

The Messenger

February 2008

News for Candler Park

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Meetings and Events

CPNO Meeting February 18th 7:00PM

Social Period @ 6:30PM

CPNO meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at the First Existentialist Congregation located at 470 Candler Park Dr.

All are welcome.

February General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming Remarks, approval of agenda and January minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters:
 - New Business
 - Voting items:
 - Announcements
 - Open Forum

To submit agenda Items, contact any CPNO officer. The March agenda deadline is February 26th, 2008

Events Calendar

All meetings listed below begin at 7PM and are open to all

Wednesday, February 6th @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Monday, February 11th @ 7pm

CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Tuesday, February 12th @ 7pm

Fall Fest Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Monday, February 18th @ 7pm

CPNO Regular Meeting - First Existentialist Congregation

Thursday, February 21st @ 7pm

Friends of Candler Park - Java Vino 579 North Highland

Wednesday, February 27th @ 7pm

CPNO Historic District Committee - Epworth United Methodist, Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Thursday, February 28th @ 7pm

NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday, March 5th @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Concerned about McMansions? Let Your Voice Be Heard!

By Lauren Norton Welsh

For the past year and a half the Infill/Historic District Committee has been learning about the effects of demolition and infill development in Candler Park and examining possible options for addressing these issues. The committee will be presenting the results of its efforts on **Wednesday, February 27 from 7 to 9PM in the Fellowship Hall of Epworth United Methodist Church.**

The committee members would like to have your input concerning our efforts so far. We would also like to encourage a discussion of views and experiences concerning demolition and infill development in our neighborhoods *and* hear perspectives and questions concerning the committee's recommendation that Candler Park be designated as a Historic District.

We'll be joined by local experts, Doug Young of the Urban Design Commission (UDC) and Regina Brewer, current chair of the UDC and Inman Park representative who helped make their Historic District happen.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Friends of Candler Park

By Jo Jo Ross

The Friends of Candler Park (FOCP) has been given new life recently and needs your help! FOCP is an organization aimed at caring for and promoting the use of Candler Park. I invite all of you to take ownership of Candler Park, make it your backyard and become involved in its care and advocacy.

At our first FOCP meeting we met with a Park Pride representative and learned more about what our group can do for our park as well as some history of the group. We've adopted 3 goals:

- Increase membership and interest in the group
- Have 4 work day events for the park this year - the first to take place near Earth Day, and
- Include everyday tips for park users to be published in the Messenger.

Please complete the Candler Park User Survey to let us know how you'd like to use Candler Park!

<http://tinyurl.com/34ruh2> (Link is also available on our website candlerpark.org)

We plan to host meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month-however with Valentine's Day being the 2nd Thursday in February we will meet February 21st at Java Vino at 7pm in the Wine Cellar (please purchase a coffee or other delicious treat-we use the space in trade!)

If you would like more information please email me ross.jojo@gmail.com.

The Messenger

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Lonely Hearts, My Aunt Fannie

By Donna Palmer

Before I met and fell in love with my baboo, I used to dread Valentine's Day. I'd joke around and answer the phone "Happy VD!" thinking that I'd sound like I didn't care that the only card I'd get would be from my Aunt Fannie. Anyway, I'd watch with pea green eyes as some of the women and a few of the men in my office got the coveted bouquet of red roses or mooned over the phone as they made reservations for dinner at a fancy schmancy restaurant.

But then I met Zoë. She is a single, unattached, professional woman—just the type my Gwinnecon cousins would call an *Old Maid*. They couldn't be more wrong. Zoë not only celebrates life, she celebrates herself. When she heard me griping about Valentine's Day she gave me a surprised look and said "You don't have to have a sweetheart to celebrate Valentine's."

"What do you mean?" I quipped. "I'm not going to sit alone in a crowded restaurant on one of THE biggest date nights of the year and read a book."

Zoë shot me one of her "you're a dumb@\$@" looks and proceeded to tell me her secret: "You get what you settle for" and "It takes a really great man (or woman) to be better than nobody".

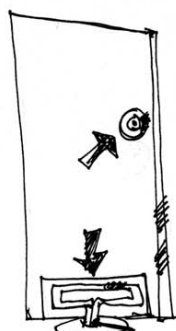
"Lord," said Zoë, "anybody can get a date, but I'd rather sit home with a good book or movie and my good friends Ben and Jerry than go out with some bore just because they're single and have a pulse."

