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Moreland Avenue Corridor Improvements Coming

By Dana Fowle, president@candlerpark.org

Moreland Avenue is a state highway that cuts through multiple, vibrant communities, but a lot is asked of this stretch of roadway.

According to state data, in the last few years there's been a 33 percent increase in vehicle traffic on some stretches of the roadway. At the same time, communities with bikers, walkers and visitors have continued to bloom around it. I don't have to tell you how a busy road impacts those who live and work along this area.

As a result of these intersecting interests, the state and City of Atlanta in 2005 conducted the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) to study "transportation improvements, land use policies, and sound urban design to improve the quality of life" in Candler Park, Edgewood, Inman Park, Little 5 Points and Reynoldstown. But it's due for an update.

Last summer, the city offered a draft proposal of short-term and long-term infrastructure projects in the Moreland Corridor 10-Year Update. The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization was asked to vote on its approval, but membership opted to defer voting, as it became clear neighbors wanted more time to consider the projects.

While there are more than 50 projects noted, three directly impact Candler Park:

- Re-opening the Iverson Park connection to the Edgewood-Candler Park MARTA Station;
- Building a pedestrian/bike bridge for the Freedom Park Trail over Moreland Avenue; and,

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- Creating a wider, multi-use trail through Candler Park.

The Candler Park Conservancy endorsed the trail because it is consistent with its current Vision Plan. Opening the Iverson Park gate to foot traffic will require much feedback from immediate neighbors. The proposed footbridge (and others like it around the city) is part of a larger, citywide goal to create more pedestrian connectivity.

Former CPNO president Zaid Duwayri is chairing a CPNO committee to get a clear understanding of the vision, facts and assumptions of the LCI 10-Year Update. The five-member group plans a public meeting in July to get community feedback. Additionally, the city is creating a survey, which should also be available in July, to gather even more public input on these projects and those that impact the other neighborhoods. Notable is the desire to create more parking options for the Little 5 Points and Inman Park communities.

Here's what you need to do. Read the Moreland Corridor 10-Year Update. It's 133 pages, but it's a pretty easy read. You can read it word-for-word or you can skim it, but you should look at it. There is a link at www.candlerpark.org.

When we have firm dates there will be notices for the public meeting and a link to the city survey coming to you through the CPNO website, Twitter @CandlerParkATL, and NextDoor.

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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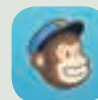
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JULY

- 4** Happy 4th of July
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- 9** CPNO Board
Meeting, 7 pm, The
Wondershop
- 16** CPNO Members
Meeting, 7 pm, 1st
Existentialist Church

AUGUST

- 1** First Day of School
for Atlanta Public
Schools
- 4** Candler Park Movie
Night featuring
Jumanji
- 13** CPNO Board
Meeting, 7 pm, The
Wondershop
- 18** Candler Park Movie
Night featuring Black
Panther
- 20** CPNO Members
Meeting, 7 pm, 1st
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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.



Porch Parties Bring the Neighborhood Together

By Jennifer Wilds, membership@candlerpark.org

A special thanks to Maria Crawford for hosting our first porch party of the year in June!!! We so appreciated her three porches and willingness to allow us to beat the heat and enjoy the air conditioning on a hot Saturday evening! We had over 25 people who shared food and fellowship and large representation from North Avenue and Oakdale neighbors. We will hold off on porch parties for the summer but would love to have one at your house in the fall so please let us know if you are interested. Also, remember that we have grants available for block parties as well, so please let us know your ideas for a neighborhood event. We do need notice a few months in advance so be thinking of those September and October events now. We hope to see you at an upcoming members meeting!

Thank You Contributors!

Membership in CPNO is 540, an all-time high—and it's only June. So far, we have 101 new members and 439 renewals in 2018. The total number now exceed all previous years since 2010, which is as far back as our records go.

CPNO welcomes new members

Norma Alhadeff
Jennifer Wilson
Carrie Manning

James and Nancy Okula
Rohini Kukreja
Rebeca Quintana
Odie Snyder
Ariane and Tom O'Dea
Chip Miller
Christine Woodhouse
David Bergartt and Liza Gellerstedt
Glenna Kline
Colleen Ward
...and others who wished to remain anonymous

CPNO thanks members for their contributions:

Judith Gott
John Cheng and Paul Craythorne
William Brawley

Celebrate National Watermelon Day at Flick-Nic

By Mark Clement, Friends of Candler Park

The first Saturday in August is National Watermelon Day! And for the 5th year in a row Flick-Nic is going to celebrate this annual occasion in Candler Park on August 4 beginning at 6 pm. Friends of Candler Park will pay tribute to that awesome berry with "Peace, Love and Watermelon" by icing down a pallet of watermelon and slicing and serving it up followed by a screening of Jumanji (2016). It will be pre-movie picnic fun Candler Park style with seed spitting contests and all of the other watermelon hilarity we have come to enjoy. And it is all free! Thanks to Cynthia Baer for providing the watermelon again.

