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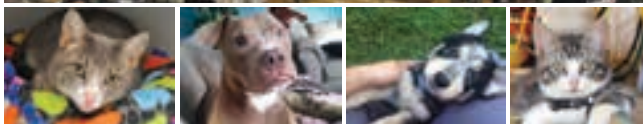


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CPNO Launches Large Scale Sidewalk Repair Program

By Dana Fowle, president@candlerpark.org



Repaired sidewalks stretch out along Candler Park streets that see the most pedestrian traffic. Down Oakdale Road, McLendon and Euclid avenues and parts of Candler Park Drive, once crumbled and broken sidewalks, are now smooth and, most importantly, safer for walking to local businesses, to school and to MARTA.

A \$400,000 influx of cash from the city's Renew Atlanta Infrastructure Bond's discretionary fund got a more walkable Candler Park started. But there's more.

CPNO's infrastructure committee, co-chaired by volunteer neighbors, Silvia Medrano-Edelstein and Marcie Morse Dailey, are launching a partnership between the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and homeowners to repair more of our sidewalks.

Several nearby neighborhoods successfully introduced similar efforts that helped community members get their walkways repaired for the lowest price. The more neighbors on your street who sign up, the lower the cost will be. What's more, CPNO will manage the project by working as the liaison between our city-assigned project manager and the contractor.

It's exciting, but it can't be accomplished without a robust list of

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volunteers. The good news is we are well on our way. Our safety committee already has many block captains on call who reach out to their neighbors to relay important community information. But there are gaps in the list we need to fill.

Be ready to open your door, to answer an email or to pick up the phone as Silvia and Marcie will be in touch with many of you to ask if you can help us make this the same successful program we have seen in Inman Park, Ansley Park, Virginia-Highland and Peachtree Hills.

Good sidewalks are an important part of a livable community. Too frequently joggers, strollers, walkers and handicapped residents are darting into the street to avoid uneven surfaces and trip hazards. These are dangerous, not to mention unattractive, and they can be a liability. Passable, ADA-compliant sidewalks can not only prevent injuries but also enhance property values.

It's an ambitious plan. We're both nervous and excited. But we feel sure that once walkable sidewalks are accomplished, they will be a great point of pride for Candler Park.

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 The Neighborhood 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 6 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at www.candlerpark.org.

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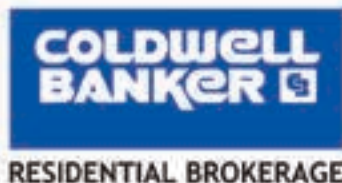
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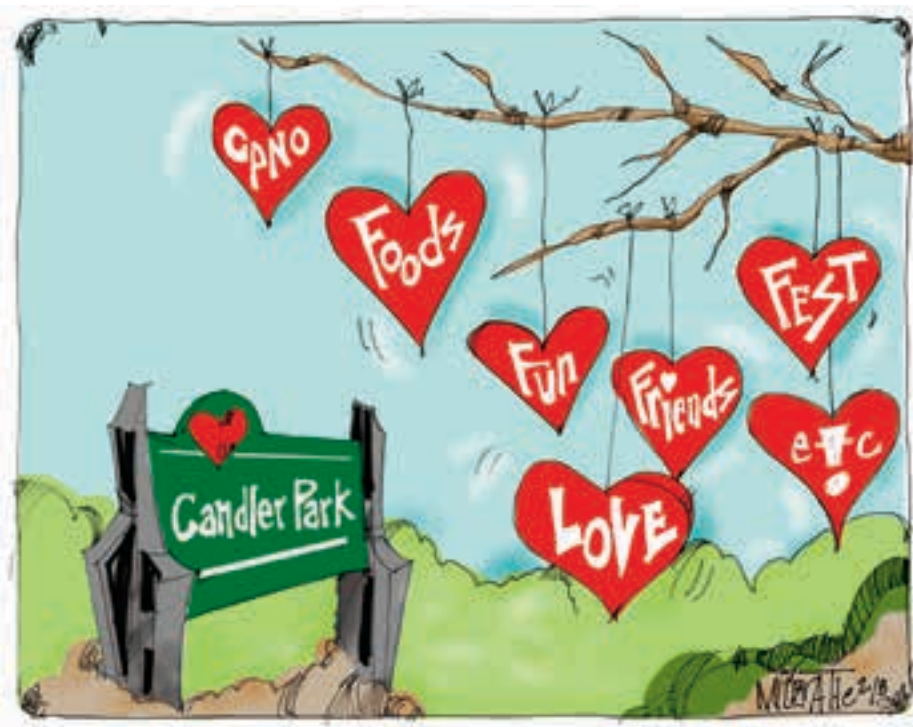
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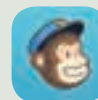
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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 7** CPNO Zoning Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church
- 12** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church
- 19** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 21** Safety Presentation, 1st Existentialist Church

