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## Keeping our community safe this summer

By Zaid Duwayri

Hot long steamy days, kids splashing in the pool, fireworks and ice cream... yes, we're well into the summer by now. Unfortunately, with all the fun that summer brings, comes the undesirable uptick in crime. Traditionally, summer has been the season when we witness an increase in thefts from homes and vehicles. The reasons behind this trend have been explored and explained several times in the past and they mostly have to do with kids being out of school, people leaving windows open, etc. Our safety patrol has been contributing to lowering the number of incidents within Candler Park and Lake Claire and our officers are well aware of what this seasons brings. It never hurts to be reminded, however, that locking up your doors and windows, making sure your vehicle is clean of tempting items, and avoiding walking alone late at night are all few of what we personally could do to make sure we don't fall victim to opportunistic criminals.

The Candler Park neighborhood watch is alive and well. Our Safety Officer Lindy Kerr made a call for few block captain volunteers in our June meeting. Her report is this issue of the Messenger with more details. In addition, Lindy and the CPNO board have been discussing our broad safety goals. The first item that comes to mind when discussing our neighborhood safety is security, which as I mentioned above, is being actively addressed and worked on. Safety, however, extends beyond that to traffic safety, sidewalk

## PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

safety and safety within our homes. With our limited volunteer time, we attempt to address these aspects with the help of the members of the Infrastructure Committee... but we still need more help. The safety and security of Candler Park is our collective responsibility.

In our June meeting, Lexa King (of Euclid Av.) spoke of the unfortunate passing of her next door neighbor of an apparent heart attack. No one was aware of his passing until suspicious neighbors who have not seen him for a couple of days decided to check inside his residence. It is often forgotten that many of our neighbors live alone and in many cases they have limited mobility and access to immediate help. The story that Lexa discussed was a reminder to us that we have a moral responsibility to lend a helping hand to our neighbors and to be simply aware of their situation and needs. At CPNO, we are exploring ways to utilize the neighborhood watch infrastructure to help out in this matter, but -again- we need your help.

My ask is that you review Lindy's officer report and volunteer to help out by registering as a block captain or by volunteering your efforts to help us stay connected with our neighbors. If your block has a captain, please make sure that you know her/him.

Have a fun-filled summer!

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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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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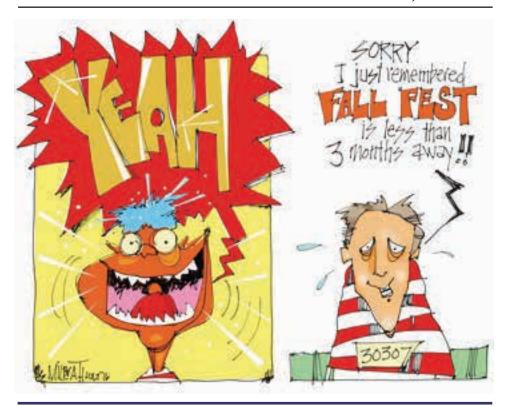
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July

11 CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, Epworth Church

Mulberry Fields Gone Wylde

CPNO Members
Meeting, 7 pm, 1st
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Candler Park
Conservancy Meeting,
7pm

In case of cancellations or changes, check CPNO's online Events at candlerpark.org. For meetings at Epworth, knock on door at street level to get in. All CPNO meetings are open to the public.

## Mulberry Fields Gone Wylde - A Summer Party

Mulberry Fields Gone Wylde is a celebration of summer and the new acquisition of Mulberry Fields as the Wylde Center's 5th garden.

Come out to Wylde Center - Mulberry Fields for this free annual event and hear great live music, enjoy local beers and beverages, savor delicious food from nearby establishments and give a shout to summertime! Kids will enjoy face painting and games, and there will be performances and entertainment for the whole family. Finish the evening off with a bonfire of Chick-a-billy revelry!

This event is free, and is offered as a gift to the community surrounding Mulberry Fields. It is also a fundraiser for the Wylde Center-Mulberry Fields which is located in Candler Park. Donations and memberships will be accepted during the event and will support the programs at Mulberry Fields. Join the party, grab a beer and stop by the Wylde Center table to learn more about how you can help this beautiful garden thrive.

