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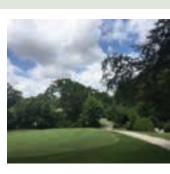
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# Ways to support the Candler Park community

By Zaid Duwayri

As you read this, we will be well into August and kids will be in their second week at school – I know, way too early! We will also be six weeks away from our biggest event of the year, the Candler Park Fall Fest (October 1st and 2nd). I mentioned Fall Fest in several of these columns in past issues and discussed the enormous effort that the Fall Fest committee has been investing in planning and fundraising activities. Many thanks to the great job this committee is doing.

As the date approaches, the tasks will multiply and the team will be looking for volunteers to help in the planning and operations of the festival. There will be a sign-up sheet come September, but if you know that you could dedicate few hours to help, please don't wait; reach out to fallfest@candlerpark.org to volunteer. In addition, this is a great time to reach out and check if any of our sponsorship spots are still available. This is a great way to promote your business and support your community – the email address to use for sponsorships is ffsponsors@candlerpark.org.

### Presidential Briefing

Changing topics... The CPNO board would like to seek the membership's feedback and input. With approximately two-thirds of the way into 2016, we would like to make sure that we communicate our readiness and desire for critical feedback. This will help us understand what we need to start, stop or continue doing for the balance of the year. You could choose to do by reaching out to me at president@candlerpark.org or to any of the board officers directly – email addresses published on page 3 of this issue.

One last request. Please consider contributing articles to the Messenger! If you, or a person in your household – young or old- has a passion for writing articles, stories, poems, etc., please contribute to the Messenger. Consider it your gateway to fame and recognition! Okay, that might be a stretch, but it is OUR publication, so let's keep it going strong.

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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.

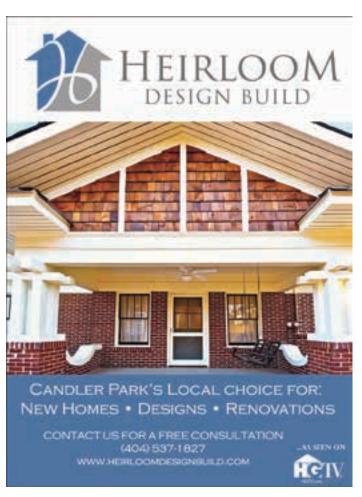
Find specific meeting information on page 1 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at www.candlerpark.org.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

CPNO membership is free to Candler Park residents, property owners and businesses. Membership must be renewed annually.

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### Dates To Remember

#### **AUGUST**

CPNO Zoning Meeting, 7 pm, The New Church (formerly Epworth)

CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, Epworth Church

**CPNO Members** Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Exist. Church

Candler Park Conservancy Meeting,

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.



### **CPNO** membership: What if you are a couple?

Are you part of a couple? Is there someone with whom you share an address and maybe (but not necessarily) a last name? When you joined CPNO, did you join with a compound first name like "Chris & Pat"? Or did each of you join separately? Or did only one of you

As it turns out, current couple members are evenly split: half joined with an "and" or "&" in the name, while for the other half, each joined separately. But no matter whether you joined with a compound name or each separately, both of you are members entitled to vote at membership meetings.

If you joined simply as yourself (as many do), can your partner still join? The answer is, yes, but with a caveat. With the current website, you cannot change a membership currently registered under a single name into a joint membership. So if you have already signed up as only yourself, your partner needs to join as a separate member.

There is a second caveat you need to know. The website requires that each member have a unique email address. So—as some of you have discovered—two people can't sign up separately using the same email address. If any of this presents problems in your particular case, let me know and I'll try to figure out a solution. Roger Bakeman

CPNO Membership Officer

### **BRIEFS**

### CPNO welcomes new members who have joined in the past four months

- Halaschek Family
- Wendy Fu
- Caroline Cloninger
- Amy and Van Jensen
- Walt Lowthian
- Carmen Emory
- Dan May
- Tiffany Zimniak
- Elisabeth Shackelford
- Jackie Baker
- Stokes Doster
- Lauren Parkerson
- Jeff and Johna Rogovin (moved from Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin)
- · Colin and Nicole Regan

- Kayla Rumpfeldt
- Ksenia Bocharova and Chris Ibarra
- Erica Webb
- Senia & Clarence Wilkins
- Melissa Bonnington
- Jonathan and Molly Cowles
- Jennifer Lee
- Bryan Walls
- Lee and Jason Lindsey
- Joanna Hodges
- Michelle Stagg Berreth
- John Cheng and Paul Craythorne
- Matt Granger
- Sierra Beck
- Clara Kwon and Joel Garten
- Carter & Mary Nicholson
- Erin Leymann
- Marni Ratner
- · Loren Anthony
- Janelle DeCosta
- Joe Coberly
- Chelsea Feuste