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.



Volunteer

To volunteer to help make Candler Park more walkable, contact Silvia Medrano-Edelstein or Marcie Morse Daily at sidewalks@candlerpark.org.



Candler Park Commercial: Signs of the Times?

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

Hey, mom, I'm going to the store. Where, dear? Oh, you know, the ... Well, what do we call the business district on McLendon at Clifton? Commonly agreed upon terms have force, help us mark a place, give it recognition. Two examples. We agree the neighborhood is called Candler Park. That makes it easy to establish signs and markers saying Candler Park at major entry points to our neighborhood—an idea people are thinking about and working on at the moment. We agree it is called Fall Fest. That makes it easy to hang banners from utility poles a month or two before Fall fest—another idea people are thinking about and working on at the moment.

And, if we agreed on what to call the McLendon at Clifton business district, we could have neat signs there too. When I ask people what it's called, I get different responses. And when I repeat some of those responses, some are met with comments like, "Oh, no, we would never call it that." Clearly there's no consensus. Little Five Points has its name; shouldn't we?

Agreeing that business owners should have a major voice, what would you like to see it called? Email me at communications@candlerpark.org. I'll try to look for any emerging consensus.

CPNO Welcomes New Members

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

CPNO welcomes new members (some of whom are old members re-joining)

Annika Kappenstein
Jeremy Merrill
Ashley Rogover
Ben and Briana Krieger
Elizabeth Tolmach
Carole and Robert Craig

And thanks new and renewing members for their contribution to CPNO:

Ryan Greene
Cliff and Linda Green
Elizabeth Tolmach
Nancy Porteous
Carole and Robert Craig
...and others who wished to remain anonymous

Magnifying ATL311 for Best Results

By Dana Fowle, president@candlerpark.org

When you have a problem and need a city service, sometimes it's hard to know who to call. And when you do call, often it takes days, sometimes weeks, to find out who can really handle your issue.

This is precisely why three years ago the City of Atlanta launched ATL311, a one-stop city hotline service. You simply dial 311 or click a link at www.atl311.com to reach a customer service center where they will get your request in the right hands.

Many of you have already used ATL311 to report a downed tree, missed garbage collection or maybe to establish a new water line. And it's important to use this system because the city collects the data and tracks neighborhood trends for future funding and budgeting.

But, the system can be used for more than fixing individual problems. It's also a tool that can be used to bring attention our way. This is why your Candler Park Neighborhood Organization has started the 311 Magnifier program as a companion to our sidewalk repair initiative.



The infrastructure committee is working with the city in an upcoming door-to-door campaign to offer to help you get those crumbling and broken sidewalks fixed. But sometimes something just gets in the way of this progress – and that is a tree. Yes, you've seen the 150-year-old tree roots that have lifted the concrete creating tripping hazards.

Here's what you may not know:

If that old tree is planted street side, it's the city's responsibility to either remove it or to repair the surrounding sidewalk. But sometimes one lone voice requesting this repair seems to go nowhere.

Each month CPNO's 311 Magnifier program will focus on a tree root that is impeding foot traffic and possibly sidewalk repair, and we will tackle it as a team. At the monthly membership meeting and on NextDoor, we will make available a formatted complaint so that we can report an issue in large numbers with a unified voice.

Frequently, complaints are filed about the same issue by a number of neighbors. But, by using different addresses or different explanations in the incident report, the impact is diluted. ATL311 customer service doesn't make a connection between these two incidents and files them as separate, unrelated reports.

When five or 10 neighbors file a complaint using the exact same information, the report is more likely to get attention more quickly.

