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Like that — but blue skies next time

By Ken Edelstein

Damn you, sky king! You put a damper on our festival. But we had a great time anyway.

As a first-time Fall Fest chair (and outgoing CPNO president), I had a blast helping to organize our neighborhood's biggest party. It gave me a true appreciation for the work of previous teams in putting on the event.

This year's team? Well, I can't say enough about their passion, competence and chemistry. Lots of people deserve thanks — from single-shift volunteers to big sponsors. I want to be sure to send hugs and high-fives to the core group that lived and breathed this thing: musical director and MC **Mark Clement**, Kidlandia organizers **Holly Goldberg** and **Caryn Kolesky**, Artists Market organizer **Rachel Bowser**, ops chief **Corey Anderson**, food tastemaker **Ryan Boblett**, volunteer coordinator **Gigi Miller**, road run organizers **Peter Bluestone** and **Russell Miller**, Tour of Homes chair **Lexa King**, and the amazing husband and wife team of **Drew and Kelly Jackson** (sponsorships and marketing).

PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

I know I'm going to leave deserving people out but we also have to thank some unsung heroes. Kelly roped in a Lake Claire couple, **Courtney and Sam Eckersley** (of RED Partners on DeKalb Avenue), to design our logo and other outstanding graphics. She also lassoed **Kristen Ramsey** from Sign Me Up Signs to paint that big entryway sign/photo backdrop that we'll reuse at future Fall Fests. **Curt Flaherty** masterfully revised the site plan to accommodate new needs. **Brandi Boblett** did event photography. **Martin Steib** helped Mark with music production and MC'ing. **Roger Bakeman** and **Seth Eisenberg** managed merchandise sales. **Jennifer Wilds** continued her string of all-purpose, title-shunning volunteerism. And there's this person I know named **Silvia Medrano-Edelstein**, who among other things, smothered her little car — actually, my little car — all weekend delivering hay bales to help us cope with the rain.

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LAUGHTER IN THE PARK

By Deb Milbrath



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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.

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Fall Fest is CPNO's primary fundraising activity. An unusually wet October weekend depressed our take for one reason: Fewer people are going to hang out drinking beer on cool, rainy weekend. But the turnout itself wasn't bad. And because of so many neighbors' hard work over the past seven months, we're cautiously optimistic that we'll make back the money we spent ... and then some.

A more important point is that we as neighbors truly are building something: Community. The presence at Fall Fest of two groups that our neighbors created this year — The Candler Park/Lake

Claire Safety Patrol and the Candler Park Conservancy — testified to this growing communitarian spirit.

It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that such efforts compete for people's time and resources. It's truer to understand that the sum is greater than the parts. Networks and energy beget stronger networks and more energy. Nothing says that more than the words I heard from so many volunteers last weekend — along the lines of "we'll figure out how to do it better next year."

We'll be back in 2016 with an even better festival — and a bluer sky.

Candler Park Conservancy Hosts Public Input Meeting

By Lauren Welsh

The Candler Park Conservancy is eager to get input from nearby residents about the priorities of the organization and what people want to see accomplished in the park. We have quite a bit of feedback from the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization's Master Plan, but now we're ready to drill down a bit further and lay out a plan of improvement.

Please join us on **Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the First Existentialist Congregation** at 470 Candler Park Dr NE to learn more about the overall goals of the Conservancy and provide input on where you believe the group and members should focus.

We'll have a guest speaker at the event to provide a bit of background about balancing conservation and growth objectives, and attendees will participate in group activities discussing the assets of Candler Park.

The Candler Park Conservancy also wants to extend a sincere THANK YOU to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and Garden Films Production for transferring the \$10,000 donation from the filming of "The Fifth Wave" for Candler Park improvements. These initial funds will really help the Conservancy get moving!

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Come to the CPNO Members' Meeting on October 19 and get ready for some scrumptious delicacies, like amazing crepes and pastries, from our neighbor on the corner of McLendon and

Oakdale (1404 McLendon).

If you know of another local food purveyor who wishes to partner with CPNO as a cash-free meeting sponsor, email Chris Fitzgerald at chrisfitzgerald@gmail.com.

