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FEBRUARY

- 9** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, Epworth Church
- 12** Environment Committee, 7 pm, Dr. Bombay's
- 16** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, First Existentialist Congregation
- 26** NPU-N Board, 7 pm, L5P Center for Community and the Arts, 1083 Austin Ave.

MARCH

- 2** Master Plan Coordinating Committee, 7 pm, Epworth Church
- 9** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, Epworth Church
- 16** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, First Existentialist Congregation
- 28** Egg Hunt, noon, Pavillion No. 1 in the park

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.



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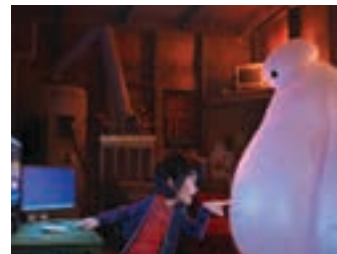
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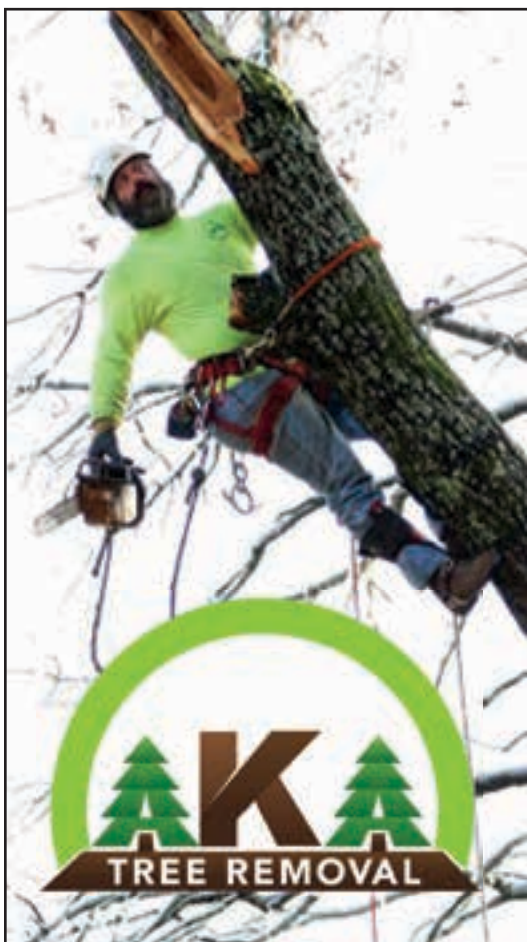
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Fall's right around the corner

By Ken Edelstein

Hold off any international trips. Be sure to invite friends and relatives to town for the weekend. And whatever your plans, don't sign up to take the bar exam during the week afterward. Because Oct. 3 and 4 could get a bit distracting.

That's the weekend set aside for Fall Fest 2015, which promises to be our finest Fall Fest yet.

How do I know, nine months before the event, that it promises to be our best? I know because we're roping you in to make it better than ever.

Just to be clear, most Fall Fest volunteer opportunities involve a most of the work beforehand and few-to-zilch responsibilities on the actual weekend. So you get to help pull off the show. Then, you get to enjoy it. Best of both worlds.

What kind help am I talking about? Top of the list is moolah: We need to do better on sponsorships.

PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

Sponsorships are important because the money from them usually comes in upfront. Also, having that money upfront leaves us less exposed should the festival be hit by bad weather.

