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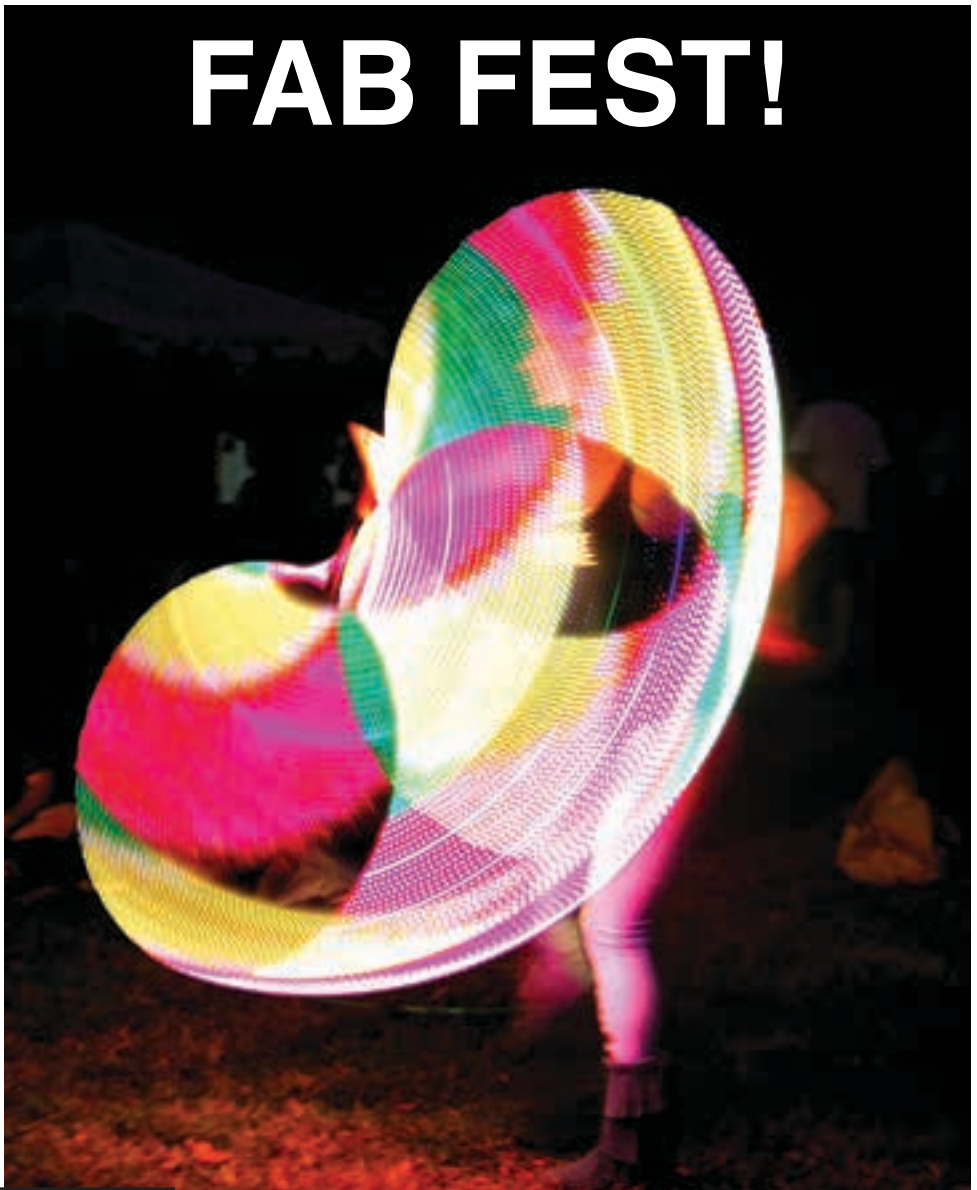
DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- Oct. 13:** CPNO Board Meeting,
7 pm, Epworth Church
Oct. 20: CPNO Members Meeting,
7 pm, First Existentialist Church
Oct. 25: Candler Park Conservancy
Organizational Brainstorm,
9:30 am - noon, Rush Center
Nov. 3: Master Plan Coordinating
Committee, 7 pm, Epworth Church
Nov. 5: Zoning Committee,
7 pm, Epworth Church
Nov. 10: CPNO Board Meeting,
7 pm, Epworth Church
Nov. 13: Environment Committee,
7 pm, Dr. Bombay's
Nov. 17: CPNO Annual Meeting,
7 pm, First Existentialist Church (*board
elections and holiday celebration*)

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FAB FEST!