### Many thanks to those who contributed to CPNO these past four months

- The Candler Street Parker family
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- James Marshall
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### We Will Stop the Road

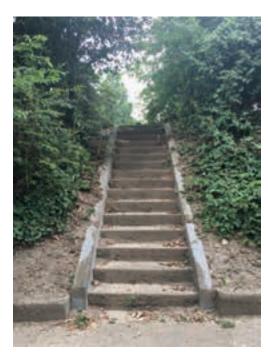
By Susan Rose

Imagine a four-lane elevated expressway originating in downtown Atlanta, going around the current site of the Carter Center, cutting across the dozens of acres of Freedom Park, traversing Goldsboro Park, snaking its way right next to the Mary Lin school auditorium, barreling across the "back 9" of Candler Park golf course and Lullwater Creek, and then veering left to dump into Ponce de Leon Avenue right through Olmsted's historic Shady Side Park. For Candler Park residents in the 1980s, this was a real and frightening possibility. However, residents across many intown neighborhoods united in protest and succeeded in blocking the expressway through legal and civil disobedience means over a 10-year period.

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the "Stop the Road" campaign victory, a public celebration is scheduled for Sunday, August 7 from 4:00 – 7:00 in the Olmstead Linear Park - Dellwood, featuring Honorary Chair, Congressman John Lewis. Along with relevant preservation groups that arose after the campaign, intown residents and "Stop the Road" activist groups will reunite and reminisce and educate new neighbors. Neighborhoods and groups that will be represented include Candler Park, Druid Hills, East Lake, Inman Park, Lake Claire, Poncey-Highland, Virginia Highlands, CAUTION, Freedom Park Conservancy, Olmsted Parks Society of Atlanta, and Roadbusters. The event will feature live music, a panel discussion, memorabilia, and tree climbing activities with Tree Climbers International.

### The Original Battle: The Stone **Mountain Freeway**

In the 1950s, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) began planning a series of highways that would cut through many historic neighborhoods in Atlanta. The original plan had GA 400 continuing south from its current end at I-85 and proceeding through Morningside, Virginia-Highlands, and Poncey-Highlands and intersecting with a proposed Stone Mountain Freeway at Copenhill, the current site of the Carter Center. The east-west Stone Mountain Freeway was planned

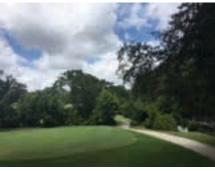


Remains of GDOT's use of eminent domain in 1960s

to originate downtown and run along the current Freedom Parkway, through Freedom Park, and then turn to run parallel to Ponce de Leon and Scott Boulevard until meeting the current Stone Mountain Freeway near North Dekalb Mall.

In the 1960s, GDOT began taking property through eminent domain and clearing land. (Eminent domain is a right of a government to take private property for public use.) Along North Avenue in Candler Park are some remaining stairs and driveway entrances from the residential properties destroyed by GDOT.

In the 1960s and early 1970s, neighborhood groups, such as the Morningside Lenox Park Association, formed and began a legal fight against the Stone Mountain Freeway. Inman Park residents became active in the fight especially since a small group of homeowners were beginning to rehabilitate the Victorian-era homes with a focus to move the neighborhood from dilapidated boarding houses to owner-occupied homes. The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization originated during this time also. In 1973, the federal DOT rejected the required environmental impact study of both highways deeming it as an underassessment of the highway's impact to intown neighborhoods. By the mid



A highway here?



1970s, GDOT was directed to remove the highways from its long term plan, and the cleared land was unused (except by nature) for a decade.

### The Presidential Parkway Reignites the Battle

In 1981, when former President Jimmy Carter chose Copenhill as the site for his Presidential Library and the Carter Center, he bought several acres of the land. In addition, GDOT offered to lease almost 30 additional acres on the condition that a 3 mile east-west expressway would be built. Carter garnered support for the highway from then Mayor Andrew Young, the Atlanta City Council and the Chamber of Commerce. The proposed "Presidential Parkway" would connect the new Carter Center to downtown Atlanta as well as to Druid Hills to the west and almost to Emory University.

Neighborhood activists quickly formed a strategic fight against the road. CAUTION (Citizens Against Unnecessary Thoroughfares In Older Neighborhoods) served as the legal entity. According to the Freedom Park Conservancy website, CAUTION spent more that \$600,000 in legal fees and received almost the same amount in pro bono services. Road

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Busters was the group that organized demonstrations and civil disobedience activities. They also scheduled elected leaders to speak at demonstrations, including Congressman John Lewis and former Congressman Ben Jones.

Candler Park resident Lexa King recalls, "Protesters were camping in tents in Shady Side Park along Ponce. I would take hard boiled eggs down to them in the morning and my two young kids would go with me."