So, keep an eye out for the 311 Magnifier logo at your CPNO membership meeting, in The Messenger and on NextDoor.

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2017 Christmas Bird Count Season Wraps Up In Atlanta

Source: Atlanta Audubon Society Press Release

The results are in from the 2017 Christmas Bird Count (CBC) across metro-Atlanta and, by all measures, it was a very successful CBC season. Counts were held in four “circles” around metro-Atlanta, including In-town Atlanta, Marietta, Peachtree City, and Roswell. When the count results were in, 159 volunteers counted more than 40,500 individual birds representing more than 100 different species.

The Christmas Bird Count is an annual tradition dating back to 1900, when ornithologist Frank M. Chapman, an early officer in the then-nascent Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition — a “Christmas Bird Census” that would count birds during the holidays rather than hunting them as had previously been done.

Each year, from December 14 through January 5, thousands of volunteers across the Americas brave snow, wind, or rain, and take part in the effort. The National Audubon Society and other organizations use data to assess the health of bird populations, and to help guide conservation action. At 118 years old, the annual Christmas Bird Count is the longest-running citizen science project in the nation!

“2017 was a great year for Christmas Bird Counts,” says Nikki Belmonte, Executive Director of Atlanta Audubon Society and leader of the Roswell CBC circle. “It was cold, but not nearly as rainy as in 2016—thankfully, because it would have been snow! Our volunteers just put on an extra layer and counted the birds.” Typically, the CBCs wrap up with a ‘counting party’ featuring hot chili, soup, and beverage. Volunteers compare notes, report totals, and tell just a few ‘bird tales’ about the count day. The camaraderie is one of the best parts of this citizen science program.

Here are breakdowns from the four metro counts:

December 14, 2017– Roswell Christmas Bird Count

- Total number of species: 93
- Total number of birds: 8,500
- Number of volunteers: 37
- Notable Sightings: “The most frequent bird spotted was Canada Goose, with 1,126 individuals reported,” says Nikki Belmonte, Roswell CBC leader. “Some of the notable species were Sedge Wren, Common Loon, American Kestrel, Bald Eagle, and 12 species of ducks, including Northern Pintail.”

December 16, 2017 – Marietta Christmas Bird Count

- Total number of species sighted: 93
- Total individual birds counted: 8,173
- Number of volunteers: 43
- Notable Sightings: Loggerhead Shrike, Virginia Rail, Sora, and Greater Scaup

December 17, 2017 – Peachtree City Christmas Bird Count

- Total number of species sighted: 90
- Total individual birds counted: 7,698



Have you seen a Peregrine Falcon in Candler Park?

- Number of volunteers: 17
- Notable sightings: “A Sora and Greater Yellowlegs were new to the count, and we were greeted by four Bald Eagles at daylight, and nine more were spotted at one time later that day along with 35 Great Blue Herons,” says Brock Hutchins, Peachtree City CBC leader.

December 30, 2017 – In-town Atlanta Christmas Bird Count

- Total number of species: 93 (new high count for this circle)
- Total number of birds: 17,000
- Number of volunteers: 70
- Notable birds: “We had a marked increase in waterfowl this year, including Gadwall, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, and Double-crested Cormorant,” says Joy Carter, In-town CBC leader. We also had some hard-to-find-in-the-city birds, including Wild Turkey, Wilson’s Snipe, American Kestrel, Eastern Meadowlark, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Common Yellowthroat, and Peregrine Falcon.”

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Grady Girls Swimming Win City Championship, Extending Winning Streak to Six Consecutive Years

By Brad Hodges, Grady Swim Team Parent Volunteer

In a complete team effort, where nearly every swimmer on the team scored, Grady Girls Swimming continued their dominance at the City Championship on January 24, 2018.

Lindsay Schroeder led the team by winning the 200 I.M. with a meet record 2:15.99 and the 100 Free with a meet record 55.53. She also anchored the winning, record setting, 200 Free Relay. Noa Deseda won the 100 Butterfly with a 1:08.58 and got 2nd in the 100 Back with a new Grady team record of 1:04.31. In the most exciting race of the evening, Maggie Watkins overtook her North Atlanta competitor in the final stretch to win the 500 Free with a meet record 5:22.13. Team captain Morgan Watkins got two 2nd place finishes, with state meet qualifying times, in the 50 Free and 100 Free and was part of the winning, meet-record-setting and Grady-team-record-setting 400 Free Relay.