The weather held for two days,
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SAFETY BRIEFING

Of ghouls, goblins and block captains

By Russell Miller

The block captain is the key volunteer for any neighborhood watch. He or she serves as unofficial mayor of a designated street, block or building; disseminates emergency information; and advocates on quality-of-life issues (lighting, road closures, etc.). A block captain fosters a sense of community — watching out for neighbors in need and those who may be most vulnerable in an emergency.

But block captains also serve as the watch's building blocks: They're the ones who link various parts of the neighborhood into an effective network.

That's why the reborn Candler Park Neighborhood Watch is on

the hunt for more block captains.

If you already have an informal communication network on your block, then please nominate yourself for block captain, or "volunteer" just the right neighbor. And if your block lacks that communication network, how about contacting our Neighborhood Watch to get pointers on how to establish one?

Contact safety@candlerpark.org to find out how you can help — or how Neighborhood Watch can help you.

Some stats from Pew Research hint at **why neighborhood watches are popular and effective tools** for preventing crime:

- 93 percent of neighborhood residents say it's important to look

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LAUGHTER IN THE PARK



The mission of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization

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

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MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

Sign up at www.candlerpark.org or complete the membership form in this issue of the Messenger.

Notice anything different about the Messenger?

By Ken Edelstein

Right about now, you ought to be enjoying the Messenger's Pleasantville moment. Color is one of many benefits from a new arrangement that turns the newsletter's operations over to a private company. It's still CPNO's monthly newsletter. We still control the publication editorially. But KDA Communications now handles ad sales, bookkeeping, production, printing and distribution. In return,

KDA gets the ad revenue.

That's a good deal considering we weren't making much money off the Messenger and especially considering how many volunteer hours the newsletter sucked up every month.

The biggest change may be the way the Messenger gets to your home. KDA delivers by mail, which should be more dependable than our old door-

to-door system. That creates a new opportunity for all of us: We're hoping some of the voluntary Messenger distributors now will be able to turn to other CPNO projects that directly improve our community.

Don't hesitate to give me feedback at editor@candlerpark.org.



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out for one another;

- 67 percent of homeowners say they feel safer when they know their neighbors;
- 35 percent of people who know their neighbors report that they've shared information about crime and safety;
- 79 percent of those who use an online neighborhood forum talk with their neighbors in person at least once a month.

My search of “**halloween safety tips**” brought back 3 million results. I'll whittle them down six to make it easy for you.

For kids:

- Stay on the sidewalks (though in CP that can also be fraught with danger, so bring a flashlight!);
- Stop texting while walking and be careful when crossing the street (don't assume that drivers see you — especially when you're wearing a ninja costume);

- Stay with your friends, don't wander off, and never get into a car with a stranger.

For grownups:

- Kids under the age of 12 should have an adult come with them;
- Drive slowly and be hyper-aware of dark shapes crossing the streets (ninjas);
- Don't hand the 4-year-old the pumpkin carving knife!

Have you joined **Nextdoor** yet? [Go to nextdoor.com](http://Go.to/nextdoor.com). More than 500 Candler Parkers have joined; membership is growing weekly.

Nextdoor is our online bulletin board, where neighbors can share anything from leftover moving boxes to phenomenal nannies. But we've found it to be a particularly effective tool for crime and safety alerts in CP and adjoining neighborhoods.

Happy Halloween, CP, and ... be safe.

Laisser le bon temps rouler

Front Page News aspires to bring “a little bit of the flavor of New Orleans to Atlanta.” On Oct. 20, the French Quarter-style bar and grill in Little Five Points is bringing its fais do do to the CPNO Members Meeting.

Thank you, Front Page News! We'll slurp up whatever you bring. And perhaps, as part of our thanks to you, some of us will venture over to your comfortable courtyard just off Moreland Avenue for jambalaya and po'boys.

Do you know of another local restaurant or caterer who wishes to partner with CPNO to become a cash-free meeting sponsor? If so — or if you run one of those fine establishments

— how about suggesting the potential sponsor by emailing Chris Fitzgerald at chrisfitzgerald@gmail.com?



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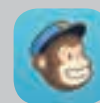
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MARTA seeks input on Edgewood project

By Seth Eisenberg

There's still time to offer your two cents at the last of four meetings scheduled for neighborhood input into the transit-oriented development proposed for the Edgewood side of the Edgewood-Candler Park MARTA Station.

That last meeting is to be held 6 pm, Oct. 29, in the library at Whitefoord Elementary School at 35 Whitefoord Ave. MARTA has hosted three similar public meetings, starting Aug. 27.

