



March 2018

MESSENGER

Hometown Heroes!

Learn more about Safety on page 10



INSIDE THIS MONTH'S MESSENGER

Easter Egg Hunt
PAGE 6

Atlanta Streets Alive!
PAGE 9

Grady Robotics
PAGE 12

Get Fit for Free
PAGE 13



Making A Name For Ourselves

By Dana Fowle, president@candlerpark.org



Candler Park is a gem buried in a big city. We're primarily a residential community, but a few times a year we put out the welcome mat and entertain folks from all around town.

Our successful festivals and park events have introduced our tree-covered community to more and more families outside of the neighborhood. Hundreds of children and their parents will be here Sunday, March 25th for the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization's 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It starts at 2 p.m. sharp.

There will be something for everybody. To keep it fun, there are three hunts: one for children up to age three, a group for four- to seven-year-olds, and another for young people eight to 11. Kids older than 12 can drop in at 12:30 p.m. to help hide the candy-filled eggs.

The CPNO-sponsored Flick-Nic is also a family event that gets a citywide audience. Through the spring and fall, neighbor Mark Clement organizes free, family-friendly movies in the park. People gather early to picnic and play

PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

then settle in at nightfall for a flick.

You can smell the Candler Park Music & Food Festival long before you reach the entrance. The weekend of June 1 & 2 there is plenty of live music playing in the background as you wander from food truck to food truck trying just about any food that suits you.

And when the seasons begin to change, each year you can count on the Fall Fest in Candler Park. It's on every must-do list, featuring two days of music and food, more than 200 artists and vendors, and the Tour of Homes. Bring the whole family and start the weekend of Sept. 29 & 30 with the 5K & Fun Run and Kidlandia where "kids can be kids."

And while we have company dropping in for music, food, festivals and fun, be sure to introduce them to our shops, markets, restaurants, and other businesses that are a vital part of what makes Candler Park a vibrant community.

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.

BOARD of DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT	Dana Fowle president@candlerpark.org
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	Jennifer Wilds membership@candlerpark.org
TREASURER	Rohini Kukreja treasurer@candlerpark.org
SECRETARY	Bonnie Palter secretary@candlerpark.org 404-525-6744
ZONING OFFICER	Bill Morris zoning@candlerpark.org
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	Lexa King safety@candlerpark.org
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	Roger Bakeman communications@candlerpark.org
FUNDRAISING OFFICER	Chris Fitzgerald fundraising@candlerpark.org
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER	Lindy Kerr externalaffairs@candlerpark.org

Find a complete list of CPNO committee chairs, representatives and other contacts at www.candlerpark.org.

MEETINGS

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.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Sign up at www.candlerpark.org or mail name, address, and email to

**CPNO membership,
PO Box 5418, Atlanta, GA 31107**

Intown Atlanta's
Historic Neighborhood Specialists
Since 1983



THE PAT &
MELISSA
GROUP



RE/MAX
METRO
atlanta | cityside

Melissa Miller 404-276-7736
Pat Westrick 404-388-6466
Re/Max Cityside 404-371-4419

FIND YOUR PRODUCTIVITY!

COWORKING
ON THE BELTLINE



404.475.4850



ALKALOID.NET



HEIRLOOM
DESIGN BUILD



CANDLER PARK'S LOCAL CHOICE FOR:
NEW HOMES • DESIGNS • RENOVATIONS

CONTACT US FOR A FREE CONSULTATION
(404) 537-1827

WWW.HEIRLOOMDESIGNBUILD.COM



AMNESTY DECLARED!

Finally:
DENTISTRY WITHOUT GUILT!

We officially pardon all previous dental offenses!

- No matter how long you've gone without dental treatment
- No matter what shape your mouth is in
- No matter how nervous you feel

We won't badger or embarrass you about it.
Put that all behind you and get a fresh start
in a friendly, non-judgmental, atmosphere.

An Atlanta Magazine's
TOP DENTISTS IN ATLANTA
5 STAR DENTIST

Richard B. Shapiro, D.D.S.
427 Moreland Ave. Suite 200
404-523-2514

"We Cater to Cowards"



Thanks to Cameli's Pizza!

Thanks to Cameli's Pizza for sponsoring the February CPNO membership meeting and providing a variety of pizzas for all to enjoy. Please visit Cameli's in Little Five Points and enjoy pizza (including gluten free options), sandwiches, and a variety of beverages. The rooftop patio provides great views of L5P, Inman Park and downtown.



Contact us today for more information!
678.905.4842 • sales@kda-communications.com
www.kda-communications.com

Candler Park Messenger is a publication of KDA Communications. Subject matter published is the opinion of the author and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the publisher of this newsletter. Professional advice should be obtained before making any decision in which a professional is readily available. Advertisers assume responsibility for the content of the ads placed in this publication. Material published may not be reproduced without the written permission of KDA Communications.

The information and advertisements contained in this Newsletter are provided for the residents of Candler Park as a courtesy only. No representations are made as to information presented, the quality of the goods or services advertised, or the veracity of the statements relating to the goods and services. The printing of opinions, information or advertisements does not constitute an endorsement by the Neighborhood of such opinions, information, goods or services.

