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It Takes A Village
By Zaid Duwayri, president@candlerpark.org

Fall is just around the corner and the pace of activities is picking up.

By the time you read this, we will be a couple of weeks away from Fall Fest (September 30 and October 1). The team has been working diligently to put together another successful event and all the early indicators point to this being one of our best events ever, if not THE BEST. Yard signs have been popping up all over the neighborhood and the surrounding areas, but we need you to keep spreading the word about one of Atlanta’s best neighborhood festivals.

When you consider that the effort that goes into preparing and executing Fall Fest is entirely volunteer-based, you realize the immensity of the work that the Fall Fest Committee is putting into this. I’m confident that they will pull this off successfully, but I’m also certain that they will need volunteer help from the rest of us. The sign-up list for volunteers has been distributed around through electronic channels and by email, so please find an available slot and sign up to help in making it happen.

Presidential Briefing

I continue to be focused on making sure that we build continuity in all of the activities that we undertake as an organization. Ensuring that none of our board or committee volunteers take on too heavy of a load is important to avoid burn-out, improving continuity and enhancing the overall success of the task at hand. Every single one of our board members has already established that they are more than willing to roll-up their sleeves and jump in to help in activities and tasks outside of their defined roles. It’s a team that is invested in the success of our organization.

Our organization’s work is important to our quality of life. Efforts that focus on keeping Candler Park a safe, fun, and hospitable neighborhood while cherishing and promoting its history and natural habitats continue to get larger and more impactful.

With that said, it is the time of year that our organization starts seeking candidates for the board for the upcoming year. The nominating committee has been formed and is currently looking for qualified volunteers to serve the organization in 2018 and will submit the nominations to the membership in the October membership meeting. Elections will be held during the November membership meeting. The committee can be reached by emailing nominations@candlerpark.org. Please consider reaching out to inquire about the roles and to volunteer.

All the best.

The mission of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is to promote the common good and general welfare in the neighborhood known as Candler Park in the city of Atlanta.

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MEETINGS

CPNO Members Meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive.

Committee meetings take place at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., unless otherwise announced (enter from the street level door and ring the bell if you’re late).

All are welcome. Only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by Membership Officer by the first day of the month of meeting.

Find specific meeting information on page 1 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at www.candlerpark.org.

MEMBERSHIP

CPNO membership is free to Candler Park residents, property owners and businesses. Membership must be renewed annually.

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Dated To Remember

SEPTEMBER

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CPNO Zoning Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church

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Eudamonium: The Good Life Festival, 3 pm – 7 pm, Candler Park

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CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church

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Candler Park Movie Night, featuring Star Wars: The Force Awakens

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CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church

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Candler Park Conservancy Meeting, 7 pm, Rush Center Annex

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GiveAFetch – Dog Festival, 10 am – 4 pm, Candler Park

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Candler Park Fall Fest Fall Fest 5K and Fun Run

In case of cancellations or changes, check CPNO’s online Events at candlerpark.org. For meetings at Epworth, knock on door at street level to get in. All CPNO meetings are open to the public.

Aimee Copeland Foundation Hosts Eudamonium: The Good Life Festival
Source: Aimee Copeland Foundation press release

The Aimee Copeland Foundation (ACF) will host its first event, Eudamonium: The Good Life Festival, on September 9, 2017, from 3 pm – 7 pm in Candler Park. Eudamonium, which appropriately translates to “human flourishing,” will raise awareness for people with disabilities and will feature a one-mile walk and roll, live music, food trucks, yard games, a presentation from founder Aimee Copeland, and information on local health and wellness resources available to the community. For more information, visit aimeecopelandfoundation.org.

Welcome New Members and Thank You Contributors

CPNO welcomes new members
Travis and Heidi Riney
The Cohen-Hogan household
Tim, Shana, Althea, and Rowan Wood
Shawn and Resa Wildermuth
Marisa Franco
Stephanie Andrews of Balance Design
Nan Roark

CPNO thanks members for their contributions:
Bill and Alica Ryan
John Fleming
…and others who wished to remain anonymous

Upcoming Events

OCT 9 – OCT 13
APS Fall Break

OCT 26
Atlanta Mayoral Candidate Forum, 7 – 9 pm, Inman Middle School

OCT 21
L5P Halloween Parade (4 – 6 pm) and Festival (12 – 10 pm)

NOV 3
Final home Grady football game and Senior Night

NOV 4
Grady 70th Anniversary Open House and Party at Park Tavern

NOV 20 – NOV 24
APS Thanksgiving Break

DEC 25 – JAN 5
APS Holiday Break

If you have a Candler Park event that you would like added to this list, email editor@candlerpark.org
Save the Dates for the 70th Anniversary Celebration of Grady High School

Please join us to Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Henry W. Grady High School

Friday, November 3, 2017: Final Home Football game and Senior Night
Saturday, November 4, 2017: Open House during the day and a Cocktail Reception at Park Tavern starting at 6pm

For more information, email gradyfoundation@gmail.com or visit www.gradyhsfoundation.org

Paideia Announces Slither 5K

By Anna Beck, Paideia School Alumni Relations Coordinator

Paideia Friends and Neighbors,

We are notifying surrounding residences of our annual Paideia Slither 5k on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 9:00AM – 10:30AM to promote health and fitness in our school and community.