Phase I of the project, to be developed by Columbia Ventures, would place approximately 210 units, a two-acre park and a small amount of retail at the western edge of the MARTA's often-vacant Edgewood lot, near the corner of Whitefoord



BIG PLANS: A proposed development will increase traffic near the Whitefoord-La France intersection in Edgewood, but by how much? Photo by Ken Edelstein

Avenue and La France Street. Columbus Ventures' Dillon Baynes hopes to break ground next year and to complete Phase I in 2016.

Phase II, on the eastern part of the lot, is probably years away from groundbreaking, according to Baynes. It would include another 235 units and more retail.

The plan is for MARTA to offer Columbia a long-term lease for the entire six-acre tract, rather than to sell the lot.

For the transit-oriented project to move forward, however, the property must be rezoned. MARTA's seeking public input prior to formally seeking rezoning from the City. There are no current plans for construction work on the

Candler Park side of the Edgewood-Candler Park MARTA Station. At our Oct. 20 monthly Members Meeting, CPNO members may discuss what position, if any, the neighborhood will take on the project.

Mary Lin renovation project falls behind schedule

By Kate Sandhaus

The CPNO Education Committee is tracking two public school construction projects of particular interest to residents. Both are behind schedule.

The \$18 million Mary Lin Elementary renovation and expansion was scheduled to hit a milestone this month, when the new classroom wing was to open. But an engineering problem has delayed that move from Columbus Day weekend until the December break.

Once the new wing is completed, work will begin on the next phase of the project, which involves renovating select spaces in the main building, such as the front office and



OFF SCHEDULE: Mary Lin's construction site. Photo by Ken Edelstein

media center.

Atlanta Public Schools officials assure the Mary Lin Building Committee that the delay won't push back the overall project completion

date of July 2015. When the expansion and renovation are completed, Mary Lin's capacity will have increased to 725. For the first time in many years, no Mary Lin students will be in trailers.

Meanwhile, an expansion at Inman Middle School — previously scheduled to break ground in January 2014 — hasn't begun yet. Inman enrollment turned out to be higher this year than anticipated; all eighth grade classes are now in trailers. The

Inman Local School Council has sent a letter to Meria Carstarphen, the new APS superintendent, expressing doubt that the expansion as currently planned will provide the needed capacity.

Trees Atlanta plans to plant on CP's west side

By Amy Stout

Trees Atlanta's tree planting in Candler Park last spring was such a success that we're planning another one this winter.

In March, more than 100 volunteers planted more than 100 trees in the park itself and points east. Trees, materials, tools, expertise and many of the volunteers were provided by Trees Atlanta. Candler Parkers also provided a big share of the volunteers, and property owners had the opportunity to have trees

planted in their own front yards or right-of-ways at no charge.

The 2015 planting on Jan. 24 will be similar, but it will focus on neighborhood streets west of the park.

If you're interested in participating, please contact me at NPURep@candlerpark.org.



THEY'LL BE BACK: Trees Atlanta and CPNO teamed up to greenify the park and the eastern end of the neighborhood in April. We're joining forces again in January, this time west of the park. Photo: All rights reserved Kimedia.com 2014.

Conservancy brainstorm switched to Oct. 25

By Ken Edelstein

A brainstorming session for the soon-to-be-created Candler Park Conservancy will be held Oct. 25, instead of the original date of Oct. 11.

Candler Park residents — and anyone who loves the park itself — are welcome to attend the professionally facilitated meeting. Its focus will be on the mission and general role of the conservancy, its name, the proposed board structure, and fundraising ideas.

We plan to file nonprofit documents for the conservancy before the end of the year. And early next year, we plan to organize a visioning process focusing on the park's design and physical improvements.

The meeting is now scheduled for the morning of

Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Rush Center, just behind the Radial Cafe on DeKalb Avenue. It should be a lot of fun ... and we may even have donuts!

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Trixie Polmanteer (clockwise from above) welcomes Tour of Homes guests. This year, for the first time, Fall Fest had street performers. David B. Well of the Candler Park-based HealiUm Center gets in a few licks; he was one of more than 100 artists, craftspeople and merchants at the festival. As always, kids of all ages were well-represented. Festival goers (opposite page starting top left) enjoy the afternoon sun during one of two blissfully mild days. The Backyard Birds were among 12 acts to hit the stage. Candler Park resident Francine Reed reminds fans why she'll be inducted Oct. 11 into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

Tour of Homes photo by Lexa King. Photo of artist by Oakdale Don. All other photos by Timothy Cole.