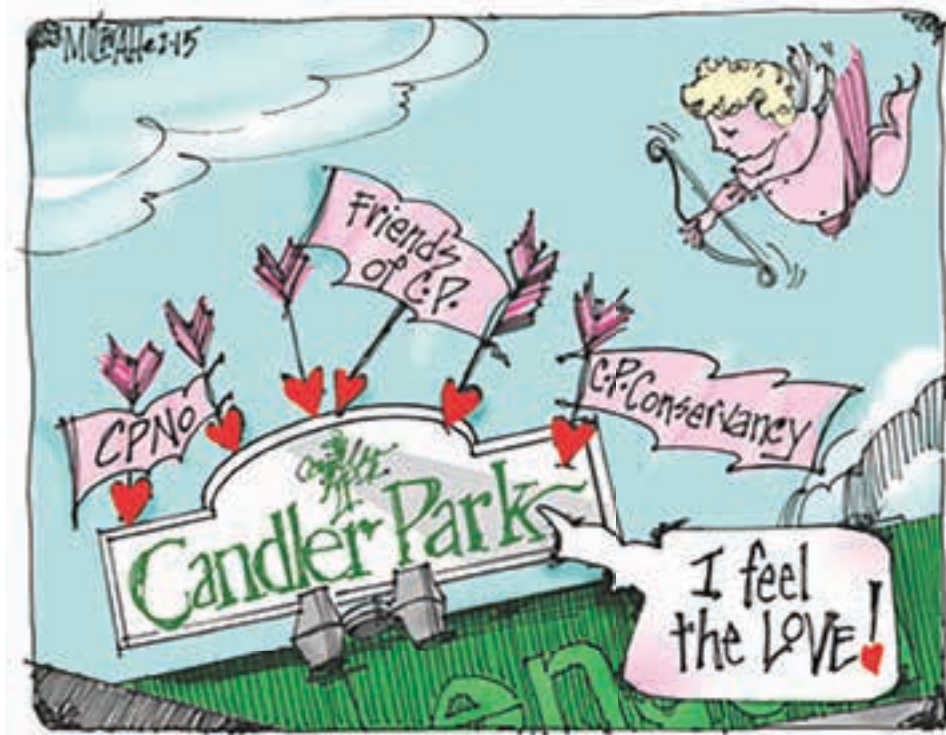
There are two ways you can help right now with sponsorships. The first is to gather leads: We need CP residents to help us identify potential sponsors. A potential sponsor might be a small business in the neighborhood or nearby. It could be a large employer or a company you do business with ... or even your own business! It could involve a company with whom you have an "in," or a company that in your wild imagination might sponsor us. Even if it's a hair-brained idea, we promise not to make fun of you.

While the community benefits

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LAUGHTER IN THE PARK

By Deb Milbrath



The mission of the **Candler Park Neighborhood Organization** is to promote the common good and general welfare in the neighborhood known as Candler Park in the city of Atlanta.

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MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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from Fall Fest sponsors, remember that sponsors get great value as well. Fall Fest is a popular, well-regarded event flush with good will from thousands of attendees — just the kind of experience that companies are interest in partnering with.

This isn't the last time I'm going to bug you about this. We'll continue to solicit great ideas for sponsorships. But if you have an idea right now for Fall Fest, don't procrastinate. Email me right now at president@candlerpark.org.

The second way you can help with sponsorships is to volunteer to sell a few of them. Obviously volunteers with experience in sales would be perfect for selling sponsorships, but even sales masters will tell you: Selling for something like Fall Fest ain't brain surgery.

What we really need is to assemble a team of folks who can sell just a couple of sponsorships each. Again: It's early. We haven't even developed our sponsorship levels, much less a pitch. But we do want to building that team because it all boils down to having enough people to spread around the legwork.

The same goes for the volunteers

who'll work on other aspects of Fall Fest. We'd love to have more folks step up to plan and produce the artists' market, the childrens' area, the food offerings, the music — you name it. We want to be as inclusive and as fun as possible in all these areas. I'm the keeper of the list right now, so why not send an email to president@candlerpark.org describing the rewarding task that you'd like to help with.

The great thing about Fall Fest is that any of the volunteer work you put into the event helps to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood.

Whether it's paying for improvements in our neighborhood's wonderful parks, advocating for sidewalk repairs and crosswalks, supporting Mary Lin Elementary, underwriting fun events, making our neighborhood safer, keeping an eye on zoning and development, or just communicating about what's going on the neighborhood, CPNO is there for you. And most of those activities are funded by Fall Fest; the better Fall Fest does, the more CPNO is able to do.

Thank you, Candler Park Market!

Enjoy "homemade goodness" from the Candler Park Market Deli for free at our Feb. 16 CPNO Members' Meeting. Located in the back of the store, the deli features gourmet sandwiches made with the finest breads and other ingredients, plus yummy sides. Now open for breakfast, too!

And if that's not enough, the Market's also serving as candy and prize sponsor for the CPNO Easter Egg Hunt! Flip to page 7 to find out



more.

Know of another local restaurant or caterer who wishes to partner with CPNO as a cash-free meeting sponsor? Email Chris Fitzgerald at chriscfitzgerald@gmail.com.