A video on the Freedom Park Conservancy website shows people chaining themselves to trees, as well as climbing trees in an effort to prevent construction workers from cutting them down. Demonstrators with signs protested along the high traffic Ponce de Leon Avenue -- some protesters were arrested by the Atlanta police.

"People were laying down in front of bulldozers at Goldsboro Park which had pylons built for the bridges," said King.

The 1980s era video on the Freedom Park Conservancy website shows kids sledding on the Candler Park Golf Course, just as Candler Park kids do today. Three boys are asked how they feel about the Parkway and they say, "It stinks. I hate it. They shouldn't do it."

Candler Park resident Mark Clement, who grew up in the neighborhood, said, "I remember the passion of the activists and the sense of unity. Kids were buying and wearing their 'Stop the Road' shirts to school."

Through the 1980s there were starts and stops to the protests as lawsuits were won and lost. By 1991, only Carter and GDOT remained in support of the Presidential Parkway. The announcement of Atlanta hosting the 1996 Olympic Games forced a final decision. With input from CAUTION, Lt. Governor Pierre Howard and DOT Commissioner Wayne Shackleford reached a compromise resulting in the Freedom Parkway as it exists today. Candler Park and Druid Hills were the primary advocates for the road to end at Freedom Park; thus allowing the 'Great Park' vision to be realized.

"We were so united in the fight against the road," said King.

"Nobody wins against a government machine like that. And we won. And now we have a lot of green space that most inner city neighborhoods don't have."

"Seeing this as a kid instilled in me a strong sense of community," said Clement. "It showed how important it is to get involved, stay involved, and fight decisions that negatively affect our neighborhood."

An audio recording of Congressman John Lewis at one of the protests is part of the video on the Freedom Park Conservancy website. He motivated the crowd by saying "So, by being here today, you are making it plain and crystal clear that this is our land. And we will struggle. We will fight. And we will do whatever it takes to keep this land and pass it on to the next generation."

Many thanks to all Candler Park residents who fought the highways and preserved the beauty of the Candler Park neighborhood.







Ava Roseman (right), rising 3rd grader at Mary Lin and Early Smith (left), a rising 1st grader



Nai Abboushi, a rising 2nd grader at Mary LinCarol. Courtesy: The Cummings Family

### Mary Lin Elementary is Reaching for the Stars "Launching our first annual Mary Lin Rocket Fuel Fund"

Mary Lin Elementary, home of the Rockets, blasted off on August 3rd to start the 2016-2017 school year. Mary Lin serves approximately 500 families with 600+ students in the Lake Claire, Candler Park, Inman Park and Little 5 Points neighborhoods. Mary Lin was recently renovated to meet the needs of our growing student population, and more Candler Park residents than ever depend on Mary Lin to provide their children with a first-rate elementary education. Last year the Mary Lin Education Foundation, PTA, individual donors, and business sponsors united to fund a beautiful new playground that is being thoroughly enjoyed by our students.

Mary Lin seeks and relies on additional financial support from its parents and business community for such endeavors because it is one of six schools in APS which does not receive Title 1 funding (federal funds allocated to certain districts to improve the academic achievement of disadvantaged students.). We are of course fortunate to be in this position, but that does not obviate the need for a serious annual fundraising effort to cover both our long term educational goals and immediate needs in the classroom. Historically, the other schools in this category (Morningside and SPARK included) have been far more proactive in these efforts than Mary Lin - it's time we change that!

To be certain EVERY Lin student thrives in the classroom and EVERY



teacher has the necessary resources, the Mary Lin Education Foundation (MLEF) is launching our first annual giving campaign - the Rocket Fuel Fund! We ask our community to help "FILL THE FUEL TANK" so our Rockets can soar to galactic new heights!

### What IS the annual Rocket Fuel Fund?

The Rocket Fuel Fund is the one major "ask" this school year and will support professional development, curriculum enrichment, technology enhancements, and other necessary projects. Mary Lin's PTA will continue to lead successful, interactive fundraising efforts that center around family involvement and school spirit.

### How much do we need to help "FILL THE FUEL TANK"?

Every student at Mary Lin deserves the best resources available, and if we raise at

least \$135 per student for a total of \$85,000 we can ignite every Rocket's imagination and intellect to their fullest potential. However, not every parent can give this amount so we are offering a range of giving levels to encourage those who can give more to be as generous as possible. We offer meaningful benefits at each level, including a donor party for individuals who donate \$500 (the equivalent of one month of private Pre-K tuition) or more to the Rocket Fuel Fund. Your donation is a direct investment in our students' education and Mary Lin's success.

