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There's A Lot You Can Do

By Dana Fowle, president@candlerpark.org

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, like most community groups, is driven by volunteers. Nobody is getting paid. These are your neighbors who juggle full-time jobs, a few kids, cooking dinner, church commitments, after-school activities, then try to squeeze in personal appointments and date nights. And somewhere in the middle of all of that they carve out time for their community.

Without our CPNO volunteers there would be no Fall Fest, Easter Egg Hunt, The Messenger or CPNO Yard Sale.

The Zoning Committee, headed by volunteers, makes sure your variance request is possible. Community volunteers were responsible for holding a well-attended forum to help you learn more about a proposed cell phone antenna on a neighborhood building. Last year's \$400,000 sidewalk repair project wouldn't have happened had volunteers not met with city leaders to secure this much needed cash. In fact, phase two of this project is quite an undertaking, again, being managed by volunteers. And those infrastructure efforts wouldn't have got off the ground had volunteers not poured months into creating a Master Plan for Candler Park.

Currently, neighbors, in their free time, are working with the city to better understand historic designations and their alternatives. Our neighborhood is safer because of the CPLC Patrol which is governed by a volunteer board.

We thank everyone for their hard work, but also want to reach out to those of you who are more reticent. Research indicates that people often do want to lend a hand but don't because of three key reasons.

3 REASONS PEOPLE DON'T VOLUNTEER

- Nothing to offer
- Too busy

PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

- Nobody asked

Often neighbors think they have nothing to offer. Oh, but you do. If you've worked in any industry - sales, retail, engineering, transportation - you have business skills to offer. If you've raised a family, then you can manage a neighborhood project.

Many of us are busy and can't imagine adding one more thing to the schedule. So many ways to chip in require so little

time. Often at CPNO meetings we need to visualize a point. On your daily walk maybe you can snap pictures. At our annual yard sale, we can use folks for as little as an hour at a time to help sort items.

Too often organizations forget to ask for help. True.

Too often we go back to the same pool of people rather than reaching out. So here's your chance to tell us how you'd like to help and how much or how little time you can commit. Be on the look out on NextDoor and at www.candlerpark.org for a volunteer survey. It'll be an opportunity for you to tell us about yourself, your interests and your skill set.

Here are easy ways to help right now. Report sidewalk issues to the CPNO 311 Magnifier program so that we can get a city response more quickly. Share CPNO messages with your social media network. And, we are looking for a new volunteer to head the Easter Egg Hunt.

Remember, we're not looking for the never-ending commitment. You don't even have to always come to CPNO meetings to be aware of opportunities. Be on the look out for Sign Up Genius requests. We often need occasional helpers from time to time. Bring friends, bring the kids, but just come.



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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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

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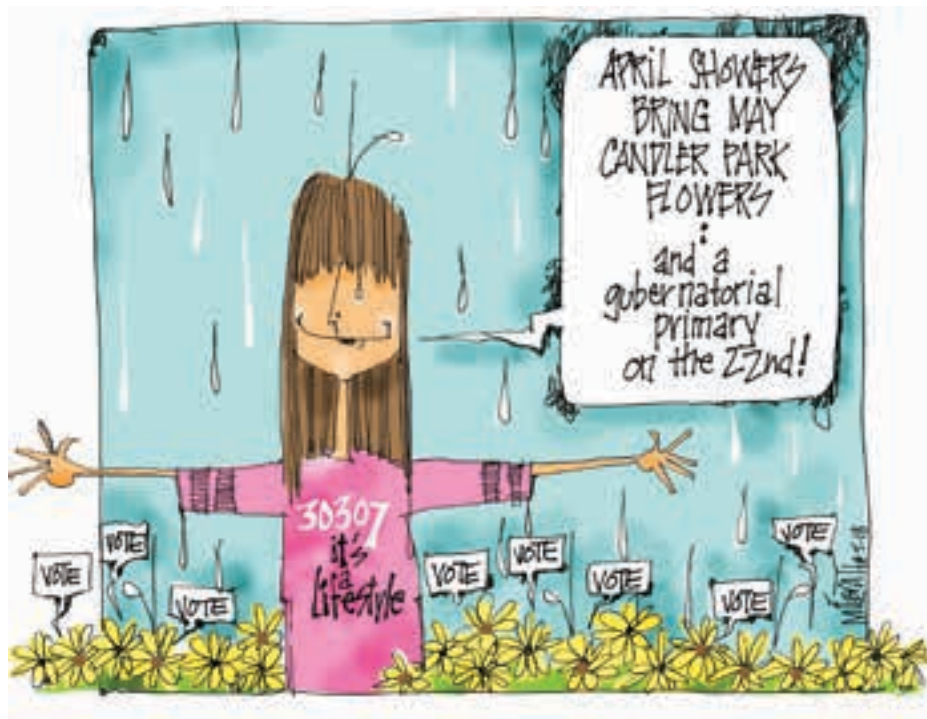
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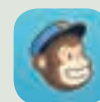
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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 2** CPNO Zoning Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church
- 6** Tumor Foundation 5K Run, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
- 6** Candler Park Conservancy “Beavers, Bluegrass & Barbecue”, 6:00 pm, Terrace Ave.
- 14** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The Wondershop
- 19** Flick-nic Movie Night, Wonder, 7:30 pm, Candler Park
- 21** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 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.



