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A victim's tale of woe

By Ken Edelstein

I did it. I LEFT MY FRIGGIN' I-PHONE IN THE CAR.

It was stolen, of course. Smash the driver's window. Grab. They didn't take my dirty shirt, clean shorts, dog poop bags or mostly empty soda bottle. Not even the tape measure.

Just the i-Phone.

This makes me a hypocrite. Our loyal CPNO officers (me included) nag everyone in the neighborhood incessantly: "Remove your valuables." "Don't leave anything in your car in plain sight." "Leaving a phone or computer overnight is like an invitation that says 'take me.'" We and other public safety advocates call this the "Clean Car Campaign."

Yeah, well. I came home late from a meeting and forgot that I'd taken my phone out of my pocket and placed it on the console. Didn't think to check before getting out.

I feel like a an idiot. On the same night, three other cars on Terrace Avenue got broken into. At least my misery has company.

I only know about the other cars because Silvia told me. Without my smartphone, I'm as ignorant about what's going on around me as a peon in the days before the printing press.

Hey, maybe I can make this out to be a good thing. I was getting sick of the 5S anyway — what with all of Apple's planned

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obsolescence and the way I could never seem to turn off the zoom-in feature. Of course, that means I'll be giving Mr. Jobs' descendants even more money. Then there's this: I darned sure feel smarter than any of several Candler Parkers — ahem, you know who you are — who left guns in their vehicles over the last few months to have them stolen. In more ways than one, though, that's not particularly comforting.

As for the rest of you: You can gloat that Mr. President did exactly what everyone says we're not supposed to do, and now he's paying for it. But remember this: There but for the grace of remembering to take your valuables out of your car go you.

Volunteer for Fall Fest: Now that I've share with you my sad-sack story, how about cheering me up? Head over to fallfest.candlerpark.org, and click on "Volunteer" under the "Get Involved" drop-down menu. Then, go ahead and fill in the sign-up form. You won't be helping me to get my phone back. But at least you'll be enjoying wondrous camaraderie in the process of helping Candler Park become an even stronger community. That'll make me feel better.

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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.

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BYLAWS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Jay Sandhaus

Get ready to review our bylaws! After four months of collecting feedback and reviewing the existing bylaws, we have a set of proposed

Our goal is to produce a set of updates that can clear both hurdles our current bylaws require: a majority vote from our board and a two-thirds vote from our membership. So this public meeting is being held to make sure changes we include have broad support. We are nearing the end of the bylaws update process; please join us at this meeting and help the bylaws

committee finish this important task for CPNO.

You can review the proposed changes, a summary of proposed changes, competing proposals and those with unclear support at <http://candlerpark.org/bylaws-committee-update/>.

If you have questions about these updates, please e-mail me

at jaysandhaus@gmail.com or contact any CPNO board member.

updates ready to discuss with the membership. CPNO will hold a special meeting at the First Existentialist Church on Tuesday, August 11th at 7 p.m. to debate the changes and prepare for a public vote at an upcoming monthly membership meeting.

Thanks to Raging Buritto and Taco!

Come to the CPNO Members Meeting on August 17 and sample some cuisine from our friends at Raging Burrito & Taco.

They have a 150-seat garden patio with 16 craft beers on tap, plus margaritas! They are a full service eclectic California style Mexican restaurant that has more than 45 meats and veggies to customize your own burrito or bowl combinations.

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



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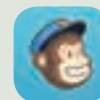
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AUGUST

- 8** Candler Park Movie Night - The Jungle Book
- 10** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, Epworth Church
- 17** Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Exist. Church
- 22** Candler Park Movie Night- Pirates of the Caribbean
- 26** Candler Park Conservancy Board, 7 pm, check website below for location

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.



The missing parking spaces behind Criminal Records will soon be back. Credit: David Terraso

You've got that sinking feeling

If you've tried to park in the lot behind the strip in Little Five, you might have noticed that approximately six parking spaces are missing. That's because Criminal Records is having to do some repairs on the lot after a retaining wall between the building and the parking lot collapsed, according to Lillian Hughes, manager of Criminal Records. It should be repaired, the spaces back in their place and the universe restored to order sometime later this month.

