GDOT, Warren Buffett and a Glass of Sweet Tea…
Solving Georgia’s Transportation Woes
By David Aynes

When I heard that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) was reviving a feasibility study on a $3.7 billion “North-South” tunnel near our neighborhood, I was confounded. Our state’s transportation professionals should not continue to spend scarce resources to perpetuate the one strategy that has consistently failed to reduce traffic and congestion: adding more lanes to existing highways. Traffic studies from around the globe consistently confirm that tacking on additional lanes actually increases traffic woes. Sure, we’ll get twelve months of less congestion for our money, but after that, more cars will speed in to take advantage of the new lanes. Trying to fit more cars onto Georgia’s interstate system is like trying to stir more sugar into a glass of sweet tea. You can pour and stir all you want, but eventually it will all sink into a big pile at the bottom!

If the State of Georgia would like to begin to solve the region’s transportation problems, we should follow the lead of business tycoon Warren Buffett and make a true investment in our infrastructure. Buffett recently sunk a cool $26 billion into the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. When recently asked what compelled him to make such a massive investment (the largest in Berkshire Hathaway’s history) into a seemingly tired old business like a railroad, Buffett recited two primary reasons:

1. Rail is the most efficient and environmentally friendly way to move goods. A train can carry 2,000 pounds of goods 470 miles on ONE gallon of diesel.

2. The company’s rights of way and 32,000 mile track system are virtually irreplaceable in today’s world.

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CPNO Board Gets Ready for In-Town Highway Debate
By Lauren Welsh

More than 30 years ago the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) had a different vision of in-town living in Atlanta that included the destruction of more than 500 homes and a highway cloverleaf interchange right where the Carter Center is today. Fortunately, local residents and politicians prevented the eastside highway from being built, but it appears that battle may be on us yet again.

There are reports that GDOT has placed the eastside highway tunnel at the top of its list of ideas for alleviating traffic on the downtown connector. The new Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) board discussed this issue at our first meeting, and we have been in touch with our newly elected City Council representative, Alex Wan. While there is no opportunity for public comment on the eastside highway just yet, community leaders and representatives are currently gathering input about the potential highway.

Representatives from the CPNO will be attending a January 5 meeting of community leaders at State Representative Pat Gardner’s house to learn more about how we can tackle this issue. We will also be working with other neighborhoods to ensure a unified message and approach. More information will be shared about this meeting in subsequent issues of the Messenger. In the meantime, if you are interested in a letter-writing campaign, please contact me via membership@candlerpark.org.
After enjoying a few cups of holiday cheer at a party last month, I overheard some neighbors say that they were heading out of town and needed someone to help look after their chickens. “What kind of help?” I asked. “Oh, just come by around dusk, scatter a bit of feed, give them some fresh water and then shoo them into the coop,” She replied. “Of course you can have any eggs you find.”

Fresh hen eggs? All of a sudden I could just see gorgeous plates of eggs benedict waiting on the breakfast table Christmas morning. “I’ll be happy to help look after your biddies while you’re gone.” (It should be noted that my baboo, who firmly believes that no good deed goes unpunished, just raised an eyebrow and smiled when I told him the good news.)

On the day before the neighbors left town, I went over for a quick poultry tutorial. No big whoop. Feed and water, gather eggs, wrangle birds into the coop, count to make sure all seven are locked in, then go home and enjoy the ovid bounty.

All went as planned the first evening, but on Christmas Eve, I ran into a bit of trouble. You may remember that it was a dark and stormy night. We were heading up to Gwinnecia to eat roast beast with the family and of course we were running late. With my hair up in curlers, I slogged my way up to the coop, fed and watered my charges, then ushered them into the hen house. One, two, three, four, five… What? I counted again. Still, only 6 birds. I checked around for telltale signs of a chicken hawk, but saw no grizzly little pile of feathers and bones. ( Normally, at this point in the story I would insert some corny phrase such as “I suspected fowl play,” but I’ll give it a miss this time.)

Anyway, realizing there was nothing I could do, I locked up the coop and went off to spend Christmas with the folks. My baboo knew I was upset, but wisely kept the “I told you so” out of his voice when he told me not to worry.