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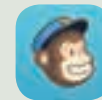
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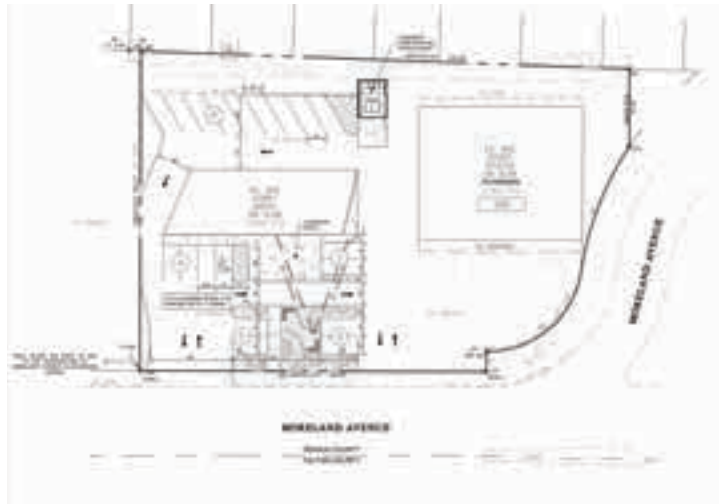
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- 12** CPNO Board Meeting,
7 pm, Epworth Church
- 19** CPNO Members
Meeting, 7 pm, 1st
Exist. Church
- 22** Freedom Bridge
Community Meeting,
7pm Manuel's Tavern
- 24** Candler Park
Conservancy Public
Input Meeting, 9 am,
1st Exist. Church
- 28** Candler Park
Conservancy Meeting,
7 pm, Candler Park
Pavillion

In case of cancellations or changes, check calendar at candlerpark.org. For meetings at Epworth, knock on door at street level to get in. All CPNO meetings are open to the public.



Chipotle has its sights set on the vacant dry cleaners space on Moreland. Here are the current site plans.

Little 5 Points Business Association hires off-duty patrol

If you've seen a new police officer in Little Five Points lately, you're not dreaming. While the mini precinct still has Officer Dino LaRosa, the Little Five Points Business Association (L5PBA) has hired off-duty Atlanta Police Officer Nolan Stellingburg to patrol the neighborhood at nights, on weekends and in surprise spot patrols.

"A few years ago Officer Stellingburg was assigned to the mini precinct where he worked evenings and weekends, but now we just have Officer LaRosa there on weekdays," said Scott Pendergrast, treasurer of L5PBA and president of Neighborhood Commercial Redevelopment. "The bad guys know that he works the day shift Monday through Friday. They know where he parks his police truck and can see when he's not there. When the cat's away the mice will play."

The move came in late May as a response to the double-homicide in the parking lot that services the strip center along Moreland between Euclid and Mansfield.

Pendergrast said the Atlanta Police Department stopped the night coverage in Little Five about two years ago. The L5PBA asked police to give evening patrol back, but were told it wasn't possible.

"LaRosa does a great job," said Pendergrast. "He knows the characters and shows good judgement, but he's just one officer."

In addition, the lot where the homicides occurred has some new and upgraded security cameras. It also has more effective lighting after owners hired a tree service to remove branches that were blocking some of the light.

"You should be able to come to Little Five Points, go to a show, stay out late and walk safely to your car or home," said Pendergrast. "We're doing everything we can to make that happen."

-David Terraso

BRIEFS

Chipotle sets its sights on Little Five Points

Chipotle is interested in joining our neighborhood and wants to move into the long-vacant building at 299 Moreland Avenue NE (just north of Sherwin Williams). But first, the new property owner, Brad Johnson, needs a special exception for parking to convert the existing retail space into a restaurant for Chipotle to operate.

The new property owner has taken affirmative steps to gain Candler Park and Little Five Points Business Association (L5BPA) support for the special exception and Chipotle. The Special Exception Application No. V-15-222 was presented to the L5PBA in August, and the business owners in attendance demonstrated tentative support for the application request. The next step is meeting with Candler Park residents and presenting at the October 7, 2015 Zoning Committee meeting.

After Candler Park Zoning hears

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application, the neighborhood will vote on October 19 at the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization Meeting and then Neighborhood Planning Unit-N (NPU-N) votes on the last Thursday of the month. The City of Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment will consider and ultimately approve or disapprove any special exception request at the city level.

To see the site plan of the property, go to <http://bit.ly/1KSFHsi>

-Seth Eisenberg

Variety Playhouse's Steve Harris to be Grand Marshall of L5P Halloween Parade

The Little Five Points Business Association (L5PBA) is proud to announce Steve Harris, Atlanta native and owner of Variety Playhouse, as Grand Marshal of the 2015 Little Five Points Halloween Parade. The spectacle is a highlight of the organization's annual Festival. Variety Playhouse is celebrating its 25th year in

Little Five Points.

L5PBA President, Kahle Davis, said of the selection, "Steve Harris was the obvious choice for Grand Marshal this year!" Davis continued, "The Variety Playhouse has been a long-respected institution here in Little Five, and Steve has done an incredible job of bringing high quality live music to our community year after year."

Come celebrate the Little 5 Points Festival and Parade on Saturday, October 17 from Noon-11 p.m.. In addition to the best Halloween Parade in the South, the event will feature day-long entertainment on two stages, great food selections and shopping with offerings from local artisans who will join area retailers to provide a wide variety of interesting items available for purchase by festival-goers. The parade starts promptly at 4 p.m.

