Meetings and Events

CPNO Meeting July 21st 7:00PM
Social Period @ 6:30PM
CPNO general meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at First
Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr.; CPNO committee meetings are held at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon

All are welcome - Only registered members are eligible to vote on issues at the monthly meeting. Membership applications must be received by the first of the month.

July General Meeting Agenda:
• Welcoming Remarks, approval of agenda and June minutes
• Officer and Committee Reports
• Land Use Matters
• New Business
• Announcements and Open Forum

To submit agenda items, contact any CPNO officer. August agenda deadline is July 26th, 2008

Events Calendar

All items listed below are open to all

Wednesday July 2nd @ 7pm
CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Saturday July 5th @ 8:30 am
Friends of Candler Park – Park cleanup (meet at location TBA; refreshments provided; bring gloves)

Thursday, July 10th @ 7pm
Friends of Candler Park – TBD (contact JoJo Ross, 404.547.8542)

Monday, July 14th @ 7pm
CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Tuesday, July 15th @ 7pm
Fall Fest Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Monday, July 21st @ 7pm
CPNO Regular Meeting - First Existentialist Congregation

Wednesday, July 23rd @ 7pm
CPNO Historic District Committee - Epworth United Methodist, 2nd Floor

Thursday, July 24th @ 7pm
NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday, August 6th @ 7pm
CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

MidSummer Music Fest Wrap Up
By Mark Clement

On June 21st Candler park was the proud host of the Midsummer Music Fest presented by Smirnoff ice and 790 The Zone. For those of you that were not able to make it was a sports/music lovers paradise. The music featured Blues traveler, with special guest Drivin and Cryin with neighborhood favorites the Cazanovas. As hosts of the event our jobs were to provide a great neighborhood and park and great weather, and once again, we performed flawlessly. The event started out with the prerequisite 5K. We had over 250 in attendance. Very respectable for a first year race. Our official starter was Tom Stubbbs candidate for Dekalb County Superior Court judge. The 5k provided over $2,000 for park improvements.

The weather cooperated with the festival and the scattered showers broke for the music. Drivin and Cryin played one of the best sets I have ever heard them play. It was clear to me they were playing to a home crowd and that is exactly how they were received. And, if that was not enough, they had a special guest join them on stage--neighborhood guy Sean Mullen. He may be a big shot Grammy award winner but there was no rock star attitude here. There was no hiding the fact that Sean was having a blast joining his friends on stage for their grand finale. Next up was Blues Traveler. I had never seen them live before but they delivered all that I expected. They did all of their hits and surprised me by nailing a Cheap trick cover in their own style. Nice!

Just Another Saturday Afternoon in Candler Park
By Jeff Mitschele

As a new resident of Candler Park, I want to thank whoever is in charge of the show. On June 21st, I woke up and found that they had fenced off the pool and the parking lot, set up a big stage and sound system in the cul de sac, and erected a tent full of Hooters girls. Not having a ticket, I decided to drag my camping chair and cooler over to the #2 Tee box on the golf course and watch the action. (You know, watching bad golf and Hooters girls is better than no golf at all.)

The free entertainment value increased exponentially with the parade of tourists going to the concert and pretty soon, neighbors and other suspicious characters showed up with their own camping chairs and coolers. Some of the Candler Park Water Ballet Company arrived wearing their tiaras, some lady I don’t even know showed up with a wagon load of kids and to top it off, John Rick and Marty the Plumber stumbled over to join in the fracas.

Some of the golfers – especially those who aren’t from around here or those that take their game way too seriously – were a bit unnerved by our little gallery, but having been to a number of tournaments, I waited until the duffers got set, then held up both of my hands and called “Quiet please…”. A hush would fall over the crowd and if the shot was near the green, the gallery would respond with polite applause. But, if the shot was nowhere near the green, the pack erupted with wild applause, stomping feet and more than a few ear piercing whistles.

Most of the tourists wisely gave us a wide berth, but a few brave souls did wander over to ask who we were. One of our crowd explained that this was just an ordinary Saturday afternoon in Candler Park.

No one got hurt, and the beer stayed cold, so all in all, I had a pretty good time and can’t wait for the next show.
Weird People in Candler Park
By Donna Palmer

I’ll bet good money that the first thing you look at in The Messenger each month is the Crime Report in the back. Yep. Me too. As soon as our hardworking Public Safety Officer Regina Brandt sends me the list, I scan it for incidents near my house and those of my friends. The home invasion story a few months ago had me spooked, as did the confrontation experienced by everyone’s favorite Yacht Club Hippie. If you don’t recall, Hip was walking across the park at dusk one evening when suddenly a gang of hoodlums chased after him and threatened to beat the living daylights out of him. He escaped unharmed, but this kind of violence doesn’t belong in our beautiful hood.

During the monthly Candler Park Neighborhood Organization meetings, a liaison officer usually drops by to talk about safety issues and to emphasize the need for citizens to call in and report suspicious activity. Due to the budget woes at city hall, the Atlanta Police force is stretched about as far as it can go. They can’t be everywhere all the time and rely on us to keep an eye out for weird characters. Now before you start, I know that what passes for weird in many parts of the city, passes for an average citizen in Candler Park, and thank god for that. But, there’s weird and then there’s weird.

One morning last week, my dog the Amazing Grace and I were walking up the sidewalk down by the playground when a young man sitting in a burnt orange Honda Element with Gwinnett plates started talking to me about how mistreated he was. He was ranting about being kicked out of the military, about Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. I was frightened and left as quickly as I could, trying not to upset him further. As he drove up the hill, I went directly to the pool house and asked if they’d seen this guy. “Yeah” said one of the lifeguards. “He’s been driving up and down the road laughing. It’s kind of weird.” When I called 911, the operator also thought it was weird and sent a couple of squad cars over. As I stood on my front porch giving the police a description, the suspect drove by and the officers took off after him.

