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# Bylaws changes set for public airing

By Ken Edelstein

CPNO isn't an end in itself. The organization exists "to promote the common good and general welfare in the neighborhood."

So the meat of our work involves projects like improving parks, infrastructure and schools; advocating for our neighbors' interests; organizing events; and raising the money to make those kinds of things possible.

But an effective, democratic, volunteer organization needs basic rules, or bylaws, to function effectively. Unless you're a lawyer, bylaws don't make for the world's sexiest topic of conversation. But they're about as fundamental as you can get for a nonprofit like CPNO. And over time our set of bylaws have become outdated.

That's why I'm grateful that four CPNO members have spent the past four months gathering ideas from other members and from outside CPNO for ways to improve and update the CPNO Bylaws. Finally, this month, the Bylaws Review Committee — which consists of past president Jay Sandhaus (who chairs the committee), Recording Secretary Bonnie Palter, Kate

#### PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

Cantrell and Scott Lenhart — is set to unveil a draft of proposed revisions.

It's the next step in the sensible process Jay and company have devised to move intelligent revisions forward in a fair, democratic, open fashion. Next step: Gather feedback at a special committee hearing on the changes. Please keep an eye out for email blasts, and for Nextdoor, Facebook or candlerpark.org posts on the upcoming meeting. It won't be the only opportunity to offer feedback for the proposed changes, but the open hearing should provide the most extensive opportunity for communal give and take on the committee's ideas.

The truth is that most proposed changes are likely to be no-brainers — basically updates of outdated rules. But some of the ideas might spur lively differences.

I share the committee's desire to build a legitimate consensus for all the changes we finally adopt. To build that consensus, we need you to participate.

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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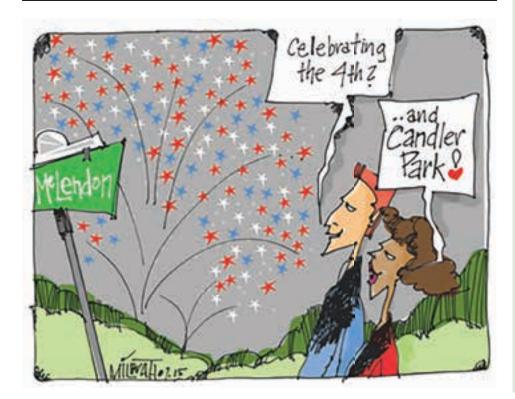
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Find a complete list of CPNO committee chairs, representatives and other contacts at www.candlerpark.org.

#### LAUGHTER IN THE PARK

By Deb Milbrath



#### **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).

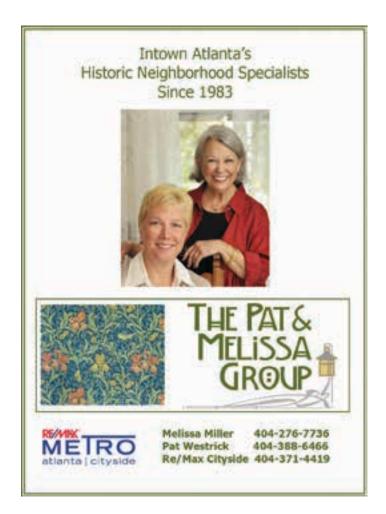
All are welcome. Only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by Membership Officer by the first day of the month of meeting.

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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# Allow myself to introduce myself

By David Terraso

Howdy neighbors! I wanted to take this opportunity to say what a great community Candler Park is. Since moving here almost two years ago, my daughter and I have enjoyed only a fraction of the fantastic things this neighborhood has to offer. I'd been meaning to become an active part of Candler Park for some time, and becoming the editor of the Messenger provides the perfect way for me to get to know both my neighbors and the issues our little part of the city faces.

I look forward to serving the neighborhood and teaching my daughter what it means to be part of a community and all of the wonderful and worrisome things that go with it. I want to hear about the things you find newsworthy, no matter how small or personal. I can't promise I will always include them, but learning about all of the issues will help me ensure I represent the entire neighborhood.