### How can I become a Rocket booster? What's in it for you or your business?

If you are a parent or other individual donor (relative, friend, neighbor), visit our website at www.marylinfoundation. org for all the details and donate today! Every donation counts, no matter the amount. The strength and success of our school promotes the quality of life in our neighborhood in addition to maintaining and increasing property values. If you are a local business owner, you too can make a difference and increase exposure for your business - a WIN, WIN! For more information, please visit the School Partner Program on our website. Your gifts will ensure that Mary Lin can continue to offer an education that celebrates inquiry, creativity and innovation. All donations are tax deductible.







### **Jewish Kids Groups Provides Experiential Education to Atlanta Students**

By Karen Isenberg Jones

The exponential growth of metro Atlanta's population has brought waves of new families planting roots in Atlanta's intown neighborhoods. While Atlanta has become a destination for business and tech incubators, it has also become one of the most wonderfully diverse cities of America, not just ethnically, but religiously, as well.

Jewish Kids Groups (JKG), Atlanta's only private Jewish Hebrew and Sunday school, caters to those diverse families seeking a unique Jewish education

for their children. Many JKG families are interfaith and the majority are not affiliated with a synagogue. JKG employs an innovative approach to Jewish learning, making Hebrew school fun and engaging -- much like a summer camp -- while maintaining exceptional content.

Ana Robbins, JKG Founder and Executive Director, remembers the underwhelming methods used in Hebrew school during her youth. To make up for her lack of excitement, it's said that she once glued a classmate to his seat during

her Hebrew school days.

All laughs aside, Ana recognized the importance of positive Jewish learning and the need for a fresh approach within the Atlanta community. Robbins founded JKG in 2012 with only 6 students.

Within just four years, JKG enrollment has skyrocketed to 200 students.

"We are thrilled by the growth we have seen over the past four years," said Robbins. "Thanks to our innovative and experiential programming and our

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enthusiastic educators, our enrollment has grown significantly. We are honored to be the choice for those families desiring to give their child(ren) a Jewish education," Robbins said.

JKG is profoundly changing the landscape of religious learning in Atlanta. In the past, families wanting to give their children a Jewish education had no choice but to join a synagogue. JKG is breaking the education barrier by providing opportunities for learning for those families not otherwise engaged in the Atlanta Jewish community.

"As an interfaith family we were, and remain, unaffiliated with any synagogue, and without a synagogue affiliation I was at a loss as to how I was going to ensure a Jewish education for our daughter," said JKG parent Rebecca McGinniss. "When I found JKG at VaHi Summerfest three years ago, I honestly thought that all of my prayers had been answered! I loved the fact that JKG used an interactive, fun and camp-like approach to learning about Judaism. I was ecstatic the curriculum included learning Hebrew. And I was comforted by the fact that my family would not be the only interfaith family in the group," said McGinniss.

Jewish Kids Groups' core programs include JKG Sunday, for students in preschool through 7th grade, and the Afterschool Community, for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade, as well JKG Jr. and School's Out Camp Days. All programs utilize creative activities and dynamic teaching in order to inspire students, teach Hebrew and Jewish history and celebrate Jewish holidays while building and nurturing friendships.

This Fall, JKG is piloting a new 6th and 7th grade B'Nai Mitzvah program. This unique and highly personalized program features a curriculum that's rich in hands-on learning, community service opportunities and values-based content and culminates in a group B'Nai Mitzvah celebration!

JKG has three locations in Greater Atlanta: JKG Sunday Intown in Old 4th Ward at 386 Pine Street, JKG Sunday Brookhaven at Congregation Or VeShalom at 1681 N. Druid Hills, and JKG Afterschool Community in Morningside at 1324 N. Highland Ave. All three locations feature JKG's brand of experiential and creative learning.

With JKG's continued success and growth in Atlanta, it anticipates record-breaking enrollment in 2016-17 and is exploring new program locations for the 2017-18 school year. Their growth is greatly due to the support and enthusiasm from their students' parents.

For more information on Jewish Kids Groups, contact them Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm (until 5:00 pm on Fridays) at 404-913-9554. For information regarding JKG Sunday or JKG Afterschool Community, email info@ jewishkidsgroups.com

### Movies are best experienced outside under the stars

By Mark Clement

Movies are best experienced outside under the stars, where families can nestle down with a picnic for a cinematic escape. Candler Park Flick-Nic will conclude our 2016 movie season this August and September-thanks to the Friends of Candler Park and Park Pride.

The Tenth Annual Candler Park Movie Night series is well-underway. We take off the summer months because it gets dark too late to get in a movie AND be out of the park by the 11:00 p.m. curfew. Besides, most folks are travelling for the summer so attendance tends to be a little sparse. We are now closing in on primetime outdoor movie viewing weather. Also, school is starting back up so more folks are in town and able to attend. We have scheduled the last three movies for August 6, August 20 and September 17.