THE MESSENGER

EDITOR

Susan Rose

editor@candlerpark.org

ADVERTISING

sales@kda-communications.com

678.905.4842

The Messenger is the monthly newsletter of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Articles reflect the opinions of authors, and not necessarily those of CPNO, the CPNO Board of Directors, the Messenger or the editor.

Articles must be signed and submitted via email to editor@candlerpark.org by the 18th of the month prior to publication.

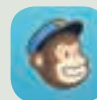
If you have a news tip or story idea, please email relevant information including contacts to editor@candlerpark.org or call the editor.

If you live in CP or own a business in CP, and aren't receiving the Messenger by mail, be sure to notify us! Send your name and address to editor@candlerpark.org. Place the words "Messenger Delivery" in the subject line.

CP ONLINE

For the most up-to-date information on Candler Park events and news, check us out on the Web at candlerpark.org.

JOIN CPNO TO GET EMAIL BLASTS



To receive informative email blasts, sign up online to become a CPNO member. We don't spam!

MESSAGES & CRIME ON NEXTDOOR



Join the Candler Park group at candlerpark.nextdoor.com to keep up on crime reports and other messages.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



You'll get the latest news and will be able to interact with 500 of your neighbors at facebook.com/CandlerPark.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER



Our handle is your handle: twitter.com/CandlerParkATL

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

- 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
- 25** Candler Park Easter Egg Hunt, 2 pm

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.



Candler Park Easter Egg Hunt Set for March 25th

By Chris Fitzgerald, fundraising@candlerpark.org

Join us for the 12th Annual Candler Park Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25th. Hunt starts at 2pm sharp, but please come early to play!

Kids ages 0-11 can hunt for candy-filled eggs, guess the number of candies in the glass jar and enjoy King of Pops. And three lucky winners who find the golden egg will win a special prize.

Thanks to Candler Park Market for being a wonderful, generous neighbor as always and donating 3,500 pieces of candy to our event.

Thank You Contributors!

CPNO thanks members for their contributions

Nancy Porteous
Jeanne Stahl

Terrence Moy
Elizabeth Tolmach
Carole Craig
...and others who wished to remain anonymous



**Bye-bye, chore.
Hello, bliss!**

Weekly, Biweekly or Monthly Cleanings
Deep Cleanings
Move-Out/Move-In Cleanings

Save 15% off first cleaning when you sign up for recurring cleanings.
No tie-down contracts.

Home Clean Home, LLC | Licensed, Insured & Bonded
770-450-5955
Visit us and bookmark your browser at
www.hch-bliss.com

Introducing... THE KINDESTCUT
Eco-Friendly, Manual Lawn Care!

- Hand trimming and mowing!
- Hand aeration!
- Rakes and brooms – No blowers!
- No noise!
- No emissions!
- Healthier lawn!
- Affordable rates!
- Prompt, courteous service!

**Good For Your Turf...
GREAT For The Earth!**

404 755-6170
kindestcut@bellsouth.net / kindestcutlawn.com





CPNO Yard Sale Can Help You Declutter This Spring

By Chris Fitzgerald, fundraising@candlerpark.org

It's that time of the year again...the second annual CPNO Yard Sale is next month!

When: Sat April 21, 9am to 4pm

Where: The Neighborhood Church (formerly Epworth United Methodist Church), 1561 McLendon Ave. (across from Candler Park). Yard Sale will take place along McLendon Ave, in front of the church (or inside if it rains).

Last year, we made \$1,700 at the yard sale and had a great time meeting neighbors. In addition to raising funds for Candler Park, we also helped out many people who live outside of our neighborhood. Genora Crooke of Hands On Atlanta and her husband came by at the end of the sale, took everything they could fit in their two cars, and dispersed the donations to several non-profit agencies that provide services to low-income and no-income residents:

- Atlanta Shelter for Women & Children
- My Sister's House
- The Kidney Foundation
- (2) single mothers in need of help

Please donate items in one of three ways:

1. Drop off your items at the church Fri April 20 8:30a-3:30p. Come to the door to the left of the sanctuary (where voting takes place)

2. Drop off your items at Chris Fitzgerald's home at 455 Candler St NE. Just leave on the front porch.

3. Email fundraising@candlerpark.org and let us know what you have. We may be able to come get your items but probably not if they are large, heavy or require the use of a pick up truck.

We need volunteers to help make the sale a success. No prep needed - just show up at the church and help sort items, ring up sales, etc. Kids and dogs are welcome... come hang out with your neighbors while helping us raise money for CPNO. Please email fundraising@candlerpark.org if you have some spare time to help out.



You can now get up to date news about Candler Park and relevant topics for our neighborhood on Twitter at [CandlerParkATL](https://twitter.com/CandlerParkATL). Not only will you find notices of CPNO meetings, events, and news but also info from the City of Atlanta, Atlanta Public Schools and surrounding neighborhoods.