Candler Park Movie Night festivities start one hour prior to dusk and the feature presentation will go on promptly at sunset in front of the pool house. You will want to get there early for the best spot! Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome. Bring your own picnic and coolers, but be aware that glass containers or bottles are strictly forbidden in city parks.

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Candler Park Tour of Homes Seeks Two More Abodes to Show Off

By Chris Fitzgerald, fundraising@candlerpark.org



We are thrilled with the lineup coming together for the Candler Park Tour of Homes. But we're hoping to add two more homes to make this highly successful neighborhood fundraiser even better.

The assortment so far includes craftsman bungalows, a two-story newer home with a carriage house, a triplex, a quaint condominium, a modern loft and much more. But we are interested in adding to that variety. Remember: Selected homes don't require perfection, and every home has a story to tell!

There are benefits to participating. For one thing, the Candler Park Tour of Homes— which takes place this year on Sunday, Sept. 30, from noon to 6 p.m. — isn't quite the commitment of most other neighborhoods, because it takes place for only six

hours on one day. You can stay home and chat with attendees — or enjoy the tour using the free tour tickets you'll get and wearing the free t-shirts you'll receive as a "thank you," while docents guide attendees and watch over your home. Or you can head off for Fall Fest, which takes place on the same weekend.

You also may close off parts of your home if you need a place to hide some of your "stuff" or a place for your runaway cat to hang out.

Want more information or to schedule a consultation? Please email fundraising@candlerpark.org or call 404.667.0286 so we can come by and meet you. But, please hurry as our deadline is looming.

Porches Say “Welcome” to Candler Park

By Chris Fitzgerald, fundraising@candlerpark.org

One of the many pleasures of having a new puppy is the frequent walks I take with him. Together, we explore the neighborhood that I’ve lived in for 12 years during which I experience so much that I miss when I am in my car or even on my bike. Some of these strolls are early in the morning and while I miss sleeping in, I love hearing the melodic sounds of the birds chirping as they start their days. I also have the opportunity to behold the many homes that make Candler Park uniquely beautiful.

Lately, I have particularly enjoyed admiring the many front porches that grace our neighborhood, especially when they include a CPNO wood medallion (shameless plug, yes!). The porches come in various sizes and shapes, but all tell a story about the homeowners. Some are adorned with items such as strollers, dirty shoes, and gardening equipment that make up the fabric of the lives of those who reside there. Most are decorated with furniture from a simple traditional swing to an elaborate layout of modern sofas, chairs and tables. And, I am constantly in awe of the way in which they are framed by nature: trees, flowers, bushes

in all sizes and colors hanging from the ceilings, sitting atop the railings or framing the entire porch in a colorful, lush canopy. There’s something especially welcoming about a front porch so it’s no surprise that the Development Study Committee is considering requiring front porches on all new homes that are built in Candler Park. Or that the Membership Committee sponsors Porch Parties so neighbors can hang out and get to know each other in a fun, casual setting. If a front porch could talk, I think it would say “Welcome to my home...want to hang out and chat a bit?” And I’d like to think that most of us would answer “Absolutely.”

If you would like to order a wood medallion for your home, please visit [www.candlerpark.org/CPNO/Porch Signs and Banners](http://www.candlerpark.org/CPNO/Porch%20Signs%20and%20Banners). You can buy a one-sided medallion in six standard colors for \$68 (includes direct ship to your home): Brick, Teal, Olive, Yellow, Orange, Taupe. Or, you may pay \$20 extra for a custom color. We also have two-sided medallions for \$103 including shipping. If you have any questions, please email fundraising@candlerpark.org



Fixing Our Neighborhood Infrastructure Requires YOU

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

For many months now, articles published in The Messenger and presentations at CPNO meetings have focused on sidewalk repair and fixing other issues in the neighborhood through the city's 311 service. Silvia Medrano-Edelstein, Dana Fowle and other dedicated volunteers have done the research, put together the framework, and communicated how each neighbor can take action to improve sidewalks, get trash picked up, and fix potholes. Each neighbor means YOU.

Atlanta city code requires homeowners to repair broken and cracked sidewalks. Because of recent lawsuits, the city is keenly concerned about pedestrians suing under the Americans with Disabilities Act for impassable sidewalks or purely due to tripping injuries. Each homeowner should share this concern. It is your responsibility as the homeowner to repair your sidewalk for the betterment of the neighborhood and to avoid a lawsuit. The good news is that you are not alone in figuring out how to do it; the CPNO infrastructure committee is ready to help. They have secured a blanket permit, collected preliminary bids for contractors, and identified designated city officials to review and sign-off on the work. Contact sidewalks@candlerpark.org to get support in executing your sidewalk repair.

