

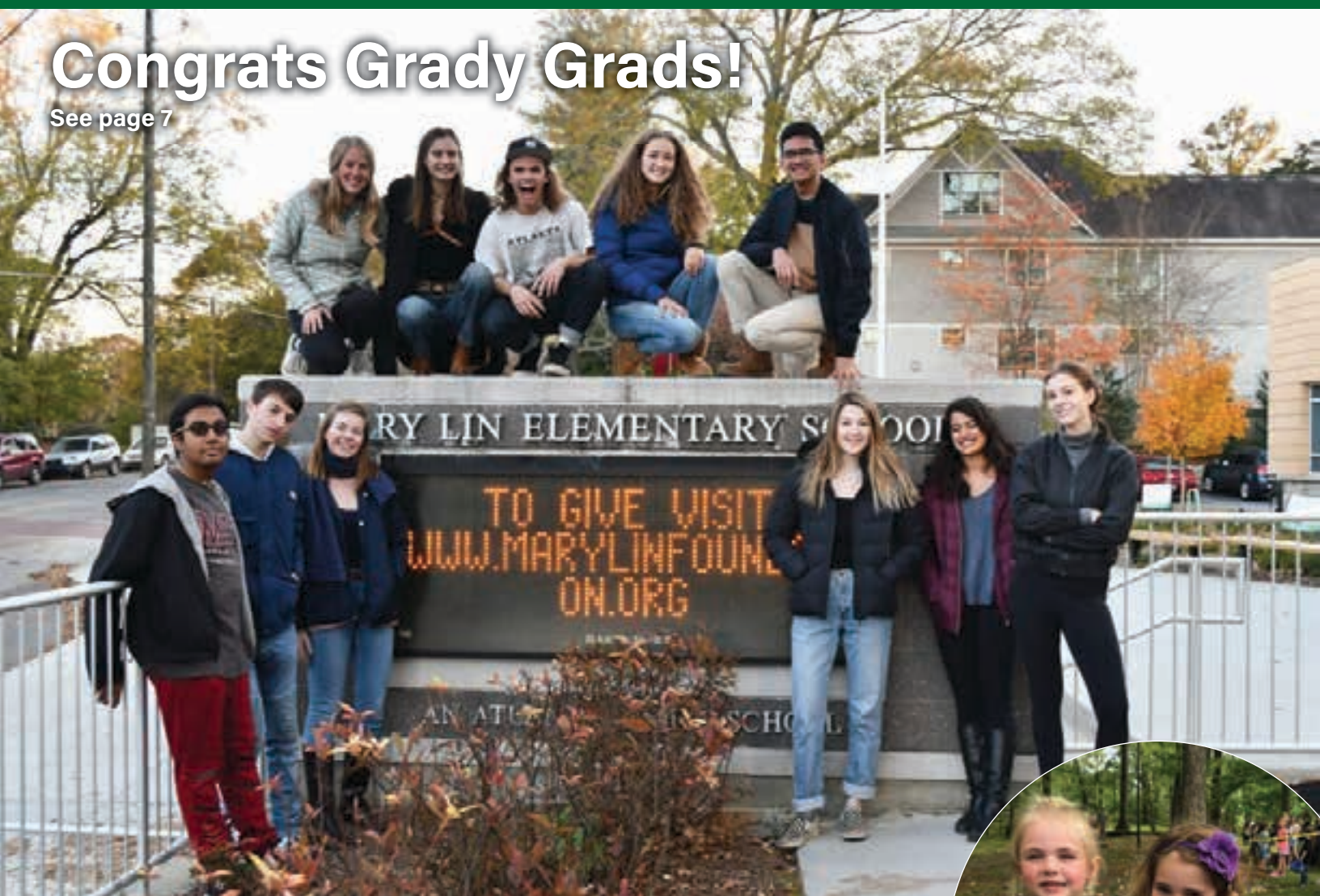


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Take a Walk in the Park

By Dana Fowle, president@candlerpark.org



Over the last year, my family has been taking short, backroads Georgia vacations. We set a destination no more than two hours away, book lodging for one night then drive stopping at every small town along the route. My nine-year-old has secretly confided that these trips are "fun." These mini-vacations relieve the pressure of booking expensive camps or scouting pricey vacation spots. And, my kid will eventually become acquainted with every corner of her home state.

But even this can be pared back by taking walks through our neighborhood. While we are only minutes from downtown Atlanta, our predominantly residential community has a lot to see tucked beyond our leafy sidewalks.

Carve out a staycation and visit the park. Really visit it by going beyond the soccer field and the playground and focus in on its details. The Candler Park Conservancy's website says it best; the park, "features a number of ecosystems" and is home to "southern red oaks to red tail hawks." And its "re-naturalized wetlands area has even come to host keystone species such as beavers."

As a family we've taken the Freedom Park Trail over to the Beltline for lunch. But it's more than a connecting path. The Freedom Park Conservancy's greenspace is considered Atlanta's art park and it's dotted with award-winning pieces that we take for granted. Stop to learn more about "One Woman Rising" and the artist's message about female empowerment. Or, venture on down the road to see "Dwelling," which reimagines the more than 600 structures

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demolished to make way for a major freeway. (Heck, find a neighbor to tell the story of how they fought back against developers to save what is now Candler Park.) To mark our past, you'll see former homes outlined. The digital interface tells their stories.

Fold in the BiRacial History Project for an historical fieldtrip and discover early Edgewood-Candler Park's African-American history. Have you been to each of our shops and restaurants? Me either. Pick a nice weekend, take a walk and dip in to say 'hi' or to grab breakfast or dessert. Off of Iverson Street, down the path and through the gate, you will walk into an acre of greenspace dotted with goats and gardening. Don't wait for an invitation for an event at the Wylde Center's Mulberry Fields. Just go and sit or picnic.