— David Terraso

BRIEFS

Area home to five of Creative Loafing's best dishes

One of the reasons people love living in Candler Park is the number of delicious food establishments within walking distance. It seems that Creative Loafing has taken note as well; 5 of their 100 Best Dishes of 2015 listed earlier this year can be found right in our backyard.

Offal Tacos at Eat Me Speak Me

Creative Loafing mentions Offal Tacos, but the past couple of weekends haven't had that on the menu. Still, what can be found on the menu (which changes every week) is fun and seasonal — who wouldn't want to try a dish dubbed “Mrs. Troutfire”?

Mai Pai at Savage Pizza

Savage has 15 different specialty pizzas to choose from. The Mai Pai is a little spicy and a little sweet with not one, but two cheeses.

Sides at Wrecking Bar Brewpub

It seems they couldn't pick just one of Wrecking Bar's many side dishes, but instead acknowledged that they're all yummy. One favorite? Mac & cheese with crispy pig ear on top.

Pork Ribs AND Stuffed Jalapeno Poppers at Fox Bros. Bar-B-Q

Fox Bros. not only made the list, but they are on there twice! First they are heralded for their St. Louis style ribs. Then they are again mentioned for their stuffed jalapenos that are filled with not only cheese, but also pulled pork and barbecue sauce.

— Heather Giroux

Candler Park Movie Night resumes

Candler Park Movie Night is always a fun and affordable way to spend a night at the movies in your own backyard. There was a brief hiatus during the more sweltering months of June and July, but the movies will start up again the second Saturday in August.

Saturday, August 8 – Jungle Book

This classic tale, written by Rudyard Kipling and then brought to life through animation by Walt Disney, follows a boy and his dear friends who just so happen to be jungle animals.

Saturday, August 22 – Pirates of the Caribbean

Another Disney favorite, this movie brings the crowd favorite amusement park ride to the big screen. Saturday, September 12 – Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

This is the 1971 version of the movie with Gene Wilder and the classic orange Oompa Loompas.

Saturday, September 26 – Big Hero 6

The final movie of the summer. This Disney film highlights the bond between brothers as well as the special bond that can form between robot and creator.

All movies begin at dark. Feel free to bring blankets, chairs, and a picnic to these free movie nights.

— Heather Giroux

CPNO welcomes new members!

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— Roger Bakeman

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People in your neighborhood: Shayrn Briscoe

By David Terraso

Shayrn Briscoe, new principal of Mary Lin Elementary, has been with Atlanta Public Schools for 22 years and lived in Candler Park for the past 15. She said she's happy to be coming home to lead her neighborhood school and sat down with The Messenger a few weeks ago to chat.

David Terraso: What are you excited about as you begin your role as the principal of Mary Lin Elementary?

Shayrn Briscoe: I'm excited to be here. You will see me in the neighborhood. I definitely have an open door policy. Come on in. I'm a talker. I want this to truly be a neighborhood school. I want to make sure we partner with our neighbors and the neighborhood businesses.

This year is the capital campaign to raise money, so that we can do some new professional development for our teachers. We're bringing back the 5th grade field trip. They do an overnight field trip and the past several years it's been parent-run, but we're bringing it back to the school. Last year our foundation did a really big fundraising campaign to raise money to build a playground. As soon as they finish

the construction, they'll be installing a state-of-the-art playground.

We also want to raise money for the school to use for academics, including teacher development, materials and things we don't receive federal funding for.

And of course there's the new building.

DT: How should parents keep up with all of the things that will be happening this year?

SB: I really encourage parents to sign up for the RocketBlast, which comes out weekly. Also make sure they are following the amazing PTA calendar. There will be various fundraisers, we're planning on doing the Rocket Run again. There are lots of opportunities for parents to participate in what their kids are doing.

DT: What are the most important things parents should know about your school?