These standouts were accompanied by heroic swims throughout the lineup. Highlight events include the 200 I.M. where Schroeder's win was backed by 2nd, 3rd, 5th place finishes by Sophia Palomino, Nell Kropp and Emilia Gustafson and the 100 Fly where Deseda's win was supported by 3rd, 6th, 8th place finishes by Ariana Ramsey, Storm Wright and Abby Peters.

Grady Girls will now ride this wave of victory into the State Championship on February 2nd at Georgia Tech.

New Kids On The Block

After years of near misses, Grady Boys topped rival North Atlanta to win their first City Championship. With both top teams struck with flu, the boys dug deep and produced



Grady Swim Team celebrates winning City Championship

outstanding swims throughout the lineup. Andrew Beamon, Sebastian Gerz-Escandon, Max Nevins and Fredrick Allen Hamilton started the evening with a blazing 1:45.78, Grady team record setting, 200 Medley Relay. Karl Beck and Beamon went 1-2 in the 200 I.M. Beamon and Hamilton went 1-2 in the 100 Back. Gerz-Escandon crushed all competitors in the 100 Breast with a 1:09.33. In addition to his two relays victories, Nevins won the 100 Butterfly. With one more meet to go in his high school career, Nevins goes out as one of the very top swimmers in Grady Swimming history.

Emblematic of Grady's work ethic and team ethos, Tyson Herndon, who started the season with minimal swim experience but a boat-load of enthusiasm and outstanding practice habits, scored big points with a 3rd place in the 100 Breast. Similarly, senior Isaiha Davis, who came to swimming as a sophomore looking to stay in shape in the off-season between Cross Country and Track, scored 36 points with 5th place finishes in the 100 Butterfly and 200 I.M.

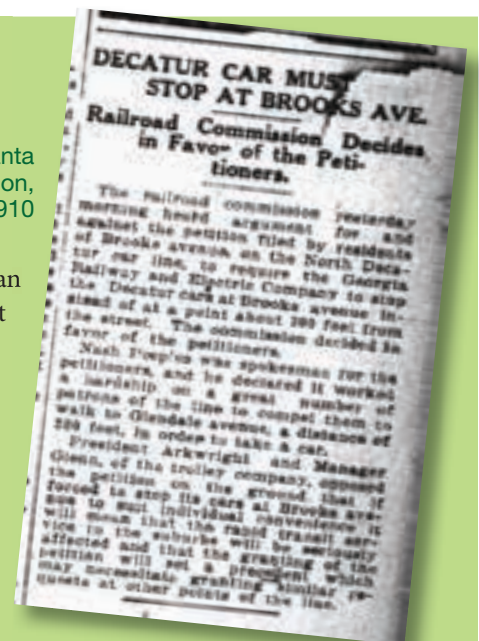
Like the girls' team, the boys will now look to make a splash at the State Championship on February 2nd at Georgia Tech.

Brooks Ave. to Get Car Stop at Front Door

By Emily Taff, Candler Park Resident

Walking to MARTA from Brooks Ave. is 0.4 miles, or about 2000 feet. Admittedly, it can be a bit of hike, especially when you get all the way there only to realize your wallet is not with you. Such a distance in 1910, before the street had even filled out, was apparently unthinkable. In October of 1910, residents of Brooks Ave. petitioned the state railroad company (Georgia Railway and Electric operated the Decatur street car line along DeKalb) to require the company to stop at the end of Brooks saying there was no reason why they should not get on the cars at their door instead of walking 300 feet to Glendale Ave. (one block west). A hearing was set for November 3 on the matter and the papers the next day reported that the Brooks Ave. residents got their wish! Now, if only getting a closer MARTA stop was that easy.

Article from Atlanta Constitution, November 4, 1910



Three Phase Approach to Capacity Issues in the Grady Cluster

By Annsley Klehr, Lake Claire Neighbors Education Chair

The Grady Cluster is comprised of Morningside Elementary, Mary Lin Elementary, Springdale Park Elementary, Centennial, Hope Hill Elementary, and Kindezi. All these schools feed into Inman Middle School and then into Grady High School. The Grady Cluster is a coveted cluster now, with new families spending a pretty penny to get into the neighborhoods that feed into them, especially Lake Claire, Candler Park, Inman Park, Morningside, Poncey Highlands, Virginia-Highlands, with the Old Fourth Ward as an up and coming spot.