July 16, 5pm-10pm Candler Park 1301 Iverson St NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

## Fiddler's Green

Fiddler's Green Coffeehouse presents Kevin "KalimbaMan" Spears and Mick Kinney & Friends Saturday, July 16 Kevin Spears is internationally acclaimed for his mastery of the electronic enhanced kalimba (African thumb piano). Mick Kinney is a roots music virtuoso widely celebrated for his guitar, fiddle, banjo and piano wizardry in various musical genres.

Presented by Atlanta Area Friends of Folk Music (AAFFM).

July 16, 8 pm New Church at Candler Park (formerly Epworth UMC)

1561 McLendon Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30307 Admission: \$10 general, \$8 AAFFM members.

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## **Proper mid-summer watering**

By Emily Taff

It's the middle of summer and our gardens are going gangbusters! Late spring rains and the burgeoning heat through June really got those vegetables happy, early spring growth spurts have settled shrubs into their new shapes and it has finally gotten hot enough for the grass to green up and fill in. Maybe it's just a bunch of weeds, but it sure looks lush! As we move into midsummer, your yard and garden will trundle along happily on their own but, even with rain, it will likely require a little mindful watering from us.

Follow these tips for watering your yard, whether you've got shady shrubs, an expanse of grass, or a bevy of tomatoes and beans.

## Water deeply and LESS frequently.

Vegetables and lawns alike do well with deep, less frequent waterings. Some plants even like the heat so much they need a drying out period in order to really work their magic. In your garden, water so that the soil is moist to at least six to eight inches deep — you want your plants' roots to reach deep into the soil. Frequent light watering is actually NOT good for your plants because it only wets the surface (despite appearances sometimes), encouraging roots to grow upwards to reach water where they will end up drying out more quickly. Keep an eye (or a finger) on the soil moisture of your containers and raised beds, if the soil does not feel damp below an inch or two it is time to water.

For lawns, unless you have new grass you're trying to get established, a good deep watering with a sprinkler once a week should be plenty.

As for your shrubs and trees, unless it's hasn't rained in weeks or they are new transplants, you shouldn't have to worry about them at all. Their roots are reaching much deeper than annuals and grasses.

## Concentrate water where it matters.

With the intent of watering deeply, standing over your garden with a spray nozzle is one of the least efficient methods of watering — not only is much of the water is allowed to evaporate before it even hits the ground, but all those droplets take longer to soak deeply in, meanwhile your arm is getting tired and the mosquitoes are getting to you! I often just use my thumb to control the water at the end of the hose or use a nozzle setting that produces less spray. Holding the hose closer to the surface of the ground ensures that more water gets where it matters – watering the leaves doesn't do the plants any favors.

If you have had the foresight to put in a soaker hose you'll want to leave it running until the water has reached a depth of 6-8 inches, check the depth of watering with a trowel. Because you usually have to leave them running longer, it's a good idea to attach a timer to soaker hoses.

## Water in the morning.

The absolute best time to water your garden is in the morning well before the sun reaches the yard. For lawns or areas where you're using a sprinkler, watering well before the sun hits the yard is particularly important as you want to leave plenty of time for the water to soak in before the sun starts to dry out the surface. Watering early will also give your plants the ability to better withstand the heat of the day.

Although it can be tempting to water our plants in the moment the heat is wilting them, watering during the heat of the day means significant losses to evaporation, and what does reach the ground stands little chance of soaking into that hot dry surface. You'll easily end up using more than twice as much water when the sun is high.

If a morning watering simply does not fit in your schedule (I water with my coffee in one hand), the second best time to water is in the late afternoon or evening, preferably when the sun is still up though no longer beating down directly on your yard. An after-work watering, gives the plants time to dry out a bit before night falls, which is important because wet leaves make good breeding grounds for fungus and diseases as well as attractive environments for garden pests. Watering directly into the ground will help minimize the wet environments too.

#### Containers need more water.

Plants in containers will need more watering as they get hotter and dry out more quickly, especially sitting in direct sunlight. Check the soil frequently to know what they need. Shielding containers themselves from too much direct sun will limit the speed at which the soil dries out and prevent plants' roots from getting too hot. Try bunching containers together or placing them among low growing plants or shrubs.

