MEETINGS/EVENTS

CPNO MEETING MARCH 21 @ 7 PM
The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is for all residents!
We meet the third MONDAY of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Avenue.
Please use the Mill Avenue entrance. Membership is FREE!

MARCH MEETING AGENDA:
• Vote on Feb Minutes/Meeting Record
• Financial Update
• Officer, Committee Chair and Representative Reports
• Belline Project Presentation
• Old Business
• New Business

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the April meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is March 26, 2005.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 10 * 7 PM
CPNO Bylaws Revision Committee Meeting
1291 McLendon -- Open to all

Saturday, March 12 * 8 AM-12 PM
CPNO/FOCP Candler Park Workday
Candler Park (meet at the playground)

Monday, March 14 * 7 PM
CPNO Executive Board Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon -- Open To All

Monday, March 21 * 7 PM
CPNO General Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon

Thursday, March 24 * 7 PM
NPU-N Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon

First Annual Candler Park K-9 Fun Run

Looking for a fun activity to enjoy with your dog? Or just want to get out and strut your mutt. Then join us for a tail wagging dog gone good time at the first annual CANDLER BARK K9 FUN RUN! A one mile walk/jog at 9:00 am followed by a 2 mile jog. All two legged participants will receive a rebarkable t-shirt designed by Atlanta’s own famed pet artist Michelle Abeyta. All 4 legged participants get a grab bag to share with the running partners provided by the Kirkwood Feed and Seed. After the race at 10:00 am so we will have complimentary bagels and fruit and a lively awards ceremony as well as a raffle for goodies from local merchants. Awards will be given for the biggest, smallest, fastest dog and tail wagger and much more!

After the awards ceremony we will also have a Dog Trick contest. First prize will be a movie starring your dog! Short & Sweet Studios will star your dog in a heartwarming, entertaining 10-minute movie that includes other actors, dialogue, music, and credits—all done through the magic of green-screen technology like the TV weather forecasters use to display their maps. If you think your dog has “star” potential, here’s your chance to prove it!

The AHS mascots will be there as well as their mobile adoption unit. All of your best friends will be there woofing it up at the first annual Candler Bark K-9 Fun Run. So bark your calendars and get yer paws to the park April 2nd.

The Fun Run fee will be $18 pre registration $23 after. All proceeds go to improvement of Candler Park and the pool. For more information and registration please visit www.rungeorgia.com or the CPNO website.

- Mark Clement
Did you know that DeKalb Avenue is on the Subcontinental Divide? Water on the Candler Park side flows to the Gulf of Mexico; water on the south side to the Atlantic Ocean. We learned this as part of the Candler Park Brook Presentation at our February meeting along with much information about the Peavine Creek Watershed and interesting plans to improve stream quality in the Candler Park Golf Course.

A working group in response to proposed zoning changes on DeKalb Avenue around the Edgewood/Candler Park MARTA Station and changes in the DeKalb/Moreland Avenues intersection is underway. Please contact Walt Weimar for info and/or to join.

We are planning an exciting weekend of special events for October 15 and 16. Bert

Bellinson is heading up FallFest which will take place on both days, Mark Clement is organizing our 5K Road Race on the morning of the 15th, and our Tour of Homes will be on the afternoon of the 16th. Please help our neighborhood by volunteering a couple of hours at one of these events. We will have more information as our plans become firm.

I am beginning to work on some ideas for improving the effectiveness of CPNO with emphasis on communications within our neighborhood and with the local and city-wide bodies with which we interact. Our Bylaws and Procedures Committee is an important part of this effort. I welcome any input you may have on these crucial areas.

-- Fred Rossini
Sign Toppers Are Almost Here!

I am pleased to announce that our sign toppers — those little neighborhood signs that go on top of street signs in many parts of Atlanta — have arrived and will be installed soon. Kudos to Robert Newman for getting this project done.