FALL FEST 2014



Volunteers' honor roll

By Ken Edelstein

The most remarkable thing about Fall Fest is that it's a community effort run entirely by volunteers. In limited space, we can't thank everyone who gave their time to make our party a success. But we must thank by name a handful of people without whom Fall Fest and the associated events wouldn't have happened. So, thank you: Fall Fest Co-chairs Mark Clement, Michele Allen and Michelle Baran; Artist Market Director Leslie Kipling; Tour of Homes Chair Lexa King; and 5k Road Race organizer Joseph Hacker.

Mark also wanted to give a shout to four key volunteers who do professional-level production work for Fall Fest every year: "Master of Logistics" Joe Dennis, Rob "Mad Photo Skills" Giersch; Brock Savage, grip; and "Stage Manager/Bad Cop" Martin Steib."

Finally, a special thanks to CPNO Treasurer Peter Bluestone, who played so many roles that by the end of the weekend he literally was wearing two hats. Yes, I mean literally.

I'm sorry that we can't fit all volunteers' names here. But we'll recognize them online at candlerpark.org, and I hope others will add their own thanks there as well.

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Crime report: Aug. 21 through Sept. 16

Compiled from Atlanta Police by Sir David Bruce from Atlanta Police Zone 6 crime reports

1500 block Marlbrook Dr – Larceny from auto – 8/21 Thurs Morn. Residence. Window broken. AM-FM-CD-GPS in dash system, messenger bag with SSC and Galaxy 2 cell phone taken.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/21 Thurs Eve. Parking lot. Door handle lock broken off. Backpack and cell phone taken.

1600 block Marlbrook Dr – Larceny – 8/21 Thurs Eve. Backyard. His Italian Mastiff (worth \$2500) was left in the back yard and is now missing. Victim said someone broke into one of his vehicles last week but he did not report it.

1100 block Euclid Ave (not in Candler Park but L5P) – Robbery – 8/28 Thurs Morn. Victims were leaving a business and walking to the parking lot behind several locations and 2 B/Ms, both with guns, ran up and demanded they get on their knees and empty their pockets. After taking their belongings, one of the suspects kept insisting that one of the victims show her breast but she ignored him. The suspects then fled on foot towards Euclid Ave. iPhone, coach purse, house keys, GA DL, Fossil wallet, ATM card and car keys taken. Suspect 1: B/M, light skin, very thin, 150 lbs, 6', wearing a reddish-orange shirt with yellow writing on the front and light colored blue jeans. Suspect 2: B/M, slightly larger.

1500 block Iverson St – Burglary – 8/25 Mon Day. No sign of forced entry but possibly an open master bedroom window. \$10 in assorted coins, \$1,500 gold ring with yellow stone, gold necklace, pair of silver cuff links and \$8,000 gold bracelet taken.

200 block Ferguson St – Burglary – 8/25 Mon Day. No sign of forced entry. Front door might have been unsecured. \$100 cash, iPod and laptop taken.

300 block Sheppard Pl – Larceny from auto – 8/25 Sun Day. Street. Vehicle unlocked. Garmin GPS, rescue kit and loose change taken.
300 block Brooks Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/25 Mon Morn. Street. Unlocked vehicle. Cell phone, charger and \$25 gift card taken.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/25 Mon Day. Parking lot. 2 vehicles had damage to door locks. HP laptop, wireless printer, Dewalt cordless drill, briefcase with paperwork, credit card, saddlebag, iPhone, iPad and

a weeks worth of clothing were taken.

1200 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/28 Thurs Eve. Street. Window broken. Apple laptop, 2 travel bags with wheels, clothes and jewelry taken.

1200 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/30 Sat Eve. Street. Window broken. Laptop, bag and clothing taken.

500 block Candler Park Dr – Larceny – 8/27 Wed Morn. Construction site. Victim said someone cut the locks on the fence to the site and went directly to where several spools of wiring are stored. He believes they knew exactly where the wiring was and it was probably someone working at the site. 40 spools of electrical wiring were taken.

1200 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/6 Sat Eve. 2 vehicles parked on the street, each had windows broken out. 2 MacBook pros, Cannon 7D camera, lens, flash, camera bag, Lenovo Thinkpad, Nexus tablet and backpack taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/2 Tues Day. Street. Window broken. Backpack with clothing taken.

400 block Page Ave – Auto theft – 8/31 Sat Day. Street. Security said he noticed a B/M, wearing a white shirt and tan shorts, get into his 2012 black Jeep Wrangler and drive off. He had left the keys inside on the center console. Vehicle was recovered at the 500 block on Pryor St.