Show the kids your pastimes (or re-live your own) by trying a round of golf at the public Candler Park Golf Course. I can't tell you how many people have told me, "I learned to play golf there as a kid." Drift down to Little 5 Points and flip through albums again like my husband did there growing up.

Once I started this column I realized there is so much to do in our proverbial backyard that I can't list everything. I also realized how much I hadn't seen.

So make a summer travel list that includes your home, Candler Park, and all that it has to reveal.

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CPNO Members Meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive.

Committee meetings take place at The Neighborhood Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., unless otherwise announced (enter from the street level door and ring the bell if you're late).

All are welcome. Only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by Membership Officer by the first day of the month of meeting.

Find specific meeting information on page 6 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at www.candlerpark.org.

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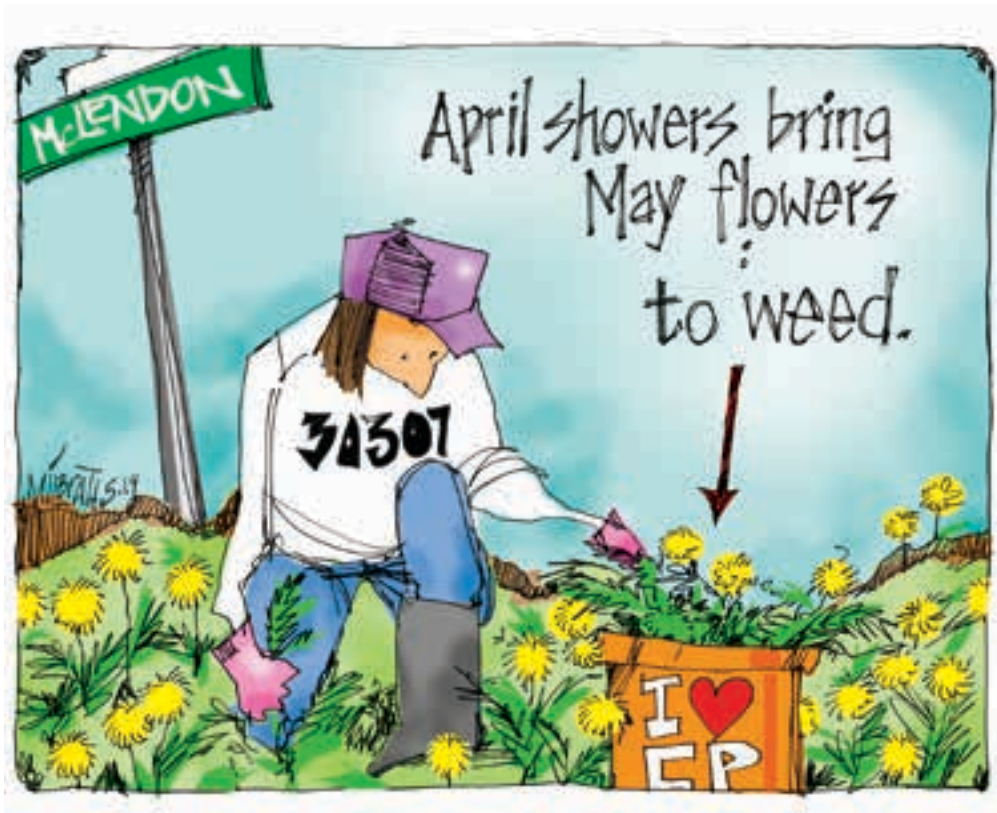
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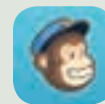
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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 4** Candler Park Movie Night featuring Incredibles 2 (PG)
- 5** Block Party on Hillcrest Ave, 11am – 3pm

Candler Park Conservancy BBQ, 5:30, Terrace Avenue
- 13** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church
- 15** Candler Park Lake Claire Networking Group, 5:30 – 7:30, Park Realty (all welcome)

Deadline to submit content for June Messenger!
- 18** Candler Park Movie Night featuring Mary Poppins Returns (PG)
- 20** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 31-June 1** CP Music and Food Festival in Candler Park

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.



Block Party on Hillcrest Avenue

Join us for a block party on Hillcrest Ave Block Party, the assumed shortest street in Atlanta. Let's celebrate the 5th of May together from 11am – 3pm as a neighborhood and community. Here's your chance to get out of the house for a day of fun and relaxation. Come and meet the lovely neighbors of Miller and Hillcrest Avenue. Food and Soft Drinks will be provided. Enjoy a fun day of Bouncing, Bocce Ball, Croquet, Music and Laughter.

Welcome and Thanks!

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

CPNO welcomes new members

Conrad Bishop and Kathy Overstreet
Win Tompkins
Richard Pater
Aaron & Tal Chaiken

Conrad Bishop and Kathy Overstreet

Bartow Cowden

J R Wilford

Joe & Cindy Brillante

Rohini Kukreja

Linda Green

Rosemary and Craig Yarwood

...and others who wished to remain anonymous

CPNO thanks members for their contributions:

Mike and Sheila Vinciguerra

Property Tax Appeal Info Sessions at Park Realty in June

Submitted by Park Realty

Park Realty, a locally owned and operated residential real estate firm, will be hosting two property tax appeal workshops in June, right after the assessment notices are mailed out. Hap Richardson will lead the workshops. Hap is the owner of HLR Law, a boutique law firm that specializes in property tax appeals for local residents. HLR Law has filed over 1,000 property tax appeals in over 30 counties in Georgia.

The event will be held at our Park Realty office at 1651 McLendon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307, right across from Candler Park Market. The programs will be held on:

Saturday June 1, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday June 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Space will be limited so email JMorgan@ParkRealtyAtlanta.com to reserve your seat.



Congrats Grady Grads!