Finally, keep in mind that the heat and sun are not your plants' enemies! Most lawn grasses in Georgia really get going when it's hot, tomatoes are more abundant in the heat and actually need a good dry spell for the fruits to ripen. Giving your plants a good balance of water and sun (or attention and neglect) is what's important.

Check out the Farmers Almanac online for more tips on different vegetables specific watering needs: www.almanac.com/content/when-water-vegetables



## Mulberry Fields Garden joins the Wylde Center

By Jesse Bathrick

On July 1, Mulberry Fields Community Garden and Green Space will become Wylde Center- Mulberry Fields Garden. We are excited to share more about this partnership, how it came to be, and the wonderful resources Wylde Center brings to the garden and Candler Park.

The story really begins 25 years ago when Jesse Bathrick, a Candler Park resident since 1979, met Sally Wylde, resulting in a friendship that spanned similar interests in art, gardening and community building. In 1997, Sally Wylde and her husband, Britt Dean, started the Oakhurst Community Garden Project in Decatur. In 1999, Jesse and Dick Bathrick started Mulberry Fields Community Garden in Candler Park on an acre that neighbors, including Betsy Abrams and Matt Crowther, saved



Jesse Bathrick, Mulberry Fields Co-founder; Stephanie Van Parys, Executive Director Wylde Center; Mary Jane Leach, Mulberry Fields Site Coordinator

from development in 1993. You could say that these two gardens have grown up together.

Fast forward to 2013 and much has changed at both gardens. The Oakhurst Community Garden Project is now known as the Wylde Center named in honor of the late Sally Wylde. The Wylde Center manages not one, but four gardens including the original Oakhurst Garden in Decatur, Sugar Creek Garden and Herb Farm in Decatur, Hawk Hollow in Kirkwood (Atlanta), and the Edgewood Community Learning Garden (Atlanta). Mulberry Fields has grown into a cherished greenspace beloved by its community and plot holders. For these many years Jesse and Dick have been managing the daily operations of this community garden, including workdays, field trips, birthday parties and so much more. It was at a meeting about chickens several years ago that Jesse introduced the idea to Stephanie Van Parys, Executive Director of the Wylde Center, about passing on Mulberry Fields to the Wylde Center. Thus, the idea was born, and as any big concept, it takes time to think through what the end result might look like. A year ago, the conversation started in earnest, resulting in a decision to pass the management reins of Mulberry Fields to the Wylde Center. On July 1, 2016, Mulberry Fields will officially become the Wylde Center's fifth garden.

together and shared their thoughts about this partnership and what it means for Mulberry Fields.

JB What was it about Mulberry Fields that you thought it should be part of the Wylde Center?

**SVP** When you and I first spoke three years ago, the idea immediately made sense. The friendship between you and Sally and the efforts you both put into your respective gardens was one that I wanted to honor by making Mulberry Fields a sister garden to the Oakhurst Garden. I first visited Mulberry Fields when you were on a Georgia Organics farm tour back in the late 90's. I was impressed then and continue to be impressed by this oasis your group has created in the middle of the city. To have your garden join the Wylde Center's other gardens and to have a part in helping sustain its longevity is a decision based on a gut feeling that says, "we have to do this." Plus, we love being able to establish a relationship with the Candler Park community -really a neighbor to our homebase in Oakhurst.

JB As the word has gotten out about this new relationship, I have been asked many questions including how will this partnership affect the feel of this garden? Will it suddenly have an increase in visitors that may not necessary live in Candler Park?

**SVP** Mulberry Fields will be listed on our website along with our other gardens and is always open to the public. I think you will get new visitors who are curious about the space. However, the majority of the people who will be spending time at Mulberry Fields are those who live nearby and can walk over with a picnic or to visit with the goats. Mulberry Fields will be used for our education programs and those field trips will take place during the school day.

JB Yes, let's talk about education at Mulberry Fields. Will you share more detail?

**SVP** Sure! In addition to the Wylde Center managing five different gardens, we also have an extensive environmental education program which includes outreach to schools in Decatur and Atlanta covering science and farm to school topics as well as field trips to our gardens. Mulberry Fields is going to be a special and popular destination for field trips. We will encourage the local schools to take advantage of our fee-based field trips at Mulberry Fields as well as schools that come from a distance. Field trips are limited to 25 students at a time.

