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After two years, thank you

By Ken Edelstein

I no longer have the CPNO excuse. My wife is happy about this.

For two years, she suspected me of pulling myself away from house projects just to satisfy my obsession with neighborhood advocacy — not because I had to deal with CPNO business.

The truth is that it's been a very gratifying time to serve as president of CPNO. I worried early that snits between members would come to devour the organization. How gratifying to learn that our neighbors prefer an atmosphere of collegiality over conflict!

And the will to get things done is contagious. Apart from CPNO's normal duties, our main challenge as a largely new board at the start of 2014 was to implement recommendations in the neighborhood's 2013 master plan.

Candler Park's amazing communitarian culture made this doable. A Master Plan Coordinating Committee — basically Randy Pimsler and Eric Dusenberry — navigated neighborhood and City Hall politics to make progress on the plan's priorities. They got too much done to

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catalogue here. The achievement with the highest profile involved working with the city to convert the Oakdale-McLendon traffic signal to a four-way stop. It's proved a very popular change.

Randy and Eric also ensured that major sidewalk and crosswalk improvements in Candler Park, as well as improvements along DeKalb Avenue, made it onto the list of projects to be funded by the city's recently approved infrastructure bond. Getting all that done still will require continued bird-dogging, but CPNO has certainly done everything we could to make it possible.

Meanwhile, CPNO Environment Officer John Skach and Public Safety Officer Russell Miller got to work on two other master plan recommendations. Nearly two years later, the Candler Park Conservancy that John helped found is a going concern — seeded with \$10,000 from CPNO. And last weekend, the Conservancy (both John and I are board

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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.

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members) move closer to turning dreams into reality with public meeting on projects to improve the park.

Russell, meanwhile, worked to reconstitute CP's dormant Neighborhood Watch. His work contributed to an independent group's successful drive to address crime with an even more ambitious project: to create a new Candler Park/Lake Claire Safety Patrol.

Alongside a slew of volunteers, an active, supportive board has been key to getting things done. There will be significant Board turnover this year. While six current Board members are up for re-election at this month's CPNO Annual Meeting, two longtime members, plus John and I, are leaving. I want to give special thanks to those two longtime members. Peter Bluestone and Lexa King have contributed immensely to the well-being of the neighborhood — Peter as treasurer, and Lexa as membership secretary and then vice president. I know other CPNO members are similarly grateful for their leadership and time.

There's one area where I wish we'd made more progress: the budget. The year before I joined the board, CPNO lost its top fundraising event. Sweetwater Brewing had allowed us to organize and draw revenue from the 5k attached to 420 Fest. But in 2013 Sweetwater announced its decision to move 420 Fest, along with the 5k, to Centennial Park.

Then, in 2014, lousy weather and competitive events caused Fall Fest, our remaining major fundraiser, to lose money. That forced us to tighten our belts considerably.

The good news this year is that Fall Fest rounded a corner. A fresh crop of volunteers energized longtime Fall Fest leaders and strengthened the event. Despite the worst Fall Fest weather that any of us remembers, we returned to profitability.

Here's the thing: Drew Jackson, one of the most energetic of those new volunteers, is now running (unopposed) for Fundraising Officer, a board position created under our new bylaws. I mention that because it's an example of Candler Park's strength. There's no need for any of us to reside permanently as leaders in CPNO. As with other organizations, our strength lies in the active participation of members — particularly new members who either take on formal roles or simply volunteer on pet projects.

It's tempting to think that you're the one person who can get things done. The reality is that Candler Park has a wealth of civically engaged — and civil! — people with awesome skills. That gives me a lot of confidence that things will be in good hands as I leave the board, which in turn gives me one less excuse to avoid the house work I've been putting off.

Give thanks by sharing your cuisine

As we prepare to give thanks for our wonderful community, come to the CPNO Members' Meeting on November 16 and get treated to a potluck of cuisine from your Candler Park neighbors. Want to share a dish with fellow Candler Parkers? Just contact Chris Fitzgerald at chrisfitzgerald@gmail.com to let her know what you'd like to bring.

And for future meetings, 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.



THE MESSENGER

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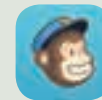
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- 16** CPNO Members
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- 25** Candler Park
Conservancy Meeting,
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Candler Park / Lake Claire Patrol gets rolling

The Candler Park/Lake Claire Patrol has officially started patrolling. Thanks to the overwhelming support from both neighborhoods, the first CPLC Patrol took place on October 2, 2015. Our police liaison, Sergeant Gruen, has been a fantastic help in coordinating the patrol schedule and has shown dedication to making sure the CPLC Patrol is a success. The patrol is staffed by Atlanta Police Officers Klein, Trotta, Smith, Palazzolo, and Howard.

