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- 13** Environment Committee, 7 pm, Dr. Bombay's
- 17** CPNO Annual Meeting, 7 pm, First Existentialist Congregation (board elections and holiday celebration)

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- 1** Master Plan Coordinating Committee, 7 pm, Epworth Church
- 3** Zoning Committee, 7 pm, Epworth Church
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- 11** Environment Committee, 7 pm, Dr. Bombay's
- 15** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, First Existentialist Congregation

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# Plenty to celebrate on November 17

By Ken Edelstein

Election eve parties are a venerable tradition in American politics. So this year, we're going to throw one alongside our CPNO board elections.

That's what you can expect as we gather Nov. 17 in the Old Stone Church for the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization's Annual Meeting. It'll be part business (see article on elections, page 10) and part celebration.

We have a lot to celebrate. Just think of what we've accomplished in the past year.

After members approved the Candler Park Master Plan in August 2013 and city officially adopted it in December, CPNO faced the daunting task of implementing at least a few of the plan's 100-plus recommendations. That's no easy job in a city known for its bureaucracy and a neighborhood known as a herd of

## PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

ornery cats.

Thanks to the efforts of quite a few of those ornery cats, we've made tremendous progress. Out of the blue just the other day, Aaron Fortner, our Master Plan consultant, wrote to say: "You all are doing an AMAZING job bringing your master plan to life! This is incredible. Way to go!!"

Examples? How about Environment Officer John Skach leading a team that's well on its way to establishing a Candler Park Conservancy (see page 6)? Or Public Safety Officer Russell Miller walking us through the early steps of creating a bonafide Candler Park Neighborhood Watch? Or Master Plan Coordinating Committee Chair Randy Pimsler making concrete progress on a proposed solution to traffic bottleneck on Oakdale Road

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## LAUGHTER IN THE PARK



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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](http://www.candlerpark.org).

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at McLendon (see page 8)? Or the Coordinating Committee spearheading an effort to ensure that improved sidewalks in Candler Park, new crosswalks and DeKalb Avenue improvements are designated city priorities?

The Master Plan progress comes alongside a slew of other projects that simply grew out of the itch of one or two neighbors. NPU rep Amy Stout sweet-talked Trees Atlanta into working with us to plant more than 200 trees in the park and the neighborhood. Mark Clement's Friends of Candler Park brigade mulched a big portion of the park. Amy Erwin led a grassroots effort to get furniture for the pool. Edi Kelman rallied the troops to replace two damaged historic markers. And Jay Sandhaus hustled up money and buy-in to install a bench near the Tree of Life sculpture in Freedom Park. (That last one's still in the works.)

While we're at it, I should sing the praises of Don Bender. He sponsored an amend the CPNO Bylaws to ensure that this year's board elections won't be the lengthy slog that they've been in past years. That means less business — more party.

There's one gift I'd like to celebrate above all others: It's the neighborliness that so many Candler Parkers have exhibited over the last year. We've had disagreements to be sure. For the most part, though, you and your neighbors have shown a great deal of patience in working through those disagreements, or in simply putting them aside so that we could tap our talents and energy to achieve great things together. Congratulations!

There's so much more to get done next year. I'm sure we'll have time to argue over quite a few ideas. But the best way to start the next round of progress will be to enjoy the Nov. 17 party and to toast one another for the work we've all accomplished.

## Update on Messenger delivery via mail

By Ken Edelstein

I've gotten a lot positive feedback for the color Messenger and for timely delivery by mail. But there's one group that's not as happy: The people who didn't get their Messenger.

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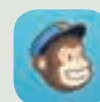
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# Conservancy session yields name, URL, purpose

By Ken Edelstein

CPNO's drive to create a conservancy for Candler Park (the park) finally has a name, a web address and a statement of purpose. At least for now.

The name isn't exactly surprising: It's — ta-da! — the Candler Park Conservancy.

The web address — [candlerparkconservancy.org](http://candlerparkconservancy.org) — currently is being forwarded to a page at the CPNO website, [candlerpark.org](http://candlerpark.org).

The purpose statement? That's a bit more complicated.

At a CPNO-sponsored workshop led by professional facilitator Jennifer Wilson on Oct. 25, about 20 volunteers from Candler Park and surrounding neighborhoods worked through an exercise designed to help us explain why the conservancy is needed.

We identified "symptoms" ranging from rundown facilities and the pool's absurdly short hours to the city's thin resources and the lack of a way to funnel private contributions toward park maintenance. One theme running through the two-and-half-hour session was that no organization is in a position to coordinate the work of various groups that care passionately about the park.

Finally, we came up with this purpose statement: "To serve as an accountable organization responsible for engaging stakeholders and for formulating, prioritizing and implementing a collective vision for Candler Park park in partnership with the city."