**August 6** will be "The Great and Powerful Oz". This is the prequel to "The Wizard of Oz". This film does a great job of explaining all the mysteries from the Wizard of Oz, such as: Where did this guy Oz come from? What's the story behind the ruby slippers? Why was the Witch of the West all upset? All answered here!

**August 20** is "Big Hero Six". This film is set in a futuristic city called San Fransokyo. This film centers around Hiro Hamada, who, with his friends and his brother Tadashi's robot, Baymax, designed for healthcare-set off to save the city of San Fransokyo from a notorious villain.

**September 17** will be "McFarland USA". Based on a true story, this film follows novice runners from McFarland, CA, an



Movie nights in Candler Park

economically challenged town in the farm-rich Central Valley. The kids give their all to build a cross-country team under the direction of Coach Jim White (Kevin Costner), a newcomer to their predominantly Latino high school. This is an uplifting movie for young and old alike. Yes, I have seen it and enjoyed it as much as, if not more than my children...

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### Little Five Alive Kickoff Event at The Porter

By Carly Berg, Board Chair of Little Five Alive

We had a packed house at The Porter on Tuesday, July 19 to raise money for Little Five Alive. Thank you to all the neighbors and friends who came out to support this great cause for our community!

We'll be hosting more events as part of the Little Five Restaurants Alive series and we hope to see you all there. For an updated schedule of what's going on, or to get involved please visit littlefivealive.org and "like" us on Facebook:

https://m.facebook.com/littlefivealive/

Little Five Alive is a community organization made up of members from Candler Park, Inman Park and other surrounding neighborhoods with a mission to transform the public spaces in L5P to be brighter, safer and more attractive while continuing to showcase its unique creative spirit. Through the use of public art, community events and partnerships with the L5PBA, L5PCID, Park Pride and the City of Atlanta, we are heading towards creating a more fun and



safe community in L5P.

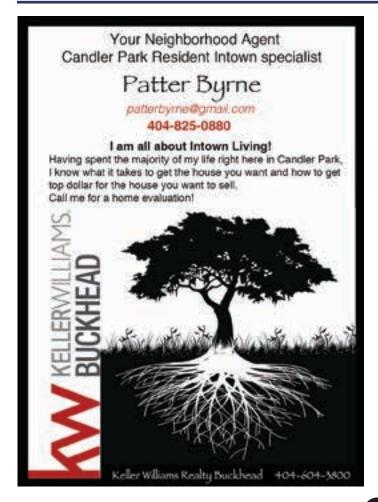
### Some other exciting initiatives in L5P:

• We're excited to debut the Little Five Alive official logo created by local artist, RLand. T Shirts and other merchandise will be available soon to help raise money for our various community driven initiatives.

- The Little Five Arts Alive program brings live entertainment and performances to Findley Plaza every Saturday and Sunday, including a new event on Saturdays from 1-3pm that will allow children to participate in a create and play workshop (featuring King of Pops!). Check Facebook for schedule details: https://www.facebook.com/littlefivepointsartsalive/
- The Moreland Ave Mural Project is working in partnership with Little Five Alive to curate the walls on Moreland Avenue leading up to the Dekalb Avenue underpass (on the north side). 20 female artists have been gathered to create the murals. Check Facebook for more details: https://www.facebook.com/morelandmuralproject/

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### **Fall Fest in Candler Park**

By Kelly Jackson

With summer already here, the planning for the 2016 Fall Fest in Candler Park is underway. One of Atlanta's most popular festivals, the two day event will take place on Saturday October 1st from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday October 2nd from noon until 9 p.m. This year's "Revival" theme promises old fashioned festival fun with a hyper local twist and a "small town heart in the big city."

"We want to provide a festival experience that directly aligns with the Candler Park spirit," says Drew Jackson, head of fundraising with The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO). "That means emphasizing local businesses and music while playing to the proximity and ties we have to the heart of the city. We are seeing a revival of "city living" and Candler Park is one neighborhood in Atlanta that is truly at the heart of that. You can stroll through tree-lined streets and know all your neighbors but still easily hop on Marta or bike and walk to some of the best attractions of the city. Atlanta is a city that truly allows you to "have it all" and we want festival visitors to see what "city living" can be, while experience the amazing talents that this city has to offer.

This year the CPNO decided to expand the festival beyond its usual location in Candler Park. Throughout the weekend, a few blocks adjacent to the park, on McLendon Ave. will be blocked off. The expanded area provides more space for attendees to stroll around, visit and get to know the retail area of Candler Park. It also provides more space for this year's Artist's Market that will feature more than two hundred booths. Sponsored by Indie Craft Experience (ICE) http://www.iceatlanta.com, whose home studio is located in Candler Park, the market will feature hand-picked and highly curated local indie craft and vintage art vendors and many of Atlanta's own fine artists.