-Kellie Jackson

Come out to the porch party in October

This month the porch party will be held

on Saturday October 24, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at 474 Oakdale Rd., the home of the amazing Amanda Bolster. As always bring a snack and your own beverage. And hey, have fun out there!

CPNO adopts changes to bylaws

Last month the CPNO adopted some alterations to the bylaws. Topics that were up for discussion included voting rights and officer positions. For a look at the changes, please see: <http://bit.ly/1M2imp3>

CPNO welcomes new members!

Molly and Brian Scales
Josh McClure

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*- Roger Bakeman
Membership Secretary*



Page Ave gets set for a hair-raising Halloween

By David Terraso

Once again the Page Avenue Halloween trick or treat extravaganza will offer kids and their families a fun, safe and frightful way to celebrate this spookiest of holidays. This will be the fourth year for the festivities, which began innocently enough when a few neighbors decided to decorate and go all out for their little ones. Last year the 90 or so houses that line Page from McLendon to Muriel hosted between 3,000 and 3,500 trick or treaters, she estimates.

The fun began when Carrie Shevlin started talking with neighbors to try to get them to up their game when it came to Halloween decorations. They hired police officers to close off the street from McLendon to Marlbrook and it blossomed until it takes up nearly the entire length of the street.

"As it's grown the houses on this street decorate for Halloween more than we decorate for Christmas," she said.

It's really friendly for the young kids whose parents start bringing them even before the sun goes down, said Page resident Rob Giersch, who's known for the spooktacular flaming pumpkins.

"I started the first year with one flaming pumpkin and now put three to four out in the front yard over the course of the night," said Giersch. "It seems to be a crowd pleaser".

But it's not just for the little ones. There are as many adults in costume trick or treating as there are kids, said Carrie. Everyone is in costume.

Carrie estimates that it costs neighbors on the street about \$10,000 to decorate, provide candy, plus pay for police officers to block the streets, but it's well worth it.

"It's so nice to be able to provide a safe street where people can trick or treat," she said.

Connecting with the arts in Candler Park

By David Terraso

“Creativity promotes connection,” said Page Ferriss, director of Candler Park Arts Center. “The sharing of creative expression is essential for culture to thrive.”

Candler Park has several art spaces that believe wholeheartedly in that ideal. Many neighborhoods have their galleries where artists display the brilliance that the rest of us admire, purchase and show off to our friends. But then what? Does the art change us when we just gaze from a distance? Sometimes. Yet some artists believe art is something that shouldn't simply be looked at, but experienced. That's the idea behind both the Candler Park Arts Center at Epworth Church at Candler Park and the Indie Craft Experience on McLendon and Oakdale.

“We like to engage people with crafting because we love it and we think everyone should do it,” said Christie Petterson, co-owner of the Indie Craft Experience. “Just getting people involved with art and craft is something we feel passionately about. It's nice to share it with other people.”

Both spaces believe that getting people involved in the act of creating is just as important as showing them art.

“I believe artistic images are innate within us,” said Ferriss, who believes anyone can learn to draw. That's right, anyone.

“There's a joy in self-expression. Once people have an opportunity to express themselves and get over the self-conscious feeling, it can be beautiful,” she added.

At the Candler Park Arts Center (<http://candlerparkartscenter.com/>), classes run year-round, but upcoming opportunities include a few beginning drawing and painting classes. Every month they hold Parents Night Out on Fridays where they do art lessons, plus a movie and a meal. In December they'll host an afternoon out, so parents can do some shopping without their little ones in tow.

The Indie Craft Experience ([http://](http://www.ice-atlanta.com/)



Christy Petterson (left) and Shannon Mulkey of the Indie Craft Experience cater to the crowds last winter at their holiday extravaganza.

www.ice-atlanta.com/) began in 2005 as strictly a craft market, but over the years has expanded to include workshops and other hands-on activities to get people to participate in crafting. There is one this month, October 16-18, which is an open house/mini pop-up shop that includes a Halloween-themed project for people to create. The Paper Ghose studio across the street will hold a gallery opening on October 17.

This coming March they plan to hold Craft Escape, a weekend of craft workshops. They hosted it in April this year and it was wildly successful, said Petterson.

Last February the Indie Craft Experience hosted a Valentine's Day-themed craft workshop, something they said they may repeat again in 2016.

When they're not teaching people how to craft, they work on introducing people to the artists whose work they sell at their shows.

From November 12 through December 23, they'll open their doors on McLendon Ave. once again during the holiday shopping season to sell hand-crafted pieces made by artists across the country. And on November 21-22 they'll host their Holiday Shopping Spectacular at the Georgia Freight Depot, which includes 175 craft and vintage vendors.