Sidewalk repair is not your responsibility *if* you have a tree on the strip of land between the sidewalk and street that has roots which are causing the sidewalk to buckle. If that is the case, then it is the city's responsibility to fix the problem. In this instance, you make a 311 request. It takes 45 days to process a 311 request to fix a city tree root impacted sidewalk. Make sure to use the words: ADA, trip fall hazard, possible sewer line intrusion, city tree roots.

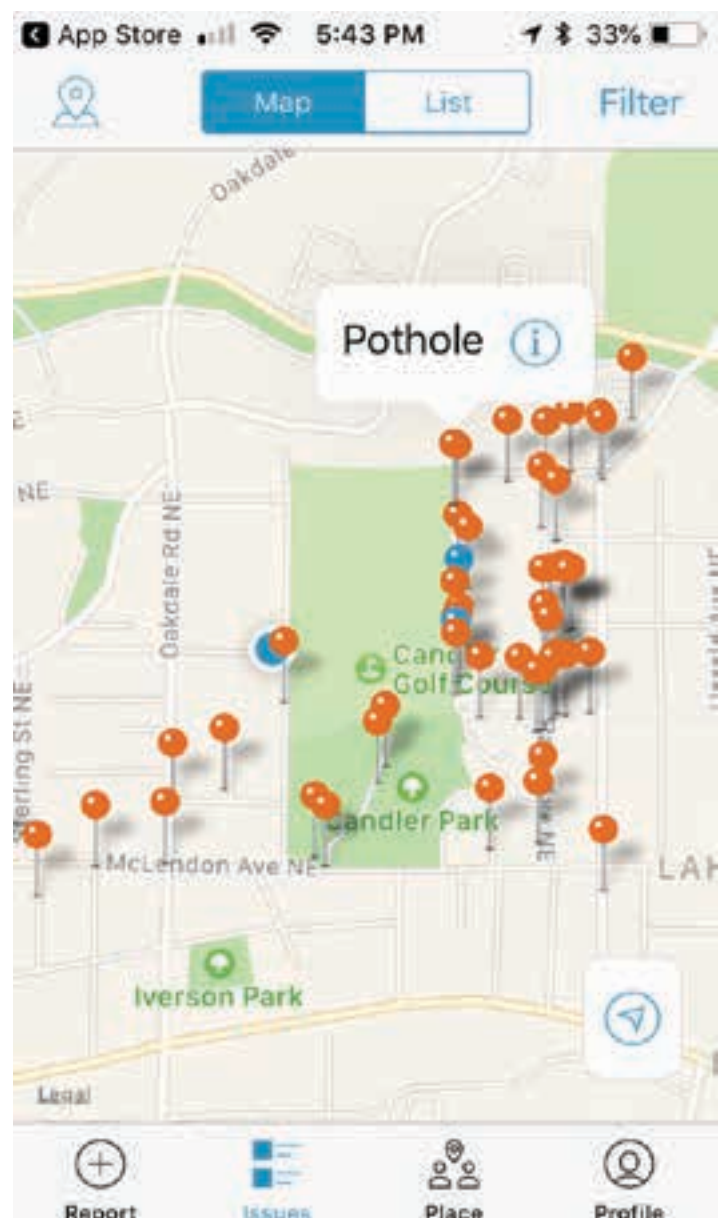
Neighbors' using the 311 service combined with the organized effort and guidance of our CPNO infrastructure committee are making a difference in Candler Park. The city *is* responding. The city *is* fixing problems evident in the latest statistics from the infrastructure committee:

April 2018 - 4 successes, including one which was a city-tree impacted sidewalk that homeowners had tried for years to resolve with the city. The infrastructure committee quickly learned that requesting the "target resolution date" and then following up on the status on that date helped to resolve cases in an organized manner.

May 2018 - 17 successes--more than quadruple the number of the previous month. This was the first month where the infrastructure committee had started sharing consolidated 311 request reports with Councilmember Amir Farokhi. This monthly report organized ALL known requests by department and by type (sidewalk, pothole, storm drain) and tried to determine benchmarks for types. The sidewalk benchmark is 45 days, potholes are 5 days but storm drains are dependent on funding. As a case example, Silvia Medrano-Edelstein says, "When I happened to research the same pothole a year ago on Google Maps, (use the history button) it showed a small hole. That hole quickly enlarged over the year...but no one bothered to report it.

Once it was reported, it only took 16 days to resolve both the hole and restripe."

June 2018 - 32 successes. 29 of them were escalated yard waste pickup from previous weeks. Notably, the remaining three successes were city-tree impacted sidewalks where the requests were initiated back in April and had barely exceeded their target resolution dates. One 311 request actually listed 3 sidewalk addresses in one request. One other sidewalk request was fulfilled. The next success happened to be a street sign request (Moreland and Euclid) that was originally placed in 2013 but the case was never closed on SeeClickFix, so Silvia Medrano-Edelstein followed up on it and it was resolved.