As for my background, I've been a journalist and public relations professional for 19 years. I received my bachelor's degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and my master's degree in journalism at Columbia University. I've called Texas, New York and Georgia my home, and I've been



### FROM THE EDITOR

in Atlanta since 2000. I've worked for ABC News, CNN and Georgia Tech. Now, I'm directing communications for both the Atlanta Science Festival and Maker Faire Atlanta.

So whether you spot me at a meeting, in the park, while I'm walking or riding my bike through the neighborhood, or at one of our fabulous commercial spots, please come and say hello. I really do want to get to know everyone. So contact me at editor@candlerpark.org.

### Thanks to Fox Bros. Bar-B-Q!

Want another good reason to come to the CPNO Members Meeting on July 20? How does barbecue cooked by some brothers from the Lone Star State sound?

Fox Bros. Bar-B-Q is an award-winning barbecue restaurant located just south of Little Five Points in Atlanta. They are known for their unique Southern-style barbecue with Texas flair.

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



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If you have a news tip or story idea, please email relevant information including contacts to <u>editor@candlerpark.org</u> or call the editor.

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

JULY

CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, Epworth Church

Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Exist. Church

Candler Park Conservancy Board, 7 pm, Candler Park pavilion

Fall Fest Committee, 7 pm, Front Page News

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.





Changes might be on the way for the intersection of Whitefoord and LaFrance where this Journey-inspired stop sign can be found. Photo by David Terraso

### MARTA to change Whitefoord-LaFrance

MARTA is discussing potential changes to the intersection of Whitefoord and LaFrance, southwest of the Edgewood side of the Edgewood/Candler Park MARTA Station, according to Candler Park Master Plan Coordinating Committee Chair Randy Pimsler.

### BRIEFS

Currently the intersection is controlled by stop signs and a yield sign, as vehicles head north onto Whiteford from LaFrance. MARTA is reportedly considering several options including removing the yield sign to make the intersection a full four-way stop. Another possible option is to turn the intersection into a traffic circle.

"Folks coming through Candler Park, heading south at the end of the work day, are backed up past Iverson to McClendon, on Oakdale Road" said Pimsler.

A discussion will take place at the next Master Plan Coordinating Committee meeting. Members of the CPNO Zoning Committee have been invited to attend. Both groups will review the proposed modifications and make recommendations to the Candler Park membership for consideration at a general meeting.

— David Terraso

#### Zone 6 to get 9 new cops

Atlanta Police Department's Zone 6, which includes Candler Park, Inman Park, Kirkwood, Grant Park and East Lake. received nine additional officers last month out of the graduating police academy class, Sergeant A.N. Smith told the CPNO's monthly meeting in June. The officers will be spread out around the zone according to APD needs, Smith said, but the additional officers should help the entire zone.

In June police charged four suspects with murder and robbery charges relating to a March 14 double-murder in the parking lot at 468 Moreland Ave. The suspects are Charlie Baldwin, 17, Jacques Allen, 17 and Thomas Dozier, 25 and one unnamed 14year old who is being charged as an adult. The four are accused of robbing two people and then murdering Joseph Hruska, 33, and Chaitanyalila Kelsey, 32.

— David Terraso

#### Welcome new members!

Ashok Goel Sarah, Matt, and Eden McGrath Kellie Judge Kevin O'Sullivan James and Jamaica Bryant Trey and Sally Kilpatrick Sumegha S. Kevin O'Sullivan Jenka T Fyfe

- Roger Bakeman Membership Secretary



Trinity, Cherie and Andrew King are proud of their new Free Little Library. Credit: David Terraso

# Little libraries let neighbors share the love of reading

By David Terraso

As electronic books continue to multiply, real books — you know the kind with paper and a spine — still have legions of fans. For one thing you can smell them. They have weight and heft. But most of all, you can borrow them, lend them, even give them away. The Little Free Library stands, and others like them, dot the landscape. Candler Park has eight, with 12 more in the surrounding areas of Lake Claire, Kirkwood and Reynoldstown.

