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# Get ready for the party!

By Ken Edelstein

You'll find lots of information in this week's issue about this year's Fall Fest. But I want to share with you my own list of highlights.

1. The music lineup is fresh, eclectic and off the charts: Clash tribute band Clashinista, Smiths tribute Smithsonian, and the very hot, indie "paranoid pop" foursome Gringo Star close out Saturday, Oct. 3. On Sunday, Oct. 4, we'll close with ragtime impresario Blair Crimmins and the Hookers. Also in the mix: Guru Fish, Bogey and the Viceroy, 4th Ward Afro-Klesmer Orchestra, Tray Dahl and the Jugtime Ragland, and local favorites Squirrelheads and Webster!

2. Our beer selection's off the charts, too: In addition to Bud Lite, we'll be serving Blue Point, Goose Island and at least one other craft beer.

3. If you're looking for a place to watch the Bulldogs run all over Alabama, nothing will beat the comfortable (and free) football biergarten we're putting together (with the help of Uncle Bob's Self-Storage).

4. Critically acclaimed Bhojanic, Palookaville and Yumbii are among the 14 — count 'em: 14 — food trucks that will grace us with their presence.

5. In partnership with a wonderful CP-based group called Indy Craft Experience, the Artists Market will have a very fresh mix of more fine

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artists and craftspeople than ever.

6. Our kid's zone — now called, Kidlandia (brought to you by Edgewood Retail Center) — will feature more attractions than ever. In addition to the usual bounce houses and Lowe's Build & Grow tent, we'll have basketball clinics (with official Atlanta Hawks demos), skateboard demos, golf clinics, loads of kid-friendly booths, and many more surprises.

7. The Candler Park Tour of Homes will be set apart by two special features: an intimate peek at Mary Lin Elementary's expansion and addition, and a tour of three very cool neighborhood treehouses!

8. The Fall Fest 5K (sponsored by Piedmont Healthcare) has a theme this year — "Totally '80s" — as well as a little sister: The "Totally '80s Fun Run." Great opportunity to break out those Madonna fishnets and Risky Business sunglasses. Free beer (or non-alcoholic beverage) and t-shirt to all 5k runners.

I plan to write more in an upcoming issue on the very engaged team that's putting together Fall Fest. Meanwhile, find out more about at [fallfest.candlerpark.org](http://fallfest.candlerpark.org); sign up there for the road run, the Tour of Homes and a volunteer slot; and plan to bring your family and friends to our neighborhood's best party ever.

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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## 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](http://www.candlerpark.org).

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# Little Five Points Parade

Please mark your calendars for the 15th Annual Little 5 Points (L5P) Halloween Festival & Parade! This year, the event takes place on Saturday, October 17 from Noon-11 p.m. The parade will begin promptly at 4 p.m.

The L5P Halloween Festival & Parade is delighted to welcome back L5P's own Wrecking Bar Brewpub, who will serve once again as our Premier Beverage Sponsor. Wrecking Bar Brewpub will feature their microbrews that will be served as the Official Beers of the Event!

Additional sponsors include: Jameson Irish Whiskey, Neighborhood Commercial Redevelopment, Ice Box, as well as L5P Corner Tavern, RLand Art, Little 5 Points Business Association and many others. Sponsorship packages are still available- please contact us if you, or a business you know, are interested in supporting the event and getting some great exposure your brand.

The festival will feature two stages of entertainment throughout the day, as well as a host of artists, crafters and vendors joining the bricks and mortar retailers, for a fun event that drives a great deal of business to the neighborhood. Little 5 Points is a destination for costume purchasers and with the added addition of the festival and parade, the community is sure to see a surge in visitors and sales during the event. Certainly the event organizers invite all of you to attend!

As always, one of the highlights of this year's event will be the parade. So grab a



costume, grab some friends, and come participate in the parade or at least come check out the spectacle! This year's parade Grand Marshal is Steve Harris.

Of course, there will be lots to see and do before and after the parade- so come early and stay late! You can shop, sip and enjoy all that Little 5 Points has to offer along with great music and the extra special vendor and artist market.

Festival organizers also need volunteers, so if you have a few hours on the day of the event to spare - you'll get a t-shirt, a post-shift beer (if you're over-21, and with proper ID, of course) as well as the sincere appreciation of the event organizers for your efforts! You can register to volunteer at [www.L5PHalloween.com](http://www.L5PHalloween.com).

If you are driving to the event, below is important information to have as you are trying to navigate traffic. Parking is always at a premium, so riding MARTA, walking or

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## Grazie to Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint!