After many phone calls, including one with someone from the Secret Service, I don’t know if he has been arrested or if he’s still out there riding around and laughing, but I now carry a whistle and a can of mace when my dog walks me around the neighborhood. So it seems that weird people are out there watching us. Let’s just return the favor and watch for them. Remember, please be safe and don’t hesitate to call the cops if you see something or someone who is acting weird.

Laughter in the Park
by Deb Milbrath
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From the past lessons learned, we were well prepared for the traffic problems (that never seemed to materialize) and the post-park clean up. It all worked out great. As event chair, I feel it is my responsibility to facilitate events in our neighborhood—events that reflect our neighborhood’s interest and that give value to our community. For many reasons such as or demographics and location as you might expect, there is loads of interest in doing events in our neighborhood park. With pressure put on Piedmont park, Candler Park becomes a viable alternative. It is clear that we are not the size to host a large festival, but we can host smaller events like this one and the 420 fest as well as our own the Candler Park Fall Fest. I feel and the feedback I get is that we can do 3 mid size events per year. One spring (Sweetwater 420) one Summer (Midsummer Music Fest) and one fall (Candler Park Fall Fest). That should be plenty to provide us with great events that we can walk to while providing much needed revenue for our parks and neighborhood. By the way, 790 the Zone donated $5000 dollars to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization for improvements to our parks and neighborhood.

In closing, as the Event coordinator for the CPNO I cannot say enough good things about the people from 790 the Zone. They are all a great bunch to work with. And judging from all of the high fives and congratulation remarks I got during the festival from neighborhood people, if 790, the Zone decided to come back next summer, I think they would be welcomed. To see a video montage of the event please go to www.youtube.com/candlerparkfallfest and click on Midsummer music fest 08.
Candler Park Zoning Matters
By James Johnson

The Candler Park Zoning Committee did not meet during June. However, members of the Zoning Committee, interested neighbors from Euclid Avenue, and David Green of Lord Aeck and Sargent met on 14 June to review the conditions for the 1240 Euclid rezoning. The final conditions that were agreed upon are as follows:

1. The subject property shall be zoned MR-3-C and shall be developed according to the standards established for that district and substantially in compliance with the conceptual site plan entitled “Architectural Site Plan, 1240 Euclid Avenue, Rezoning Application, Atlanta, Georgia” prepared by Lord, Aeck & Sargent Architecture, dated April 2, 2008, and marked received by the City of Atlanta, Bureau of Planning June 20, 2008.

2. Any major changes to the site plan, as determined by the Bureau of Planning utilizing the provisions of Section 16-02.003(7) of the 1982 City of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, shall require resubmittal to NPU-N and the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization for review and recommendation.

3. The applicant shall submit to the NPU-N zoning contact person and to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization a copy of the required Special Administrative Permit (SAP) Application at the time of its submittal to the City.

4. No more than 23 residences shall be developed on this site. The maximum FAR shall be .696 based on the gross lot area as permitted by the applicable district regulations.

5. The existing church structure shall be retained and converted into no more than 10 residences. Minor horizontal expansion, as defined in Condition 2 above, is permitted within the established FAR limit for this property.

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6. The new construction shall consist of no more than 13 residences and such new construction shall not exceed 35 feet in height.

7. A maximum of 46 parking spaces shall be constructed on site (including unit garages).

8. No non-residential uses shall be permitted on this site (this condition is not intended to preclude approved home occupations as defined by Section 16-29.001(17) of the 1982 City of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance).

9. Applicant shall seek approval of the City of Atlanta to permit on-street parallel parking on Euclid Avenue immediately in front of this development. The location of the parking shall be as indicated on the conceptual site plan entitled “Architectural Site Plan, 1240 Euclid Avenue, Rezoning Application, Atlanta, Georgia” prepared by Lord, Aeck & Sargent Architecture, dated April 2, 2008, and marked received by the City of Atlanta, Bureau of Planning June 20, 2008. In no event shall the total number of on-street parking spaces exceed 6 (six).

10. The development shall not be gated.

11. The existing steps at the front of the existing church structure shall remain and be incorporated into the project.

12. New plantings shall consist of native and sustainable species to the greatest extent possible subject to the final approval of the City of Atlanta Arborist.

13. The property shall be developed in accordance with the City of Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance and substantially in compliance with the tree save plan entitled “Tree Save Plan, 1240 Euclid Avenue, Rezoning Application, Atlanta, Georgia” prepared by Lord, Aeck & Sargent Architecture, dated May 14, 2008, and marked received by the City of Atlanta, Bureau of Planning June 20, 2008.

14. The property shall be developed substantially in compliance with the elevation drawings entitled “Building Elevations, 1240 Euclid Avenue, Rezoning Application, Atlanta, Georgia” prepared by Lord, Aeck & Sargent Architecture, dated June 16, 2008, and marked received by the City of Atlanta, Bureau of Planning June 20, 2008.

The conditions were approved at the CPNO regular meeting 15 June and at the NPU-N meeting 26 June. If you would like to have a copy of the final documentation on the rezoning, please email me.

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100 Year Old Water Pipes Give Citizens a Head Ache
From a couple of Press Releases cobbled together by Donna Palmer

Despite efforts by many citizens to curtail water usage due to the record breaking drought, it appears that the city council has approved a rate increase that, if phased in over the next 4 years, could more than double what you pay for water today. But, it could have been worse. You could have been forced to pay a drought surcharge.

