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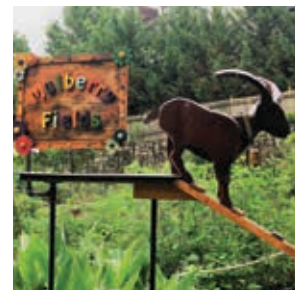
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Neighborhood Notes

By Dana Fowle, president@candlerpark.org

FALL FEST

The Dog Days of Summer lead into a very busy time for the neighborhood. This will be the 18th year Fall Fest activities will fill the park and its neighboring streets. This free, rain or shine event is the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization's biggest fundraiser.

It's a monumental job to make it look so effortless to festival-goers. If you can chip in one time a year, this would be the event where we could use your help.

WHEN: Sept. 29 and 30

HOW: Find the Sign-Up Genius link on our Candler Park Neighborhood Organization's Facebook page for volunteer opportunities.

MARY LIN ROCKET FUEL FUND

Another way to chip in is to help with Mary Lin Elementary School's annual fundraiser. Lin is one of six Atlanta Public Schools that no longer receives Title 1 funding. We are fortunate, yes. But, there still remains a gap in resources.

Your contributions go toward curriculum enrichment, professional development, enhanced technology and environmental upgrades.

Here's a link to make a donation. No contribution is too small. foundation@marylinelementary.com

Let's help our Lin Rockets fuel the tank.

PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

SIDEWALK BUNDLE DEADLINE

The time has finally come to jump into the CPNO's sidewalk repair campaign. Silvia Edelstein has led a tireless effort to bring the city, a contractor and neighbors together to offer a one-time only sidewalk repair deal.

The more folks who sign on, the lower your sidewalk repair will cost. Truly, take advantage of this.

The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 7th, 2018. To learn more, go to our CPNO website www.candlerpark.org and locate the 'SIDEWALK' tab.

LOCK UP YOUR BIKE

And finally, as the weather cools, more of us will be hopping on our bikes and coasting along the Freedom Park and Beltline trails. I know I will. But, remember: Lock up your bike.

Our Zone 6 Atlanta Police representative says we are the most bike dense community in Atlanta. And bike thieves are waiting for us to forget to lock up our bikes. Better yet, roll them into your garage or behind the house.

Lots happening this Fall!

Chip in, be safe and have fun!

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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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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 10** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The Wondershop
- 15** Euclid Terrace Block Party, 4 – 8 pm
- 17** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 22** CPNO 'Porch Party', 6 pm, Mulberry Fields
- 29-30** Candler Park Fall Fest!

OCTOBER

- 6** Atlanta Cluck Fest, 11 am – 7 pm, Candler Park
Fried chicken festival, ticketed event
For more info, visit www.atlcluckfest.com
- 8** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The Wondershop
- 15** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 20** L5P Halloween Festival and Parade, Little 5 Points

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.

Sidewalk Renewal Project: Deadlines Approaching!



What does \$.5 million sidewalks look like? This map illustrates completed work and eligible work on the way. Red represents the 2017 \$400K Renew Bond sidewalks, benefitting 130 property owners. Green represents the 2018 \$80K 311-eligible sidewalks and ADA curb cuts.

Join dozens of your neighbors who have applied to improve walkability in our group CPNO Sidewalk Renewal Project! Apply online at www.candlerpark.org/sidewalks for a free no obligation custom quote. For a rough estimate see the Frequently Asked Questions link on the website.

Deadline to apply for quote: Friday, September 7, 2018.

NEW DEADLINE: Deadline to sign contract and pay in full: Friday, September 28, 2018.

Contact: sidewalks@candlerpark.org

Welcome New Members and Thank You Contributors

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

CPNO welcomes new members:

Rachel Caldes and Adam Greenfield
Casey Moore
Cate Morrill
Jill Ruhlman
Judith Stogner

CPNO thanks members for their contributions:

Sarah Cook and Kevin Byers
...and others who wished to remain anonymous

Enjoy the Next “Porch Party” in Mulberry Fields

By Amanda Bolster, Candler Park Resident

Join us on September 22 for a special “Porch Party!!” The folks at our very own Mulberry Fields will be hosting us. If you’ve never ventured over to Mulberry Fields, you are in for a treat! There is space to play, run around and enjoy yourselves.

Just like other Porch Parties, please bring a drink and a snack to share. You might want to bring a blanket and bug spray, too.

We’ll start things up at 6pm. To get there, go to 1301 Iverson Street and follow the alley until it opens up to a magical oasis – right in our very own neighborhood!