These Grady High School seniors were all students at Mary Lin Elementary. Front row (L - R): Mia Wood, Lena Brown. Middle row (L - R): Swagatam Das, Robert Brunet, Ruth Payne, Alex Kline, Karl Haddock, Jack Labadia, Agazi Meijer, Deacon Baker, Zoe Brillante, Sahana Parker, Olivia Kovacs. Back row (L - R): Margaret Rose, Margo Lyman, Luc Sabatier, Lily Shevlin, Xander Menor

Atlanta Streets Alive Coming Back to DeKalb Avenue

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

At the April membership meeting, Sagirah from the Atlanta Bicycle coalition announced that Atlanta Streets Alive will have its longest street closing to date on June 9 from 2 pm – 8 pm. This Cross-City “Open Streets for All” will connect the Westside to East Lake and Decatur by closing temporarily the following streets to cars: Marietta Street, Howell Mill, Decatur Street, DeKalb Avenue, and West Howard. Pedestrians and cyclists of all ages will be able to enjoy a healthy, sustainable and vibrant city street experience. The kickoff parade from 1:30 – 2 pm will be held at the intersection of Marietta Street and Howell Mill Road. Street closures for all impacted streets will occur from 12:30 – 9:30 pm. To learn more visit, www.atlantastreetsalive.com/central or contact Sagirah@AtlantaBike.org.

Buy Used Books and Support the Ponce Library

By Barbara Chelikowsky, *Friends of Ponce Library*

Mark your calendars now for the used book sale sponsored by the Friends of Ponce Library to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm AND Sunday, June 2, 2019, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Library at 980 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta 30306. Cash and checks only please. Come support the library while taking the opportunity to pick up some really great titles at bargain prices. Choose from a variety of hardback and paperback books in all genres including fiction, non-fiction, biographies, history, science fiction, home and gardening, children's and young adult. While you're at the sale, why not join the Friends of Ponce Library or renew your membership for a \$10 yearly fee. All membership and sale funds are used to purchase books and supplies for the branch as well as support children's and community programs hosted at the Library.

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Conservancy Brings Beavers, Bluegrass and BBQ Back to Terrace Avenue on May 5

By Ken Edelstein, Candler Park Conservancy Board Member

Come celebrate a landmark year for the Candler Park Conservancy at Beavers, Bluegrass and Barbecue from 5:30 to 8:30 on Sunday May 5.

Even if you can't make the event, you can participate in the Conservancy's first annual Spring Raffle. It'll feature amazing gifts, and every single cent will go toward improving your park. Go to candlerparkconservancy.org to get your raffle tickets and to find out more about this great event.

You may have noticed that the Conservancy has upped its game over the last few months by organizing an ongoing series of events both to improve the park and to provide activities for visitors. Among those projects and events:

- Volunteers worked to restore two woodland coves that border McLendon Avenue, by removing invasive vines, removing invasive mulberry trees and working with Trees Atlanta to replace them with 33 native trees.
- After a birdwatching tromp led by Atlanta Audubon's Jason Ward, volunteers installed a dozen bird boxes throughout the park — some for bluebirds and some for nuthatches. (The boxes around the Active Lawn should be especially helpful to soccer players because, like bats, bluebirds gobble up an astounding number of mosquitos).
- Audubon also has awarded a Habitat Restoration Fund Grant to the Conservancy that will support work to restore a bird-friendly wetland habitat along the riparian corridor in the north-central portion of the park.
- Volunteers — namely the amazing Silvia Medrano-Edelstein (I'm biased) and Conservancy Board member Perry Smith — have been weeding, planting and otherwise tending to recently improved beds near the park entrance and park sign.
- Top-flight architectural firm Perkins + Will generously agreed to complete a pro bono design of the naturalistic "playscape" that is a centerpiece of the park's Vision Plan.
- And while several small but impactful projects are in the planning stages (keep an eye out for announcements), we're also developing a fundraising plan for our first major Vision Plan project.

In late March, at the organization's third Annual Meeting, Conservancy Board Vice Chair Lauren Welsh rattled off these and many more events and

achievements. Among the dignitaries, new Atlanta Parks and Recreation Commissioner John Dargle attended.

Now though, it's time to celebrate the Conservancy's growth in a less dignified fashion! Join us from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Sunday, May 5, on Terrace Avenue for our second annual Beavers, Bluegrass and BBQ members' social. We'll have great live music, tours of Candler Park's beautiful beaver ponds, cold beer, and delicious Fox Bros. BBQ!

One highlight promises to be the raffle. Organized by Board Member Doug Wetzel, it will feature more than \$2,000 worth of gifts, including (with sponsors): a bicycle from Bianchi Siena, a kayak from Play It Again Sport, dinner for two at Lazy Betty, a grill from Intown Ace Hardware, a massage and facial from Rosefinch Spa, a bird house and poles from Wild Birds Unlimited, a gift card from Moog Gallery, and Candler Park's own honey from Honey Next Door

You need not be present to win, and you need not be a member to attend the BB&B. But there will be a small advantage to being present, and if you are present, there will be an advantage to signing up to become a member. That's all I'm gonna say about that.

Learn more at candlerparkconservancy.org.

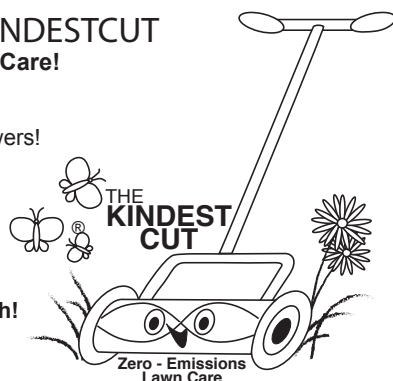


A Bianchi Siena bicycle is one of the prizes in the CP Conservancy raffle. Photo by Perry Smith

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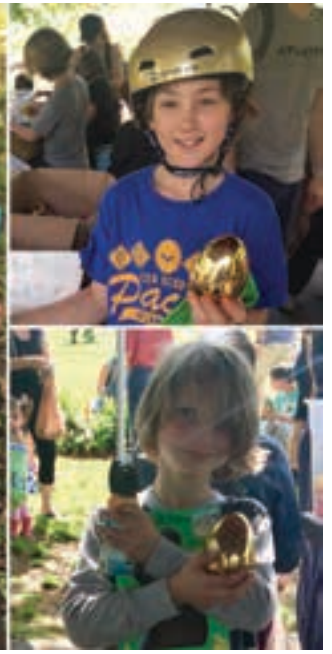
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Easter Egg Hunt Was a Hoppin' Success!