If you have not signed up for membership yet or are interested in business sponsorship, please visit CPLCPatrol.com.

We currently have over 325 members and are within reach of meeting our goal of 350 members for our first year! Due to our membership size, we are already looking into adding an additional 12-16 hours of patrolling per month. The more members we get, the more patrol hours we can fund.

Thanks to all of our neighbors who have joined the CPLC Patrol and to our sponsors Candler Park Market, Fox Bros. BBQ, Red Level Renovations, Cynthia Baer, BOND Credit Union and Epworth Church.

-Lindy Kerr

Candler Park /Lake Claire Patrol

M. Graham at mgraham@atlantaga.gov or Officer S. Sweet at ssweet@atlantaga.gov. You can also call 404-546-5743 for details.

-David Terraso

CPNO welcomes new members!

- Genna Panagopoulos & Waqas Abbasi
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- Stephen Graff
- The Kreisman Family
- Andrew & Molly Saft

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*-Roger Bakeman
Membership Secretary*

BRIEFS

Atlanta Police Department begins its annual toy drive

Our very own Zone 6 of the APD has begun its annual toy drive and giveaway. Now through December 14, drop off a new unwrapped toy at the Zone 6 precinct, located in neighboring Kirkwood at 2025 Hosea L. Williams Drive. If you have questions, feel free to contact Sergeant

Share your voice

By David Terraso

One of the things that makes Candler Park so great is our community is comprised of folks who are active and passionate about their neighborhood. The Messenger wants to open its pages to neighbors who want to share a particular story, an opinion piece and whatever else they think their neighbors might be interested in learning. If you have a hankering for sharing your voice with your community, just send an email to editor@candlerpark.org. I'd love to hear your thoughts about what moves you and would relish the opportunity to consider it for publication. The Messenger's deadline for content is the 15th of each month. Drop me a line and share your story with a few of your neighbors.

And the candidates are (so far)!

At this month's membership meeting on the 16th, the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) will hold its annual elections. Anyone who has attended three meetings in the last twelve months (including the November meeting) is eligible to be nominated. While there may be new candidates nominated at the upcoming meeting, here's who was announced as serious contenders at the October meeting. These candidates were nominated by the CPNO membership committee. Their brief biographies were edited for length from the comments made at the October meeting.

External Affairs Officer:

Mark Clement is one of the founders of Fall Fest and has worked to produce nearly 50 free movie nights in the park. He created nearly every annual road race in the neighborhood from the Fall Fest 5k to the most profitable 420 Fest 5K.

Lindy Kerr is the president of the new Candler Park /Lake Claire patrol. She feels passionately about helping the neighborhood continue to grow in a thoughtful direction that reinvigorates and benefits the neighborhood as a whole while staying true to its roots.

Lauren Welsh has worked as vice president of CPNO, the NPU-N representative, and chair of the membership committee; she has also served on the zoning committee. She is a Candler Park representative for the Alliance of Intown Neighbors; and is a founding board member of the Candler Park Conservancy.

Fundraising:

Drew Jackson has a marketing and promotions background, works in real estate and has worked tirelessly with local businesses as the sponsorship

chairperson for this year's Fall Fest. He would like to bring the neighborhood and its residents closer together in meaningful relationships.

Public Safety:

Russell Miller has been safety chair in 2013 and has been working to create more awareness, common sense, and urgency around safety issues within Candler Park. He helped re-established neighborhood watch activities in Candler Park. He is also one of the founders of the CPLC Patrol.



Membership:

Roger Bakeman says seeing the evolution of the neighborhood and the neighborhood organization has been fascinating. He says his best recent accomplishment has been the master plan. On a much smaller scale, his goal for the past year has been to restructure

membership records and make member sign-in at meetings easy and efficient.

Zoning:

Seth Eisenberg joined the board in 2013 as zoning officer and enjoys advising CPNO on a broad range of matters with the goal of enhancing quality of life in Candler Park.

Secretary:

Bonnie Palter has served as CPNO Secretary since the end of 2012, served on the Tour of Homes and Bylaw Committees. She has been block captain since 2009.