Mary Lin Elementary Summer Garden Bed Rental

Teach your kids how to grow food by renting a Mary Lin Garden bed this summer!!!

Students are planting various veggies and flowers right now! This is a great way to have fresh organic veggies this summer and get involved with the garden. Don't worry if you will be away part of the season. 'Garden families' are happy to water for each other. You can even share a bed with another family. Bed rentals are \$50.

Money raised from bed rentals help our students learn and grow in the garden during the school year. First come, first served! Make out your check to “Mary Lin Elementary”, write “Summer Garden Bed” in the comment line, and place it in the teacher mailbox marked “GREGG RICE” or deliver to teacher Gregg Rice.

Send questions to grice@atlanta.k12.ga.us or Mary Lin Garden Club Chair, Andy Woodworth andy.woodworth@gmail.com

Thank You Contributors!

CPNO welcomes new members

Erica Allard
Alec Seeböhm
Teresa and Bernard Cox

CPNO thanks members for their contributions:

Betsy Goss
David Smith
Brad Goodwin
...and others who wished to remain anonymous

Join the Conservancy's Spring Fling May 6 ... or Just Join the Conservancy

By Ken Edelstein, Candler Park Conservancy Board Member

Please join us Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 6:00pm for Beavers, Bluegrass & Barbecue, the Candler Park Conservancy's 2018 spring membership social!

We'll gather right on Terrace Avenue for this casual, family-friendly street party — to have some fun and to celebrate another successful year of progress for Candler Park with the help of our growing community of members.

Thanks to the generous support of three fabulous in-kind sponsors, the event will feature food from Candler Park's own Fox Bros BBQ, beverages from SweetWater Brewing Co. and live music from Max and Maggie. We will also lead guests on a beaver walk to explore Candler Park's urban wetlands habitat.

Later this month, join the Conservancy for yet another fun event in the park. Together with the Atlanta Audubon Society on Saturday, May 26, we're hosting an abbreviated version of Society's popular "Becoming a Better Birder" workshop. Then, participants will be led on a brief guided bird walk together in the park. Nature-lovers, birders and other interested neighbors of all ages and experience levels are welcome!

We will convene at 9:00am at one of the small pavilions (near the Playground). Parking is available in the main Candler Park lot. A limited number of binoculars and light refreshments will be provided.

Even if you're unable to attend either event, we hope you'll consider joining your Conservancy. Last year, we completed four park improvement projects — ranging from erosion control near the tennis courts, to a bike repair station on the Freedom Path, to



park beautification, and we also completed a Vision Plan for 14 long-term capital projects. Your participation in developing these projects can only make them better. Members qualify for free t-shirts and receive an email newsletter to let them know what's going on in their park.

Please go to candlerparkconservancy.org to learn more about these events, and to join or donate!