In case you haven't seen one, Little Free Libraries and their ilk are stands neighbors place in their front yards that allow people to donate and borrow books. Take a book, leave a book is the motto. The idea is simple, many people love books and love to share them, so this is way for neighbors to share the love.

Little Free Libraries got their start in 2009, according to the group's website, when Todd Bol of Hudson, Wis., built one as a model of a one-room schoolhouse and placed it in his front yard. He built a few more and gave them away. The idea caught fire when Rick Brooks, of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, joined with Bol to create a social enterprise that now numbers more than 25,000 worldwide.

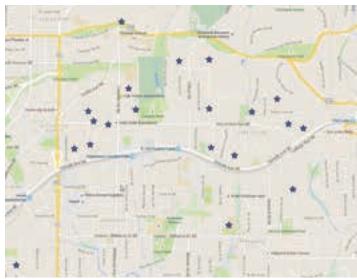
Cherie King and her family just installed one last month on McLendon Avenue and Sterling Drive.

"Community life is important to our family and we feel this is important to the community to share resources when possible," she explained.

King said the fact that there are a lot of children that live on Sterling made her want to put one in her front yard. She felt it would be a good resource for them as well as the adults.

Corey Anderson has a Little Free Library, several stands actually, in her front yard on McLendon. She runs a Facebook page, Little Free Library - Candler Park on McLendon. She put up her first stand during the winter of 2012-2013 — built out of scrap wood she had in her basement.

"I felt like I needed to do something for myself to get a sense of community," Anderson said. "I thought if I put this in my front yard then people would like it, have reason to stop and maybe I'd get to meet some new people."



A mapshot of the Free Little Libraries and their ilk in Candler Park and neighboring communities.

Since putting up that first stand she's added two more to her little corner, one of which is a kids' section of sorts. Her stands are located at a bus stop for Inman Middle School, so she put in an arbor with seats in it for people to stop a while and read.

"They always act like they're too cool, but I occasionally see them take a book," she said of the middle schoolers.

She's also noticed that different people stop depending on the time of day. Around 10 a.m. for example, she sees parents with toddlers coming by to get a book and look at the fish in her pond. Her place has become a mini-library/park of sorts at McLendon and Ferguson.

"I love the idea of people taking a book, sitting down and reading," she said.

King said she and her husband went to www.littlefreelibrary.org to purchase their stand and register it. She said there are also plans on the website, which you can use to build one yourself.

"If I walk by one, I definitely check it out to see if there are any books I may want to read. We just installed ours yesterday and already it has been used by many people," she said.

So, the next time you get a great title that you'd love the world to read, consider paying it forward and placing it in one of our many neighborhood book boxes. You may just find your next favorite sitting on the shelf waiting for you.



Mulberry Fields will show off its improvements at this year's Tour of Homes. Credit: Lexa King

# Looking for a few good homes to show off

By Lexa King

Be prepared. This year's Candler Park Tour of Homes, held on Saturday, Oct. 3, as well as Sunday, Oct. 4, will be FABULOUS!

As with last year, we'll include gardens and some public spaces to enhance our tour. Some, but not all, of the places will be open on Saturday as well as Sunday.

Perennial favorite Mulberry Fields has committed, so everyone can view the recent improvements and additions there. It also provides an inspiring place for people to sit for a while, to take a break and to visit with the animals. We have a few other garden spaces committed as well.

We're adding one or possibly two wonderful community artistic spaces this year. Our neighborhood has a long history of nurturing artists. Look for some great surprises in the "Public Spaces" category this year related to the arts, history and education!

Four brave homeowners have already agreed to open their homes for the tour. Everyone looks forward to the showcasing of some of our traditional architectural styles. We have some bungalows lined up and possibly a four-square. At the top of our wish list of properties are:

• an AirBNB

- someone who's keeping a few chickens
- a duplex or other multi-family structure
- a condo—especially a loft, and
- a home that demonstrates a commitment to environmental concern—think recycled materials, water recapture, wildlife friendly

If you have a property fitting one of the above descriptions, or even an idea for one of them, please contact me.

