce

Zone 6 crime report: Feb. 16 through March 13

robery: 2/24, evening. Suspect came into the store, said he was in security business and asked if they needed a camera system. He placed order, got order and left; returned, placed second order and began singing, at which point he pulled out a gun and told everyone to get down on floor by register. He made one victim give him $250 from register. He took 2 iPhone 5s and an iPhone 5S, and made them give him codes to unlock cellphones.

Then forced them into bathroom and closed door. Suspect was B/M wearing leather pants with gold zippers, long tan jacket and gray hoodie underneath. Looked like he was in early twenties, about 5'6" with no facial hair.

300 block Moreland Ave., aggravated assault: 3/1, morning. Bartender hit with empty beer can. No injuries. Arrestee: W/M 41YO.

1300 block Vernon St., arceny: 3/8, day. Victims said iPhone came up missing from their house. Suspect is a H/M day laborer from contracting company they hired for repairs.

200 block Oakdale Road, aggravated assault: 3/14 Fri Eve. Domestic. Suspect asked victim to give her some money. Victim said no. Suspect became angry and cut victim in back of head with what appeared to be knife. Suspect: W/F, heavy set, wearing all black with a Confederate tattoo on her chest. 200 Josephine St., arceny from auto: 3/11, day. Parked on street. Vent window busted out. $4 cash and Emory parking pass taken.

1300 block Euclid Ave, arceny from auto: 3/12, mornk g. Parking lot. Car doors unlocked. GPS, CDs and GA Tech ID taken. 1600 block DeKalb Ave, arceny: 3/13, evening. Commercial property. 2 purses containing credit cards, $180 cash and keys were taken. Purses were sitting next to back door, which is usually locked. No forced entry.

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Good For The Earth!
March 17 Members Meeting – draft minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Edelstein, President. Welcome and introduction of new members. Thank you to Fox Brothers for the refreshments.

Announcements
- Trees Atlanta tree planting March 23-8:00 a.m. Volunteers will meet at Candler Park Pool House. Volunteers get "vintage" CP-t-shirts and pizza. [Amy Stout]
- Ga. Marathon Charity section March 23rd 7:30-9:45 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the corner of Candler Park Drive and McLendon Avenue. [Lea King]
- Melvin Mitchell announced his candidacy for Dekalb County Sheriff.
- Dave Ayres announced opportunities for volunteers at the 420Festival 5K-Centennial Park. Volunteer will receive a free T-shirt, a beer, and free admission to the Festival.
- Mulch Madness is March 29th 9:00 a.m. Candler Park. Volunteers get “vintage” CP-t-shirts (Friends of Candler Park)
- Marcus Kennedy, SparkMarket, provides matching of projects/business with investors.
- Stanley Vergili has a housecleaning service matching independent cleaners with customers. [Vergili.co/earn]
- Suicide Prevention Day, March 20th, Capitol steps, 9:00-2:45 [Jennifer Wildes]
- Visitors: Lt. Floyd, APD Night Watch Commander, Zone 6, commented on low crime rate in our neighborhood except car break-ins
- Kyle Williams, candidate for State Senate Jason Carter’s seat, requested our support. Answered questions about his platform. [Kylewilliams2014.com]
- Motion to approve February minutes as presented passed.

Officer and Committee Reports (See attachment A) There was question about the FallFest revenue. Peter Bluestone, Treasurer, explained that the report was only a ‘snapshot’ of the revenue and some revenue had not been realized for the reporting period. Motion to accept the Written Officer and Committee reports passed.

Motions/Items requiring a vote
- BiRacial History Project-Eli Kelman requesting support for the restoration of the damaged historical markers. He has applied to “Love Your Block” program for funds to pay for restoration and re-installation of the markers. Motion endorsing Park Pride and providing a mandating letter of support from CPNO president, passed
- Candler Park Banners-Peter Bluestone, Treasurer, announced the cost of producing the banners $15/paper banner. Motion to allocate $1200 for the Candler Park Banners passed.
- Clifton Men’s Sanctuary Grant- Motion to grant $1,000 to the Clifton Men’s Sanctuary. Passed
- Motion to allocate up to $100 for pizzas for Tree Atlanta volunteers passed.
- Motion to allocate up to $100 for coffee, donuts, signs for the cheering section volunteers at the Ga. Marathon passed.
- Motion to allocate $499 for Easter Egg Hunt supplies passed.