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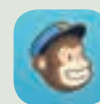
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AT&T opts not to install cell antennas at Epworth church

Epworth United Methodist Church Pastor Alvin Lingenfelter sent a message to its congregation last month regarding the AT&T cell tower that had been planned at the church. Since the news is relevant to our Candler Park community, we're sharing the message here:

Dear Congregation,

I write to inform you of some important recent events. In a meeting with AT&T, the church was informed that AT&T has decided not to pursue siting a wireless facility at the church. Following the official lease guidelines, they have exercised their option to withdraw from the agreement. AT&T Representative, David Walker, met with Trustee Chair Jim Pelot, and Rev Alvin Lingenfelter this past week. David's comments were straightforward in that this was simply a business decision on the part of AT&T.

If you have additional questions they can be directed to our SPR Chair, Virginia Connolly, our Lay Leader, Jamie Weaver, or our Trustee Chair, Jim Pelot.

*Peace,
Rev Alvin Lingenfelter*

Last year, CPNO Members voted to take an official position opposing the antenna project.

— Zaid Duwayri

Sandhaus to chair Bylaws trio

The CPNO Board has named Jay Sandhaus (chair), Bonnie Palter & Kate Cantrell to a new Bylaws Review Committee.

The committee is to solicit and gather from the Board and the membership suggestions for changes in the bylaws; then to review the suggestions and the entire bylaws; and finally make recommendations



PLAYGROUND FACELIFT: Parks & Recreation Department employees restored earth and mulch at the Candler Park playground in January, after old mulch had accumulated more than a foot deep. On cover: A department foreman explains to workers what needs to be done. Photo by Ken Edelstein. Above: Two trees with severe root damage on the hill behind the tennis courts are marked for removal. Photo by Lauren Welsh.

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for changes. Any changes must still go through the bylaws approval process outlined by the current bylaws.

Suggestions? Contact Jay at jaysandhaus@gmail.com.

— Lexa King

Board names chairs and reps

In accordance with our bylaws and prior motions, the CPNO Board has reappointed the following neighbors:

- Education Committee Chair: Kate Sandhaus
- Freedom Park Conservancy Neighborhood Rep: Carol Gregory
- Master Plan Coordinating Committee Chair: Randy Pimsler
- Master Plan Coordinating Committee Vice-Chair: Joseph Hacker
- Master Plan Coordinating Committee Transportation

Coordinator: Eric Dusenbury

- Sidewalk Committee Chair:

Clifton Mack

When you see any of these neighbors gallivanting around Candler Park, please be sure to thank them for volunteering to help improve our quality of life!

— Ken Edelstein

Welcome new members

CPNO is happy to welcome January's new members:

- Ross and Lauren Wallace
- Cliff and Linda Green

If you're already a CPNO member, please keep in mind that now's the time for you to renew your membership. It's easy, and it's free: Simply go to www.candlerpark.org/ renew and follow the instructions. ... and remind your neighbors to do the same.

— Roger Bakeman

Candler Park Market teams up with CPNO for March 28



By Kelly Jo Bluestone

Calling all bunnies: It's time to start planning for the popular and exciting annual CPNO Easter Egg Hunt!

Please join us at noon, Saturday, March 28, in Candler Park by Pavilion Number 1, just east of the parking lot. We'll have more than 2,000 eggs stuffed with delicious chocolates and candy treats. And, of course, there will be an elusive Golden Egg for each age group. Each bunny who finds a Golden Egg wins a special prize to be picked up at the end of the hunt.

This year, the candy and all three prizes will be provided by a wonderful community-oriented sponsor: The Candler Park Market. Thank you Greg Hutchins and the rest of the team at our neighborhood grocery!



There will be three age categories: 0-3, 4-6 and 7-99 — and if you're older than 100, we'll give you treats without making you hunt for them.

Please be on time: The event attracts lots of kiddos, and the frenzy only lasts a few minutes. Also, have your contestant(s) bring a basket or bag to put their eggs in.

All contestants will be asked to hand in the empty eggs after you and your child have taken the treats out, so that we can use the eggs again next year. In the event that your child does not find

any eggs (more shocking things have happened), please have them report to some official-looking person at the end of the hunt, and we'll have a secret stash to give to them. (You can have them look for me, as I am very official looking.)

As always, it takes lots of grownup bunnies to prepare for this event. So please email me at kbluestone7@gmail.com to inquire how to help. The egg-stuffing party is always a blast so you wouldn't want to miss that! This year it will be held at my house, date to be determined. If you can't make that, we'd love to have people come around 10:30 a.m. on the day of the big event to help hide the eggs.

Blessed by CPNO, Conservancy names Founding Board

The Candler Park Conservancy moved a step closer to reality on Jan. 19 as members unanimously endorsed formation of the organization.