We have our first committed sponsor for the Tour of Homes brochure. This is an area where we could really use your help. Who do you know who has a business that provides a service to homeowners? A landscaper? A plumber? A designer? A painter? Ask if they're interested in supporting our neighborhood and, in return, receiving exposure for their business online and in the tour booklet. Or just send me their contact info, and I'll follow up.

This is our opportunity to display who we are to the world. We are a unique neighborhood that is highly coveted these days. Let's share some of our specialness with people. The tour can really demonstrate who we are and why we all love living here. All ideas and offers of assistance are welcome. Reach me at vicepresident@ candlerpark.org. Thanks, in advance, for all of your help!



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# Fall Fest plans heat up

By Kelly Jackson

As the summer heat intensifies, so does the planning for the 2015 Candler Park Fall Fest which takes place on Oct. 3 and 4. (www. fallfest.candlerpark.org). With a team of passionate committee members and volunteers focused on making this year's festival one you won't want to miss, here's an update on where we are right now, and how you can still get involved.

**In the Kids Zone:** For only \$5 for the entire day, children can jump to their heart's content on a variety of jump activities, with all proceeds going to the Mary Lin Educational Foundation. Point 3 will be doing a basketball showcase which includes events and entertainment, possibly featuring the Atlanta Hawks. Kids can also participate in a variety of science experiments led by the Atlanta Children's Museum's Professor Labcoat. More exciting activities and events are being finalized as well.

#### In the Artists Market: Space

is filling up quickly with vibrant, local vendors showcasing their talents and art, so if you haven't reserved your space yet, you'll want to get in touch with Rachel Bowser at artistmarket@ candlerpark.org ASAP or apply via the Fall Fest website. You'll also want to start planning your holiday shopping list to pick up one-of-a-kind gifts sure to impress. Visit the website to start planning ahead and see the fantastic vendors already lined up for this year!

Music, Music: This year we want to get everyone dancing, so we've lined up some great bands to make sure you do just that. Saturday features Gringo Star (local Atlanta Indie darlings), Smithsonian (extremely popular Smiths tribute band), Clashinista (a fantastic Clash tribute band you won't want to miss) and classic soul, retro rock/pop, and today's chart-toppers Bogey and the Viceroy (former members of Kingsize). Sunday features ragtime and New Orleans style jazz band Blair Crimmins & The Hookers. Other bands throughout the weekend include: JugTime RagBand, Webster, Guru Fish, Squirrel Heads, and 4th Ward A.K.O. More bands are being added as well and the final schedule will be on the website soon!

Food, Food: The Food truck park, which may need to be expanded from last year's thanks to Ryan Boblett's hard work, will be packed including Gotta Have It, King of Pops, Mixd Up, Nana G's Chicken & Waffles, Tex's Tacos, Queen of Cream, Sweet Auburn BBQ, Palookaville and many more. Keep checking the website as more vendors are being added every day!



This year's Fall Fest will astound and amaze. Credit: Timothy Cole

The 5K Run Gets a Little Brother: This year the annual 5K Run will start and end on Clifton Terrace near the back entrance of Candler Park. Sponsored by Piedmont Healthcare, participants have the added bonus of receiving some cool perks at the finish line. If the 5K sounds a little too daunting, this year we're adding a 1 Mile Fun Run. Be sure to register your team, or register as an individual, early so you can

take advantage of the advance

registration discount!

Sponsorships Make It Possible: Sponsorships are doing well and already have surpassed most of previous years's total thanks to Drew Jackson. There are still some opportunities available, so if you have a business, or know of one, that would like to be recognized in a variety of ways before, during and after the event, contact Drew at ffsponsors@ candlerpark.org.

The Tour of Homes: The Candler Park Tour of Homes is always a big draw to locals and visitors alike. Lexa King (chair of the Tour of Homes) has a brief in this issue of the Messenger as well so make sure to read it to see all

the details and learn how you can help be part of it!