That doesn't exactly roll off the tongue. But the point wasn't to create a snappy tagline. It was to express



**NOT JUST TALK:** Jennifer Wilson helped conservancy advocates work through key issues during an Oct. 25 brainstorm at the Rush Center. Photo by Zaid Duwayri.

clearly what the conservancy is being formed to do.

Later in the meeting, an effort to hone bylaws for the organization put a lot of good ideas on the table, but it bogged down on some cart-before-horse issues. How, for example, can we know whether we'll need a Membership Committee before we know what role members will play in the organization? After a lot of good feedback, Randy Pimsler suggested tabling work on the bylaws. He pointed out that it's not necessary to finalize all the details before forming the nonprofit.

We had a much easier time gaining a consensus around the name. I personally was pushing for the "Proletarian People's Collective to Protect Candler Park" but didn't find a lot of takers. In the end, the most obvious name was the favorite of almost all participants.

One big, concrete step taken earlier in the week was that — thanks to CPNO Special Projects Officer Mark Clement — we were able to secure two domains for the conservancy: [candlerparkconservancy.org](http://candlerparkconservancy.org) and [candlerparkconservancy.com](http://candlerparkconservancy.com).

When he and others formed

Friends of Candler Park about eight years ago, Clement purchased those two addresses because he wasn't sure what he and his crew would name their group. Friends, he said, has evolved to tightly focus around two specific projects: Movie Nights and Mulch Madness.

But Clement protected the two "candlerparkconservancy" domains because he knew the neighborhood might eventually want to create a conservancy with a broader mission. It so happened

that renewal for the two domains came due last week, so Clement worked with other CPNO officers to complete the transfer.

"This group," he stressed toward the end of the Oct. 25 session, "has more than proven that this is a genuine effort."

None of the Oct. 25 session's work is set in stone, by the way.

"What we're ultimately here to do today is to give input" to volunteers who'll continue to work on the Conservancy, Wilson stressed. But progress from the meeting does amount to the firmest feedback so far on a few key issues.

Members of the CPNO Environment Committee aim to incorporate the conservancy by the end of the year and to move on to developing a plan for the park next year, said CPNO Environment Officer John Skach. Candler Parkers and residents of nearby neighborhoods are welcome to participate.

The Environment Committee meets 6 p.m. at Dr. Bombay's on the second Thursday of the month. If you have questions, feedback or ideas, feel free to contact Skach at [environment@candlerpark.org](mailto:environment@candlerpark.org).

# Sci-fi movie shoots in park, gives \$10,000 for conservancy

By Ken Edelstein

A major movie production company that borrowed the Candler Park playground for four days in October has provided a generous gift to CPNO to help us move forward with the Candler Park Conservancy.

Garden Films Production has been shooting Sony Pictures' adaption of the popular, young adult novel "The 5th Wave" around metro Atlanta for the last couple of months. The science-fiction novel "follows 16-year-old Cassie Sullivan as she tries to survive in a world devastated by the waves of alien invasion that have already decimated the population and knocked mankind back to the Stone Age," according to Wikipedia.

The film stars Chloe Grace Moretz, of "Hugo" fame, and Liev Schreiber, who's cast (as he often is) as the villain. It's slated for release in 2016.

Location Manager Caleb Duffy originally contacted CPNO for help in getting word out that the playground would be closed for Oct. 20-23. But Duffy also wanted to know how the production company could help enhance the park — as an expression of goodwill after inconveniencing park users and as thanks for our work in notifying the community.

Garden Films' generosity exceeded expectations. The \$10,000 gift may be used by CPNO so long as the money is "earmarked for the newly formed Candler Park Conservancy."

The grant is the largest CPNO has received in anyone's



**CAMERAS! LIGHTS! SIT!** We weren't allowed to take a picture of teenage star Chloe Grace Moretz while on the "5th Wave" set, so we took a picture of her chair. Faux wreckage of the Candler Park playground is in the background. Photo by Ken Edelstein.

memory. While its specific use must be approved by the CPNO members, Environment Officer John Skach notes that the timing is excellent. He and other volunteers are working to incorporate the conservancy by the end of the year and to kick-off of a visioning and planning process early in 2015.

Aside from the gift, the production crew was kind enough to put the playground back into much better condition than the "Stone Age" mess created by the aliens.

Thank you, Sony and Garden Films: You've made a real difference in our community!

## Park Pride grant rounds out pool money, team now turns to lights



Photo by John Skach.

Fresh off raising \$5,000-plus for badly needed pool furniture, CPNO conservancy volunteers are taking on a new task: Relighting the historic entrance to Candler Park.

Fixing the lights was Candler Park Master Plan recommendation. But the effort involves more than changing a couple of bulbs. The fixtures themselves are damaged.

So Environment Officer John Skach, an architect, has been trying to figure out how to properly restore them. He and colleagues at his firm have taken to calling the fixtures "enigmas" — they've never seen anything like them.