Morningside Elementary School Meeting with Carstarphen

By Annsley Klehr, Lake Claire Neighbors Education Chair

On Wednesday, January 31, 2018 families in the Grady Cluster gathered at Morningside (MS) Elementary to learn more about what they should expect regarding overcrowding in the future. Dr. Meria Carstarphen, Atlanta Public School (APS) Superintendent, led the meeting with Audrey Sofianos, Morningside's principal. Carstarphen set the tone, connecting with the audience through humor while conveying the seriousness of our capacity issues. Carstarphen offered time to talk about the future of the Grady Cluster, pressing on the audience to start having these conversations now, while in the calm of the storm, before time was of the essence.

The main topic of the evening was to flesh out capacity issues as they related to the incoming Kindergarten class (2018-2019) at Morningside. According to recent data released on the apsinsights.org page, MS capacity, based on class size of 25 students would have a maximum capacity of 900, and yet enrollment for this academic year is 936. To give some perspective, with 22 children per classroom, capacity would be at 792 students. "Morningside often underestimates; anticipate some growth. You could benefit from some kind of capacity relief today," remarked Carstarphen in her response to audience concerns. The possible solutions proposed by Carstarphen are as follows:

1. Increase class sizes in the whole building
2. Build portables on the side on the basketball courts
3. Find an annex space within a 5 mile radius

Others in the audience threw out different solutions as well. One former student and current parent in the cluster remarked that she, along with all the other Morningside students in her day, spent first grade through third grade at Hope Hill Elementary. She proposed integrating students with another cluster school with space. However, there does not seem to be much space to be had elsewhere, either. Here are some other suggestions audience members threw out:

- Annex another class/grade



- Move another grade to the portables, not Kindergarten (K)
- If class sizes increase, adding more staff in the classroom
- Suggestions of other annex locations
- Open K registration early to be extra prepared with numbers
- If playing field gets the portables, move the play to the Sunken Garden across the street

There were also lots of concerns raised pertaining to:

- The correlation of test scores and increased class sizes
- Alienation of incoming K parents and children from the larger MS community
- K being farther away
- Losing outdoor play space with portables
- The timing of trying to find an annex space
- Too many transitions - moving K to an annex is a transition and then in 2 years moving MS to the Inman building so that MS can undergo renovations

Here are some of the key Questions and Answers that were asked, the majority fielded by Carstarphen with Sofianos stepping in:

Q Talk to class sizes now and in the future at MS?

A The average class size now is 23. In the lower grades it might jump to 25-27 and in the upper grades as many as 28-32 [if that was the option chosen above].

Q What would MS' capacity look like after the renovation in 2 years?

A Unless a surrounding building is purchased so that APS can expand the footprint, you still have the same footprint as before. There are other decisions that can be made that will be "hairier and angrier" that will have to be about capacity in the future.

Q When do decisions have to be made?

A If we can agree as a school community on priorities, we'll stretch out the search [for an annex] as long as we can do it safely and successfully. APS needs 1-2 months to get it ready for the school year. Portables need permits and those need to be applied for by March.

Q A waiver will go to the Georgia Department of Education (GDOE) if a site for the annex is found. What if GDOE says they don't like it?

A I'll throw myself off my balcony! We're a charter system operating model and shouldn't have to get a waiver from the state. There are lots of people with different rules. The state department needs a waiver and the governor's office of student achievement says we don't need a waiver. Assuming it's a good site, we'd have to press hard on the operating model position.

Q When MS and Inman become elementary schools, are we all set?

A That's a conversation with Yolanda Brown talking to GO TEAMS and principals. Even with \$10 million of new investment, it would create new attendance zones. [New attendance zones leads to redistricting.]

Q What can you do to influence City Council about annexing streets and more thoughtful planning with APS?

A If no one lives there already [up and coming buildings], then I can make a move. We have a map of every potential new development in the Grady Cluster area.

Q Could you have an annex building at an existing APS school?

A We have looked into using parking lots. We need to find a safe facility first and be close enough to a building to be able to use bathrooms.

Q So there will one day be 5 elementary schools going to Howard then Grady?

A That's why we have to come back after this precise need and talk as soon as possible about larger issues. We need strategies for enrollment in the Grady Cluster and think about portions to redistrict our school community . . . thinking about all grade levels; thinking about a family [and how redistricting will affect

them if they have kids in different schools throughout the cluster]. We will not leave this school year without a strategy. It's hard to know which way to go without a plan to agree on. We need to do it without a pressing need for next school year. We can't have a repeat of 2012!

As you can see, there is great need for future discussions about the Grady Cluster. Going forward, we must try to advocate for what is in the best interest of the whole cluster, expressing our concerns and being able to hear those of others. We must have that conversation. Carstarphen and the Atlanta Board of Education are working hard to accommodate our cluster. However, there will never be a perfect solution. An open-mind going forward and an understanding of our future needs can best prepare us for these pending conversations.