The annual Fall Fest is such an important event to the community of Candler Park as all proceeds from it go directly back into the neighborhood. If you live here, you know what a difference that makes. As we celebrate our 15th year, please help us to make sure it is the best event possible. If you can volunteer some time please do. We'll have a list of options available soon. If you can't, please help us spread the word to your family, friends, neighbors and associates. Together, we can really make this an event to remember!





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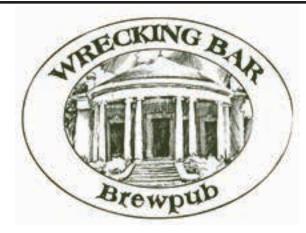
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# Candler Park crime reports, May 9-June 2

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

#### 300 block Moreland Ave -

Larceny from auto – 5/16 Saturday day. Parking lot. Window completely busted out with a rock. Debit card and 4 credit cards taken. Debit card was used at a restaurant in L5P. Suspect: Tall B/M.

#### 500 block Oakdale Rd -

Attempted auto theft – 5/13 Wednesday evening. Major of MARTA police Dept. said he was driving north on Oakdale and saw the 3 juveniles. 2 were tugging on the tops of their shirts to signal the 3rd one, who was in the driveway. All 3 ran south on Oakdale. Another officer who came to assist in the search found and detained them at the 1300 block of DeKalb Ave about .6 miles away. The 2004 Silver Jeep with GA tags had the convertible top down and doors unlocked. The ignition system was ripped out and the key slot ripped out also. One 15 YO and two 16 YOs arrested.

#### 1600 block McLendon Ave -

Larceny from auto – 5/18 Monday day. Parking lot. Window broken out. Backpack, checkbook, business papers and credit card reader taken.

#### 1300 block Iverson St -

Larceny from auto – 5/19 Tuesday morning. Street. Nothing taken. Both vehicles left unlocked.

#### 500 block Clifton Rd -

Larceny from auto – 5/19 Tuesday evening. Driveway. Damage to door locks. Nothing

taken. Victim saw 2 B/Ms in his vehicle, who both ran and got into a dark green Jeep Cherokee and left when he ran outside. He got the tag number.

#### 400 block Moreland Ave -

Larceny – 5/23 Saturday morning. Restaurant. Victim was sitting at a table when a B/M, about 30 YO wearing a blue shirt, snatched her purse off the table and ran. Purse, credit and debit cards, GA DL, car and house keys, \$31 and Insurance card taken.



#### 1200 block Euclid Ave -

Attempted auto theft – 5/20 Wednesday morning. Street. 1999 White Dodge R15 with GA tags. Door lock was popped and steering column damaged.

#### 400 block Moreland Ave -

Auto theft – 5/23 Saturday morning. 2007 Silver Dodge Charger/Challenger (listed in report as CHA) taken.

#### 300 block Candler Park Dr -

Larceny from auto – 5/28 Thursday day. Street. Window broken. Leather purse, assorted credit cards and GA DL taken.

#### 200 block Josephine St -

Larceny from auto – 5/30 Saturday evening. Street. Window broken. ACU camo backpack with assorted personal items taken.

#### 300 block Moreland Ave -

Larceny – 5/30 Saturday morning. Restaurant. The cleaning crew took out the trash and left the doors unlocked. Security camera shows a B/M with a gray hoodie and small dreadlocks or braids walk into the building with a backpack. 4 bottles of alcohol, Anejo Patron, Reposado Patron, Cabo Anejo and Cabo Silver, were taken.

#### 1200 block DeKalb Ave -

Larceny from auto – 6/2 Tuesday evening. Street. 2 vehicles both with windows broken out. Lenovo laptop, Apple I pad, book bag, Samsung Galaxy cellphone, CA DL, debit and credit cards, Costco membership card and diaper bag taken.





# June 15 CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the July 20 Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Edelstein, President. Motion to add Stacy Funderburke and a discussion about the Candler Park Conservancy passed. Motion to adopt the amended agenda passed.