SB: Make sure they open communication with their teachers. Understand that they are their child's number one advocate, so if they feel there is something that's not quite right, make sure they bring it to the attention of the experts, because that's what we're here to do. Every kid learns differently. Students have various needs and it's our job to differentiate, to make sure they're learning and if they don't feel that's happening, I encourage them to reach out to the school.

I also encourage the parents to get involved, whether



Candler Parker Shayrn Briscoe returns to her neighborhood to lead Mary Lin Elementary. Credit: David Terraso

it's on the PTA, being a room parent or volunteering for a field trip.

DT: What can parents do if their children are bored in school?

SB: I think the most important part is to make sure the teachers know their kids. I encourage my teachers to do an interest survey and a learning profile for their kids to determine what floats their boat, what gets them excited. And then try to make sure they gear some of the learning to the interest of the kids.

But if a student knows everything that you're about to teach them. Then that's the time for an independent project. There are a lot of ways you can introduce content through reading. So if I have a student

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Mary Lin opens new building and outdoor classroom

By David Terraso

When students come back to school this fall they'll come back to a campus that's 33,000 square-feet larger with a new media center, an outdoor amphitheater, new space for challenge classes as well as offices. The renovations began in December 2013 and cost \$18.1 million to design and build.

"Mary Lin has had portables for a very long time," said Alvah Hardy, executive director of Facilities Services for Atlanta Public Schools. "We wanted to get rid of those portables by building a classroom."

"The new building is beautiful," said Shayrn Briscoe, principal of Mary Lin Elementary. "The art classroom is brand new and will overlook the outdoor classroom (amphitheater)."

That outdoor classroom is important for learning, she said, and will be used for a variety of topics including art, science and even math.

"It's important to have this natural space to give the kids a chance to interact with and experience nature," said Briscoe. "They spend a lot of time indoors on screens, so this will give them the opportunity to get outside and have class outside."



Mary Lin Elementary opens a new building with outdoor amphitheater this fall. Credit: David Terraso



International Montessori Academy aims to help families grow with a new lower elementary program. Credit: International Montessori Academy

Local Montessori school adds lower elementary curriculum

By Heather Giroux

Starting this month families will have an additional option for their young child's education. The International Montessori Academy in Candler Park will add a classroom setting for children between the ages of six and nine.

Though the typical lower elementary environment (what Montessori teachers call a classroom) holds 24-33 students, they are starting small with a group of six students.

"We want to expand on the current vision," said Lolita Johnson, who's heading the new program.

The families who will make up this fall's environment are current students who want to continue their learning through the Montessori Method within this community. The school's response to these families' wishes, by implementing this new curriculum, showcases their sincere desire to be part of the Candler Park community and provide what is needed, said Sheila Pereira-Scruggs, director of education.

"Parents want something wonderful for their children," said Johnson. Giving children the freedom to learn in their own away and teaching them to have respect for one another, that's what we hope to

guide these children toward, she added.

"Montessori is more than the just the materials, it is the environment," said Pereira-Scruggs. The Montessori method is about, "learning the joy of learning, becoming part of society and finding your place within society."

A typical Montessori environment is made up of children of different ages who are taught in groups. The older students help to coach and redirect the younger ones if they seem to be going about things the wrong way. The students are also taught collaboration and cooperation through hands-on activities. If they have a disagreement, they must use their words and always show respect for one another. Montessori instructors believe this fosters self-growth and self-awareness while also instilling a bit of independence.

Currently the International Montessori Academy houses a diverse population of children and staff representing more than 20 different nationalities. Their campus is on Euclid Ave and measures a little more than two acres containing a main building surrounded by wooded and garden areas for play and educational purposes.

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who's interested in the Civil War, maybe instead of having them read the traditional reader that comes with the curriculum we can introduce them to texts on their level.

DT: Do you have any advice for new parents?

SB: They're all ready. We take them at various stages. Some kids come in reading, some don't. But we make sure all of our students get a really strong foundation in

phonics. I want to make sure the parents allow the educators the opportunity to build trust and take care of their babies.