There are still a few intersections that do not yet have a sponsor:

Iveron & Candler Park Drive
Candler Park Dr & McLendon (North)
Candler Park Dr & McLendon (South)
Mell & Iveron
Mell & DeKalb
Glendale & Dekalb
Brooks & DeKalb
Harriet & Clifton
Clifton Terrace & Page (#1)
Clifton Terrace & Page (#2)
Clifton Terrace & Terrace
Page & Harriet
Beresford & Marlbrook
Brooks & McLendon
Glendale & McLendon
Callan & McLendon (East)
Callan & McLendon (West)
Sheppard & McLendon

Mell & McLendon
Miller & Oakdale (North)
Marion & Oakdale
Candler Street & Iveron
Candler Street & DeKalb
Elmira & DeKalb
Josephine & DeKalb
Euclid Avenue & Mansfield
Euclid Avenue & Candler St (#1)
Euclid Avenue & Candler St (#2)
Felder & Mansfield
Euclid Avenue & Sterling
Euclid Avenue & Benning
Euclid Avenue & Goldsboro
Miller & Hillcrest
Miller & Candler Park Drive
Candler St & McLendon (North)

If you would like to sponsor one or more of these, or would like to make a general contribution to the sign-topper cause, please contact me by telephone (404-525-6151) or email (bryansells@mindspring.com). Or you can send your check directly to the CPNO at P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta, GA 31107. Each sign-topper costs approximately $41.00, but we appreciate contributions of any amount.

-- Bryan Sells

Hurray For Candler Park

Hollywood is coming to Candler Park Again. The incredibly popular HDTV show “If Walls Could Talk” is looking for homes and homeowners who have made surprising historical discoveries about their homes as they research and restore them. They want to speak with YOU about your renovated home and see if you found any artifacts and hear your stories about how you discovered the history of your home. Tell your story and you’ll be famous... maybe. Call Alada Ramsey at (303)-712-3209 or email at ARamsey@highnoonproductions.com.

The Atlanta Humane Society 15th annual pet parade will be held on April 16th here in Candler Park! The Pet Parade is the premiere walk-a-thon for animals in the Atlanta area in terms of public awareness, participation and awareness and revenue. In 2004 this unique event raised close to $40,000. The goals for this year is $50,000 to support AHS adoption and educational programs. Activities at the pet parade provide something for every one. Participants follow a scenic route through Candler Park and enjoy all of the special features of the pet festival. The pet parade audience will be amazed by demonstrations by the Greater Atlanta Dog and Disc Club, US Customs Canine Enforcement and the Canine Academy & Playschool’s Agility course. Also, contests for best trick and pet owner look alike will be held after the walk. The Pet Parade is the largest pledge walk for animals. Registration is required. Each participant must collect a minimum in pledges. For more information please visit http://www.atlantahumane.org.

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Community Garden Meeting

Interested in beautifying space in the Candler Park neighborhood? Come to a gathering to explore the dream of having a community garden at Epworth. At this meeting we will discuss the interest in and possibilities for the space. The meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall at Epworth Church on Wednesday, March 9, 6-7:30pm.

All people, church and community folks, are welcome at this meeting. Please help spread the word to any interested parties.

For more information or questions, contact Mindy at (404) 815-1513.

A New Breed Of Beltline

Similar to other metropolitan areas, Atlanta is encircled by a band of interstate highway. However, we could be one of the first to build a circuit of trolley lines, bike paths, and green space around our city.

As a recent article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution noted, "The proposed Beltline has reached a critical stage in its metamorphosis from paper plan to green space and transportation." Come learn more from Beltline designer Ryan Gravel at our March CPNO meeting.

—Amy Stout

All Politics Is Local

Candler Park is now home to two new district representatives of the DeKalb County Democratic Party. Marie Frederickson and Ted Pettus represent Georgia’s 84th district (including Candler Park) and invite neighborhood feedback and involvement. Public meetings are held in Decatur the first Thursday of every month, and community participation is encouraged. If you are interested in learning more about the local Democratic Party, please contact marie_frederickson@lycos.com, or ted@georgiafordemocracy.org.

