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# CPNO Takes Action to Repair Sidewalks

By Zaid Duwayri, [president@candlerpark.org](mailto:president@candlerpark.org)

So you haven't been to our September membership meeting AND you did not ask your neighbors about what went down at that great forum of neighborhood who's who!!

In our longest meeting of 2016, the meeting agenda was a true representation of the majority of the topics that our residents care about. In addition to our standing items covering safety and our financials, we discussed infrastructure topics, the Park, and Fall Fest. Lauren's article in this issue of the Messenger provides an update on the work of the Candler Park Conservancy and the emerging vision for the park. In the next couple of months, we will be covering Fall Fest 2016 in more detail. Below, I'll expand on our infrastructure discussion.

Our infrastructure priorities continue to revolve around the state of our sidewalks. Walkability is a priceless feature of our neighborhood that is loved by our residents and visitors alike. The impacts of broken and missing sidewalks range from our reduced ability to enjoy a stroll on our streets to the serious impediment to movement for our disabled neighbors or risk of serious injury.

Sidewalk repair discussions have been an ongoing feature of CPNO meetings for over a decade, and we are all tired of just talking about it. The challenge has been that the majority of our residents believe that the city shares the responsibility for fixing the sidewalks and are looking to understand the extent by which the city will contribute towards the repair. Over the years, the Infrastructure Committees were navigating the bureaucracy of the city to help residents understand the process and putting pressure on our representatives to allocate funds for the repair of highly-trafficked pedestrian paths. In our September membership meeting, Jay Tribby (representing Councilman Kwanza Hall) pointed to a light in the distance. It turns out that that light is the train carrying funds

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from the Renew ATL infrastructure bond allocated for the repair of sidewalks within the boundaries of Candler Park. How much is on the train? When will it get here? And what streets will it cover? These questions will help drive the upcoming discussion in October between our infrastructure team and the city. We are certain, however, that we have more sidewalk needs than what the funds could cover, and this gap is where CPNO will focus in the coming months.

CPNO is in the process of establishing a process to help fund sidewalk repairs. We are exploring ideas like matching funds and prioritizing our target streets. We are discussing this with nearby neighborhoods who have taken on this challenge, and we're looking to benefit from their research and lessons learned. We have stepped up our fundraising efforts lately with the purpose of funding high priority items in our neighborhood, and our sidewalks continue to be on the top of the list of items to address.

Our Organization's board meets once a month to review our priorities and determine how to best represent the needs of our neighborhood. Our expanded network of volunteers helps in making the load of serving this volunteer organization manageable. The CPNO 2017 board elections are scheduled for the November membership meeting and the Nominating Committee is in process of identifying qualified candidates. They are specifically seeking candidates for our Treasurer and Safety Officer roles.

Please consider joining the board of CPNO and help us maintain this trajectory of improvement. To learn more and express interest, please reach out to [nominations@candlerpark.org](mailto:nominations@candlerpark.org).

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

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

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

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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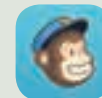
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- 10** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The New Church (formerly Epworth)
- 17** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Exist. Church
- 19** Candler Park Conservancy Meeting, 7pm, Rush Center

*In case of cancellations or changes, check CPNO's online Events 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.*

## A Brief on Candler Park History Why is Iverson Street so Wide?

*By Roger Bakeman, [membership@candlerpark.org](mailto:membership@candlerpark.org), and Edith Kelman, Candler Park resident*

As you wander about the neighborhood you may have noticed that Oakdale Road and McLendon Avenue—streets with considerable traffic—are relatively narrow, while Iverson—a short street that runs between Candler Street and Mell Avenue and has considerably less traffic—seems a broad thoroughfare. How come? Someone once said it was because the street car ran on Iverson Street, but this not true: the streetcar ran on McLendon Avenue.

Early Edgewood of the 1870s through the 1920s encompassed all of what today we call both the Candler Park and the Edgewood neighborhoods. When the state of Georgia formally chartered the Town of Edgewood in 1898, Iverson was meant to be a grand street at the center of municipal life. The early 1900s Edgewood School building was located where Iverson Park is today. The

mayor's house and those of other prominent residents were nearby.

The Town of Edgewood was annexed by the City of Atlanta in 1909. Edgewood north of the railroad tracks began to be called Candler Park with the establishment of the golf course in 1928. The name usage increased in the 1930s and 1940s and became solidified in the 1950s. The neighborhood south of the railroad tracks "tilted" from majority White to majority Black residents, and retained the name Edgewood.



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# The Candler Park Lake Claire (CPLC) Patrol: A Retrospective Of Year One

By Lindy Kerr, CPLC Patrol President

It was about this time last year that we were asking friends and neighbors in Candler Park and Lake Claire to buy into the CPLC Patrol before its official kick-off, via paying one-year membership dues, so we could afford to buy our patrol car and get insurance. A lot has happened since then. As we celebrate our one-year anniversary in October, I'd like to highlight some of the patrol's successes, and share what we hope for the CPLC Patrol in year two.