Twenty years ago there were many invested souls from our neighborhood with faith in their neighbors and their community, who sent their children to the neighborhood Title I schools, (Mary Lin included), which have since lost their titles. Today, families are dying to get into our Intown neighborhoods for our former, Title I public schools' reputations.

Ever since 2011, as the popularity of the local public schools grows, there have been rumors of redistricting and unrest within the Grady Cluster elementary school communities, arguing who should stay in the cluster and who should go. The bottom line is that there just is not as much space as everyone wishes there were. Morningside Elementary is already over the maximum capacity of 900 with 940 students enrolled. The maximum capacity has changed with time as the numbers inside the classroom have grown. The maximum capacity is derived by adding the amount of bodies allocated in each space in the building together, not on square footage. So, when a class was allowed 22 students, the maximum capacity was less than the current allocation of 25 students per classroom. This number does not take into account the lack of space in the cafeteria, where lunch for some grades has to start at 10:30 am to accommodate the whole school. Even the playground is overrun and crowded. This is currently a hot topic; phases of potential resolutions for Morningside are outlined below.

Phase I: Redistricting within the Morningside Elementary Catchment Area

At the Atlanta Board of Education (ABOE) meeting on December 4, 2017, recognizing Morningside's desperate need to alleviate some capacity issues before a more permanent fix is in place, it was proposed and approved that starting July 1, 2018, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, non-current students of 1989 Cheshire Bridge Road and the Armour Drive Corridor be re-zoned to the North Atlanta Cluster with transportation



provided. Those on Cheshire Bridge Road will feed into Garden Hills Elementary/Sutton Middle School/North Atlanta High School while those on Armour Drive will feed into E. Rivers Elementary/Sutton Middle School/North Atlanta High School. Current students will be "grandfathered" in to continue at their current school with transportation provided such as:

- All students currently enrolled at Morningside Elementary School may remain enrolled through 5th grade. Transportation will be provided by Atlanta Public Schools (APS) for these students.
- All students currently enrolled at Inman Middle School may remain enrolled through 8th grade. Transportation will be provided by APS for these students.
- All students currently enrolled at Grady High School may remain enrolled through graduation. Transportation will be provided by APS for these students.

How are determinations made?

The ABOE (Atlanta Board of Education) determined that both Armour Dr. and Cheshire Bridge are on the border of their zones. The Armour area is on the edge of the Morningside Elementary zone and is equidistant from E. Rivers Elementary and Sutton Middle as it was to its most recent elementary and middle school. The Cheshire Bridge Road piece is again on the line between Morningside and Garden Hills Elementary. Being that it is an unfinished apartment complex, it would not impact any current families.

How is redistricting communicated?

All APS changes are communicated directly to the families and the schools (and their GO Teams) that will be impacted by way of letters homes and electronic communications, and held a stakeholder's meeting. This meeting was held before the Thanksgiving Holiday in 2017.

According to one of the parents at Morningside Elementary School, those who attended were mostly new homeowners along these corridors, who bought with the promise of being in the Grady Cluster. A builder was spotted in the audience, advocating for its newly built properties. Atlanta Public School Superintendent, Meria Carstarphen, along with several ABOE members were there, listening to their concerns. After hearing

remarks from the stakeholders, the plans were tweaked to reflect the voices in the community. The Manchester Townhomes by Hedgewood that were to be redistricted to Garden Hills were removed from the plans. The stakeholders argued that they were “homes,” not apartments and should not be redistricted. Though there may be some unrest with the newly redistricted neighbors, the general vibe from Morningside is relief, feeling the stress and strain of not enough room to even navigate its hallways.

Phase II: Morningside Elementary Kindergarten Annex

Morningside boasts a proud 940 students, roughly 165 of them are Kindergarteners. Atlanta Board of Education has been looking for an annex building for just the Kindergarteners, alleviating a much-needed overcrowding issue. Identifying a location and negotiations of contract will fall to the Superintendent. If a location is not secured, additional steps will be taken by the spring of 2018 to address these overcrowding issues.