Come to the CPNO Members' Meeting on September 21 and dive into some delicious treats from our friends at Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint in the Edgewood Retail District.

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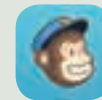
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Cover photo: David Terraso.



# Candler Park Lake Claire Patrol starts rolling

Aiming to help prevent car break-ins, home burglaries and other crimes that can rob residents of their sense of security, the Candler Park Lake Claire Patrol (CPLC Patrol) is set to begin its neighborhood vigil this fall. Off-duty police officers from the Atlanta Police Department, with the power to make arrests, will be in full uniform while driving the CPLC Patrol car.

The patrol is paid for by membership fees, which can be paid yearly or quarterly. The costs are \$200 for a single family household and \$100 for seniors 65 and older. Business are encouraged to contact the group for sponsorship opportunities. The more residents who sign up for membership, the more patrol hours CPLC Patrol can fund, said Lindy Kerr, president of CPLC Patrol.

Membership benefits include direct phone access to the officer while he/she is patrolling (always call 911 first), a CPLC Patrol yard sign and the ability to request a vacation patrol.



Findley Plaza is undergoing some changes to make way for new activities next spring. Credit: David Terraso

To learn more visit <http://www.cplcpatrol.com/>.

-David Terraso

## BRIEFS

### Changes underway for Findley Plaza

The Friends of Little Five Points Parks (FOL5PP) has big plans for Findley Plaza, the city park at the corner of Euclid Avenue and McLendon Avenue. Thanks to a grant of \$170,000 from ArtPlace America, Horizon Theatre and the Little Five Points Community Improvement District (L5PCID) plan to bring performances and visual arts to the park next spring. FOL5PP is hard at work trying to turn the park into a family friendly environment.

Already they've power washed the plaza and worked with an exterminator to remove a rat colony. In the near future they plan to add new signage, plant flowers, and work with Park Pride and the city towards a master design for the space.

Arguably the most visible change has been removing the benches in the park.

"We removed the benches to see how it would affect the flow of patrons in the plaza and to see if it would change the way people enjoy the space," said Carly Berg, FOL5PP committee member and Candler Park resident.

The plaza has long been a place where street people have convened, much to the chagrin of some of the business owners who

would like the plaza to be inviting to all.

"We want Findley Plaza to be more congenial, friendly and inviting to the communities of Candler Park and Inman Park," said Don Bender, chairman of L5PCID. "We plan on inviting both neighborhoods to be involved in the planning process."

The group is also working with HOPE Atlanta to help find alternative housing for some of the street people who desire their help.

"The business owners are extremely pleased with the small changes that have been made to the plaza and are already noticing a positive increase in their local customer base," added Bender.

-David Terraso

### Get to know your fellow CPers at the next porch party

With Candler Park being focused on creating a strong and productive community, porch parties are a great way to bring our neighborhood closer together. Through them we can develop a stronger community, create a larger network of friends and resources, and enjoy our amazing Atlanta weather with some good old fashioned Southern fun. So, when is the next one? It's Saturday, September 19 at 7p.m. at 1304 McLendon Ave NE. It will be hosted by Cherie King.

-Kellie Jackson

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### AUGUST

- 12** Candler Park Conservancy Meeting, 7 pm Candler Park pavilion
- 12** Candler Park Movie Night - Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
- 14** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, Epworth Church
- 21** Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Exist. Church
- 23** Candler Park Conservancy Meeting, 7 pm, Candler Park pavilion
- 26** Candler Park Movie Night -Big Hero Six, w short film Backtrack

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

## Improvements planned near Freedom Park

This summer, some strategically placed boulders at the northeast corner of North Avenue and Moreland Avenue, have ensured that the pop-up parking lot once located there has disappeared. Now Candler Park resident Eric Dusenbury is working with the city to discuss installing a sidewalk and curb in that spot. He's also looking for folks who are interested in helping develop a long term plan for that area this fall. Neighbors who'd like to be involved can reach out to him at [ericdusenbury@gmail.com](mailto:ericdusenbury@gmail.com).

-David Terraso

## Candler Park Movie Night searching for volunteers

This month the Friends of Candler Park Movie Night will wrap up with two showings (see page 6), plus a short film "Backtrack" (below) and will start planning for next year. The summer series has been going for nine years, but needs some help with fundraising and permitting, said Mark Clement, who's been running the shows since the beginning.

"Without some help from volunteers, 2016 movie night will be uncertain," said Clement.

Prospective volunteers can reach out to Clement at [688mark@gmail.com](mailto:688mark@gmail.com).