For starters, over the past year more than 400 neighbors in Candler Park and Lake Claire have joined as members! The outpouring of support has not only been gratifying; it also confirmed to our board members, myself included, that we were not crazy for volunteering countless hours to make the neighborhood patrol a reality.

With our steady growth in membership, we have been able to increase our patrol hours substantially. When we started, we were able to afford only 72 hours of patrolling each month. Currently, we are patrolling 112 hours each month. Of course, in order to maintain or increase our hours, we need continued support from our current CPLC members. We also need more households to join.

In terms of community impact, we have seen a noticeable decrease in crime. Since the CPLC Patrol starting running in October 2015, we have not had a single month where more crimes were committed than in the same month in the prior year. In fact, from October 2015 through June 2016 we had 89 fewer crimes in our beat (beat 608, which also more or less makes up the boundaries for our patrol) than we did during the same period in 2014 and 2015. In other words, on average we are seeing 10 fewer crimes every month. This isn't to say we can't improve, but this is an accomplishment we are proud of and one that cannot be taken for granted.



As we head into year two of the CPLC Patrol, we are working hard to increase membership so we can increase monthly patrolling hours. Earlier this year we ran a spring membership campaign. Now we have launched a fall membership campaign. We would love to add additional hours to the patrol, which would increase visibility and crime deterrence. We also continue to work on providing more consistent and timely communication with our members.

For those reading this who are already members, we cannot thank you enough for supporting us during our first year. We sincerely hope you will renew your membership. For those interested in becoming members, don't wait! Renewals and new sign-ups may register on our website at [www.CPLCpatrol.org](http://www.CPLCpatrol.org).

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*By Lindsay Hill and Kim Meyer, Parents and Trustees on the Mary Lin Education Foundation*

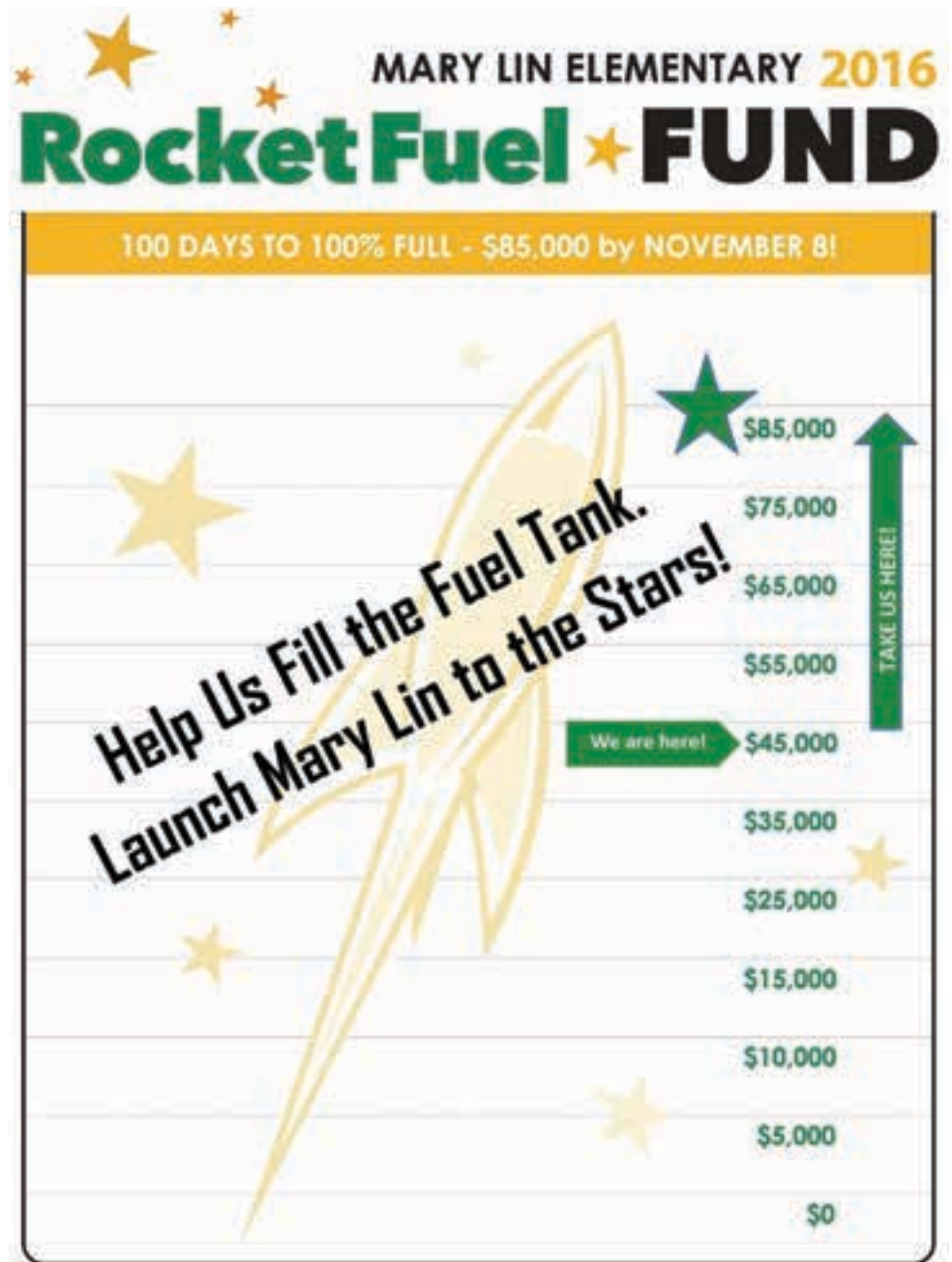
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A robust foundation supports both immediate needs in the classroom and long-term educational initiatives like professional development, innovative technology and proven curriculum enrichment resources that are already being utilized by high performing schools throughout APS (and the state and/or nationwide). Look under the "Foundation Highlights" tab on our website ([www.marylinfooundation.org](http://www.marylinfooundation.org)) to see the impressive list of resources the Mary Lin Foundation has already paid for this year ... and we're just getting started!

