MEETINGS/EVENTS

CPNO MEETING SEPTEMBER 19 @ 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, NEW ROOM - Historical Room, 2nd Floor. Please use McLendon Avenue entrance. Membership is FREE!

SEPTEMBER MEETING AGENDA:
• Vote on Minutes Meeting Record
• Financial Update
• Office, Committee Chair and Rep Reports
• Vote on Freedom Park Conservancy and Peavine Watershed Alliance Props
• Vote on Rules For Discussing Proposed CPNO Bylaws Revision at October Meeting
• Appointment of Nominating Committee
• Update on CP Brook Restoration Project
• Update on Walk To School Initiative
• Zoning Variance Votes summary - See back page
• Old Business
• New Business

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, September 10 - 8 AM - 12 PM
CPNO/FOCP Candler Park Workday
Candler Park (meet at the playground)

Monday, September 12 - 7 PM
CPNO Executive Board Meeting
New Location -- Home of Alonzo & Heather Church - 1237 McLendon -- Open To All

Thursday, September 15 - 7 PM
CPNO Bylaws Revision Committee Meeting
1291 McLendon -- Open To All

Monday, September 19 - 7 PM
CPNO General Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
New Room -- Historical Room, 2nd Floor
1561 McLendon

Thursday, September 22 - 7 PM
NPUN Meeting
NOTE: NEW LOCATION
LSP Community Center
Corner of Euclid & Austin Ave.

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This year’s festival promises to be the very best ever. We can’t wait to share this great weekend of art, music and friends with you all! -Bert Bellinson
The Messenger

The Messenger is published monthly by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Deadline for articles is the 26th of the preceding month. Submit to:

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The Candler Park FallFest 5K

Runners on your mark, get set, GO! That is exactly what you will hear our Atlanta City council person Anne Fauvor say the morning of October 15 at 9:00 am. That will start this year's 5K (3.1 mile) road race and kick off this year's Fall Fest! We worked hard to scout out the most scenic and picturesque route in our historic neighborhood and the best part: almost no hills!

If you have not signed up- do it!
There are 4 ways you can.
1) You can fill out the application included in this Messenger and send it in.
2) Or you can download the application at www.rungeorgia.com .
3) Or sign up on www.active.com.
4) On site registration will take place starting at 8:00 AM at Epworth Methodist on the corner of Mel and Mclendon. The race will start one block away on the corner of Page and Mclendon (next to Fellini's) at 9 a.m.

Here are the perks; Each finisher will be awarded a high quality, autumn colored T shirt with our cleverly designed logo on it. Guaranteed to make you the envy of the neighborhood. Awards include; Overall male and female, and for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place male and female by age group;

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbraith

Under 10, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over. And first place jogging stroller. We will be raffling off gift certificates from local restaurants and merchants. There will be fruit and bagels for all after the race. If you register before October 1 you pay only $18. Or, register the day of the race and pay just $23.

Well behaved dog on a leash? No problem! Jogging stroller? If you can handle it, more power to you!

Not a runner these days? Don't feel left out -Volunteer! That way, you can earn a race shirt and not have to break a sweat! Not comfortable with that? Come out and be a part of the spectator-lined course. Whatever you do, you don't want to miss the excitement!

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer please feel free to email Mark Clement, CPNO events coordinator at fallfest@bellsouth.net.

-- Mark Clement

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Announcements and Other Important Stuff!

In keeping with its identity as a community that welcomes diversity, we will share information regarding discussion/activity groups that neighbors are interested in starting up (some examples are study groups of various religions and faiths, gardening clubs, card playing clubs, etc.). Such announcements are not endorsements, but simply reflect the interests of particular residents. Please contact the Hospitality Committee if you would like assistance organizing a group.

Bylaws Revision Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the ad-hoc Bylaws Revision Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at my house, 1291 McLendon. We'll be tying up loose ends on the first draft of revisions to the existing bylaws. All residents of Candler Park are welcome to attend.

-- Bryan Sells

September Porch Party!

