

# The Messenger

December 2009

News for Candler Park

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## Meetings and Events

### **CPNO general meeting December 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm (social period @ 6:30 pm)**

CPNO general meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive; committee meetings are held at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. (or as shown)

**All are welcome** - only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by first of month of meeting.

#### **December General Meeting Agenda:**

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and November 2009 minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
  - ◆ Vote on \$2000 grant to Epworth Church for Smart Landscapes Project
- Land Use Matters
  - ◆ Vote on application for change of agent for Flying Biscuit alcohol license
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit January agenda items to any CPNO officer by December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

#### **Events Calendar (open to all)**

**Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm**  
CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

**Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**  
Friends of Candler Park – Vol Workday

**Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

**Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
NPU-N - L5P Community Center

**Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm**  
CPNO General Meeting - First Existentialist Congregation

**Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm**  
CPNO Historic District Committee - Epworth United Methodist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

## **2010 CPNO Call to Action - It's Your Candler Park**

By Doug Wetzel

In 2009, the CPNO board provided amazing leadership and service. I want to take a moment and thank the previous team for their countless contributions to our neighborhood. The 09 board's successes include:

- Strict budgeting
- Planning and executing successful events
- Generating revenue from neighborhood events and the Messenger
- Risk control
- Economizing

The new board has inherited a rock-solid foundation to build on; thank you.

As we look to 2010, there is a real opportunity to have an impact on our community and to continue to build a neighborhood organization that energizes and supports the unique and amazing place that is Candler Park.

As the new 2010 CPNO Board President, my agenda for next year includes:

- Expanding CPNO membership and volunteer involvement
- Planning and implementing neighborhood safety and security solutions
- Leading a team-oriented atmosphere for the board and CPNO members
- Keeping CPNO meetings within scheduled time limits
- Continuing to build on the 2009 board's legacy

I am interested in understanding the best ways that the CPNO can effectively make an impact on people's lives in our local community. In order to do that, we must hear from you. If you are reading the Messenger right now and have never come to any meetings, we need your help. Come to a meeting. Meet the board. Tell us what part you'd like to play in the solution. Tell us your ideas – and we can work together to improve Candler Park.

Your voice, your help, and your ideas are a necessary part of truly creating a thriving neighborhood organization. Our full 2010 agenda will be determined by what we hear from you and by the people willing to serve and lead.

This is a call to action for 2010. Join the CPNO, let your voice be heard, bring us your ideas, and be a part of the solution. I hope to look back a year from today and think, "Wow, what a difference a year made." Thanks for your support, and I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together.

## The Messenger

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## Hard Candy Christmas

By the Food Freak

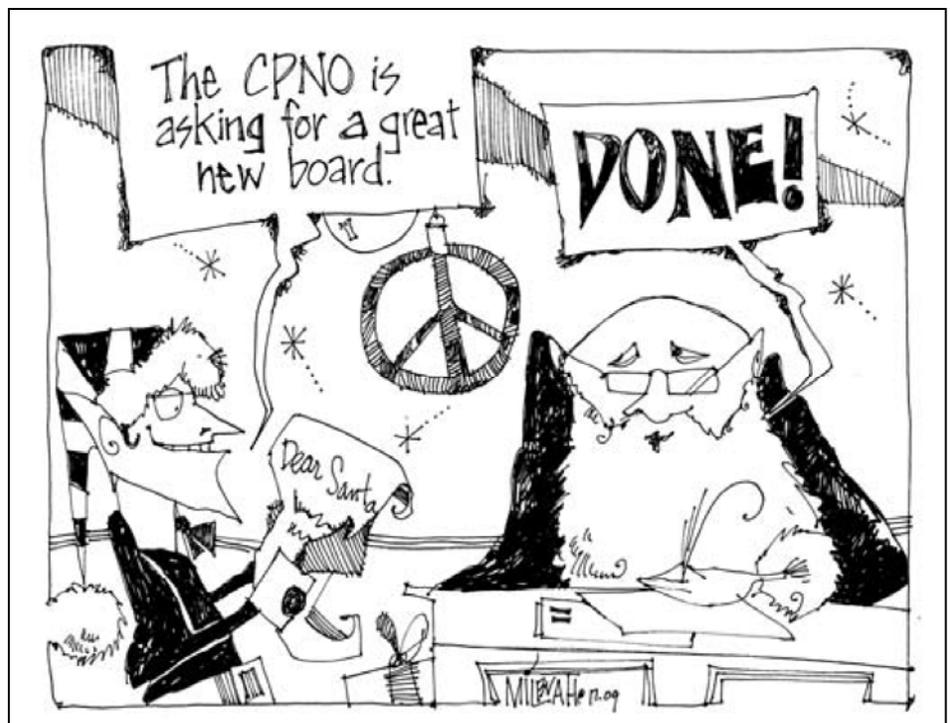
One of my all-time favorite holiday tunes is Dolly Parton's *Hard Candy Christmas*. And, with the current economic conditions, there may be quite a few folks singing that song this year. But wait, your friendly neighborhood food freak has some ideas. Say you only have about 20 bucks to spend on a festive holiday dinner? Here are 3 ways a couple of sawbucks can get you a very merry meal:

1. Go to that new Aldi grocery store down on Moreland Ave. It's across the road from the Value Village. Last week I bought a ham, a sack of sweet taters, a couple of bags of fresh spinach and a pack of frozen biscuits – just like mama made! The total?...under \$20. *And*, there were enough leftover biscuits and ham for a tasty breakfast.

2. If you don't have the time or energy to cook, swing by the Mercantile for their world famous French Supper. For \$19.99 Chef Samantha will provide you with a beautiful Springer Mountain roasted chicken along with sweet potato and parsnip gratin, and green beans. Enough food for four. You don't need a reservation, but you might want to give them a holler before you show up, just in case they run out before you get there. (404.378.0096)

3. Now if you want to go out for dinner, you can't beat the amazing Sunday night suppers at Serpas – a new foodie destination over in the Old Fourth Ward. For \$18 they offer a 3-course meal starting with a house salad of fresh greens, goat cheese and candied pecans with a "blistered" grape vinaigrette. The meal includes your choice of 3 mains. On the night we went, my baboo enjoyed the veal & andouille meatballs while I chowed down on the roasted garlic herb chicken. But, best of all were the desserts! Beignets & hot cocoa or pear and apple strudel. Note that the cost of the meal is \$18 – before tax, tag and tip. Remember, I said *around* 20 bucks. So **don't be a Scrooge**...be sure to take care of your waitrons during this holiday season.

Enjoy!



*Laughter in the Park*

by Deb Milbrath

## Hooray for Fall Fest

By Lauren L. Owenby

I am writing to thank Mark Clement and his team of volunteers for a wonderful job on the Candler Park Fall Festival. Having lived in the neighborhood since the early nineties I've seen Fall Fest grow from a few booths on McLendon to the fun filled event that it is now.

The Fall Fest is one of the best things about the neighborhood—this year I got to catch up with friends and neighbors that I hadn't seen in years, and to visit with other folks that I simply don't get to see often enough. Even with a little rain, it was still a perfect outing.

While I enjoyed the festival before we had kids, having a place where our families can have a great time is paramount. There are few events that offer something equally fun for parents and kids alike—Fall Fest does this.

I understand that there is criticism over the festival for not making enough money, but I would suggest that we look beyond the bottom line at the multiplier effect of bringing people into the neighborhood that may have never seen it and ultimately decide to purchase a house here or at the very least begin to patronize our shops and restaurants.

Additionally, while a tour of homes and 5K may cost less to produce, they offer little chance for folks to visit and catch up. I hope that the new Board will take these matters into consideration as we move into the future and continue to build on the great foundation that Mark has created in the festival.

## Where the Toddies are Hot and the Hotties are Odd™

From a Press Release

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Twenty individual lots are available for rent at \$5 each – cash only please. If all lots are rented, we'll scrape together enough money for a \$100 prize...woo hoo!

Entries are judged by their creativity and Christmas-ness by a celebrity judge! Electricity and beer are available on site. (Hippie wanted us to remind everyone that the electricity is free, but you'll have to pay for your beer.)

Trailers must be at least 90% edible and do not have to contain gingerbread, but no meat products allowed please. Lots are the size of a case of cans and you must park your trailer by 8:30 on the night of the contest. The gingerbread trailer park will be on display until December 19<sup>th</sup> – or until it decays.

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By Elena Muskin

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## NPU-N Report for November

By Amy Stout

### Proposed City Ordinances:

-The NPU-N board discussed, but did not vote to take a position on, a text ordinance that would allow entertainment filming in public parks between 11 pm and 6 am. I thought this sounded like a terrible idea, but some other board members spoke in favor of the proposed legislation. There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, December 2, at 1 pm at City Hall in Conference Room 2.