Our 5k course will start/finish at the school and the course will follow along the streets south of the school. Affected streets will be temporarily blocked to allow runners to safely pass then quickly reopened to allow traffic. We will have 10 APD Officers to direct traffic around pedestrians. Cones will also be temporarily placed along the route to ensure runner safety.

We hope you will join us for a fun morning of running/walking through our beautiful neighborhood. Please feel free to sign up for the race at http://www.active.com/atlanta-ga/running/distance-running-races/paideia-slither-5k-2017.

Editor’s Note: Candler Park streets affected by this 5K are Oakdale Road to Miller, Miller to Candler Park Drive, Candler Park Drive to Benning Place, Benning Place to Oakdale Road and Oakdale Road to North Ave.

Atlanta Mayoral Candidates Forum To Be Held At Inman Middle School

By Lexa King, safety@candlerpark.org

The Alliance of Intown Neighborhoods is holding a Mayoral Forum at Inman Middle School on Thursday, October 26 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. This group consists of neighborhood leaders from several of our Intown neighborhoods. The group hosts monthly meeting which feature a local political speaker who presents and then accepts questions. The Forum will probably be the last before the actual election and will feature the top 5 candidates at that time according to polling by the AJC. Moderator has not yet been determined, but this promises to be a night of lively presentation which should help many uncertain voters make their final candidate selection. Questions will feature concerns pertinent to all of the Intown neighborhoods. Hope to see you there!
Editor's Note: The Principal of Mary Lin, Sharyn Briscoe, provided more details regarding a reported/alleged hate incident at Mary Lin in the August 24, 2017 edition of the Mary Lin Rocket Blast, a weekly email newsletter to parents and community subscribers. Below is an excerpt of her message that clarifies and provides more information that was not reported accurately in the AJC. The message also describes school efforts to promote kindness and acceptance.

MESSAGE FROM MS. BRISCOE

Greetings Mary Lin!

. . . I shared a Special Rocket Blast last Friday that we would be celebrating being a No Place for Hate school this week. The SEL lessons focused on kindness and acceptance, we signed a promise of kindness, and painted rocks for our Community Kindness Garden. Thank you to Ms. Huguelet for organizing these events and for serving as our liaison.

I also asked that all parents speak to their children regarding the protests that took place in Charlottesville, VA nearly two weeks ago. You may have read on a blog in the AJC that there was an incident at Mary Lin that involved a symbol of hate. Last week, a 5th grade teacher noticed a half-inch pencil drawing of a swastika on a flower pot in her classroom, while the students were at lunch. The teacher did not conclude that the drawing was meant to incite fear or send a message of hate towards her or any of the other students. It was not accompanied by words and she said that she couldn’t determine who drew it. She decided to address the class when they returned and talked with them about the symbol, what it meant, and why it is unacceptable to draw. They then turned a symbol of hate into love by drawing a heart over it and decorating the flower pot with more hearts. She sent a message to the parents in the class making them aware of the discussion and asked that they follow up at home.

It seems that the AJC picked up the story on the Face Book page of one of our parents and chose to call out Mary Lin by name alongside a picture of a neo-Nazi carrying a flag with a swastika on it, without consulting the school to hear the actual story. We were surprised to see our name associated with hate and hurt by the assumption that this could be anything other than the rare exception at our school. Please be assured that our students are taught daily to treat one another with kindness, not just during No Place for Hate week, and that our staff works with our students to reinforce acceptance and diversity at all turns. I believe that this was an isolated incident and do not expect that this is the norm.

Tomorrow at the Principal's Coffee, I will briefly address the parent community regarding this issue. In addition to the AJC article, we will review the 3 main Parent Leadership Groups (PTA, Mary Lin Education Foundation, and GO Team). I hope to see you there. . .

Mary Lin Is No Place For Hate

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Mary Lin Presents Its Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden

By Annsley Klehr, Mary Lin Outdoor Classroom Committee

Mary Lin’s former Habitat used to be the location for outdoor learning, but while the school and playground were being renovated, it quickly became the natural playscape for unending fun. Now that Mary Lin’s new playground is up and running, the upper section of the “Habitat” underwent major construction to become Mary Lin’s Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden. Site improvements included erosion control, underground drainage, ADA accessibility, a 500+ gallon rainwater cistern, and programmed fully automatic irrigation controls. Construction of the new parent-built tool shed is nearing completion.

New raised beds have been planted with vegetables, flowers and herbs, and the hill slope has been seeded with native grasses and wildflowers. It is listed on the national Monarch Butterfly Waystation registry. Other new features include wooden benches for class activities, all weather picnic tables, gardening tools, and colorful rain barrels for supplemental irrigation. The Mary Lin Weather Station and CoCoRaHS rain gauge were reinstalled so the students can continue to gather weather data.