This year's music offerings will also focus on "revival" and "local." Saturday will feature tribute bands playing the music of popular throwback groups like Fleetwood Mac, Devo, Beatles, Nirvana, Bowie, Clash and the Doors. Sunday will feature only local bands including: Ex Wives, Rocket 88, Deja Blue Grass, Cassanovas and Bumpin the Mango. This year's biggest musical draw with be Atlanta's own "Queen of the Blues," Francine Reed. Her appearance at the festival will be her only local show in Atlanta for 2016. Festival planners urge fans to get to the festival early to see the legendary

Kidlandia will also stay with this year's theme providing fun and entertainment for festivalgoing children and their grown-ups. Evoking a feeling from yesteryear, the area will provide a carnival style atmosphere with live shows, roving entertainers, and sweet treats. Thanks to the generous support and sponsorship of Edgewood Retail District, the entrance, and all shows in Kidlandia will be free.

This year's festival food will be a salute to local as well with the food trucks Atlanta's foodies love to follow and support. Featured food offerings will include trucks from 5 Finger Philly, Blaxican, Tex's Tacos, The Fry Guy, Urban Taali, Field Dog Kitchen, The Muenster Truck, Mix'd Up, King of Pops, Hutchinson's Finest Biscuits, Queen of Cream, Cult Carts and many more! Participating trucks will be added to the festival website www.fallfest.candlerpark. org on an ongoing basis.

This year's Annual Tour of Homes (Oct 1st from 12-6pm) will also offer a unique twist. Not only will it feature restored historic homes, it will also feature several BACKYARD FARMS, CHICKEN COOPS, and other imaginative and enchanting garden spaces with an emphasis on urban farming. You can find tickets available for pre-sale on the Fall Fest website or directly at EventBrite. https://www.eventbrite. com/e/fall-fest-in-candler-park-tour-ofhomes-tickets-26358003498

Each year, Fall Fest in Candler Park also features a 5K Run sponsored by Piedmont



Hot air balloon rides will be available at this year's Fall Fest

Healthcare and a 1 Mile Fun Run (or walk). Registration is currently open on the festival website and individuals. businesses and entire families are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. More information about the races along with registration links can be found here http://fallfest.candlerpark.org/races/.

Last, but not least, returning to the origins of the one of the first Candler Park Neighborhood Festivals in 1979, we will be offering hot air balloon rides on Saturday and Sunday thanks to our sponsor Uncle Bob's Self-Storage. Tickets will be available on-site and are first come, first serve.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for those looking to support this year's Fall Fest in Candler Park. Details on sponsorship and all other event activities can be found on the website www.fallfest. candlerpark.org.

Social Media accounts include: Instagram @FallFestinCandlerPark, Twitter https://twitter.com/FallFestATL and Facebook http://www.facebook.com/ FallFestCandlerPark/

### **Updating our plans with the City of Atlanta**

By Lauren Welsh, CPNO external affairs officer and NPU-N representative

Every five years, the City of Atlanta works with neighborhoods and the NPU system to update what's called the Comprehensive Development Plan, or CDP. This plan takes into account all of the ideas and policies that are currently embraced by individual neighborhoods to guide the city's future growth.

Candler Park Neighborhood Organization participates in this planning process by updating our policies through the NPU. Our last update was in 2011, and working with our Zoning Committee, we have determined that all of those policies (listed below) will still stand.

Since the last CDP update, CPNO has participated in a master plan, so we have made sure that full document is included in the city's plan for growth moving forward. We also chose to add a policy specifically around the ramp intersections at Moreland and Dekalb Avenues with the hope that we can change that design to better connect Candler Park and Inman Park.

If you're interested in learning more about the CDP or any of the city's planning processes, please visit the City of Atlanta website or attend an upcoming NPU meeting, always the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Little Five Points Community Center.

#### 2016 CDP Policies for Candler Park

- [NEW 2016] All recommendations of Candler Park Master Plan should be implemented.
- [NEW 2016] Support funding for a feasibility study to examine the appropriateness of roundabouts at the Dekalb/ Austin/Dekalb Avenue Ramp Intersections and reconstruction of the Off Ramps connecting DeKalb Avenue with Moreland Avenue.
- Preserve the single-family residential character of the Candler Park neighborhood
- Promote the rezoning of non-residential properties fronting on DeKalb Avenue from Moreland Avenue to Clifton to

Neighborhood Commercial or a quality of life zoning district in order to encourage destination oriented and pedestrian friendly activity through mixed use development.