Thank you to everyone who has already donated. The campaign is off to a great start, but we need higher participation to achieve our goal to raise \$85,000 by November 8th. By complementing our famous parent involvement with a successful annual giving campaign (marked by awe-inspiring participation), we can ensure **EVERY** student at Mary Lin can reach for the stars and beyond!



Please visit [www.marylinfooundation.org](http://www.marylinfooundation.org) and the "Support Mary Lin" tab for more details on why we need this campaign, how the funds will be utilized, and more.

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# Candler Park Conservancy Update

By Lauren Welsh, Candler Park Conservancy Board Member, [externalaffairs@candlerpark.org](mailto:externalaffairs@candlerpark.org)

Festivals, plantings, and members – oh my! The Candler Park Conservancy has been hard at work over the past several months on a variety of projects that are both long- and short-term as well as some overall planning for the organization. We've been building our relationship with the city, strengthening our board, getting projects up and running, and setting up goals for the future.

## Advocating for Our Park

Earlier this year, Candler Park was selected as the site for the Atlanta Taco Festival. As many of you know, that festival turned out to be quite a disaster due to poor planning by the event organizer as well as damage to the grounds due to heavy trucks driving on the field. The Conservancy monitored this event, took pictures and notes, and reported our findings to the city. Just a few weeks later, Candler Park was the host of the Candler Park Music and Food Festival. This particular event organizer had a significant amount of experience hosting events around the city of Atlanta, and the Conservancy was pleased to see this festival was well run. The event organizer held several meetings with the representatives from the Conservancy and CPNO, created a solid traffic plan, limited damage to the park, and even donated proceeds from the festival to both organizations.

In addition, Conservancy Board member Ben Klehr continues to serve on a Special Events Task Force to the city along with representatives from other NPUs to advocate for smart and consistent city policies around events at all of our city parks.

Bottom line – the Conservancy will continue to advocate for the best uses of the park when it comes to potential festivals and events.

## Building Relationships with the City

The Conservancy has been working directly with Commissioner Amy Phuong and Parks Director Doug Voss to ensure there is clear communication and collaboration around any issues impacting Candler Park. In the spring, the board held our first walk-through of the park with both Commissioner Phuong and Director Voss to illustrate some of the assets and challenges. Since then, we have set up quarterly meetings with the Office of Parks.

Bottom line – the Conservancy continues to build a strong and beneficial relationship with the City of Atlanta.

## Growing our Membership

At the core, the Conservancy is a membership organization. We are dedicated to building our membership base, getting input from members, and making sure we're serving our members' needs. We've been working on increasing those membership numbers by having a presence at community events like the Mulberry Fields Gone Wylde celebration and the Stop the Road



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gathering. We'll have a table at the neighborhood's Fall Fest and will continue to find new ways to engage current and future members. In the near future, look for member appreciation events in the park!

Bottom line: The Conservancy needs more support and input from members and will push more on this in the coming months. Please join us at [www.candlerparkconservancy.org](http://www.candlerparkconservancy.org).

## Raising Funds for Park Projects

One key role for the Conservancy is to raise funds for specific projects in the park. This will come in the form of money raised through membership, individual donors, and grants. Earlier this year, we were excited to receive our first ever grant through Park Pride. This "Small Change Grant" allowed us to work with





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local artist and metal worker Cash Barnes to create the historic lighting at the entrance to Candler Park. Receiving this first grant will help the Conservancy strengthen our relationship and credibility not only with Park Pride, but with other potential funding sources as well.

Bottom line: We're beginning to build our fundraising efforts, but large investments will take time and more relationship building.