Mark your calendars because this month's porch party is going to be a blast! If you like to make music and would like to join others for some "open mike" fun at the Porch Party, email the party hosts at jill@lum.net, and bring your favorite instrument. All are welcome to bring ways to make some noise! As always, please bring a snack to share and your beverage of choice.

Jill & Brady Lum's House
Friday, Sept. 16th @ 623 Terrace Ave
(across from the golf course)
7:00pm
BYOF, BYOB, and music makers!
To volunteer your porch for a party, contact Deneta at denetahowland@earthlink.net

Bible Study Club

A Bible study is being organized for the Candler Park community and is open to anyone with a desire to better understand the teachings of Christianity, regardless of religious persuasion. A beginning date and time are to be determined. If you are interested, please e-mail Scott Armstrong at karisdaddy@hotmail.com or call 404-795-2501.

Give Birth?, Get A Job?, Get Married?

We would like to regularly include an announcements section in the Messenger to welcome new neighbors and help celebrate weddings, births, adoptions, new jobs, etc. If you have great news to share about your family or a neighbor, please pass the information on to Amy Alford (amy.alford@emory.edu / 404-610-5220).
Tour Of Homes
Volunteers Needed

Please help out with this neighborhood fundraiser by being a “house sitter” during the Tour of Homes. The tour will be Sunday, October 16 from noon – 6pm. We hope to have enough volunteers to allow each person to work a 2 hour shift. So far, we have 9 beautiful houses. That means we need at least 27 volunteers! Volunteers will receive a free ticket to the tour. Contact Amy to volunteer.

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Dr. Bombay’s Books

Dr. Bombay’s Underwater Tea Party (formerly Cold Cream) is as unique as its name. Serving ice cream, coffee and tea along with pastries, it offers a welcome retreat in Candler Park. Comfortable sofas, mismatched chairs and tables, and eclectic art help create a homely environment and an invitation to linger. If you do, you will no doubt notice the four large book cases along one wall. Dr. Bombay’s owner, is a book lover. She has been since childhood, and some of her favorite memories involve trips to the library and reading with her mother. “I want Dr. Bombay’s to be a place where customers might linger, maybe even open a book and read for awhile.” And, she wants Dr. Bombay’s to have a connection to the community.

The owner’s love of libraries and her love of reading inspired a brilliant idea. She would sell used books at her store for fifty cents apiece, and donate the proceeds each month to the library at Candler Park’s elementary school, Mary Lin. The response has been overwhelming. She began by asking friends and customers to drop off their unwanted books. She filled the book shelves, set-up an old, five gallon glass water bottle to hold the money, and posted a sign informing customers that the proceeds from book sales would benefit the Lin library media center. The money poured in. “It’s funny” she said, “the book that one person wants out of his or her house may be just the book someone else is dying to read.” “Old books for new books” has been so successful that the book shelves are looking a little bare. Donate your old books. Dr. Bombay’s is happy to take donations of both adult and children’s books.

Dr. Ginger Vail, Mary Lin’s principal, and Emily Herman, the library media specialist, are excited about the new books that the school will be able to add to the media center. Mary Lin’s media center is at the center of the school encouraging information literacy and a love of reading. Students visit throughout the day to hear stories, checkout books, and research a wide variety of topics. The first donations will be used to purchase the Georgia Book Award nominees for 2006 so that Mary Lin students will be able to vote for their favorites next April.

Candler Park Workday

The next Candler Park Workday, sponsored by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and the Friends of Candler Park, is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This month we’ll be getting ready for planting season by mulching and preparing the beds. Volunteers young and old are welcome to join us. Gloves are recommended. It’s your park, so come out and support it!

-- Brian Sells
GREEN SPACE

On the second Saturday of each month, the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and the Friends of Candler Park co-sponsor a park workday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Volunteers have mulched, edged, picked up trash and done many other things to improve and beautify Candler Park.

These efforts are not just window dressing. They make the park look better, to be sure, but that's not all.