The first ever Mary Lin Garden Club met last month after school. The students harvested and ate a bunch of tomatoes from the school garden. If you’re interested in joining, it’s FREE of charge. It meets the first Thursday of every month from 2:30 – 3:30 pm, so come on out and dig in the dirt!

The Mary Lin Elementary School Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden wants to thank Candler Park for its community involvement and commitment to our school! Our growing dreams are being realized right here in our newly finished Phase 1 of the Outdoor Classroom. Our children will get experiential learning through the great outdoors, integrating curriculum across the subjects right here in our own “backyard”.

And now the moment you’ve all been waiting for . . . The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony! We would like to cordially invite anyone who is interested in attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 3:00 pm in the Outdoor Classroom. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Annsley Klehr at anzoid@yahoo.com

All of this would not have been possible without the hard work and endless hours of our volunteers and generous in-kind donations. We want to thank the Mary Lin Outdoor Classroom Committee: Tamara Jones, Alison Turner, Julie Roseman, Annsley Klehr, Andy Woodworth, and Gregg Rice; Joan Piccalo – JP Design Studios; Ed Castro Landscapes; Sam Heys; Don Edwards, Bill Gordon with Georgia Landscape Supply; Linley Branham with Constellation Energy; Captain Planet Foundation; Tony Powers and Intown Ace Hardware; Lake Claire Neighborhood Association, Inman Park Neighborhood Association; Mary Lin Education Foundation, PTA and parents; Ben Shipp, Boy Scout Troop 101; Cub Scouts from Pack 586; Girl Scout Troop 14547; Principal Sharyn Briscoe for supporting us and helping us to make all of this possible!

For more information please visit the Mary Lin Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden in person and at: www.marylinoutdoors.com

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Fall Fest 2017 Features Food, Fun and A Ferris Wheel

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org
Contributors: Chris Fitzgerald, Gigi Miller, Lexa King

You don’t want to miss Atlanta’s favorite fall festival which is returning bigger and better with an expanded footprint onto Candler Park Drive and a 47 foot ferris wheel! Join your neighbors and the broader Atlanta community for a two-day celebration of music, art, food and the Candler Park neighborhood on September 30th and October 1st! In its 17th year, Candler Park Fall Fest is FREE and produced by your Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO). All proceeds from the festival go directly back to the CPNO to benefit the neighborhood.

Volunteers Needed!

Fall Fest is a huge production with an estimated 15,000 daily festival goers expected. The event’s success depends on volunteers. Consider volunteering and reap the good feeling of helping the neighborhood. Plus, you get a FREE t-shirt (and a free ticket to the Tour of Homes, if you volunteer to be a property docent.) Volunteering typically requires only a two-hour shift. Thanks in advance for your support and help!

To learn more and sign-up, visit the Sign-Up Genius at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45aca62e82-2017

Fall Fest Details
When: September 30th – 12 pm – 10 pm
October 1st – 10:30 am – 9 pm
5K & Fun Run Races
September 30th, 9 am – 12 pm
Tour of Homes
October 1st, 12 pm – 6 pm
Where: Candler Park and McLendon Ave NE

5K and Fun Run Races
Saturday, September 30th, 9 am – 12 pm
Run the twisting, turning, and hilly course through our neighborhood and along the Freedom Park Trail to earn your Fall Fest t-shirt and a free beer ticket (for those of age, of course.) Fun run participants receive a free youth t-shirt. Proceeds from the race benefit the CPNO and the Mary Lin PTA. Bib pickup and same-day registration opens at 7:30 AM. The 5K race starts at 9 am. The One-Mile Fun Run starts at 10 am. To register in advance, visit http://fallfest.candlerpark.org and scroll to the link for the 5K and fun run registration.

Tour of Homes
Sunday, October 1st, 12pm - 6pm
Our tour will delight attendees yet again with 8 fabulous properties that
blend the old and the new with a focus on kitchens that will dazzle you with their form and function. Some are bungalows, a few are 2 stories, one is Prairie Style, and one is a condo, illustrating compact living. There will be art work at several homes, cooking demonstrations and some special surprises. Volunteers are needed to serve as docents for each property. In return for helping to showcase the best neighborhood in Atlanta, each volunteer receives a t-shirt and a free ticket to the Tour. Buy advance tickets for the Candler Park Tour of Homes at http://fallfest.candlerpark.org.

**Ferris Wheel**

Saturday, September 30th, 12 pm – 8 pm  
Sunday, October 1st, 12 pm – 6 pm

Located on Candler Park Drive near Miller Avenue, the 47’ Ferris Wheel provides a fun ride and an amazing view of the neighborhood and the festival below. The cost is $5 per ride for adults and kids ages 3 – 11 (cash only). For children 2 and under it is FREE with an accompanying adult.