Now, it's up to Conservancy's 11-member Founding Board to file articles of incorporation, seek nonprofit status, and write bylaws for the Conservancy. (A list of board members can be found in the Draft Minutes in this issue of the Messenger. Full disclosure: I'm one of them.)

As Environment Officer John Skach noted during the CPNO Members'

Meeting, the Conservancy idea grew out of a recommendation in the neighborhood's 2013 master plan, which was funded by CPNO. The idea is to establish an organization that can convene those who love and use the park (not just Candler Park residents); can work with the city on plans and priorities; and can raise the money need to bring those priorities to fruition. Among other park features, Conservancy activists hope to enhance the park's golf course, natural areas, pool, poolhouse, playground and

playing courts.

The motion also allowed Skach to turn reins of Conservancy project off to the new group's board chair, Stacy Funderburke.

The Founding Board has set ambitious goals for the next year. In addition to submitting official documents, the board expects to set up an organizational structure, begin a park planning process, and name the Conservancy's "permanent" board.

— Ken Edelstein

2015 operating budget approved

CPNO members approved a \$13,610 operating budget at our Jan. 29 Members Meeting. That's \$2,950, or 18 percent, lower than the 2014 budget.

The biggest savings in the 2015 budget come from placing a two-hour limit on childcare, from funding beverages at meetings through voluntary contributions, and from negotiating a substantial reduction in our bookkeeping fees.

It's important to remember that the operating budget only covers CPNO's projected administrative costs. Members vote separately over the course of the year on any proposed appropriations for special projects or proposed grants to outside organization. Projected revenue also isn't included in the operating budget. Additionally, the Fall Fest budget is approved separately by members.

The CPNO Board will continue to seek ways to keep spending down. We also welcome your contributions. If interested in giving, please go to candlerpark.org and hit the "Donate" button!

— Peter Bluestone

2015 CPNO OPERATING BUDGET	
Rent, Parking, Utilities	2,545
Professional Fees	
Accounting & Bookkeeping Fees	2,040
Tax Preparation	850
Total Professional Fees	2,890
Insurance	4,100
Misc / Contingency	600
Administrative Expenses	
Registration Fees	470
Other Administrative Expenses	240
Total Administrative Expenses	710
Postage, Mailing Service	30
Bank Service Charges	60
Hospitality	0
Supplies & Meeting Expenses	1,200
Child Care	1,500
TOTAL	13,635



Wizard of Oz is slated for May. 2. On cover: Big Hero 6 kicks off Movie Night 2015 on April 18

Movie Night schedule set

Add together five family-friendly classics, including two starring pirates. Throw in last summer's most acclaimed animated feature. And you've got the 2015 Friends of Candler Park Movie Night series!

Here's the lineup: April 18: Big Hero 6; May 2: Wizard of Oz; May 16: Hook; Aug. 15 Jungle Book; Aug. 29: Pirates of the Caribbean; Sept. 12: Willy Wonka (the original).

This year's series marks a threshold for Friends of Candler Park. Five years of help from CPNO in getting the event off the ground has paid off; now, Friends is relying a lot more on support from other sponsors. When the dust has settled, we'll publish a full list of the shops and restaurants. For now though, one company deserves special recognition: Thank you, Kroger for agreeing playing a big role in bringing this event to our community!

CPNO — Movie Night's Founding Sponsor — is still a big supporter, of course. We voted in December to pay licensing fees for the six movies, up to \$2,300.

As always, the Saturday evening showings commence right after sundown. Keep an eye out for more details on special activities and sponsors in the Messenger or at FriendsOfCandlerPark.org.

— Ken Edelstein

Fall Fest date is Oct. 3-4

Candler Park Fall Fest moves back this year to the month that it made famous. After a brief foray into late September, the neighborhood's top celebration and fundraiser will be held Oct. 3-4. Volunteers are determined to make this year's event better than ever, and you can be part of the fun. Interested? Email president@candlerpark.org.

Zone 6 crime reports for Dec. 14 through Dec. 30

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

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 12/14 Sun Eve. Parking lot. Window broken. Gym clothes, towel and a bag taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 12/15 Mon Eve. Parking lot. 2 vehicles involved, both with windows broken. Laptop and cell phone taken from one of the vehicles.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 12/15 Sun Eve. Parking lot. 2 vehicles both with windows broken. Victim of one vehicle returned to his car and noticed a B/M and W/F walking away from the direction of his car. After reviewing video surveillance, it was determined that they were both employees of the restaurant and had not been seen breaking into any vehicles. Dell laptop and Dell 7240 taken.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 12/17 Wed Eve. Parking lot. Window busted out. Video footage available of the incident. 2 S&W MP .40 cal magazines and prepared Glock 23 magazine taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 12/18 Thurs Eve. Parking lot. Window broken out. \$37, Raul bag and Asus touchscreen laptop taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 12/22 Mon Eve. Parking lot. Window broken. Backpack taken.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 12/26 Fri Eve. Street. Window broken. Backpack and clothing taken.