About 10 years ago, the city was forced by law suits to fix the 100 year old sewer system and it appears now its time to pay up.

Atlanta’s Commissioner of Watershed Management, Rob Hunter says he is grateful for the support of Mayor Shirley Franklin and some on the City Council for the four-year rate package. Hunter says “This will enable our department to continue it’s nearly $4 billion overhaul of the City’s water and sewer infrastructure and make progress toward its goal of being a Best-in-Class water/sewer utility.”

“This was not an easy decision on the Council’s part,” says Hunter. “We understand and appreciate that, and we offer our sincere thanks to council members who voted to ensure continued funding for a program that is providing tremendous benefits to our customers and our downstream neighbors.”

Despite voting to ok the plan, city council member Anne Fauver (District 6) says she didn’t support the proposed drought surcharge. “I was a leader opposing the surcharge. It simply made no sense to charge us for conserving and to continue to do so.” says Fauver. “We have requested an audit on water sewer operations. If this finds significant savings we will reset the rates.”

According to Hunter’s office, the rate package, approved by a 13-0 vote, will result in increases of 27.5 percent, 12.5 percent, 12.5 percent and 12 percent over the next four years. The ordinance included an amendment making the increases in years two, three and four subject to the completion of an audit of the Department, which is due March 31, 2009.

The ordinance also includes a provision for recovery of the $4.50 fee that the City incurs when customers use their credit cards to pay their water/sewer bills.
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This has been quite a process. A quick review of meeting minutes shows that this has been an agenda item at the zoning committee for 12 months. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to the rezoning review.

First of all, I want to thank the neighbors on Euclid Avenue and surrounding streets for remaining committed to the process and sharing their opinions on the project. Over forty neighbors were on the email list and many contributed their thoughts and concerns throughout the entire process.

Next I would like to thank the property owners and David Green for working constructively with the neighborhood to arrive at a plan and conditions that satisfies all (or nearly all) of the parties involved. I truly appreciate the time invested.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the zoning committee. Thanks for your input and hanging on through the process and meetings where I didn’t or couldn’t control the discussion.

The July Candler Park Zoning Committee meeting will be held Wednesday 2 July 2008 at the Epworth United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm. Currently there are no variance items on the agenda. We will be reviewing the alcoholic beverage license for The Porter 1156 Euclid Avenue in Little Five Points. The zoning committee meets regularly the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are open to the public and neighbors are encouraged to attend to voice their opinion regarding zoning issues.

Are You a Friend of Iverson Park?
By Eric Dusenbury

If so, we would like you to join a new group that is seeking to help maintain and make improvements to the park. As a nearby neighbor to Iverson Park I have heard many suggestions for improving it. It is time to get organized and implement some of these ideas. Once we have received input from interested parties we will work with Park Pride and the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization to develop, review and then implement a maintenance and improvement plan.

In addition to developing a plan for the park, we will look to organize some work days where we can clean up Iverson Park and make some small improvements. An organizational meeting will be held in the park on Tuesday July 22 at 6:30. Please contact me at 404-522-7130 or dusenbur@bellsouth.net if you are interested in getting involved.
Movies, Patios and More
By Jo Jo Ross

This past month the Home Depot Foundation came to Candler Park for a work day. Volunteers cleared the drainage area of invasive species as well as spent some time at the pool entrance. At the pool, they laid pavers to create a little patio that will bring more attention to the entrance to the pool.

The future plan calls for a small brick wall enclosing 3 sides of the patio to further designate the entrance and create a space for community events. Thank you Home Depot Foundation for starting this effort! If your office is looking for a team building event keep your favorite park in mind for a work day.

Upcoming Candler Park Events:

♥ Monthly work days on the first Saturday of the month continue this summer: meet us inside the park at 8:30 AM.

♥ Our business meetings are on the second Thursday of the month, 7pm at 270 Elmira Place.

♥ Pack a picnic and watch a movie in Candler Park! The Friends of Candler Park will have a movie night in Candler Park on Saturday, August 2nd. The movie will begin as it gets dark and will be a family friendly film. We will be accepting donations for the park at the event.

Remember to check friendsofcandlerpark.blogspot.com for the most recent Friends of Candler Park news and to vote for a movie!
Curb Your Enthusiasm
By the Food Freak

Where can you get real soul food next to a little place that serves bona fide Italian food? How about Japanese tempura alongside a stand that sells freshly roasted coffee? And, how about charging around 5 or 6 bucks for lunch? Okay, then can you also make it about 2 to 3 miles from the neighborhood? Ooo, and while I’m there, can I pick up a few fresh veggies or baked goods for dinner? Done. Go to the Sweet Auburn Curb Market.

My baboo and I like to try to do our part to serve the greater good by taste testing each and every recipe I put out there. This means we have to burn these extra calories year round and the MLK swimming pool is one of our favorite places to workout. Anyway, we were looking for a quick lunch place one day and voila! The Universe sent us by the Sweet Auburn Curb Market—where you can enjoy free parking for an hour, fast lunch counters that make choosing the most difficult part of the meal, and plenty of fresh produce and exotic meats to buy on the way out.

Last week, I got a hankering for an old-fashioned summer veggie meal. So, I called my sister’s mother-in-law Miss Gwen to get the particulars on how to fry up a mess of okra, then headed down to the Curb Market at 209 Edgewood and picked up a bag of fresh field peas, some newly picked okra pods (Miss G says be sure to pick small, soft pods that you can mash with your finger nail), a bit of smoked pork neck for flavoring, a bag of corn meal and a cantaloupe. Here’s how you fix it:

Preheat the oven to 400°.