Phase III: Re-zoning for Grady Cluster

Initial conversations around the over-crowding of the Grady Cluster will begin in early 2018 to be finalized by March of 2020. The Atlanta Board of Education recognizes that this is a larger conversation and the need for a long-range plan to alleviate overcrowding across the board.

As APS move forward with its phases, we have to remember that at the end of the day, the goal is to optimize and maximize student learning. The ABOE works hard to try to accommodate all needs within certain parameters. Let us continue to mindfully and thoughtfully ask:

- What is our role as community members, parents, teachers, students, leaders, and organizers?
- Do the pros outweigh the cons?
- Who does this benefit and why?
- Who does this NOT benefit and why?
- Does this plan maximize and optimize student learning?
- Are the solutions the most logical and cost-effective?

You can read more at:

<https://www.boarddocs.com/ga/aps/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ATHPBL63D6FD>

A special thank you to Matt Westmoreland, former District 3 ABOE representative, for his help on this article.

How to Save a Life

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

If you are the bystander who witnesses someone going into cardiac arrest, would you know what to do? According to the American Heart Association, almost 90 percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die. However, when CPR is performed in the first few minutes of cardiac arrest, a person's chance of survival can double or triple. Now, you can be the prepared bystander by learning CPR in the convenience of your own neighborhood!

Candler Park neighbor Colleen Ward is a Registered Nurse who is offering CPR/AED and First Aid classes at the Wondershop on Monday and Tuesday evenings and on the weekends. (Wondershop is located on McLendon Avenue at Oakdale Road.)

“Teaching and certifying adults and teenagers on how to save a life has become a true passion for me,” says Ward. Often, teenagers need to get certified for babysitting and summer jobs. Also, many businesses like to have their staff certified.

Ward offers HeartSaver CPR/AED classes and BLS (Basic Life Support) for Healthcare Providers classes. Both cover adult and child choking. She said, “I can also teach signs and symptoms of Opioid overdose/drug overdose and what to do to care for someone in that situation.”

Upon completion of the class, students get a card from the American Heart Association that is valid for two years.

If you have the desire or a need for CPR training/certification, contact Colleen Ward at cwardsavealife@gmail.com to get more information and to schedule a class.



Colleen Ward is a registered nurse who teaches CPR/AED and First Aid classes at the Wonder-shop in Candler Park.

Black History Month: Voices Across Georgia & DeKalb Inspiring Dialogue on Race & Truth

Source: DeKalb History Center press release

This year's tenth annual Black History Month program will include a soul-stirring, dramatic interpretation that will pay homage to the rich, complex civil rights legacy of rural Georgia, including DeKalb County. It features an equally dynamic panel of community leaders eager to share their personal experiences, and a powerful debut documentary sure to stir the audience to inspiration. Your ticket includes lunch.

Tuesday, February 13, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Historic DeKalb Courthouse, 101 E. Court Square,
Decatur GA 30030, Second Floor**

Tickets are \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members

Most of DeKalb County was quite rural until the 1960s and 1970s. The county had abundant “vacant” land dotted with small cities. The land had been used agriculturally but after World War II, provided the needed space to locate residential growth while our population boomed. During this time, many parts of DeKalb County were still rural. Places such as southwest DeKalb, Flat Rock, and Lithonia still had unpaved roads, cow pastures, and farmlands! These often overlooked rural treasures can offer us so much valuable knowledge, from the uplifting of strong traditions to the unifying power of reconciling racial injustices.

Mrs. Ladoris Davis will be the program moderator and Mrs. Melissa Jest will be the opening speaker. Panel speakers include:

Mrs. Marcia Glenn Hunter, the first African American woman mayor of Lithonia. A few decades before the civil rights movement became nationally recognized, Mrs. Hunter's mother house was known as the “activist” house. Mrs. Hunter will discuss her long family's legacy of activism, the challenges of being the first African American mayor of Lithonia, and how Lithonia has changed from a rural town to a popular city.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wilson, the first African American mayor of the city of Decatur. Greene County, Georgia, Wilson's birthplace, was too small to contain the dreams she had for herself. She will discuss how she became the first African American woman to integrate the Decatur/DeKalb library, overcame the fear of the Klan, and how she became the first African American mayor of the city of Decatur.