-David Terraso

## CPNO welcomes new members!

Stormie and Ava Israel  
Stephen and Emily Aultman  
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Matt Snyder and Christine Wang  
David Godfrey  
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Become a member or renew by visiting, <http://candlerpark.org/register/>.

— Roger Bakeman  
Membership Secretary

## Candler Park's Jump Cut Collective Shows Film at CP Movie Night

By David Terraso

This month at the September 26 edition of the Friends of Candler Park Movie Night, before "Big Hero Six" hits the screen, Candler Park's own Jump Cut Collective will be screening their film, "Backtrack."

Created as part of the 48 Hour Film Project in Atlanta last year, "Backtrack" is a five minute short, directed by CPer Kristina Adler, about time travel. The film was shot at the playground in Candler Park, Decatur Eye Care as well as an apartment in the neighborhood.

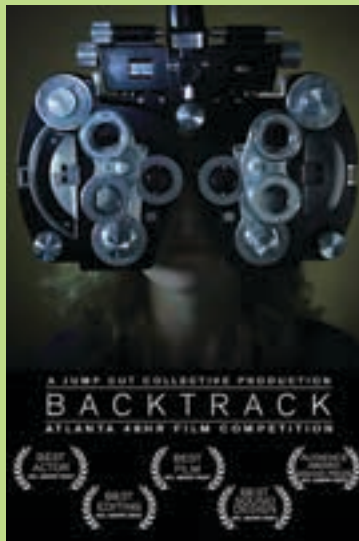
The 48 Hour Film Project is a competition with events in different cities that gives filmmakers just two days to bring a film from conception to finish.

"You pick a genre out of a hat, we got time travel, and then you have that night to write it, Saturday to shoot it, Sunday to edit it and turn it in," said Adler. "They also give you a line, a prop and a character you have to use."

Their line was "I'm going to tell you a secret," their character was Dr. Oliver Sandman and their prop was peach. Out of those three things, plus a lot of talent and creativity, they created a short that explores what one woman does when given the chance to change her life by going back in time using an ocular resonance transometer, which looks suspiciously like an optometrist's phoropter (number one or number two?).

"It's a fun short that teaches you not to take your youth too seriously and not to take growing up too seriously," said Adler. "We want you to embrace your childhood traumas and kick them in the face ... gently."

The short was the grand prize winner of the audience award, and won best film Atlanta, best editing, best sound design and best actor. In addition, it won best script at a local competition



The short film, "Backtrack", made by CPers Kristina Adler and Brock Hanson can be seen in Candler Park before Big Hero Six on September 26. Courtesy: Jump Cut Collective

held by Atlanta's WonderRoot.

A 2012 graduate of Elon University who double-majored in acting as well as theatrical design and production, Adler moved to Candler Park and founded Jump Cut Collective with Brock Hanson, also a CP resident, a little more than a year ago. Adler focuses on producing, directing and acting, while Hanson is the director of photographer and the editor.

"I come from a very actor and story-driven angle, while he's very visually knowledgeable, so the two of us work really well together," said Adler.

She said her transition from theater to film is a recent, yet exciting, move in which one of the big differences is that she doesn't get a lot of time to rehearse with the actors.

"You really have to find people that get it right away, you don't have the luxury of rehearsal as much," said Adler.

In addition to "Backtrack," Adler has appeared in "Your Pretty Face is Going to Hell" on Adult Swim, "Your Worst Nightmare," a video series available on Amazon Instant Video, and "The Drunks," a video series shown on the website Funny or Die.

This month Adler is busy preparing for her next film, "Birthday Cake," that explores domestic abuse in the southern culture. Also made by Jump Cut Collective, the team is raising money for it via the website IndieGoGo (<http://igg.me/at/birthdaycakefilm>). The film will be shot at the end of this month and is being created in conjunction with the Atlanta Film Festival.

To keep up with Jump Cut Collective find them on Facebook at [/jumpcutcollective](https://www.facebook.com/jumpcutcollective) and on the web at [jumpcutcollective.com](http://jumpcutcollective.com).

# People in Your Neighborhood: Van Jensen

By David Terraso

Van Jensen is a comic book writer and journalist who has lived in Candler Park since 2012. A regular draw for comics geeks at Dragon Con, Comic-con and just about any sci-fi/comics con in the continental U.S., he's been writing comics since his first title *Pinocchio: Vampire Hunter*, was published in 2009. At the time he was working as an assistant editor for the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. He became editor for the *Alumni Magazine* in 2011 and last year decided to focus full time on his dream job, writing for comics and the screen. Oh, and he made that move at the most relaxed time in his life, when he was just about to become a first-time father.