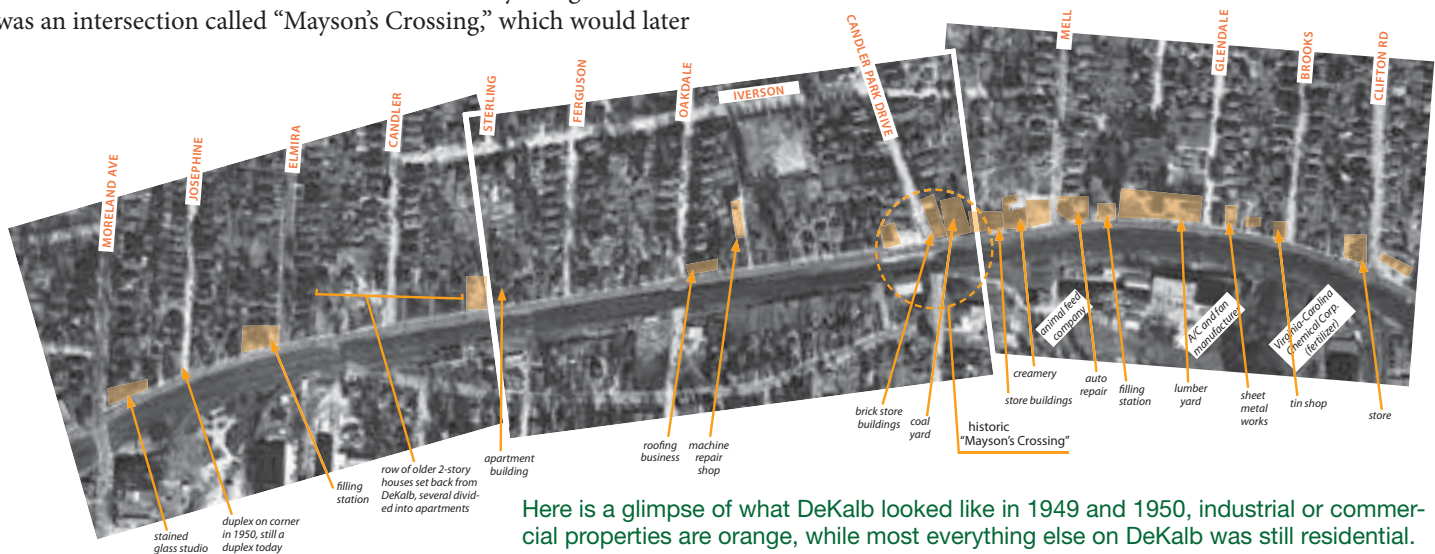
The History of DeKalb Avenue

By Emily Taff, Candler Park Resident

In preparation for the 4.4-mile-long Streets Alive coming to DeKalb Avenue on Sunday, April 8 (from 2:00-6:00) it seems like a good idea to delve into some of DeKalb Avenue's history!

DeKalb Avenue is, of course, named for DeKalb County which was named after Baron Johann de Kolb, a native of Germany and self-proclaimed baron who aided the colonists in their fight for independence. DeKalb Avenue was originally called the Decatur Wagon Road which followed the north side of the Georgia Railroad from Decatur to Atlanta. About halfway along this route was an intersection called "Mayson's Crossing," which would later

be the center of Edgewood, and is now the site of the MARTA office building (adjacent to Candler Park Marta station.) Stores clustered at Mayson's Crossing as early as the 1880s, and the rest of DeKalb Avenue was mostly lined with larger, Victorian era houses. Smaller bungalows and cottages were built on DeKalb in the early 1900s. As DeKalb became increasingly industrial through the 20th century, nearly all of the houses were wiped out. None of the larger houses exist today though many still stood by the time this aerial photo was taken in 1949.



Here is a glimpse of what DeKalb looked like in 1949 and 1950, industrial or commercial properties are orange, while most everything else on DeKalb was still residential.

Atlanta Streets Alive Coming to Candler Park

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org



DeKalb Avenue will be a safe, walkable, and bike-friendly road on Sunday, April 8th from 2 pm – 6 pm with Atlanta Streets Alive closing a 4.4-mile stretch of the street from downtown to Lake Claire.

Organized by the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, this is the first Atlanta Streets Alive (ASA) event for 2018 and represents a new route for open streets for DeKalb Ave and Decatur Street. The route connects eleven Atlanta

neighborhoods: Downtown, Sweet Auburn, Old Fourth Ward, Cabbagetown, Inman Park, Little Five Points, Reynoldstown, Candler Park, Edgewood, Lake Claire, and Kirkwood. As the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition says, "Grab your friends and family and get ready to activate the streets with human-powered amusement!"

To learn more visit: www.atlantastreetsalive.com

How to Keep Ourselves, Our Property, and Our Neighborhood Safe

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

How do I make my home safer from intruders? What do I do when I have a cooking fire? How do I know my smoke detectors are working? These were just a few of the questions answered by a security consultant, a fire education specialist, and a police officer during a one-hour safety presentation at the First Existentialist Church on February 21st. Organized by CPNO Safety Officer Lexa King, the meeting provided almost 20 attendees educational safety tips, free smoke alarms, a question/answer session, snacks and drinks. The following recap may help you, your family and neighbors be safer at home.