More about Mulberry Fields

Open to the public every day and supported by donations from the community, the acre of open meadow, mulberry grove and towering old pecan trees offer an accessible green space for recreation, environmental education, community building and organic growing. Flowers, vegetables, and herbs grow in abundance attracting several species of birds, insects, and small animals to make this their home. Art is scattered throughout the garden creating areas where nature and the artistic intersect.

Children and their families flock to visit the goats and chickens, play in the meadow and on the basketball court, and walk through the garden plots. Twenty-five households from Candler Park and Lake Claire rent plots growing a great diversity of vegetables and flowers. Play groups for mothers and toddlers regularly meet in the meadow. Children discover the wonder of growing their own food and learn about the life cycle of plants insects, birds, trees and flowers.

In the later part of the 1800’s Mulberry Fields was part of a dairy farm, and the oldest farm house was built on the west end of the property – it still stands today. In 1999 the land was saved from development by the purchase of the parcels by two neighbors who started the community garden. The garden was named after a beloved goat, Mulberry. In 2007, the land was placed in a conservation easement securing its continuity as green space and protecting it from development. In 2016, the owners of the land partnered with Wylde Center to assume the management of Mulberry Fields.



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Stop by and Enjoy the Block Party on Euclid Terrace

The residents of Euclid Terrace are planning their 3rd annual block party for Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Neighbors are invited for food (potluck style) and live music on one of neighbor’s porches. In years past, they have celebrated the opening of their community garden. This year’s theme is new beginnings with two new babies due in August and September and several other babies and children between the ages

of 6 months and 6 years now making Euclid Terrace their home. The annual event brings together the residents of Euclid Terrace, their guests and other area residents together to celebrate life in Candler Park and to create cohesion, solidarity and promote positive communication. Food and beverage will be provided by sponsoring neighbors and potluck contributions.

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Watermelon Extravaganza in Candler Park

By Cynthia Baer, Flick-Nic Sponsor and Lake Claire Resident

Were you able to make the last Flic-Nic in Candler Park? If not, you missed out. Not only did we enjoy the story of four high school kids who discovered an old video game console and are drawn into the game's jungle setting of Jumanji on the BIG SCREEN...but we experienced the pinnacle of summer joy...the Watermelon.

The Watermelon Extravaganza was to honor National Watermelon Day. Pounds and pounds of watermelons were iced for hours, so they were extra cold. The lovely Silvia Edelstein lead her team to expertly slice and present slices of sweet goodness to all movie goers. The refreshing Summer treat was delightful, but the main event was our highly anticipated epic watermelon seed spitting contest!

Anyone willing to step up to the "plate" could participate. Groups were broken out in the 6 and under crowd, 7-12, 12-18 and Masters level competition. Rules were simple. All contestants lined up at the end of the marked paper and received two spits. The seed must remain on the paper, or it was considered "Out of Bounds". The final landing spot was recorded for each contestant and measured for distance. The seed that went the greatest distance in each age group won. Based on last year's performance of seed spitting champion, Ronald Ramirez, this year's measurements went all the way to the staggering world record of 68 feet--something to aim for!

The competition was fierce! Each contestant had their own unique technique to push their seed further. Michael Baer, refereed the contest and kept everyone on point. I (Cynthia Baer) tracked and marked each tiny seed. Boyd Baker (of Good Gracious Show fame) stepped up to narrate the whole event. Top Winners within their category received a Gift Certificate to Revolution Donut courtesy of Cynthia Baer Real Estate (aka me), a lovely plaque, and bragging rights.

The ladies almost swept the competition. Sadly, we don't have the name of the youngest winner, but she was a powerhouse, we expect great things from her in the years to come. The winner for 7-12 was Piper Boatright (her parents are so proud), Teen level was Sophie Silverman (impressive), and for the second year in a row, Ronald Ramirez went home with the top honors of the night. No one, however, beat the world record of 68' (better luck next time Ronald). Congratulations to all our winners.

A huge thank you goes out to Matt Stacy, of Tapestry Church, for providing the delicious watermelons this year. His group also distributed watermelons throughout the neighborhood in July.

Finally, thank you Mark Clement for all you do with Flik-Nik. This wouldn't happen without you. We appreciated the opportunity to sponsor this super fun event.

Cynthia Baer is a local neighbor and Realtor specializing in our awesome community and the proud sponsor of Watermelon Night. If you have any real estate related questions or need a resource in the neighborhood, reach out to her at 678-358-3369 or email Cynthia@CynthiaBaer.com. www.CynthiaBaer.com You can also keep up with local events through her Facebook page Around30307.