Mrs. Deborah Tatum, descendent of Austin Callaway. While doing a genealogy search for a family reunion, Mrs. Tatum discovered a dark, family secret. She will discuss how the 1940 lynching of a family member gained international attention in 2017 and helped the African American and white residents of rural Lagrange heal from past racial violence.

Chief Louis Dekmar, Lagrange police chief and IACP president.



Lynwood Park Nursery School from the Family and Children's Services Collection, courtesy of DeKalb History Center Archives

Chief Dekmar's public apology of the 1940 lynching of Austin Callaway reverberated around the world and was considered by many the first public apology of its kind by a white police chief. He will discuss the future of race relationships between law enforcement and the African American community.

Mr. Jamar Boyd, II, NAACP civil rights activist and minister. Mr. Boyd's commitment to the NAACP includes being the V.P. of Georgia Southern University NAACP and the treasurer of the NAACP Youth and College Division. He will discuss the importance of inter-generational dialogue, challenges of activism in rural areas, and current civil rights issues.

Tickets are available at the DeKalb History Center offices or online at www.dekalbhistory.org.

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January 15 CPNO Members Meeting – draft minutes

These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the February CPNO Members meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dana Fowle, President. The motion to adopt the agenda passed. The motion to approve the December minutes passed. New members were introduced and welcomed.

Guest Speakers:

- Sgt. Nathan Moody, APD Zone 6, introduced himself to the membership. He reported the appointment of Major Klotzer as evening watch commander. Major Timothy Peek will assume command of Hartsfield-Jackson Airport Division.
- Bee Nguyen, Representative District 89, introduced herself and reported on several important pieces of legislation. Her contact information is bee.nguyen@house.ga.gov or (404) 656 0314.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Mercantile for providing dinner.
- The following Committee appointments were made by the Board:
 - Membership-Jennifer Wilds (Porch Parties-Amanda Bolster)
 - Zoning- Bill Morris
 - Public Safety – Lexa King
 - Fundraising- Chris Fitzgerald
 - Education- Natasha Latzman
 - Infrastructure- Silvia Edelstein and Marcie Morse-Daley
 - Development- Emily Taff and Charles Hooker
 - NPU N Alternates- Amy Stout, Mark Clement, Seth Eisenberg, Bill Morris
 - Freedom Park Conservancy Rep.- Carol Gregory
 - Candler Park Conservancy Rep.- Ken Edelstein
 - Fall Fest Chair- Ken Edelstein
- Safety Presentation will be held on February 21 at 7:00pm at the Existentialist Church.
- Roger Bakeman spoke about the appropriateness of having a neighborhood meeting on Martin Luther King Day.
- Susan Rose announced death of Theo Weimar, 15, son of Walt and Connie Weimar. Here is the link: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/theodore-weimar-obituary?pid=187814949>
- LaMiiko Moore, Program Director, Atlanta Streets Alive – was not present.

Treasurer's Report:

Rohini Kukrega, Treasurer, reviewed year end 2017 financials and the 2018 Budget. Cash on hand \$58,000. Report is available upon request at treasurer@candlerpark.org.

Discussion:

Zoning- Bill Morris

Motion to support V-17-346 (425 Euclid Terrace) with the condition that the applicant appear before the NPU N and the project is built in accordance with the site plan filed with City of Atlanta passed.

Motion that CPNO support Z-17-93, City of Atlanta, Zoning Ordinances Quick Fixes passed.

Sidewalk Update- Silvia Edelstein presented Phase 2 of Sidewalk Repair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by

Bonnie Palter, Secretary

January 15, 2018

CPNO Membership Application

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P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107

CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for January

These reports were submitted by officer and committee chairs prior to the January Members meeting.

Membership - Roger Bakeman

We end the year with 536 members: 412 renewals and 124 new members.. This is the most since 2010, the oldest year for which we have records.

Zoning - Bill Morris

The Zoning Committee met January 3 to consider the following zoning applications and to vote on the Quick Fixes for the Atlanta zoning ordinance. Four members were in attendance.