David Terraso: Why did you and your wife choose Candler Park?

Van Jensen: The thing that really drew us here was the relaxed atmosphere and the walkability of the neighborhood. It has a nice, low-key vibe and a big arts community. And though it's close to the city, it's pretty quiet. And it's a great neighborhood for walking, as long as you don't mind clambering around some rough sidewalks.

**DT** What's important to you?

**VJ** I grew up in Nebraska in a farming family, so I've always been pretty focused



When he's not taking care of his little one or working in his yard, Van Jensen finds time to write comics, screenplays and news stories. Credit: David Terraso

on just working hard, whatever it is that I do. That's become storytelling in various media, and so I spend a lot of my time working at that craft, always trying to learn and grow as a creator. At the same time, it's really important to me that my work says something, that it has a message. Outside of that, I'm pretty obsessed with basketball.

**DT** Recently, you've been doing some work for DC Comics penning "Green Lantern Corps" (2013-2015) and "The Flash" (2014-present). And last year you published a Kickstarter-funded graphic novel entitled, "The Leg." What's next?

**VJ** I have two creator-owned, meaning concepts that I created and own, comic books coming from the publisher Dark Horse next year. I'm working on a project on a really big property that, unfortunately, I can't talk about quite yet. I'm also working on rewrites on a screenplay, and I'm developing a TV series with a New York-based friend and collaborator.

**DT** What has going into freelance-mode full time meant for you?

**VJ** I kind of miss going to an office, collaborating in person. There's an energy to that that can't be replaced by email and phone calls. I was always big on talking in person whenever possible, even though I'm probably an introvert by nature. And freelancing is a pretty unpredictable life, which brings it's own set of stresses.

That said, I love the freedom I have, to choose what work I do, what schedule I keep. And I get to write comic books, literally doing the job I dreamed of doing when I was 5. I try to never lose sight of how fortunate I am to have that opportunity.

**DT** What's important to you?

**VJ** I heard advice once that a person should try to maintain a balance between family, faith and career, and I've tried to follow that. Being a new parent, most of my excitement goes toward watching my son discover the world. Pretty tough to beat that.

**DT** What's that been like?

**VJ** Oh, gosh, everything has been pretty overwhelming, largely for good. I don't know that I realized how much fun it would be, showing a kid the world and teaching him a million dumb things.

**DT** What are your hopes for the next five years for the neighborhood?

**VJ** Beyond smoother sidewalks? I'd love to see more development of the park, utilizing the full space of it, maybe with more trails or quiet spaces to relax. But there's not a lot that I'd change. It's a fun place, relatively safe, with great people.

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carpooling is strongly suggested! Please note that road closures will be in effect for the event - the affected roads and times include:

**1. 6:00 a.m. -11:00 p.m. – Colquitt Avenue from L5P Music Center to Euclid Avenue – 1127 Colquitt Avenue – Artist Market**

**2. 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. – Austin Avenue from Moreland Avenue to Elizabeth Street – Parade Marshaling Area**

**3. 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. – Euclid Avenue from Austin Avenue to Waverly Way (Lane Closure on North Side of street) – Parade Marshaling Area**

**4. 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Euclid Avenue from Waverly Way to Moreland Avenue**

**5. 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Moreland Avenue from DeKalb Avenue to Freedom Parkway – Festival Parade**

**6. 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Euclid Avenue from Colquitt Avenue & to Moreland Avenue – Festival Site**

**7. 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Right lane going south on Moreland Avenue from the Corner Tavern to Euclid Avenue (the third lane) – Festival Site**

Go to [www.L5PHalloween.com](http://www.L5PHalloween.com) for more information or to sign up for the parade or to volunteer. We look forward to seeing you at Little 5 Points spookiest party of the year!





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This tree on McLendon has broken limbs and deeply scarred bark; this shows it's dying. Credit: Patricia Singer

## Wet weather and tumbling trees

By Patricia Singer

Candler Park is being affected by climate change in more ways than our rising summer thermometers. Warmer oceans evaporate more water, and warmer air holds it—for a while. The increased moisture has begun to show up as heavier downpours over much of the country, and certain big cities have received even more than their share. Comparing 1950-1959 with 2005-2014 shows a 75 percent increase in “extreme precipitation events” for Atlanta, according to Climate Central, a nonprofit organization of climate specialists. For our venerable old trees in CP, those heavy downpours can create a problem.