Treasurer:

Chris Fitzgerald served as secretary and treasurer when she was in the Poncey-Highlands Neighborhood Association. She is currently in charge of restaurant sponsorships for CPNO meetings.

President:

Zaid Duwayri has been the communications officer for the past two years and he tries to balance that with his work enterprise software sales, soccer coaching and kids activities. He and his family love the park, the walkability, and great sense of community that bonds the residents of this neighborhood.

Communications Officer is still wide open. If you're curious about this really cool role and you wouldn't mind getting the keys to candlerpark.org, running the email blasts, moderating all the scintillating conversations about fireworks on NextDoor e-mail the nominating committee nominations@candlerpark.org.

The membership committee was Zaid Duwayri, Chris Fitzgerald, Eric Rubenstein, Miska Uppelschoten and Jennifer Wilds.

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People in Your Neighborhood: Mike Rabb

By David Terraso

Mike Rabb has been part of Candler Park for the past 11 years. Owner of the Corner Tavern restaurants in East Point, Little 5 Points and Edgewood, he opened his Little 5 location about the time he moved to the neighborhood.

David Terraso: I've hear you're an active part of the community, why is that?

Mike Rabb: We're a community neighborhood bar, so I try to support whatever anybody needs. We've done a lot of stuff with the different neighborhoods. We've done a lot of stuff with the Candler Park Fall Fest for a long time. I also run beer vending for the Little 5 Points Halloween Parade.

We give back to the neighborhoods and communities when they need it because that's who our support is. Without the neighborhood we probably wouldn't be here.

DT How did you get started in the restaurant industry?

MR Before opening Corner Tavern I owned two pizza places, Piccolo's Pizza, one in Norcross and one downtown. Prior to that I worked for Fellini's for about nine years. Mike Nelson (one of the owners of Fellini's) was a huge mentor to me.

DT In 2013 a fire temporarily closed the L5P location. How has business been since you reopened this past spring?

MR Business has been excellent. It's better than it was before, which I think is due to the new layout and the roof top deck.

I'm looking to draw the neighborhood. We do a kids-eat-free one night a week. We think that's going to get the families and neighborhood people in. If you come in and we're nice to your family then you're probably going to come back here other



Like a phoenix, Mike Rabb rises to reopen the Corner Tavern. Credit: David Terraso

times. We're not marketing to people in Marietta, we're marketing to the people around us. Those people (from the suburbs) are here on the weekends.

DT There're a lot of changes underway in L5P. Can you tell me about those?

MR One of the things I've been actively trying to change is Little 5 Points Park (Findley Plaza). Candler Park and Inman Park are two of the most desired neighborhoods in town. But we still have the characters of L5P stuck in the middle, which I think and many of the other business owners think, is inhibiting families from walking up here and bringing their kids.

We've been working on privatizing the park so we can have dining out there. And we want music and entertainment so we can get the community comfortable walking up here. We've been working with Parks Atlanta trying to get some grants to redo the plaza and make it more neighborhood friendly, not as train-hopper/squatter friendly.

I like the eclectic character of L5P, I grew up in Midtown, so I've been coming down here my whole life, but there's a difference between eclectic and people that are robbing you and mugging you, that's the element that I think we need to deal with.

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Conservancy engages public on the future of Candler Park

By David Terraso

Neighbors gathered on October 24 at the First Existentialist Congregation for a special Candler Park Conservancy meeting to start a conversation about the future of the park.

“What do you want to see in Candler Park; what do you want Candler Park to be?” asked Stacy Funderburke, chair of the Candler Park Conservancy.

When the Candler Park Master Plan was issued in 2013, it contained 22 recommendations (see page 11) on Candler Park, one of which was the establishment of the conservancy “to better manage, improve and promote the parks of the Candler Park neighborhood.”

This meeting, said Funderburke, was held both to get feedback from park users and the neighborhood on how to prioritize the recommendations in the master plan as well as hear some new ideas.

Katherine Moore, sustainable growth program director of the Georgia Conservancy, delivered a presentation which gave the crowd some questions to think about as they determined what they wanted the park’s priorities to be.

“The park is not supposed to be everything to all people,” she said.

Who should Candler Park service, just the neighborhood or the larger community? What should the priorities of the park be? Should they include the golf course, or the playground? Are there new priorities? How should the park connect to the community? How do we optimize safety? These were just some of the questions she asked the audience to think about.

But it was the edges of the park that she spent the most time on.

“Edges are spaces and we need to be doing something with that space,” Moore said.