JB Another question I've been asked is what is staying the

**SVP** It is so important to us the that the welcoming and "let's explore nature" feeling you get at Mulberry Fields stays the same. It is an artsy, magical, intown oasis that we love and wouldn't change for any reason. Like the Wylde Center's other gardens, this garden will stay open to the public from dawn to dusk.

We don't have any major site changes in mind at the moment. What you will see in addition to the biannual plot holder workdays will be regular workdays with volunteers that sign up through Hands-on Atlanta. The children's play area will be tidied up. Perimeter areas that are overgrown will slowly transition to beds featuring plants that host our pollinators. Signage will be added. We will build on the already great infrastructure.

JB What will the Wylde Center bring to Mulberry Fields? **SVP** Very exciting is that Mulberry Fields will be managed by both JC Hines, our Greenspace Director, and Mary Jane Leach acting as the site coordinator to lead workdays, communicate with the plot holders and community, and manage day-to-day needs of the garden. Clint Thornton is our Public Programs Coordinator who will be the contact for birthday parties and other site rentals. He is also in charge of community events and right now is busy working with Mulberry Fields volunteers to plan the July 16 Mulberry Fields Gone Wylde. In the fall, Mulberry Fields will host a S'Mores for All, a very popular event we host at all of gardens. Sarah Dasher and Allison Ericson are the educators you will see working at the garden. Blair Keenan is our Development Director and she will be working with the Candler Park community to raise important funds to support our work at Mulberry Fields.

JB How can the Candler Park community support this transition?

**SVP** There are so many ways the community can support the Wylde Center coming to Candler Park and Mulberry Fields: continue to visit the garden with your friends and family; volunteer for a work day or join a committee; encourage your school to come on a field trip; celebrate your child's birthday at the garden; invest in the effort being made by the Wylde Center staff and Mulberry Fields' volunteers by donating to the Wylde Center. www.wyldecenter.org is the place to find out more information about all of these activities.

JB Will you talk a bit more about donating to the Wylde Center. Will these donations support Mulberry Fields?

**SVP** Certainly! All monies raised through Mulberry Fields are tax-deductible and will be used to directly support this beautiful garden. We are counting on several streams of income to support the garden and staff working on site. Income from field trips, site rentals, fundraisers and personal donations are all vital for



making this partnership work. We love it when a community invests in their local garden. A donation makes you a member of the Wylde Center and it also supports our work in Candler Park. We will have a donation table set up at the July 16 Mulberry Fields Gone Wylde event.

**SVP** What about you? Why are you excited about this partnership and Wylde Center's presence in Candler Park?

JB I believe that the Wylde Center and its staff will be able to take Mulberry Fields to the next level. The Candler Park community loves Mulberry Fields exactly how it is, but also wants more from the site. They want to bring their children for field trips or have their birthday parties there. Wylde Center offers the structure to make that all happen. With the Wylde Center, we have room to dream the future such as adding an environmental playscape, building a permanent bathroom, expanding the native and edible gardens, partnering with Master Gardeners, bringing in honey bees, etc.! I couldn't be more excited.

For more information about how to get involved, please visit www.wyldecenter.org.

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\$870,000 1280 Euclid Avenue NE - 05/10/2016

\$792,500 337 Candler Park Drive NE -05/02/2016

\$732,000 570 Candler Street NE - 05/25/2016

> \$624,233 1259 McLendon Avenue NE -06/02/2016

\$605,000 1341 Hooper Avenue - 04/25/2016

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Average sales price was \$592,500. Average value per Sq Ft \$281.22 Average days on market 13 days. Sellers are getting an average of 99.50% of list price to sales price. This indicates an extremely strong sellers market right now in CP.



## Real estate update

By Drew Jackson, Park Realty

## **READY TO SELL YOUR 100 YEAR OLD HOME? MAKE SURE YOU** ARE READY FOR THAT HOME INSPECTION.

Selling any home can be challenging, depending on the market. But if you have an older home, you may need to take some extra steps. A poor home inspection during the due diligence period of a purchase, can not only end a deal, but can also cost you extra money in repairs or price reductions from your original offer. You may also have to put your home back on the market and deal with the stigma of a buyer that withdrew due to an inspection.