300 block Mell Ave – Robbery – 9/9 Tues Eve. Victim said he was talking on his phone while leaning against a car on the street. He was approached from behind by the suspect, who “racked his slide” on his black semi-automatic handgun and demanded his iPhone 5. The suspect “racked the slide” back a second time and demanded his phone. Suspect took the phone and ran. Suspect: B/M, 20 to 30 YO, 175 to 180 lbs, thin build, clean shaven, wore a green bucket hat and blue or gray short sleeve shirt.

300 block Candler St – Burglary – 9/8 Mon Eve. Toshiba laptop and E reader book reader taken. No damage to windows that were found open.

1300 block Euclid Ave – Burglary – 9/10 Wed Day. Apartment. Window broken out. 55” Samsung TV, Apple MacBook and iPad taken.

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1300 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/9 Tues Eve. Street. Window busted out. Book bag and clothes taken.

1200 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/11 Thurs Eve. Street. Windows broken out on 2 vehicles. 2 Backpacks, 2 Army uniforms, medical records, laptop with case and 2 custom orthotics.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 9/11 Thurs Eve. Street. 2 Vehicles. Windows busted out. 3 Laptops, 2 laptop chargers, 2 tablets, 2 laptop bags, mp3 player, 3 thumb drives, passport, MARTA vest, 5 shares of Disney stock, wallet, credit card, \$10 cash, bank card, child support card, hotel room key, bag of tools and phone charger.

1400 block Benning Pl – Larceny – 9/8 Sat Eve. Front porch. Stratosphere skateboard taken.

400 block Candler Park Dr – Auto theft – 9/7 Sat Eve. Parking lot. Lock was damaged. Moped taken. Green ZZZZ 2007.

1300 block Iverson St – Burglary – 9/14 Sun Day. Rear glass door broken. A witness heard a loud glass break

noise, came outside and saw the suspects walking behind the neighbor's house. The suspects got into a newer model white Dodge Durango with SC plates. Witness said he could ID them. Suspect 1: B/M, wearing grey T shirt with grey or blue shorts. Suspect 2: B/M wearing a concert style T shirt with a backpack. Suspect3: B/M. Nothing taken.

1300 block Miller Ave – Burglary – 9/16 Tues Day. A screen to the rear window was removed but entry made. Victim heard noise coming from downstairs at 10am and asked if anyone was there. A neighbor saw the suspect walking towards the street from the victim's house around 10am and loitering in the neighborhood. Suspect: B/M, light skinned, wearing gray shorts and a black tank top. Nothing taken.

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Sept. 15 CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Ken Edelstein, President. A motion to amend the agenda by adding presentations for Georgia Craft Beer Festival and Atlanta Lobster Festival passed. The motion to adopt the amended agenda passed.

Announcements:

- Ken Edelstein thanked Uncle Maddio's for providing the food for the meeting.
- Edi Kelman thanked all the volunteers who helped re-install the BiRacial historic markers on August 23, 2014.
- Amy Stout announced that Tree Atlanta is planning another planting day sometime in January.
- Amy Stout announced that a new sign with a QR was installed by the playground on August 23, 2014.
- Mark Clement announced the movie for Saturday night- "Remember the Titans".
- Russell Miller announced that the neighborhood watch is 'live'. There is still a need for Block Captains and Zone Leaders. Anyone interested should email him at safety@candlerpark.org.
- Anthony Rodriguez, Red Brick Brewery, announced the Georgia Craft Beer Festival will be held October 25, 2014. The festival will start at noon for the VIP's and open at 1 pm for the public.
- Rob Goldstein announced the Atlanta Lobster Festival will be held from 1pm to 6pm on November 2, 2014.

Visitors:

- Lt. Floyd, Evening Watch Commander, Zone 6, reported that the neighborhood is safer than last year. He updated the status of the incident in Freedom Park about which members had inquired last month. To prevent further problems officers are expected to 'park and walk' the area around the Path. The Homeless Task Force will also increase patrols on the Path. There were 4 home burglaries; all were committed by

entering an unlock door. Auto thefts have increased; Lt. Floyd encouraged residents to park their cars in the garage and or a safe place.

Discussions:

- The Board appointed Don Bender, Peter Bluestone, Lauren Chekanow, Sarah Cook, and Jay Sandhaus to the Nominating Committee. Don Bender, Chair of the Committee, introduced the members. He explained the process will start with polling the current Board Members as to who will run for their current positions. The Committee will seek other nominees to run and he invited those present to 'put their hat in the ring'. The slate will be presented at the October meeting and voting will be at the Annual Membership Meeting in November.
- Mark Clement informed the members of the FallFest progress. The Music line-up includes Francine Reed. The new spirit sponsor is American Born Moonshine; the new wine sponsor is Rex Goliath. The Festival is coming in under budget. Volunteers are needed. There are still openings for the 5k.
- Lexa King reported on the Tour of Homes. The tickets will be available at The Mercantile on Dekalb Avenue and Candler Park Market and online. Sponsorships will be accepted until Wednesday. There is a need for volunteers to 'house sit' during the Tour.
- Seth Eisenberg, CPNO Zoning Officer, reported that the TOD at Edgewood has been slowed down by request of the neighborhood (s). There are meetings scheduled to provide input to MARTA. He also encouraged members to take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9NH8DLM>.