By Natalie Anderson, Candler Park resident and CPNO volunteer

On Sunday April 14, the Easter bunny made his annual visit to Candler Park to hide eggs and visit with the neighborhood kids. The hunt was slightly delayed by a morning tornado watch, but eventually the sun made an appearance and the weather turned out fantastic! Neighborhood participation was great as always, in spite of the last minute time change. A huge thanks to the many volunteers who made this event possible, from stuffing eggs weeks before to hiding eggs the morning of the event. And, a very special thanks this year to Candler Park Market and good2grow for their extremely generous donations of candy for the eggs and complimentary juice during the hunt. Additionally, King of Pops was on hand and will donate \$1 for each Popsicle sold to CPNO, for a total of \$51!! Thanks again to all and looking forward to seeing everyone again next year!



Oakdale and Iverson: Will They Stop for Us?

By Sarah McGrath and Saira Draper, Candler Park Residents

Candler Park residents and visitors to the neighborhood frequently cross the intersection of Oakdale Road and Iverson Street to go to MARTA, Mary Lin, Iverson Park/Playground, and Mulberry Fields, and often with children in tow. Attempting to cross this intersection can be treacherous, as cars do not stop. In 2013, Candler Park's Master Plan identified this intersection as dangerous for pedestrians and recommended improvements that were approved by the City Council, but have not yet been implemented. Neighbors have experienced near-miss incidents at this intersection too frequently. We need to do something before someone is seriously hurt. We are planning to discuss this at the May CPNO meeting.

Code Enforcement Academy

By Matt Kirk, externalaffairs@candlerpark.org

The City of Atlanta has begun a Code Enforcement Training Academy for citizens. Through five sessions on five different aspects of code enforcement - including 311, Public Works, zoning/permits/licensing, the courts, watershed, and fire rescue. As course participants learn about the city functions, structure requirements, and premise violations, the hope is that this will empower the participants to act as ambassadors for the community, helping to combat code violations and blight in their neighborhoods. While participants may identify deemed violations to Code Enforcement, they will not be able to write tickets or issue any warnings. All code violations turned in will be investigated by Code Enforcement and treated through the civil process.

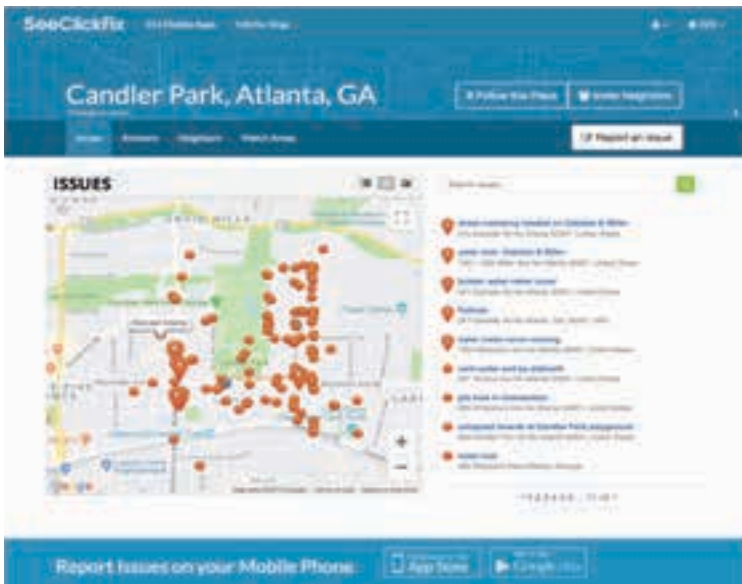
The eventual plan, as presented at the February NPU-N meeting, is to develop a neighborhood deputy program. The specifics are still being determined, but the CoA plans to implement these deputies to streamline the use of a civil process to code enforcement. This process begins when necessary with the issuance of civil summons. A failure to respond to a civil summons can lead to a lien, which can lead to a foreclosure on a property if unpaid. At the current time, Code Enforcement is focusing on entity-owned homes, e.g. a limited liability company rather than an individual, but this may expand over time to individual resident homeowners. Many homes in Candler Park are entity-owned, so this could affect the neighborhood in the months and years to come.

Questions and concerns on this can be directed to codeacademy@atlantaga.gov. The next Code Academy will open applications in Fall of 2019. Information will be available on www.atlantaga.gov/codeacademy.

Get the City to Fix Our Neighborhood by Using 311

By Silvia Medrano-Edelstein, CPNO Infrastructure Committee

Is that broken curb, missing corner handicap ramp or pothole bothering you? Does that intersection need to be restriped? You CAN make 311 requests to fix these things. The app that is the most effective is www.seeclixfix.org which has a map of open request cases. Help us close the cases which are completed by hitting close on the comment section (preferably with adding a photo) or, if the case has not been completed, request an escalation.



The Critters of Mulberry Fields

By Heather B.P. Wallace on behalf of the Wylde Center

Long-time Candler Park residents, Richard and Jesse Bathrick, created and helped to grow Mulberry Fields into the hidden oasis it is today. Richard raised goats before and knew they would easily clear the property of brush. In an interview, Richard and Jesse shared a few stories and many names of the animals that have called Mulberry Fields home.

The first two critters were two Nubian goats, Alice and Iris, who arrived in the blizzard of 1993. They were only 5 weeks old. Bathrick said, “They were not old enough to be out so they wandered the floors and cabinets of our kitchen, occasionally hopping around with our cats.” It only took one summer for the two large goats to eat all the kudzu, privet and blackberry briars to make way for what became the community garden area of Mulberry Fields. True to the nature of goats, Jesse and Richard said, these two were escape artists, “We frequently had to retrieve them from Ferguson Street.”