The best way to prepare for selling your 100+ year old home is to purchase an inspection before you list. Use a reputable inspector and have them tell you and your listing agent what big ticket items or big red flags may come up during your future buyer's inspection. Once the inspection is complete, you can then choose to address certain items before listing, while others you may want to disclose to buyers beforehand. Either way, being armed with the information you need to address your buyer's concerns is your and your agent's greatest tool in closing a contract on your home.

Here are some of the big red flags that you may see on your home inspection report and that the buyer's agent will either advise their client to have repaired or ask for a price reduction.

## **CRAWL SPACE**

99% of crawl spaces in this area are Georgia Red Clay, which already scares many out of state buyers. Having a vapor barrier installed will be a "must" for all inspections and immediately sets a lot of buyer's minds at ease. You can also prepare for selling by fixing any areas that have standing water or unlevel ground where water could pool. You can do this by installing a sump pump or by sealing off water entryways. If standing water is noted on your report, be prepared for the possibility of mold and the need to remediate the mold to sell your home. An inspector will note all of these items on their a buyer's report.

#### **CORROSIVE WATER PIPES.**

Galvanized pipes are one of the most common items I see on inspection reports. For a quick test of an old house, turn on the hot water. If the pressure is low, the house probably has galvanized pipes that have corroded and plugged up. The hot-water pipes are the first to go. Many inspectors will suggest replacing the entire piping system when galvanized piping starts to go bad, but that is pricey, and homeowners can opt for the more economical fix by repairing only the pipe that is the immediate problem.

## **CLAY SEWER LINES**

Many of the older houses here in Atlanta have the original clay pipes that run from the street to the home. I cannot tell you how many of these pipes are partially collapsed, or blocked with tree roots. If you don't know if your sewer line has been replaced, it's time to find out. This is an expensive item to fix and you don't want to be caught unawares. Did you know the city of Atlanta has \$5 a month insurance for your pipe that will cover a large portion of the replacement? Having this insurance before you sell your home and repairing a broken line could mean the difference of thousands of dollars, depending on where your pipe runs under your property.

#### SAGGING FLOORS

It isn't an issue you wouldn't typically think about, but you'll find it in a lot of old homes. Sagging floors could just be character, but it's important to know if some of your floors need re-supporting. It's also important to know if you do have supports, whether or not they were temporary or permanent supports built to code. In some cases, your floors may not sag because they already have supports, but again, it is important to know whether or not they were installed to code.

## **MAJOR SYSTEMS**

Knowing the age of your major systems and their current working state (ie, heating, A/C, water heaters) is important as they can be used to renegotiate price after inspection. If your heater is 15 years old, the inspector is going to tell the buyer that this system will fail within a year or

two. Their realtor will then advise to factor that into the price of future repairs. Knowing what systems will need replacement in the near future will give you a clearer picture and your agent of how to price the home, or whether or not your want to replace one or more of these systems before listing. If you have older systems, be prepared to offer a home warranty to ease buyer's fears.

## **FAULTY, DANGEROUS OR OLD WIRING**

Well, here's the good news: If you're currently living in a house that is 100 years old, the wiring has probably been replaced from necessity. However if you do have original K&T (knob and tube) wiring, it's almost never in great working order and the inspector will note that on his report. Also, a not-so fun fact: Many insurance companies will not issue coverage on homes with K&T, which the buying agent will alert their client to.

Even if the K&T wiring is not active, removing all remnants of it is always a good idea as the inspector will note it and some buyers will be scared of it either way.

These are just a few of the major items I see come up again and again, but the good news is it's a seller's market right now. Arming yourself with great information and making decisions about repairs before entering into a contract can make the whole selling experience an easier and less stressful process.

Drew Jackson is owner and partner at Park Realty in Candler Park Village at 1651 Mclendon Ave NE.

## Now is the time to appeal your property value

By Andy Goldstein, Property Tax Consultant

This is the time of year when you have the opportunity to appeal your property value. The Dekalb County Tax Assessor's Office uses this value to determine your property tax bill. Whether your taxable value went up, down, or stayed the same, I recommend that you file a property value appeal.