**Yoga in the Park**

Sunday, October 1st, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Get your Namaste on with a FREE yoga class from our friends at Tough Love Yoga. Stretch, refresh and energize amongst the beautiful natural surroundings of Candler Park.

**Kidlandia**

Our Kid Zone returns with lots of fun, FREE activities for the young ones: Circus Camp, Springfree Trampoline, Science Creations, The Reptile Guys, games/sports with Atlanta Contact Point as well as some that are well worth paying for including the Mary Lin sponsored bounce houses and Nerf Wars Tent. And don’t forget to come by the Atlanta United Football Club tent for some corn hole, Jenga and free swag, too!

**Music**

This year’s band line-up includes some of Atlanta’s favorite local bands on Saturday finishing up with a set of four amazing tribute bands including Tribute: A Celebration of the Allman Brothers, New Sensation: INXS Tribute, and Clashinista: The Clash tribute band. Enjoy more local favorites on Sunday and a fantastic “All Stars of the Blues” set including Beverly “Guitar” Watkins. To see the full schedule, visit http://fallfest.candlerpark.org.

**Food and Drink**

Choose from over 20 food trucks featuring a mouthwatering assortment of cuisines that will please even the pickiest palette such as The Pickle, Tex’s Tacos, Mix’d Up Burgers, Pallookaville, Meatballerz and many more. There will be several tents throughout the festival serving a variety of beers and non-alcoholic beverages to quench your thirst.

**Art**

Stroll amongst 200 curated artist booths showcasing the best of local fine art, crafts and handmade goods in the park, along McLendon Avenue and on Candler Park Drive. The Fall Fest artist market is your destination to find local, original gifts for friends, family and yourself!

For further details, visit http://fallfest.candlerpark.org
Why Is Candler Park “Significant” Anyway?
Learning History In Houses

By Emily Taff, Candler Park Resident

Historic significance has to do with the ability of a place today to tell us about the past. As Doug Young, Director of the Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) in the City of Atlanta Department of Planning, said a few weeks ago, many properties and districts in Atlanta are significant because they represent key pieces of Atlanta’s developmental history, they tell a story. Visually, they have changed little enough over time that “they are snapshots in time” of that period. Candler Park is one of those awesome places where its history, its story, can be read just walking down the street.

Most of us know that Candler Park began as the community of Edgewood which grew up along the railroad tracks in the 1870s. It was linked to both Atlanta and Decatur by the Georgia Railroad which stopped then at “Mayson’s Crossing” (where Candler Park Drive, nee Mayson Avenue, once crossed the railroad). This crossing was the center of town and the home of the Mayson family, who still owned a significant amount of land, was at the corner. Mr. Jack Mell had a grocery store and home on DeKalb, next to a blacksmith shop operated by Mr. Shellnutt and the home of the Haas family (recollections of Thomas Slappey). Judge Charles Whitefoord Smith, who served as Edgewood’s first mayor, lived on the northern periphery of the town, in the Smith-Benning Place on Oakdale, from 1886 to about 1891.

First the railroad and then streetcars were responsible for the development and expansion of Candler Park. Transportation access was of course critical for people of all walks of life in the city. By 1899, the year Edgewood was incorporated as a town, two streetcar lines linking Atlanta to Decatur passed through Edgewood and the new town was booming. Edgewood extended north and south of the railroad between Inman Park and Kirkwood.

In 1899 Edgewood had about 1300 residents, black and white, from a wide variety of occupations including businessmen, professionals, tradespersons, laborers and even those outlying farmers. This racial and economic diversity was a fact of life before expanded and widespread access to transportation made crosstown travel and thus larger segregated communities feasible. All that was about to change.

Edgewood lasted as an independent city for just under 10 years. By 1907, the lack of paved streets, sidewalks, sewers, water and gas lines were beginning to wear on residents and prevented the rapid large-scale development that they anticipated. Nearly bankrupt, Edgewood petitioned the City of Atlanta to be annexed in exchange for the much-needed amenities. By 1909, Edgewood, including all of today’s Candler Park, was part of the City of Atlanta. Electric lights, paved streets, sidewalks and other amenities from Atlanta gave developers the boost they needed.

The character of Edgewood changed rapidly after it was annexed into Atlanta in 1909. Realty companies and large property owners began to subdivide the area, selling off small lots for building homes. The lot sizes (typically about 50’ x 150’) and house sizes (about 1200 square feet with at least 2 bedrooms) reflected the target market and their needs: hopeful middle class couples and families who relied on the streetcars for transportation to their jobs in the city. As with many other streetcar suburbs in Atlanta during this time, ownership was restricted to whites despite the African-American community that continued to inhabit the very heart of the district.

The progress of this rapid development can be seen in the progression of the ever-popular bungalows, from wood-sided Craftsman homes, to brick bungalows (think Page Ave.), and then on to brick “English cottages” which were popular in the 1930s and are most common on later-developed streets east of Clifton.