Zoë saves her money and then celebrates Valentine's Day at a day spa...massages, facials, the works. She sends card to her friends and family and gets a few in return. Someday, the Universe will probably send Zoë her own baboo. But until then, she's going to love herself. Oh, I just think that's so romantic.

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Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath

Bands, Booths and Beer!

By Mark Clement

That's right folks, spring is just around the corner and we all know what that means...the Annual Sweetwater 420 Festival! And, due to the happy calendar coincidence, this year's event is being merged with Earth Day, so we'll have 2 full days of fun and amusement. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th (noon to 11PM) and Sunday, April 20th (12:30 to 10PM).

Organizers are expecting eight to nine thousand people each day, so they've increased just about everything including more security, more places to buy beer, and more portable toilets for the anticipated increase in vitamin "P".

As with all things Earth Day, the emphasis is on our environment – you'll find enviro-education booths, uber recycling and even earth-friendly disposable cups made from corn.

The bands have not been announced as of the deadline for this issue of The Messenger, but keep an eye on the official 420 website (www.pemi.net/420fest) for more information.

Please note that before you can purchase a tasty adult beverage, you'll have to show ID and buy a \$5 wrist band. But, 25¢ of that money is going to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization.

So, bring the family and leave the dog and car at home. We'll see you at the festival!



The Real Estate Market May Not Be Good ...

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Great Buys

Large lenders are moving swiftly to get foreclosures off the books, pricing them as low as possible. In desirable neighborhoods, particularly those east of downtown, bargain hunters are snapping up well-priced properties.

Through the Worst?

Most analysts expect the housing market to turn around late in the year. Which means some of the buying opportunities we're seeing now are likely to fade away. This particular buying season has a shelf life.

Low Interest Rates

With the housing market, and thus, the economy, struggling, the Federal Reserve is intent on keeping lending rates low. But once the market starts to improve, as anticipated, the Fed will likely change its stance as well.



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Atlanta ING Georgia Marathon Neighborhood Challenge- Mission Impossible?

By Jo Jo Ross

Our beautiful neighborhood is going to be featured in the ING Georgia Marathon's course and the Atlanta ING Georgia Marathon committee has issued us a challenge.

Your mission should you choose to accept it: Join co-chairs, Mary Alice Bray, Crystal Budd and JoJo Ross to create the most populated, "orangest," and best representation of our eclectic neighborhood in the form of a cheering station on the morning of March 30th.

We need bodies, loud voices, musicians, cheerleaders, creative minds and humor. You can be that person holding the "run like you stole something" sign that inspires the champion to push to the front!

What's at stake: Top 3 Cheering Zones will be awarded grants of \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$2,500 to support neighborhood fitness initiatives.

Your next step: share your ideas, volunteer or request to be added to the list for future information by emailing JoJo Ross ross.jojo@gmail.com

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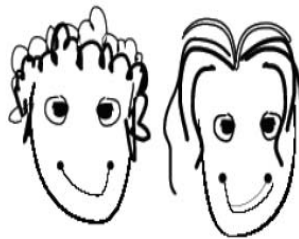
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Update on Fire Station 12

By Regina Brandt

Motivated by recent new reports of unhealthy living conditions at our local Fire Station # 12 on Dekalb Avenue, neighbors present at the January CPNO meeting considered a motion to donate \$5,000 to improve living conditions for the men and women who work there. After discussing potential large financial outlays that the organization may be faced with in the near future, the group voted to table the motion until more information was available.

After the CPNO meeting, I met at length with Fire Chief William Rhodes to gather more data. Chief Rhodes is retired, but has come back on board to get the Fire Foundation up and running.

He confirmed that the foundation is now able to receive funds and that donations can be earmarked for use at a certain station. However, the Foundation cannot allocate funds until the Board of Directors is established and an Executive Director named. He indicated they were looking to business executives, large law firms, pastors of large churches, etc. to serve on the Board, but he did not think this would be established until March.

Chief Rhodes outlined how the process works. They take in the money and hold it until such time as the other improvements are made and living conditions can be addressed. Roof repair and plumbing repair have to occur before other living conditions can be improved.