The next morning I headed over to the neighbors to try to figure out what to do about the missing chicken. When I got there, I discovered what could only be deemed a True Christmas Miracle™. There were SEVEN – count them - SEVEN live chickens in that hen house! Oh, joy! I ran home to tell my spouse the amazing story. I started gushing, “Maybe next year, we can gather enough eggs to make real eggnog!” to which he raised his eyebrow and mumbled: “Eggnog?…sounds like holiday spirit straight from the chicken’s arse.”
Want to Know Your Neighbors?
By Lauren Welsh

While the monthly Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) meetings and the special events in our park are wonderful opportunities to get to know our neighbors, we’re looking for a few folks who want to help come up with new ideas and bring back some old ones.

As the new Membership Secretary, part of my job is to not only encourage membership in CPNO but also find ways for neighbors to meet each other or gather together. Previously our neighborhood hosted monthly “porch parties” where a resident would open his or her home to Candler Park neighbors for a social gathering. We also welcomed new residents to the neighborhood with baskets of goodies from local businesses. We even created a directory of Candler Park residents to share information with each other and allow us to more easily get in touch with one another.

Are you interested in bringing these ideas back and helping generate some new ways to bring neighbors together? Please contact me at membership@candlerpark.org to let me know if you’re willing to join our revived Membership Committee or if you want to be part of helping out with these efforts. My hope is that we can keep the meetings to a minimum (maybe every other month) and instead we can spend our time working with others to bring back more of these social opportunities.

Sweet Tea
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As Georgia Tech student Ryan Gravel pointed out in his now famous 1999 thesis, Georgia has been practically gifted 22 miles of irreplaceable rights of way by Atlanta’s railroad heritage. A $2.7 billion investment in the Beltline would give people real public transit options when they arrive in Atlanta. Georgia should forget about expanding our dysfunctional road system and steer that $3.7 billion of ‘tunnel money’ into the Beltline. With the leftover $1 billion, we could fund many other mass transit projects.

An investment in the Beltline will not yield returns overnight but will offer a sustainable investment in Georgia’s transportation future. Dollars invested in the Beltline will ultimately yield a fantastic return by giving Georgians true transportation options, conserving future gasoline costs, and reducing our dependence on a volatile foreign oil market. If Warren Buffett was looking to invest in Georgia’s public transportation, I bet he would immediately fund the Beltline and he’d make it happen in ten years instead of twenty-five. If he does, I’ll offer him a big ol’ glass of sweet tea and ask him to sit a spell and think about solving some more of our difficult problems.
Clifton Men's Shelter
By Doug Wetzel

One of the last acts of the previous CPNO board was a recommendation to donate $3,000 to the Clifton Sanctuary Men's Shelter. The shelter is located just up the road at 369 Connecticut Avenue. There are currently thirty men living in the shelter. Every guest is referred by a caseworker and is required by the shelter to be actively working on a plan to live independently.

Clifton Sanctuary offers structure, a warm bed, washing machines, clothing, a kitchen for cooking meals, and the chance to belong to a positive community. Many services (including health and wellness screening, computer training, counseling, and even a Toastmasters group) are part of the mission to provide an opportunity for these men to get back on their feet.

I personally visited the shelter and found that the volunteers and guests were making a real difference. That being said, the Sanctuary has many costs that can only be covered through donations. I encourage you to visit their website at www.CliftonSanctuary.com, or stop by and see it for yourself.

There will be a vote on the donation for the shelter at the next CPNO general meeting on Monday, January 18.

Local Character Passes
By Bob Caine

On December 29th, local street person Leroy Freeman passed away after a sudden heart attack. Leroy, with his bicycle, prided himself on watching out for the security of our area. Although he was frequently reported as a "suspicious person," he watched out for those of us who knew him. He has been a "resident" on Leonardo Avenue in Lake Claire for several years and has added much to the neighborhood security. He will be missed.
Friends of Candler Park
Diggin’ the Dirt
By Jo Jo Ross

Next time you’re taking a stroll in lovely Candler Park, be sure to cruise by the pool house and admire the work of the Friends of Candler Park’s December 5th workday. Thanks to Park Pride who donated the materials and tools, we planted 6 trees – 2 elms, 4 crepe myrtles – and over 300 bulbs!

This spring expect to see beautiful daffodils all around the pool house and wall. The trees’ roots all received a warm winter coat of mulch as well.

Get involved with the Friends of Candler Park and check out workday photos by visiting us at friendsofcandlerpark.com.
Images of Terror and Beauty
From a Press Release

A photography exhibit by Atlanta native Ted Haddock is scheduled for February and early March at One Twelve Gallery in the Stove Works of Inman Park. Haddock is also the Director of Photography for International Justice Mission, a human rights agency that rescues victims of slavery and exploitation.