—Amy Stout

Bylaws Revision Committee Meeting

The second meeting of the ad-hoc Bylaws Revision Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at my house, 1291 McLendon. We’ll be discussing Articles I-V of the existing bylaws.

All residents of Candler Park are welcome to attend, but I would appreciate it if you would let me know by email that you intend to be there. If more people want to participate than I can handle in my house, we’ll seek a larger venue.

If you are interested in being on the committee, please email me as soon as possible at bryansells@mindspring.com.

—Bryan Sells

Candler Park Workday

I am pleased to announce that the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization has teamed up with the Friends of Candler Park to sponsor monthly workdays in Candler Park. Mark your calendars for the second Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Volunteers young and old are welcome to come for as much or as little of that time as they want. We will meet at the Candler Park Playground and head out from there. The first park workday of the year is scheduled for Saturday, March 12. Please join us! —Bryan Sells

CPNO Actions Taken Feb General Meeting

The record of actions taken for the Jan. general meeting was approved by the membership unanimously.

A Mr. Dusenbury requested that CPNO permit this year’s wine tasting fundraiser (to be held at the Flying Biscuit on April 27) to be used for raising funds for Friends of Candler Park. A motion was made and seconded that “CPNO approves that the proceeds of the wine tasting fundraiser at the Flying Biscuit on April 27 will be dedicated to Friends of Candler Park.” The motion passed unanimously.
The Candler Bark K-9 Fun Run
Looking for a little exercise for you and Fido? Or just looking for another reason to get out and strut your mutt? Come out for the 1st Annual Candler Park K9 Fun Run on April 2, 2005. A one-mile run will begin at 9 am and a two-mile run will start shortly after. Entry fee includes one short sleeve Candler Park K9 Fun Run t-shirt. All 4 legged participants get a grab bag to share with there running partners provided by the Kirkwood Feed and Seed. Enjoy complimentary bagels and fruit. Raffle for prizes and gift certificates provided by local merchants.

After the race, stay for the awards ceremony including a Dog Trick contest. First prize will be a movie starring your dog! Short & Sweet Studios will star your dog in a heartwarming, entertaining 10-minute movie that includes other actors, dialogue, music, and credits—all done through the magic of green-screen technology like the TV weather forecasters use to display their maps. If you think your dog has “star” potential, here’s your chance to prove it!

EVENT: [] 1 mile run/walk [] 2 mile run
Please check here and e-mail us if you plan on entering the Dog talent contest (yes) ______
T-SHIRT SIZE: ____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL ____ XXL
Owner's Name ____________________________________________
Street Address __________________________________________
City/State/Zip __________________________________________
E-mail address __________________________________________
Phone _______ Dog Name _________________________________
Dog Age: _______ Breed: _______
Current rabies vaccination no. _____________________________

Please keep in mind the following:
Dogs must be leashed for the duration of the event
Rabies vaccines must be up-to-date
Event officials reserve the right to refuse aggressive dogs
Clean-up after your pet
Obey City of Atlanta Park rules

Waiver (Entry not valid unless signed) "In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned do waive and release any and all claims, causes of action and any liability whatsoever, for myself and my heirs, against the Candler Park Pool Association, The Candler Park neighborhood organization, Road Race Services, any sponsors and all officials of this race for any injury, illness or other damages of any kind which may arise out of or result from my participation in the 2005 Candler Bark K9 Fun Run. I know that running a road race with my dog is a potentially hazardous activity. I further state that my dog and I are in proper physical condition to participate in this event. Warning: I understand that high heat and humidity can be extremely dangerous. I will not overexert myself or my dog(s) under these conditions.