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Renew DeKalb Avenue

By Bee Nguyen, Representative for Georgia House District 89

On Monday, April 20, hundreds of people attended the public meeting on the DeKalb Avenue Complete Street Project. As a resident who has lived parallel to DeKalb Ave. for the last decade, I have used this major thoroughfare on a daily basis. I drive, bike, run, walk, and take transit on DeKalb Ave. Over the years, I have witnessed many accidents and have nearly been hit by cars on several occasions as a pedestrian.

The bottom line: DeKalb Ave. is not a safe street for anyone. A 2017 study reports 345 crashes on DeKalb Avenue with 101 injuries sustained from those accidents. This photo shows a car accident that happened just last week.

The DeKalb Avenue Complete Street Project is among the list of projects funded by our TSPLOST dollars.

Project Purpose: The purpose of DeKalb Avenue corridor improvements is to provide a safe corridor for all modes of users, pedestrians, cyclists, vehicular traffic, buses, and rail.

Project Description: The scope of the project includes corridor improvements along DeKalb Ave., including milling, resurfacing, re-striping, traffic communications, corridor signal upgrades, bus stop enhancements, streetscapes, extended bike lanes, and pedestrian safety improvements.

Project Timeline:

- Phase I (8 months to one year): Operational improvements and removal of reversible lanes; resurfacing; traffic signal and communication upgrades, pavement marking (left turn lane installation).
- Phase II (Less than two years): Conduct survey of project limits; initiate and finalize engineering design; corridor and pedestrian improvement (sidewalk, pedestrian crossings and ADA); bike facility improvements; drainage repairs; and fiber installation.
- Estimated completion: 2020. The fourth and final public meeting will take place during Phase II of the project.

To provide feedback and public commentary about the project, visit: www.RenewAtlantaBond.com.

Source: Bee Nguyen's email to constituents dated April 23, 2018.



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Atlanta Streets Alive Comes to Candler Park

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

DeKalb Avenue became a playground for 74,000 people who biked, walked, skated, jogged and connected with each other along the normally chaotic street from downtown to Lake Claire. Organized by the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, Atlanta Streets Alive shut down DeKalb Ave to car traffic on the afternoon of Sunday, April 8 to demonstrate what “open streets for all” can be.

CPNO infrastructure co-chair Silvia Medrano-Edelstein represented our neighborhood on the street in front of the Mercantile. In addition to free giveaways like Fall Fest t-shirts,

she had sidewalk games for the kids and sign-up sheets for volunteering. Ken Edelstein promoted Fall Fest 2018 as well as the Candler Park Conservancy. Silvia also distributed a fun DeKalb Avenue Photo Trivia game designed by Candler Park resident Emily Taff. It was a DeKalb Ave trivia treasure hunt in which you take photos of your trivia finds and post on social media. You can find the results through #dekalbtrivia2018. Thanks to the Edelstein's and Emily Taff for volunteering and representing Candler Park so well!



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Pre-Prom Party for Grady Juniors in Candler Park

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

Candler Park residents Ted and Dempsey Werthman were the kind and generous hosts for more than 70 Grady High School juniors (and a few dates from other schools) along with their parents for a potluck dinner and picture party before the Grady prom on April 14. Beautiful weather made it a perfect evening for many photos and fun. Parents continued to enjoy the evening after the kids headed out on two buses, which drove them around Atlanta for a while before arriving at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis for the dance.



Photo credit: Susan Rose



Ted and Dempsey Werthman with daughter Ellie.
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The State of the Grady Cluster

By Natasha Latzman, CPNO Education Chair

Hello Candler Park! I am your new CPNO Education Chair. I'll be attending as many meetings and events as I can related to the goings-on of our cluster. There's a lot going on. I'd love company – so if you're willing to join me in helping to keep the neighborhood up-to-date, please reach out: education@candlerpark.org. Thank you!

On to the latest news. On April 18, 2018, the Council of Intown and Neighborhood Schools (CINS) hosted Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Meria Carstarphen at the annual Grady Cluster Town Hall held at Inman Middle School. The Grady Cluster is made up of Grady High School, Inman Middle School, four Elementary Schools (Hope Hill Elementary, Mary Lin Elementary, Morningside Elementary, and Springdale Park Elementary), and two K-8 Charter Schools (Centennial Academy, Kindezi Old Fourth Ward). The meeting primarily focused on the budget, facilities, transportation, and school safety.