- Support funding for a study of the impact of a road diet on DeKalb Avenue turning the reversible lane into a left turn lane.
- Support greater density around the Candler Park MARTA Station
- Maintain and improve existing green space in Candler, Iverson and Freedom Parks.
- Support the current RG-2 zoning and low density residential land use for properties located at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Goldsboro Road.
- Support the continued naturalization of the creek in Candler Park.
- Support the continued construction of walking/bike trails with emphasis on connecting Candler Park Neighborhood with the Atlanta BeltLine.
- Support the continued development of NC-1 properties that would promote pedestrian safety.
- Support traffic calming measures that create safe bicycle lanes
- Support reinstatement of funding for the L5P Police miniprecinct.
- Support funding for the rehabilitation of Atlanta Fire Station #12 on DeKalb Avenue.
- Support funding for public art in Freedom Park.
- Support findings and recommendations from the DeKalb Avenue Corridor
- Study created in 1990 and the Little 5 Points Study created in 1992.
- Support the recommendations of the Ponce de Leon Moreland Avenue North
- LCI study as approved by the City.



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### Candler Park crime reports, June 13 - June 26

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

#### 1200 block Druid Pl

Larceny from auto – 6/13 Monday Evening. Street. Window busted out. Victim said he parked his vehicle at 8pm and returned at 8:45. \$80 cash, DL and 2 debit-credit cards taken.

#### 300 block Moreland Ave

Larceny – 6/16 Thursday Morning. Victim said that around 3:30 that someone came into the bar and stole about 6 bottles of liquor while his cleaning crew was there.

### 1600 block DeKalb Ave

Larceny – 6/16 Thursday Day. Victim said she was in the back room with a client around 12:20 when a B/M 5'6" to 5'8" wearing all black with a black book bag came into her business. He came in through the bathroom side door and gained access to the back office where her purse was discovered missing. Tumi bag, Hobo wallet, DL and credit card taken.

### 400 block Moreland Ave

Larceny from auto -6/21 Tuesday Morning. Parking lot. Window damaged. Backpack, books, medication, headphones and Dell charger taken.

### 500 block Candler Park Dr

Larceny from auto -6/24 Wednesday Day. Street. Windows of victim's truck were rolled down. Bag with paperwork taken. Victim arrived home and discovered his home being burglarized.

#### 400 block Moreland Ave

Larceny – 6/24 Tuesday Evening. Residence. Suspect is seen entering through the rear door of the office and taking the dark green Specialized Tri-Cross bicycle from the rear balcony. It was not locked or chained and the rear door was unlocked as well. Video footage shows the suspect wearing a cap with "LA" on it, a T-shirt, dark colored pants and backpack.

#### 1200 block North Ave

Burglary – 6/28 Tuesday Day. Victim noticed the items missing from his garage. He possibly left the garage door up. Epic specialized bike, Toro leaf blower and Giro bike helmet taken.

### 1500 block McLendon Ave

Burglary – 6/30 Thursday Day. Candler Park Pool. No forced entry. Previous damage existed to the safe from a theft that occurred on 6/28/2016. Safe can be opened by a key code. Half of the code is known to 4 managers and half is known to the other 4 managers. \$68 cash taken.

#### 500 block Candler Park Dr

Larceny from auto – 6/26 Sunday Evening. Parked at Candler Park. License plate taken.

### 1500 block McLendon Ave

Larceny – 6/26 Sunday Evening. \$50 cash, modem stick. Acer computer tower and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) taken. Doors at the location can be opened with a door lock combination. City of Atlanta recently switched and hired a new subcontractor and some of the previous employees' contracts were not renewed.

As a reminder: Crime reports are from Zone 6 and list those only from Candler Park and more violent ones robbery close by. Some lesser ones, like larceny, are also close by. Purses and cellphones are taken in restaurants and bars in the area quite often. Just because you leave with your purse does not mean someone did not take something out of it -- you may not know until later that night or the next day. So if you get up from your table or barstool, take your valuables with you or keep them in sight even if you are only going to be gone for "just a second".



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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

### Freedom Park Conservancy- Carol Gregory

The Freedom Park Conservancy board met on July 12. Freedom Park will part of the Stop the Road celebration on Aug 7 in Olmsted Park and at the Farmer's Market at the Carter Center on July 22. Stop by and meet the board members that are volunteering at each event. We would like to hear your questions and comments about Freedom Park.

### **Zoning-Seth Eisenberg**

The Zoning Committee meeting took place on July 6, 2016. There were two applications pending for consideration as follows:

1240 Euclid Avenue - U-16-015 - The Applicant appeared seeking to amend the conditions of an existing Special Use Permit granted in 2011 to accommodate a temporary classroom facility. The Application requested three specific amendments to the 2011 Special Use Permit:

Amendment Request No. 1 - Change the school name to International Montessori Academy

Amendment Request No. 2 -Remove the duration limit of the Special Use Permit to allow perpetual operation of the school at 1240 Euclid Avenue

Amendment Request No. 3 - Install a pre-assembled classroom building on the subject property.