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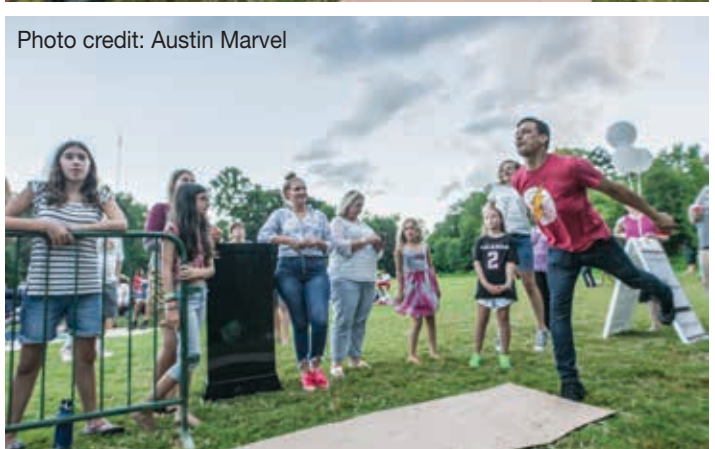


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L5P Halloween Parade Grand Marshal

Press Release by Karen Heim, L5PHParade@gmail.com

This year's Little 5 Points Halloween Parade Grand Marshal is David Simpson. He insisted on sharing the spotlight with the memory of Holly Mull, because he says, "it's more about her than it is about me because she was the force behind getting it organized." David had the idea for a Halloween Parade for years before he approached Holly about organizing it. He felt that "Halloween should be our holiday; it really fits us more than anywhere else. We are the wacky, unusual community where people dress in odd ways on a daily basis, so it's a perfect fit for our little neighborhood."

David and Holly began planning the first Halloween Parade in 2001. Just six weeks before that parade, 9-11 occurred. David remembers, "we considered not having it because everyone was so traumatized by it, but we decided to go forward in resistance to that event. In honor of the first responders who died, we chose members of Atlanta Fire Dept. as Grand Marshals." Holly continued to organize the parade until her untimely passing, just ten days before the Halloween Parade in 2010.

David, a 12th generation Georgia native from Athens, started his business, Coyote Trading, on Seminole Ave. in 1988 and moved

to his current location on Moreland Ave. in 1992 (one of only two businesses to occupy that space in the past 40 years). He moved his business to L5P because "it's a progressive community, and because of the creative energy, the diversity in an area of entrepreneurship." David feels "the main importance of the Halloween Parade to the businesses is that it helps brand our neighborhood and has a year-long benefit."

The Little 5 Points Halloween Festival and Parade are on Sat., Oct. 20th. The event is the one-and-only annual fundraiser by the Little 5 Points Business Association, a non-profit organization that works to promote and protect the L5P community. David has been a L5PBA member for over 25 years, serving on the Board off and on during that time. He will be seen in the parade in his official capacity as Grand Marshal being towed by a tractor with his two kids and seven grandkids.

For more info: visit <http://l5phalloween.com/> or Instagram and Facebook @L5PHalloween

Want to be a sponsor? Contact L5PHParade@gmail.com



Enjoy Great Music, Art, Food and Games at Fall Fest!

By Lee Lindsey, Candler Park resident and Fall Fest Volunteer

This September, the Fall Fest returns to Candler Park with festival favorites and exciting new additions for 2018.

As always, Fall Fest brings music to Candler Park with two full days of live bands. We're very excited to bring back "Tribute Saturday" -- beginning at 4:10 pm with "Harvest Moon," the rest of the music will be tribute acts. Some, like Neon Queen, do more than just covers of popular bands, and we can't wait to dance to ABBA-inspired tune while the sun sets. On Sunday, the focus is Atlanta-based bands. The highlight of Sunday is a 2-hour set by "Atlanta Legends of the Blues." These local blues musicians, some of whom have national recognition, come together for a set combining multiple blues traditions and influences.

Other highlights of the Fall Festival in Candler Park include:

- **Saturday morning 5K and Fun Run:** This is a hilly and fun course through Freedom Park and streets of Candler Park. Runners all receive a free drink and t-shirt for participating, as well as post-run stretches provided by Constellation Energy with Solstice Yoga.
- **Artists:** Approximately 200 artists and vendors from all over the southeast attend Fall Fest. The curated roster of artists includes a balance of high-end and accessible artists, and attendees will always find something a little different. This year, the tintype artist Michael Foster will bring his mobile studio to the festival to do on-site portraits. He's been profiled in *Garden and Gun*, and the band Lucero recently selected his artwork for the cover of their latest album. <https://michaelfoster.com/>
- **Beer and food vendors:** We have more than 20 specialty food trucks that go well beyond your standard corn dogs and funnel cakes such as barbecue, tacos, bakery sweets, and pizza. Best of all, for the first time in several years, Sweetwater is back as the chosen beer of Fall Fest. We love Sweetwater in the neighborhood (as the original home of the

Sweetwater 420 Fest) and are glad to highlight Atlanta beer.