Glimpses into our Edgewood past can still be seen despite the march of bungalows. The Victorian homes that once lined DeKalb Ave have long since disappeared but some of the oldest houses in Candler Park can be found around streets such as Candler Park Dive, Oakdale, Iverson, and Mell. Some of these homes are the elaborate homes of illustrious Edgewood citizens while others are plain gabled or pyramidal-roofed cottages, modest dwellings in this “delightful suburb” perfect for raising a family. Not such a far cry from today!
This rough land subdivision map from 1904 shows the general layout of the area called “Mayson’s Crossing.”

The 2017 Candler Park Oral History Project seeks to document how the neighborhood changed through the turbulent 1970s and 80s and how it has grown since then. Being an ‘oldtimer’ is welcome but not necessary!

If you think we should talk to you or someone you know please contact us!

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This ad enumerates the many desirable qualities that made Edgewood attractive. It appeared in the Atlanta Georgian in 1907. People were likely already anticipating being annexed into the City of Atlanta.
Lights Out Atlanta and Project Safe Flight
Atlanta Gear Up For Fall

Source: Atlanta Audubon Society press release

It may still feel like summer, but fall bird migration is just around the corner. With this in mind, Atlanta Audubon Society is gearing up for the fall monitoring through Project Safe Flight Atlanta and its companion program, Lights Out Atlanta, with the goal of monitoring and reducing bird deaths caused by building collisions. Each year, an estimated 350 million to 1 billion birds die in the United States after colliding with buildings. The problem is particularly bad during spring and fall migration. Fall bird migration begins in mid-August and runs through mid-November.

Atlanta Audubon Society has been studying collision-related bird deaths through its Project Safe Flight Atlanta Program for the past two years. Project Safe Flight volunteers patrol selected routes during peak bird migration periods collecting birds that have died or been injured after colliding with buildings. Since the program launch in fall 2015, more than 619 birds of 83 different species have been collected. Atlanta Audubon Society is actively recruiting volunteers to help patrol Project Safe Flight Atlanta routes. Training is provided. For more information or to volunteer, visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/project-safe-flight.

In an effort to reduce the number of bird-building collisions, Atlanta Audubon launched the Lights Out Atlanta Program in spring 2017. A voluntary program, Lights Out Atlanta encourages building owners and residential homeowners to turn off or reduce lighting from midnight to dawn during the peak bird migration periods. Participants pledge to reduce non-essential lighting during peak migration periods of March 15 to May 31 (spring) and August 15 to November 15 (fall). The pledge is available on the Atlanta Audubon website at www.AtlantaAudubon.org/lightsoutatlanta. Since Lights Out Atlanta launched in spring 2017, nearly 100 homeowners and 14 commercial properties have pledged to turn the lights out to help birds, including the City of Atlanta, Cox Enterprises, Highwoods Properties, Parmenter Realty Partners, and the SouthFace Energy Institute.

Atlanta Audubon is once again partnering with the Atlanta Better Building Challenge (ABBC) on Lights Out Atlanta outreach. This partnership is a natural fit since the ABBC Program’s goal is to reduce energy and water use in commercial buildings by 20 percent by 2020. ABBC already encourages participants to turn off any unnecessary nighttime lighting.

Modeled after other successful programs in Toronto, New York City, and Minneapolis, Lights Out Atlanta is working with building owners, property management companies, tenants, local governments, and homeowners to make Atlanta safe for passing birds. Studies have shown that bird deaths during peak migration periods can be dramatically reduced when exterior architectural and unnecessary lighting is turned off. Lights Out Atlanta has an additional benefit of reducing energy usage and cost to help properties achieve their sustainability goals.

For more information or to take the Lights Out Atlanta pledge, please visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/lights-out-atlanta.

Atlanta Audubon Society is committed to building places where birds and people thrive. We create bird-friendly communities through conservation, education, and advocacy.
What Are You Doing Saturday Night?

By Wendell Bohannon, Member of Ormewood Park Film Group

Have you more or less given up on the movies? Are you tired of wasting a Saturday night on a half hour of commercials and two hours of explosions at the multiplex?

Instead, how about watching a quality movie and then discussing it in a friendly atmosphere – with good food? Film buffs in southeast Atlanta have been doing just that once a month for the last eleven years in Life is Too Short to Watch Lousy Movies. The group is open to new participants on a space-available basis and will soon be signing up Regulars for its 2018 season.

Life is Too Short... screens classics as well as more modern films on the second Saturday of every month. So far this year they have watched radical Cary Grant battle conservative Ronald Coleman over the law and Jean Arthur in The Talk of the Town (1942), sympathized with hapless Griffin Dunne as he pursues beguiling Rosanna Arquette down the SoHo rabbit hole in Martin Scorsese’s dark comedy After Hours (1985), and discovered the origin of the Las Vegas standard “Mack the Knife” in Bertolt Brecht, Kurt Weill, and G.W. Pabst’s The Threepenny Opera (1931), among others.

Looking ahead, for Halloween they’ll screen a classic French thriller, and for the holidays they’ll show two films – one comedy, one drama – that explore ultimate values.