During heavy storms, we often see mature trees fall over, root pan and all, and that’s a concern for our houses, cars and even our safety. Near the intersection of Sterling Street, Euclid Avenue, and Candler Street, three huge trees have fallen in the last few years. Luckily, no one was hurt, though one house was badly damaged.

Heidi R. Harrington, a local arborist with multiple forestry degrees, explained that our typical clay soil shrinks in dry spells, pulling away from tree roots.

“Most of our tree roots in Atlanta soils are only 12-24” deep,” said Harrington. “When rains come (after a dry spell) clay soils are not likely to moisten quickly, and when roots do not have a hold in the soil, they can blow over, especially when winds follow.”

Her advice includes monitoring all trees, but especially large ones.

“Minor dead limbs are not a concern, but large dead limbs or tip dieback is a sign of decline,” she said. “Defects such as included bark, cankers and cavities are all weak areas and should be monitored for changes. Some leaning trees are phototropic (growing naturally towards the light) and others are dangerous when roots are beginning to fail. The critical root zone of trees usually extends to the drip line (end of the crown of leaves). It is important to protect this area when construction is close to trees.”

Removing trees from a group may be a problem, Harrington said.

“Groups of trees support each other and build up wind tolerances,” she said. “If trees become isolated, after being protected, they become much more vulnerable to windthrow.”

She noted that trees growing close to foundations have constricted roots, weakening their footing. Some types of trees (some but not all oaks, for example) are more vulnerable to windthrow. She advises against removing big branches only on one side.

We are all proud of our beautiful trees in Candler Park, but none of them will last forever. Perhaps the middle ground would be to remove dying or dangerous trees promptly and plant healthy new ones right away.

Information on City of Atlanta regulations regarding hazardous tree removal are at <http://www.atlantaga.gov/index.aspx?page=982>.

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# 1980s Themed 5K and Fun Run Set to be “Totally Radical” at 2015 Fall Fest

For fans of everything that was “radical” and “awesome” about the 1980s, this year’s ‘80s themed 5K and Fun Run during the 15th Annual Fall Fest at Candler Park, will provide the perfect opportunity to run, walk and stroll while traveling back in time. The themed event, that encourages participants to dress for the decade, will take place on October 3, at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m.. All proceeds of the race benefit the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization

Participants of the 5K, sponsored by Piedmont Healthcare, will receive prizes for the best ‘80s costumes as well as a free t-shirt, craft beer at the end of the race and lots of other goodies.

There are so many great costume ideas to choose from . . . musical superstars like Michael Jackson, Madonna, Cyndie Lauper, Prince and Blondie, but there were a bunch of animated superheroes like Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, She-Ra, He-Man, The Transformers, Rainbow Brite and many more.

The ‘80s also produced a variety of fashion fads and trends that can be called on for other costume ideas. Starting with the 1970s carryover of the aerobics craze, which included ripped sweatshirts, leotards, tights, leg warmers, wide belts, elastic headbands and velour tracksuits, the decade also marked the “street urchin” look. Influenced by rising pop star Madonna, casual female clothing consisted of short skirts worn over leggings, necklaces, rubber bracelets, fishnet gloves, hairbows, long layered strings of beads, headbands and lace ribbons. A more polished look, influenced by TV shows like Dynasty was focused on big hair, glamorous suits and dresses (with shoulder pads), shiny costume jewelry and heavy makeup.

For men, ‘80s costume options might include the “preppy look” with khaki slacks, oxford and pastel polo shirts worn with the collars turned up. Don’t forget the bold colored jackets and white pants of the “Miami Vice” look, and the loud Hawaiian shirts worn by Peter Selleck on “Magnum P.I.” Other male fashion influences could come from musical influences like pop star “Michael Jackson,” the growing popularity of Punk music, and the lasting love of ‘70s Heavy Metal bands.

In addition to the 5K, Fun Run and the Costume Contest, participants will keep the ‘80s theme going with an “All ‘80s Dance Party,” which will take place directly after the race and before the actual festival opens at noon. With tunes like “Rock With You” by Michael Jackson; “Crazy Little Thing Called Love” by Queen; “Call Me” by Blondie; “Funkytown” by Lipps Inc.; “Celebration” by Kool & The Gang; “Karma Chameleon” by Culture Club; and “Physical” by Olivia Newton-John, families and individuals of all ages can get “radical” showing off their ‘80s looks and throwback dance moves.