Keeping Your Property Safe – Randy Hazan, Security Consultant, Ackerman Security Systems

Outside your home:

- Walk around your home and check for possible break-in opportunities
- Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed to minimize hiding places for burglars and predators
- Reconsider placement and use of privacy fences which can serve as hiding places for burglars and predators
- Do not leave ladders exposed and available. Lock them away or chain them up so that they cannot be used to break into second story windows.
- Improve outdoor lighting by adding motion detector flood lights in strategic locations.
- Do not put empty boxes for expensive purchases like televisions and electronics on the street. Cut up the boxes, put in garbage bag, and place in herbie curbie.
- Reconsider use of storm windows, burglar bars and window pins. They may keep predators from coming in, but they are extremely dangerous for people trying to exit the home in the event of a fire or other emergency.
- Make sure your house number is large, clear and visible for first responders.

Inside your home:

- Be careful with double key deadbolts. Keep key in the inside lock of door for easy exit. In case of fire, if the key is hanging high on a hook, it is more difficult to exit quickly without inhaling dangerous smoke.
- Reinforce exterior doors with metal to prevent intruders kicking in doors.
- Keep garage door closed. Evaluate items stored in garage that might be visible to street and attract thieves when garage door is open.
- Have a phone in your bedroom, especially if you are a senior citizen. If you have alarm system, have a keypad near bedroom.
- Ensure you are well-trained if you own a fire arm. Know how to use your fire arm and how to keep it safe. "Bad guys want guns, cash, and jewelry," says Hazan.

Going on Vacation:

- Stop mail, newspaper, and package delivery. Ask neighbor to watch property and pick up any excess items (like takeout delivery flyers) that may end up in mailbox or on doorstep.
- Pack car with luggage out of sight from drive-by cars.
- Tell your alarm company when you are going out of town.
- Place lights on timers. Sophisticated systems are available to control lights being randomly turned on and off.



Thank you to firefighters Mahone, Clark, Aguilar and White who represent part of the team at Fire Station 12 on DeKalb Avenue. When there is an emergency in Candler Park, the men and women of this station are our first responders. Thank you Fire Station 12!



Jacob Lessington is a Fire Education Specialist with the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department. He presented important home safety information to Candler Park residents.

- *Don't* announce on social media that you are going out of town or are out of town. Share out-of-town photos and news *after* you return home.
- Consider turning off water line to house so you avoid potential damage if there is a leak or a pipe bursts while away.

Staying Safe Inside Your Home – Jacob Lessington, Fire Education Specialist, Atlanta Fire Rescue Department

- Avoid burglar bars on windows – very hazardous for home dwellers in emergency as well as first responders trying to help.
- Do not hoard! First responders need clear paths in homes in order to provide help quickly.
- Replace smoke alarm if it is 10 years old or older. “Yellow is not the color of a smoke alarm,” said Lessington.
- Install a smoke alarm on every floor *and* in every bedroom of home.
- Do not install combination smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector device. Carbon monoxide takes longer to reach ceiling. Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed at waist level or lower.
- When smoke alarm chirps, it means battery is beginning to die. Do not take batteries out until you have replacement batteries ready to put in.
- Get low to floor when you hear smoke alarm. Roll out of bed to floor. Do not inhale smoke.
- Test smoke alarm once per month.
- Replace smoke alarm batteries two times per year (with Spring and Fall time change or at Easter and at Halloween.)
- Have lid to pots nearby whenever cooking. If you have a fire, putting lid on pot is fastest way to put out fire. DO NOT USE WATER in attempt to extinguish cooking fire. If you do not have pot lid or other item to cover flames, baking soda is next best option to put out a fire.
- Keep door to oven closed if you have fire in the oven. Do not open door as that would add oxygen and make fire worse.
- Check and clean lint trap in back of clothes dryer once a year.
- Replace fire extinguisher every 10 years or after one-time use.

- Don't store fire extinguisher in kitchen cabinet, like under sink, because it can get pushed to back behind other items and not be easily retrieved when needed.
- Store fire extinguisher where it is visible in room.
- Do not paint fire extinguisher – it is red for a reason.
- Have a fire extinguisher on each floor of house.

Additional Home Safety Tips – Officer Hines of Atlanta Police Department

- An alarm system can make the difference between a thief taking a t.v. vs. robbing the entire house.
- Nest cameras are solving crimes.
- Don't make yourself an easy target by leaving stuff visible on property or in car. Keep a clean car!
- Have packages delivered to your office or ask Candler Park Market who will accept packages for neighbors.
- Watch out for neighbors! If you see mail or newspapers piling up or a change in behavior, something may be wrong. Consider a telephone tree or email list to keep neighbors in touch.

Stay tuned for more information from Lexa King on the Aging in Place Initiative, which is intended to help watch out for and keep safe disabled and/or aging neighbors who live alone.

To learn more about the community initiatives of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, including the Citizens Fire Academy, visit www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/fire/community-information.



Sweet Retreat 4 K9 Doggie Boarding Boutique

Rhonda J. Franco
404-798-1669
rhnfranco@aol.com

Member of The Association of
Professional Dog Trainers

www.sweetretreat4k9.com

*For all your
real estate
needs...*



*Sherry Warner
Homes*

**COLDWELL
BANKER**

RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

Sherry Warner
Associate Broker &
Lake Claire resident

404 784 8848 *mobile*
404 874 2262 *office*

sherry@SherryWarnerHomes.com

Real estate agents affiliated with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage are independent contractor sales associates and are not employees of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. Operated by a subsidiary of NRT LLC.