Saute a little chopped onion with a splash of vegetable oil in a large sauce pan over medium heat until the onion is translucent, about 3 to 5 minutes. Rinse the peas and transfer to the sauce pan along with the smoked pork neck. Cover with water and allow to simmer, skimming off the funky brown stuff as often as it forms. (If you have some chicken stock, use it instead of water for a richer broth.)

Next, mix up the corn meal according to the package directions...this usually involves an egg, some milk and shortening. I like to melt the shortening in my trusty cast iron skillet, before stirring it into the batter. Then when you pour the batter into the hot skillet, you’ll get a nice crust.

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Now rinse the okra pods and chop off the two ends. Slice the pods into ¼ inch rounds and toss them into a small bowl with a little corn meal. Sprinkle in about a tablespoon of corn starch for extra crunch and set this aside until the corn bread has finished baking.

Once the corn bread is golden brown, invert it onto a serving platter and top with hunks of butter.

Wipe out the skillet and add about 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil. Heat oil over medium flame until shimmering, and then dump in the prepared okra. Lower the flame and sauté until golden brown, about 15 to 20 minutes. Be sure to shake the pan or stir gently if they look like they’re sticking. You want crispy, crunchy bites of okra, not a clumpy mess.

While the okra is frying, slice the cantaloupe, scoop out the seeds, peel off the rind and cut the melon into bite sized chunks. A pinch or two of freshly chopped herbs from your garden (rosemary, basil, or thyme) will add a nice bit of color and a burst of flavor.

Check the seasoning on your peas and okra adding salt and pepper to taste, and then ring the dinner bell. Enjoy y’all! Oh, and go to www.sweetauburncurbmarket.com for details on the curb market. You can correspond with me via foodfreak@visionforge.org.
2008 CPNO Recording Secretary Appointment
By Walt Weimar

Those who attended the November 2007 CPNO general meeting at which elections were held may recall that no candidate was nominated for the position of 2008 Recording Secretary. Under our bylaws--and out of the graciousness of his heart--Randy Pimsler has continued to serve in his former position, pending the opportunity for CPNO’s board to appoint another volunteer to fill the unexpired term of this important neighborhood office.

Happily, at June’s CPNO general meeting, members were introduced to our newest volunteer to serve as Recording Secretary, Maureen Wilce, who will begin in her official duties with the next CPNO board meeting on July 14th. Maureen is a long-time resident of the neighborhood, and is currently working with Randy to transition into the role of recording the minutes of our CPNO general meetings, which allows other officers who report or make presentations to focus on the business conducted at the meetings. The minutes prepared by the Recording Secretary are always offered for consideration, possible amendment and formal approval by all general members in attendance at the subsequent month’s general CPNO meeting, and are also published in each month’s Messenger.

Please join us in welcoming Maureen as our newest CPNO officer, and in extending our sincere thanks to Randy for his largely unrecognized efforts in so capably documenting and memorializing our meetings and organizational activities, as required under the bylaws, but also essential to serving and communicating with our members. Anyone wishing to contact Maureen or any CPNO officer should refer to the contact information provided on Page 2 of The Messenger.

CPNO Budget Committee Holds Initial Meeting
By Walt Weimar

An initial meeting of the CPNO Budget Committee was held at Epworth United Methodist Church at 7pm on Wednesday June 11th, chaired by CPNO Treasurer Alonzo Church and attended by members Greg Luetscher, Silvia Edelstein, Destiny Ronay, Mike Brandt, JoJo Ross, John Perantoni and Walt Weimar, with additional participation anticipated from members Jason Key and CPNO Special Events Officer Mark Clement.

After introductions and review of the key ideas behind formation of the committee, members learned generally about how CPNO finances are managed, and levels of 2009 anticipated revenue and expenses were considered. Suggestions on ways to gather input from the Candler Park community on spending priorities and support levels were heard, and a proposed neighborhood survey is now being developed for circulation. Ways to leverage and improve organizational communications, including newsletter and website investments, as well as how to accurately account for CPNO merchandise and equipment were also discussed.

For the committee’s next meeting (tentatively set for 7pm on Wednesday, July 9th at Epworth, details of CPNO’s anticipated cash flow will be presented by Alonzo Church and former CPNO treasurer Mike Brandt. In addition, current bylaws and possible changes needed for incoming CPNO board members to efficiently implement and consistently manage the 2009 budgetary process will be reviewed by Greg Luetscher and Walt Weimar, for consideration and possible approval by CPNO’s members next year.

Anyone with suggestions or recommendations regarding CPNO’s finances or the committee’s budget development efforts is encouraged to contact a committee member or CPNO Treasurer Alonzo Church.
**Talking Trash**  
A press release from the office of Joe Basista  
Commissioner, Department of Public Works

Effective Monday, July 7, 2008, the City of Atlanta’s Office of Solid Waste Services will move the previously outsourced collection of recyclables into the Solid Waste Services operation. This measure will save the City $3 million dollars per year and improve service reliability.

The proposed FY09 budget anticipated reducing the frequency of collection of yard trimmings and recycling to every other week. Per our commitment to the Council during the budget briefings, we have continued to explore opportunities for increased efficiency within our solid waste collection crews, and have successfully re-organized our routes and crews to continue providing weekly collection of garbage, yard trimmings and recycling.

We are also expanding the recycling program to include collection of cardboard. This new service will allow for cardboard to be picked up as part of the recycling collections, as long as it is broken down and dry. Citizens may continue using their existing recycle container(s) or their own larger container with a lid if clearly labeled “**Recycling**”.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact the Department of Public Works’ Customer Service Division at 404.330.6333.