Throughout the two-day Fall Fest event, festival goers will also be able to enjoy an eclectic and diverse mix of danceable music offerings that span the centuries. Featured entertainment includes: “Gringo Star” (Atlanta Indie darlings), Blair Crimmins & The Hookers” (ragtime and New Orleans style jazz), “Smithsonian” (The Smiths tribute band), “Clashinista” (The Clash tribute band) and “Bogey and the Viceroy” (classic soul, retro rock/pop, and today’s chart-toppers). Throughout the weekend, a variety of bands including “Tray Dahl



Get ready, get set, go ‘80s at Fall Fest on October 3-4. Courtesy: Fall Fest Committee

and the Jugtime Ragband,” “Webster,” “Guru Fish,” “SquirrelHeads,” and “4th Ward A.K.O.” will also play.

Can’t choose between Fall Fest and the weekend’s football games? Now you don’t have to. Uncle Bob’s Self Storage will sponsor a viewing area with three screens to show the all the major games of the weekend including Georgia vs. Alabama and Georgia Tech vs. North Carolina on Saturday, and Falcons vs. Texans on Sunday.

This festival will also feature an Artist Market in partnership with Indie Craft Experience (located right on Mclendon in Candler Park), with fine art, unique craft and also vintage/antique vendors; a kids zone, sponsored by Edgewood Retail District called “Kidlandia”; the Annual Tour of Homes which features the “Tree Houses” of Candler Park; and an impressive group of food trucks including: “Gotta Have It,” “King of Pops,” “Mixd Up,” “Nana G’s Chicken & Waffles,” Tex’s Tacos,” “Queen of Cream,” “Palookaville’s Corndog Wagon” and many more.

Links for registration for both runs can be found on the festival website and individuals, businesses and entire families are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. <http://candlerparkfallfest.com>

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See homes, treehouses, Mary Lin and more at this year's Tour of Homes. Courtesy: Lexa King

## Tour of Homes shows it all in Candler Park

By David Terraso

Featuring at least three homes with treehouses, two arts centers, Mulberry Fields, a school, not to mention many more gorgeous abodes, this year's Tour of Homes is one that should not be missed, according to tour organizer Lexa King.

Taking place Sunday, October 4, from noon to 6 p.m. with an advanced ticket price of \$20, proceeds from the tour go to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization to fund neighborhood improvements.

This year three treehouses are added to the tour, one on Iverson, another on Mell and the other on Glendale. In addition the Glendale home features a giant screened-in porch and a renovated kitchen.

The home on Candler is a beautiful bungalow with an emphasis on folk art, while the residence on Sterling recently raised the roof, nearly doubling the square footage. The entry on Gordon, in Lake Claire, is a renovated hundred-year-old four square with an open kitchen.

In addition, Mary Lin Elementary shows off its new addition with a high-tech media center, art classroom, challenge classrooms and outdoor amphitheater.

More homes are still being added, so to see more of the spaces to be featured in this year's Tour of Homes visit: <http://fallfest.candlerpark.org/tour-of-homes/>.

## Kidlandia promises to be better than ever at Fall Fest

By David Terraso

This year's Kidlandia, the section of Fall Fest devoted to, yep you guessed it, kids, is set to be bigger and better than ever, organizers say. Sponsored by the Edgewood Retail District, Kidlandia features attractions for kids of all ages.

In addition to boasting two bouncy houses, an inflatable slide and an obstacle course, there will be carnival games, dunk tanks, hi strikers (grab the mallet, ring the bell), sports challenges, face painting, hair wraps, costumed characters and more.

The Children's Museum will have a science show as well as some fantastic interactive displays, while Lowe's Home Improvement will showcase interactive Build and Grow kits. Point 3 basketball will sport a slam dunk exhibition and other events on the b-ball courts. Stratosphere skateboards will roll out a skateboard show and a half pipe, while the Music Class will have music activities as well as performances.

That's only a smidgen of what Kidlandia promises this year, organizers say, and it all happens at next month's Fall Fest.

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# Candler Park crime reports, June 6-August 2

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

**300 block Mell Ave** – Burglary – 7/6 Monday day. Apple iPad, Sony Playsttion, 4380 pistol Body Guard and laptop taken. Suspect might have made entry by using the doggy door on back door to unlock the door.

**200 block Elmira Pl** – Larceny from auto – 7/7 Tuesday evening. Street. Window busted. 2 computer bags, 2 laptops, iPad, iPad keyboard, 2 4G phone cards, 2 computers and 2 phone chargers taken.

**300 block Moreland Ave** – Burglary – 7/16 Thursday morning. Restaurant. Patio door unlocked and window opened. 14 bottles of liquor taken.