DT: Do you have any advice for parents of 5th graders about middle school next year?

SB: There's a lot of fear surrounding middle school, but the schools are so prepared to handle middle-school-aged kids. There may be parents of students

who have struggled with learning, or parents of kids who have really accelerated learning. The way the schools are staffed and the way that they are scheduled really supports individualized attention. The kids are going to be fine.

Change is much harder for parents than it is for children. Kids just go with it. They are open to new people and new things. Don't let them see you sweat.

Neighbors clear homeless camp site

By David Terraso

A group of neighbors gathered on Saturday, July 11 to clear vegetation and personal belongings from a green area next to the off-ramp of DeKalb Ave. and Moreland Ave. The vegetation, which is on city-owned property, provides ample space for homeless people to hide themselves and their belongings.

"They live here, do drugs and have sex out here in front of everybody," said Michelle Bowman, who lives on Josephine St. Her back fence abuts the area.

Bowman said she's had people climb her fence to get in her backyard, and she's even found a stranger sleeping in her treehouse.

She's tried to get the city to cut the vegetation with limited success, she said. But that has happened only twice in 15 years. Now city employees just come out to mow, but they don't touch the trees and shrubberies that are allowing people to hide, she said.

From the street the area looks clean, but just a walk to the curb reveals chairs, blankets, clothing and a few discarded needles, among other things.

"They hide their things behind the vegetation. There are urine-soaked and feces-soaked debris and clothes," said Bowman.

Many of the neighbors came out after Candler Park resident David Cox posted an invitation on NextDoor early last month. Several, like Howard Connell, came from areas of Candler Park that aren't close to the campsite, because they wanted to help their neighbors out, they said.

"We can't allow people to live in this space if it attracts drugs and crime, but we need to do it with empathy," said Connell. "I advocated that we set their stuff aside for them, so we did."

But while the clean-up activity might be a good thing for the people who live in the houses on Josephine, it's worrisome for the folks who live in the area without a permanent address. Mike, who wouldn't give his last name, is a homeless resident in the area who came that morning to retrieve some belongings for a friend, he said.

"If people don't have places to stay what are they going to do? What are we supposed to do?" said Mike.

Mike has lived in Atlanta all of life, but became homeless six years ago, he said.

"I've called the police when there've been seven to ten people out here drinking out behind my fence," said Josephine resident Christopher Strauss. "This happens not only at night, but during the day."

"I want to keep the place clean. My kids walk here. I walk my dogs here. I want it to be safe," he added.

One change the neighbors have campaigned for is the ability to build higher fences, up to 10 feet, which would keep squatters from their backyards. But they haven't been able to convince the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization to allow it, said Bowman.

After the clean-up the neighbors have said the area behind their houses has remained quiet. But it may take more than clearing the green space of some overgrowth, campsites and dirty needles to leave everyone feeling like real progress has been made.

"People are people, and we don't talk to each other anymore," said Mike. "We need to open a dialogue."



Josephine St. resident Andy Barnett points to some of the belongings neighbors found while they were clearing the area of vegetation. Credit: David Terraso



Two weeks after the effort the area remains free of tall brush and camp sites. Credit: David Terraso

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Candler Park crime reports, June 8-July 4

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

1600 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 6/10 Wednesday evening. 2 Vehicles both with doors broken. Lenovo laptop, Apple MacBook Air and iPad Mini taken.

1500 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 6/12 Friday evening. Parking lot. Window broken out. Lenovo laptop taken.

Candler Park – Larceny – 6/9 Tuesday morning. Candler Park office. Reporting party said he worked as a lifeguard and an iPad and a bag of \$100 came up missing overnight. Building was locked and secure and only employees have access to the office.

300 block Mell Ave – Auto theft – 6/9 Tuesday evening. Street. 1986 Blue Dodge 600 with GA tag. Unsecured vehicle. Victim said he was on his front porch and heard his car start up and the suspect drive by in his car. Suspect: B/M, younger, dark shirt and ball cap worn backwards.