Votes:

- Jay Sandhaus requested \$499 from CPNO for the Bench at the Tree of Life sculpture. He has received a \$1,000 grant from Park Pride, but was denied the "Love Your Block" grant.

A motion to approve the amount of \$499 for the Bench was amended as a 'motion to approve up to \$499 for the Bench at the Tree of Life sculpture'. The amended motion passed.

- John Skach, Environmental Officer, requested \$499 for the facilitator of a round table discussion on the Candler Park Conservancy. For details on the roundtable see the Officer Report attached. Jennifer Wilson will facilitate the meeting to be held at Georgia Equality on October 11, 2014 from 9:30 to noon. The motion to approve \$499 for the facilitator of the round table discussion passed.
- Randy Pimsler, Chair of the Master Plan Coordinating Committee, updated the membership on the Infrastructure Bond Referendum. For details, see his report that is attached to the minutes. A motion was read by Don Bender as follows "Candler Park residents request that CPNO representatives urge Mayor Kasim Reed, Atlanta City Council and other city officials to include long-neglected and urgently needed pedestrian and safety improvements in Candler Park on the list for the city's proposed infrastructure bond referendum. We also reaffirm our strong consensus for improvements outlined by the Candler Park Master and established by the neighborhood as priorities in July 2014." This motion passed.
- Motion to approve the August minutes passed.
- Motion to approve the September Officer and Committee Report passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Recording Secretary, September 15, 2014

Editor's note: Date of the upcoming Candler Park Conservancy meeting has been changed to Oct. 25.

CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for September

These Officer and Committee reports were submitted for membership review prior to the Sept. 15 Members Meeting and were accepted by CPNO vote.

Education Committee:

Kate Sandhaus

The Mary Lin construction project ran into an engineering problem, so the plan to move into the new wing this October will not be met. It is now expected to be ready by December break. Next will come renovations in the main building structure. APS has stated that the delay with the new wing will not impact the final project completion date of July 2015.

The Inman Middle School expansion project, previously scheduled to begin in January 2014, has not started. Enrollment is also higher than anticipated, with all 8th grade classes now in trailers. The Inman Local School Council has sent a letter to the Superintendent expressing doubt that the expansion will provide the needed capacity.

Freedom Park Conservancy:

Carol Gregory

The Freedom Park Conservancy executive committee met with Park Commissioner, Amy Phunog, and Camille Love, Director of the Office of Cultural Affairs. The positive conversations with both leaders helped the board understand that collaboration on many aspects of the board's strategic goals is possible. At the monthly board meeting, the strategic plan was reviewed for final revisions. Sonya Halpern, Board President of the National Black Arts Festival was a guest at the meeting to talk about collaboration as well. Neighborhoods continue to donate to Freedom Park. Most recently Druid Hills and Poncey Highlands.

Special Projects: Mark Clement

Fall Fest is 12 days away. We are on target. We are under budget. Sponsorships are on target to exceed last year. We have two new sponsors. A wine and a spirit sponsor is now on board. These sponsors were made possible by our new relationship with a distributor. This relationship could produce us real sponsorship growth into the future. At this point we need volunteers and good weather.

Zoning: Seth Eisenberg

The September Zoning Committee meeting was cancelled due to a lack of pending applications. Regarding the Candler Park/Edgewood MARTA Transit Oriented Development project, the meeting dates for the community meetings with representatives from MARTA are finalized and 100% open to everyone. The following three scheduled dates and times will allow you to ask questions and address any concerns about the MARTA station development: MEETING - October 1 at 6:00 p.m.; MEETING - October 7 at 6:00 p.m.; MEETING - October 29 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will be in the library at Whitefoord Elementary School at 35 Whitefoord Ave., Atlanta GA 30317. In addition to the above meetings, interested neighbors should take a few minutes to complete the survey at the following link that addresses issues and preferences related to the MARTA TOD project: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9NH8DLM>

Master Plan Coordinating Committee:

Randy Pimsler

The Candler Park Master Plan Coordinating committee did not meet in the month of September. The second round of Infrastructure Bond Hearings took place on September 9, 2014 at Atlanta Metropolitan College. Members of the committee (and forty residents from the Westview Neighborhood) attended this meeting to gain insight into the proposed project list for the bond. Dekalb Avenue, a complete street program is noted in the bond. A flashing signal light at Mary Lin and the upgrading of the light at the intersection of Oakdale Road and Fairview, are also included.