### **Working with the Golf Course**

Over the years there has been concern about the future of the Candler Park golf course. The Conservancy and CPNO have been working together to increase our communication with the city around future management of the course moving forward. The City has told us that we're under a month-to-month contract with American Golf, and we will continue to communicate with the City as they determine the long-term provider for all of their golf courses.

A key goal of the Conservancy is to preserve the natural habitat around the park and particularly around the golf course. We have communicated clearly about no mow zones around the riparian corridor (i.e. beaver ponds and natural wetlands) with American Golf and continue to advocate for its preservation. Currently, the seventh tee has been an area of focus as well given the water moving closer to the golfing area. The Conservancy has been working with the City of Atlanta and a golf design expert to create a potential solution that will allow the natural habitat and also create a better golfing experience by moving the seventh tee. This solution is still being discussed with City and American Golf officials.

The Conservancy continues to communicate directly with John Wood of American Golf. The golf clubhouse continues to need support, and we are working to determine what makes the most sense moving forward in regard to potential short term projects.

Bottom line: The Conservancy continues to support the golf course and a way for it to work within the natural environment.

### **Plantings in the Park**

While the City of Atlanta provides routine maintenance in the park, the Conservancy looks for areas where plantings can provide both beautification and erosion control. Currently, the Conservancy is considering plantings that would help with erosion control around the slope at the parking area and field, the slope between Callan Circle and the tennis courts, and the slope between the tennis courts and the playground. In addition, we're working with Elise Cormier, a local landscape architect, on planting designs for the entry way of Candler Park. We hope to do both of these plantings in Fall 2016.

Bottom line: Plantings are a priority for the Conservancy and are a key tangible way to make a difference in the park.

### **Planning for our Future**

While the Conservancy considers short-term projects, we're eager to create a long-term plan that will allow us to better understand what success looks like and what is the best path to follow to create the vision the community has created for the park.

We're fortunate to be the recipient of pro bono services provided by Perkins and Will via the company's Social Responsibility Initiative Project. The project is a combination of a high-level vision plan for the park and fundraising collateral for associated improvement projects. It will build on early visioning and project identification by the Candler Park community and the board of the Conservancy.

The Conservancy has also contracted with Evident Impact to develop a strategic plan for the organization. The majority of our work has focused on potential programs within the park, but in order to sustain the Conservancy, we need to be thinking about an overall business plan. This will help us better understand board development, fundraising, evaluation and more.

The Conservancy board started with a group of 12 founding members, and we thank those individuals for their service who rotated off earlier this year – Katharine Connell and Charles Hooker. We have also added Corey Anderson, Dan Hanlon, Scott Lenhart, and Doug Wetzel as new board members.

Bottom line: The Conservancy is making sure we focus on defining what long-term success looks like.

The Candler Park Conservancy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to providing long-term solutions for Candler Park's natural environment and enhancements for the multiple uses of our visitors. Learn more and join us at our website at [www.candlerparkconservancy.org](http://www.candlerparkconservancy.org). Board meetings are open to the public, and we're always looking for more volunteers! Feel free to reach out by emailing [info@candlerparkconservancy.org](mailto:info@candlerparkconservancy.org).

# Arts, Crafts and Community in Candler Park

By Susan Rose, [editor@candlerpark.org](mailto:editor@candlerpark.org)

Sewing, painting, beading and collage assembling are just a few of the craft activities happening at the new Candler Park Collective on Iverson Street. Founded by Martina Morley, the Candler Park Collective aims to be a fun, creative community space appealing to neighbors from toddlers to senior citizens.

Located on the first floor in the rear of a two-story building, the space inspires creative play and art-making with a slew of organized bins containing inventive materials such as fabric, wires, yarn, paint, glue and wood. Natural light and colorful arts and crafts samples enhance the atmosphere further.

Growing up on an island in Maine, Morley began making things in her parents' studio. She says, "We just did a lot of art stuff growing up." In college, she concentrated on sculpture and some woodworking. She has spent many years as a personal assistant, nanny and house manager. Her dream is to build a stronger community of artists and makers, writers and more.

In February 2016, Morley began working on the space where neighbors can join together to explore their creative side. She wanted to design a place where people can gain a "deeper connection like the old sewing circle where you are in your art but connecting with others." A place for classes and workshops... a true community space.

Morley launched the Collective in May 2016 with a Cinco de Mayo open house, "a night of crafting and fun and cocktails and chat." Soon thereafter, she began hosting kid birthday parties tailored to the unique desire of the child. Recently, she planned a party with 17 kids involving three different craft projects. And, she organized a concurrent party for the parents to enjoy. Over the summer, she provided weekly day camps with themes such as "Found Objects and Assemblage", "Splatter and Splash" and "Lamps & Clocks & Robots."