For one thing, park improvement can increase the value of the homes in the neighborhood. As Candler Park becomes a more desirable destination, demand for housing nearby is likely to increase.

Park improvement can also increase park safety. The best way to make a park safer is to use it. As more people use the park for legitimate purposes, criminal purposes get crowded out. By making the park more attractive, law-abiding people will want to use the park more.

But we can do more. One great way to improve the park and to promote park safety at the same time is by removing non-native plant species. These plants, like bamboo, Chinese privet, English ivy, Japanese wisteria and kudzu constitute almost all of the dense understory in the wooded areas of Candler Park where criminal elements hide and conduct their business. The non-native species also compete with native species for sunlight, water and other nutrients. By removing non-native plant species and replacing them with appropriate native species, we can make the park more attractive, healthier and safer for all.

Unfortunately, removing non-native species in Candler Park will not be an easy task because so much of the park is so severely overgrown. To put it bluntly, we will need more volunteers, more money, or both. We can hire an environmental firm to clear out the overgrowth or we can do it with volunteers, but we have not had enough volunteers coming regularly to the workdays to accomplish such an ambitious task.

If you are interested in helping with this effort, contact me by email <bryansells@mindspring.com> or come to the next workday. Together, we can make this happen.

-- Bryan Sells

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Thank you for your support! Questions? Contact Mary Walker at 404-377-6539 or email walker2131@bellsouth.net

Candler Park Brook Restoration Update

Candler Park Brook Watershed Improvement Project Update - on June 13th, CPNO officers were provided with a revised version of the design drawing for proposed watershed improvement alternatives presented at the May CPNO general meeting. On August 24th, a detailed design drawing prepared by Environmental Services, Inc. and Long Engineering Inc., was reviewed by the Candler Park Brook Restoration Project steering committee, with input from CPNO; Park Pride; City of Atlanta - Parks Design; Paideia School; US Environmental Protection Agency; Southeast Water; State of Georgia - Environmental Protection Division; and the Walker Foundation.

This preliminary design, which is intended as a comprehensive solution for objectives of the Section 319 grant, which include best management practice (BMP) improvements to reestablish the natural spring that flows within Candler Park; restore biological water quality and habitat; maintain and enhance existing recreational uses, safety and aesthetics; and promote community input and public education on ways to improve stormwater management and stream quality. Professional grant facilitation services by Bron Cleveland and Associates, and production of project communications by videographer Bob Wells, continue to support the community outreach efforts of the project.

An on-site review of our preliminary project design with steering committee members and municipal park design officials will be scheduled for early September, prior to our CPNO general meeting. Based on further input being solicited directly from park patrons, including the Candler Park Golf Association; Candler Park Pool Association, and other community stakeholders, several design alternatives may be considered. Interested Candler Park residents are strongly encouraged to check the CPNO (candlerpark.org) and Park Pride (parkpride.org) websites for updates on the project, including planned meetings, design changes and ways to help.

Construction of the project is planned for late this winter (in early 2006), pending approval of all permits, in order to minimize intrusion on park usage and allow for optimal revegetation. CPNO will be asked to consider a resolution of support for the preliminary project design at the September CPNO general meeting.

Also, heartfelt appreciation is also extended to Susan Grider Montgomery, whose long personal and professional support of the project (along with former Candler Park resident Nancy Boyd, now on extended leave in Europe) will be sorely missed. Susan's involvement has been crucial to virtually every aspect of visualizing, organizing and obtaining funding for what has been described as a new kind of partnership between local, state and federal authorities. Urban watershed protection in Atlanta and throughout the surrounding region are expected to benefit and grow from the forward thinking demonstrated by this initiative. Please join us in thanking Susan for her past service, and wishing her well in all her future endeavors.