The committee notes that sidewalk improvements and curb rework in Candler Park are not specifically noted in the bond, as of this time. An updated letter writing campaign and / or attendance at the public hearings is encouraged to ensure that these pedestrian related items are indeed included in the bond.

The transportation subcommittee of the coordinating committee continues to work with the Little Five Points Business Association and Inman Park, in an effort to have the roundabout at Dekalb and Moreland Avenue reworked. It is

proposed that a study of this intersection be included in the bond referendum.

Public input for the bond continues through October 10, 2014. Letter writing from Candler Park residents has been very effective and should continue through the deadline, with an updated focus on sidewalks, curb cuts and the study at Moreland/DeKalb, seen as focal points. For more information on the infrastructure bond, visit www.atlantaga.gov/infrastructure.

Treasurer: Peter Bluestone

Treasurers Report for September 2014 Our financial position continues to be strong. Our largest fundraising event of the year is coming up in Fall Fest. Please take some time to volunteer and come to the Festival and support CPNO. We are in the process of filing our taxes for 2013. The delay was due to some software issues which have now been resolved. All the appropriate extensions were filed so we are still in compliance. Please see the handout for details from the P&L and balance sheet.

Environment: John Skach

Can We Talk? -- Interested in sharing your opinions on the organizational structure of a new conservancy for Candler Park? Join the Environment Committee next month for a roundtable discussion on key aspects of the fledgling organization. Discussion points include:

- The organization's mission
- The organization's name
- The board structure & composition

Note: This meeting emphasis is on setting the conservancy up. A future visioning session on design and physical improvements for the park is planned for the first quarter of 2015.

Date: Saturday, October 11

[Editor's note: This meeting's date was changed to Oct. 25 after John submitted his report.]

Location: Georgia Equality's Rush Center, 1530 Dekalb Avenue, Suite A (behind Radial)

Time: 9:30 – Noon

September Neighborhood Planning Unit-N report

NPU-N is a city sanctioned board that advises the city on certain issues on behalf of Candler Park, six other neighborhoods and three business districts. CPNO member Amy Stout is Candler Park's representative on the board.

I attended the monthly meeting of NPU-N on Thursday, Sept. 25 as the CPNO representative.

Variances/Rezoning: There were no cases for any Candler Park addresses this month. We again voted to defer consideration of a proposed rezoning of the MARTA station property on the south (Edgewood) side of the Edgewood/Candler Park MARTA station. Discussions between the developer and the neighborhoods are ongoing, and the final proposed legislation is not yet available.

Ordinances: The board considered a small number of proposed ordinances:

- 14-O-1325: Allows the use of public property and right-of-way for the installation of infrastructure for the city's proposed Bike Share program and establishes the criteria for location of these stations. Voted to support, 9-0-0.
- 14-O-1345: Allows the use of public property and right-of-way for the installation of infrastructure for the city's proposed Bike Share program and establishes the criteria for location of these stations. Voted to support, 9-0-0.
- 14-O-1361: Repeals and deletes portions of current city code that require private property owners to maintain the public sidewalk on their property and designates the Department of Public Works to be responsible for the maintenance and installation of sidewalk infrastructure throughout the city, consistent with this being a basic function of local government. Voted to support, 8-1-0.

Special Events: The applicant/event organizer that is planning the Georgia Craft Beerfest (October 25th) and the Atlanta Lobster Fest (November 2nd), both to be held in Candler Park, did not attend the NPU-N meeting. We took no action, as the representative present from the Mayor's Office of Special Events indicated it was more informative to them for the NPU to submit the form indicating NO SHOW as opposed to voting to defer, which has typically been our practice when an applicant does not appear.

I welcome your input on these and related issues. Please contact me at NPUREP@candlerpark.org.

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Fall is Here!

Fall is the perfect season to get out of your comfort zone and start experimenting with different kinds of squash. You no longer need to limit yourself to the basic yellow squash or even zucchini, as there are many other options out there for you to try. Here are some of our fall favorites:

Acorn – Acorn squash are dark green and round with even grooves around the entire squash. They are perfect for roasting with some butter and brown sugar. The small ones are great for stuffing for a vegetarian meal.