Zoning Variance V-17-346: 425 Euclid Terrace which is a variance for a north side yard setback reduction from 7ft to 4ft 5in in order to construct an attached garage and master suite addition. The applicant for the project was unable to attend and was represented by a neighbor who presented the overview of the project and review of checklist items. The applicant provided complete checklist materials to the committee and neighbor support letters with the exception of several properties in the rear on Candler St. have not responded to the information provided by the owner. It was explained that several of the Candler St. homes are currently being renovated and due to the depth of the lots on Euclid Terrace there should be little impact.

Zoning Variance V-17-356: 1327 Iverson St. is a variance/ special exception to eliminate the independent driveway requirement for a conforming lot in order to erect a new duplex. The property at 1327 Iverson St. was recently purchased and replatted from one lot back to two separate lots on the south side of Iverson near the corner of Iverson and Ferguson Ave. (as the two lots were originally platted). The current plan is replace a 1950's era split level house that straddles the two lots with a development of two duplexes (one duplex on each lot) sharing the existing driveway which traverses upward across the front part of the steeply sloped property from the NE corner of the property. All four units are planned to be three stories with a two car garage and living space on the first floor and with roof top terraces; all are the same size and footprint. Due to the topography, the duplexes will be significantly higher and will overlook the back of the first 3-4 houses on the west side of Ferguson St. There is also an old unused alley behind the houses on Ferguson and an old retaining wall that runs generally along the property line behind the alley which is mostly on the 1327 Iverson lot but meanders across the property line toward the rear of the property. Under current zoning, he proposed duplex on the 1327 lot would be able to use the existing driveway without the need for any zoning variance or special exception; however, the duplex to be built on the re-platted 1331 Iverson would either require a separate driveway or a variance/ special exception to use a shared driveway with 1327. The justification for the shared driveway is two fold: 1. To preserve existing mature hardwood trees (red oak & poplar) in the front yard of each property and 2. The slope of the land from the street to the buildable space on the lot is very steep rising

14 ft in elevation (about a 46% slope). Also, there is a granite retaining wall facing the sidewalk that would need to be rebuilt in order to construct a new driveway. The applicant for the project provided complete checklist materials to support the application and was able to obtain support letters from six neighbors on Iverson (including the adjoining neighbor on the west side and four neighbors facing the property); however, he was not able to obtain support letters from the adjoining neighbors on Ferguson St. 11 neighbors from 5 addresses on Ferguson and 3 addresses on Iverson attended the meeting and participated in a wide-ranging discussion regarding the development. The comments and questions mainly related to the following general topics: alternative locations for a second driveway or relocation/realignment of the existing driveway, safe ingress and egress of the property with as many as eight cars entering and leaving the property from the existing driveway which is near the corner of Iverson and Ferguson (children and pedestrians using the sidewalk, etc.) also the suitability of the driveway to meet the needs of eight vehicles that will likely be using it (driveway shown on site plan is 10ft wide), safety concerns related to the future viability of the large Red Oak tree in the front of 1327 Iverson which is very close to the existing driveway. This tree overhangs and has dropped large limbs into the yard of the adjoining neighbors on Ferguson and there is concern how it will withstand the stress related to demolition, grading, construction, etc. when significant percentage of the root structure is in the construction zone, & protection of the condition and structural integrity of the retaining wall along the Ferguson alley during construction. After open discussion with the neighbors, the committee went into executive session for further discussion with the applicant and his representatives. Based on the lack of progress/agreement among neighbors toward consensus of how to proceed and lack of specific alternatives, the applicant was in agreement with a deferral of the application by the committee to allow for further consideration of the various concerns & alternatives. The committee voted 4 supporting and 0 opposed for the deferral of the application until the February zoning meeting. After the vote, there was continued discussion between the applicant and neighbors and a member of the committee suggested that some form of landscape buffering be considered along the eastside of the development to help mitigate impact from the development on the properties along Ferguson.

Z-17-93 City of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance Quick Fixes: The Zoning Committee discussed the quick fixes at the December Zoning meeting and there was brief discussion at the December CPNO meeting. A link to the Quick Fixes has been available on the CPNO web site as well. No concerns have been raised within the neighborhood regarding the proposed zoning ordinance changes and they are supported by the zoning committee. Committee voted 4 support – 0 opposed for Quick Fixes to the Atlanta zoning ordinance.

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