-We voted to support the Atlanta Greenspace Plan, a policy document that outlines goals and lists recommendations for growing and managing the City's greenspace system.

### According to City of Atlanta representatives...

-The police were able to locate and arrest Anthony Biggs for a recent burglary in Poncey Highlands after showing his pictures on Crime Stoppers. A Candler Park neighbor provided the pictures of the suspect and his car after he found him prowling on this property last month.

-The City's new web-based workflow management software system, Accela Automation, that will integrate online permitting, compliance and enforcement activities, will go live November 30. The City will host one-hour training sessions for the public every Friday at 9 am, 11 am, and 1 pm beginning December 4. Contact [sfindley@atlantaga.gov](mailto:sfindley@atlantaga.gov) to register.

### Land Use and Zoning Matters:

-There were no Candler Park applications this month.  
-We learned the BZA hearing on the appeals of the building permit and the special administrative permit issued to allow for the construction of a 72' cell phone tower at 326 Moreland Avenue NE (within Bass Park) will be in January.

### Special Event Permit Applications:

-We voted to **approve** a permit for the Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes to be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### Other:

-We reappointed Beth Grashof of Lake Claire as NPU-N's representative on the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance board for another year. She reported on the next stage of improvements scheduled for Deepdene Park (installation of a sidewalk promenade, burial of power lines, etc.) OLPAs annual fundraising gala will be held Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Call 404-377-5361 for details.

-The NPU-N board is scheduled to elect its 2010 officers at their December meeting.

-Because of the Christmas holiday, the next NPU-N meeting will be held on the third Thursday of the month, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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### Epworth's Smart Landscapes Project

By Elise Cormier

Epworth United Methodist Church is going green by becoming a community resource for sustainable building and landscaping techniques. Along with a rain harvesting system, swapping invasive species for native plants, and the enhancement of our urban wildlife habitat, we'll be opening the Love & Forgiveness Meditation Garden and the Children's Natural Playspace to the community.

With the recommended CPNO grant of \$2000, the Church plans to complete the project along McLendon and Mell Avenues. All of these spaces are open and available to the neighborhood. We'll be installing interpretive signage to assist the casual visitor in learning about the demonstration gardens and will host additional workshops to share information on sustainable design with the community. When possible, we will continue to draw upon the talents of folks within the neighborhood to showcase their abilities and provide income for those in need.

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**Organize the Holiday**  
By GiGi Miller

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Also be sure to get a calendar and place it where the entire family can see it.

Designate a space in your home just for your holiday organizing center. If you still feel a bit overwhelmed, consider hiring a professional organizer. For additional organizing tips visit [www.visionorganizing.com](http://www.visionorganizing.com) or follow GiGi's Twitter Updates: <http://twitter.com/organizer>

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### CPNO Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Maureen Wilce

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, November 16, 2009 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park, with Amy Stout in the chair. Approximately 65 members were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**Announcements:** Inspector Christina Walker, Atlanta Police Department, noted that car break-ins were a common crime and we should be vigilant during the holidays. To contact her: 404-371-5002, or [cwalker@atlanta.ga.gov](mailto:cwalker@atlanta.ga.gov)

After a motion to change was not carried, the published agenda was adopted.

Representatives from Kasim Reed and Ceaser Mitchell addressed the group, as did candidates Liz Coyle, Claire Muller and Amir Farokhi.

CPNO was thanked for supporting the Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool race and event held in Candler Park on October 31.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved unanimously.

Alonzo Church presented the Treasurer's Report for 2009. The final Fall Fest numbers were not included. Specific information will be included in an article in *The Messenger*. A question was asked why CPNO does not receive a larger donation from the organizers of MidSummer Music Fest, noting that it disrupts the neighborhood significantly. Mark Clement, Special Events Officer, explained that the City issues permits and all donations are voluntary. Alonzo was thanked for his exceptional service.

**2010 Election Results:** Amy Stout briefly reviewed the election process as stated in CPNO's by-laws. All candidates were invited to give up to a 3 minute statement on their positions. The results were:

**President:** Doug Wetzel was nominated and received 59 votes. 3 votes were cast for Mark Clement (not nominated).

**Vice President:** Regina Brandt was nominated and received 52 votes.

**Recording Secretary:** no nomination. The position will be vacant until a Board appointment can be made.

**Membership Secretary:** Lauren Welsh was nominated and received 54 votes.

**Treasurer:** David Aynes and Bryan Sells were nominated. David won with 40 votes, Bryan received 21.

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**Zoning Officer:** A floor nomination was made for Randy Pimsler. He won with 48 votes.