Morley has plans to host a variety of adult-focused creative nights targeting different groups and crafts – ladies craft night, senior citizen art gatherings, and holiday-focused events such as a "Day of the Dead" party and costume-making workshops. The December holiday offering may include gift wrapping, cookie making, and kids' crafting hand-made gifts for family.

The space is also available for groups to use for their own workshops, parties and meetings. The Collective is seeking the donation of recyclable and reusable materials – anything for craft making – house paint, wood scraps, fabric, yarn, thread and leftover craft supplies.

To learn more, check out [candlerparkcollective.com](http://candlerparkcollective.com). To join the email list and for questions, email [candlerparkcollective@gmail.com](mailto:candlerparkcollective@gmail.com).



Photo credit: Susan Rose



Candler Park Collective founder Martina Morley and teacher Terry Coffey. Photo credit: Susan Rose



Photo credit: Terry Coffey



# Candler Park Teen Swims 5K to Raise Funds for Cancer Research

Emma Jones (13) of Candler Park joined teammates from Dekalb Aquatics Swim Team to participate in the Swim Across America Open Water 5K at Lake Lanier September 17. This event and others like it held across the country raise crucial funds for cancer research and eradication while promoting the sport of open water swimming. To date, the 2016 Atlanta Open Water Swim has raised \$396,229.14 toward its goal of \$400,000 to benefit the AFLAC Cancer and Blood Disorders Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Jones was among the younger competitors in the 5K swim, finishing in an hour, 16 minutes. She declared her first open water race "a lot harder than I thought it would be but a fun challenge." A highlight of the day for Jones was meeting her swimming hero, two-time Olympian Missy Franklin, who was on hand to sign autographs with other Olympians and also swam the 5K race.

Melissa Wilborn, Head Coach at Dekalb Aquatics, expressed pride in her swimmers for undertaking this challenge and raising money for cancer research: "We strive to instill in our athletes the value of giving back to the community in all aspects of life, and the drive and determination shown by these swimmers demonstrates exactly what our team values most."

Jones personally raised \$350 for the AFLAC center and swam in memory of her maternal grandfather, George W. Thurmond, MD, who died from lung cancer in 2008. Jones began swimming competitively for the Lake Claire Wahoo Swim Team when she was 5 years old and soon joined Dekalb Aquatics where she is beginning her 7th year. Jones is an 8th-grader at Woodward Academy.

For more information about the Swim Across America Initiatives and to donate to their causes, visit their website at [www.swimacrossamerica.org](http://www.swimacrossamerica.org).

Dekalb Aquatics (DAQ) is a non-profit, year-round, competitive swim team based at Agnes Scott which has served Metro Atlanta and DeKalb County swimmers for more than twenty years. The program prides itself on encouraging diversity participation in the sport of competitive swimming and in molding young people into outstanding citizens and world-class athletes. Visit [www.daqswim.com](http://www.daqswim.com) for additional information.

*Submitted as press release from Melissa Wilborn, Dekalb Aquatics Head Coach, and Melissa Thurmond, Communications.*



Jones (L) with DAQ teammates.  
Photo credit: Melissa Thurmond



(L-R) Emma Jones, Missy Franklin, Lindsay Schroeder after 5K swim. Photo credit: Melissa Thurmond

# What's in a Poll?

By Boyd Baker, Lake Claire resident

The streets are silent and dark. At 5:45 a.m. there is no one out except that one driven jogger with a headlamp. I'm walking down McLendon toward Epworth United Methodist Church, my polling place, where I'm about to experience my first election as a poll worker.

Let me back up a little. While voting in the fall of 2015, I asked a poll worker how I might get involved. I figured I'd try to skew the demographics of the stereotyped well-intentioned senior citizens who dominate election workers. Plus, I wanted to pull the curtain back a bit on our nation's proud institution of fairness and democracy. The poll worker gave me a contact name and number so I called and left a message. No word for a couple of months, if I remember correctly, and then a call out of the blue reached my cell phone. The voice said there was a training coming up, and if I was interested, I needed to attend.

On a beautiful spring Saturday morning, I found myself in an auditorium with many others - mostly seniors - and got an incredibly focused and insightful training on how to work an election. It's one of the few times in my personal or professional life that I was in awe of the presenter's style and complete control of the audience and subject. About an hour later, training was over. I was officially qualified to guide voters through the process of choosing who they want to rule their community, city, state, and country.

Now, my learning didn't end with this one group lesson. Once onsite at the polling place, there were little things that came up that really opened my eyes. Fortunately, my first tour of duty was not during a Presidential election but rather during a springtime, local election. There was much time to talk and ask questions and soak in how incredibly complex we've made what seems like a simple process from the outside. So, next time something seems "fishy" at the polls, know that there are all sorts of rules and regulations that poll workers must follow. Many of the rules are in place to try and reverse discriminatory practices from years ago or they address the problems from past elections being unfairly rigged by poll workers. Here are my recommendations and favorite lessons from my experience as a poll worker.