**500 block Candler Park Dr** – Larceny from auto – 7/13 Monday day. Street. Window broken. Wallet, Brazilian DL and debit card taken. Debit card had been used at a gas station.

**300 block Elmira Pl** – Larceny from auto – 7/15 Wednesday evening. Street. Window busted. Computer bag and laptop taken. Victim saw a gray Dodge Avenger pull up in front of his vehicle. Suspect walked around, meeting up with another vehicle, then returned to his vehicle and damaged the window, enter and quickly exit. Avenger drove away with headlights out. Suspect: B/M, skinny and dark skinned.

**400 block Clifton Rd** – Larceny from auto – 7/16 Thursday morning. Street. Window busted. GPS and cash taken.

**1200 block Euclid Ave** – Larceny from auto – 7/16 Thursday evening. Street. Window busted. Laptop taken.

**1300 block North Ave** – Larceny – 7/15 Wednesday morning. Porch of apartment. Beach cruiser bicycle taken.

**1300 block DeKalb Ave** – Larceny – 7/15 Saturday day. Business. 2 surgical plates for spine taken. Video shows a B/M riding a bicycle take a box without permission.

**Candler Park** – Larceny from auto – 7/22 Wednesday evening. Parking lot. Window busted. Wallet, debit card, Tablet, GA DL, purse and 2 passports taken. Debit card was used at a BP gas station on Moreland Ave.

**400 block Page Ave** – Larceny from auto – 7/23 Thursday morning. Window busted out. Make up bag taken.

**1400 block Miller Ave** – Larceny from auto – 7/25 Saturday morning. Street. Window broken out. Book bag with miscellaneous items taken.

**1000 block Euclid Ave** (not CP but close in L5P) – Robbery – 7/31 Friday morning. Victims said they were approached by a gray 4 door vehicle with 4 B/Ms inside as they walked through the rear of the parking lot of a business. One victim was pushed to the ground and one was punched in the face and pushed to the ground. The suspect said, "Don't fight it". After taking 2 cell phones, 2 GA DLs and \$95 cash, the suspects left in the vehicle.

**200 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny from auto – 8/1 Saturday evening. Parking lot. Window broken out. Debit card, \$50 cash and clothes taken.

**500 block Terrace Ave** – Larceny from auto – 7/28 Tuesday day. Street. Window busted out. iPhone 5 taken.

**300 block Oakdale Rd** – Larceny from auto – 7/29 Wednesday day. Street. Doors were left unlocked. Nothing taken. A male in cargo shorts holding a flashlight is seen on a neighbor's security video looking into vehicles.

**1300 block Euclid Ave** – Larceny from auto – 7/30 Thursday morning. Street. Window busted. Bag containing several hand tools and electrical meters and GA DL taken.

**1600 block McLendon Ave** – Larceny from auto – 8/1 Saturday day. Parking lot. Window broken out. Prescription medicine and wallet with 4 credit cards taken. Witness said she noticed a suspicious group of black males inside the parking lot driving a red Mazda looking at vehicles. Witness did not see the males commit a crime but were just casing the area from her perspective.

**1500 block DeKalb Ave** – Larceny from auto – 8/1 Saturday day. Street. Window busted out. Dell laptop and computer bag taken.



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# August CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

*These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the September 21 Members Meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Ken Edelstein, President. Motion to adopt the agenda as written passed. New neighbors were welcomed.

## Announcements:

- Thank you to Raging Burrito for providing food for the meeting.
- Thank you to Fox Brothers for providing the food for last month.
- Thank you to last month's volunteer 'bartender' Eric Dusenbury
- Thank you to Jennifer Wilds 'bartending' for this month. Russell Miller volunteered for the September meeting.
- Ken Edelstein introduced the Nominating Committee for 2015: Zaid Duwayri, Eric Rubenstein, Chris Fitzgerald, Jennifer Wilds and Mischa Uppelschoten.
- Membership statistics were given by Roger Bakeman. Membership numbers are down. He encouraged all members present to encourage their neighbors to join.
- Carol Gregory, Freedom Park Representative, displayed the new Freedom Park map. Copies were available.
- Lindy Kerr, President of Candler Park Lake Claire Patrol, reported that membership will be \$200/single household per year (\$100/per year for Seniors). Roll out will start this week; will need 225 members to support the patrol. Membership includes the yard sign. There will be forms to fill out if on vacation so the patrol will pay extra attention (perimeter check) to a home.