Bike lanes, walking/running trails, park benches and vegetation were a few of the ways she said that other public spaces, like Tech Square in Midtown Atlanta (5th Street between the downtown connector and West Peachtree), had successfully used edges.

“Candler Park is a landscaped built space, which means we can do what we want as long as we have money and the



Candler Parkers Lauren Walsh and Amy Stout, CP’s NPU-N rep, contemplate their ideas for a better park. Credit: David Terraso

neighborhood agrees,” she said. “You have to ensure that there is funding and a management plan” to look after whatever is designated to happen in the park.”

“We don’t know what will happen in Candler Park 200 years from now, but we know that we need to give it a structure that will allow it to grow and change,” she added.

In 1922 Coca-Cola founder and former mayor Asa Candler gave the city the 55 acres of land which became Candler Park.

To help neighbors think about what they want from the park, the conservancy set up three workstations which were centered around the topics: active use and recreation, environment and sustainability, as well as events and entertainment. They asked the crowd to write their ideas on what they’d like to see done in both the near future and the long term. In addition they asked attendees to think about the locations in the park where each topic area should be centered.

There are a lot of amazing ideas and I’m really happy to have talked to some of my

fellow neighbors and see that everyone’s on the same page,” said Esther Lippman, Candler Parker for the past 15 years. “I think everyone is really excited for the opportunity to have both short term and long term improvements to the park experience.

At the top of her wish list for improvements are resolving the flooding issues, more trash cans, dog poop stations and making the pool more aesthetically pleasing.

“I would love to see a little bit more walkability. Along the edges of the park there are many areas where there aren’t sidewalks or there isn’t easy access from one point to another,” she said.

“At our next board meeting we’re going to sit down and digest this,” Funderburke said. “This is a starting point. Going forward we have a lot of work to do and we have to build off the recommendations we get here today.”

Citizens gather to weigh Freedom Bridge

By David Terraso

Residents of Candler Park, Inman Park and surrounding neighborhoods filled the bar room of Manuel's Tavern on Thursday, October 22 to talk about whether they'd support a pedestrian/bike bridge along the PATH connecting two sides of Freedom Park across Moreland. Candler Parker Jay Sandhaus, city councilman Kwanza Hall and Ed McBrayer, executive director of the PATH Foundation, were there to lend their support to the democratic gathering. Cathy Bradshaw and Danny Feig-Sandoval were also there to recount the steps they and fellow neighbors took to stop the planned Presidential Parkway that was slated to roll through Atlanta's most prized communities.

The PATH Foundation provided posters, which contained 48 photos of different bridges, and asked attendees to mark the ones they liked best as well as they ones they hated most.

The meeting was merely an introduction to an issue that has been brewing for some time. Mainly, how to handle the sometimes frightening interactions between pedestrians and bikers who use the PATH and the monstrous traffic that rolls past Moreland and Freedom Parkway throughout the majority of the day.

The communal nature of Manuel's lent itself well to the gathering as neighbor met neighbor at the large tables and chatted about the pros and cons of such an endeavor.

I think the city needs to be better connected on a human level, not a car level, said PATH's McBrayer to the gathering. "That's what we've been striving to do for the last 25 years and I think this bridge will be an important component of that."

Representatives from PATH distributed a questionnaire which asked not only if people supported a bridge, but asked them to rank the features of such a bridge and how they expect to benefit if one were built. Residents were asked to rank the importance of features such as aesthetics, limiting graffiti, safety from crime, pedestrian lighting, shade and access to Moreland and Little 5 Points. They were also asked to circle how they might use the bridge, whether walking, running, cycling, and/or skateboarding. In addition they were questioned as to what benefits a bridge might provide ranging from reducing traffic hazards in the intersection to increasing the connectivity between neighborhoods.

The crowd seemed enthusiastic, for the most part. But one resident expressed concern that the bridge's scale might be too large for the surrounding area.

Councilman Hall announced his support for the democratic nature of the gathering, but said that the desire of bridge advocates would have to be weighed against the other projects people wanted in the city.

"We have to honor our legacy and our history and the things we've talked about in sessions like this in the past, roll them all up and look at what was presented based on current realities and priorities," he said. "We want to be smart and make the best decisions that will give us optimum exponential growth in a positive way."



Neighbors gathered at Manuel's Tavern last month to discuss the potential of the Freedom Bridge. Credit: Jay Sandhaus

The results of the survey should be ready later this year, PATH advocates said. In the meantime, the best way to stay in touch with the issue and learn about any future meetings is to follow on Facebook at FreedomBridgeATL.