Iris was the only one of the two to successfully breed. Bathrick said, “Iris’s babies were Luna and Soleil because Luna was born under a full moon and Soleil as the sun was rising.”

The small herd continued to grow. “At one point in the 90’s Luna and Iris were pregnant. We went out of town and returned to find 6 kids [the term for a baby goat]. They’d each had triplets, what a fabulous surprise,” said Bathrick.

Urban predators have been a problem over the years. Bathrick said, “Three times [a pack of dogs] attacked and in 1999 our goat Mulberry was killed the night before our first meeting with neighbors to start a community garden, so we named the garden in her honor.”

Later Richard and Jesse got two of a smaller breed of goat called Nigerian Dwarf. They named them Clover and Alfalfa and the goats walked in the Little 5 Points parade dressed up in tutus and boas.

They’ve had many goats over the years all with unique names like Baaa-rak -(born just as Obama received the Democratic nomination), Rojo (who used to head-butt those who took care of him), Jemima, and now Cybele and Cleo. There are hopes of kids in the early summer if the visiting billy goat has a successful rendezvous.

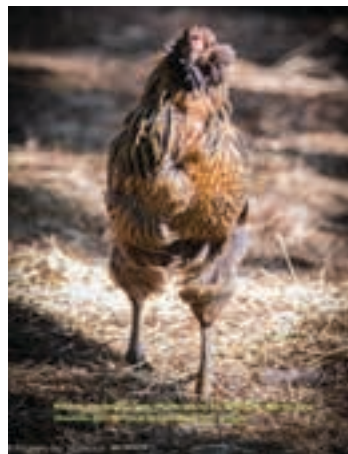
To protect the critters of Mulberry Fields the Bathricks have always had a Border Collie. It was Sophie, tailored in black and white and known as “the Mayor of Mulberry Fields” who greeted visitors and managed the goats for 15 1/2 years. But now, says Bathrick, “Lucy, a brown and white Border Collie, is learning the ropes...She is still a puppy and only time will tell if she can step into Sophie’s big paws.”

Chickens, too!

There had always been chickens up until a year ago when some predators took out the flock. Bathrick said, “Team chicken was formed about 10 years ago and had a steady membership of Candler Park families who rotated our chicken care and egg collecting duties.” The chickens are returning to Mulberry fields after a hiatus thanks to those who are helping to build a new coop. It will be designed with more protections and will be safer for the flock of ten that will arrive at Mulberry Fields in late April.

Name that chicken on May 18

Want to meet the critters for yourself and get a chance to name a chicken? Then please mark your calendars for a fun family event. Children of all ages (including adults) have the opportunity to name the chickens! On May 18 from 3-5 p.m., we are hosting a naming party at Mulberry Fields and everyone is invited. We will pull the entries at 4:30 p.m. for 10 lucky chickens and announce their names one-by-one along with the person who submitted the name.



Purchase raffle tickets for your chance to name a chicken for \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25.

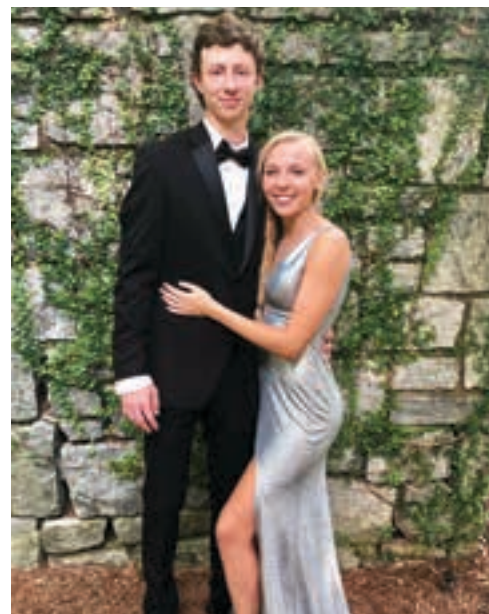
Raffle tickets will be sold during the event. You may also purchase tickets online at wyldecenter.org/name-that-chicken/. You do not have to be present to win your chance to name a chicken. All raffle proceeds will benefit the renovation of the Mulberry Fields’ children’s play area. This event is open to the public and free to attend.

Come visit!

Everyone is welcome to visit Mulberry Fields. The community garden is located down the alley at 1301 Iverson St., Atlanta 30307.

Grady Seniors Celebrated Prom 2019

Before the Grady Prom dance at the Georgia Tech Hotel on April 13, a group of Grady seniors along with their dates and their families gathered on the Carter Center lawn for photos. The weather was clear, warm and beautiful for this senior tradition. After the pre-prom photo event, the teens boarded charter buses and vans and headed to a pre-prom dinner at a Morningside home before then proceeding on to the dance and then various after parties. These photos feature some of the Candler Park teens with their friends.





Under the Gold Dome: House District 89 Legislative Update

Source: Office of Bee Nguyen, Representative District 89

The following update briefly describes the bills, status, and Representative Nguyen’s vote during the 40-day legislative session that ended in mid-April. As a reminder from Bee, “each bill must be passed by the Georgia House and Senate before heading to the Governor’s desk. Gov. Kemp will have 40 days to either veto, or sign the bill into law.”

Education

House Bill 83 would require each elementary school to provide recess each day for grades K -5.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

House Bill 444 places restrictions on the dual enrollment program by capping state funding at 30 credit hours. After completing 30 hours of dual enrollment courses, eligible students may participate by using personal funds, or by using lottery funds allocated from HOPE scholarships. The bill also prohibits 9th-grade students from taking courses within the Technical College System of Georgia.