1200 block McLendon Ave – Larceny – 12/22 Tues Day. Package removed from outside victim's home.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 12/29 Mon Eve. Street. Window broken. Messenger bag and books taken.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 12/31 Wed Eve. Street. Windows broken on 2 vehicles. Messenger bag, patient records, medical tools, access key, I Pad, I Pod, keys, 2 jump drives, clothing, 2 book bags, toiletries, laptop and charger cable taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 1/3 Sat Eve. Parking lot. 2 vehicles with windows broken. Book bag, 22 Glock, knife, flashlight, bag, prescription medication, credit cards and check taken.

500 block Candler Park Dr – Larceny – 12/30 Tues Morn. Electric company reported 11 rolls of copper wiring were removed from the construction site.

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Jan. 19 CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

The Membership Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Edelstein, President. Motion to move the Easter Egg Hunt vote to the top of the list passed. Motion to adopt the amended agenda passed.

Announcements:

- 1) Thank you to Cameli's for the food donated for our meeting this evening.
- 2) Thank you to Chris Fitzgerald for arranging for the food that we enjoy each meeting.
- 3) A donation jar has been placed on the food table for the adult beverages. The money will be used for the purchasing the beverages for the next meeting. A volunteer is needed to buy the beverages each month. The person is only obligated for one month.
- 4) Amy Stout announced that January 24th is another tree planting day. Those who are interested should meet at 9 am at Iverson Park.
- 5) There will be a Block Captain Meeting 7 pm, Thursday, January 29th at The First Existentialist Church, Candler Park Drive.
- 6) Paideia's Annual Field Day is Friday, April 3, 2015. Motion to support the Annual Field Day passed.
- 7) The 2015 Movie Night line up of movies was announced by Ken Edelstein. Kroger has agreed to be a major sponsor for this event.
- 8) 2015 Candler Park Fall Festival will be October 3 and 4. Volunteers should email president@candlerpark.org.
- 9) Roger Bakeman, Membership Secretary, reminded everyone to renew their membership tonight or on line.
- 10) Lexa King announced the members of the Bylaw Review Committee as Jay Sandhaus, Chairperson, Bonnie Palter, and Kate Cantrell. The Committee will work together for the next six months and welcomes all suggestions for changing the Bylaws.
- 11) The traffic study of the intersection at Oakdale and McLendon will start at the end of January. Residents on

the East side of Oakdale have been notified by mail and flyers of the parking restrictions. The study is expected to last 60 days.

- 12) Complete Street Initiative will meet January 20th at City Hall.
- 13) AT&T has withdrawn the application to place a cell antenna in the steeple of Epworth Methodist Church.
- 14) The Edgewood MARTA Development Plan has been revised. ONE (Organized Neighbors of Edgewood) is taking the lead for the new zoning designation(s). Email questions to zoning@candlerpark.org.
- 15) IRS 990 and The Operating Budget will be posted on the website going forward.

Treasurer's Report:

Peter Bluestone, Treasurer, reviewed the end of year Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Reports. Cash on hand is \$52,000 with a loss of \$6900.

Votes:

- 1) Kelly Jo Bluestone announced the Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 28th, 12 noon. (Rain date is April 4th.) Candy has been donated by Candler Park Market. She is requesting \$150 for supplies and plastic eggs. Motion to support the Easter Egg Hunt and donate \$150 for miscellaneous expenses passed.
- 2) Peter Bluestone, Treasurer, presented the 2015 Operating Budget. Motion to adopt the 2015 Operating Budget as presented by the Treasurer passed.
- 3) Motion to amend the CPNO Balance Sheet by zeroing out the following accounts and remove them from our Balance Sheet: Accounts Receivable (-\$210), Membership Hospitality (-\$406.08), Graffiti Clean Up Kits (\$687.95), Block Party Funding (-\$262.29) passed.
- 4) APD Mini Precinct- Scott Pendergrast, Treasurer, Little Five Points Business Association, requested a donation of \$1,000 from CPNO to be used for upkeep of the

office space.