- **Kidlandia:** Our kid-friendly section will have balloon artists, magicians, games, kid-focused vendors and freebies, and face painting. Kidlandia is near the wide-open soccer fields of Candler Park, and there's usually a few informal pick-up games among neighborhood kids.
- **Tour of Homes:** On Sunday afternoon, Candler Park residents open their homes to showcase what makes our neighborhood unique. From traditional craftsman-style homes to modern construction (and sometimes chicken coops), the tour provides a peek into one of Atlanta's best in-town neighborhoods. Attendees can purchase tickets at the festival or ahead of time at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-fest-in-candler-park-tour-of-homes-tickets-44598645750?aff=eac2>
- **Sunday yoga:** We start Sunday with an invigorating outdoor yoga session led by Tough Love Yoga, beginning at 10:00 am. This is free for all attendees.
- **Ferris wheel and midway games:** The Ferris wheel takes riders on a view of Candler Park and the Candler Park golf course, and fall is a perfect time to view the trees! We're also bringing back the high striker which will be bigger and better than ever.
- Our design concept this year was developed by Sarah Neuburger of Paper Ghost Studio, with design support by RED Designs. Sarah has created some fun and funky pieces that remind us of what makes Candler Park and Atlanta special.

Please check out our website, <http://fallfest.candlerpark.org/>. We're also on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FallFestCandlerPark>) and Instagram (@fallfestincandlerpark), and those posts are really ramping up now to help promote the festival.





Mary Lin Education Foundation Launches 3rd Annual Rocket Fuel Fund

By Lindsay Hill, MLEF Trustee and past Chair

The new school year at Mary Lin Elementary, home of “The Rockets,” blasted off on August 1st! As it becomes a more family-friendly and populous neighborhood each year, more Candler Park residents than ever depend on our public elementary school to provide their children with a first-rate K-5 education. While Mary Lin has been recognized as a good school with great parent involvement for more than a decade, it’s in the past few years that Mary Lin has truly soared to the top – posting some of the highest test scores in the district, recruiting terrific teachers across every discipline and creating a strong sense of community through very active parent-led organizations.

One of the key reasons for Mary Lin’s recent academic ascent is the growth of the Mary Lin Education Foundation (MLEF) into a powerful fundraising entity. The MLEF’s mission is to help every Mary Lin “Rocket” reach for the stars by funding professional development, curriculum enrichment, new technology and environmental upgrades not covered by the district budget.



Since its launch in 2016, the annual Rocket Fuel Fund has raised over \$250,000 to ensure excellence in the classroom and encourage productive play outside the classroom. Resources and projects all or partially funded by the MLEF include Orton-Gillingham training for most K-3 teachers, the build out of the playground and the Outdoor Classroom, a new phonics program, multiple math intervention tools, a Scholastic Leveled Book-room, iPad and Chromebook carts that support differentiation in the classroom and much, much more.

Mary Lin seeks and relies on additional financial support from its parent and business community for such endeavors because it is one of six schools in APS that does not receive Title 1 funding (federal funds allocated to certain districts to improve the academic achievement of disadvantaged students). We are of course fortunate to be in this position, but we still need to cover the gap between the resources allocated by the district and the amount we need to fully fund K-5 classrooms in which every child, regardless of innate ability, has the chance to succeed.

Every student at Mary Lin deserves the best resources available, and if we raise at least \$150 per student for a total of \$100,000 this year, we can ignite every Rocket’s imagination and intellect to its fullest potential. However, not every parent can give this amount so we offer a range of giving levels to encourage those who can give more to be as generous as possible. We encourage grandparents, neighbors, friends, future and past Lin families and other vested community members to support the Rocket Fuel Fund. An excellent public school benefits every member of the community.

Visit our website at www.marylinfooundation.org for all the details and be sure to donate by November 2nd, the final day to boost our Rockets! Your gift will ensure Mary Lin continues to offer an education that celebrates inquiry, creativity and innovation. All donations are tax deductible.



Mary Lin librarian Dr. Johnson organizing the Scholastic Leveled Book room paid for by Rock Fuel Fund dollars.