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**Atlanta Tightens the Beltline**  
From a Press Release

Once every three months, the BeltLine Team hosts a city-wide meeting to provide an overview and update of Beltline activities. Our next briefing is from 6 to 8 PM on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at Atlanta Public Schools Auditorium located at 130 Trinity Avenue.

Meeting Topics Include:

- BeltLine Partnership Update
- Affordable Housing Update
- Environmental Impact Study Update
- Master Planning Update

We very much appreciate your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Rukiya Eaddy at readdy@atlbeltline.org. For more information about the BeltLine, please visit www.beltline.org
Reduce > Reuse > Recycle

By Jason Key

There’s a reason you hear these three tenets -- in this order -- whenever people talk about recycling programs. Recycling your waste should be the LAST thing you do – only instead of throwing something in the trash. Recycling still requires about 70% (more for plastic, less for aluminum) of the energy that it takes to produce the original product, so it’s by no means the answer. We must first do all we can to Reduce and Reuse. Here are the basics:

REDUCE:

- Stop buying bottled water and buy a water filter. You can get a $30 Brita to a $300 under sink system. Plastic is the most energy intensive product to recycle.
- Buy larger containers of food and utilize Tupperware or Gladware. My wife loves yogurt for lunch, so we buy the big tub and then she spoons out a portion into a small reusable container to take to work with her.
- Turn your a/c or heat off when you leave the house, or (if you have pets) at least turn it down. Get a programmable thermostat ($25) so it will automatically turn off when you leave for work.
- After washing your hands in the restroom, just take one paper towel to dry them instead of 2 or 3.

REUSE:

- If you have to drink water from a 16oz bottle, then buy a bunch and reuse them over and over, filling them with your own filtered water. You can wash them in the dishwasher between uses. You can also buy any number of different reusable water bottles at REI or Target
- Plastic - “Solo” cups and plates. These are dishwasher safe and can usually be reused 3-4 times before they crack or split.
- Water - Keep a bucket or pitcher in your shower and fill it up as you wait for the water to get hot – now you have water for your pets and plants.
- Paper – even though my office recycles paper, I bring home my old print-outs and reuse the other side of the sheet for unimportant printing at home like directions or recipes. I then recycle the paper once both sides are used.

RECYCLE: In Candler Park we are fortunate enough to have curbside pickup of Recycling. Recycling is picked up the same day as your garbage. If you don’t have a bin, call the City Recycling Hotline (404.792.1212) and request one. If you do have a bin, you can recycle: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, telephone books, envelopes, cereal and shoe boxes, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and tin cans, and plastics.

- Junk Mail: A special note here, as it accounts for most of the mail we get every day. Keep a paper grocery bag right next to your trashcan and throw all your junk mail in there, then take it down with your bin every week for recycling. We fill a paper bag with junk mail every other week!
- Computers and Electrical Equipment: These items contain a ton of toxic substances, so be sure to recycle them. Best Buy, Office Depot and Staples all have recycling for electronics.
- Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs – believe it or not, these bulbs contain mercury and are VERY toxic when they break or crack, so if they go in the landfill, then it’s more mercury in our water supply. (Note that most mercury in the US is produced by coal burning power plants, so by saving energy these bulbs actually reduce overall mercury levels) Home Depot and IKEA both have drop-offs to recycle your old bulbs.
Way More Fun Than Your High School Prom
By Donna Palmer

Due to overwhelming public demand, a committee has been formed to organize a neighborhood kickoff party to this year’s Candler Park Fall Fest! Yes, you heard right! A prom for old fogies. This means you get to dress up in fancy garb, wear a corsage or boutonniere, shake your groove thang and best of all, unlike your high school days, you can drink legally.

The committee is working feverishly to come up with a theme, hire a band and nail down the millions of details required to put on a show such as we imagine. So far, we’ve decided on a date (Friday, October 10th) and a place (the E-Church on Candler Park Drive) and we’ve spoken to a guy who knows someone who has a band that plays some very danceable tunes. In addition, we’ve decided to limit the guest list to adults and of course, no farm animals will be allowed.

What we need is a name for our fete. Suggestions include: “Old Folks Boogie”, “Prom-A-Rama” and “The Seniors Prom”. As you can tell from the feeble ideas so far, a contest is definitely in order. If you have a name suggestion, please send me an email (palmerx2@speakeasy.net) and be sure to type “Name that Party” in the subject line. Winning entry gets 2 free tickets to the event.

If you’d like to join the committee, send an email and I’ll let you know the next time we get together for a planning session.
True Love and Home Grown Tomatoes  
By Ted Pettus  Another Grateful Gardener

There’re only two things that money can’t buy,  
That’s true love And home grown tomatoes  
-Guy Clarke

Your BLT may be on fresh bread, with homemade mayo, and the finest apple-wood smoked bacon, but unless you know the vine that bore the ‘termater’, you’ve got a BL_t.

Memory of my first BLT encounter is in grandma’s backyard sitting at the red wooden table with a covey of little picnic stained cousins. Every grubby little one of us was spilling out Tomato juice and mayonnaise from between the toasted bread slices; cascading from one ruffle chip to the next, dripping puddles of BLT nectar on soggy salty paper plates. I will never grow the magnitude of garden that my uncle had in grandma’s backyard, but I know the hard truth; if I am going to recreate BLT nectar puddles, I need to grow my own, be tight friends with a green-thumb neighbor, or find the best outlet for locally grown goodies. I play it safe and do all three.