The group meets in a private home in Ormewood Park. While they average a dozen or so at each screening, they do expect to have a few openings for 2018. Regular participation with guaranteed seating and space-available participation are both available. There is no charge for the movies or the programs, which usually include coming attractions, a cartoon, and clips from other films or documentaries. The group is run by longtime neighborhood resident and film buff Steve Whiteman.

Because the evening is more than just a “movie night,” new people should have a look at the group’s website, ClassicFilmAppreciation.webs.com, which explains how things work and includes detailed program examples, photos from meetings, and testimonials. Then if they would like to be notified of future films they can sign up for the mailing list as a space-available Drop-In participant on the Contact Us page of the site. After attending a couple of screenings, signing up as a Regular gets a guaranteed seat and additional benefits. Steve can answer questions at ClassicFilmAppreciation@gmail.com.

As one of the Regulars has said, “There is no better way to spend a Saturday evening in Atlanta!”
Gorgeous Grasses: The Superheroes of the Late Summer Landscape

By Kacey Cloues, Owner of Garden*Hood, www.gardenhoodatlanta.com

Summer’s been busy and recently quite hot and dry, and your garden may be showing it. Want an easy, elegant solution to the August garden blahs? Try ornamental grasses, the unsung heroes of the late-summer landscape. Read on for tips on how to use them, why we love them, and how they can give new life to a summer-weary garden.

In order to keep the garden interesting and inviting in a climate with over nine months of active growing time, Georgia gardeners must use foliage and texture to hold the overall design together during periods in which visual interest is otherwise flagging.

Grasses have a special place in our hearts because they really kick into high gear when fairer-weather plants start losing their cool in the hottest, driest parts of the summer. Versatile and tough, boasting a wide range of color, texture, and bloom, grasses are adaptable to many growing conditions, spaces, and design styles.

They lend dynamic movement to static planting schemes and add visual bulk to meadow and perennial plantings. Plus, grasses are fast-growing and tend to be long-lasting, inhabiting a lot of space in the garden without draining your wallet.

Tips for gardening with grasses:

1) Select varieties that are appropriate for your site.

Grasses range from big and bodacious to petite and polite; from incredibly drought-tolerant to thirsty, wetland-dwellers. Many require full-sun and can take the summer heat and our heavy red clay with gusto, but there are a few that prefer it breezy and cool with loamy, fast-draining soil. There are even others that can thrive under the toughest of planting conditions: dry-shade. Pick varieties that suit your space, keeping in mind that the conditions may be vastly different from one side of your garden to the other.

2) Plant them while it’s still hot.

By the time you notice the plumes of your neighbor’s grasses dancing gracefully in the lengthening shadows of shortened fall days, it’s often too late to plant some of your own. Grasses perennialize more effectively when they have a good spell of warm weather to put down roots before the cold sets in. Plant them no later than early October, keep them well-watered the first few weeks in the ground, and they’ll be happily on their way.

3) Cut your grasses back in the late winter or early spring.

Resist the urge to cut all your grasses back as part of your late fall garden clean-up. Here in the south we tend to have very damp winters, and this can prove deadly for grasses that have been cut back in fall. Dormant grass stems are hollow, and when they’re cut, they’ll collect water. Grasses that are cut back in fall will collect water all winter, leading to potentially fatal crown rot. Leaving the stems of your grasses standing tall through winter protects their crown areas from over-saturation. Plus, it provides valuable habitat for wildlife.

When it comes to timing your annual grass cutting, let nature be your guide. When you see tiny shoots of bright green new growth emerging from the crown, it’s time to cut back the previous year’s growth. Another sign is if you start to notice birds plucking out pieces of dried grasses for their early spring nests. If you need to put an actual date on the calendar to remind yourself, aim for the last week in February.

Cut your grasses according to their mature heights. Grasses that grow 6’ or taller should be cut to 6”-8” above the soil level. Grasses that grow to be 3’-5’ tall may be cut to 4”-6”. Shorter grasses should be cut down to about 3”.

Some of the very best grasses for Atlanta gardens:

Sun-lovers:

_Panicum virgatum 'Northwind'_

A narrow, vertical version of our native switchgrass with steel blue foliage followed by wheat winter color. Tolerates a wide range of soils. You can see examples of ‘Northwind’ in the Old Fourth Ward Park.

_Panicum virgatum ‘Shenandoah’_

A form of our native switchgrass with rosy blooms and burgundy leaves topping a nice upright habit. One of the
showiest grasses for fall color. You'll find swaths of 'Shenandoah' along the Beltline path leading to the Old Fourth Ward Park.

**Schizachyrium scoparium 'Prairie Blues'**

Another fabulous native grass is little bluestem. Downy mounds adorned with hues of blues, pinks, creams, and minty green. Bluer hues give way to burgundy tones in autumn, when mounds are topped with fluffy seed-heads that glisten in late afternoon sun. You can see sweeps of little bluestem planted near the Old Fourth Ward Skate Park and along the paths leading from the Beltline to the Old Fourth Ward Park.