- 5) Candler Park Conservancy- John Skach, Environment Officer, read the following motion for the establishment of the Candler Park Conservancy: "In accordance with the 2013 Candler Park Master Plan and the 2014 Master Plan priority list, the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization hereby initiates the founding of the Candler Park Conservancy as a new nonprofit organization. The Conservancy's purpose will be 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. The founding board will consist of the following volunteers: Stacy Funderburke, Chair; Amy Erwin, Vice-Chair; Randy Pimsler, Treasurer; Amy Stout, Secretary; and committee members Ken Edelstein, Ben Klehr, Lauren Welsh, Michele Allen, Charles Hooker, Jack White and John Skach. The Founding Board will undertake the tasks necessary to legally establish the organization; to work with park stakeholders to create a strategic vision for improvements and operations; to set in place procedures for electing a permanent Board of Directors; and to perform the duties necessary to get a successful Conservancy off the ground." The motion passed.

Motion to accept the December 2014 Minutes passed.

Motion to accept the Officer and Committee report passed

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

*Submitted by
Bonnie Palter,
Recording Secretary
January, 19 2015*

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Pasta, Power Greens and White Bean Soup

Ingredients:

6 slices of bacon, chopped	Kosher salt and pepper
1/2 white onion, chopped	12 c. chicken broth
6 baby carrots, diced	1/2 c. grated parmesan cheese (divided)
5 cloves of garlic, minced	2 1/2 c. small pasta
2 T. tomato paste	2 15 oz. cans of white beans, drained and rinsed
2 tsp. fresh thyme	3 c. fresh power greens, chopped

Directions:

Cook the bacon pieces in a large pot over medium heat, stirring often, until crisp (about 4-6 minutes). Add the onions and cook about 3 minutes, or until slightly softened. Add carrots, garlic, tomato paste and thyme. Stir well. Add 1/4 tsp. each of salt and pepper and cook for 4 minutes, or until carrots soften. Add chicken broth and turn the temperature up to high. Cover and bring to a boil.

Add the pasta and beans and cook for about 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium and add the power greens. Simmer, uncovered until the soup thickens slightly, about 7-10 minutes. Stir in half of the parmesan cheese. Ladle soup in the bowls and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Recipe of the Month

Courtesy of McNack's Kitchen
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CPNO officer & committee reports for January

Submitted for membership review prior to the Jan. 19 Members' Meeting and accepted by CPNO vote.

Special Projects Officer-Mark Clement

\$5,000 sponsor check from Sweetwater is in the bank. We are working on sponsors for next year. We have a commitment from Kroger for movie night. We are just a few sponsors shy of our goal. We do not foster a problem.

Zoning- Seth Eisenberg

The January Zoning Committee meeting was cancelled due to a lack of pending applications. The February meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm, located at 1561 McLendon Ave., Epworth Methodist Church.

Candler Park - Master Plan Coordinating Committee

Meeting Notes - 01.05.2015

The Candler Park Master Plan Coordinating Committee held a regular meeting on January 5, 2015 at seven pm at the Epworth Methodist Church. In attendance were chairs, Joseph Hacker, Eric Dusenbury and Randy Pimsler.

The meeting began with a general discussion and update on the status of the City of Atlanta - Infrastructure Bond. The chairs noted how pleased they were to see that the Complete Streets Proposal for Dekalb Avenue is a high priority on the proposed Infrastructure Bond list, at this time. Eric volunteered to contact Mary Norwood and Kwanza Hall to verify next steps with regards to the IB and also to follow up on funding of a study to be conducted prior to the work taking place, which had been discussed previously, in our meetings with council members and the Department of Public Works.

The Oakdale McLendon Intersection traffic signal test is scheduled to take place at the end of the month of January. Letters had been requested by the Department of Public Works from both CPNO and NPU N, confirming

support for the traffic signal test. Both letters have been received by DPW. The test will last for sixty days and then feedback shall be provided to DPW. Eric Rubenstein has been designated as our liaison to DPW on this particular project and Eric shall monitor the progress of the test.

The Moreland Dekalb Interchange was discussed and Randy was to follow up with a reminder to Councilperson Hall to consider allocating discretionary funds from the Infrastructure Bond, for a study to improve these intersections, east and west of Moreland Avenue, at Dekalb Avenue.

In addition to the ongoing traffic initiatives, noted above, the committee will reach out to Melissa Pressman in Lake Claire to begin coordinated efforts on proposed improvements along Clifton Avenue. This was identified last year as a concern and Melissa has made contact with the committee in this regard.