This year my household signed up for CSA (community sustained agriculture; ttp://www.localharvest.org/csa/). In doing so, we paid a bit up front in exchange for a weekly delivery of the items that are pickin’ ready the day before. Farmer Neil Taylor delivers the goods to a local porch where several customers pick up on Tuesday evenings. Every week we receive an email itemizing our delivery, and best of all, there is a linked webpage with pictures, descriptions and recipes for specific items he grows. I assume my enthusiasm shows, so I will try to point out the pros & cons.

Pros:
1. Farm vegetables this fresh are in a different league, not comparable to what one finds in the store.
2. The weekly delivery inspires us to eat vegetables that would never be seen in my shopping cart
3. I am surprised that I enjoy cooking and eating vegetables my mother thought I would never eat. I cooked and ate beets for God’s sake!
4. I don’t eat out as much and the dog appreciates us hanging around.
5. I spend more time at Candler market, Dr. Bombay’s and Sevenanda picking up the spices, ice cream and beer that go well with the organic hippie veggie recipes.

Cons:
1. In some cases the greens are not as pretty as they are in the store. One has to accept some bug holes in some of the greens.
2. I think it costs more, but you will have to ask my wife about that.
3. It can be like ordering chef’s choice, one has to accept the vegetables provided, not choose them from the grocery counter (see #3 above).

Tomato harvest is ‘bout here y’all. By December, memories of the July swelter will be bathed in the cooling recollections of that BLT nectar. Happy eating!
Getting Organized At Home is Easier Than You Think
By GiGi Miller

People today have more space, more stuff, and less time than ever before. But with the luxury of “more” can also come more clutter and more disorganization, making the need for professional organizers greater than ever before. So it’s not surprising that according to the industry authority, the National Association of Professional Organizers® (NAPO®), the professional organizing industry is booming. In the last four years the professional organizing industry has doubled in size. Here in Atlanta, local NAPO® member GiGi Miller is available to help combat the overwhelming feeling homeowners can face when they know something needs to be done, but just aren’t sure where to start.

“It’s proven that organized people save time and money and experience lower levels of stress”, says GiGi Miller, local professional organizer and NAPO® member. “Expert coaching from a professional organizer who will give you parameters on what to keep, what to toss and tips for managing your time and space may be exactly what you need. A professional organizer can help you enjoy the overall benefits that being organized has on your life.”

Many people could use the help of a professional organizer, and they don’t even know it — because organization is a learned behavior many people were never taught. NAPO® members strive to help improve their clients’ quality of life by transferring organizing skills that last. Rather than stepping in to clean out someone’s pantry or garage for them, professional organizers teach organizing skills, helping clients find what they need when they need it.

Organization 101 tips for homeowners Just as a personal trainer creates custom workout plans for each client, so does a professional organizer. NAPO® members realize what works for one person might not work for another. They strive to help people become “organized enough” at whatever level with which they are most comfortable. Miller shares the following tips:

• Get rid of things that don't work! Don't hang onto items thinking you're going to get them fixed if it's never going to happen.
• Take children with you when you go to donate unused items. This helps them learn to part with things.
• Make the garage work for you. Determine how you wish to use the space.
• Sort, purge, and then decide the proper storage containers or fixtures for the treasures that you must keep. Clearly label both the tops and the sides of the containers.
• Consider floor-to-ceiling possibilities for shelving, racks, stackable drawers, hooks, and pegboards.
• Go through your closet today. Pull out everything you haven't worn in the last year. Hang like items together.
• In the kitchen, things that work together should be stored together. Feel the flow of activity in your kitchen. Place glasses near the sink or the refrigerator. Put snacks in a convenient drawer or cupboard.

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SweetWater Hosts Fundraiser for Clean Water in Africa
From a Press Release

ClearWater Initiative, a local non-profit group, will host a fundraiser Saturday, July 12, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in order to raise much-needed funds to help provide clean, clear, potable water to villagers in remote areas of northern Uganda. The event – which is to be held at the SweetWater brewery in Atlanta – will feature a group of refugee drummers from Burundi, handmade crafts by members of Refugee Family Services and the Refugee Women's Network of Atlanta, a live DJ and a silent auction.

While deployed in the secluded villages of northern Uganda during 2007, US Army Reserves Captain Ben Sklaver immediately saw an urgent need for action. There villages were devastated by more than 20 years of insurgency and conflict. Water was scarce, as rebel forces often destroyed local wells. Once his tour ended and he returned home to Atlanta, Sklaver founded the nonprofit ClearWater Initiative to help bring drinkable water to those families.

Almost immediately ClearWater has been able to do so. For example, the villagers of Ogedi in northern Uganda once had little choice but to drink slow moving and stagnant water from a marsh, often contaminated with animal waste. Local residents used this marsh for personal drinking water, cooking and washing. It was also the main watering hole for livestock.

Today, thanks to the ClearWater Initiative, the villagers are now able to fill large jugs with clean, drinkable water. Children who previously spent their days hiking to remote wells to fetch water now have time to attend school and their risk of contracting malaria while collecting water from a stagnant pool has been dramatically reduced. Parents can now work to support their families.

This is just one example of the work ClearWater has done. Since March 2008, the group has launched projects in five villages affecting approximately 3,800 people. Join ClearWater Initiative on Saturday, July 12, 2008, as they work to raise $25,000 in a single night to provide clean water to more than 2,000 people in conflict-affected areas of northern Uganda.

Admission is $30 in advance and $40 at the door. The event will feature delicious SweetWater Beer, as well as homemade food and crafts available for sale by the Atlanta Refugee Women's Network.

There will also be a silent auction featuring signed original items by celebrities such as Mike Myers, Kathy Griffith, and Larry King. Sports tickets, fantastic gift certificates for area restaurants, area attractions and other services will also be auctioned.