“We want it to feel really exciting. We love that you can meet the actual person that created the thing that you're buying and you can talk to them and get their story,” said Petterson. “It's just a much more personal experience than if you go to Target and buy a necklace there. We want people to associate purchasing directly from the artist with this really fun day that they had with their friends.”

Folk legend opens music school in Candler Park

By David Terraso

When people pay \$100 or more to see big name musicians play at festivals, like Music Midtown, it's difficult to think of music as anything other than something few can afford to see live and even fewer can play. But folk legend Frank Hamilton takes issue with that characterization.

"Music is not an exclusive club. Anybody can take advantage of it and anybody can have it as part of their lives and should," said Hamilton, who has played with giants such as Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger.

"Everyone that comes into the door is automatically a musical player," he added. "They will have music inside of them, and they will find an outlet for this expression whether they think they have talent or not."

That was the idea Hamilton had when he co-founded the Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago, and that's the concept underlying the Frank Hamilton Folk School in Candler Park. The school will open October 6 at Epworth Church at Candler Park.

Hamilton founded the school in Chicago with musicians Win Stracke and Dawn Greening in 1957. The school now teaches about 6,000 students per week, including almost 3,000 children.

"In the traditional music school, it's usually a teacher and a student where the teacher is in a hierarchical position," explained Hamilton. "What we're doing is acting as facilitators for a social movement in music. It's a social approach rather than the individual approach that you'd find in your traditional music school. So the purpose of it is for people to learn how to play and sing and work with each other musically to play together."

In each class students of one instrument learn a folk song together for an hour.

"In the second hour everybody comes together in a common room and they play and sing that song



Folk legend Frank Hamilton opens his community-based music school at Epworth this month. Credit: Frank Hamilton Folk School

together. So that sense of community is born," said Bob Bakert, co-founder of the Frank Hamilton Folk School.

"You don't have to be a player to get started," he added. "Just walk in with an open mind and an open heart and want to join in."

The Frank Hamilton Folk School has teamed up with the Atlanta Area Friends of Folk Music, which is moving its famous Fiddler's Green performances to the school.

"The way to reach people is to let them know, whether they think they have talent or not, they can actually participate in the school. They can enjoy it and learn to love music like everybody else," said Hamilton.

But it's about much more than music, he added; it's about community. They emphasize the community first and the music takes its root from that.

"Our first order of business is to generate a sense of community, that feeling of love and a safe area for people to enjoy their lives in a communal sense," he added.

And that's how they decided to take residence in Candler Park.

"We knew we wanted to be in a community that was open minded, that was an artsy community, that we felt would enjoy this kind of thing and already seemed to support artsy endeavors," said Bakert.

"I can't tell you how many people came up to me when we visited the Old Town School and said, 'This is my child. My mother brought me here when I was younger, I met my wife here, and these are our kids,'" added Bakert. "And that was not an unusual occurrence. This city is ripe for that space as well. It doesn't tie you into any particular religion; it gives you a sense where you can express yourself."

"The idea is that if we can play and sing together as people and learn to enjoy the music, we can learn to speak with each other without rancor and without division," explained Hamilton.

To check the class schedule, donate, or just learn more, visit <http://frankhamiltonfolkschool.org/>.

People in your neighborhood: Katrell Christie

By David Terraso

Katrell Christie has owned Dr. Bombay's Underwater Tea Party for nearly nine years, but in 2009 she traveled to India with a customer, a student at Georgia Tech who was going to do an outreach project. She went to Darjeeling to find out more about her tea. What she saw there changed her life, and since then she's made it her mission to give some of the young women there a chance to change their own lives. Now, alongside co-author and Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Shannon McCaffrey, she's written a book about her work there. "Tiger Heart" debuted this month, and it's available, both online and in brick and mortar shops, right now.

"I felt I couldn't walk away," said Christie. "I felt like I could make a difference there. In India women are a lot less fortunate in society. Education is not always offered. Some are trafficked or have to beg on the street, while others do manual labor or are domestic servants. There are child brides. There is infanticide. There is child labor. The push for women to be educated is not always first in the family."

"I started a project there, and it's a college scholarship project for underprivileged women in India. I help girls fulfill their dreams of going to college," she added.

She calls her project the Learning Tea, and she uses Dr. Bombay's to help young women realize their dream of going to college.

"We pay for everything that it takes for somebody to live in the world," said Christie. "We cover all the basic necessities: school fees, housing, the house mother, medical, food, extracurricular activities, tutoring. They all learn an instrument. They choose where they want to go to school, but they all walk to different colleges. They practice different religions and have different wants and needs."

She found the first two women at the Learning Tea through an orphanage.

"They were getting aged out at 16," she explained. "There's no system of support for them and they walk out the door with nothing."

But now people send her applications for others all the time.