Haddock’s photography shows moments of both terror and beauty present in places of oppression. The Works of Ted Haddock features images from all over the world, as well as photos taken on the streets of Atlanta. The exhibit tells stories of devastation, but also stories of redemption and rescue.

The Works of Ted Haddock will be on display during February and the first half of March with an opening reception Friday, February 5th from 6 to 8 p.m. The opening will take place in conjunction with the weekend-long conference “Dignity,” responding to modern day slavery and sex trafficking through the use of the arts, media and activism.

Ted Haddock has focused on documentary photography since earning his M.F.A from Indiana University. Since then, he has traveled the world with his camera. His work has appeared in Forbes and the Atlanta Journal Constitution and on NBC Nightly News, Dateline NBC, Fox News, and elsewhere. Since 2001 he has used his craft to give voice to victims of abuse as Director of Photography at International Justice Mission.

International Justice Mission is a human rights organization that rescues victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery and oppression. Based on referrals of abuse received from relief and development organizations, IJM conducts professional investigations of the abuses and mobilizes intervention on behalf of the victims.

The gallery will be open to walk-ins Sundays and by appointment only Monday-Saturday. The Works of Ted Haddock is One Twelve Gallery’s first show.

Visit onetwelvegallery.com or read the blog at onetwelvegallery.wordpress.com
Food Trends, Fads and Fashions
By The Food Freak

Recently I learned that one of the hottest gifts this past holiday season was antique cookbooks. How delightful to be ahead of the curve. My culinary library includes a 1964 copy of The Joy of Cooking, a cookery pamphlet written in the early days of World War II for canteen workers and several hundred dog-eared issues of Gourmet, Food and Wine and Saveur magazines - some dating from the late ’60s.

But, before I hyperextend my elbow patting myself on the back for being so forward thinking, I must admit that I’ve never been able to throw out an old cookbook no matter how ragged or grease-splattered. Except for lack of shelf space, this tenet has served me well. Remember, before the internet, if you wanted to review or compare recipes, you either had to look them up in whatever cooking tome you had around the house, or call your Aunt Hazel and ask her what to do.

Long ago I figured out that the magazines had to be organized by month. This makes it easier to plan menus based on what’s available at the market. And I don’t mind keeping them around the house so long because, as with most things cultural, that which is popular will eventually fade from fashion; but if you wait long enough, it will come back around. Think quiche, pesto and Cajun food.

I’ve also noticed that cooking trends often follow economic trends. During hard times, comfort foods are typically featured. Think meatloaf, mashed taters and cream gravy. When folks have plenty of cash, fancy schmancy food stuff is more popular. Think beef Wellington, potatoes Anna and morel mushroom sauce.

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I recently stumbled on an old recipe in my copy of *The James Beard Cookbook* that described how to poach a chicken. Lovely, lovely dish for a cold winter’s day. I’ve added a few twists, but basically you slice a lemon and a peeled onion in half and stuff them in a chicken. Place the bird in a large stock pot and cover it with one part water and two parts cheap white wine. Throw in a few whole peppercorns, a sprig of rosemary and bring it to a slow boil. Cover the pot and keep the whole thing at a gentle simmer for about an hour and a half and voila! - yummy chicken ready for a pot pie or a salad and a pan full of rich broth that can be used in any number of ways to develop the flavor of other dishes. Think fresh green beans, wild rice and chicken and dumplings. Enjoy!
Community Gardening

Hosted by CEO Burrell Ellis and Commissioner Kathie Gannon

Please join us for the 2nd in a series of workshops on creating a sustainable DeKalb.

Interested in starting a garden in your community? Looking for access to fresh, local fruits and vegetables? Join us to find out more about the new Community Gardens initiative in DeKalb County. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to talk to representatives from local farms and gardens, and sign up for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and DeKalb County Community Gardens.

Saturday, January 30, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public

Location:
GA Perimeter College
Decatur Campus

Workshop Presenters and Exhibitors
* Oakhurst Gardens * Atlanta Community Food Bank * Georgia Organics * Harvest Gardens *
* Healthy Belvedere * Farmer D * Gaia Gardens * Southeastern Horticultural Society *
* Decatur and East Lake Farmers Markets * Wonderland Garden * Captain Planet Foundation *
* Keep DeKalb Beautiful * Scott Fertilizer * DeKalb County Parks and Recreation*

Register to win door prizes and much, much more!