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Candler Park master plan recommendations

In 2013 the neighborhood released a master plan that recommended the creation of the Candler Park Conservancy. Under this recommendation were 22 points that were specific to the management of the park and other neighborhood greenspaces. Those points are reprinted here as the Conservancy begins seeking community input

1. Create a Candler Park Conservancy to better manage, improve and promote the parks of the Candler Park neighborhood.
2. Encourage the integration of private greenspaces into the Conservancy such as Mullberry Fields, parkettes and the urban forest conservation west of Oakdale Road.
3. Prevent stormwater runoff from Callan Circle into Candler Park park. #1 Department of Parks and Recreation based on the findings of a city-wide Facility Needs and Provision Study and upon the availability of necessary funding for both implementation and ongoing maintenance.
4. Alleviate drainage problems on the western edge of Iverson Park.
5. Install exercise stations throughout Candler Park park.
6. Add drinking fountains at key areas of activity in Candler Park park.
7. As part of future maintenance to the Candler Park park drive, integrate pervious paving systems to reduce stormwater runoff.
8. Repair the broken lights at the entry into the Candler Park park driveway off of McLendon Avenue.
9. Provide rubberized playground flooring at the Candler Park park playground to alleviate damp/muddy conditions.
10. Explore closing the Candler Park golf course 1 day a week and making it available to the public, or other similar ideas for enabling periodic community access to the golf course area.
11. Engage a professional landscape architect to create a master plan for improving the design/aesthetics of Candler Park park.
12. Work with the City Parks and Recreation staff to explore the feasibility of utilizing certain Candler Park park slopes for sledding activity.
13. Establish an educational collaboration with the golf course and Mary Lin Elementary School.
14. Provide new pedestrian steps at multiple locations to connect Candler Park Drive to the Candler Park park.
15. Re-install a baseball backstop at the Candler Park park soccer field to allow for informal baseball games.
16. Stabilize and shore the root base of the trees within Candler Park park adjacent to McLendon Avenue.
17. Establish a comprehensive list of needs/expectations for festivals in the Candler Park park.
18. Develop a set of "Event Standards" that better

articulates the neighborhood's expectations that varies in relation to the scale and size of the event type

19. Establish a continuous path/trail loop around the external edges of Candler Park park utilizing both existing and proposed sidewalks/paths/ trails.

20. Upgrade the Candler Park park tennis courts to be consistent with ALTA facility standards.

21. Work with the privately-held greenspaces that wish to be part of the Candler Park Conservancy to create public access points, which are privately controlled, to these community assets. Places like Mullberry Fields and the Oakdale Road Land Trust are examples of areas that could benefit from the Conservancy infrastructure if a public/private interface can be established to these areas.

22. Preserve the existing wetland/wildlife corridor along the 5th fairway of the golf course. Future improvements to this diverse ecosystem should include improved opportunities for public access in addition to new educational signage and observation areas that promote the corridor's rich nature and conservation themes.

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Remembering the Roadbusters

By David Terraso

Most longtime residents of Candler Park and the other neighborhoods surrounding Freedom Parkway know all about the fight to stop Presidential Parkway, a tollway that was slated to run right through their communities to connect downtown with Stone Mountain Freeway. But many newcomers may not know of the decades-long fight and the extraordinary efforts their neighbors took to bring a halt to construction of the highway.

For some, talk of this pedestrian bridge brings up memories of the fight to stop the parkway. But for others, it's different in both scale and because this movement is coming not from bureaucrats who want to move rivers of pollution-spewing vehicles from one end of the city to the other, but instead is coming from residents who want to be able to use people power to propel themselves and their bicycles across the PATH.

Presidential Parkway was stopped by the long and tireless fight of CAUTION (Citizens Against Unnecessary Thoroughfares in Older Neighborhoods) and by pressure that publicity, garnered by groups like the Roadbusters, brought to the issue. Inman Park resident and former Roadbuster Danny Feig-Sandoval shared his story of how his group helped bring public attention to the fight that he and his neighbors were waging for their homes.

Danny Feig-Sandoval: The first thing we did when we saw that the road was coming through (in 1984) was we built a manger at Christmas time right in the middle of the highway. We got a full page, front cover of the newspaper story. It was pretty neat, they didn't really want to tear it down, but they tore it down.