**Sign up to be a poll worker.** I believe that if everyone in a community volunteered at their own polling station, there would be much brighter conversations, much kinder words, and a general positive experience from voting. When voters come in and feel the workers aren't locals, then things can escalate pretty quickly when they shouldn't. A broken machine becomes a conspiracy. A short explanation becomes a lack of willingness to help. It's kind of like a class reunion when you see folks who moved down the street or their kids now go to another school.

**Ballots can be different, so READ YOURS.** In May, the Democratic, Independent, and Republican ballots were not identical. That really surprised me. It also made me realize that when someone says, "Oh there's only one item to vote on" that doesn't mean that your ballot will match up.

**If you want a personal voting guide, PRINT IT OUT.** You are not supposed to have your phone out at all. You're not supposed to take pictures of voters or ballots. And you can't use your phone to find that League of Women voter's "cheat sheet" so you know who/what to vote for.

**Kids can't vote.** Yes, it's great to bring your child to the polls and educate them but they can't vote for you. YOU are the voter. If THEY make a mistake, you pay the price. Kids can have a sticker for sure. Just make sure you keep their electro-needy hands away from your voting screen.

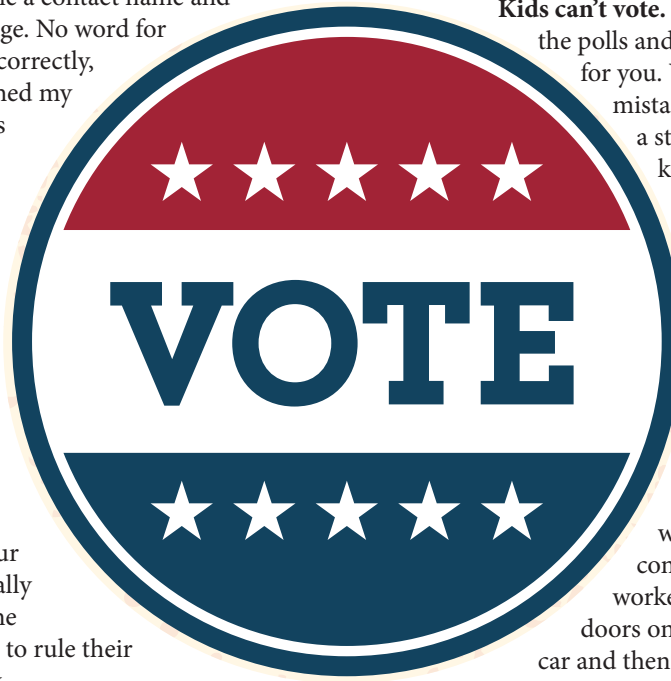
**Poll workers can't explain your info sheet or turn you away.** You know that first slip of paper you complete to provide your general info and what kind of id you'll be using. We can't judge if your id is valid. A superior knows all the types of valid id and they make the call. If you left your id in your car, we can't even tell you to go get it and come back. Obviously, some evil poll worker in the past must have locked the doors on a poor shlub who went back to their car and then never got to vote.

**Poll workers can't explain the ballot.** Because there was a time when folks couldn't read and poll workers lied when explaining a ballot issue I'm guessing, we can't answer your questions. Like an SAT test monitor we can repeat the words but that's it. Often folks just point to the wall where ballot is taped and say, "You just need to read the ballot." You pass many ballots taped to the wall when voting. Take a moment to read them before you get in the booth. Things will be much clearer. Trust me, we'd love to help but can't.

**Poll workers can't help you vote.** Taken one step further, we can't help the infirm, disabled, elderly, or non-native speaker vote. Again, because of corrupt poll workers of the past. If you need a translator, you must bring your own. If you can't read the ballot, you must bring your young nephew. Poll workers can't help.

**Those yellow ballot key cards are empty.** Folks think they can walk out with them and somehow keep their vote with them forever. Think of them as car keys. All they do is start the machine to take your vote. The machine has your vote. Please return them.

**More voters mean slower voting.** In the old days, it didn't matter because you punched a hole in a paper ballot. Now everything's connected to The System. Just like all your neighbors streaming Netflix at the same time, a full voting room goes slower





as machines jockey for bandwidth. Vote at an off hour of the day to maximize your speed.

**Non-partisan means NO PARTY, not both parties.**

Remember those different ballots I was talking about? If you register as “non-partisan” that doesn’t mean you get to vote for every candidate. It means you’re limited in who and what issues you can decide.

**Be sure about your polling place.** If you’re new to an area, I would go so far as to call ahead before Election Day and ask where you vote. It’s based on your street, not where all your friends vote. Some folks were re-routed to Epworth during Mary Lin Elementary’s renovation. In May, they reopened their doors to the election. That meant folks filled out paperwork and waited in Epworth lines only to be told they had to go just down the street to their polling station. No happiness comes from this error.