Signature of Participant ________________________________

Parent/Guardian if minor ______________________________
More Information

$18 Pre registration $23 if post marked after March 24
Mail to: Ed Williams
978 Scott Circle
Decatur, GA 30033 Contact info (404) 327 7738 or (404) 688-6275

Race day registration and race start will be at the Candler Park pool.

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The John Lewis Commemorative Plaza in Freedom Park

Please join us for an exciting opportunity to participate in a piece of history and the development of the John Lewis Commemorative Plaza. The John Lewis Plaza will be a principal entry point for pedestrians and cyclists to the four miles of trails through the 200-acre park, connecting the Martin Luther King Center, The Carter Center, and many intown neighborhoods, including Candler Park. The site of the Plaza is located at the Ponce de Leon gateway entrance to Freedom Park.

“The Bridge” by accomplished artist Thornton Dial, is a symbolic gateway to Freedom Park. Congressman Lewis selected the world-famous artist to execute this important phase of the John Lewis Plaza. As community citizens, this is our opportunity to recognize Congressman John Lewis’ devotion to civil, human and neighborhood rights through the completion of the Plaza and the installation of the commemorative sculpture. As many know, Congressman Lewis was instrumental in stopping the proposed freeway through what we now know and love as Freedom Park.

“The Bridge,” a completed metal work awaiting installation, will be symbolic of Freedom Park, an urban greenway bridging diverse cultures of urban energy. Thornton Dial’s work is represented in numerous public collections such as the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden of the Smithsonian Institution, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Milwaukee Art Museum, The High Museum and many other collections.

“The Bridge” will be installed in Freedom Park in the spring of 2005. The installation will inaugurate Art in Freedom Park - a program to turn the vast expanse of the park into an outdoor gallery of contemporary artworks free and open to the community.

The Freedom Park Conser-
Dive In To 2005 Membership At Candler Park Pool!

It may still be a bit cold out, but it’s time to start thinking about the 2005 “Summer of Splash” at Candler Park Pool. If you haven’t discovered this local treasure, it’s time to get acquainted.

Neighborhood Pool Management: The Candler Park Pool is a public/private facility that is managed by the Candler Park Pool Association – a group of neighbors from Candler Park, Lake Claire, Edgewood, and Kirkwood. The pool functions as a City of Atlanta pool from 9:30 until 4 pm. After 4 pm, it becomes a private pool open to members and their guests – with great amenities at just a fraction of the cost of local private pool memberships!

Pool Facilities: Candler Park Pool couldn’t be more convenient – it’s just a few blocks away. The facility itself offers a sizable pool, large dressing rooms with showers, and plenty of chaise lounges if you want to bag some rays.

There is a dedicated infant and toddler area in the shallow end, perfect for the small ones and their parents to splash about. (If you’re a parent, you might also appreciate our 10-minutes per hour “adults-only” swim period.) If swimming exercise laps is your cup of tea, you’ll be pleased with the dedicated lap lane, too. There is also a snack bar where you can buy snacks and drinks, candy and ice cream treats.

Special Events: Every Saturday night brings some kind of special event to Candler Park Pool. Our best-selling Shrimp Boil night is always a huge favorite, as is our Margaritaville party, annual Luau and, of course, our famous Dive-In Movies! We also regularly hold cookouts and barbecues, typically including entertainment such as bluegrass bands, storytellers, clowns, and even the Seed and Feed Marching (or swimming) Abominable band! Our Sunday night “Pizza at the Pool” night is one of our member favorites – skip the cooking and enjoy the last bit of your weekend hanging at the pool with your neighbors!

Pool Schedules: The Pool is scheduled to open May 14th and remain open through Labor Day.

The daily schedule is:
- Public Free Swim from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Public Pay Swim from 12:45 - 4:00 pm
- Members Only 4:15 - 8:30 pm

There is not a more pleasant way to spend a summer evening than at the Candler Park Pool – and not a more cost-effective way to enjoy a pool membership in town! For info on how to join, please check out our website at www.candlerparkpool.com. We look forward to seeing you poolside!