Sidewalk funding was a rather long discussion at this meeting. The priorities for sidewalk improvements include McLendon Avenue and Euclid Avenue. In addition, sidewalk improvements along Moreland Avenue are desired, as that street prepares for modifications and improvements by the State Department of Transportation. Eric volunteered to reach out to both Councilperson Hall and to the members of the Little Five Points Community Improvement District, for further information and coordination of efforts. There was also a discussion about publishing guidelines for maintenance of sidewalks and Joseph agreed to follow up with a brief article in this regard.

The topic of safety was discussed. Members of this committee discussed ways in which we might support the efforts of Russell Miller and his group, to facilitate communication with the appropriate parties in the Atlanta Police Department and city council. Randy

was to follow up with both Russell Miller and Wendy Heaps, who has expressed an interest in being involved in moving this process along.

The Candler Park Conservancy is moving along well with bylaws and a board vote pending at the upcoming Candler Park General meeting, in January. The committee wishes to stay engaged and continue to support John Skach in any manner that might be appropriate. Randy will serve on the Conservancy Board and keep the Coordinating Committee abreast of developments in this regard.

Several zoning concerns were discussed including Neighborhood Commercial Zoning at the Clifton McLendon Intersection, Dekalb Avenue and multi-family properties that currently exist in Candler Park. These areas were each identified in the master plan as areas of concern and the committee will begin to work on these in the coming year. In addition, little has been heard of the proposed development at the Edgewood Marta Station. Randy volunteered to follow up regarding these zoning related items.

Freedom Park-Carol Gregory

The regular meeting of Freedom Park Conservancy's Board was Jan. 9. Committee reports: Park Improvement Committee (PIC) hosted 100 plus volunteers from the USY International Convention 2014. Volunteers spread out and did a park clean up until the rain came in the afternoon. Communication's committee is working on a visitor's map of the park that will be available in the Spring. The map will be available at Atlanta visitor locations and at neighborhood meetings. Freedom Park's newest art, One Woman Rising, was enhanced by the addition of a ring and base of mulch. The board is looking at other landscaping to enhance the art piece.

Making Compost Is Easy!

We love composting. It reduces the waste we send to landfills, teaches our boys about green living, and provides nutrient rich matter for our backyard garden. Here's a simple recipe for making your own compost right in your backyard. Step 1 talks about location and container features. Step 2 covers the ingredients to add and those to avoid. Step 3 addresses mixing, watering, and time. Are you ready to get started?

1 The first thing you'll want to do is find a good location and build or acquire a means of containing your compost. The compost needs to get hot and needs air flow for ventilation, so a sunny, open location seems right. However too much sun and too much wind can dry out the compost which will slow the decomposition process. Find a warm protected area with partial sun. If you have neighbors nearby, you may want to consider that as well!

2 You will need a means of containing the compost matter. This will reduce its footprint in your yard, aid the decomposition process, and limit matter being blown out of the pile and littering your yard. Size depends on how much you want to compost and how much space you have. Compost piles can be built in four foot square fenced areas with the compost getting as much as four foot high. Don't exceed six foot in height or the weight will compress the compost and hinder decomposition. An area this big can be

built with wire fencing, wood pallets, or even hay bales. Most of us don't need such a large area nor do we have the back yard space to spare for it. But if you are building your own area, shoot for at least three foot by three foot. Optimal decomposition requires three cubic feet of matter. There are number of commercially available compost containment options available for those of you that don't want to build your own or for those looking to compost smaller amounts of material.

3 Now that you have decided on a location and acquired a means of containing your compost, you are ready to start adding material. You'll want to add about two thirds dry or brown material and one third green or moist material. Dry materials include leaves, newspaper, and wood chips or saw dust. Shred the material first to aid in decomposition. Green matter is made up of grass clippings and kitchen waste, like fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, eggshells and nutshells. You can grind kitchen waste to help the composting process. Avoid materials that cause odors, attract pests, or promote disease. These include meat, fish, poultry, dairy products, pet feces,

weeds that have gone to seed, and diseased plants. Layer the material in your pile, starting with approximately four inches of dry matter and adding roughly two inches of green matter. Continue layering until you are out of material or the compost container is full. Once your compost pile is full, you should avoid adding new material. It is best to start a new pile for the fresh material.