Everyone is invited to attend!
NPU Report
By Amy Stout

The following report is from the NPU-N meeting held in December of 2009

Land Use and Zoning Matters:
- The NPU-N board voted to defer consideration of a request for a change of agent for the alcohol license for The Flying Biscuit because the application has not been voted on by the CPNO yet and because the applicant was not present.
- We voted 7-0-3 to oppose an application for a business license title pawn shop in Reynoldstown.

According to City of Atlanta representatives...
- Dianne Harnell-Cohen has resigned as Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs. Also, the Parks Department will be moving their offices from City Hall East to downtown Atlanta in the next month or so.

Other:
- The NPU-N board re-elected Jonathan Miller and me as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, for 2010. We plan to elect a Secretary at our January meeting when all of the new representatives are seated.
- Future agenda items will include special event permit applications for the ING Marathon and Paideia’s Field Day and a variance application for 1423 McLendon Avenue.
- The next NPU-N meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28th at the Little Five Points Community Center
Freedom Park Garden Summer, Fall Almost Winter Update
By Carol Vanderschaaf

The garden made it through this summer and fall without much help from me, but first apologies for this late and abbreviated update. I broke my kneecap last June and have been in recovery mode until recently. In the meantime, many thanks to the volunteers who helped the garden get by: Tom Painter, who kept the birdbath full, Dorothy Dabbs, who watered the garden in its time of need, Lauren Sandoval, who watered our drooping new trees, Cecilia Marrero, who took photo’s of a still unidentified plant (we know its native since Meta Larson, who donated the plant, bought it at the Native Plant Garden), and to Tom Painter, again, Martha Treadwell Justice and Diana Shellack who helped clean up the garden on a recent work day.

To add insult to knee injury, my computer crashed in early September so I’ve lost some of the Update email addresses. So if you know anybody who might be interested in receiving the Update please send me their email address. cvanderschaff@bellsouth.net

Candler Park Market Provides Package Pick-Up Safety
By Lauren Welsh

With many of us moving to online shopping these days, it’s common to see packages sitting on the front porch of houses here in Candler Park. But what you might not be noticing is the criminal who is following the UPS and FedEx trucks around the neighborhood to steal the new items sitting by your front door! Fortunately, the Candler Park Market has agreed to set up a safe package pick-up service for items you would normally have shipped to your home.

Just ask Dirk or Greg to sign you up, and you can begin shipping your packages directly to the Market where they’ll be safely out of reach from potential criminals. Then you can stop by the Market during their regular business hours to pick up your goodies. You’ll need to sign a release form in order to participate in the program, but there is no fee. Of course, you might also want to buy a bottle of wine or a yummy sandwich from the deli to support a neighborhood-friendly business!
History All Around Us
From a Press Release

The Kirkwood Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on September 24, 2009. Containing around 850 acres and 1,792 contributing properties, it is one of the largest districts in Georgia. The nomination resulted from extensive efforts by the Kirkwood Neighbors Organization and graduate students in Georgia State University’s Heritage Preservation Program. Together they researched and documented the interesting history of this diverse neighborhood. The work also included a labor-intensive block-by-block inventory to mark the status of each parcel on National Register maps.

Atlanta’s Oakland Cemetery has received a $200,000 Save America’s Treasures grant, the only recipient in Georgia for 2009. The grant will fund the restoration and preservation of 55 intricate mausolea that have deteriorated due to the passage of time or were damaged by the 2008 tornado. Founded in 1850 during the "garden cemetery" movement, the cemetery was one of Atlanta’s first green spaces. Presently encompassing 48 acres and an estimated 70,000 graves, it contains many important examples of sculpture and architecture. The cemetery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Read more about Oakland Cemetery at www.oaklandcemetery.com.

Typical Kirkwood Homes Showcase the Neighborhood

Oakland Cemetery’s Kiser Mausoleum
CPNO Meeting Minutes
Compiled by Maureen Wilce

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, December 21, 2009 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park, with Doug Wetzel in the chair. Approximately 20 members were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

The agenda and the meeting minutes from last month were approved.

Announcements: Tom Stubbs announced that he is running for state senate district 42. The election will be scheduled in the spring.