The SeeClickFix app shows all the reported open issues in an area using geo location. You can click on a pin to get more information about the issue, photo and any response from ATL311.

SeeClickFix -- So Easy, Even An 8-Year-Old Can Do It!

By Silvia Medrano-Edelstein, CPNO Infrastructure Committee Chair

Have you noticed potholes, sidewalks and storm drains being repaired in the neighborhood lately? Every single one of them was reported to Atlanta 311 via a phone app called SeeClickFix. Think of it as Instagram, but with a 311 service request capability. These requests even link up to Google Maps so you can see all the open requests in a neighborhood and add comments to someone else's existing request.

As Infrastructure Chair, I've set up a Watch Area called "Candler Park Sidewalk Committee." Anyone who files a request using this app doesn't have to bother emailing me or your Councilmember Amir Farokhi — we automatically get notices from the app and can generate a monthly report. There are so many wonderful features. But the best is that my son, an 8-year-old at Mary Lin Elementary, has used my phone to take photos and file requests for potholes; in so doing, he learned about narrative photography and how city services work.

You'll see in his first attempt, it was a basic deer-in-headlights photo. In the next attempt, I prompted him to add more narrative visual information — the pothole was in a faded crosswalk that leads to a corner business, La Fonda, at McLendon and Brooks avenues. He typed in the rest of the request while the app automatically geolocated the address where we were standing. Simple. Excited, he did two more.

All three of his pothole requests were resolved the next day. He was thrilled to see the pothole truck. It was one of my proudest moments as a parent. Download SeeClickFix to your phones today, and see how you (and your kids) can improve the neighborhood!



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Reviving the Bird and Butterfly Garden

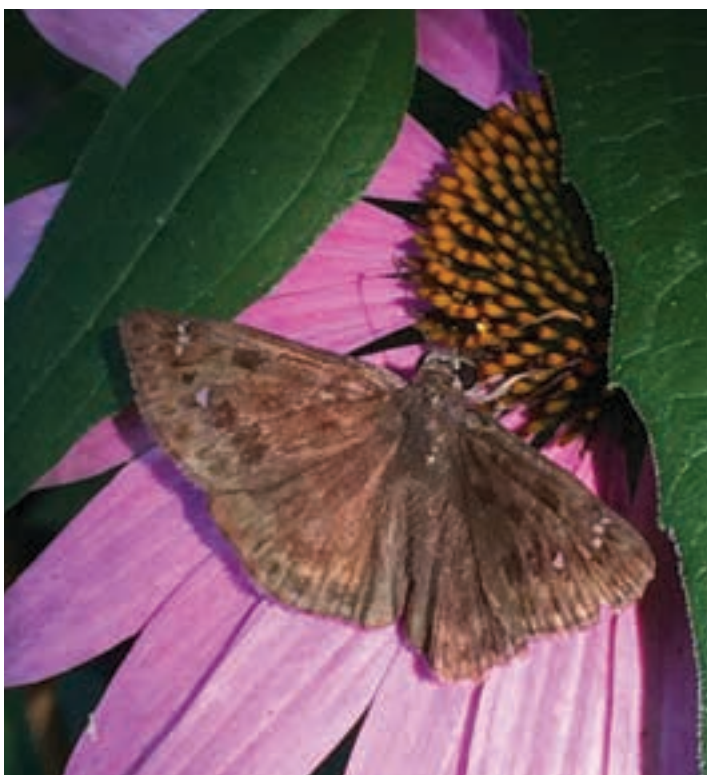
Pandra Williams of Beech Hollow Farm has taken over the maintenance of the Bird and Butterfly Garden, under the large oaks at the corner of North Avenue and Candler Park Drive. Neighborhood volunteers are joining Pandra at the garden every other Sunday morning throughout the summer.

Join in to learn about native plants and the bees that feed on them, while getting a crash course in pesky invasive plants, like

bradford pear, privet, and liriopse, that are crowding out the natives.

Dates: July 8 and 22, August 5 and 19, and September 2, from 8:30 - 11:00.

For more information contact: Meta Larsson metalarsson@yahoo.com



Conservancy Engages Perkins+Will for Active Lawn and Amphitheater Projects

By Ken Edelstein, Candler Park Conservancy Board Member

Thanks to a \$60,000 grant from CPNO, the Candler Park Conservancy is moving forward on the design of two major projects that are part of the Conservancy's 2017 Vision Plan. And we want your input along the way.

"This grant gives us a great opportunity to put some momentum behind the Vision Plan," Conservancy Chair Dan Hanlon said. "We're very optimistic that we can help the city to turn Candler Park into a model of sustainable recreation. Part of the reason is that we have an incredibly active, engaged community behind us."