If you would like more information about this event and the ClearWater initiative or to schedule an interview with Ben Sklaver, please contact Jake Herrle at (404) 925-7007 or jake@clearwaterinitiative.org. Visit www.ClearWaterInitiative.org for more information.
The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, June 16, 2008 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Church, with president Amy Stout in the chair. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Approximately twenty-five people were present at the start of the meeting.

The proposed agenda was adopted along with the minutes from last month.

No representatives were present from council person Anne Fauvre’s office at this meeting.

No representatives were present from the Atlanta Police Department.

A treasurer’s report was not provided by Alonzo Church at this meeting.

Committee Reports

Amy Stout reported on the NPU N Bylaws, which are to be adopted each year. No amendments from last year have been brought forward. A clipboard circulated and a vote was taken with regards to the bylaws. Bryan Sells presented a position in opposition to the current bylaw voting procedures, which does not provide for one person – one vote. Mr. Sells was not necessarily advocating that votes be limited to attendees at the NPU N meetings, but rather that the votes be proportionally represented by each member organization in the NPU. Walt Weimar also indicated that voting at the NPU meetings continues to not often represent the voting at the neighborhood level with the impacted neighborhood being overridden by other neighborhoods, not necessarily as informed as the impacted neighborhood might prefer.


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The vote yielded nine votes against and six votes in support of the NPU N Bylaws.

Amy Stout indicated that Randy Pimsler continued to serve as the CPNO secretary to this date. Maureen Wilce has agreed to serve as the secretary henceforth.

Tom Painter indicated that the next Infill Development Committee meeting would be Wednesday, June 25th at seven pm at Epworth Methodist Church.

Alonzo Church indicated that the Budget Committee met recently to review expenditures, priorities for spending and means and methods to bring items to the committee on behalf of the neighborhood.

Mark Clement reported on the Special Events Committee. The Sweetwater 420 Festival Road Race generated just over eleven thousand dollars. Operation Bootcamp was a main sponsor. Two thousand plus dollars were generated from the ticket sales from the festival. This coming weekend, on June 21st the 790 Zone Festival will provide for five thousand dollars of income from the festival. Parking has been a problem in past festivals and no parking emergency signs will be posted in heavily impacted streets.

Fallfest promises to be bigger and better. The next meeting for this committee will be held June 17th at the Epworth Methodist Church.

James Johnson introduced the 1240 Euclid Terrace development. A series of conditions along with elevations were presented at the meeting. The concerned neighbors met on Saturday, June 14th to review materials and the elevations for the project. If the plan and/or the elevations are amended the project will be brought back to the neighborhood for review, comment and/or approval. The fifteenth condition requires the developer to enter into an agreement with the neighborhood, related to all of the conditions agreed upon, should the Zoning Review Board not accept any of the conditions. On street parking was reviewed to address the concerns of the adjacent neighbors. The separate agreements (both the ZRB and the neighborhood – developer agreement) shall remain with the land in question.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to support the conditions and for the rezoning of the property at 1240 Euclid Terrace.

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Next month James Johnson expects that a variance application will be heard for a variance on Candler Park Drive and a presentation on a liquor license on Euclid Avenue. The next Zoning Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 2nd at the Epworth Methodist Church.

New Business / Announcements / Open Forum

A question regarding block parties was raised and information was presented related to contacting the city for permission, paying fees and the like.

Randy Pimsler presented information related to the capital campaign fund raising, which is taking place at the Little Five Points Community Center. Fund raising is underway related to building improvements and contributions are welcome. An article will follow with information in the Messenger with the hope that Candler Park Neighborhood Organization might consider a long-term commitment to the fund raising efforts.

Lexa King announced a bake sale for moveon.org at 1273 Euclid Avenue at noon on Saturday, June 21st.

Eric Dusenbury announced the pending formation of a Friends of Iverson Park in the near future. In addition, Mr. Dusenbury encouraged the neighborhood to communicate with Atlanta Gas Light, regarding the conditions of the sidewalks in the neighborhood, following the installation of underground piping. Mr. Dusenbury agreed to follow up on this item.

Doug Bonds the owner of San Francisco Coffee announced that the local store at Dekalb Avenue and Clifton Avenue would be opening this week. Samples of baked goods were presented along with a brief history of SFC.

Tom Stubbs was present and is running for judge of the Dekalb County Superior Court in November of 2008.

A brief discussion related to the bulb outs took place to no clear resolution as of this writing. The neighborhood association has previously approved funding for work to be undertaken at the bulb outs. No funds have been requested as of this time.

Walt Weimar reported on the property at the northeast corner of North Avenue and Moreland Avenue, including the strip of land, which is controlled by the Freedom Park Conservancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.
1300 Block Iverson St—Larceny from Auto. 5/18-5/19. 13 hour time frame. Reporting person stated someone smashed the rear passenger side window on his parents’ vehicle and went through the glove box.

400 Block Callan Cir—Larceny from Auto. 5/19. Mon Day. Victim stated someone smashed his vehicle’s passenger side window and removed property. Victim also stated he saw the suspects in the area before parking his vehicle, one of them appeared to be drunk.

1300 Block Iverson St—Larceny from Auto. 5/19. Mon Morn. Officers responded to a suspicious person call and were advised the suspect was in the area looking into vehicles. They located the suspect who was carrying a black bag with a screwdriver in it. The suspect stated he does jobs in the area and needs the screwdriver. The caller arrived and stated that he had seen the suspect on his front porch. During the investigation the officers discovered that the front passenger side window on the victim’s vehicle was smashed. The victim stated nothing had been taken, but the window was smashed during the same time that the suspect was in the area.