Doug Wetzel noted the recent crime activities in the neighborhood, including recent arrests. He is collecting information regarding 911 responses; please send him experiences with the system. Bryan Sells stated that his car was stolen for a second time this year.

Funds for Epworth Church Garden Project. Elise Cormier described the Landscape project being undertaken. The demonstration gardens are open to the neighborhood, and all are invited to learn from the projects. On behalf of the project, she requested a $2,000 grant from CPNO. The funds will be used to complete the rain harvesting system under development. She explained that the church is at the headwater of Candler Park Stream. Walt Weimar noted that the project ties in nicely to the $800,000 project to restore the stream. A question was asked about the total cost of the project and other sources of donations. Elise explained that this is a volunteer-driven effort, so total costs cannot be estimated and that Lake Claire has contributed to the project. Another question arose regarding potential other projects to be funded. Doug Wetzel explained that to date, requests for funding have been made on an ad hoc basis, and this should be considered based on that standard.

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In 2010, CPNO will develop more standardized processes for requesting proposals for support. After additional clarification regarding the nature of the garden as a community resource, a motion to provide $2,000 grant to Epworth Methodist Church, pending matching funds, was approved by a vote of 16 to 2.

Web Hosting. A fee was required to pay for web hosting. Reimbursement of $161.91 was approved without discussion.

Officer Introductions and Reports:
Vice President Regina Brandt introduced herself. Environmental Officer, Trey Long stated his priorities include sidewalks and graffiti removal. He is learning from other neighborhoods, including Inman Park. Zoning Officer, Randy Pimsler noted that there was an issue regarding the Flying Biscuit, discussed below. Membership Secretary, Lauren Welsh discussed ideas for on-line membership and coordinating membership activities with Neighborhood Watch ideas. She hopes to revive the membership committee as well. Special Events Officer, Walt Weimar, noted that the request for the Sweetwater 420 Festival in Candler Park is expected to be made sometime in January. The new Recording Secretary, Courtenay Dusenbury was introduced. Treasurer, David Aynes stated that Fall Fest financial reports show that $1,600 profit was generated. He is reviewing the existing books and hopes to have a budget planned for presentation in January 2010.

Flying Biscuit application regarding license review. The applicant is requesting a change of owner. No change in operations due to this process will occur. The NPU deferred action. Neighbors should be given a chance to comment, which will happen at CPNO in January. While it was noted that the Biscuit management has addressed previous complaints from neighbors, the application contained 5 technical errors, including a statement that there was off street parking, music/entertainment will be permitted, and the location is in a shopping center. Randy Pimsler stated that either these errors should be fixed before the issue is addressed by the NPU or the Zoning Committee will need to make a motion to the record. The applicant agreed to revise the application.

New Business: Amy Stout reminded everyone that The Messenger deadline is the 26th. Doug Wetzel reviewed the Board meeting progress. He also announced that a meeting regarding the Eastside Highway would be held on January 5th. The neighborhood will be represented to oppose any actions that would result in damage to the neighborhood. He reported the Board approved Amy Stout to be the NPU representative for 2010, and Lauren Welsh will be the alternate. Donna Palmer will continue as editor of The Messenger, and Walt Weimar and David Aynes will serve as interim Fall Fest chair and treasurer, until new appointments are made. Richard Ford will continue as CPNO’s representative to the Freedom Park Conservancy. The future of the Historic Designation committee will be decided in January.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55.
Crime Report
Complied by David Bruce

300 block Mell Ave – Larceny from auto - 11/13 Fri Eve. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim’s vehicle and removed a book bag, clothing, cell phone, and lap top.

400 block Moreland Ave – Pedestrian robbery - 11/10 Tues Eve. Victim had just obtained money from the ATM and as he was walking to his vehicle, suspect 1 asked him if he wanted to buy some Laptops. When the victim walked over to their vehicle, suspect 2 told him “give it up.” Suspects fled in the listed vehicle. Taken: $450 cash. Suspect: B/M, 5’11”, caramel brown skin, mid 20’s. Suspect: B/M, early 30’s, bald head, 210 lbs, 5’10”. Suspect Vehicle: Silver Mercedes LK3, Tennessee Tag.

1500 block DeKalb Ave – Auto theft - 11/20 Fri Day. Someone stole the victim’s vehicle.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 11/17 Tue Day. Suspect concealed a bar of soap in his jacket pocket and attempted to leave the store. Arrestee: W/M, 21YOA.