From Rockets to Robots

By Boyd Baker, Lake Claire Resident

"We envision a world where STEM leaders are heroes and role models." That's the start of the shared vision of the Grady High School robotics team, also known as G3. Folks talk a lot about the incredible Speech and Debate team, or the great Journalism program, but did you know that Grady's G3 is one of the best robotics programs in the state?

Now in their 14th year, the program has grown from 10 students to over 50 with volunteer mentors from Georgia Tech, MailChimp, local engineering firms, and beyond. The team is more diverse than you might imagine with over 25% of the team being young women and almost 35% minority involvement. Glancing at the photo, you'll probably recognize many of the kids as Mary Lin alums. If you think robotics is a "boys club", know that this year's team captain is Hannah Prausnitz-Weinbaum from Inman Park.

So what exactly does a robotics team do? The primary goal is to design, engineer, and build a robot that can perform specific required tasks. In the past, the tasks have included scooping up items from the field, shooting items from an air cannon into a target, unloading gears from its own deck onto hooks and even climbing a rope! This takes many dedicated hours from teammates creating CAD drawings, using shop tools to create the robot, and programming the mainframe so that the robot can be "driven" by someone.

What about kids who aren't so technically inclined? Well, there's a NEO crew of students who represent the Non-Engineering Operations. This group manages the marketing of the team, maintains the website, handles social media, creates newsletters, scouts other teams at the competition, and develops the very important Team Spirit documents. A competition isn't just about having robots battle robots. Judges receive presentations from each team about how and why they operate, as well as what each robotics team does to serve their community. These are some of the most prestigious awards given at local, regional, and national competition.

Not only do they travel to competitions (at least 3 a year), but G3 does a HUGE amount of community service each year. Through hosting the First Lego League competition at Grady, the G3 team brings together over 50 area elementary school Lego robotics teams for a day of challenges.

For the middle school students, G3 created Drones for Good. This is another day-long competition where students work with their mentors and teachers to develop an innovative drone-based solution to a problem in their community, state, or the world. Over 60 teams from across metro Atlanta build and fly their own K'Nex based drones. G3 students support and guide these teams as they put their drones through their paces at Grady.

G3 Robotics believes that it's not enough to promote STEM education alone. As they focus on building programs in each APS elementary, middle, and high school, they keep equity in mind. They continue to promote females, minorities, and the socio-economically disadvantaged in all their work. G3 hopes to build a stronger, healthier STEM community in Atlanta, and the world.

As part of the Atlanta Science Festival, held at Piedmont Park this year, G3 will be hosting a Drones for Good event in the Grady High School cafeteria on Saturday, March 10th from 9am - 2pm.

The event is free and family-friendly, so come build your own drone and get a glimpse into this exciting STEM based program. Find the full #ATLSciFest schedule and event details here: <http://bit.ly/AtlSciFest>. To learn more about Grady Robotics visit the team website at www.G3robotics.com.

Grady High School Robotics Team (G3) Stats

Team Members – 51

Drones For Good Teams – 60

Lego Robotics Events Hosted – 14

Female Team Members – 28%

Minority Team Members – 35%

College Graduation Rate – 99%

Community Service Hours – 6,263

Habitat for Humanity Builds – 4

Elementary Science Nights – 20



Past Mary Lin elementary students on the Grady Robotics team are L to R: Diego Gonzalez, Forest Dynes, Swagatam Das, Deacon Baker, Karl Haddock, Cate Crutcher, Jack Labadia, Hannah Prausnitz-Weinbaum, Sam Castellano, Jake Willoughby, Owen Hawke



G3, Grady's winning robotics team.

Get fit for FREE

By Gail Turner-Cooper, Founder, Align Health Coaching

What if I told you that you could get fit just by walking and it's free? According to a significant amount of research, walking is the key to preventing heart disease. In Candler Park, we have the perfect space to go for a stroll or a long hike. We live in one of the most walkable areas in Atlanta. Let's take advantage of this beautiful neighborhood and go for a walk.

Going for a walk improves your health in a number of ways. It improves good cholesterol (HDL), reduces the incidence of depression, reduces mental stress, lowers blood pressure, aids in weight management, and reduces inflammation. When combined, these reduced risk factors also lower one's risk of coronary artery disease, stroke, and heart attack.

So why aren't we all out for a walk? Motivation to get out and get moving may be an issue. Here are a few tips to find motivation, lace up and get walking:

1. Grab a friend or family member. They need to walk too, and it will help to have an accountability partner.
2. Take your dog. They need exercise just like us.
3. Download an audible book and listen while walking.
4. Find a new podcast.
5. Great time to meditate.
6. Get a wearable exercise tracker.



7. Journal your walks. At the end of a month you can see how many miles you've walked.
8. Set a reward for meeting a goal. Maybe you can reward yourself with dining at a neighborhood restaurant.

Visit our Freedom Trail, Candler Park, Ormstead Park, Frazier Woods, and Lake Claire Park. You can also take the Freedom Trail to the Beltline.