Budget

A new budget process was designed to address weakness (including equity, transparency, limited school-level empowerment) with the current model. The new formulas (1)

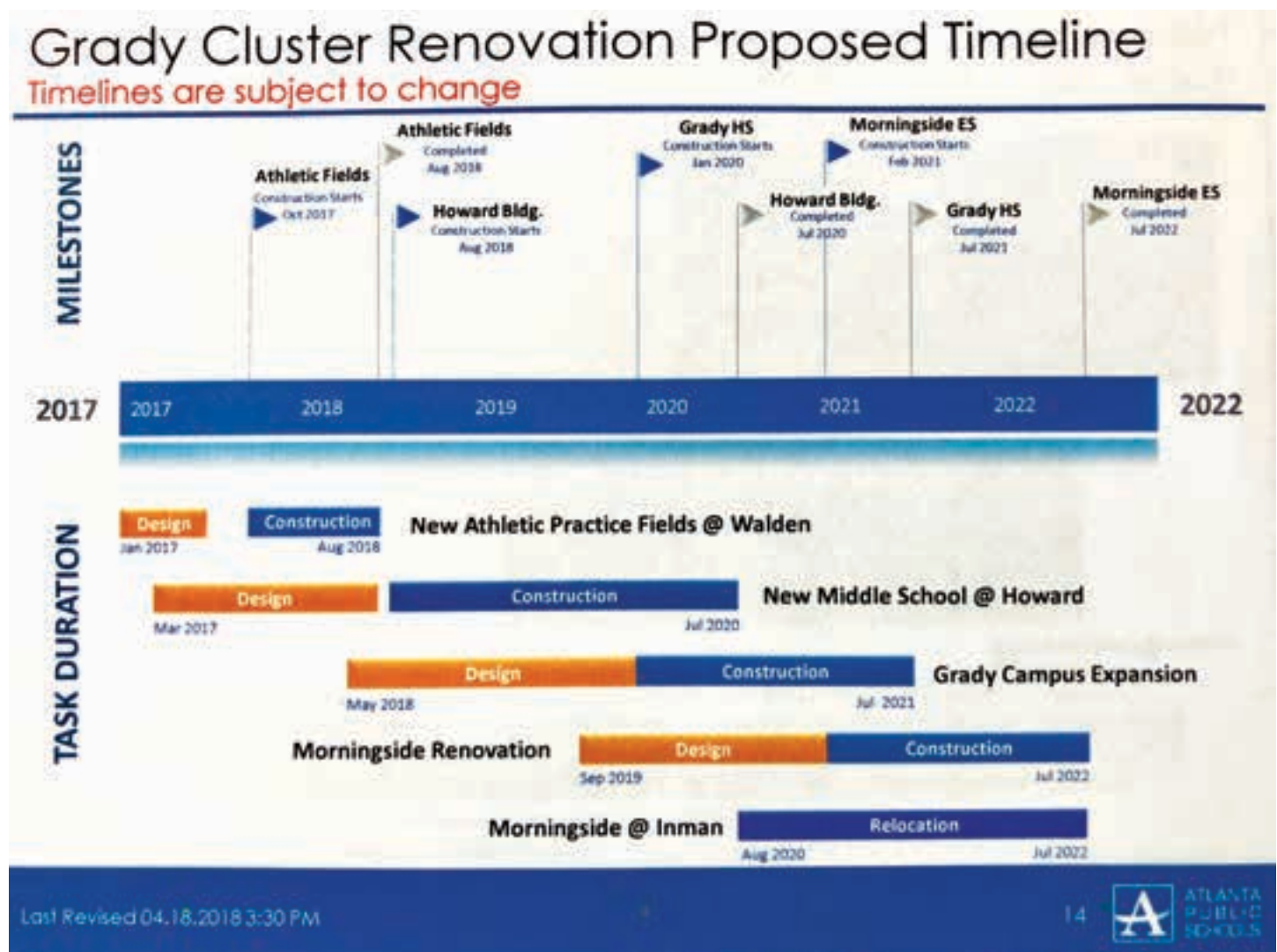
provide funding for baseline services such that all schools can provide a minimum level of services; and (2) involve transition strategies to ensure that schools do not see large swings year over year because of the transition from the old to new formulas. A temporary cap on what percentage of per pupil funding a school can lose (-2.5%) or gain (3%) in one year was put into place. APS put forth a recommendation to allow schools to carryover 10-15% of their unused non-personnel allocations to the following fiscal year to offset future year losses or to accrue funds.