Status: Senate Tabled

Vote: No

House Bill 527 changes program weights in the Quality Basic Education (QBE) Formula used to fund public education. The weights for 17 of the 18 programs in the QBE Formula would be increased. The weight for high school general education would remain unchanged at 1.0

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

House Bill 530 states that the Department of Education must provide the location of home study programs to local schools and empowers the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to conduct assessments on children once they withdraw from a public school.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

Senate Bill 15, or the “Keeping Georgia’s Schools Safe Act” changes the criteria in which public schools report to local law enforcement. This bill would mandate schools to call local law enforcement for reasonable suspicion of any criminal activity, which removes the discretion

of public schools to use positive behavioral interventions, parental involvement and mental health support first.

Status: Passed

Vote: No

Senate Bill 48 aims to identify students with dyslexia in early elementary school through screenings and providing assistance to students with dyslexia in first through third grade.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

Senate Bill 83 expands school courses and electives to the teachings of the Bible in public schools.

Status: Passed

Vote: No

Senate Bill 163, or the Tim Tebow Act, would allow home study students to participate and be more involved in public school activities and events after completing specific requirements.

Status: Failed

This bill did not make it out of committee on the House side.

Environment

House Bill 382 modifies the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund, legislation that was passed last year. The funds shall be given to the qualified local government or constituted recreation boards defined by the Board of Natural Resource, state agencies, or nongovernmental entities having a project approved by the department.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

House Resolution 48 asserts Georgia’s opposition to oil and gas exploration and drilling activities, and support for Georgia tourism and fisheries.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

Governance

House Bill 264 expands the scope of the state’s lobbyist definitions to provide more transparency in lobbying and from public officials who may influence policy.

Status: Failed

Vote: Yes

House Bill 233, or the Pharmacy Anti-Steering and Transparency Act, prohibits pharmacies from sharing records of prescription information containing patient and prescriber-identifiable information to a pharmacy affiliate for any commercial purpose.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

House Bill 288 revises the sums that the clerks of the superior courts are entitled to charge and collect for filing documents and instruments pertaining to real estate or personal property.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

House Bill 311 authorizes citizens to sue the state or local government if they violate a person’s rights by an unlawful/unauthorized act. A previous Supreme Court decision gave “sovereign immunity” that prevents citizens from suing the governments in Georgia to force them to abide by the law. This bill does not include suing for money but only suing for a court order to call for the government to obey the law.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

House Bill 315 expands the protections for county, municipalities and other local governmental entities when they enter into an agreement with a consultant by requiring the disclosure of any potential conflicts of interests, requiring the disclosure of any potential threats to the local government entity, and require the consultant to follow all local government policies and procedures.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

Under the Gold Dome continued

House Bill 493 authorizes counties or municipalities to review construction plans and determine whether it has complied with Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

Senate Bill 77 will prevent state and local entities from removing or concealing from display monuments and prohibits such monuments from relocation to a museum, cemetery or mausoleum. This legislation would require that any person or entity that damages or destroys monuments to be liable for triple the amount of the original monument.

Status: Passed

Vote: No

Senate Bill 131, the 'Georgia Major Airport Authority Act,' will create a state oversight committee for the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and all other airports. Senate Bill 131 also now includes language from House Bill 511. This is opposed by the City of Atlanta and Delta Air Lines. I voted "nay" and the bill failed in a later version of the legislation.

Status: Failed

Vote: No

Health and Human Services

House Bill 186 addresses the Certificate of Need (CON) for all services and facilities except long-term care facilities and home health agencies. Opponents of the bill argue this will damage the state's health care system for years to come by removing protections that safeguard Georgia's hospitals. A compromise version of this bill passed out of the House last week.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

House Bill 324, known as 'Georgia's Hope Act,' allows for the production, manufacturing, dispensing of low THC oil. This bill authorizes six private production licenses will be issued as well as and two university research grow licenses. The bill makes it unlawful to ingest low THC oil by smoking or eating.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes



State Representative Bee Nguyen, District 89

House Bill 345 prohibits the shackling of pregnant inmates while they are experiencing labor or during delivery in Georgia's prison system.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

House Bill 346 prohibits landlords from retaliating against their tenants. This bill will allow residents who live in unsafe and unhealthy homes to report to code enforcement without being evicted. Landlords found guilty of retaliating will be responsible for one month's rent plus a \$500 fine and legal costs.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

House Bill 481, The Living Infants Fairness and Equality (LIFE) Act, would revise the time when abortions may be processed with restrictions following upon detection of a heartbeat in the womb. It proposes unborn children at any age of development carried in the womb to be included in state population-based determinations.

Status: Passed

Vote: No

House Bill 514 would establish the Georgia Mental Health Reform and Innovative Commission. The Commission would review and evaluate the policies surrounding the mental health policies in Georgia and how they affect its citizens.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

Senate Bill 106, known as the Patients First Act, is Governor Kemp's Medicaid waiver proposal. The Patients First Act restricts the number of Georgians would have access to health care by capping eligibility at the poverty line instead of expanding to 138 percent of the poverty line as outlined under the Affordable Care Act. That means only 240,000 Georgians would qualify instead of half a million under a full Medicaid expansion.

Status: Passed

Vote: No

Sexual Abuse, Sexual Misconduct, and Domestic Violence

House Bill 228 changes minor marriage laws by increasing the minimum age from 16 to 17 and requires any person who is 17 to have been emancipated.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

House Bill 281 increases the penalties for pimping and pandering in Georgia. The penalty for committing the first offense would increase the holding period from 24 hours to 72 hours, with subsequent offenses resulting in a minimum of one year to a maximum of 10 years of imprisonment.

Status: Passed

oVote: Yes

House Bill 282 requires law enforcement to extend the time in which evidence from sexual assault is preserved from 10 years to 50 years.