We saw that they were coming through and getting ready to take over the 8th and 9th holes of the golf course; a couple of 100 year-old oak trees were about to come down. We had already formed the Roadbusters and we said, "We can't let them take these trees down and take over the golf course and build this huge overpass."

So me and two other guys got some ropes. Some people called the media. We climbed up in these trees and there was a swarm of media out there. And we didn't know how to climb trees, not on a 30 degree day. Some guy heard about it on the radio and just showed up and he climbed up there with us. I can't remember his name.

Then we found out they were not going to cut those trees down we came down and went to the site (where Freedom Park meets Moreland) and sat on the pilings that they were getting ready to drive for the highway bridge. We had lawyers lined up. We got arrested and taken to jail. I had my house deed with me to use as my bail and went to court. It was the first of 60 arrests. We got the charges dropped because eventually the Department of Transportation did not have the deeds to the park. The parks were deeded only as parkland.

David Terraso: What stopped the bridge?

DFS: At that point the highway was being built and the bridge was going to be built. It was very hard to get any attention to the issue. It was back page metro section, if anything. The only thing I think our action did was shift the momentum. All the real work was the lawsuits. CAUTION had been filing lawsuits for so many years and couldn't gain traction. All of a sudden the whole thing shifted and we had these great rallies at Hillside Park and Shadyside Park. It became front-page news. It shifted the focus from no-coverage to something that all of a sudden people knew about.


The lawsuits in combination with the new momentum of the protests shifted the focus. Everything had to work in conjunction together. It's all timing sometimes.



Roadbuster Danny Feig-Sandoval recounts the efforts that saved Candler Park and nearby communities from the pleasures of a freeway running in their backyard. Credit: David Terraso

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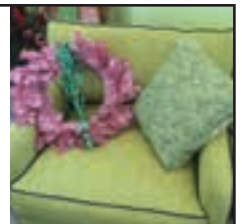
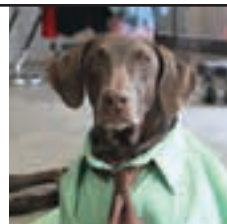
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Candler Park crime reports, September 7 - September 30

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

500 block Clifton Rd – Larceny from auto – 9/10 Thursday morning. Driveway. Window broken. Bicycle taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/10 Thursday day. Parking lot. Window broken. Backpack credit cards, check book and wallet taken.

500 block Goldsboro Rd – Larceny from auto – 9/10 Thursday morning. Driveway. Victim saw a B/M about 5'10" to 5'11", wearing a blue t-shirt and dark gray sweatpants in his vehicle. The suspect fled when victim approached. Garmin sport watch taken.

300 block Sheppard Pl – Larceny from auto – 9/12 Friday morning. Driveway. Window broken. Trek racing bicycle taken.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 9/13 Sunday evening. Parking lot. 2 vehicles, both with window damage. 2 bags, Samsung Galaxy S5, clothing, MacBook, Ear headphones, computer charger and external hard drive taken.

300 block Ferguson St – Larceny from auto - 9/15 Tuesday morning. Driveway. Vehicle left unlocked. Garmin GPS with charging cord and umbrella taken.

1500 block Marlbrook Dr – Larceny from auto – 9/15 Tuesday morning. Street. Window broken. Men's wallet, DL and debit card taken.

300 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 9/17 Thursday day. Street. Witness said he saw 2 young B/Ms walking down his street and stop at a black Ford F150. They started walking south on Elmira. He noticed a Chrysler 300 that took off from the scene and then returned a few minutes later and picked up the suspects. All the victims were eating at a local BBQ restaurant. Briefcase, Asus laptop, wallet, DL, credit cards, leather briefcase, MacBook Pro laptop, Bose headphones, medicine, Travel Pro lunchbox cooler, iPhone 6 Plus, crew badge, FAA badge and cockpit key taken.

351 Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/18 Friday evening. Parking lot. HP laptop taken.

300 Ferguson St – Larceny from auto – 9/19 Wednesday morning. Residence. Window broken. Knives taken.

1600 block Clifton Terr – Larceny from auto – 9/19 Saturday morning. Street. Window broken. Dart set and Leatherman tool taken.

1300 block North Ave – Larceny – 9/17 Thursday day. Parking lot. Combination lock cut. Victim said his Trek mountain bike was taken from the bike rack in the rear of the location.