Facilities: Grady Cluster Renovation Update

A slide was presented showing the proposed timeline for the many renovations occurring within the Grady Cluster.

On December 4, 2017, the Atlanta Board of Education approved a three-phase action to address the capacity issues in the Grady Cluster and specifically the immediate need to address overcrowding at Morningside Elementary:

- Phase I (effective for school year 2018-2019) involved rezoning students located in the Amour Drive Corridor and 1989 Cheshire Bridge Road and other similarly situation, yet to be occupied, properties from the Grady



Cluster to the North Atlanta Cluster.

- Phase II (effective for school year 2018-2019) involves the creation of a Morningside Kindergarten Annex at Atlanta Metropolitan Cathedral.
- Phase III is the development of a long-range Grady Cluster Capacity Plan. This long-range planning is expected to take place in stages over the next two years, starting immediately. These stages include:
 - Process Development (March 2018 – October 2018): Identification of the process, timelines and stakeholders required to develop the plan; development of guiding principles and criteria for decision-making
 - Data Collection & Monitoring (November 2018 – February 2019): Collection of projections and other key data; receive community input
 - Proposal Analysis (March 2019 – September 2019): Develop draft recommendations to relieve school overcrowding; receive community input
 - Revised Proposal Analysis (October 2019 – December 2019): Present final recommendations to relieve school overcrowding; receive community input on final recommendations
 - Board Approval (March 2020): Board will review the plan's recommendations and act.

Slides from a January 31, 2018 presentation at a Morningside Elementary Community Meeting (https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/cms/lib/GA01000924/Centricity/Domain/1564/Morningside%20Community%20Meeting_01.31.2018_Final.pdf) note that when students return to Morningside Elementary in 2022, Inman will be re-opened as a new Elementary. However, the future of Inman does not seem to be set in stone. At the April 18th meeting, Dr. Carstarphen emphasized the need to undertake the Process Development and Data Collection & Monitoring Phases before outlining options (including the future of Inman) to relieve overcrowding. I'll be closely following opportunities for community input.

Transportation

As of April 13, 2018, APS has approximately 68 bus driver vacancies. APS is not alone; this is a problem nationally, with reasons cited such as a robust economy (candidates have more choices), student behavior, and more comprehensive background checks. The district has taken several immediate actions to recruit and attract bus drivers including holding multiple recruitment events, targeted APS bus driver recruitment marketing, APS CDL Permit Assistance Program, and under consideration for Fiscal Year 2019 is a monetary assistance and incentive program. Dr. Carstarphen noted that it is unlikely that all vacancies will be filled.

School Safety and Security

Dr. Carstarphen provided a variety of related to APS safety and security, including:

- APS adheres to the state law requiring an all-hazards plan for all schools, which includes relocation and reunification

sites.

- All schools practice drills across 6 categories: lockdown, shelter-in-place, earthquake, evacuation/server evacuation, and medical emergencies.
- All buildings are controlled access, and the district's safety and security plans are site and school specific, depending on the design and layout of the building.
- Schools, collectively, are outfitted with over 4,500 cameras as well as a closed-circuit television that is monitored by APS Safety and Security team 24/7.
- APS has a trained Safety and Security officer assigned to every middle and high school, and a cluster of officers are assigned to each elementary school.
- APS Safety and Security Officers are trained on how to respond to active shooter scenarios; teachers and staff have also received training (and are currently undergoing more focused training); APS expects to implement training with students in the Fall
- Other supports related to safety include: members of the Social Work Department are trained trainers of Mental Health First Aid; APS has partnered with 5 behavioral/mental health providers to provide support to students and their families; implementation of Second Step (PreK-8) and School Connect (9-12) Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curricula; and schools have the option to become state sanctioned Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) schools.