300 Block Mathews Ave—Residential Burglary. 5/19. Mon Day. Victim stated someone kicked in his front door, entered his home, and removed property.

800 Block Lullwater Rd—Larceny from Auto. 5/20-5/21. Wed Morn. Victim stated someone entered her unsecured vehicle and removed property. She also stated that someone has used two of the stolen credit cards.

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400 Block Moreland Ave (Brew House)—Aggravated Assault. 5/21. Wed Eve. Victim stated he was watching a soccer game with some friends. His team won so he raised a trophy over his head in celebration. The suspect (whose team just lost) grabbed the victim’s trophy and struck him on the head. Suspect fled in unknown direction.

Josephine @ McLendon Ave—Larceny from Auto. 5/21-5/22. Wed Morn. Victim stated someone smashed her vehicle’s front window and removed property. The victim drove the vehicle home before reporting the theft.

300 Nelms Ave—Auto Theft. 5/23. Fri Morn. Victim stated someone stole his vehicle after he parked it on the street. The vehicle is paid for and the victim did not let anyone borrow it.

1800 Block Gordon—Residential Burglary. 5/23-6/3. 1 ½ week time frame. Victim stated his storage room is located in the basement of his apartment complex. Someone entered it through the front door and removed property. There were no signs of forced entry.

500 Block Page Ave—Larceny. 5/24. Sat Eve. Victim stated someone stole tools from his porch

300 Block Nelms Ave—Residential Burglary. 5/24-5/25. Sun Morn. Someone entered the victim’s home through an unsecured window and removed property.

1400 Block Fairview Rd—Residential Burglary. 5/25-5/26. Sun/Mon. 1 day time frame. Victim stated she received a call from her bank alerting her to a misuse of her credit card. She went to her purse and found property missing. All the windows and doors were secure but a key is left under the door mat for the back door. The key was still there but the fake security cameras the victim has on the back of the house had been turned away. There were no signs of forced entry.

1600 Block McLendon Ave—Auto Theft. 5/26. Mon Morn. Victim stated she locked her keys in the vehicle and was walking home when the suspect drove past her in it. She stated the suspect brought the vehicle back the next day and dropped her keys off with the manager of the restaurant where she works. The suspect told the manager he went for a joyride in the vehicle. Victim stated property was missing from the vehicle.

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1300 Block Euclid Ave—Residential Burglary.
5/27. Tue Morn. Victim stated she was notified by her bank that someone was using her credit card. The victim checked and found several cards missing from her purse. The victim’s husband also had cards missing from his wallet. The victim believes someone entered the home through a rear door which may have been left unsecured, and took the items. The victim has 3 large dogs which were upstairs during the night.

500 Block Goldsboro Rd—Larceny from Auto.
5/28. Wed Morn. While on patrol officers noticed the suspects in the victim’s vehicle. When the suspects saw the officers’ vehicle they fled on foot. The officers were able to locate the suspects and take them in to custody. The officers were not able to contact the victim and its unknown if anything was taken from the vehicle. Not listed if force was used.

400 Block Sutherland Pl—Larceny. 5/28. Wed Day. Victim stated someone stole her outgoing mail which contained a $900 check to Piedmont Management. Someone counterfeited checks and used them to pay the suspects, and shop online at Wal-Mart.

1400 Block North Ave—Residential Burglary.
5/28. Wed Eve. Victim stated he came home to find his dog barking and property missing form his room. There were no signs of forced entry.

1300 Block Benning Pl—Larceny from Auto.
Victim states someone smashed her vehicles passenger side window and removed property.

400 Block Euclid Ter—Auto Theft. 5/29 Thurs. 18 Hour time frame. Victim stated someone stole her vehicle after she parked it on the street. There was no broken glass found where the vehicle had been parked.

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1300 Block DeKalb Ave—Larceny from Auto. 5/30-5/31. Sat. 16 hour time frame. Victim stated someone removed his vehicle’s radio.

600 Block Hardendorf Ave—Larceny from Auto. 5/30-6/6. 1 week time frame. Victim states someone removed the decal from her vehicles license plate.

1100 Euclid Ave NE—Larceny from Auto. 5/31. Sat Eve. Victim stated someone stole his vehicle’s license plate.

800 Lullwater Pkwy—Residential Burglary. 5/31. Sat Morn. Victim stated he was sleeping on his couch when he heard the alarm for the door go off. He looked and saw a male figure in the door way. The subject left the house after he heard the dog bark. The victim thought it was his son and did not report the incident for 45 mins. The door had been left unlocked and property was taken.

800 Block Lullwater Pkwy—Residential Burglary. 5/31. Sat Morn. Victim stated someone entered his home through an unsecured rear door and removed property. The victim noticed the theft after he was advised about his neighbor’s house being broken into.

400 Block Moreland Ave (Sevananda Parking Lot)—Larceny from Auto. 6/3. Tue Eve. Officer stated someone entered his vehicle and removed property. The vehicle may have been left unlocked. The business does have security cameras, but they don’t cover the parking lot where the vehicle had been parked. Taken: Back pack, wallet and contents, Flat police badge, Police Photo ID cards.

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400 Block Moreland Ave—Larceny from Auto. 6/4. Wed Day. Victim stated someone smashed his vehicle’s rear passenger side window and removed property.

1600 Block McLendon Ave—Larcency from Auto. 6/4. Wed Eve. Victim noticed property missing after the suspects left the store. The store does not have security cameras.

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1200 Block McLendon Ave—Larceny from Auto. 6/7. Sat Morn. Victim stated someone smashed her vehicle’s front passenger side window and removed property.

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