#### **Guest Speaker:**

Sgt Smith, APD, reported a decrease of overall crime in Beat608.

#### **Announcements:**

- Thank you to Caitlin Campbell of Ration and Dram for providing refreshments for this meeting. Ration and Dram, located at 130 Arizona Avenue, is family-friendly, and uses locally sourced meat
- Thank you to Peter Bluestone for substituting for Eric Dusenbury as voluntary bartender of the month. Eric will be bartender next month.
- David Terraso has been appointed by the Board as the new Editor of the Messenger.
- Bylaw Committee- Jay Sandhaus, Chair, announced the completion of a rough draft for the Bylaws. There will be a Special Meeting devoted to the Bylaw changes which will give residents an opportunity to provide more input. Date, Time and Place to be announced. The rough draft will be posted to the website.
- Betsy Abrams requested a lead on any housing space that may be available for her Mother.
- Lexa King, Vice President and Chair of the Tour of Homes, updated the members on progress of the Tour.
- Lexa King, Vice President, announced the Solstice Celebration at Mulberry Fields is June 20th.
- Porch Party is Saturday, June 20th. At the home of Gail Turner Cooper. RSVP requested.
- Glen Lopez, resident of Oak Pointe Homes, is in Shepherd Spinal Center for at least 30 days and in need of help when he comes home.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Peter Bluestone, Treasurer, reported that the check (\$1,000) from United Distributing for a past Fall Fest Sponsorship had finally

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arrived and was deposited. Unfortunately, the Profit and Loss Sheet as well as the Balance Sheet is not for the correct month.

#### Discussion:

- Little Five Points Halloween Parade and Festival will be October 17, 2015. Collen Wogan stated that footprint for the festival will be the same as last year; the parade route will be the same as last year. Approval/support has been given by the NPU-N.
- NPU-N Bylaw affirmation- NPU-N requires that each Neighborhood affirm the changes in the Bylaws. Motion to support the Bylaw changes of the NPU-N passed.
- Candler Park Conservancy- Stacy Funderburk, President, reported that the Conservancy is filing for their 501(c)3 status this week. The founding Board will serve for a year. All are welcome to become members or to serve on one of the committees (see CPNO website). The next meeting is June 29th at the upper pavilion in the Park.

Motion to accept the May minutes passed. Motion to adopt the June Officer and Committee Reports passed.

#### Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Recording Secretary June 15, 2015



## **CPNO** officer and committee reports for June

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

#### Freedom Park Conservancy- Carol Gregory

The Freedom Park Conservancy board held their regular meeting on June 9 at the Carter Center. Denise Bomberger, board member, reported staffing a Freedom Park table at the Farmer's Market where she distributed several maps to interested shoppers. The board plans to continue outreach at events often and outreach has resulted in more "likes" on the park Facebook page. The board welcomed a new member from Poncy Highlands. An effort to recruit new board members continues. Please contact Carol Gregory at carolagreg@gmail.com if you or someone you know is interested.

#### **Public Safety- Russell Miller**

Overall crime #s down 15% month over month in beat 608 (18 total) and 53% vs last May. 9 were larceny from vehicle.

#### Fall Fest Committee - Ken Edelstein

We already have 16 sponsors, including commitments for \$22,000 in sponsorship cash for the Oct. 3-4 event. We anticipate at least 14 Food Trucks, a much expanded kids' zone and a lot of fresh vendors at the Artists Market. We're raring to unveil an exciting music lineup but want to be sure to nail down commitments before announcing. Find out more about sponsorship opportunities here: http://fallfest.candlerpark. org/become-a-sponsor/. Even better: Volunteer by writing fallfestvolunteers@candlerpark.org.

#### **Treasurers report: Peter Bluestone**

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

#### **Environmental Officer- John Skach**

Survey happening in early June. Some additional volunteers to the planning committee include Erika Gonzales to handle pool-related work, Edi Krlman for history and Keith Schutz for the Candler Park Golf Course.