**Poll workers are good folks.** The day is very long and when it comes poll closing time, the workers are drained of just about every courteous smile and rational thought. They are not the same people who started the day and they’ve definitely been challenged by total strangers at times. Also, know that they do get paid. It’s around \$100. If the required 15+ hour workday where you can’t leave for meals or a quick nap tells you anything, it’s that we’re not doing it for the money. Please be kind to them. They work so you can be an integral part of our incredible country’s history... and future.



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# Candler Park crime reports

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

## 1500 block McLendon Ave

Aggravated assault – 7/17 Sun Eve. Park. Victim said he arrived for work and saw about 40 people in the pool. He looked in the book and there was \$35, which was not right. Later an employee approached him and accused him of taking \$140 from her purse. He said he had not touched her purse. She called her boyfriend. He showed up and confronted the victim with some cuss words and a derogatory name, (neither printable here) accusing victim he had taken money from his girl. The boyfriend went to his trunk and got a black gun, walked to his truck and drove off.

## 1400 block Benning Pl

Burglary – 7/23 Sat Eve. Nothing missing. Door panel broken. Witness said she was walking her dog about 5:10pm and saw a B/M walk off the victim's porch and get into a black Chevy Impala with black tinted windows and a temporary tag and drive off.

## 300 block Candler Park Dr

Burglary – 7/25 Mon Day. Upstairs door

to patio unlocked. Discovered by pet sitter. MacBook Air, MacBook, Wii console, WiFi extender, \$300 and spare car keys taken.

## 1200 block Euclid Ave

Larceny from auto – 7/29 Fri Eve. Street. Window shattered. Book bag, passport and Dell laptop taken.

## 500 block Page Ave

Auto theft – 7/25 Mon Eve. 2010 Silver Ford Ranger with GA tag.

## 500 block Candler Park Dr

Burglary – 8/4 Thurs Day. Golf course. Employee saw a B/M standing by the fence. When he approached the male got into a white Chrysler 200 and drove off. The same vehicle had been parked inside the fence earlier in the week and was told to leave. They claimed they were looking for a job. 2 weed eaters and a blower were taken.

## 300 block Josephine St

Auto theft – 8/5 Fri Day. 2013 Silver Honda Civic with GA tag.

## 300 block Moreland Ave

Burglary – 8/12 Sun Morn. Restaurant. Video shows a B/M walking with the item. Honda pressure washer and 2 pump hoses taken.

## 400 block Moreland Ave

Larceny from auto – 8/9 Tues Day. Parking lot. Door left unlocked. Laptop, briefcase, 12 checks, birth certificate and iPad mini taken.

## 200 block Elmira Pl

Larceny from auto – 8/18 Thurs Day. Parking lot. Window broken out. Laptop, text books and back pack taken.

## 300 block Elmira Pl

Larceny – 8/19 Fri Morn. Victim said his dogs were barking last night and in the morning hours. He went to see why. He noticed his orange Gary Fisher mountain bike was missing from his porch. He said the suspect left an old yellow bike against his tree in return for his bike.

## Grilled Lamb Chops with Garlic and Rosemary

### Ingredients:

Lamb chops (~3 per person)	Olive oil to lightly coat the chops
1 garlic clove per lamb chop, minced	Coarse Kosher salt
Fresh rosemary, chopped	Fresh cracked black pepper

### Preparation:

Mince the garlic. Chop the rosemary. Generously salt and pepper the chops. Rub the garlic and rosemary into the chops. Drizzle with olive oil and rub into chop.

Let rest at room temp for about 20 minutes. Start your grill. You'll cook these over high heat with the lid open on your grill. When the grill is hot, add the chops. Cook about 5 minutes per side for a total of about 10 minutes. Remove from the grill and let rest for about 5-10 minutes and then gobble them up. Don't be afraid to pick up and get every last bite off of the bones.

Remember that this cut of meat is the equivalent to a T-Bone steak. There is a bone shaped like a T that runs through it and on one side is the 'tenderloin' and the other side is the 'NY Strip' side. Enjoy both! They are very different.

## Recipe of the Month

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# CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for September

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

## **Safety- Lindy Kerr**

The Safety Committee will be holding its quarterly Block Captain meeting for Neighborhood Watch at 7pm on September 26, 2016 at First Existentialist Church.

If you live on North Avenue, Druid Place, Euclid Ave, Sterling, Benning, or Clifton Terrace and are interested in becoming a block captain for your street, please email Lindy at [safety@CPNO.org](mailto:safety@CPNO.org).