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Inman Middle School Thrives With Continued Support From Our Community

By Kim Meyer, Inman Middle School Foundation

As another great academic year begins at Inman – our second under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Kevin Maxwell – we are proud to report that the Inman Middle School Foundation experienced a record year in 2017/2018, raising nearly \$100,000 that was put to direct and immediate use in our Inman classrooms. The Inman Foundation is a non-profit organization supporting initiatives that fall under two primary elements of the school's Strategic Plan: Systems & Resources and Talent Management.

Thanks to the generosity of Inman families, neighborhood businesses and other community members during the last two school years, the Foundation has succeeded in funding:

More than 250 Chromebooks supporting the 1:1 initiative to provide every Inman student with his or her own dedicated Chromebook in the classroom

"A Chromebook in every student's hand individualizes student learning with endless access to online resources, each that cater to different interests, comprehension, and vocabulary levels. Additionally, Google integration provides classrooms limitless opportunities for collaboration and creation through powerful apps," instructional coach Sarrita Allen said.

"Kids love technology. But they are using the device to create, curate, evaluate and synthesize info," Dr. Maxwell said. "The Foundation understands how technology can be a vehicle for students to be engaged in the classroom."

A highly effective in-school tutoring partnership with the Educational Advisory Foundation, bringing experienced and highly trained outside educators to work one-on-one or in small groups during school hours providing intensive instruction in reading and math for students who require extra attention. The EAF program effectively reduces class sizes by allowing teachers to continue instruction for students not in the program at a pace appropriate to their level.

"We've seen statistically significant increases in test scores with those students. It's definitely working," Maxwell said.

Level 1 Google Certification for 30 teachers which leads to improved efficiency among teaching teams when the same learning platform is utilized in addition to **gifted certification training for 14 teachers**, which helps keep all class sizes smaller and permits greater flexibility in teacher assignments.

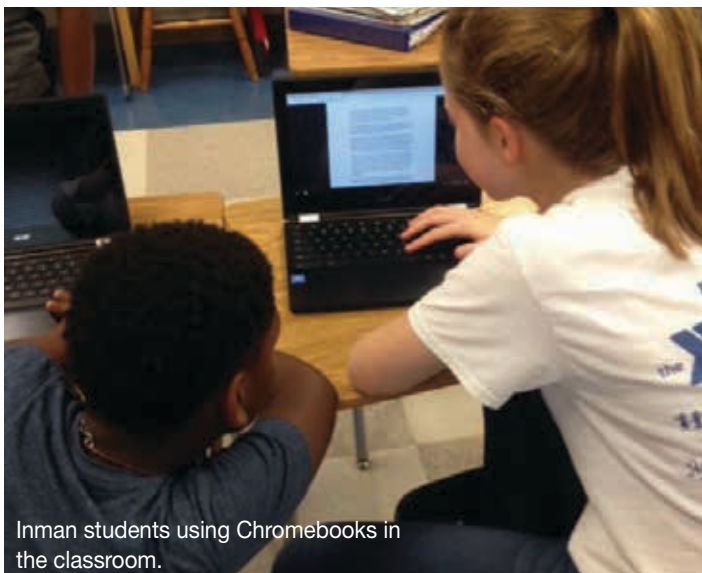
"I love the benefits of Google Classroom. No more stacks of paper. You can see a single kid's entire work flow. It keeps families informed and you see real-time progress," said 6th Grade Science teacher, Melissa Nunnink.

Although the Foundation has made significant progress, it has not yet fully attained all objectives. Inman still needs approximately 300 Chromebooks to reach the 1:1 goal. The Foundation has also committed to continuing the EAF tutoring program this year and providing additional gifted and Google certifications.

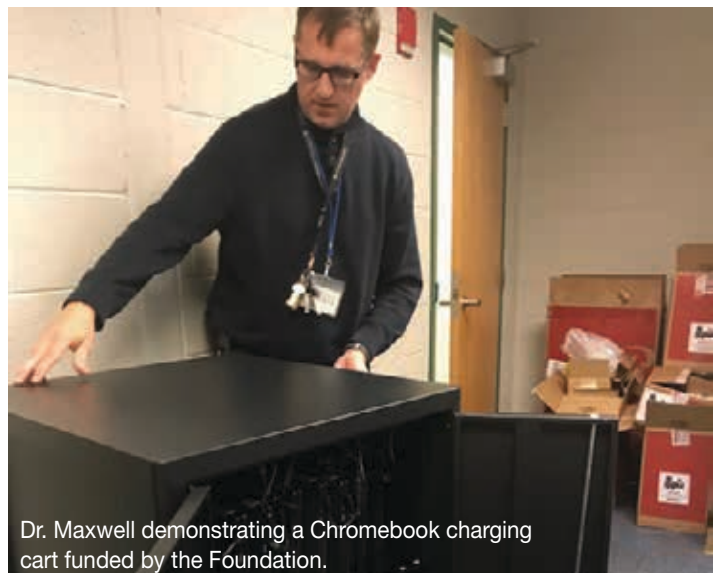
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Inman students using Chromebooks in the classroom.