Discussion Items
- Russell Miller, Public Safety Officer, presented Neighborhood Watch Reboot. The neighborhood has had many false starts at this project, but Russell supplies the need of a robust Watch program which would include the elderly. He wants to use the social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc) for real time reporting and communication with the APD and the neighborhood. Randy Rmsler, Master Plan Coordinating Committee Chair, announced the meeting schedule as the first Monday of every month, 7:00 PM, Epworth UMC. Motion to extend the meeting for 30 minutes passed.

Minutes, continued from previous page

Whereby, upon information and belief, Epworth UMC has expressed a lease with AT&T for the construction of a cell tower in its steptile without making its neighbors aware of its intentions to do so, and
Whereby, many residents of Candler Park and neighbors of Epworth UMC have expressed concerns over the impact that such a cell tower may have on the neighborhood, including, without limitation, impacts on health, aesthetics, land use, property value, and general well-being of the Candler Park neighborhood, and

Whereby, despite repeated requests to provide information regarding the details of the lease, neither Epworth UMC nor AT&T has provided sufficient particulars regarding such lease, and

Whereby, many members of Candler Park Neighborhood Organization believe the community and neighborhood should be given an opportunity to make their concerns in this regard heard, I move as follows:

1. That Special Meeting be called by Candler Park Neighborhood Organization representatives and neighbors to voice their concerns to Epworth UMC and AT&T (not to receive a talk or discussion on the same) on the day, date, and place designated above.
2. That the President of Candler Park Neighborhood Organization requesting in writing that representatives of both Epworth UMC and AT&T attend such meeting for the purpose of hearing the concerns of Candler Park residents and attendees, and that following such meeting, the issue of whether the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization supports or opposes the installation of such cell tower be put to a vote so that members may voice their support or opposition of the installation of a cell site at Epworth UMC.

April Stout announced that she plans to propose an amendment to the CPNO Bylaws eliminating the requirement to renew memberships annually. The proposed Bylaw amendment is that we strike all language from Article III Section 2 (a) and Section 4 regarding the requirement to renew membership annually.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Recording Secretary, March 17, 2014

Office and committee reports

These reports were submitted by CPNO officers, representatives and committee chairs, and adopted by the members at the March 17 Members Meeting.

Education Committee

Carol Gregory: The FPC board is preparing for strategic planning which will begin in April. This will be the board’s plan of action in the coming 3-5 years. The strategic plan is not the master plan for the park which will come later and be much more extensive. An outside consultant will lead the strategic planning with the board and the planning process with a offer neighborhood involvement at one point. The planning schedule should be available for publication in next month’s report. The conservation’s commitment to continued maintenance and oversight of Freedom Park takes resources so the board is once again requesting that each represented neighborhood make a yearly donation to its work. A motion to that effect will be made. See Reports, next page

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March NPU report

By Amy Stout
I attended the monthly meeting of NPU-N on Thursday, March 27th as the CPNO representative.

Special Use Permits: We unanimously supported a SUP for Druid Hills Baptist Church to operate an existing church at 1085 Ponce de Leon Avenue (which will be needed once the property is rezoned MRC-2) and unanimously supported a SUP for Montessori In Town Associates to operate a school in a converted apartment building at 678 Moreland Avenue (as this organization will be displaced from Druid Hills Baptist’s education building when it is demolished for redevelopment.)

Variances: We deferred consideration of a variance for 374 Clifton Rd for the sixth month in a row. No applicant was present, and the application still requires evaluation by the CPNO. This application should receive a vote at next month’s meeting though, along with two other Candler Park variances (519 Candler St and 535 Oakland Rd).

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I welcome your input on these and related issues. Please contact me at NPURep@candlerpark.org.
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