## **Freedom Park Conservancy- Carol Gregory**

Did you see Freedom Park in the Lantern Parade--Freedom Park Rising Star and our logo pulled on a wagon? Thank you to Steve Cushing, incoming President, and Stephanie Saxon, Secretary, for the lanterns and walking in the parade. Freedom Park board meeting is Sept. 20. If you have a small project idea for the board, please let me know. Carol Gregory [carolagreg@gmail.com](mailto:carolagreg@gmail.com)

## **Membership - Roger Bakeman**

Membership in CPNO as of September 12 was 450: 121 new members and 329 renewals from previous years. This approaches our year-end total for 2014 (476)

## **Zoning- Seth Eisenberg**


Due to a lack of pending applications, the September Zoning Committee Meeting was cancelled. The October Zoning Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Epworth Church, 1561 McLendon Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

## **Fall Fest-Ken Edelstein**

Fall Fest — Oct. 1-2 — is shaping up to be fantastic with many new features, as well as a new layout. Please volunteer to put in just a little time at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45aca62ea02-2016>. In exchange, you'll get a beautiful free t-shirt! As folks should know by now, we're closing McLendon Avenue right in front of the park. This is partly to protect the multipurpose field and partly to bring the festival into

the neighborhood. In addition to that "hard closing," there will be soft closings (locals only) on McLendon at Oakdale and at Clifton, as well as on Mell, Glendale and Brooks. This should reduce traffic and parking issues closer to the park. Our traffic/security contractor will also employ police as "floaters" to deal with traffic issues and emergencies should they occur. Among this year's highlights:

- Hot air balloon rides, launching late each afternoon from the field.
- An innovative musical lineup featuring tribute bands on Saturday and local bands on Sunday
- We're partnering with the Mary Lin PTA on the Fall Fest 5k, our new Fun Run (for young and old!), Linapalooza, bounce houses and a family friendly early opening on Saturday morning.
- More booths than ever: Around 200 great artists, sponsors and kids activities.
- The Tour of Homes will feature houses for both people and chickens!
- 12 carefully selected, high quality food trucks, and both Fox Bros. and Williamson Bros. BBQ!
- A wider selection than ever of craft, light and familiar beers. — Ken Edelstein



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~Patricia O., The Galloway School

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~Sara G., Springdale Park Elementary School

My son went from 8 to 12 on the SAT essay, and my daughter has increased from 540 to 710 in reading and from 500 to 730 in writing. I am so grateful for all you've done for my children!  
~Carol L., Emory University and The Lovett School

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# September 19 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 19 Members Meeting.*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Zaid Duwayri, President. The motion to adopt the agenda passed. New residents introduced themselves and made welcomed.

## Announcements:

- Thank you to MoJo Pizza and Pub for providing pizza for the meeting.
- Logo Merchandise- Wooden Medallions are for sale and will cost \$60. They are available on the website and at FallFest. Other items will be available soon.
- Susan Rose has been appointed as Editor of the Messenger.
- Coan Splash! Update: Final draft plans were exhibited and questions were answered by Earl Williamson. The motion to support the Coan Splash application to Park Pride for a Community Building Grant passed.
- Trees Atlanta will have a “Plant Atlanta” Day October 15 starting at 9 am. Sign up on the website. (Amy Stout)
- Mark Clement announced that 2500 people attended the last movie night of the season. He thanked all the sponsors.
- Yard signs for FallFest are available tonight.
- John Maximuk announced that Elmira Place will have a 6 month trial using temporary parking permits for the block.
- Wylde Center will have a plant sale at Mulberry Fields Sat and Sunday.
- Guided Angel at the corner of Oakdale and McLendon has re-opened this past weekend.
- Ken Edelstein announced the road closings for FallFest.
- Clinton Fundraiser 10/8

**Guest Speaker:** Lt. Floyd reported an incident at Candler and McLendon as a means of encouraging us to be aware of our surroundings. Crime stats remain down compared to last year.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Chris Fitzgerald reviewed the Profit and Loss sheet for this month. Have spent \$4100 less than budgeted.

**Candler Park Conservancy:** Ken Edelstein presented the Vision Projects and requested feedback from the neighbors.

**Infrastructure:** Zaid Duwayri reviewed previous efforts for getting the sidewalks repaired. Dana Fowle stated the three ways (layers) to approaching the repair of sidewalks: 1) Infrastructure Bond; 2) Use 311-does not work well; 3) Fund Raising. Jay Tribby, Assistant to Kwanza Hall, explained how

the Referendum money will be distributed. Community meeting is tentatively set for November.

## General Discussion:

Bylaw Amendments: Motion- “If the current Office holder reaches his or her three year limitation and the Nominating Committee cannot find a volunteer candidate for a Board position who meets the qualifications for running, then the current Office holder shall be eligible to extend their term by one year” passed.

Merchandise Funding: Motion- “CPNO to approve the allocation of \$2,000 from the Organization’s 2016 Budget for the purchase of merchandise that will feature the Candler Park logo for sale and/or distribution by the Organization.” passed.

FallFest Recognition-Motion to allocate \$500 to sponsor an appreciation dinner for the FallFest Committee passed.

The meeting was adjourned 9:15 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary  
September 19, 2016

## CPNO Membership Application

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## Optional contributions

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