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The 5th Annual Atlanta Cycling Festival Returns!

Source: Atlanta Cycling Festival press release

The Atlanta Cycling Festival has been exploring Atlanta by bike, 5 years in a row. This

free, week-long bicycle Festival will take place Saturday, May 19 – Friday, May 25.

There will be 25 bicycle events throughout the week of the Festival! Come explore Atlanta by bike. The Festival is geared towards connecting bicyclists of all ages and experience levels with each other and to support local bike-friendly businesses and organizations.

Sampling Of Festival Events:

- Annual Bicycle Yard Sale: Come find that lightly used bike to help you explore Atlanta on two wheels! This event will feature local Atlanta bike sellers, as well as bike shops.
- Pedal, Pint and Paddle: In tandem with the REI, we're bringing 200+ cyclists to enjoy a day at the REI Boathouse at Stone Mountain. Beer, bikes, and paddling on the lake!
- 5th Annual Doughnut Ride: Tour and sample the BEST doughnut shops in Atlanta.
- The Espresso Ride: Drink all the coffee while exploring Atlanta on two wheels.
- Mommy and Me Bike Ride: A moms + kids bike ride and picnic.
- Secrets of Buckhead: Discover the secrets of Buckhead, only seen on bike.
- The Taco Tuesday Ride: Bikes + Tacos = Match made in heaven
- 3rd Annual Queer Ride: Party on two wheels as we explore queer friendly bars and businesses.
- Ten Arena Bicycle Tour: Learn the history and locations of past/present Atlanta sports stadiums.
- Mountain Bike Film Night: Join us as we screen local and international mountain bike films.
- Relay Bike Share 1 Year Anniversary Party/Closing Bash: Come meet all the local bike orgs and vendors and celebrate the birthday of Relay Bike Share on South Broad Street.



For a complete list of events, please visit: www.atlantacyclingfestival.com/events.


Other highlights for the 2018 Atlanta Cycling Festival:

- We're donating 5% of our net profits back to the cycling community
- We're supporting minority owned and/or LGBTQ owned businesses
- We're keeping our drinking local by partnering with Eventide Brewing

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Grady High School's Robotics Team (G3) Ranked in the Top 2% in the World

Source: Grady High School Grady Gram on April 23

The Grady High School Robotics team, called G3, competed at the Nationals competition in Houston April 21 – 22. The team was 10-0 in qualifying rounds, and 12-2 overall. They were a semi-finalist in the Newton Division - a first for Grady! G3 finished the season ranked in the top 2% of over 4,500 international teams!



Grady Robotics (G3) team after winning a tournament in Albany, Ga in March, soon thereafter they became state champions and then competed in top notch form at the World Championship in Houston in April

AP Awards for Grady

Source: Grady High School Grady Gram, April 16, 2018

State School Superintendent Richard Woods has named AP Honor Schools for 2018. Grady is named as the following:

- AP Merit school (schools with at least 20 percent of the total student population taking AP exams and at least 50 percent of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher)
- AP STEM school (schools with students testing in at least two AP math courses and two AP science courses)
- AP STEM Achievement school (schools with students testing in at least two AP math courses and two AP science courses and at least 40 percent of exam scores on AP math and science exams earning scores of 3 or higher)
- AP Humanities school (schools with students testing in the following AP courses: at least one ELA course, two social sciences courses, one fine arts course and one world language course)

Meditation: Why Should You Develop a Practice?

By Gail Turner-Cooper, Founder, Align Health Coaching and Candler Park Resident

You wake up and while you are getting ready for work you notice that your daughter is taking 45 minutes to get ready. What she should be doing is eating her breakfast and getting ready to go to school. Your morning time is tight and you need everyone to play their role on time. You investigate what is taking so long. When you walk into her room you discover a funny smell, one distinctly belonging to nail polish. Why are you painting your nails before school, and how did you get the polish in the first place? But that is not the worst part. You notice bright red not on her nails, but on the sink, counter and carpet, wait, is that a spot on the ceiling? Now, you may think that this action justly deserves grounding for life. But, due to meditation, you will have a longer fuse with the situation. You stop yourself from exploding like a bomb at 7:30 in the morning. You sternly ask her to come downstairs, eat her eggs and get to the bus stop. You are able to find the space to try to understand her artistic side and timing of such. You explain when a better time would be and the appropriate places to paint, like only your nails! This interaction is positive, and you don't spend the rest of the day lamenting your morning episode. Your mind will be free to be more productive at work and carry happier energy.