Status: Passed

Vote: Yes

Taxes

Senate Bill 128 requires marketplace providers such as AirBnB, Uber and Lyft to collect sale taxes from customers. This would impose an 8.9% sales tax on ride-share, making it one of the highest rates in the country. I voted "nay" and the bill passed by a vote of 94 to 74. At the same time, the Senate passed out an amended version of House Bill 276, which will exempt ride-share from the taxation.

Status: Passed but rideshare taxation will not be implemented due to conflicting bills.

Vote: No

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Get Grounded Through Earthing

By Gail Turner-Cooper, Candler Park Resident and Certified Health Coach

With our smartphone addictions and digital stresses at an all-time high in the U.S., a lot of folks in wellness spheres have been talking about “digital detoxing” and the importance, now more than ever, of returning to nature. However, sitting outside on your patio while browsing through Instagram or listening to a podcast might not be enough. It’s time for you to consider when the last time you truly connected to the earth was.

The practice of Grounding, or Earthing, relies on the truth of that connecting to the energy of our planet is beneficial for our minds, souls, and bodies. Grounding is more than simply walking barefoot—it’s a way of replenishing ourselves as we reconvene with our creation source, our planet.

According to Grounding experts, the process of walking barefoot can help neutralize free radicals in our body, by accessing an abundant supply of free electrons in the earth. These electrons aid our bodies in similar ways to antioxidants by helping to deter damage created by other toxins in our daily lives. Because our natural bodies are composed primarily of water and minerals, it makes sense that reconnecting with the earth’s water and minerals would strengthen us.

Members of the Grounding community swear by its powerful healing effects when it comes to a bevy of lifestyle ails, such as insomnia, mood disorders, inflammation, joint or bone pain, fatigue, and many more. Grounding has been shown to help rebalance our energies and stresses, by promoting calmness in the body and cooling down the nervous system.

A few more benefits of Grounding may include:

- Reducing or eliminating chronic pain
- Improving quality of sleep
- Normalizing the body’s biological rhythms



- Relieve muscle tension
- Alleviate headaches
- Lessening hormonal or menstrual symptoms
- Fighting back jet lag
- Accelerate recovery from athletic soreness

Getting started with a Grounding routine is simple. All it takes is the decision to take your shoes off and head outdoors for half an hour.

Spend thirty minutes walking or standing barefoot in grass, dirt, or sand and see if the effects start to wash over you. It’s difficult to argue that spending some time outdoors in nature, without the distractions of a phone or computer, could be anything but powerfully healing for our toxically stressed minds.

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.

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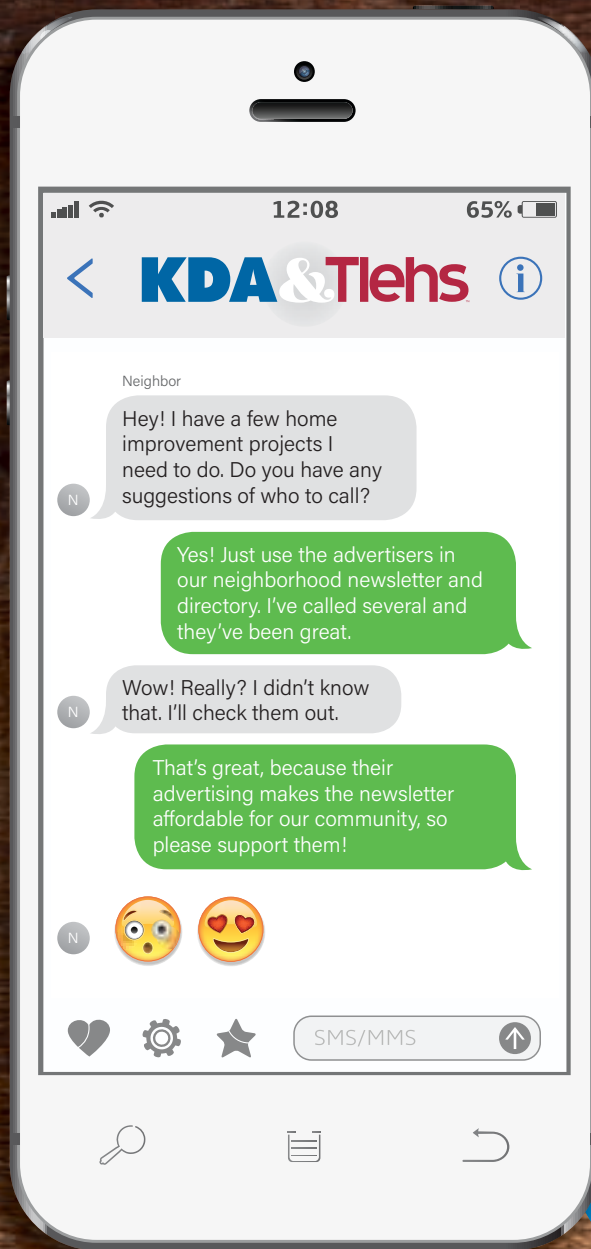
The Candler Park Music and Food Festival returns to Candler Park Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, with yet another lineup of diverse, well-known musical acts.

The lineup is headlined by Dispatch, the famed indie rockers who recently put out their first album in five years, and by Greensky Bluegrass, a nationally touring five-piece act out of Kalamazoo, Mich. Dr. Dog, Trampled By Turtles, Stephen Marley, Larkin Poe, Funk You, Aqueous and Webster round out the lineup.

“Year after year, our music bookings elevate the festival to new heights,” Rival Entertainment’s Josh Antenucci said in a press release. “A far cry from your usual neighborhood park event, Candler Park Music & Food Festival curates a perfect two-day musical experience that blends local talent with trendsetting chart climbers and national headliners, all while maintaining that cherished community park vibe that got us started a decade ago.”

Not to be confused with CPNO-produced Fall Fest, the Music and Food Festival is produced by Rival. But Rival does offer free tickets to its own event to CPNO members who renew their membership before April 30. General admission for the entire weekend for those who didn’t renew their CPNO membership is \$40.