All the more reason to restore them properly. So, as of this writing, John and

company were raising money at two recent events — the Georgia Craft Beer Festival and the Atlanta Lobster Festival — where promoters offered CPNO free tents for that purpose. At the same time, Michele Allen roped in Wahoo! Grille on College Avenue in Decatur to provide gift certificates in support of the fundraising. At press time, we'd raised \$250. We hope to have the fixtures relit by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, the pool furniture campaign — led by CPNO member Amy Erwin — topped its goal last month, when the nonprofit group Park Pride gave a \$2,400 matching grant to the effort. That allows Erwin to complete Phase II of the furniture buy.



# Oakdale-McLendon study calls for test of 4-way stop

By Randy Pimsler

A city traffic study completed in October revealed that the intersection at Oakdale Road and McLendon Avenue will “function acceptably” if the signal is replaced with a “multi-way stop control.” So city officials are now proposing a 60-day test of a four-way stop, along with the elimination of parking from McLendon to Miller on the east side of Oakdale.

By a 28-4 vote at our October meeting, CPNO endorsed that test. But members attached two requests to the motion: We asked that crosswalks at the intersection be re-striped and that the neighborhood be included in discussions on what to do permanently after the study is complete. At this writing, CPNO representatives (uncluding me) are in the process of providing feedback to the Department of Public Works and obtaining a schedule for the test.

The action at Oakdale and McLendon was prompted by a very similar recommendation in the Candler Park Master Plan: A transportation planner for the CP plan also concluded that a 4-way stop was worth testing and that the parking along the east side of Oakdale should be reduced.

The Master Plan also calls for consideration of traffic calming measures to reduce speeding along Oakdale, which is something we plan to explore with city officials as the process moves along.

The city’s response was spurred by our own follow-through on the Master Plan. On August 4, I met with



**STOP AND GO:** Parked cars create a bottleneck on Oakdale Road during rush hour. Photo by Ken Edelstein.

representatives from City Council and the Department of Public Works to discuss the intersection, as well as other Master Plan recommendations related to mobility and traffic calming. That’s when Public Works Commissioner Richard Mendoza committed to the traffic study.

Along with field observations, the report, which can be reviewed at [candlerpark.org](http://candlerpark.org), included analyses of the traffic signal, a multi-stop control, crashes at the intersection, and

potential delays (signal vs. stop signs).

It concluded: “Only the level of service on westbound approached during morning rush hour decreased to ‘D’ from ‘C’ when the signal is replaced with multi-way stop control. A level of service ‘C’ implies that an approach is nearly free-flow conditions and noticeable restrictions on maneuverability while level of service ‘D’ implies declining speeds, increasing densities and restricted maneuverability. Another significant finding is that parking on both sides of Oakdale Road north of McLendon Avenue is a great concern. Crash analysis reveals that there were three (3) sideswipe accidents in a 24-month period (9/30/2012 to 9/30/2014) and two of the crashes can be attributed to narrowness of the street due to parking on both sides of the street.”

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact [masterplanchair@candlerpark.org](mailto:masterplanchair@candlerpark.org).

*Randy Pimsler chairs the CPNO Master Plan Coordinating Committee.*

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# Crimes energize push for neighborhood watch, security patrol

By Ken Edelstein

Three reports of violent crime during the last week of October prompted urgent calls to strengthen our Neighborhood Watch and to create a Candler Park security patrol.

In two cases, quick-thinking Candler Park residents managed to get away from their attackers.

On the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 22, a man allegedly tried to force a woman into her own house on Glendale Avenue. According to reports on NextDoor.com, the woman fought back and screamed. Neighbors reportedly came out of their houses and the assailant fled on foot, but not before residents caught him on video and photos.

Then, on Tuesday, Oct. 23, a sixth-grade girl reported that two men in a dark-colored van tried to abduct her on Candler Park Drive as she walked from her bus stop. The girl reportedly fought back and tore away from the would-be kidnappers.

We should all be proud of the two brave, female Candler Parkers and of the neighbors who came to their assistance.



**CRIME WATCH:** A couple of brave Candler Parkers fought back and neighbors mobilized quickly after a couple of scary incidents. Photo by Ken Edelstein.

But the incidents prompted a great deal of alarm on NextDoor. Both also drew TV reporters.

Then, reports emerged that a separate incident had occurred in the park the Saturday before those two incidents. One group of teenagers, believed to be Grady High School students, approached other students who were hanging out at one of the picnic pavillions. They allegedly drew guns, and one shot into the trees to let the victims know they were serious. They got away with phones, cash and bicycles.

NextDoor was soon abuzz with residents expressing their interest in forming a security patrol and pushing for progress on the Candler Park Neighborhood Watch. CPNO Safety Officer Russell Miller responded by organizing a special meeting to channel that energy into headway on both the watch and the patrol (the Nov. 4 meeting was to take place after the Messenger went to press).