#### NPU-N Representative-Amy Stout

I attended the monthly meeting of NPU-N on Thursday, May 28th as the CPNO representative.

**Variances/Rezonings**: Consistent with the prior vote of support from CPNO, the NPU-N board voted unanimously to support three variance requests for 442 Euclid Ter NE (to reduce the front yard setback from 35 ft to 28 ft, to reduce the south side yard setback from 7 ft to 1 ft, and to reduce the rear setback from 15 ft to 3 ft) to allow the construction of an addition to a single family home and of a garage. Approval was conditioned on the site plan filed with the City datestamped April 8 reflecting a one-car garage.

Similarly, the NPU-N board voted unanimously to support a request for a special exception for 569 Candler St NE to

reduce the front yard setback from 35 ft to 28 ft in order to allow the construction of a decorative wall (garden folly). Again, consistent with the vote of support from CPNO, the approval was conditioned on the site plan date-stamped April 23, 2015.

The board voted not to support an application for a variance for 619 Page Ave NE because the applicant failed to appear at the meeting.

#### Info from City Department Representatives:

Representatives from the City of Atlanta's Department of Finance (Kendra Robinson and Fitz Bryant) informed the group of a proposed new Safety Access Assessment fee that would be billed annually to City of Atlanta property owners by the Fulton and Dekalb County Tax Commissioners for the purpose of funding the operation of 911 services and providing technology upgrades for Enhanced 911 (E-911) service. The fee would be \$26 per year for single-family residential parcels and \$307 per year for all other parcels.

We learned from the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's Outreach Specialist, Charles Curry, that they anticipate new legislation will be proposed to allow the Board to improve their level of service and increase their accountability to the citizens. The ACRB hopes to achieve an expansion of their jurisdiction, the development of a better mechanism to fill board vacancies, the allowability of anonymous complaints, the creation of an appeals process, and the requirement of a written rationale for the decisions of the Chiefs of Police and Correction with this new legislation.

Special Events: The board voted unanimously to support the application for the 2015 Little 5 Halloween Festival and Parade to be held October 17.

Other: We were reminded that each member organization should hold their annual bylaws affirmation vote at their regular June meeting.

The board voted to appoint Ben Klehr, an attorney from Lake Claire and a member of the founding board of directors for the new Candler Park Conservancy, Inc., to be the designated representative from NPU-N on the new Neighborhood Quality of Life Working Group on Outdoor Events. Once approved by City Council, Mr. Klehr will work closely with members of the NPU-N executive board to represent concerns from all the NPU-N neighborhood organizations as a member of this Working Group that was created to address the ongoing quality of life issues associated with the increase in outdoor events in NPU's E, F, M, and N.

Our next NPU-N meeting will be Thursday, June 25. Please contact me at NPURep@candlerpark.org with any questions or concerns.



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# KSU Launches 5 New Summer-Only ESL Courses

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The five new programs include, **Grammar Review with Conversation** (June 6, \$69), **Improving your English through Basic Conversation** – **For Beginners** (July 27 and Aug. 1, \$229), **English Conversations & Pronunciation for Intermediate Students** (July 28 and Aug. 1, \$229), **English Conversation & Pronunciation for Advanced Students** (July 27 and Aug. 1, \$229), and **Boost your Business Communication Skills; Writing for Advanced Students** (July 25, \$289).

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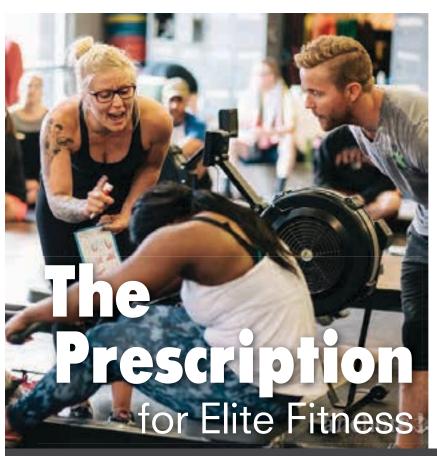


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