Dr. Maxwell demonstrating a Chromebook charging cart funded by the Foundation.

Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden

By *Pandra Williams, Beech Hollow Farm*

In 2005, Carol Vanderschaaf started the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden with Phil Edwards and the DeKalb Master Gardener Association along with Catherine Kuchar of the Audubon Society. Together, they planted over 40 different species of native plants and shrubs and lovingly tended the garden for years. Over time, Carol became the main caretaker of the garden and her many friends and volunteers often call the garden, Carol's Garden.

Volunteering at Carol's Garden over the years has always been a learning experience. At every volunteer day a native plant expert is present to identify the native plants in the garden and answer questions about habitat and pollinator gardening. This also helps keep native plants in place and allows volunteers evict only the weeds.

Last fall, Beech Hollow and Scout Troop 586 scheduled a workday at the garden. The Scouts removed invasive plants from the garden, with adult help and supervision. While the group was hard at work, the Georgia aster was in bloom, and the Heart's a Busting was dangling berries, to entice the birds to stop by and eat. The brilliant scarlet fruits of the Winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*, made a gorgeous splash of color under the oak trees. For birds, Winterberry and Heart's a Busting fruits are the plant equivalent of a neon sign that says "Eat at Joe's."

This summer neighborhood volunteers along with Pandra Williams and Jeff Killingsworth of Beech Hollow Farm have worked every other Sunday morning on removing invasive plants, mainly Bradford pear and Porcelain Berry and getting the garden ready for fall planting. Neighborhood volunteers are welcome to join in the fall for planting and mulching.

The Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden has also had a long history of collaboration, mentorship, and environmental enrichment and education. It's been the site of outdoor environmental classes on pollinator syndromes and environmental stewardship for students at Mary Lin School. Hundreds of hours of volunteer time have been put in over the years, as well as a few thousand dollars of grant money that has been awarded for native plants.

A brief timeline of the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden:

2005

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2008 through 2012,

EcoAddendum engaged the students at Mary Lin School in both learning to garden, in pollinator syndromes and environmental stewardship. The students and Carol Vanderschaaf install more plants.



Garden volunteers: Josie Pesiri, Carol Gregory, Pandra Williams, Meta Larsson and Dan.

2013 through 2016,

Environmental programming continued with Lauren Sandoval and Trees Atlanta. Each year volunteers planted new native plants.

2017 and on going

Beech Hollow Farms and the Freedom Park Conservancy along with volunteers will continue the maintenance and planting of native plants in the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden

Partial list of plants in the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden

Native plants for birds and/or butterflies:

Black-eyed Susan, *Rudbeckia fulgida* or *Rudbeckia hirta*
Purple Coneflower, *Echinacea purpurea*
Golden Fleece Goldenrod, *Solidago rugosa*
Virginia Creeper, *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
Cardinal Flower, *Lobelia cardinalis*
Crossvine, *Bignonia capreolata*

Native plants for birds:

American Beautyberry, *Callicarpa americana*
Blueberry, *Vaccinium* spp
Yellow root, *Xanthorhizza simplicissima*

Native plants for butterflies:

Butterfly Weed (not Bush), *Asclepias tuberosa*
Joe Pye Weed, *Eutrochium fistulosum*
St. John's Wort, *Hypericum frondosum*
Pink Milkweed, *Asclepias incarnata*
Passionflower, *Passiflora incarnate*

Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden Continued



Carol Vandersaft.
Photo by Lauren Sandoval



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CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for August

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

Theo Weimar Committee

Held a meeting in May with Grady students. They've set up a Google Classroom page. The code is 6nh030 John encouraged the students to go to the park to get a feel for the area...we're thinking the little walking path area in the gully between the tennis courts and the parking lot. It used to have pea-gravel base but has since been overgrown.