If you're not involved already in the effort to make Candler Park safer, contact Miller at [safety@candlerpark.org](mailto:safety@candlerpark.org).

## + HELPING KEEP THE PLANET CLEAN — — with Proper Battery Disposal

By: Randal Roberts

All car batteries eventually will wear out and need to be disposed of. Unlike most products, you cannot simply throw away these types of batteries. The reason for this is that a 12 volt car battery contains many hazardous chemicals and materials. There are also many environmental safety concerns associated with the disposal of these batteries. There are actually several ways to properly dispose of car batteries.

The most unique part of recycling batteries is that all of the elements can be reclaimed and reused in new car batteries. The lead in these batteries is almost 100% recyclable. The plastic components of these batteries can also be recycled and used in future products as well. The sulfuric acid found in these batteries can be recycled and used in a number of different ways. For example it can be used in new car batteries, neutralized and then purified to be released as clean water, or it can also be turned into sodium sulfate. When turned to sodium sulfate it can be used in such products as fertilizer and dyes.

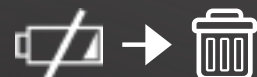
In most standard car batteries heavy metals are found such as lead as well as plastic and acid. This is why if they are not properly disposed they can contaminate the air, water and soil of our planet. Also it does not matter if the battery is a 6 or 12 volt; both are classified as hazardous waste and need to be disposed of properly. With newer Hybrid cars NIMH batteries are used rather than traditional lead batteries. Although these batteries do not contain lead they still contain toxic components and need to be disposed of properly as well.

It is also important to handle these used batteries correctly, because they can be harmful to your health. Individuals should wear gloves as well as safety glasses when holding these batteries. When transporting the battery it should be placed upright in a position that is not going to tip over while moving.

When disposing your car battery you do have more than one option. Most recycling centers accept car batteries, but it is in your best interest to call ahead to confirm this. The AAA Great Battery Round Up has become a well known place to dispose of your batteries. The event is usually held in association with Earth Day and involves AAA offices setting up a collection area for you to bring your used batteries to be discarded. Most automotive repair shops also accept used car batteries as well. Now that you know a little more about car battery disposal, make sure you take the legal and environmentally safe route when you dispose of your used car batteries.

Randal Roberts is a writer who frequently researches and explores topics with a focus on answering common questions asked around the world. Recently he has written about automotive questions, focusing on maintenance concerns for drivers in the Northeast, covering topics such as tires and ME and NH car batteries.

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# Nominating panel qualifies 2015 board candidates

This year's CPNO elections are shaping up to be briefer and less eventful than in years past, Nominating Committee Chair Don Bender stressed at the Oct. 20 Members' Meeting.

Bender was presenting candidates who qualified to run for the 2015 CPNO Board. He cited two reasons to expect the votes — scheduled for our Nov. 17 Annual Meeting — to take less time.

First, none of the 10 board seats nor the position of NPU representative (also an elected position) is contested — so far. That could change because qualified members may still be nominated for positions from the floor (active members must have attended at least four Members' Meetings in the past 12 months to qualify). Second, a bylaws amendment approved in February should significantly shorten the voting process. It allows for elections of uncontested positions to be decided by acclamation, rather than by time-consuming vote counts.

Bender said the committee's work was relatively easy. Nine of 10 current board members, as well as NPU Rep Amy Stout, opted to stand again for re-election, so the committee only had to hunt up a candidate for one seat, membership secretary. Thank you to committee members Bender, Peter Bluestone, Lauren Chekanow, Sarah Cook and Jay Sandhaus for serving in this vital role.

Here are the nominees, along with descriptions of the 11 elected positions from the CPNO bylaws:

**President.** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the neighborhood organization and the chair of its Board of Directors; shall have such duties as prescribed by law, by these bylaws, or by the neighborhood organization's parliamentary authority.

**Nominee:** *Ken Edelstein, incumbent*

**Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of the President's duties, shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and shall have such other duties as prescribed by law, by these bylaws, or by the neighborhood organization's parliamentary authority.

**Nominee:** *Lexa King, incumbent*

**Recording Secretary.** The Recording Secretary shall maintain custody of the neighborhood



organization's records, including the corporate seal, except as prescribed by these bylaws. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and make them available to members as required by law. The Recording Secretary shall have such other duties as prescribed by law, by these bylaws, or by the neighborhood organization's parliamentary authority.

**Nominee:** *Bonnie Palter, incumbent*

**Membership Secretary.** The Membership Secretary shall maintain the neighborhood organization's membership records and shall chair the Membership Committee. The Membership Secretary shall maintain the neighborhood organization's

membership roll and mailing list and shall make them available to members as required by law. The Membership Secretary shall have such other duties as prescribed by law, by these bylaws, or by the neighborhood organization's parliamentary authority.