Let's get out there and get fit for FREE! See you on the trails.



KDA Business Connect

Connecting Local Businesses to Your Neighborhood.

A/C Heating Services

E. Smith Heating & Air - 770-422-1900
Premier Indoor Comfort - 770-345-9707

Closet Organization

Closet Designs & More - 678-392-4597

Flooring

Floor Coverings International
Northeast Atlanta - 404-891-0249
Select Floors Roswell - 770-299-1008

Home Services/Handyman

Mister Ladder - 678-792-5844

Home Theater/Automation

Atlanta Audio & Automation
404-602-0559

Mountain/Lake Properties

Lake Arrowhead Realty - 770-720-2700

Outdoor Kitchen/Fireplaces/Gas Logs

The Mad Hatter - 770-740-8133

Painting

Painting Plus - 404-382-9988

Plumbing

Plumb Pros - 770-384-1886
Serv'All - 770-917-1852

Roofing/Gutters/Siding

IBG, LLC - 770-966-9846
Sentinel Exteriors - 404-631-6439

Tankless Water Heaters

Premier Indoor Comfort - 770-345-9707

CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for February

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

External Affairs Officer-Lindy Kerr

Notable Zoning votes:

1. V-17-346 for 425 Euclid Terrace NE was approved contingent on the site plan dated December 17, 2017.

Other:

1. Atlanta Streets Alive will take place on DeKalb Ave/ Decatur Street between Rockyford and Peachtree Streets on April 8 from 12:30 - 7:30 PM. DeKalb will be closed to traffic during the event but cross streets will remain open for car traffic. LaMiiko Moore from the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition (LaMiiko@AtlantaBike.org) attended to provide information about the event.
2. Update on Moreland Ave. LCI: DeKalb County Commissioner Jeff Rader presented an update on LCI Progress, specifically the areas of (1) Howell Dr / Arkwright Pl / Flat Shoals Ave Triangle, (2) Sugar Creek Greenway and (3) Bass Field. Most of the discussion centered on plans for a proposed parking deck in Bass Field and a possible rezoning of L5P was mentioned. There were many concerns from NPU reps that insufficient time had been provided for full discussion on the LCI and its impact on Candler Park, Inman Park and Reynoldstown. The applicant was instructed to work with these impacted neighborhoods.
3. Zoning Quick Fixes: The vote on Z-17-93 regarding 14 proposed quick fixes to the Zoning Ordinance was deferred so the City's planning office may respond to some outstanding questions regarding the language of the proposed changes. The public hearing date for Z-17-93 will be sometime in March.

Freedom Park Conservancy- Carol Gregory

The Freedom Park Conservancy board is actively seeking an executive director and planning to have the E.D. (executive director) in place at the end of April. Trees Atlanta held a work day in the park on MLK Day. After calls to the Parks Dept., the graffiti on the granite wall (before Highland underpass) has been painted over. The Arts Committee reports it is working on an implementation plan with a local artist that, when completed; will be used for a workshop and to apply for a grant. The committee is creating a proposal to apply for a partnership for the "house plan" temporary art installation. Also the committee is talking with Atlanta Public Schools and the principal of the David T. Howard School, which is in close proximity to the park, re urban planning.

Carol Gregory FPC representative carolagreg@gmail.com

Zoning- Bill Morris

The CPNO Zoning Committee met on February 7, 2018 to consider two variance applications with a quorum of members in attendance.

The applicant for Variance V-17-376 (321 Mell Ave.) seeks variances to allow for the reduction of the north side yard setback reduction from 7ft to 3ft, the south side yard setback from 7ft to 3 ft and the rear yard set back from 7ft to 3 ft in order to construct

a replacement for an existing unsafe deck. Applicant also seeks a special exception to allow active recreation (for possible future hot tub) in a yard adjacent to a street (actually located in rear yard as future part of the deck). Justification for the variance is due to the small lot size with irregular property lines and encroachment of the property line by neighbors limiting the functional building area for the property. The applicant demonstrated compliance with the checklist materials and provided support documentation from surrounding neighbors. The committee voted 3-support and 0 – opposed in support of this application.

The applicant for Variance V-17-377 (1206 Dekalb Ave.) seeks variances to allow for the reduction of the front yard set back from 30ft to 15 ft, the west side yard set back from 7 ft to 2 ft and the half depth front yard set back from 15 ft to 1 ft in order to expand the upper floor living area for an existing non-conforming duplex. Construction will not expand the buildings' footprint and the structure will be brought up to current building code standards for the addition. Built around 1890 and located on the northwest corner of Josephine and DeKalb Ave., the property is non-conforming and unique in the way it occupies the property sitting on the corner with essentially no yard. The applicant demonstrated compliance with the checklist materials and provided support documentation from adjacent neighbors. The committee voted 3-support and 0 – opposed in support of the application with the condition the applicant send mail notification to the property owner at 1210 Dekalb Ave. whose support was not obtained prior to the meeting.

Your Neighborhood Agent
Candler Park Resident Intown specialist
Patter Byrne
patterbyrne@gmail.com
404-825-0880

I am all about Intown Living!
Having spent the majority of my life right here in Candler Park, I know what it takes to get the house you want and how to get top dollar for the house you want to sell.
Call me for a home evaluation!