CPNO offered the grant to the Conservancy to perform surveys, complete a schematic design and estimate costs for improvements to the active lawn (also known as the "multipurpose field") and for converting the adjacent hillside where performances often are held into an amphitheater. Should the Conservancy and the city agree to go ahead with either or both project, additional fundraising will be required.

The two projects are intended make the active lawn and the performance more resilient, so that they can be used for multiple activities without being damaged. At the same time, certain features are being considered that would improve sustainability of the park and the experience of park visitors.

Residents identified both projects as high priorities during Conservancy's Vision Plan process, and the amphitheater idea was among the needs highlighted by the 2013 Candler Park (neighborhood) Master Plan. In a follow-up process shepherded by the Conservancy's Projects Committee, both continued to rank high.

Then, last year, CPNO board members expressed their interest in kick-starting the active lawn and amphitheater.

"These are the two projects for which we've seen the most interest in the community," said Dana Fowle, president of CPNO. "In addition, because CPNO uses the field for Fall Fest and because we sponsor movie nights, we feel a responsibility to be good stewards by helping to make both those areas more resilient."

In advance of design, the Conservancy has hired Tucker-based GeoSurveys to perform a variety of studies on the entire section of the park that lies south of the golf course. Among these are a field survey, a utility search and hydrological modeling. This was determined to be necessary to ensure that designers understand not only the site of the two projects, but also how those projects might affect nearby areas and the watershed that handles their runoff. An added benefit is that it puts other Vision Plan projects in a better position to proceed (when and if design

money is found for them as well).

At the same time, the Conservancy has engaged landscape architects at Perkins+Will, the well-known firm that worked with us pro bono on the Vision Plan. Perkins+Will is helping the Conservancy's Active Lawn/Amphitheater Task Force to engage stakeholders in the nitty-gritty details of their wants and needs. Among those expected to participate are the soccer leagues, festival organizers, movie night producers and others that already use the active lawn and the performance area. And the actual owner of the park — the City of Atlanta — will, of course, be in on the discussions as well.

Other community engagement steps will include discussions over the next couple of months at CPNO meetings, check-ins with the CPNO Board, and a neighborhood feedback session tentatively set for late August.

You need not wait for those formal opportunities, though. If you'd like to learn more, go to candlerparkconservancy.org, where you'll find more information on the Vision Plan. If you'd like to offer up your perspective on either project or both, please email info@candlerparkconservancy.org (be sure to place "ALA" in the subject line). The best ideas come from those who use and love the park, so please don't be shy.



The active lawn in Candler Park is used heavily for a wide variety of sports. Photo credit: Ken Edelstein

Homeowners, It's Time to Prepare for Storm Season

By NewsUSA

Five to nine hurricanes - with as many as four "major" ones boasting sustained winds of 111-plus mph - is what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration just predicted for this year's storm season. In other words, they're calling for an "active" six months or so through the end of November.

And while no one's saying we're in for a repeat of last season's devastating triple whammy - yes, we do mean Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria - ask anyone still dealing with the havoc of having had their house battered in one of those storms if they don't still wonder what more they could've done to be better prepared.

"It only takes one storm to devastate a community," said Acting FEMA Deputy Administrator Daniel Kaniewski.

Read on for some of the best advice on readying for the next (inevitable) storm.

- Check your insurance. The coups de grace for many of those hit hardest last year was discovering that they'd have to find a way to pay all or some of their rebuilding costs themselves. The reasons ranged from lack of flood insurance (only those with federally backed mortgages living in designated high-risk zones are required by law to buy it) to a local spike in the price of labor and materials.

"Hurricane Harvey (in Texas) showed that flooding can also damage properties outside the highest-risk zones," the Wall Street Journal noted, quoting a former New York insurance commissioner as saying that "even financially literate people" don't understand that floods aren't covered in the standard homeowners policy.

- Clean your gutters. Even in perfect weather, Angie's List says you're looking at a possible "nightmare" if they're so clogged with mounds of leaves, sticks, and other debris that it causes your roof to leak. And if you factor in a hurricane-strength rain, suddenly the very roofing system component meant to control the flow of all that water - thus protecting your roof, walls, foundation, and landscape from the aforementioned flooding - can be about as useful as spoiled milk.

"If you let gutter cleaning go by the wayside, it could cost you hundreds of thousands of dollars," the website warned.

- Make sure your roof is in good condition. The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety actually built a test chamber where experts could simulate the effects of hurricanes and other natural disasters on full-scale one- and two-story homes. So when its president and CEO, Julie Rochman, tells CBSNews.com's "MoneyWatch" that "it all starts with the roof," you need to pay attention.

"The roof," she said, "is the largest potential opening on the house, and wind and water can do terrible things if they get through (it)."