**Sporobolis heterolepis**

Prairie-dropseed is a delightful native grass that makes an excellent alternative to the non-native Mexican feather grass. It forms airy, mid-sized clumps of slender, arching foliage that is bright green during the growing season and a gorgeous rusty orange in fall. Slow-growing but handles drought, heat, occasional flooding, and root competition quite nicely.

**Miscanthus sinensis ‘Adagio’**

A tried-and-true mid-sized form of maiden grass, growing quickly to 3’-3.5’ tall and wide. Showy bronze panicles top its gracefully arching stems. Lovely planted en masse (like at the Wrecking Bar Brewpub in Little 5 Points) or used for textural contrast among conifers, yuccas, and herbaceous perennials.

**Shade-dwellers:**

**Carex divulsa**

European meadow sedge is a lovely bright green clumping grass for part sun/part shade conditions. Equally happy in dry or damp soil, it works well massed under mature trees in the woodland garden or sprigged in among perennials in the mixed border.

**Carex flacca ‘Blue Zinger’**

Native to areas around the Mediterranean, blue-green sedge grows best in part to full shade and slightly moist soil. Somewhat slow-growing, it will eventually form nice clumps of striking steel-blue foliage that is semi-evergreen here in Atlanta.

**Carex morrowii ‘Ice Dance’**

This variegated Japanese sedge is a vigorous, easy-to-grow evergreen groundcover for moist shady areas. Makes an excellent substitute for the ubiquitous liriope/monkey grass. Can grow in heavy shade and wet soil, and is good for controlling erosion on slopes.
The college application process and the college prep testing that goes along with it can be overwhelming for students and families. Tests such as the SAT and ACT are an important element of the application process, and therefore a source of anxiety. However, only about 30 percent of public schools have an advisor dedicated to college prep.

An outside organization offering test prep courses, such as Sylvan Learning, can make a significant difference in test preparation. More than 15,000 students benefit from Sylvan’s test prep programs each year with higher test scores, and even some perfect scores, according to the company.

“Students need someone to help them navigate through this very confusing process and Sylvan Learning’s prep programs are a valuable resource for that,” says Anathea Simpkins, Sylvan Learning’s Director of College Prep Products.

Since the debut of the revised SAT in March 2016, Simpkins says, she has noticed that more students have trouble with the math section in which calculators are not allowed. The “Words in Context” items in the reading and writing sections also pose a frequent challenge for students. Sylvan has adjusted its SAT and ACT prep programs to focus on these challenging areas and help give students the edge they need, Simpkins notes.

Tips for success on the new SAT include:

*Read more. The new SAT includes word problems in math, passages in writing, and text to be read before composing an essay. In addition, several items may be based on one passage, and failure to read effectively could impact several answers.

*Focus in class. Much of the SAT comes from sources used in the classroom. Many passages in the reading and math sections draw from the context of social studies and science, so it is important to pay attention in all subject areas, recognize connections, and apply familiar concepts to new ideas.

*Know your tough spots. An initial diagnostic test can show where a struggling student needs help, so these skills can be a top priority during test prep sessions.

Sylvan Learning takes on the challenges of college prep tests by identifying the skills needed to succeed in each section. Each chapter of a Sylvan program includes robust practice and a unique online component, SylvanPrep.com, which provides thousands of video-based lessons for additional practice and support that is especially useful in a student’s problem areas.

Visit sylvanlearning.com/prep for more details about Sylvan Learning’s college prep programs.
Go Green and Save Green with a High-Efficiency Water Heater

By News USA

As energy costs rise, the “green” movement and conservation efforts have become popular topics. Energy-saving recommendations appear daily in the media, and consumers are being offered subsidies or state and federal tax credits to encourage the purchase of more efficient appliances. However, many homeowners fail to consider their water heater when it comes to going “green.”

Although today’s water heaters are expected to operate for an average of 13 years, the U.S. Department of Energy recommends shopping for a new water heater if your current unit is more than seven years old. This allows an adequate amount of time for homeowners to research and select a water heater that best meets their needs instead of waiting until their heater breaks down and selecting the cheapest quick fix for cold showers.

Consumers are increasingly turning to high-efficiency water heaters when replacing older units or during remodeling and building projects. While these models may cost more initially, savings in water and energy usage continue throughout the lifetime of the appliance, offsetting the price difference. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that these units use 10 to 50 percent less energy, benefits to both your budget and the environment.

A recent study by the Gas Technology Institute simulated the residential performance of high-efficiency water heaters and conventional units. The Vertex from A. O. Smith, a hybrid, gas-condensing, residential unit incorporating tank-type and tankless technology, provided the best overall performance at average and high-volume hot water usage, which is the consumption of 64-gallons or more per day of hot water.

Endorsed by long-time environmental champion Ed Begley Jr. of the HGTV series “Living With Ed,” the Vertex provides sufficient quantities of hot water for shower after shower and operates at 90 percent thermal efficiency. Additionally, it is designed to meet the demands that modern lifestyles require.