4 The last step is proper maintenance. The organic matter will decompose naturally in about a year, but proper maintenance, including mixing frequently and managing moisture levels, will cut the processing time significantly and reduce odors. Mixing or turning the compost can be done with a pitchfork. This provides oxygen that is necessary for decomposition. You should mix our turn your compost once or twice a week for faster results. Odors indicate more frequent mixing is necessary. The pile should remain damp, about the moistness of a squeezed sponge, so occasional watering may be necessary in dry conditions. Covering the pile with black plastic or using an enclosed container will reduce moisture loss and, as an added benefit, it will reduce rainwater from leaching out valuable nutrients.



Time takes care of the rest. In one to three months, you should have a dark brown, crumbly product that has an earthy odor. Now that you know how easy composting can be, you should get started today.

January NPU-N Report

By Amy Stout

I attended the monthly meeting of NPU-N on Thursday, Jan. 22 as the CPNO representative.

Variances/rezonings/alcohol licenses: We deferred consideration of two variance requests and one special exception request all related to a proposed addition to 284 Josephine St NE until this application can be considered at the neighborhood level.

City department representatives: Unfortunately, the employee in attendance on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department was unable to answer questions about the ongoing work around the playground in Candler Park.

Special events: The board voted unanimously to support an application for Paideia School's 27th annual Field Day to be held in Candler Park on Friday, April 3, consistent with CPNO's vote to support at the January membership meeting. The students and staff will walk to the park, play and picnic from 9 am to 1:30 pm, and then walk back to the school.

The board also voted to support an application for the Spring Festival on Ponce to be held April 11 and 12 in the Olmstead Linear Parks, consistent with the recommendation of the Druid Hills Civic Association.

Other: We voted to reschedule our November and December meetings from the established fourth Thursday of the month in order to avoid conflicting with national holidays. The meeting dates for 2015 will instead be Monday, Nov. 23, and Thursday, Dec. 17. Our next NPU-N meeting will be 7 pm, Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Little Five Points Center for Community and the Arts, 1083 Austin Ave. Please contact me at NPURep@candlerpark.org with any questions or concerns.

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email: _____

Minor Children (names and ages) _____

Any information *NOT* to be published in CP neighborhood directory? _____

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Name designated agent: _____

Name of business: _____

Address of business: _____

Optional contributions

If you wish to help CPNO continue serving the neighborhood, please take this opportunity to make a contribution.

Please circle: **New Enrollment** **Renewal**

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Membership involvement and interests

☐ New neighbor welcome ☐ Newsletter/Messenger
☐ Historic Preservation ☐ Candler Park/Environment
☐ 5K Road Races ☐ Land Use / Zoning
☐ Tour of Homes ☐ Flyer Distribution
☐ Fall Fest ☐ Parent/child groups
☐ Social events
Other (specify) _____

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Are you prepared for Winter?

We are certain that every person who lived in Atlanta last winter remembers the awful snow/ice storm we had and being socked in for days. Some people lost power, others didn't. None of us were able to make it to the store for 2-3 days, some much longer. If that happens again, are you prepared?

A few days before the big storm hit last year, Denise (the "Nack" in McNack's) did an experiment to see if her "well stocked kitchen" was truly "well stocked". She did not anticipate her family being home for 3 days and having to feed them "real lunches" and a snack here and there. Despite the added at home meals, she did not deviate from her plan and was able to successfully feed her family of 4 (mostly) healthy meals, 3 times a day, for a week straight without having to replenish at the store.

Below are some tips on how she did it, and what you should be sure you have in your pantry, refrigerator and freezer just in case you get socked in this winter!

- **Use specialty ingredients for multiple meals in any given week.**
- **Soup can be lunch one day and a starter for dinner the next.**
- **Make breakfast for dinner.**
- **Hearty Snacks and appetizers can be a substitute for dinner**
- **Leftover macaroni and cheese can make for an incredible grilled cheese sandwich! Pair it with a bowl a soup and you will be warmed from inside out!**
- **Even though it might be cold outside, embrace the grill. Grilling is not just for 80 degree weather.**
- **If you can't embrace the grill, use your crockpot!**

ESSENTIALS TO MAKE IT THROUGH A WEEK

Pasta, Marinara, and Meatballs
Ground Beef
Rice
Chicken breasts
Cheese and crackers
Hummus
Biscuits
Breakfast Meats
Bottled water
Oatmeal or Cereal
Lettuce
Lemons (they can liven anything up)
Marshmallows and Hot Chocolate
Sugar and Vanilla (for snow cream)
Bread
Fruit
Fresh, Canned and Frozen Vegetables
Canned Beans
Chicken Broth
Garlic
Coffee
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