**Nominee:** *Roger Bakeman*

**Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall maintain custody of the neighborhood organization's funds and securities and shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the neighborhood organization. The Treasurer shall deposit all receipts to the credit of the neighborhood organization at such banks and financial institutions as the Board of Directors shall direct. The Treasurer shall disburse the neighborhood organization's funds and securities only as the neighborhood organization shall direct by or as these bylaws may prescribe. The Treasurer shall make a full financial report at the annual meeting and shall make such interim reports as the Board of Directors may direct. The Treasurer shall have such other duties as prescribed by law, by these bylaws, or by the neighborhood organization's parliamentary authority.

**Nominee:** *Peter Bluestone, incumbent*

**Zoning Officer.** The Zoning Officer shall be responsible for the neighborhood organization's activities related to land use and zoning and shall chair the zoning committee. The Zoning Officer shall have such other duties as the neighborhood organization or these bylaws may prescribe.

**Nominee:** *Seth Eisenberg, incumbent*

**Public Safety Officer.** The Public Safety Officer shall be responsible for the neighborhood organization's activities related to public safety

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and shall serve as the neighborhood organization's principal liaison to public safety agencies and organizations. The Public Safety Officer shall have such other duties as the neighborhood organization or these bylaws may prescribe.

**Nominee:** *Russell Miller, incumbent*

**Environmental Officer.** The Environmental Officer shall be responsible for the neighborhood organization's activities related to parks and green space, the environment, and

neighborhood beautification. The Environmental Officer shall have such other duties as the neighborhood organization or these bylaws may prescribe.

**Nominee:** *John Skach, incumbent*

**Special Project Officer.** The Special Projects Officer shall be responsible for such special projects as the Board of Directors may direct, shall be a member of the Fall Festival Committee and shall serve as the liaison to other organizations holding special events within the Candler Park neighborhood. The Special Projects Officer shall have such other duties as the neighborhood organization or these bylaws may prescribe.

**Nominee:** *Mark Clement, incumbent*

**Communications Officer.** The Communications Officer shall be responsible for the neighborhood organization's activities related to coordinating strategy around the distribution of information via print, web, email and other mediums. The Communications Officer shall have such other duties as the neighborhood organization or the bylaws may prescribe.

**Nominee:** *Zaid Duwayri, incumbent*

**NPU-N Representative (non-board position).** The NPU-N Representative shall represent the neighborhood organization on the Executive Committee of Neighborhood Planning Unit N.

**Nominee:** *Amy Stout, incumbent*

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# Crime report: Sept. 17-Oct. 15

Compiled by David Bruce from Atlanta Police Zone 6 crime reports

**1600 block McLendon Ave** – Burglary – 9/24 Wed Morn. Restaurant. No entry made. Kitchen grease vent on the roof had been unscrewed, removed and placed on its side.

**200 block Moreland Ave** – Burglary - 9/23 Mon Day. Treat stand. Master lock missing from the side door. \$250 and iPad 2 taken.

**400 block Candler Park Dr** – Larceny from auto – 9/27 Sat Day. Street. Window broken. White book bag filled with elementary school books taken.

**1200 block Euclid Ave** – Auto theft (attempted) – 9/24 Wed Morn. Damaged vehicle. Silver Dodge Caravan 2005.

**1100 block Euclid Ave** (not in Candler Park but L5P) – Robbery – 9/30 Tues Morn. Victim was walking down the sidewalk when a vehicle pulled up, 2 B/M suspects exited and tried to talk to him. He refused and tried to cross the street to get away. One suspect ordered him to turn around and when he looked he saw the suspect had an AK47 pointed at him. Suspect said, “Give us what you got and you will be alright”. As the victim was running away after they left, he fell down causing a laceration under his left eye. Headphones, silver watch, wallet, debit and credit cards were taken.

**1600 block McLendon Ave** – Larceny from auto – 10/4 Sat Eve. Street. Victim left a door unlocked. iPad, clothing, \$50, passport, souvenirs, prescription inhaler, prescription medicine and 2 backpacks taken.

**400 block Moreland Ave** – Shoplifting – 10/3 Fri Eve. Arrestee stole food items totaling \$18.61.

**300 block Moreland Ave** (not Candler Park but L5P) – Aggravated assault – 9/29 Mon Morn. Victim said suspect swung a white stick towards her in an aggressive manner several times saying he would take all of their money. Victim said suspect constantly harasses her and other homeless people around the L5P area. Suspect was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

**300 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny from auto – 10/6 Mon Eve. Parking lot. 4 vehicles had windows smashed. Jacket, Glock 23 fully loaded with 40 caliber rounds, pair of Nike shoes, Safariland holster and various items from Junkman’s Daughter for a total of \$71.01 were taken.

**300 block Brooks Ave** – Larceny from auto – 10/9 Thurs Morn. Street. Window broken out. Mac laptop, bag on wheels, Toshiba laptop with charger, 11 escrow and real estate checks were taken.