More information can be found at candlerparkmusicfestival.com.




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April 15 CPNO Members Meeting – draft minutes

These 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 7:01 by Dana Fowle, President. Thanks to Candler Park Market for sponsoring dinner. Please say thanks to them for this, providing candy for easter egg hunt and many other things they do. Secretary Bonnie Palter not here at this meeting for the first time in 7 years.

Motion passed to approve agenda with addition of Amir, Bee's office representative and Bill Gordon from CPLC Patrol.

Minutes in Messenger from March meeting. Motion to approve minutes passed.

CPNO accepts canned food at each meeting. Lexa King takes contributions to a food pantry on behalf of CPNO.

Guest Speakers:

Amir Farokhi, Candler Park representative on Atlanta City Council provided update on getting funding for sidewalks for Candler Park. He answered questions from meeting attendees on topics such as pedestrian crossing concerns, citizen code enforcement, Renew Atlanta complete streets and DeKalb Avenue, and unfinished public works projects. He encouraged neighbors to contact him whenever there are issues or concerns with the City.

Hannah Perkins from Bee Nguyen's office shared what's going on under the gold dome. A lot of bills passed during the legislative session. She brought a written summary for meeting attendees.

Bill Gordon, CPLC Patrol is a Lake Claire resident who has served on CPLC Patrol board since 2017. He thanked CPNO for its financial support. Founded in 2015, the CPLC Patrol is financed exclusively by neighbors and businesses. 400 households currently pay dues. Patrol costs \$50 per hour to operate. Each household that pays \$200 pays for a four-hour shift. All patrol officers are zone 6 APD officers. In 2018, all of the Candler Park residents on the board all Candler Park people rolled off and Candler Park representation is needed on the board. To learn more go to cplcpatrol.com.

Zone 6 APD officer had to leave but dropped off info regarding the zone 6 police academy. We will ask for that to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Announcements

- CPNO Secretary Bonnie Palter is under the weather. There is a meal sign-up email circulating: <https://mealtrain.com/gwgzy>
- Candler Park Easter Egg Hunt – thanks to many volunteers who pulled this off. Whole new group of volunteer organizers. Moved from 2 pm to 4 pm because of rain. It was a great event! Thank you volunteers!!
- Iverson and Oakdale pedestrian crossing. Briefing on citizen effort to improve crossing. No one is stopping at cross walk. Group of moms tried to take action with the city and Amir encouraged them to bring their concerns to the CPNO to get broader neighborhood support. At next meeting, they will present info and determine what CPNO can do.
- Fall Fest Budget -- Chris Fitzgerald presented the budget which will go to vote at May meeting. No Ferris wheel this year due to conflict with vendor having previous commitment. CPNO website will have link to budget for review prior to next month's meeting.
- Zoning Update -- Bill Morris. Review 1600 Dekalb Avenue request for special exception. No vote today. Vote will be next month. V-19-31. Originally on agenda tonight. Conversations with applicant for past

two months. Special exceptions to reduce required on-site parking from 43 spaces to 27 spaces. Reduce off-street loading spaces from 2 loading spaces to 0 loading spaces. Applicant wants to put in a brew pub. This is former Mercantile space. Current parking: 7 spaces for five res units, 11 spaces for suite 100 (San Francisco coffee), 9 spaces for suite 150 (proposed restaurant) and 2 wheelchair accessible spaces. Options to address parking needs 1) restaurant business hours may be limited to opening at 4:00 pm Mon – Sat and 12 noon on Sunday (better on-site share parking with SFC) 2) obtain agreement from neighboring properties for use of shared parking during non-bus hours (my fav mechanic 6 spaces, salon red – 16 spaces) 3) provide valet parking plan to maximize use of available spaces. Other issues: outdoor seating (green space in rear of property), if outdoor seating does not exceed 25% of floor area no additional parking is required, noise from outdoor seating, possible smell from brew. Concerns: parking and congestion related issues on Clifton Rd and Brooks Ave and narrow streets. Info requested of applicant for May meeting: 1) detailed draft parking agreements in accordance with city standards 2) detailed parking valet plan with routing shown on site plan 3) details on plans for outdoor seating that address non-smoking, noise, etc. 4) draft agreement for limiting hours of operation 5) plan for enforcing on-site parking restrictions. Next step is zoning committee will vote on recommendation, then goes before membership and then goes to NPU and then to BZA. Special exception would stay with property but any agreements with other business would not if businesses change.

- NPU Update -- Matt Kirk. Candler Park Music and Food Fest was approved. Discussion of moving to a consent agenda. Awarded a community design award to redesign Dekalb.
- Infrastructure Committee -- Silvia Edelstein to talk about 311 Magnifier. When we first talked about this, we thought the more people talked about an issue the faster it would get fixed. We now know that people owning the issue is important. Escalate your 311 requests or close requests that are fixed. Coming up on new budget year so need to get remaining budget used to fix our problems.

CP Movie Listing

- 5/4 Incredible 2
- 5/18 Mary Poppins Returns
- 8/17 Ralph Breaks the Internet
- 9/7 Spider Man: Into the Spider Verse

Guest Speaker: Saguraha Jones. Atlanta Streets Alive is coming on June 9. It is cross-city from Howell Mill to Marietta to Decatur Street to Dekalb to West Howard – a complete 10 miles. There will be street closures.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Submitted by Susan Rose

April 15, 2019



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Q. What do you love most about living in Candler Park?

A. There are many things I like. Years ago, I met a friend for lunch at the original Flying Biscuit. It was then that I fell in love with the arbor lined, craftsman dotted streets.

We can walk to dinner or to get a pint of ice cream. I love that my salon is two blocks away and great festivals surround us. Big store shopping is only a 5 minute drive. Our sweet neighbors are thoughtful and fun; and we can hop on the bargain priced MARTA train to support our favorite Atlanta United FC. We love Candler Park.

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