## Visitor:

Lt. Carter, Evening Watch Commander for Zone 6, spoke.

## Treasurer's Report:

Peter Bluestone, Treasurer, reported \$68,000 on hand. See Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for specific figures. Candler Park Conservancy has satisfied all the contingencies for the transfer of money (\$10,000).

## Discussion:

- Fall Fest 2015- Zaid Duwayri, Communication Officer, presided over this discussion. Ken Edelstein, Chair of Fall Fest Committee, is asking for a budget amendment of \$5,850 expenditure with projected revenue of \$25,067. The requested expenditures are for a football tent, Kidlandia, and the Tour of Homes. Membership will vote next month. (see attached document for specifics)
- Bylaw Revision: Jay Sandhaus, Chair of the Bylaw Committee, presented the latest revisions to the membership including those acquired from the Special Meeting, August 11. Members will vote on the revised Bylaws at the next Membership Meeting (September).

Zoning-Motion to support the application V-15-184 for 534 Oakdale Road with condition that the project is built as approved by the City Arborist and according to the site plan filed with City of Atlanta passed.

Motion to approve the July Minutes passed.

Motion to accept the August Officer and Committee Report passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by  
Bonnie Palter  
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# CPNO officer and committee reports for August

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

## Environmental Officer- John Skach

Make plans to join Candler Park Conservancy stakeholders for an update on CPC operations and to share thoughts on long-term park improvements and priority projects. The gathering will be held at First Existentialist on Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 to noon. See you there!

## Treasurer: Peter Bluestone

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

Conrv The Freedom Park Conservancy board met on August 9 and welcomed two new members: Julie Davis, Old Fourth Ward and Steve Cushing, Poncey-Highlands. The board received several reports: Paideia land clearing between Fairview Rd. and the church, Manuel's Tavern development rendering with work to include cleaning and planting a portion of park, Jesse Owens trees to be recognized with a plaque, dog park water installation. The board is expecting more detailed reports at the next meeting. The board is writing a job description for an internship that they would like to make available this year or next summer. Board development is ongoing. If you are interested in serving on the board contact Carol Gregory carolagreg@gmail.com

## Zoning-Seth Eisenberg

The August Zoning Committee meeting took place on August 4, 2015. There was one residential variance application on the agenda - 534 Oakdale Road V-15-184. The Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the required front yard from an average setback of 31.9 ft. to 28.2 ft in order to construct a new single family home.

The Applicant was represented at the meeting by Chuck Clark, who described the project for the committee. Mr. Clark explained that the reason for the variance request is to reorient the existing footprint onto Oakdale Road, but the strict compliance with the zoning code would cause an encroachment on the 32" caliber hardwood. The project would reuse as much of the original footprint as possible in allowing for the house to be reoriented with Oakdale and preserve the 32" tree. Without the variance, the project could still be built within the setback but the tree would be destroyed.

The Zoning Committee voted unanimously in favor of a motion to support the application with the condition that certified mail be sent to 548 and 520 Oakdale Rd. and the project be built specific to the site plan filed with the City of Atlanta that was approved by the arborist.

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☐ Historic Preservation ☐ Candler Park/Environment  
☐ 5K Road Races ☐ Land Use / Zoning  
☐ Tour of Homes ☐ Flyer Distribution  
☐ Fall Fest ☐ Parent/child groups  
☐ Social events  
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- Plan! Plan! Plan! This is not the first time we have said that. Planning is the key to good, healthy meals on your table. Look at your schedule, make a weekly menu that is feasible and create your grocery list!
- If you find that an evening is loaded with activities and you really just don't have time to prep and cook, use the crockpot. It takes 5 minutes to put a pork butt in the crockpot in the morning before you go to work so you have delicious carnitas or pulled pork sandwiches when you get home. All you need to do is prepare the sides (and there is nothing wrong with bagged salad)!!!
- Have a freezer stocked with food that can go straight in the oven, such as stuffed chicken breasts. They can be done in 30 minutes. Steam some fresh vegetables and make a salad and you've got a meal in minutes!
- Breakfast food is more than acceptable for dinner!! It's usually easier to make and kids LOVE it!
- Use a rotisserie chicken. Most of the major supermarkets and warehouse places sell fully cooked and very yummy rotisserie chickens. If you have leftover chicken, pull it apart, freeze it, and use it for soups, salads or quesadillas!
- Use the grill. If your meat is already defrosted, it takes virtually no time to throw it on the grill. You can grill your vegetables and make side of rice in about 20 minutes. Best of all, grilling keeps your kitchen cleaner!

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