**1100 block Euclid Ave** (Not Candler Park but L5P) – Robbery – 10/14 Mon Morn. Street. 2 victims said they were standing at the corner of Colquit and Euclid when 2 B/Ms approached them with a rifle. They stuck the rifle in one of the victim’s face and demanded their belongings. Purse, 2 wallets, cell phone, debit card and DL were taken. The suspects then ran and jumped into a silver Dodge Magnum with a get-a-way driver. Suspect 1: Holding rifle, slim build, red wind jacket and hat. Suspect 2: Heavy build, beard and white T-shirt.

**Candler Park** – Larceny from auto – 10/15 Wed Eve. No forced entry, victim might have left door unlocked. Book bag, backpack, Blackberry PDA and Amazon Fire smartphone taken.

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# Oct 20 CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Ken Edelstein, President. A welcome was extended to new members and guests. Motion to amend the agenda by moving the APD report before the announcements and add a guest, Brad Schweers, to the announcement section passed. Motion to accept the amended motion passed. Lt. Floyd, APD Crime Suppression Unit, inquired if the parking around the school had improved. The construction workers have moved and are parking on the next block and are very close to the corner of North and Oakdale. Crime is tracked every 7 days, every 28 days, and yearly. The past 28 days Candler Park had zero robberies, zero violent crimes, 4 burglaries, and two forced entries.

## Announcements:

- Thank you to Front Page News for providing food for the meeting.
- Members who want to vote early can use myvote.com to locate a voting poll and hours.
- Brainstorming Session for the Candler Park Conservancy is Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 9:30 am to 12:30pm at Georgia Equality Training Room. Jennifer Wilson will facilitate the meeting.
- Park Pride Grant- Amy Erwin reported that neighbors raised \$4277 for pool furniture. Therefore, Park Pride did fund enough money to order more furniture such as a table and umbrella. Other improvements, such as graffiti removal, planting flowers, and fixing the toilets have already been done. The new furniture is securely locked in the bath house every evening.
- The playground in the Park will be closed this week for a filming of a movie. The movie company plans to donate \$10,000 directly to CPNO the Candler Park Conservancy.
- Craft Beer Festival is Saturday, October 25 from 12-6 pm. CPNO will have a booth. Any money raised

will be used for the repair of the lights at the entrance of the Park.

- Atlanta Lobster Festival is Sunday, November 2.
- KDA Communications printed and distributed the October issue of the Messenger by U.S.mail. Those who have not received their copy should email their mailing address to editor@candlerpark.org.
- The last scheduled meeting for citizen input for the MARTA Edgewood development on the site of the South parking lot is Wednesday, October 29, 2014, 6 pm at Whitefoord Elementary School.
- Randy Pimsler encouraged members to submit comments on the Bond referendum at atlanta.gov/infrastructure. If the bond passes, the funding would not be available until 2016.
- Amy Stout, NPU-N Representative, announced that her NPU report is in the October issue of the Messenger.

## Guest:

Brad Schweers, Executive Director Intown Collaborative Ministries, informed the members of their programs. The mission of the organization is to prevent homelessness. They provide a Food Pantry, Food Co-op, and Clothing Closet.

- Nominating Committee- Don Bender presented the Slate of Officers for 2015:  
President-Ken Edelstein, Vice President- Lexa King, Membership Secretary- Roger Bakeman, Recording Secretary- Bonnie Palter, Treasurer- Peter Bluestone, Zoning Officer- Seth Eisenberg, Public Safety Officer- Russell Miller, Environmental Officer- John Skach, Special Projects- Mark Clement, Communications Officer- Zaid Duwayri, NPU-N Representative- Amy Stout. The NPU-N representative is not a member

of the Board. Don thanked the Committee Members (Jay Sandhaus, Sarah Cook, Peter Bluestone, and Lauren Chekanow) for their service. He explained how the election process would be handled according to the new Bylaw amendment. Nominations will be taken from the floor. If a nominee is running unopposed, the nominee will be elected by a motion of acclamation. If there is more than one person running for an office, voting will be by written ballot.

- The Annual Meeting (November), instead of the December meeting, will be catered by Corner Tavern.
- FallFest- Mark Clement reported that the festival went well. Only one incident, a bee sting, required medical attention.
- Tour of Homes-Lexa King reported that the Tour raised \$2500 from sponsorships and \$2,000 from ticket sales. Lexa thanked the Committee Members, Trixie Polmanteer and Bonnie Palter, and Sponsors, Randy Pimsler and Gabriela Eisenhart.