—Candler Park Pool Association

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The Block-Partying, Card Playing, Book-Reading Committee!

New to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization this year is the formation of a "Hospitality Committee". The goal of the Hospitality Committee is to welcome new residents and organize social events and other opportunities for neighbors to meet and cultivate relationships with one another. We are currently in the planning stages and would like input from the neighborhood as to the types of activities you would like to see in Candler Park.

Here are some of the activities that have been suggested so far:
- New neighbor welcome packet
- Book club
- Porch Parties & Block Parties
- Mommy & Me groups
- Intramural sports teams
- Chess, bridge, and poker clubs
- Snacks/dinner at monthly CPNO meetings
- Childcare at monthly CPNO meetings
- Creating/Updating the neighborhood directory

Do you want to participate in these activities, or have any additional suggestions? Can you share tips and advice on how to organize a certain type of event? Just want to join a distribution list so that you know when we're having an event? Give me a call. Any level of participation is fine. We just want to have some fun, to enjoy one another's company, and celebrate this great neighborhood we have all chosen to call home.

We are especially interested in hearing from people who are already involved in these types of activities around Candler Park, and who would like to extend invitations to new neighbors.

I look forward to meeting you!
Amy Alford
404-610-5220
amy.alford@emory.edu

Green Space

Many Atlanta residents have no idea that the city has a tree protection ordinance. That could end up costing them hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in fines. It could also end up costing the rest of us much more in increased air conditioning bills, air pollution, and noise pollution as the tree canopy over our neighborhoods is slowly cleared away.

Atlanta’s tree protection ordinance is very complex. If you have specific questions about it or want to read the fine print, you should call the city arborist at 404-330-6874. But here is a quick rundown of the top five things every Atlantan needs to know about this important law.

First, the tree protection ordinance requires you to get a permit before cutting down or destroying almost any tree. This includes dead or dying trees, trees that have been damaged by the weather, and trees that are in the way of something you want to build on your property. There are only a few minor exceptions.

Second, if you cut down or destroy a tree without a permit, you can expect a hefty fine. These fines are based on the size of the trees involved and can easily reach into the thousands of dollars. It is not unheard of for a fine to surpass $10,000.

Third, you can also be fined if you harm a tree. This is what the ordinance defines as “destroying” a tree, and it includes things like cutting or trenching across a significant portion of the tree’s root area, pruning more than a certain amount of the tree’s living branches, damaging the tree through the operation of heavy machinery nearby, and the application of toxic substances like industrial solvents, gasoline and poison.

Fourth, the tree protection ordinance also requires you to identify trees on your site plan whenever you apply for a building permit for new construction or renovation. Even if you don’t plan to remove or destroy any trees, you have to identify all sizable trees on or adjacent to your property and show how you plan to protect their roots during construction. Failure to identify trees on your site plan or to protect them during construction could lead to more fines.

Fifth, every Atlantan should know who to call to report possible violations of the tree protection ordinance. If you see a tree in the process of being cut or destroyed on private property without a permit, call 911. The police are the only ones who can act quickly enough to stop it. If the tree has already been lost or the damage is ongoing, call the city arborist at 404-330-6874. The arborist can issue a stop work order if it’s not too late to prevent further damage and can issue fines for any violations of the ordinance.

There is a lot more to the tree protection ordinance than will fit here in this column. Feel free to contact me if you want to learn more about it or have concerns about its enforcement in our neighborhood. Trees are one of the things that makes Candler Park a great place to live, and it’s up to all of us to protect them. -- Bryan Sells
LAND USE ISSUES

There are no land use issues scheduled to be voted on at the March CPNO meeting. Land use issues to be voted on at the April meeting must be submitted prior to March 26.

NPU-N ISSUES

NPU-N meetings are held at 7PM, on the 4th Thursday of every month at Epworth Methodist Church. Candler Park residents are welcome to attend. Contact NPU-N representative Walt Weimar at 404-377-1411 regarding any regularly-scheduled voting or agenda matters.