Ergo, now's the time to have a professional roofing contractor check for (and fix) any signs of wear and tear like broken or missing shingles, fractured fiberglass mat, and loosening of the self-seal strip. These tell-tale signs, especially if they resulted from damage from hail, can be difficult to spot yourself. And if you do decide to replace your roof? "Consider shingles that have passed the UL2218, Class 4 impact test," advised Jason Joplin, program manager of CARE (the GAF Center for the Advancement of Roofing Excellence).

Joplin especially likes the Timberline ArmorShield II line of shingles from GAF (gaf.com), North America's largest roofing manufacturer. In addition to looking good, they're made with SBS modified asphalt, which he described as "a rubber-like material for enhanced flexibility and durability during extreme weather conditions."

An added bonus: Depending on where you live, shingles like these could help you qualify for significant discounts on your homeowner's insurance.


* Trim weak tree branches. Need we say more than people have actually died from trees and branches crashing into their houses?

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Development Threatens Highest Hill on DeKalb Homesite of the Gordon family

By Emily Taff, Candler Park Resident, with input from Teri Stewart, Lake Claire Resident

1900 DeKalb Ave, is a well-wooded 3 acres that is currently home to the Lake Claire Pool and Horizons School. At more than 1,060 feet above sea level, this is the highest point along the ridge of DeKalb Avenue between downtown Atlanta and Decatur.

On this dramatic hilltop once stood the home of John B. and Fanny Gordon and the extended, biracial, Gordon family. In 1871, the Gordons bought 86.5 acres of land that was once considered part of Kirkwood and is now Lake Claire. Considered a country home at the time, it was still close enough for John B. Gordon, who was the Governor from 1886-90 and two-time Senator, to “commute” to work in downtown Atlanta. The house, a monumental brick structure with a 2-story front porch supported by 4 massive white columns, was called “Sutherland” after Fanny Gordon’s maternal grandmother. The home was rebuilt in the late 1890s after a fire devastated the original manse. The home is visible on a 1928 map of Atlanta, standing almost exactly where the main building of the Horizons School is today at the very top of the hill.

You may remember from history class

that John B. Gordon was a Civil War general close to Robert E. Lee, a strong proponent of New South ideals along with allies such as Henry Grady, and a popular politician. His success as a businessman, however, was less than stellar. When he died in 1904, creditors seized the estate for unpaid debts. His wife Fanny, however, was a force to be reckoned with, and she managed to raise enough money to hold onto the house, at least temporarily. In 1911, she was behind the formation of the Sutherland Realty Company to subdivide and develop lots of the Gordon Estate. This occurred shortly after the annexation of Edgewood/Candler Park and a time of intensive subdivision development for white middle class homeowners. This area was annexed into Atlanta along with the town of Kirkwood in 1922. Sutherland Realty developed the Sutherland Terrace subdivision, building a mix of one-story bungalows and much larger two-story houses along Southerland Terrace, Oxford Place, and Gordon Avenue, just east of the Gordon house.

In the 1920s and 1930s, the house was the focus of groups trying to save the property

as a monument to Gordon’s Civil War legacy and the Confederacy, but the house was demolished in 1942. In 1974, however, the DeKalb Heritage Trust recommended that the property be preserved as a public park.

The history of this hilltop property and its role in the early 20th century development of Lake Claire is significant, but perhaps more significant today is the threat of removal of a true community resource: trees provide immediate neighbors with a shady sound buffer, they provide all of us with cleaner, cooler air.

City in the Forest (on facebook @ CityintheForestCITF) is a non-profit organization working to get ahead of canopy loss in this city and make sure that people and trees co-exist. This property is one of their current focuses. Every nearby resident should be concerned about the loss of trees on this iconic hilltop. Go to www.savehorizonsforest.org to sign the petition and contact city officials.

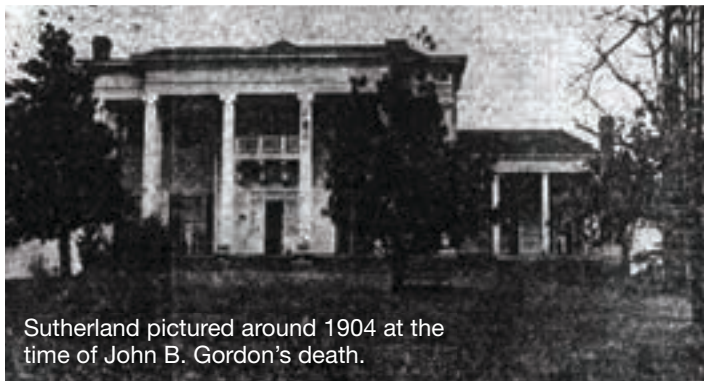
The highest point between Atlanta and Decatur is worthy of more than a mass of townhomes.