-- Walt Weimar

Safe Routes To Mary Lin Charrette

On September 28 at 7:00 PM, PEDS is sponsoring a community charrette regarding the federal Safe Routes to School Program. The meeting will be held at Mary Lin Elementary and will provide residents and school families the opportunity to learn more about the program and how it can benefit pedestrian safety in and around the school. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the program and how it may offer assistance in improving sidewalks and pedestrian safety within our community. For more information, please contact Eric Dusenbury, President of the Mary Lin PTA, at dusenbur@bellsouth.net or 404-522-7130.

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Crime Matters

The short list of criminal activity this month belies the serious nature of the crimes. A woman visiting from out of town was raped in our very own Candler Park. Never mind the fact that she was running alone close to midnight. We should know that was risky behavior. That this could occur close to home is shocking and unacceptable. The facts of the crime are brutal and almost unspeakable. The woman was beaten senseless and the bone in her shoulder broken as she resisted. At one point he tried to drown her in the creek. After several hours and multiple rapes she became more compliant and he finally let her go.

What to do? The police are being vigilant about enforcing the park hours of 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. There is some discussion of clearing out undergrowth in and around the park. It is noteworthy that the perpetrator was observed in and around the park for some weeks before the crime occurred. He had been apparently sleeping in the park, playing golf on the golf course without paying, and selling golf balls in the park. All of these activities are illegal. We tend to be sympathetic for individuals who are less fortunate. These infractions seem minor and possibly easy to overlook. On the other hand, if the perpetrator of the rape had been taken in for one of these minor incidents, the police could have discovered that this man had prior occurrences of sexual assault.

It’s not always easy to see the connection between small petty violations and overt disregard for the law. I feel that our community should come to a common understanding of the level of wrongdoing we’ll tolerate. We must then walk the talk and support neighborhood watch. There will be more about this in another article.

-- Gregg Reinhardt

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NPU-N Issues

NPU-N meetings are held at 7PM, on the 4th Thursday of every month at LSPts Community Center (Cnr Euclid and Austin Ave.) Candler Park residents are welcome to attend.

Contact Amy Stout at 404-371-0805 regarding any regularly scheduled voting or agenda matters.

A large portion of the August 25 meeting of NPU-N was devoted to discussion of two major projects primarily located in adjacent NPU's. First, Sharon Gay (an attorney with McKenna Long & Aldridge that represents Wayne Mason and the other owners of the northeast quadrant of the BeltLine) gave a brief update on the rezoning applications that they have submitted to allow for proposed development projects. She indicated that the group will be making presentations to appropriate neighborhood organizations over the next two to three months and that they do not anticipate being on the agenda for formal NPU votes until late fall. Second, Caleb Ponce (a planner with the design firm Tunnell-Spangler-Wales) and Sharon Gay (an attorney representing the owners PoncePark LLC) gave a detailed presentation of the plans for redevelopment of City Hall East. Extensive demolition of existing structures is planned along with the construction of new housing, offices, shops, and parking decks, and the creation of new roads. The project will include ~350,000 sq ft of retail/office space and 1582 new housing units. The project is located in NPU-M, so the presentation was made for information purposes only and NPU-N has no vote in the matter. The NPU-N executive board did not feel that it was appropriate to vote to endorse the project without an opportunity to seek input from our respective organizations. Those interested in learning more about the project are encouraged to visit the developers' website at www.poncepark.com. In addition, the Land Use Committee for NPU-M will be meeting to discuss the project on Monday, September 12, and the entire NPU-M membership will vote on the plans and the rezoning application at their September 26 meeting. The public is welcome to attend these meetings held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 90 Boulevard Ave NE at 6:30 pm.

Other items of interest discussed at this meeting:

- Extensive water main and sewer work is planned for the Virginia Highlands area starting in late September, and non-residents will probably want to avoid the disrupted streets.

- A special use permit was approved for operation of a Montessori school in the Druid Hills Baptist Church at the corner of Ponce and Highland.

- The Fulton County Dept. of Mental Health announced the reopening of a mental health and addictive diseases treatment facility at 265 Boulevard Ave where no one will be denied treatment.