KW KELLER WILLIAMS BUCKHEAD

Keller Williams Realty Buckhead 404-604-3800

February 19 CPNO Members Meeting – draft minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Dana Fowle, President. The motion to adopt the agenda passed. New members introduced themselves.

Guest Speaker:

Officer Riley, APD Zone 6, was available for questions.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Cameli's for providing tonight's dinner.
- Palascinta Crepe, corner of McLendon and Oakdale, is closed until Maria recovers from her injury.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, March 25 @ 2 pm.
- CPNO has a Twitter page-CandlerParkATL.
- A Safety Presentation will be held at the First E. Church on Wednesday, February 21 @ 7 pm.
- Naoya Wada, representing the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, announced a "Streets Alive" event along DeKalb Avenue (from downtown to Lake Claire) on April 8 from 2- 6 pm.
- Amir Faroki, Atlanta City Councilman District 2, spoke about his experience thus far.
- Anna Perkins, Chief of Staff for State Representative Bee Nguyen, summarized important House bills and provided contact information for Rep.Nguyen.
- Josh Antenucci, Rival Entertainment, announced the dates for Candler Park Music and Food Festival-June 1st and 2nd.
- Edi Kelman distributed free booklets for 'Phoenix Flies'- March 3-31, 2018.
- Don Bender solicited contributions to compliment the grants already secured for the renovation of Little Five Points.

Treasurer's Report:

Rohini Kukreja, Treasurer, reviewed expenditures for January and the proposed 2018 Operating Budget. Motion to approve the 2018 Operating Budget passed.

Discussion and Votes:

FallFest Budget for 2018 was presented by Chris Fitzgerald. Vote will be taken next month.

Zoning - Bill Morris

- 321 Mell Avenue - Motion to support variance application V17-366 with the condition that the applicant appear

at the February NPU N meeting and the project is built in accordance with the application filed with the City of Atlanta passed.

- 1206 DeKalb Avenue - Motion to support variance application V17-377 with the condition that the applicant appear at the February NPU N meeting and the project is built in accordance with the application filed with the City of Atlanta passed.

311 Magnifer- Dana Fowle illustrated how to use '311' effectively.

Sidewalk Repair Phase 2- Silvia Edelstein is still in need of Block Captains for the following streets-Miller, Benning, North Avenue (1409-1462), Euclid (1361-1381).

Motion to approve the previous month's minutes passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by
Bonnie Palter, Secretary
February 19, 2018

CPNO Membership Application

All who live in Candler Park, or own property or a business in Candler Park, are eligible to join. Mail this application or visit our website to join www.candlerpark.org register or renew. www.candlerpark.org/renew

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____ Date: _____

Business applicants

Name of business: _____
Address of business: _____
Name of designated agent: _____
Agent's Email: _____ Date: _____

Optional contributions

Membership in CPNO is free, but we welcome optional contributions. To contribute, please visit our website www.candlerpark.org/contribute or mail a check with this application. Typical contributions range from \$10 to \$100.

If sending by mail, please address to:

**CPNO Membership
P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107**

WE LIVE, LOVE, AND **SELL** CANDLER PARK!



511 CLIFTON ROAD - CANDLER PARK
UNDER CONTRACT IN ONE WEEK!

Wondering what your house is worth?

Call me for **YOUR FREE** market analysis: **678-358-3369**.



Cynthia Baer
678-358-3369
cynthia@cynthiabaer.com

"The process of selling and buying a house is daunting and extremely stressful.

Working with Cynthia made that process easy and enjoyable. She was wonderful to work with and walked us through the process step-by-step. Her knowledge was extensive, particularly in how to market our home to the perfect buyers. She always made us feel like we were her number one priority. I would tell anyone looking to sell their house to give her a call!"

— Laura Thompson - Candler Park

315 West Ponce de Leon Avenue
Suite 100 • Decatur, GA

kW METRO ATLANTA
KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY

WE LIVE, LOVE, AND SELL CANDLER PARK!



NOW SELLING PORCHES
2 New Construction Communities
Celebrating Porch Life

La France Walk :: Edgewood

New Homes priced from \$575,000

www.LaFranceWalk.com

facebook.com/LaFranceWalk

Haralson Lane :: Inman Park

New Homes priced from \$1,190,000

www.HaralsonLane.com

facebook.com/HaralsonLane

Leigh Hays, Keller Williams Realty Intown Atlanta

621 North Avenue, C50, Atlanta GA 30308

404-641-3500 office :: 404-402-4554 cell

Leigh@LeighHays.com

WWW.LEIGHHAYS.COM

Each office is independently owned. Equal Housing Opportunity.
Info not warranted & Subject to changes and withdrawal without notice

 **Eye Etc.**
www.EyeEtcAtl.com



Shop Local and Ask About Our Frame
and Lens Specials!

COLAY WHITE, O.D.
MICHAEL G. STAMBOLY, O.D.

484-D MORELAND AVE NE
404-523-3937

Complete Vision Care in Little 5 Points