1200 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 6/15 Monday evening. Parking lot. Window broken. Samsung laptop taken.

1400 block North Ave – Larceny from auto – 6/16 Tuesday morning. Driveway. Window shattered. Lenovo laptop, CoolPix camera, headphone set, ear buds and laptop bag taken.

400 block Sterling St – Larceny from auto – 6/16 Tuesday day. Street. Window

broken. Laptop with 2 chargers and 2 phone chargers taken.

1200 block Druid Pl – Robbery – 6/24 Wednesday evening. Victim was sitting in her car when a B/M, early 20s, dark reddish shirt, dark blue jeans with a white bandana over his face and a silver pistol, opened her driver's side door and ordered her to "Gimme your money, gimmie your wallet". She threw her wallet and cell phone at the suspect but only the cell phone made it out of the car, the wallet fell inside the car. The suspect then ran away with the phone as the neighborhood dog chased the suspect towards Freedom Park.

300 block Oakdale Rd – Burglary – 6/25 Thursday evening. No sign of forced entry on the rear door.. PlayStation 4, Nikon CoolPix camera, 2 Apple iPads, 2 Nintendo DS XLs, Kindle Paperwhite and 5 PlayStation 4 games taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 6/22 Monday day. Parking lot. Window broken. Samsung 13 laptop, LAPENA 10" tablet, 2 portable DVD players and 5 DVDs taken.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 6/23 Tuesday evening. Street. Window damaged. Witness said they saw a gray Nissan Altima with 3 B/Ms. One got out of the back, broke the window, took the items and fled south on Elmira. Dell laptop, briefcase, hard drive and 2 textbooks taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 6/26 Friday evening. Parking lot. Window broken. Nikon D60 camera, Apple iPad and clothing taken.

400 block Page Ave – Auto theft – 6/21 Sunday morning. Street. 1995 Green Nissan with GA tag taken.

1200 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto – 6/29 Monday morning. Street. Lock on sliding window damaged. AM-FM-CD-MP3 taken.

1300 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto – 6/29 Saturday evening. Street. Victim said he did not lock his car. Screwdriver, DeWalt drill and prescription medication taken.

1500 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 6/30 Tuesday day. Parking lot. Window damaged. Book bag and MacBook Pro taken.

1300 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 7/1 Wednesday morning. Parking lot. Window broken. 40 cal Smith and Wesson handgun, 2 magazines and holster taken.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 7/3 Friday evening. Street. Window broken. 357 S&W handgun (no ammo) taken.

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July 20 CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the August 17 Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Edelstein, President. The motion to adopt the agenda as written passed.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Fox Bros. for providing the food tonight.
- Emma Alley, HeliUm Art Center, Iverson and Candler Park Drive, announced the variety of programs available to Candler Park neighbors.
- Thank you to Volunteer 'Bartender' Eric Dusenbury for July. Jennifer Wildes volunteered for August.
- Russell Miller, Public Safety Officer, announced upcoming dates:
 - July 23 National Night Out Kick Off at Civic Center sponsored by AARP
 - July 25 Neighborhood Watch Training at Public Safety Building
 - August 4 National Night Out- Safety Stroll- meet at the Candler Park pavilion at 8 pm
- Fall Fest- Ken Edelstein, Chair, announced that \$30,000 in sponsorships has been accrued. Volunteers still needed. The volunteers' Sign-Up Genie is ready.
- Maria, who runs the Crepe shop on corner of Oakdale and McLendon, introduced herself to the members
- Lindy Kerr announced the establishment of the Candler Park Lake Claire Patrol. The Patrol is scheduled to begin operation September 1st.

Treasurer's Report:

Peter Bluestone, Treasurer, reports that we have \$64,000 on hand. We have applied for an extension to filing our income tax.

Visitor(s):

Lt. Floyd, APD., reported an 22% reduction of crime for same time last year; a spike of 15% in car break-ins.