“Using more efficient combustion to produce hot water at lower operating costs and 90 percent thermal efficiency, the Vertex is a good choice for customers who want to save energy without skimping on hot water,” said David Chisolm, A. O. Smith Water Heater brand manager.

For more information on the A. O. Smith Vertex model, visit hotwater.com/resources/energy-star-qualified-products/.
Freedom Park Conservancy - Carol Gregory

The FPC board had their regular monthly meeting on August 7. Here is what is going on with Freedom Park.

- Board members will be at the FP Farmer’s Market Community Table August 26th. We look forward to meeting with community members, answering questions about the park, and enjoying the festivities.
- Join the fun that day and join the hashtag contest on our Instagram concurrent with our Community Table appearance. We'll be giving away prizes, so stay tuned to our account (freedompark_atl) or come chat with us at the Farmer’s Market to get more information.
- FPC will see you at the Candler Park Fall Fest this year, and we will be debuting a new look with new informational materials and ~swag~. Come check us out!
- The FPC board is beginning the process of hiring an Executive Director. We’ve formed a hiring committee to align the job role to the Conservancy’s needs. Thanks to our fantastic Development committee, we have received a grant that allows us to fund this position.
- FPC is forming a team for the Park Pride “Plaid Palooza” in November, which will take place in Historic Fourth Ward Park. Please let us know via info@freedompark.org if you are interested in joining our team for this volunteer event.

Carol Gregory, FPC rep carolagreg@gmail.com

External Affairs Officer-Lindy Kerr

POLICE:

Overall crime was flat for the past 28 days, however auto crime (theft and larceny) were up to 46 from 24 this time last year.

The APD has been allocating additional resources to handling drug offenses and homelessness around L5P due to influx because of Pine Street Shelter closing.

On 8/31/17 Zocalo is donating 20% of their sales that day to the Atlanta Police Foundation.

PARKS DEPARTMENT:

The parcel of land next to Jackson Hill Church, to the west of the bike path, has been leased to the city so it will remain green space.

L5PCID:

Some initial improvements have begun – restrriping of Moreland, repaving and fixing curb cuts, establishment of a homelessness task cores (Reach out to Karen Tubor if you are interested in joining), community input on redesign of Findley Plaza.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

GiveAFetch will be hosted in Candler Park on 9/23/2017 from 10 am – 4 pm Saturday and Sunday as part of National Dog Week. Activities will include free vet check-ups, Camp BoWow, dog adoption, and food trucks.

ZONING:

V-17-166 591 Page Ave NE: PASSED. Applicant sought variance to reduce required half depth front yard from 17.5 to 3.2 feed for addition to single family home.

CPNO Membership Application

All who live in Candler Park, or own property or a business in Candler Park, are eligible to join. Mail this application or visit our website to join www.candlerpark.org register or renew. www.candlerpark.org/renew

Business applicants

Name of business: ____________________________
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Agent’s Email: ____________________________ Date: __________

Optional contributions

Membership in CPNO is free, but we welcome optional contributions. To contribute, please visit our website www.candlerpark.org/contribute or mail a check with this application. Typical contributions range from $10 to $100.

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August 21 CPNO Members Meeting – draft minutes

These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the September 18 CPNO Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Zaid Duwayri, President. Motion to adopt the agenda as projected passed. Thank you to Raging Burrito for tonight’s dinner.

Guest Speaker:
Lt. Gruen, Zone 6 night Commander, spoke to members regarding crime report.

Announcements:
• FallFest continues to have sponsorship money arrive-$45,000 to date. Tour of Homes has 8 properties. Volunteers are still needed.
• Membership Committee advised members that money for block parties is still available. Application for the $250 reimbursement must be made one month in advance.
• The Board has appointed the 2017 Nominating Committee as Jay Sandhaus, Roger Bakeman, Dolly Evans, and Seth Eisenberg.

Presentation:
Laurie Moody outlined the Little Five Arts Alive Program which runs April through October.

Discussion:
Bylaw Revision: Motion to revise Section 3, Qualifications, passed. It will now read as follows:

No person is eligible to be nominated, elected, or appointed as an Officer unless he or she is a Member of the neighborhood organization and has, according to records maintained by the neighborhood organization, attended at least two regular CPNO meetings or CPNO committee meetings within the previous twelve months.

Zoning:
The motion that “Candler Park Neighborhood supports V-17-163 for a variance to allow an 11ft. ½ depth front yard setback at 1280 McLendon Avenue with the conditions that the applicant appear before the NPU-N meeting and the project is constructed in accordance with the site plan and application filed with City” passed.

Treasurer’s Report:
Rohini Kukreja, Treasurer, explained the month’s income and expenses from the Profit and Loss Report. Copy of the report is available upon request.

Motion to adopt the July minutes passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by
Bonnie Palter, Secretary
August 21, 2017
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