## Votes:

- Randy Pimsler, Chairman of the Master Plan Coordinating Committee, reported that the traffic study for the intersection of Oakdale and McLendon has been completed. The recommendations of the City's traffic engineer is to test a red blinking light, four way stop signs, and restrict parking on the East side of Oakdale from McLendon to Hooper Avenue. A motion was made and seconded "to support the testing of red blinking signal light, four way stop signs, and restrict the parking on the east side of Oakdale Road from McLendon to Hooper Street." The motion was amended by adding "and that the Dept. of Public Works will provide the results to CPNO and engage in a post test discussion with CPNO". The amendment to the motion was

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adopted. The motion as amended passed. A motion to delete "support the testing of a blinking red light and four way stops" was defeated.

#### **Zoning:**

The motion to support the application for a variance (V-14-218)

at 526 Candler Park Drive passed. Motion to approve the September minutes passed.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

Peter Bluestone reported that neither have the expenses for FallFest been paid nor has all the income been realized. The festival came in under

budget.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.**

*Submitted by*

*Bonnie Palter,*

*Recording Secretary*

*October 20, 2014*

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## **CPNO officer & committee reports for October**

*Submitted for membership review prior to the Oct. 20 Members' Meeting and were accepted by CPNO vote.*

#### **Freedom Park Conservancy:**

##### **Carol Gregory**

The Freedom Park Conservancy board held its regular meeting in October. The board's strategic plan is nearing completion. Research into the North Ave. parcel of the park was reported and will be shared with the homeowner and parks department. A bird and butterfly garden work day is planned for Nov. 1 and all volunteers are welcome. Jay Wozniak, chair of the Park Maintenance Committee, has hosted one volunteer group with another scheduled for December. To volunteer send an email [jwozniak@gmail.com](mailto:jwozniak@gmail.com). Check the Freedom Park facebook page often for pictures.

#### **Environmental Officer:**

##### **John Skach**

Candler Park Conservancy Community Roundtable

Saturday, October 25, 2014

9:30 a.m. - noon

Georgia Equality's Rush Center, 1520 DeKalb Ave, Atlanta, GA 30307

**Purpose:** To solicit community input on the organizational structure of a proposed Candler Park conservancy.

##### **Want to come extra-prepared?**

- Brainstorm names for the proposed conservancy and bring a list of your favorite names with you
- Arrive a few minutes early for coffee and baked goods

#### **Products:**

- A final purpose statement for the conservancy
- A list of key activities that the conservancy should undertake
- A final name for the conservancy
- A list of final recommendations related

to board operations

Agenda

##### **Time Topic**

9:15 a.m. Grab coffee and some baked goods

9:30 a.m. Introductions and overview

9:50 a.m. Conservancy's purpose and activities

10:55 a.m. Naming the conservancy: step one

11:00 a.m. Break

11:10 a.m. Board Operations

11:35 a.m. Naming the conservancy: step two

11:45 a.m. Review

11:50 a.m. Close-out

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

#### **Zoning:**

##### **Seth Eisenberg**

The October 8, 2014 Agenda featured two residential variance applications as follows: V-14-215 - 445 Oakdale Rd: This

Application sought a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the required front yard setback from 35 ft. to 32.8 ft. and reduce the north side yard set back from 7 ft. to 4 ft. to allow for a two-story, second-story and two story detached garage addition to an existing single family home. Michael Redwine and Mike Shivers appeared as applicants to present the V-14-215 Application for 445 Oakdale Drive. The signatures included on the CPNO checklist materials.

The applicants and an adjacent neighbor indicated an interest in pursuing discussion after the October Zoning committee meeting. Subsequently, the Application was voluntarily withdrawn from the City of Atlanta Office of Planning by the Applicants and it is no longer pending. The committee does not know if

the applicants plan to resubmit the request. V-14-218 - 526 Candler Park Drive: This Application seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the rear yard setback from 15' to 2' to construct a detached recreation house and carport in the rear yard of a single family residence. Gordon and Susan Rose appeared to present the V-14-218 Application for 526 Candler Park Drive. The applicants demonstrated that the existing non-conforming structure has encroached upon a neighboring property owner's property line for over 40 years. The proposed construction will remedy this encroachment. The applicants further demonstrated that all adjacent neighbors, side neighbors, and neighbors facing the property approved of the project. The zoning committee voted unanimously to approve the variance request as set forth in Variance Application V-14-218.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

##### **Don Bender**

Slate for CPNO Officers – 2015

President: Ken Edelstein

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Communications Officer: Zaid Duwayri  
NPU-N Rep: Amy Stout

# October NPU-N report

By Amy Stout

I attended the monthly meeting of NPU-N on Thursday, Oct. 23, as the CPNO representative.

**Updates and reminders from city departments:** The City's new 311 system is up and running. Call 311 for non-emergency police calls or for information. Currently, various city departments have different levels of assistance available via 311.

The Department of Watershed Management has two new payment options: via Western Union (for a \$1.50 fee) and via the Atlanta Go mobile app. Please do not rake or blow leaves into the storm drains. Call 311 to report clogged drains or violators.