Discussion:

Bylaw Review Committee-Jay Sanhaus, Chair, presented a summary of the Bylaw Revisions. The draft will be posted on nextdoor.com, and the CPNO website as well as printed in The

Messenger. A straw poll (non-biding) was taken in two areas- membership and voting.

Motion to approve the June minutes passed. The Officer and Committee Report was not available for the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Recording Secretary July 20, 2015

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CPNO officer and committee reports for July

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 will hold a combined July and August meeting the second Tuesday of August. On the agenda will be board development. Let Carol Gregory (carolagreg@gmail.com) know if you would like to serve on the board and help the conservancy in ongoing upkeep of the park.

Fall Fest - Ken Edelstein

Fall Fest committee meetings: 7 pm, fourth Mondays, various locations. Next is July 27 at Front Page News.

General report: Cash sponsorship commitments now up to \$28,000 not including TOH, versus projected \$18,500 inc TOH; this appears to be a record. Veteran Arts Market Director Leslie Kipling resigned, sighting time commitments, but she's helping Rachel Bowser learn the ropes. Gigi Miller, volunteer wrangler, and Seth Eisenberg and Roger Bakeman, merchandise sales coordinators, have stepped up to join the team. Current food plan is 16 food trucks, 1-2 tent-based food vendors, and four carts. Kidslandia will have many more activities than previous years, and a fair amount of artists' booths will be on the field. A major sponsor is underwriting a VIP/football tent, also on the field. The volunteer Signup Genius form should be up shortly.

Committee members: Ken Edelstein (chair), Rachel Bowser (Artists Market), Ryan Boblett (Food), Holly Goldberg & Rachel Brandt (Kidslandia), Kelly Jackson (Marketing), Roger Bakeman & Seth Eisenberg (Merchandise Sales), Mark Clement (Music), Corey Anderson & Joe Dennis (Operations), Michelle Baran (Permits), Peter Bluestone & Russell Miller (Race & Run), Curt Flaherty (Site Plan), Drew Jackson (Sponsorships), Lexa King (Tour of Homes), Gigi Miller (Volunteers).

Urgent needs: An assistant ops chief and someone capable of organizing the VIP/football tent (These are relatively limited task). — KE

Public Safety - Russell Miller

Significant increase in crime #s in June with 26 reported incidents (18 Larceny from car).

Down from 40 incidents in June 2014.

Zoning - Seth Eisenberg

The July Zoning Committee meeting took place on July 1, 2015. There was one guest, Zoning Chair for Lake Claire Neighborhood - Ms. Carol Holliday. There was one residential application on the agenda - 451 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia - V-15-159. The Application seeks a variance from the zoning code to (1) reduce the required south side yard setback from 7 ft. to 1 ft; and (2) reduce the required rear yard setback from 15ft to 9ft. 8 inches

(provided 5 ft. for credit for half of adjacent alley) to allow for construction of a freestanding carport.

At the outset of the meeting, it was determined that 451 Clifton Road is property located in Lake Claire Neighborhood. Accordingly, the Zoning Committee deferred consideration of the Application to LCN and its Zoning Chair, Ms. Carol Holliday.

Special Events - Mark Clement

It seems the Wine Corkers event is a go. August 29th

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___ 5K Road Races ___ Land Use / Zoning
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- Make your own dressing. Anyone can make a dressing of lemon juice, oil, a few tsp. of Dijon mustard, some crushed garlic and pinches of salt and pepper. Substitute balsamic vinegar for the lemon juice for a more Italian tasting salad!
- If you are transporting salad to an event, wait until it's time to eat before pouring on the dressing to prevent the lettuce from getting soggy and wilted.
- Think outside the box. Gone are the days of plain old iceberg lettuce or mayonnaise laced pasta salads. Give kale a chance as well as a black rice salad. You won't be disappointed!
- Add some nuts to your salad for texture. Pistachios are great, as are slivered almonds. Of course, you can never go wrong with toasted walnuts or pecans!
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