500 block Page Ave – Auto theft – 9/17 Thursday morning. Street. 2007 silver Honda CRV with GA tags taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/22 Tuesday evening. Parking lot. 2 vehicles, both with windows busted out. A witness saw 2 B/Ms walk up and break into vehicles and ran off and got into a black sedan. Book bag was taken but recovered nearby.

1500 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/22 Tuesday day. Parking lot. Video shows a suspect, wearing a yellow and white shirt, exit a black Chrysler 300 (or similar vehicle) and approach the victim's vehicle. Encyclomedia, briefcase and laptop taken.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny – 9/26 Saturday day.. Victim received a call from a neighbor saying he witnessed somebody breaking into his storage shed. He heard banging noises coming from the shed and saw a B/M about 40 YO wearing long blue pants, black shirt, blue hat and a neon vest was seen coming out of the shed with a red bag. The neighbor attempted to question him but the suspect ran. One six pack of beer taken.

500 block Oakdale Rd – Burglary – 9/28 Monday day. Sirrus Sport Disc Specialized bicycle was taken from a garage, which might have been open.

500 block Candler Park Dr – Larceny from auto – 9/29 Monday day. Parking lot at school. 3 shop vacuums taken. Lock broken on trailer door.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny – 9/30 Tuesday evening. Victim said she was at post office and placed her wallet on the counter, but after she turned her back to get a pen, the wallet was gone.

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October 18 CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the November 16 Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Zaid Duwayri, Communications Officer. New members and residents introduced themselves. The motion to adopt the agenda as printed passed.

Guest Speakers:

- Lt. Floyd, APD, reported that there has been an increase in the percentage of vehicle break-ins in the last 28 days compared to this time a year ago. The holiday overtime has begun thereby placing more officers on the street.
- Howard Connell, Board Member, Life Building Center, informed the members about recycling of construction materials. Donations of unused materials or removed items are accepted and sold. The Center uses the profits to provide educational programs such as "How to make your home energy efficient".

Announcements:

- Thank you to Palacsinta/Crepes for providing tonight's food.
- Thank you to Russell Miller and Seth Eisenberg for their 'Bartending' efforts this month. Zaid Duwayri volunteered for November.
- Lauren Welsh, Candler Park Conservancy, announced the public meeting/charette will be Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 9-11 am at the First Existentialist Church.
- Russell Miller, Public Safety Officer, has 'Safety Patrol' signs for those who have subscribed. The Patrol has started their nightly rounds.

Treasurer Report:

Peter Bluestone, Treasurer, reported the amount of \$85,000 on hand before Fall Fest expenses. The bank account has been hacked due to a vendor depositing a check by an internet app. While we have not incurred any losses there will be a delay in calculating final figures for Fall Fest. A new account has been opened. Preliminary amounts are \$42,000 in Sponsorships; \$23,000 Artists' Market; \$14,000 Food Vendors; \$3600 Tour of Homes.

General Discussion:

- Fall Fest 2015: Drew Jackson reported that despite the weather the Festival was successful and probably will show a profit of \$15,000. Five sponsors have already committed to returning next year. Overall feedback from the vendors and artists was very positive.
- Nominating Committee: Eric Rubenstein, Chair, introduced the members of the committee: Chris Fitzgerald, Zaid Duwayri, Mischa Uppelschoten, and Jennifer Wilds. He revealed the slate for 2016 as follows: President-Zaid Duwayri; Treasurer-Chris Fitzgerald; Secretary-Bonnie Palter; Membership-Roger Bakeman; Zoning-Seth Eisenberg; Safety-Russell Miller; Fund Raising-Drew Jackson; External Affairs-Mark Clement, Lindy Kerr; Communications-open.

Zoning:

Seth Eisenberg presented the owners of two properties applying for variances.

- 505 Oakdale Road-The motion to support the Variance V-15-315 application with the condition that it be built according to the site plan filed with the City passed.
- 376 Candler Park Drive-The motion to support the Variance V-15-256 application with the condition that it be built according to the site plan filed with the City passed.

The motion to adopt the Sept minutes as printed in The Messenger passed.

The motion to accept the October Officer and Committee Report passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by

Bonnie Palter, Recording Secretary

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CPNO officer and committee reports for September

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

Freedom Park Conservancy-Carol Gregory

The Freedom Park Conservancy board held their regular meeting on Oct. 13. The board heard a report from Walter Brown about the development near Manual's and its impact on a portion of Freedom Park. The board will continue to monitor the planned landscaping. October 24 the board will meet with the park commissioner.