The discussion focused on Requests 2 and 3. Specifically, the Committee questioned the timing of a proposed Master Plan for the school's future and how long the temporary structure would be needed. The Committee expressed concern about removing the duration limit of the Special Use Permit because it would remove accountability for the development of a Master Plan.

The Zoning Committee passed the following motion: Motion to Support the Approval of U-16-015 with the conditions that (1) the Project be built in specific accordance with the site plan dated 5/24/16 SUP Amendment filed with the City of Atlanta; (2) the extension of the special use permit and approval of the amendments requested in U-16-015 is limited in duration to no more than three (3) years, at the expiration of three years a resubmission will be necessary for review to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and NPU-N for review, approval, and recommendation; (3) certified mailings be sent to property owners of properties located at 1209-1237 Euclid Avenue by no later than July 8 (10 days in advance of July 18 hearing) with proof of mailings provided to Zoning Committee Chair; and (4) the Applicant must appear before the NPU-N before appearing before the ZRB in August.

- The Applicants appeared seeking a special exception from the zoning ordinance to allow a 6 ft. privacy fence in the required half-depth front yard where only a 4 ft. fence is allowed. The Committee questioned the safety, security and precedent at risk given the application request for a six foot privacy fence. The Applicants expressed a willingness to modify the design of the fence to accommodate a two ft. lattice design allowing for more openness while maintaining the security for their dogs. The Zoning Committee did vote to support the application as follows: Motion to support the approval of Special Exception Application V-16-145 for 1280 Euclid Avenue with the following conditions (1) the project be built according to measurement specifications and design demonstrated in the open spindle fence design image as presented in the Spindle Lattice drawing with a specification that the overall height from grade shall not exceed six feet; (2) the Spindle Lattice drawing be filed with the City of Atlanta and incorporated as a part of the Application on file with the City; and (3) that the Applicants appear before the NPU-N for a vote before appearing at the BZA hearing.

1280 Euclid Avenue - V-16-145











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### July 18 CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the August 15 Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Zaid Duwayri, President. New members and residents were welcomed. The agenda was adopted as displayed.

#### Announcements

Lt. Floyd, APD, reported a 61% decrease in crime compared to the same 30 day period last year. Major Peek, Commander of Beat 608, introduced himself.:

Thank you to Fox Bros. for providing the food for tonight's dinner.

Porch Party is July 23 at Palascinta Crepes, corner of Oakdale and McLendon.

Tour of Homes needs homes.

FallFest 2016 will be Oct 1 and 2; needs volunteers.

"Stop the Road" Celebration is Sunday, August 7, 4-7 pm.

### **Treasurer Report**

Chris Fitzgerald reported financial status for the last month.

#### **Discussion and Votes**

Commercial Development Plan (CDP) is updated every 5 years. CPNO must make sure that all the recommendations from the Master Plan are included. In addition there are two other recommendations to be added: All recommendations of Candler Park Master Plan should be implemented. Support funding for a feasibility study to examine the appropriateness of roundabouts at the Dekalb/Austin/Dekalb Avenue Ramp Intersections and reconstruction of the Off Ramps connecting DeKalb Avenue with Moreland Avenue.

"Stop the Road" Celebration: Lexa King represented CPNO at planning meetings. Motion to donate \$500 for "Stop the Road" Celebration passed.

Wrecking Bar representative, Bob Standage, reviewed the brewpub ordinance changes in regard to 'growlers'.

NPU-N Bylaws: Motion to support the NPU-N Bylaws passed.

### Zoning

Seth Eisenberg reported on zoning.

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grade shall not exceed six feet; (2) the Spindle Lattice drawing be filed with the City of Atlanta and incorporated as a part of the Application on file with the City; and (3) that the Applicants appear before the NPU-N for a vote before appearing at the BZA hearing passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary July 18, 2016

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### **Business applicants**

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### Cucumber Bites

### Ingredients:

4 cucumbers

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3 roma tomatoes, seeded and diced

½ c. chopped kalamata olives

3 T. fresh oregano, chopped

1 T. paprika

### Preparation:

Cut cucumbers into ½ inch thick slices. Carefully scoop out most of the seeds, making a well in each slice. Be sure not to make a complete hole. Mix together next 5 ingredients. Fill each cucumber slice with about a 1 tsp. of hummus/feta filling. Garnish with paprika.

**NOTE:** Cucumbers can get watery. You want to serve this appetizer within a couple of hours of preparing it.

### Recipe of the Month

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