"I have one girl in my program who has a middle class family, but they gave their daughter to an orphanage because they didn't want a girl," said Christie. "They live a middle class life. She saw them around the town while she was in an orphanage. She sees them eating out. She sees them doing fun things with their family of boys."

Christie travels to India for the Learning Tea twice a year, spending up to two months at a time. A couple of years ago the Atlanta Journal-Constitution sent McCaffrey to document her efforts. When they sent her again, the two ended up writing "Tiger Heart."

"You write a book and you think nobody is going to read it, but I've been pleased with the interest people and bookstores have shown," said Christie.

Her efforts in India are definitely paying off. Christie said the program helped a lower caste girl get her master's degree. One girl is currently a teacher's aide at a teaching college and another has a zoology scholarship while still another is working to help the



Katrell Christie, co-owner of Dr. Bombay's Underwater Tea Party, released her book, "Tiger Heart," this month. She's shown here with co-owner Nick Parsons. Credit: David Terraso

program open another center in the future.

"These girls are my family," Christie said.

But if she's the person who organizes and runs the Learning Tea, it's Candler Park that helps it stay afloat, she said.

"I think Candler Park is a very kind and giving community. This neighborhood has a very giving spirit," said Christie. "I felt like I could come back and tell people what I had seen and they would help me. I knew they would."

And they have. On the last Monday of every month (except for December), Dr. Bombay's offers a vegetarian four-course dinner for \$20 that goes to fund the Learning Tea. In addition to that, customers can donate when they come in to the shop.

"We have people who've been coming to the dinners and have reserved the same table for almost three years," she said.

"These girls have a lot of drive behind them, they come from pretty desperate situations. I don't know how they made it this far, they just want this so bad."

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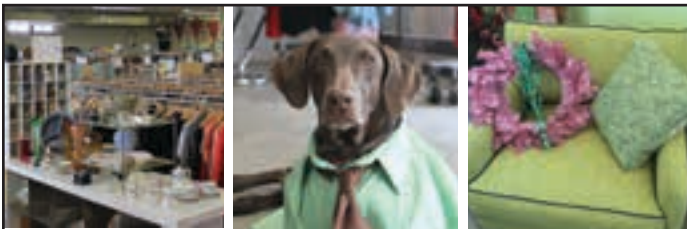
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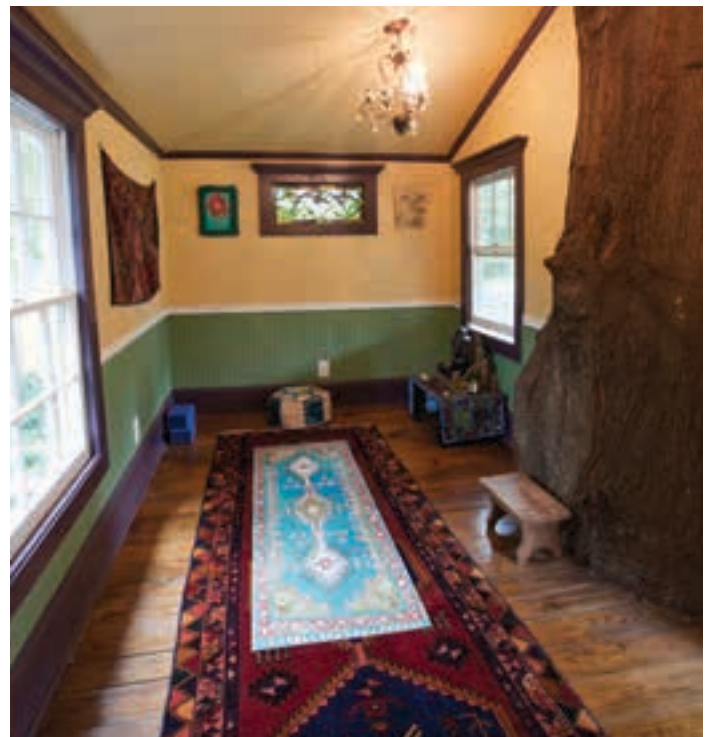
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The crowd was jazzed for Tray Dahl & The Jugtime Ragband and Gringo Star rocked the park. Credit: Brandi Boblett



Runners got a blast from the past at the Totally 80s 5k and Fun Run. Credit: Brandi Boblett



Treehouses were in vogue at this year's Tour of Homes. Credit: Brandi Boblett



The big kids had their share of fun too. Credit: Brandi Boblett



Little ones had a blast at Kidlandia. Credit: Brandi Boblett

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Candler Park crime reports, August 2-August 30

Crime reports are provided by Atlanta Police Department Zone 6 and compiled by CPNO member David Bruce.

1300 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/6 Thursday evening. Parking lot. Window shattered. \$50 cash taken.

500 block Page Ave – Auto theft – 8/8 Saturday morning Street. 2010 green KIA Sorento with GA tags stolen. Another car was missing the coin tray but no indication of the point of entry due to lack of damage.