The reason is this: The Tax Assessor's Office uses a mass appraisal approach in order to value all of the properties in the county. This means that they are using all of the sales in a neighborhood in order to value all of the homes in that neighborhood. Because Candler Park is a complex and diverse neighborhood where each home is unique, the mass appraisal approach can often produce values that are not fair and equitable.

If your value stayed the same as last year or even went down, don't assume that it is an accurate value. I have found the employees at the Tax Assessor's Office to be very friendly and helpful, but mass appraising Atlanta's intown neighborhoods is a difficult and challenging task.

There are other benefits to appealing your property value, but you have to know how to navigate the appeal process in order to benefit fully.

You can file an appeal on the following grounds

- 1. VALUE: You feel that your value is too high based on comparable sales
- 2. UNIFORMITY: You feel that your property is not being valued in a fair and equitable manner in comparison to your neighbors.
- 3. Taxability: You feel that your property should be exempt from paying property taxes. This usually does not apply to homeowners.
- 4. Denial of Homestead Exemption: You were denied Homestead Exemption.

In my 25 years in the property tax business, one thing holds true: People want to be treated fairly and equitably and they want to pay their fair share.

File an appeal and make sure your value is fair and equitable. The appeal deadline is approaching, so don't delay.



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## Candler Park crime reports, April 28 - June 1

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

## 300 block Moreland Ave

Larceny from auto – 5/13 Friday Evening. Parking lot. Window damaged. Laptop, Tika T3 and Tomson center black tire taken.

## 1600 block DeKalb Ave

Larceny – 5/10 Tuesday Day. Coffee shop. 2 suspects sat down at a table next one of the victims. Then both suspects got up and snatched both victims' computers, ran out and jumped into a gold color vehicle. Second victim reached into vehicle and struggled with the suspect over the computer. The driver then started pulling away and dragged the victim who had some cuts and bruises. A witness followed them but ended up losing them. The vehicle was stolen about 2 hours before the incident.

## 1600 block DeKalb Ave

Larceny – 5/12 Wednesday Evening. Victim said someone stole some copper pipes and damaged 2 windows at a construction site.

#### 1300 block McLendon Ave

Auto theft - 5/8 Sunday Day. Street. 1993 Gray 940 Volvo taken.

## 300 block Candler Park Dr

Burglary – 5/17 Tuesday Evening. Reporting party said that she had a friend over that she had not seen or spoken to in a while. Her friend came to the house for a little while and left a few minutes before she and the victim left. Reporting party said she dropped her friend off at the train station and came home. They were supposed to hang out later but the suspect's phone is going to voicemail. Xbox 1, Wii, 4 games, 2 controllers and MacBook Air taken.

## 1300 block DeKalb Ave

Burglary – 5/19 Thursday Evening. Front door kicked in. Bag with wallet, CDC ID, Blackberry cellphone, 2 Dell laptops, Canon camera and CDC issued mobile hotspot taken.

### 500 block Oakdale Rd

Auto theft – 5/16 Monday Day. 2012 White and black Bobcat T190 taken.

### 300 block Candler Park Dr

Larceny from auto – 5/24 Tuesday Day. Driveway. Doors left unlocked. Checkbook taken.

## 1600 block McLendon Ave

Larceny from auto – 5/26 Thursday Evening. Parking lot. Window busted out. Dell laptop, 2 iPads and MacBook Air taken.

### 300 block Mell Ave

Burglary 6/1 Wednesday Day. Sony Playstation, work bag, misc items. Victim advised the front windows on his truck were

rolled down and unsecured. When he returned to his truck he discovered a bag with his files, tape measure and business cards were missing. Victim witnessed a b/m exiting his home and quickly entering the white car. At which time the vehicle sped away. He attempted to halt the vehicle and physically fist punched the rear window- causing injury to his right hand(minor cuts and bruises). Suspects: a small 4-door white vehicle occupied by a b/m driver with dreaded hair