There are no NPU issues for this month.

Save The Mill On North Ave!

The DuPre Excelsior Mill, built in 1895, is an excellent example of creative reuse of an historic building and now it might be destroyed unless we stop plans to demolish the building in order to erect 182 condos.

Located at 695 North Ave (currently The Masquerade), this mill pre-dates the Sear Tower which is now City Hall East. The most remarkable thing about this building is the turn of the century architecture and beautiful Georgia granite walls. Inside, most of the polished wood and original metal machinery have been preserved and incorporated into the decor.

Here is what you can do RIGHT NOW:

1. Send your tax deductible contributions to The Atlanta Preservation Center, 327 St. Paul Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30312. Write “Excelsior Mill” in the memo section of the check to insure your funds go to this project. Among other things, your contrition will be used to pay for a study of the building’s history and viability for preservation.

2. Contact your City Council member (especially those on the Zoning Committee) and let them know what is going on and express your opinion regarding the preservation of this part of Atlanta’s history. Please tell them to STOP any attempts to demolish The Excelsior Mill.

If you would like to learn more call Anna Copello at 404-892-5066.

CRIME REPORT


In this most recent report, some cars were spray painted on Elmira Pl. and Josephine St. The message and method is consistent with a group known as UGLF (United Guerilla Liberation Front). The anarchist group performs this type of vandalism on property as a way of protesting the establishment. Please report any incidents of graffiti to the police, particularly those that have the words anarchy, B4, UGLF, or A with a circle around it.

1300 block Dekalb Ave, 1/26, auto stolen, 1997 Ford Explorer.

300 block Candler St, 2/2, lock damaged on steel burglar door.

1400 block Miller Ave, 2/16, evening, auto stolen, 1999 GM Suburban.

1600 block McLendon Ave, 2/13, purse snatching, perp ran to get away vehicle but was apprehended.

Elmira and Josephine Streets, 2/19, several SUV’s and 1 car spray painted. Among other things, the spray painted messages included “RESIST - UGLF PS” and “G2 War on Class.”

Candler St near McLendon Ave, 2/26, large black dog, about 70-80 lbs., attacked a dog being walked by its owner. The attack was completely unprovoked and the dog bit down and wouldn’t let go until the owner drove the dog away.

CLASSIFIED ADS


FOR PERSONALIZED RELIABLE CLEANING SERVICE – with 15 years experience, call Pat Felty, 404-822-8043. From a neighborhood near and with neighborhood references.


IT’S BACK! – The Fourth Annual Spring Boot Camp @ Candler Park. 3/27 - 5/19. Choose Wed @ 7:00 pm, Sat @ 10:00 am, or both. Contact Jaye @ 404.378.5775 or www.funnfitnessonline.com. Register by 3/18.

Easter Fun in Lake Claire

Mark your calendars for Sunday March 27, 2005!! Friends, neighbors, and their pets are invited to gather at 2:00pm at the old Clifton Church at McLendon and Connecticut Aves to participate in the free and fabulous Fifth Annual Lake Claire Easter Parade—RAIN OR SHINE! All marchers are asked to get into the spirit of the season and wear festive hats, bunny ears, and other Easter finery. Kazoos will be provided but other musical instruments are encouraged.

The parade will meander through side streets, serenading spectators, posing among the flowers, then go past the Flying Biscuit brunchers to Fellini’s and then back to the Church.

At the end of the parade, there will be a special hat judging competition with many Easter basket prizes to be awarded. Categories for kids under 12 years old include “The Cutest” and “The Cleverest”. Adults will vie for “Best Easter”, “Best Lake Claire”, “Most Outrageous”, and “Best Group Effort”. Please come on down and join in the fun. And if you are lucky you might just get your photo in Creative Loafing!

Call Parade Princess Pat Marsh at 404-373-8982 or email ski@lakeclaire.org for more info.