After lunch your boss approaches you and says great job on that project, you really paid attention to the details and completed it before deadline. You know you showed great focus and made good decisions.

On your way home from work you are at a red light the light turns green, the minivan in front of you takes 5 seconds to go and you don't lay on the horn. Wait, is that patience you're displaying?

Practicing consistent meditation elongates your fuse and allows the time and space to think clearly and process well. Even though you may be saying to yourself, I already have too many balls in the air to add a meditation practice. You can find time! Find time



in the morning, right when you wake up. Prop your pillow up and meditate for 5-10 or even 20 minutes. Or find time right when you get home from work. Perhaps you deem a "quiet time" for the whole family when you walk in after a long day and kick off your shoes. Sit in your favorite chair and close your eyes and pay attention to your breath. Sit up tall with your feet on the floor and enjoy your new-found peace. If sitting is not your thing, then take a walk in the nearest woods, path, or park. Find a quiet area away from too many distractions. There are many other options.

Guided meditation and Transcendental Meditation, known as TM, are common practices. There is no right or wrong way to meditate. Meditation can mean anything from gratitude lists, mindfulness, prayer, and concept meditation. There are meditation apps on the market for your smart phone, or you can search YouTube for a guided meditation that is right for you. If a silent meditation is best, focus on your breathing. You will want to breath diaphragmatically (meaning deep breathing beyond your lungs. Breathe from your belly). Experiment with different styles of meditation. Start small and grow the practice.

When I began to meditate consistently, people remarked how calm I was. I noticed I was able to focus for longer periods of time. I found a longer fuse for life's little hiccups. I made better decisions that were based on facts and not reactions. I slept more soundly and deeply, while waking up refreshed. Look at meditation as a gift and not a chore. Your new mentality is saying "I get to spend time on me" not "I have to spend time on me."

Don't worry about clearing your thoughts. Thoughts will come and go. It is good practice to allow them to drift away and not allow them to fester and take up too much space in your mind. I love the saying "There's nothing wrong with thoughts coming to visit, just don't invite them in for tea".



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April 16 CPNO Members Meeting – draft minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Dana Fowle, President. Motion to adopt the agenda passed. Motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting passed.

Guest Speaker:

- Captain Collier, APD Commander Zone 6, introduced himself and answered questions.
- Pat Dawson, Sheltering Arms Day Care, explained available services.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Radial Café for tonight's dinner.
- Twitter account is CandlerParkATL.
- FallFest Tour of Homes needs homes.
- CPNO Second Annual Yard Sale is Saturday, April 21, 9-4 at The New Church, McLendon Avenue.
- Thank you to Streets Alive volunteer, Silvia Edelstein.
- Membership renewal deadline is April 30.

Treasurer's Report:

Deferred until next month.

General Discussion and Votes:

- 311Magnifier – There is a new app called SeeClickFix. Current successes using 311Magnifier were highlighted.
- Moreland LCI (Livable Centers Initiative) - Lindy Kerr and Bill Morris led a discussion regarding the three projects that will have the most impact on Candler Park. The three projects are 1) gate/fence between Iverson Park and MARTA station; 2) Pathway between Candler Park Drive and Marlbrook Dr.; 3) Freedom Park Bridge over Moreland Avenue. Motion to close the discussion on the LCI projects passed. A membership vote is scheduled for next month.
- Hannah Perkins, Staff member from Bee Nguyen's office, highlighted upcoming legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by
Bonnie Palter, Secretary
April 16, 2018

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CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for April