The Department of Public Works received a request to prohibit left hand turns from Ponce onto Clifton and awaiting a GDOT study.

Legislation has been introduced that will overhaul the existing tree protection ordinance. (I have since received additional information that I will post on the CPNO website for reference.)

**Variances/rezonings/other:** The NPU-N board voted unanimously to support a variance request for 526 Candler Park Dr NE (to reduce the rear yard setback from 15 ft to 2 ft to allow the construction of a detached recreation house and carport), consistent with the prior vote of support from CPNO.

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.

I informed the group about the upcoming Oakdale-McLendon intersection test (involving the installation of a 4-way stop and the disabling of the traffic lights), after reviewing the recommendations from the Candler Park Master Plan, the results of the City's most recent traffic study, and the motion endorsed by the CPNO at their last meeting. I emphasized that this was only a test and that there would be continued discussion after the redesign was implemented and additional chances for all to offer feedback on the consequences.

**Special events:** Rob Goldstein, the applicant/event organizer planning the Georgia Craft Beer Fest (Oct. 25) and the Atlanta Lobster Fest (Nov. 2), both to be held in Candler Park, was present to provide information and answer questions. The board voted (twice) to support the two applications.

**Miscellaneous:** The board voted to submit an application for the 2015 NPU Grant cycle that would enable us to contract the creation of an NPU-N website and, if also economically feasible, to purchase diffusers that would improve airflow and reduce noise from the new HVAC system that was installed with the 2014 grant.

NPU-N will elect officers for the coming year at our November meeting, which will be held Monday, Nov. 24 (instead of the fourth Thursday, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.)

I welcome your input on these and related issues. Please contact me at [NPUREp@candlerpark.org](mailto:NPUREp@candlerpark.org).

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\_\_\_\_ Historic Preservation      \_\_\_\_ Candler Park/Environment  
\_\_\_\_ 5K Road Races      \_\_\_\_ Land Use / Zoning  
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**1. Buy a big, quality turkey** – Denise always buys a fresh turkey because this will help eliminate any Thanksgiving Day turkey disasters that begin with, “the turkey is not totally defrosted”. Denise buys Honey-suckle White because that’s what her grandfather said was the best. Melissa, on the other hand buys a frozen Butterball. We both make outstanding turkeys every year, so it’s a matter of choice.

**2. Butter!** – After cleaning the turkey (it’s just like cleaning a chicken, only bigger), gently put pats of butter underneath the skin. It takes about a stick of butter but it’s so worth it. This is what keeps the turkey so moist and juicy. Be careful not to tear the skin, so make sure you remove your rings!

**3. Flavor** – Add onions, fresh sage, and carrots to the inside cavity as it creates steam on the inside for moisture, flavors the drippings for the gravy and provides flavor to the bird itself. Add some stock and butter to the bottom of the pan for basting.

**4. Trust the pop-up** – Cook the turkey according to directions. About two hours before the turkey is done, turn the oven light on so you can easily see when the pop-up timer rises. When it pops, the turkey is done and it’s time to let it rest. Notice that at no time did we say that we open the oven to check on the turkey. Keep it shut. The pop-up timer on a Honey-suckle White has never failed Denise! If you don’t trust it, put a meat thermometer in the **thigh** when you put the turkey in the oven so you can watch the internal temperature without having to open the oven.

**5. Carve it right** – This is the most critical thing we have learned about cooking a turkey in all these years! No more carving individual slices of the breast meat while the breast is on the turkey. Instead, remove the ENTIRE breast, and cut thick slices all the way through with the breast sideways. This allows (1) each slice to have a bit of skin, (2) cuts properly against the grain for maximum tenderness, and (3) each slice gets a little bit of the tenderloin hidden deep inside the breast. Oh yea!! It’s succulent!

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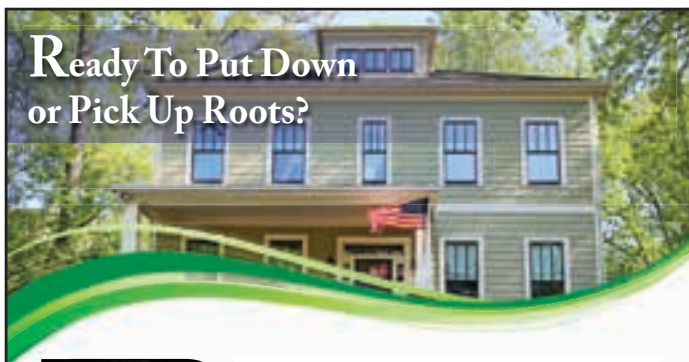
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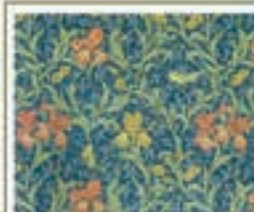


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