1200 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto - 11/18 Wed Day. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim’s rental vehicle. Taken: Nothing.

1200 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto - 11/18 Wed Morn. Someone smashed the rear passenger side window on the victim’s vehicle and removed an emergency kit.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 11/17 Tue Eve. Someone smashed the rear passenger side window on the victim’s rental vehicle and removed a laptop and bag.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 11/18 Wed Day. Someone smashed the front passenger side window on the victim’s vehicle and removed an I Pod.

300 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 11/25 Wed Eve. Victim stated the suspect paid for $3 worth of gas then pried open the cover and manipulated the meter gears so that he could get more gas. Suspect: B/M, 23-26YOA. Suspect vehicle: Green Dodge R15.

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Join CPNO in 2010
It’s a great way to get involved in the neighborhood and keep up with what’s happening in Candler Park, and allows you to fully participate by voting in CPNO’s monthly meetings. Provide your e-mail address on the membership form, and receive e-mails with timely, important news from within and around Candler Park, and reminders of our upcoming meetings.

- Lauren Welsh, CPNO Membership Secretary

CPNO Membership Application
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Minor Children (names and ages) ____________________________
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____ New neighbor welcome  ____ Newsletter/Messenger
____ Historic Preservation  ____ Candler Park/Environment
____ 5K/Road Races  ____ Land Use / Zoning
____ Tour of Homes  ____ Flyer Distribution
____ Fall Fest  ____ Parent/child groups
____ Social events  Other (specify) ___________

Please mail application and enclose any optional contribution to
CPNO Membership, P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107
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400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 11/28 Sat Eve. Suspect concealed air freshener in her purse, then attempted to leave the store. Arrestee: W/F, 17YOA.

1700 block McLendon Ave – Pedestrian robbery - 11/27 Fri Eve. Victim was walking home from the Marta Station when the suspect approached her and grabbed her purse. Victim tried to hold on to it but fell to the ground. After taking the purse the suspects ran to an older white vehicle and fled the scene. Suspect: B/M. Suspect: B/M.

500 block Oakdale Rd – Auto theft - 12/4 Fri Day. Someone stole the victim’s vehicle after he left it running in his driveway.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Commercial robbery - 11/29 Sun Morn. Officer responded to an alarm call. The owner arrived and the video surveillance showed that 6 B/M’s had thrown a brick through the front window and stole the listed items. The suspects arrived and fled in a newer model gold van (possibly a Dodge caravan or Chrysler Town and Country). Taken: sunglasses, Lottery tickets, $60 loose change, cigars, cigarettes, and Wine bottles. Suspects: 6 B/M’s, all wearing dark shirts or jackets and blue jeans.

200 block Moreland Ave – Commercial robbery - 12/1 Tue Morn. Security guard stated the suspects woke him up after they entered the trailer through a window and removed money from the register. The suspects fled when the guard turned on the lights. Suspects damaged the window lock to make entry. Taken: $30 cash. Suspect: W/M, 6’02”, 200lbs, black coat, blue jeans. Suspect: W/M, 5’07”, 145lbs, black coat, red ball cap.

300 block Moreland Ave – Assault - 12/6 Sun Morn. Victim stated he was standing in front of a gas station location when he was attacked. He states they did not say anything, they just attacked him. Victim had visible injury to left side of his body. Suspect: W/M, 5’9”, 185lbs. Suspect: W/M, 5’11”.

300 block Moreland Ave – Commercial robbery - 12/12 Sat Eve. Victim states the suspects entered the business to use the restroom. They then left and smoked cigarettes out front before coming back inside. When they came back in, one of the suspects jumped the counter, pointed a silver gun at the victim’s head, and took money from the registers. An employee was taken to the office but did not have a key to open the safe. Both suspects fled on foot towards Josephine Ave. An older blue Dodge van was waiting for the suspects. Taken: $418.84 cash. Suspect: B/M, 50-55YOA, Orange skull cap. Suspect: B/M, gray sweat jacket, black hoodie. Suspect: Unknown. Suspect vehicle: Older Blue Dodge Van.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/12 Sat Eve. Someone smashed the rear passenger side window on the victim’s vehicle and removed a laptop, rollie bag, and textbooks.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 12/8 Tue Eve. Suspect concealed a shot glass and candlesticks in her pants and attempted to leave the store. Arrestee: B/F, 20YOA.

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