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

Freedom Park Conservancy - Carol Gregory

The regular meeting of the Freedom Park Conservancy board was held on April 10, 2018, at the Carter Center. The board first enjoyed a tour of the Carter Center grounds with Jason Carter. The arts committee introduced a temporary art project for the park sponsored by Flux. Approval will be at next month's meeting. Perkins and Will is again providing their expertise with the communications committee on updating the park branding. The board approved an employment letter in anticipation of offering the Executive Director position to one of 3 final candidates in April. Questions or comments please let me know. Carol Gregory carolagreg@gmail.com

External Affairs Officer - Lindy Kerr

The monthly NPU-N meeting occurred on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Notable Zoning votes:

There were no zoning votes in Candler Park this month.

Reports from City Departments:

The Fire Department would like to remind everyone to replace smoke detector batteries this spring.

Phase II of City Zoning Ordinance updates have started. Public meetings will be held from mid-April through Mid-May. With a NPU vote occurring in June or July. Check zoningatl.com for more information. The following ordinances will be affected:

- Accessory Dwellings
- Definitions
- Historic Lot Patterns
- Industrial District Uses
- I-Mix District
- Loading Requirements
- MRC Residential Density Increase
- Missing Middle Zoning District
- Parking (on-street, shared, old buildings)
- Neighborhood Design Standards for R-4 and R-5 districts
- Telecommunications Updates
- Transitional Height Plane Updates
- Quality of Life Districts

Reminder from Zone 6 that we have a new L5P precinct officer at our mini precinct. Stop by and welcome him.

Other:

1. Olmsted Plein Air Invitational: Festival will be held in Olmsted Linear Park April 27 - April 29, 2018.
2. Inman Park Festival: Festival will be held April 27 - April 29, 2018.
3. Little 5 Arts: Summer weekend programming will be held in Findley Plaza Saturdays and Sundays from 5 - 8 pm beginning April 14, 2018.

Zoning - Bill Morris

The CPNO Zoning Committee met on April 4, 2018 with a quorum of members in attendance. The meeting agenda included a variance/special exception V-18- 067 and follow-up discussion of proposed zoning ordinance z-18-28 (replaced z-18-17).

V-18-067 (425 Oakdale Rd.) is a variance/special exception to allow the installation of a 6ft opaque fence in the half depth front yard along the north side of the property facing Miller Ave. where a 4 ft fence height is allowed under the city zoning code. The applicant provided complete checklist items and support signatures from neighbors for the requested variance. Justification of the taller fence was to provide an enclosure for large dogs that are potentially capable of jumping or climbing over a smaller fence/also to contain a cat when it is occasionally allowed to be in the yard, security for vehicles parked in the driveway and for privacy due to topography of the property which is located at the bottom of the hill. In addition there are many similar fences installed throughout the neighborhood including in the immediate vicinity of 425 Oakdale. The committee discussed the justification provided by the owner and committee concerns related to the installation of tall fences fronting streets thereby impacting site lines (possible safety issues) and which create a fortress like appearance in the neighborhood. Other similar 6 ft opaque fences throughout the neighborhood were likely installed without permits and/or may have been replacement of older fences. A recent applicant for a similar fence proposal installed a 6ft fence with top 2 ft transparent as supported by the committee & CPNO. Consistent with that approach the committee voted 3 - 0 to support a 6ft fence with the top 2 ft transparent for 425 Oakdale Rd.

Zoning Ordinance Z-18- 28 replaces previously proposed ordinance Z-18-17 amending the definition of a shelter to allow limited expansion of an existing shelter without the requirement of applying for a special use permit provided: 1) not more than 22,000 square feet of floor area is added; 2) the existing shelter is not located within 1250 feet of any similar shelter or care facility such as assisted living, nursing home, rehabilitation center, etc.; 3) the existing shelter has been in active operation since January 1, 2000. The revised ordinance was changed to amend the definition of a shelter under city code section 16-29.001(71) so as to allow expansion of existing shelters that do not meet certain distance requirements by eliminating (a)(1-2) while retaining (a)(3-12) on condition that the expansion be approved by special use permit. The committee briefly discussed but did not vote on a motion to support this ordinance due to uncertainty of the status of this proposal.

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