- Revised plans for development of the Masquerade/Excelsior Mills site were presented. In the new plans, the entire structure of the mill will be preserved (and restaurateur Bob Amick of One Midtown Kitchen, Two Urban Licks, and Piebar may open a microbrewery in the historic space), while 140 condominium units will be built adjacent to but separate from the former mill.

- A variance was approved for development of former MARTA property at the corner of Casson Street and DeKalb Ave.

Following up on a resolution passed at the May meeting of the CPNO, I addressed the NPU-N executive board at our July 28 meeting to express Candler Park's dissatisfaction with their vote to approve a zoning variance for 1250 Euclid Ave that the neighborhood organization had unanimously voted to deny. I outlined our concerns about the failure of the applicant to follow established the process and about the precedent this might set, and I suggested to the group that we may want to adopt some guidelines in our bylaws for dealing with such cases. The concerns and suggestions were well-received, and it was suggested that I perhaps chair a committee to revise the by-laws next year.

Did You Know?

The neighborhood website at www.candlerpark.org has lots of information that you might find useful such as this and many past Messenger's. It also has a link to an online message board that is a valuable resource used for alerting residents to safety issues or discussing other urgent or topical issues. Check the message board out at http://www.candlerpark.org/cgi-candlerpark/cutecast/cutecast.pl

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CRIME REPORT


1500 block McLendon Ave, 7/24, early Sun morning, rape in Candler Park. A woman was jogging late at night with friends. The group decided to stop for the night but the victim decided to continue alone. As she continued to run, a homeless male in the park overpowered her and dragged her further into the park. After several hours she finally convinced him to let her go. The man is currently in jail and will be tried.

400 block Sterling St, 7/29, Fri. evening, auto broken into, items stolen.

1300 block McLendon Ave, 8/5, 8Am, Fri, a neighbor heard someone next door where the owners were not at home. The neighbor saw a B/M leaving the house with a black bag. The neighbor gave chase and recovered the bag with a laptop in it.

1200 block Euclid Ave, 8/11, Thur. night, residence broken into, items stolen.

LAND USE ISSUES

The following land use issues are scheduled to be heard and voted on at the September CPNO meeting. Land use issues to be voted on at the October meeting must be submitted prior to September 26.

1493 McLendon Avenue - (V-05-256) - Daniel D. Yellot, agent for Robert Fleming, owner of property located at 1493 McLendon Avenue (currently zoned R-4 single-family residential) seeks a variance to reduce the east side setback from 7 feet (required) to 5 feet to allow for construction of a single family dwelling, in accordance with site plan and application received by Atlanta Bureau of Planning on 8/10/05. This application is scheduled to be heard by NPU-N at 7PM Thursday September 22nd at Little 5 Points Community Center in Inman Park, and by the Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment at 1PM on Friday October 7th at City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers.

1206 DeKalb Avenue - (V-05-251) - Randy Pimsler, agent for owner of property located at 1206 DeKalb Avenue (currently zoned C-1 C Light Commercial - Conditional) seeks a special exception from zoning regulations to reduce the required off-street parking from 59 to 36 spaces to allow for expansion of an existing restaurant, and to provide off-site parking within 500 feet of this lot, in accordance with site plan and application received by Atlanta Bureau of Planning on 8/1/05. This application is scheduled to be heard by NPU-N at 7PM Thursday September 22nd at Little 5 Points Community Center in Inman Park, and by the Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment at 1PM on Friday October 21st at City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers.

1328 DeKalb Avenue - (V-05-273) - Randy Pimsler, agent for owner of property located at 1328 DeKalb Avenue (currently zoned C-1 C Light Commercial - Conditional) seeks a special exception from zoning regulations to reduce the required off-street parking from 21 to 10 spaces to allow for the conversion of existing office space into retail space, in accordance with site plan and application received by Atlanta Bureau of Planning on 8/22/05. This application is scheduled to be heard by NPU-N at 7PM Thursday September 22nd at Little 5 Points Community Center in Inman Park, and by the Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment at 1PM on Friday October 21st at City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers.

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