Infrastructure Committee - Silvia Edelstein

As we wrap up the summer and have past the mid-year point of 2018, here is a recap:

1. Sidewalk renewals due to city trees at no direct cost to homeowner. To date: 12 properties, notably on Candler Park Drive (school route) and Clifton Road (main thoroughfare) at an estimated cost of \$29K. 16 more in the queue. A few handicap corner ramps and ROW driveway aprons requests were also included. We have not even completed the year or completely audited all eligible cases. Department of Public Works, not homeowners, paid. Estimated cost when completed: \$80K.
2. Sidewalk Renewal Project. Ready for Board approval.
3. 311 Magnifier campaign:

Significant increase in new reporters who have continued to file multiple cases and/or have directly escalated their cases to completion.
 - 311 has been responsive.
 - Wendy Heaps has invited her neighbor, the director of 311, to come talk to the neighborhood on how to do 311 service requests. He is willing to.
 - Cynthia Baer has offered to sponsor a Homeowners 101 lecture (a scaled down version of Decatur 101's successful homeowner series.) Nothing definitive, just in the let's-see phase. <http://www.decaturga.com/city-government/city-departments/community-development-quality-of-life/decat-101>
4. District 2 "Let's Fix It 2Gether" campaign. Councilmember Amir Farokhi tentatively planning a September walk through Candler

Park to look at public infrastructure fixes. Amir's 311 consultant, Brian Harkins, has done an initial walk thru in Candler Park and filed requests for many ADA handicap ramps (corner curb cuts). Technically, corner lot homeowners have to pay for those curb cuts. The tentative route will look at outstanding issues: no sidewalk on east side of Candler Park Drive and raised (or painted) crosswalk never installed at Oakdale and McLendon when flashing lights were instituted.

As mentioned earlier, the year is not over and many requests that are eligible for the city's Public Infrastructure fund have not been claimed. The city, if funding is available, has done fixes...provided constituents file a service request for them. Individual city council members are working hard to increase that fund yearly, but can make a stronger case if the fund actually gets maxed out.

LCI Update Committee - Zaid Duwayri

On July 19th, CPNO organized a community meeting to discuss arguments for and against a bridge over Moreland Ave (Freedom Bridge). The meeting was held at the First Existentialist Congregation and was well attended. After listening to statements by Scott Jacobs and Jay Sandhaus about the bridge, several members took the mic and expressed their personal opinions about the intersection of Moreland Ave and Freedom Parkway and presented arguments in favor and against the building of a pedestrian bridge at the site. The comments also presented ideas for improving the safety of that intersection at street level. The committee recorded the concerns and is in the process of synthesizing the comments received at the meeting and through email to form the report that will be presented back to CPNO.

Candler Park Conservancy - (from their Website) Ken Edelstein

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.

CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for August

Continued

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.

Freedom Park Conservancy - Christine Moore

FPC is strategizing on how best to begin the process of planning for the park's future. Currently, FPC is reviewing a potential temporary public art project that would take place across from David T. Howard Middle School on John Wesley Dobbs Avenue, and planning for some small capital improvements throughout the park.

In Candler Park, FPC is taking a look at the Bird and Butterfly Garden to determine how best to revitalize and maintain the area. We hope to work with the Audubon Society to make it a more welcoming place for pollinators and an educational opportunity for students and the public. FPC's Executive Director has been in contact with the city to ask that the sidewalks along North Ave adjacent to this area be fixed, and is also waiting for an update on when the two dead trees at North and Oakdale are to be taken down.

FPC will hold at least one volunteer day this fall in the Bird and Butterfly Garden. If you're interested in participating, please sign up for our email list at www.freedompark.org under the Contact tab or email Laura@freedompark.org. You can also donate to the Bird and Butterfly Garden by clicking the Donate button on our website.

FPC is also recruiting volunteers for a variety of committees such as Park Improvement (projects involving trees and plantings), Arts (helping to review public

art opportunities), and Fundraising. Please reach out to Laura if you are interested in becoming more involved!

Development Committee - Emily Taff

Progress has been slow this summer, but we have been working on a survey to implement to gauge the neighborhood's thoughts with respect to construction, development, home renovations, etc

Communications - Roger Bakeman

CPNO has been active on social media. In the past 28 days, our web site has had over 2,400 visits, about half on smart phones and half on desktops. And our Facebook page has been visited 1,673 times and generated 20 new likes.

Membership : Jenifer Wilds

Our current membership is 552, a new high, including 104 new members this year. With cooler weather coming, both a porch party and a block party have been scheduled for September.