400 block Seminole Ave (not in Candler Park but close) – Robbery – 8/11 Tuesday morning Parking lot. Victims said they heard a gun click behind them and turned and saw a B/M with a 9mm or 40 cal pistol pointed at them who said, “Lay it down, you know what this is. I’ll kill you, don’t make me shoot you.” He ordered them to their knees, took their possessions and told them to start walking south through the parking lot. Suspect: B/M, dark complexion, 20 – 25 yrs, 5’ 9”. 180 lbs, average build, box style haircut, tattoo on upper right arm, wearing black T-shirt, dark jeans and dark shoes.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 8/10 Monday day. Street. All victims noticed a broken window on their vehicle. MacAir laptop, leather bag, work bag, various hand tools, Microsoft Surface 3 laptop computer, 2 back packs, Akia keyboard piano, 3-Micro chip (Arduinos), Lenovo Think Pas T440 laptop, Beats, CPA study material and wall-car charger taken.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto - 8/11 Tuesday day. Street. Window broken out. Travel bag with clothes, 2 leather bags, Apple iPad tablet, jacket, headphones, car charger, Apple Air laptop, Beats headphones, passport and checkbook taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/12 Wednesday evening. Parking lot. Window shattered. Apple MacBook Air taken.

300 block Josephine St – Larceny from auto – 8/14 Friday morning. Doors were unlocked. Video shows 3 B/Ms make entry into victim’s vehicle and drive away in a dark colored 4-door car. \$1 cash taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/19 Wednesday evening. Parking lot. 2 vehicles, both with windows busted out. Briefcase, HP laptop, 2 credit cards, passport, book bag and 3 library books taken.

Euclid Ave @ Colquitt Ave (not Candler Park but close) – Robbery – 8/16 Sunday evening. A male approached the victims as they stood at the corner, showed them a handgun and told them to hand over everything. Car keys were taken but car not stolen. The victims were sharing a marijuana joint, which was also stolen. Suspect checked their clothing and then told them to run north on Colquitt and they had 5 seconds or they would be shot. He began to count down and then ran south onto to Euclid. Suspect: 6’ 1”. Slim build, B/M, square cut afro, possible chin hair, wearing a white t-shirt with pocket, dark blue jeans and white Air Force style shoes.

Sinclair Ave @ Seminole Ave (not Candler Park but close) – Robbery – 8/23 Sunday morning. Female victim said she made conversation with a W/M named Harold who made been part of a set up, being that he followed and observed them as they left the bar while texting on his phone. Victims said 2 B/Ms approached them from the rear as they approached their vehicle and unlocked it. They heard the gun being racked. Suspects ordered the female into the vehicle and the male to the ground. After taking cash, iPhone, wallet 2 sets of car keys, purse, IDs, debit cards and medical records, they left in a vehicle that was waiting for them. Suspect 1: Harold, W/M, tall, blonde short hair and blue eyes. Suspect 2: B/M, early 20s with dreads. Suspect 3: B/M, early 20s with short hair. Suspect vehicle was an orangish in color.

500 block Goldsboro Rd – Larceny from auto – 8/23 Sunday evening Parking lot. Window shattered. Brief case, 13” laptop and Galaxy 4 phone taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/25 Tuesday day. Parking lot. Broken window. Tablet and laptop case taken. Witness said the suspects left in a black Dodge Challenger.

1400 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/26 Wednesday day. Street. Victim saw a white van pull up and a male got out and took a leaf blower from the rear of the company truck while he was working across the street.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 8/26 Wednesday evening. Street. 3 vehicles with windows busted out. Cell phone, 2 laptop bags, iPad and Yoga Pro 2 taken. Video shows 4 B/Ms casing the area but not the actual crime.

Candler Park – Larceny from auto – 8/27 Wednesday evening. Parking lot. Window broken. Purse, wallet, credit and debit cards, checkbook and DL taken.

300 block Ferguson St – Larceny from auto – 9/3 Wednesday evening. Street. Window broken. Dell briefcase, Inspiron laptop and HP portable monitor taken.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny – 9/5 Saturday day. Parking lot. Video shows average build B/M, 5’ 8”, wearing a black fishing style hat, white soccer style jersey with the number 6 on the back in bold black writing, wearing soccer style shorts (possibly Adidas) and black tights underneath and black and white soccer style shoes (possibly Adidas), come on to the property and used cable wire cutters he had concealed in a plastic bag to cut the Diamond black bicycle from the bike rack. Then walked to side of the building, retrieve a small white or grey backpack, before leaving on the bike.

500 block Goldsboro Rd – Auto theft – 8/30 Sunday morning. Orange 2008 vehicle with GA tag taken.

CPNO members meeting - draft minutes

These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the October 19 Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Ken Edelstein, President. The motion to adopt the agenda as printed passed.