Zoning: Seth Eisenberg

The October Zoning Committee meeting took place on October 7, 2015. The commercial special exception application for 299 Moreland Ave was deferred for a second time until the November meeting. There were two residential zoning applications, to wit: (1) 505 Oakdale Road (V-15-315); and (2) 376 Candler Park Drive (V-15-256).

The Applicant for the 505 Oakdale Road application seeks a variance to reduce the required north side yard setback from the required 7 ft. to 3ft. in order to allow for the construction of a small swimming pool. The Applicant also seeks a special exception to allow active recreation in a yard adjacent to a street where otherwise not permitted, this is required for usage of the small swimming pool. The discussion for this Application focused on the unique nature of the lot and the hardship created by the strict application of the City zoning code to this lot. It is part of a subdivided single parcel that causes the existing structure to already exist within the setback. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of a motion to support the variance application V-15-315 with the condition it be built according to the site plan filed with the City.

The Application for 376 Candler Park Drive was not considered at the meeting because the Applicant was unable to provide the checklist materials in advance of the meeting. After discussion and a vote on a motion to defer the Application, the Committee voted unanimously to conduct an online vote of the Application once the completed materials were received by the Applicant. The Applicant provided complete checklist materials for the Committee to consider via an online vote. The Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the south side yard setback from 7ft to 6.3 ft to expand the existing second floor living space over the existing first floor space; reduce the north side yard setback from 7ft to 4.9 ft to expand the existing second floor living space over the existing first floor space; reduce the east front yard setback from 35 ft to 32.4 for the purpose of establishing conformity of an existing screened porch and existing second floor space above the porch. The Committee voted in favor of a motion to support the variance application V-15-256 with the condition it be built according to the site plan filed with the City.

Fall Fest Committee-Ken Edelstein, Chair

Despite unseasonal rain, early financial reports indicate that this year's Fall Fest will swing a substantial profit. Rain-

related expenses will approach \$10,000. In additional, the wet, cool weather cut substantially into beer sales. Despite the rain, sponsorships, Kidlandia, the Artists Market, food trucks and merchandise sales all broke and came close to breaking our net revenue records. In followup surveys, arts vendors, Kidlandia vendors and food trucks reported overwhelmingly positive experiences and a desire to return. Even better, most members of the strong core team already have signed up for next year

Treasurers report: Peter Bluestone, Treasurer

The most current financial statements are available on the back table. I will give a brief update.

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Recipe of the Month

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| 3 tablespoons kosher salt | 1 (12- to 14-lb.) whole fresh or frozen turkey, thawed |
| 3 tablespoons dark brown sugar | 1/2 cup butter, softened |
| 2 teaspoons rubbed sage | Wooden picks |
| 2 teaspoons dried thyme | Kitchen string |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper | Vegetable cooking spray |
| 1 teaspoon garlic powder | |

Directions:

1. Stir together first 6 ingredients.
2. Remove giblets and neck from turkey; pat turkey dry. Sprinkle 1 Tbsp. brine into cavity; rub into cavity. Reserve 1 Tbsp. brine, and sprinkle outside of turkey with remaining brine; rub into skin. Chill turkey 10 to 24 hours.
3. Preheat oven to 350°. Stir together butter and reserved 1 Tbsp. brine. Loosen skin from turkey breast without totally detaching skin; spread butter mixture under skin. Replace skin, securing with wooden picks.
4. Tie ends of legs together with string; tuck wing tips under. Place turkey, breast side up, on a lightly greased (with cooking spray) rack in a large roasting pan.
5. Bake at 350° for 2 hours and 30 minutes or until a meat thermometer inserted in thickest portion of turkey thigh registers 165°. Remove from oven; let stand 30 minutes before carving.



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1. Buy a big, quality turkey – Denise always buy a fresh turkey because this will help eliminate any more Thanksgiving Day turkey disasters that begin with, "the turkey is not totally defrosted". Yes...Denise's first Thanksgiving dinner that she ever cooked started that way. True story. She buys Honeysuckle White because that's what her grandfather said was the best. Melissa, on the hand buys a frozen Butterball. We both make outstanding turkeys every year, so it's a matter of choice....and tradition!

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! Use gloves if you have to, but you really do need to clean it thoroughly.

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 if you like. If you are not using specific seasonings for

the outside of the bird, make sure you coat it thoroughly with kosher salt and pepper. The salt will help keep the juices in!

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 Honeysuckle 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.

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