Zoning Report - Bill Morris

Zoning Ordinance, Z-18-83, which is scheduled for the October ZRB, was on the August agenda for discussion only and will be voted on in September. The purpose of the Legislation is to amend the City of Atlanta 1982 Zoning Ordinance to add a new Chapter 16A entitled "I-MIX (Industrial Mixed-Use District)" to Part 16 of the Code of Ordinances. The intent of this Chapter is to permit a mix of industrial and non-industrial uses in areas previously used for industrial, high density commercial, high density mixed-use, or office institutional purposes, and consistent with the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). As drafted, I-MIX is considered a planned development and will become one of Atlanta's quality of life districts created to accommodate residential and non-residential growth without losing land zoned for industrial uses in the process. This new Chapter ensures that development in this District is compatible with adjacent districts in terms of operation, scale and design. Properties zoned C-3 (Commercial Residential), C-4 (Central Area Commercial Residential), C-5 (Central Business Support), O-I (Office-Institutional), MRC-3 (Mixed Residential Commercial), I-1 (Light Industrial) and I-2 (Heavy Industrial) will be permitted to rezone to the I-MIX District.

External Affairs Officer - Lindy Kerr

Notable Zoning votes:

- V-18-182: NPU-N voted to support this application for a variance for 1379 Marion Ave NE for construction of an addition to a single-family home that remains within the existing footprint of the house.
- V-18-191: NPU-N voted to support this application for a variance for 1315 McLendon Ave NE for the construction of an addition to a single-family home.

Reports from City Departments:

- Zone 6: Per APD, package thefts continue to be one of the main crimes committed in our NPU. You may be able to help deter these thefts by mailing to your place of business, having a neighbor hold packages that are delivered while you are out of town, or joining the CPLC patrol and utilizing vacation patrol requests.
- Fire Department: Our local fire station No. 12 rescued a person trapped in their home during a house fire in June. We thank all the firefighters at Station No. 12 for keeping us safe. Also, please remember to leave ample space for emergency vehicles to drive down narrow streets when parking on the street.

Other:

1. Reminder on Zoning Phase II Update: Phase II of the Zoning changes focuses on improving, simplifying and streamlining the City zoning ordinances, as well as updating best practices. Zoning updates will affect the following: accessory dwellings, definitions, historic lot patterns, industrial districts uses, I-Mix district, loading requirements, MRC (mixed-residential commercial), residential density increase, missing middle zoning district, parking (on-street, shared, old buildings), neighborhood design standards, telecommunications updates, transitional height plane updates, quality of life districts. Voting is set to occur in September or October.

August 20 CPNO Members Meeting – draft minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Dana Fowle, President. All new residents and members were welcomed. Thank you to Raging Burrito for providing tonight's dinner. Motion to adopt the amended agenda passed. Motion to approve the July minutes passed.

Guest Speakers:

- Lt. Crowder, Night Watch Commander for Zone 6, reported that crime was down 10% compared to same time last year. Video is helping with package theft. (drcrowder@atlantaga.gov)
- David Godfrey is researching how to help the homeless man who has taken up residence at the edge of the golf course.
- Ken Edelstein, CPNO representative to Candler Park Conservancy, presented the schematic drawing of the active lawn (soccer field) and announced a community meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 30th, from 7-9 pm at First Existentialist Church.
- Taryn Heidel, Project Manager from Trees Atlanta, is organizing Greenspace Guardians projects in Freedom Park. Residents are invited to join her every fourth Friday from 8 am-11am and 12pm-3pm or Saturdays (once every three months) to help weed and plant an area of the park. Any resident who is interested in having a shade tree planted in their yard can request one at www.treesatlanta.org/fretyardtree.

Treasurer's Report:

Rohini Kukreja, Treasurer, reported expenditures for July (BiRacial History Project, Little Five Points Precinct, Wylde Center) and Fall Fest income of \$20,000 from Artist/Vendors; \$375 from Merchandise.

Announcements:

- Amy Erwin, member of Candler Park Conservancy, passed away Saturday August 11, 2018. Memorial Services will be held at Patterson's Springhill on August 25, 2018 at 1 pm.
- Twitter and Facebook – Residents can keep up to date on these websites.
- Jennifer Wilds announced the next Block Party on Euclid Terrace as September 15th and the next Porch Party as September 23rd. Both are Pot Luck events.
- Sidewalk Repair Phase 2 deadline for application is September 7, 2018. Applications are on the Candler Park website. CPNO will offer financial assistance. The quotes are free. The repairs will be bundled to keep cost low.

- Bill Morris, Zoning Officer, explained the new City Ordinance for Mixed Industrial Use which will require a member vote in September.
- Chris Fitzgerald, Fall Fest Treasurer, has found a non-profit organization that will re-purpose our old banners and T-shirts into mesh bags. She is requesting \$680 for the project which will be voted on next month.
- Don Bender, Little Five Points Business Association, reviewed the reasons for his request of \$5,000 donation to establish The Little Five Points Alliance. Motion to contribute \$5,000 for establishment of the Little Five Points Alliance passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by

Bonnie Palter, Secretary

August 20, 2018

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