Guest Speakers:

- Bob Bakert, Atlanta Area Friends of Folk Music, announced the opening of Frank Hamilton Folk School on October 6, 2015 at The Epworth Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Avenue. Moira Nelligan, violinist, gave a sample recital.
- Jason Esteves, Seat 9 at-large member of the Board of Education, updated members about the Atlanta Public School System. He touched on multi-year budgeting, pay adjustment of staff and teachers, 3% reduction in administration, Opportunity School Districts (OSD), and overcrowding in the Grady cluster. He encouraged everyone to support the upcoming E-SPLOST which if passed will finance the needed improvements for APS. Mr. Esteves announced a State of the School meeting with the Superintendent of APS at the Howard School on October 8, 2015.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Uncle Maddio's for providing tonight's food.
- Thank you to Maria for the baked goods.
- Thank you to Russell Miller as volunteer 'bartender of the month'. Seth Eisenberg will be next month's volunteer 'bartender'.
- Movie Night, Saturday-September 26, will be the last of the season. The Movie to be shown is "Big Hero 6".
- Freedom Park Bridge- Jay Sandhaus announced a charette on October 22 at Manuel's Tavern.
- Candler Park Conservancy will host a visioning session at the Rush Center October 24.
- Chris Fitzgerald, representing the Nominating Committee, announced that the slate is not yet complete. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact a member of the Committee (nominations@candlerpark.org).
- FallFest, October 3 and 4, still needs volunteers in all areas.
- Tour of Homes still needs 'house sitters'.

Treasurer's Report:

Peter Bluestone, Treasurer, stated that we have \$77,000 on hand. We continue to receive revenue for 2015 FallFest as follows: Sponsorships- \$34,000; Artists' Market-\$20,000; Food Vendors-\$16,000.

General Discussion:

- Fall Fest Budget Amendment- Ken Edelstein, Chair of 2015 FallFest, is requesting additional funds. The funds are to be spent for a Beer Garden Tent (\$2,000), Tour of Homes (\$250), and Kidlandia Area (\$1600). The motion to approve the expenditure of \$5,850 for Fall Fest passed.
- Bylaw Revision- Jay Sandhaus, Chair of Bylaw Committee, presented the final draft of the Candler Park Neighborhood

Organization Bylaws. The motion to adopt the amended Bylaws as printed on the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization website passed.

Zoning:

Seth Eisenberg, Zoning Officer, presented the variance application for 340 Brooks Avenue. The motion to support the Variance Application V-15-215 with the conditions that it be built according to the site plan filed with the City passed. The variance application for 299 Moreland has been deferred until next month.

Motion to approve the August Minutes passed.

Motion to adopt the September Officer and Committee Report passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by
Bonnie Palter
Recording Secretary
September 21, 2015



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CPNO officer and committee reports for September

These reports were submitted by officer and committee chairs prior to the September Members Meeting

Zoning Committee-Seth Eisenberg

The September Zoning Committee meeting took place on September 9, 2015. The commercial special exception application for 299 Moreland Ave was deferred until the October meeting. There was one residential zoning application heard for 340 Brooks Avenue, NE, V-15-215. The Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the required front yard setback from 30 ft to 25.9 feet and the required north side yard set back from 7 ft. to 2.4 ft.

The discussion focused on the roof gables extending into the setback and the desire of the property owner to maintain the existing character of the residence while opening up the attic for his children to have more living space. The Zoning Committee voted unanimously in favor of a motion to support the variance application V-15-215 with the conditions that it be built according to the site plan filed with the City and that signatures be obtained for the property owner's neighbors adjacent to 341 Glendale Ave or certified mailing receipts be presented documenting notice to said adjacent neighbors.

Fall Fest Committee- Ken Edelstein—

We're set for one of the best Fall Fest ever. The weather forecast is looking good (knock on wood!). We have a more eclectic and larger Artists Market than ever; a phenomenal Kidlandia with more than a dozen high-quality activities and shows; 14 critically acclaimed Food Trucks; a Totally '80s 5k, fun run, party and costume contest; a Tour of Homes featuring everything from treehouses to the Mary Lin renovation; and more, more, more. Please support your neighborhood and join in the fun by volunteering here, signing up for one of the road runs, or buying a Tour of Homes ticket at <http://fallfest.candlerpark.org/>.

Freedom Park Conservancy-Carol Gregory

FPC board met on Oct. 8. Jay Wozniak, chair of the Park Improvement Committee (PIC), reported that Trees Atlanta will be spraying Kudzu in several places around the park this month. The board is expecting reports from the Manual's expansion builders and from the 1099 North builders. Both are adjacent to park property and should be at the next board meeting. There is still a need for board members. Contact Carol Gregory if the park is one of your passions and you would like to get involved. carolagreg@gmail.com

Safety Report: Russell Miller

For total crimes reported beat 608 was down 17% in August vs July and 21% August 2015 vs 2014.