**Public Safety Officer:** David "Wing" Bruce was nominated and won with 53 votes.

**Environmental Officer:** Trey Long was nominated and won with 52 votes.

**Special Events Officer:** Walt Weimer and Mark Clement were nominated. Walt won with 44 votes and Mark received 23.

The terms of office began at the adjournment of this meeting. Amy Stout was formally thanked for her service. The meeting adjourned at 8:16.

**Zoning Committee Report**

By Randy Pimsler

The Flying Biscuit, located at 1655 McLendon Avenue has filed an Application for License to Sell Alcoholic Beverages to allow for a Change of Agent at the restaurant. The new agent is Daryl Dollinger. The applicant has been invited to the Zoning Committee Meeting to be held on December 2, 2009 as well as to our upcoming CPNO General Meeting on December 21, 2009. Please contact the zoning committee for further information.



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**Crime Report**

Compiled by David Bruce

**400 block Euclid Ter** – Auto theft - 10/18 Sun Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle after it was parked on the street near an awesome L5P Halloween party.

**500 block Candler St** – Auto recovery - 10/19 Mon Eve. Officer responded to a recovery call. Victim forgot where he parked his vehicle and reported it stolen.

**400 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny (shoplifting) - 10/22 Thurs Eve. Victim reports observing the arrestee attempt to leave the store without paying for a magnet. Arrestee: W/M, 27 YOA.

**1200 block Mansfield Ave** – Robbery - 10/23 Fri Eve. Victim was walking home when one of two suspects got out of an older white vehicle, pushed him to the ground, and pointed a silver handgun to his face. The suspect stated "give me all your money". Victim complied. Taken: cell phone, credit cards, drivers license. Suspect: B/M, 5'07", 20-23YOA, Greenish jogging suit, white T shirt. Suspect: B/M. Suspect Vehicle: Older white 4 door Chevy.

**200 block Elmira PI** – Auto theft - 10/30 Fri Day. Someone stole the vehicle after the victim left the keys in it.

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**400 block Moreland Ave** – Auto theft - 10/29 Thurs Morn. Victim parked his scooter in the parking lot while inside a bar. The witness observed the suspects take the scooter from where it was parked near the bar. The suspects rolled it down to their vehicle and loaded it into the back of their van and fled EB on Euclid after the witness yelled towards them. Suspects: 3 B/M's, 18-20 YOA, 6', all wearing Black hoodies. Suspect Vehicle: White Ford Econoline van.

**400 block Moreland Ave** – Commercial burglary - 10/27 Tue Morn. Officer responded to an alarm call then discovered that someone had smashed the glass to the front door with a rock. The business was searched but no one was found inside. Victim responded to the scene and reported property missing.

Taken: lottery tickets.

**400 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny (shoplifting) 10/28 Wed Day. Suspect concealed stockings under her arm and attempted to leave the store. Arrestee: W/F, 24YOA.

**400 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny (shoplifting) - 10/31 Sat Eve. Suspect attempted to leave the store with a baseball outfit and pants that had not been paid for. Arrestee: B/F, 16YOA.

**500 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny - 10/29 Thurs Eve. Victim stated that a boot was placed on the wheel of the suspect's vehicle and later the attendant observed the vehicle driving away without the boot. Suspect: W/M, mid 30's, heavysset, short black spiked hair. Suspect vehicle: Black 2009 Mercedes M320 SUV.

**1600 block McLendon Ave** – Larceny (shoplifting) - 10/30 Mon Eve. Suspect was caught by security cameras leaving a business with red wine that had not been paid for. Victim does not know the suspects name but stated he frequents the location. Suspect: B/M.

**400 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny from auto - 11/7 Sat Eve. Someone smashed the small rear passenger side window and then damaged the steering column. Several tools had been recovered on the driver seat. Victim stated the suspect had been in the parking lot acting suspicious and she believed he was the one who broke in to the vehicle. Suspect was detained but later released. Suspect: W/M, 44YOA.

**400 block Moreland Ave** – Auto theft - 11/2 Mon Eve. Victim states someone stole her vehicle from a parking lot.

**1500 block McLendon Ave** – Theft from auto - 11/4 Wed Eve. Someone smashed the front passenger side window of the victim's vehicle and removed an I Pod, leather bag, and glasses.

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