### 1500 block DeKalb Ave

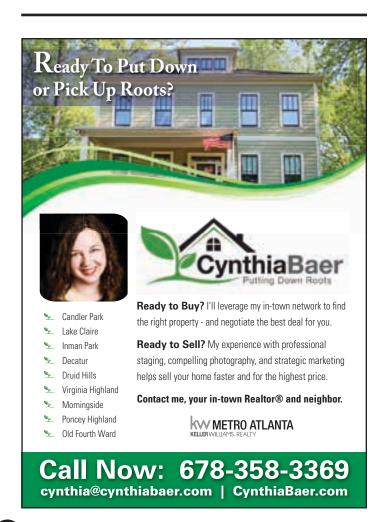
Larceny from auto – 5/31 Tuesday Evening. Street. Window busted in. Victim parked her car at 2:30pm and heard her car alarm go off at 7:30pm. 5 clothing items and 4 boxes of sculptures taken.

### 400 block Moreland Ave

Larceny from auto – 6/1 Wednesday Evening. Parking lot. Window busted. MacBook Pro taken.

#### 200 block Elmira Pl

Larceny from auto – 6/1 Wednesday Day. Street. Window broken. Laptop taken.



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

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

## **Public Safety-Lindy Kerr**

The safety committee met for a quarterly meeting on May 22. We discussed goals for the year, including trying to coordinate an evening of porch parties in the fall as a fun way for neighbors on the same street to get to know their block captain and each other better, planning an activity for

National Night Out on August 2, 2016, and ensuring every street in Candler Park has a block captain.

Regarding block captains, we have several streets without blocks captains and a few streets that are large enough that they are in need of more than one block captain. If you

live on one of the following streets and are interested in becoming a block captain, please contact me at Safety@ Candlerpark.org. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and give back to the community without a large time commitment:

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## June 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 July 18 Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Zaid Duwayri, President. Motion to adopt the agenda as displayed passed.

#### **Announcements:**

Fox Bros. provided food for the meeting tonight, Thank you.

Request made for contributions and /or content for the Messenger.

Little Five Points Arts Alive Update was given by Rachel Parish. Activity will utilize

Findley and Davis Plazas from 2-6 every weekend.

#### **Visitors:**

Lt. Floyd, Evening Commander for Beat 608, reported no increase in crime in the last 28 days. Most crime is now along the main streets: DeKalb Avenue, Moreland Ave, McLendon Ave, and Clifton Road. Lt. Floyd encouraged residents to have serial numbers for all items so if stolen the police can return items. Do not have to file police report in the Zone where

crime was committed. Welfare check does not require a request from a family member.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Chris Fitzgerald, Treasurer, reported the month's expenses and income. FallFest Sponsorships are beginning to arrive. Horizon Theater night brought in \$151.00.

## **Special Presentation:**

Lauren Welsh, External Affairs
Officer, introduced Jesse Bathrick
of Mulberry Fields. Mrs. Bathrick
reviewed the history of Mulberry Fields
and the importance of the impending
partnership with The Wylde Center.
Stephanie Van Parys, Executive Director
of the Wylde Center, emphasized
the function of the Wylde Center as
Conservation Easement of Green
Spaces in perpetuity. July 16th will be a
fundraiser, Mulberry Gone Wylde, for
the one acre community green space.

In addition individuals may donate to the Wylde Center with a designation to Mulberry Fields. The Wylde Center also has educational programs for school groups and private events within the garden spaces.

#### **Votes:**

Motion to support a sponsorship of \$500 for Mulberry Fields passed.

## **CPNO Merchandising:**

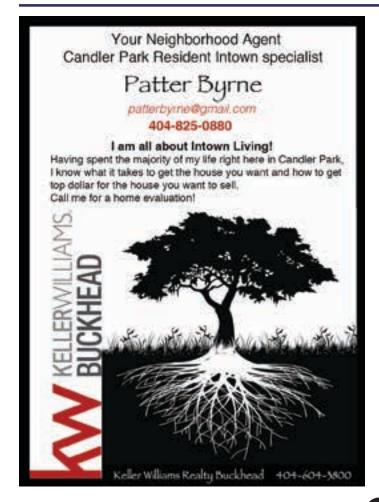
Motion to allocate \$500 for producing merchandise using the new logo with the proviso that ©TM is added to all merchandise passed.

Motion to approve the May minutes passed.

Motion to approve the June Officer Report passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary June 20, 2016







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