YTD crime is down 6% vs 2014.

Worth noting, Home Burglary total YTD is 15 vs 37 in the same period last year. That's a 60% decrease.

The category with significant increase in 2015 YTD is auto theft.

Larceny from auto remains our single highest category at 140 reported incidents YTD

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Beware of Scary Inhabitants of the Investment World

Very soon, witches, zombies and vampires will be converging on your house, asking for candy. As is the case every Halloween, you'll likely be merely amused over the sight of these costumed characters. But in other areas of life, such as the investment world, you may need to watch out for some seemingly scary entities. Here are a few of them:

- *The Horrendous Headline* – Big, glaring headlines rarely offer any comfort to investors. Whether it's political squabbles at home, conflicts in the Middle East or the debt crisis in the eurozone, there's always something happening that's perceived as jeopardizing the stability of the financial markets. Yet these threats are often overblown, and the markets have proven quite resilient for decades. Here in the United States, the most powerful economic engine in the history of the world has offered investment opportunities as crises have come and gone.
- *The Terrible Tipster* – He or she could be anyone – your neighbor, friend or relative. But whatever their origins, Terrible Tipsters have one thing in common: They like to tout "hot" stocks or "can't miss" opportunities. The problem is that by the time you actually hear about a hot stock, it may already be cooling off. And the "can't miss" opportunities often do indeed miss. Don't waste time, effort – and money – seeking a shortcut to investment success: There isn't one. Instead, stick with an investment strategy that's suitable for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- *The Scary Statement* – When the market is down, you probably dread seeing your investment statements. But don't let a few bad months, or even a bad year, cause you to stuff your money under your mattress. The financial markets can turn around pretty quickly, and if you're out of the market when the next rally begins, you'll miss out on some potentially big gains. So, put those negative statements aside and look back at your investment results over a period of many years – the big picture might look a lot less frightening than you'd imagine.
- *The Fearsome Forecast* – The performance of the financial markets is notoriously hard to predict – but that doesn't stop a slew of fortune-tellers from trying. And the same is true of the economy as a whole – predictions abound, but many of them prove far off base. You can always adjust your portfolio, as needed, in response to changing market or economic conditions, but don't act on these possible circumstances just because someone, somewhere, has predicted them. Instead, follow tried-and-true principles such as diversification, which can help reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings. (However, diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

The ghouls and goblins you see on Halloween are unlikely to cause you nightmares. And the various phantoms of the investment world may prove just as illusory. Don't let them scare you away from investing.

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Will You Be Ready for Retirement?

National Save for Retirement Week is observed Oct. 18 – 24 this year. And this week has some weight behind it, as it is recognized by the U.S. Senate for its importance in encouraging Americans to prepare themselves financially for retirement. Are you doing all you can?

Many of your peers aren't. About a third of working adults have no retirement savings or pension, according to a survey by the Federal Reserve. And more than half of workers report that the total value of their household's savings and investments, excluding the value of their primary home and any defined benefit plan (such as a traditional pension), is less than \$25,000, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute's *2015 Retirement Confidence Survey*.

Such figures help explain why many people are unsure if they'll ever be able to retire. Nearly 40% of the respondents in the Federal Reserve's study either have no intention to retire or plan to keep working for as long as possible.

Of course, if you enjoy your career, or just simply like to work, you may be in no hurry to retire. But you may want to put yourself in a position someday when work is optional – not mandatory. To reach that point, consider taking these steps:

- **Estimate your cost of retirement.** At what age do you plan to retire? When you do retire, will you stay home and pursue your hobbies, or will you travel the world? Will you do some consulting or other part-time paid work, or will you volunteer? By answering these and other questions, you can at least estimate your costs during your retirement years.

- **Contribute to your 401(k).** Contribute as much as you can afford each year to your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k). At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. A 401(k) or similar plan is a great way to put money away for retirement, because your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. And you may have a dozen or more investment vehicles within your 401(k), so you can build a portfolio that's appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. In 2015, you can contribute up to \$18,000 to your 401(k), or \$24,000 if you're 50 or older.
- **Fully fund your IRA.** Even if you participate in a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, you're probably still eligible to contribute to an IRA as well. In 2015, you can contribute up to \$5,500 – or \$6,500, if you're 50 or older – to an IRA. A traditional IRA offers tax-deferred earnings, while Roth IRA earnings can grow tax free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years. Plus, you can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment you choose. Try to "max out" your IRA every year.
- **Control your debts.** Control your debts as much as possible. Every dollar that doesn't go into a debt payment could be invested for your retirement.

These aren't the only steps that can help you move toward a comfortable retirement – but they can certainly help get you on the right path.

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