This 1928 map of Atlanta shows the site of “Sutherland” which stood almost exactly where the Horizons School building is today, the very top of the hill. To the east is the Sutherland Terrace subdivision built on a portion of the Gordon Estate in the 1910s - 1920s.



Nearly every tree is marked for removal at 1900 DeKalb Avenue.



Sutherland pictured around 1904 at the time of John B. Gordon’s death.

Healthy No Heat Dinners for Summer

By Gail Turner-Cooper, Candler Park Resident

While we all know cooking at home and preparing your own meals is the healthiest option, sometimes the last thing we want to do in the heat of an Atlanta summer is to spend time in front of an oven or a stove. Some of my favorite summer meals are the ones that involve minimal to no heat at all.

One of the best no cook salads is this Citrus Avocado Salad. On a bed of greens like spinach or arugula, toss some chopped strawberries, oranges, and just ripened avocado. For a dressing, simply toss in olive oil, apple cider vinegar, and juiced oranges. Toss in some dijon mustard or a juiced jalapeno for some spice. Top with chopped almonds or crumbled gorgonzola cheese. Yum!

Not in the mood for a salad? Try some crispy, cool Lettuce Chicken Wraps. Roast some chicken, or buy it already roasted from the deli to save yourself the sweat. Using a fork, shred your chicken. Spoon the shredded chicken into fresh Romaine or Bibb lettuce leaves, or your choice of green. Top with your favorite vegetables, like shredded carrots, Kalamata olives, pico de gallo, or more. Finish with a dollop of sour cream, Greek yogurt, hot sauce, or your preferred dressing. Taco 'bout a great dinner!



If you're craving something a little heavier, try a Mango Noodle Salad. Cook your soba noodles before soaking them in cool water. Toss the cold noodles with chopped mango, radish, and cucumber. Chop up some mint, basil, and cilantro and toss that in as well! For an easy dressing, mix up some lime juice, sesame oil, vinegar, and a pinch of salt. Top with finely diced jalapeno and peanuts. Voila.

Of course, whenever you're preparing dinner at home it's smart to make enough so that you can have leftovers for lunch the next day. When saving fresh greens and vegetables, be sure to pack them in airtight containers so they'll stay fresh as long as possible.

If you make plans and grocery lists ahead of time, preparing your dinner at home every night this summer is a great way to stay healthy and save a little money. Use that saved cash for a fun vacation. A delicious, easy dinner can take less than 30 minutes to prepare so you can get the most out of your summer nights.

Gail Turner-Cooper is a certified health coach and the founder of Align Health Coaching based in Atlanta. You can learn more about her and Align Health at www.alignhealthcoaching.com

They've Got Your Number!

By Lexa King, safety@candlerpark.org

Have you ever experienced an emergency? An accident? A fall? A heart attack? Time does not occur the same as it usually does. And no matter how much we have in the way of regret, we cannot back time up to correct the situation that caused the incident or remedy the situation that allows emergency staff to reach us easily and quickly to address the result.

Over the years, I have had hundreds of people come to my house for meetings and parties and gatherings of all sorts. Multiple times I have heard the complaint, "I didn't know which house was yours. I couldn't see numbers on any of the houses." Usually that has only caused them to be a few minutes tardy for a gathering. Minimal, if any, harm done.

But what if you have one of the above mentioned emergencies? In the case of a heart attack, a few minutes can make a huge difference in the outcome. Do you really want first responders driving up and down the street trying to locate the right house? We have a beautiful neighborhood.



Pretty gardens and lawns, lovely homes with Candler Park banners and plaques. But many of them lack numbers, or the numbers are too small or too hidden to easily be seen from the street.

I was searching for something at Lowes the other day and noticed a display that

could easily solve this problem for us. They have your number. No matter what it is, they have it! In various fonts, different sizes, all sorts of options. And if you can't find something to suit your personality (we are, after all, a neighborhood of individualists), here is a list of websites offering additional choices, although probably at higher prices.

Check out these sources mentioned in Better Homes and Gardens this month:

- shop.dropmetal.com
- pinkydesign.etsy.com
- dwr.com
- cb2.com
- rejuvenation.com
- schoolhouse.com
- atlashomewares.com
- urbanmettle.com

Whatever style you prefer, put this on your project list this month. Be safe.

Coupling Finances: What All Newlyweds Should Know

By NewsUSA

It's a catchphrase that's been described as perhaps the first "I do" for newlyweds, and it's especially relevant as we head into wedding season. Because as much as you may think no two people have ever been more in love than you are - hey, look at the size of that engagement ring! - the truth is that it could be less than smooth sailing ahead if you're not on the same page when it comes to financial matters.

"Couples have a very hard time talking about money," Joan Atwood, a Hofstra University professor of marriage and family therapy bemoaned on an NPR "Money Coach" segment on the issue. "I would say it's the last taboo."

Ready to break it? Read on.