Butternut – This is the sweetest of all winter squash. It has a slim neck and bulbous bottom that gives the butternut squash its distinctive bell shape. Its flesh is easy to peel and it doesn't have lots fibrous bits which makes it perfect for sautéing or for soups.

Delicata – This squash is small, oblong, and has bright yellow, dark green, or orange stripes. The peel is so thin that it is actually edible. However,

due to the thinness of the skin, it can bruise easily and does not last as long as other squash. This type of squash is delicious when it is roasted with butter or stuffed and baked.

Pumpkin – We often forget that pumpkin is a type of squash, but it is! Use the small ones for pies. The larger “Jack-O-Lanterns” are too watery to cook.

Spaghetti – Spaghetti squash is a kid favorite. After it is cooked, the flesh just comes apart in slightly thick, noodle like strands. Some people will serve it with garlic and butter, and others will toss it in tomato sauce. Delicious!

For more tips like these, please visit our website at www.mcnaackskitchen.com and make sure you like our Facebook Page!

Butternut Squash Soup

Ingredients:

4 - 2 to 3lb whole butternut squash	3/4 qt half and half cream
3 - 32oz cartons of the chicken broth reduced sodium	Salt to taste
2 onions	1 T Cinnamon
2 apples, peeled and chopped	1 T Nutmeg
	1 T Powdered Ginger

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 Degrees. Prepare the butternut squash by removing the peel and the seeds from the inside. Remove the ends to give yourself a flat end to let the squash rest and then peel carefully.

Once complete, split in half lengthwise and remove the seeds with a spoon. Then rough chop the squash into like-sized pieces (about 1 inch cubes) and place on baking sheet. Peel and quarter the apples (remove core) and add to tray. Peel and quarter the onions and add to tray. When complete with all the squash, onions and apples, put about 1 cup of water on each sheet tray and roast in oven at 400 degrees until tender (about 20-30 minutes).

When squash, apples and onion are all ready, place into large soup pot with chicken stock. Using an immersion blender, blend until smooth. This may take a while to truly get smooth. If there are stubborn pieces, remove them. Once smooth, add spices and cream and let the soup simmer. Taste again to make sure you don't want to add more spices. Add more broth for a soupier consistency or less for a thicker soup. Serve hot and enjoy!

Recipe of the Month

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THE RISK OF NEGLECTING YOUR PET'S ORAL CARE!

By: Bradley Elliot

Whilst most pet owners are concerned about the oral hygiene of their pet, many others should understand that this is a matter that could possibly carry severe repercussions if left unattended. The problem does not end with just the mouth. It goes on to unleash various other medical complications that may in some cases, prove to be fatal.

Pet owners at times may notice their cat has a bad smell. They may ignore it. However, the bad smell coming from the pet's mouth may be a sign of oral disease. The fact is that a cat's oral hygiene is essential for maintaining the overall health of the pet.

Poor oral hygiene does not only cause tooth decay or gum disease. Apart from aggravating these conditions, poor oral hygiene goes on to cause serious health issues such as heart, kidney and lung diseases. A cat's teeth are most vulnerable to plaque build-up. The plaque could go on to cause separation of the gums from the teeth. This would in return cause the formation of packets of bacteria which result in infections. The problem does not end here as it goes on to afflict the internal organs of the body. Failure of internal organs such as heart and kidneys could possibly result in death.

These are the reasons why any pet dental problem needs to be avoided. The

best way to do so is by introducing hygiene practices early. Though it is difficult to train a cat to accept routine brushing, it becomes easier once you start doing it regularly. There are some brushing techniques that need to be learnt.

Another important aspect of preventing a pet dental problem is inspecting the cat teeth for any signs of oral diseases. In particular, the presence of inflamed gums or cysts under the tongue needs to be checked. Regular checkups and follow-up appointments are a good way to prevent the pet dental problem.

Cat teeth unlike humans do not suffer from tooth enamel decay.


Generally it is an infection or inflammation or receding of gums that afflicts them.

This is exactly what causes discomfort and drooling in the pets. Dental disease as pointed out earlier, can cause heart and kidney diseases in older cats. This is because of the bacteria that live in the infected tissue that could go on to enter the blood stream and hence affect the internal organs.

Hence, as it can be seen, cat teeth are vulnerable to tartar and plaque. These can give rise to a host of other medical problems such as gum disease, tooth decay and infections. The next possible cause is the failure of internal organs such as the heart and kidneys because the bacterium that has accumulated in the gums finds a way to enter the blood stream and lodge itself in the internal organs. This calls for the need to attend to the cat teeth to avoid any oral health problems. This needs to be addressed occasionally so that an overall good oral hygiene can be maintained. This is because cat teeth require special care.




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