* Set common goals. You probably discussed this in a dreamy sort of way while dating. You know, a large house with a swimming pool ... yearly vacations. But turning those reveries into reality requires habitually saving to pay for them and finance your later retirement years - not to mention deciding whether both partners contribute equally or based on salaries.

"The median ages for brides and grooms are 29 and 31, respectively, these days," said Andrew Peterson, a vice president at Fidelity Investments (fidelity.com). "So while people may come into a marriage with their own assets, they need to take some time after the wedding to sit down and start getting organized as a couple."

* Be transparent. There's no law that says you have to put all your cash into a joint savings account - some couples do, some don't - but at the very least you'd be "less than truthful" by not divulging any outstanding debts. And then figuring out, together, how to pay them down.

* Safely store your information. Quick: What's your new spouse's Social Security number? And what other vital information don't you know if a sudden need arises?

Exactly.

To truly mark your financial coupling, you might consider using an online service like FidSafe.com that lets you store, access and share all your new family's important records and documents anywhere via a web browser or iOS app.

Not only is it free and simple to use with handy checklists, but even before it was officially introduced two years ago by Fidelity - Get it? "Fid Safe" - Barron's magazine gave the service five stars for being what it called "the first cloud-based safe deposit box we've seen that's secure enough to organize everything from financial statements, insurance policies, and real estate records to a will, IRA benefits, and even passwords."

"With all the other things on their to-do lists, newlyweds typically don't focus on all the important financial and other documents they need to begin married life on a solid footing," said Peterson. "This makes things easier for them from the start, as well as through the years as they have even more joint



documents to retain - including those related to perhaps buying a house and having children."

You get up to 5GB of storage, which leaves plenty of space left over once you download your new marriage license and the receipt for that engagement ring.

* Investigate this option. Do you both get health insurance through your employer? Congrats. You may have just saved yourselves some money if it works out it's less expensive for one of you to be on the other's plan rather than pay for both.

A real estate advertisement for "Live Porch Life" featuring two new construction communities. The top half shows a photo of a modern house with a large porch. Below the photo, the text reads "LIVE PORCH LIFE" in large, bold letters, followed by "two new construction communities celebrating porch life". The first community is "LA FRANCE WALK | EDGEWOOD", with 24 new homes priced from \$575,000. The second community is "HARALSON LANE | INMAN PARK", with six new homes priced from \$1,175,000. The advertisement also includes contact information for Leigh Hays, a real estate agent with Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty. The bottom of the ad features the Sotheby's International Realty logo and a disclaimer about the information being provided.

June 18 CPNO Members Meeting – draft minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Dana Fowle, President. The motion to adopt the agenda passed. Motion to approve the May minutes passed. New residents were welcomed.

Guest Speakers:

- Lt. Crowder, Evening Watch Commander for Zone 6, reported increase in thefts of packages and bicycles as well as items from vehicles.
- BiRacial History Project and Interplay Atlanta will provide a free program June 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the First Existential Church. [Edi Kelman and Carol Renee]
- Mike Martinez requested that residents sign the petition to save the trees (200-400) at 1900 DeKalb Avenue (Horizon School). An appeal in May was upheld by the City.
- Ken Edelstein reported on the Candler Park Conservancy progress regarding the active lawn (soccer field) and the amphitheater.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Brewhouse for providing dinner.
- Candler Park Twitter account is active and monitored by Dana Fowle.
- Christine Moore is the new Freedom Park Conservancy Representative. She was appointed to fill the vacated spot when Carol Gregory resigned.
- Yard Waste Update- Dana Fowle read a statement from the Department of Watershed.
- Porch Parties- Thank you to Miria Crawford for hosting the first one of the season.

Treasurer's Report:

Rohini Kukreja, Treasurer, reported income and expenses for May 2018.

Discussion:

- Zoning
 - 1321 Iverson Street- The motion to support the application V-18-130 with the provision the applicant appear at the June 28th NPU N Meeting and the project is built based on the site plan filed with the City on 4/24/2018 passed.
 - 1264 Druid Place- The motion to support the application V-18-168 with provision that the applicant appear at the June 28th NPU N Meeting and the project is built based on the site plan filed with City on 5/22/2018 passed.

- LCI Update- Bridge Committee members will meet with City tomorrow, June 19th. A meeting for Candler Park residents with the Bridge Committee is scheduled for June 27th; Venue to be determined.
- Infrastructure Committee- Silvia Edelstein reported the progress of Sidewalk Repair Phase II. The City has assigned a Supervisor, Field Inspector, and Engineer to our request. Financial Aid will be available for those who may need assistance.
- 311Magnifier- Dana Fowle reviewed that accomplishments of the past 3 months.
- SeeClickFix- Use this application for the best 311 responses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by

Bonnie Palter, Secretary

June 18, 2018

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