He suggested contacting members of the Atlanta City Council's Public Safety Committee to express our concerns about budget cuts and lack of maintenance and to ask them not to cut funds for plumbing and roof repair at Station 12.

CPNO will presumably revisit the issue of our donation to the station. In the meantime, if individuals would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to the Atlanta Fire Foundation Inc. and mail it to Atlanta Fire Foundation c/o Chief William Rhodes, City Hall East, Suite 2001, 675 Ponce de Leon Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308-1807. **Be sure to clearly indicate Station 12 on the check and in a cover letter that you want your donation restricted to improvements of living conditions at Station 12.**

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Sweets for the Sweet

By the Food Freak

Despite all evidence to the contrary, there actually is no rule that says you have to go to a store and purchase a heart shaped box of valentine's candy for your sweetheart. What better way to show your devotion than with homemade candy...especially when you make those high-dollar chocolate covered strawberries. Nothing could be easier, but just like a first love, they must be enjoyed in the moment.

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- ♥ A pint of fresh strawberries
- ♥ A microwave oven
- ♥ A wooden spoon
- ♥ A colander
- ♥ A 12 oz bag of semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ♥ A microwave safe bowl
- ♥ Several sheets of waxed paper
- ♥ A clean bath towel

Rinse the berries and drain in a colander. Place in a clean bath towel and gently roll up to remove all of the water.

Add chocolate chips to the microwave safe bowl and nuke on medium power for 2 minute intervals, stirring between bouts until the chocolate is smooth. Be careful, chocolate will burn in a heartbeat.

Unroll a long sheet of waxed paper and place on a stable surface such as a kitchen counter or work table.

Grasp a clean, dry berry by the stem and dip into the warm chocolate, then place the fruit on the waxed paper. These will dry in about an hour. You can chill them in the fridge for up to 12 hours, but they are best served immediately along side a tall glass of chilled champagne. Yum.

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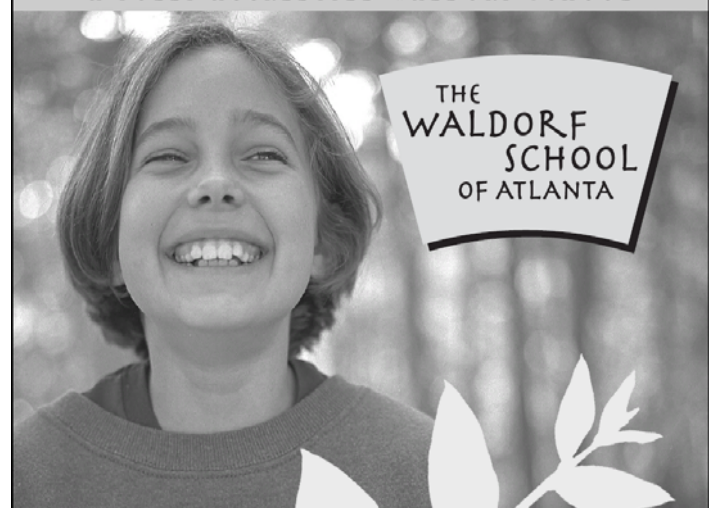
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Zoning Committee Update

By James Johnson

The Candler Park Zoning Committee met Wednesday 9 January and reviewed the following items:

428 Candler Street, variance to reduce sideyard setback from 7' to 3'. The proposed work involves an addition to an existing single family residence. The existing house is currently within the setback and the addition would extend to the rear in line with the existing walls. The committee voted to recommend approval and the application was approved at the January CPNO Meeting.

490 Sterling Street, variance to reduce the frontyard setback from 35' to 30' and reduce the sideyard setback from 7' to 3'. The applicant's intend to demolish the existing house and rebuild an architecturally similar house within the existing footprint. The committee voted to recommend approval and the application was approved at the January CPNO Meeting.

Also in the last month, the applicant for **1660 DeKalb Avenue**, The Mercantile, has decided to withdraw her application for an off premises beer and wine license.

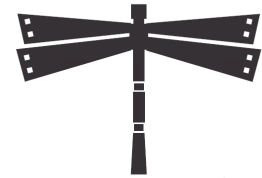
The special exception for **299 Moreland Avenue**, Kejo's Restaurant, was heard at the 18 January meeting of the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The BZA voted to approve the special exception to allow for a reduction in the number of off-street parking spaces. CPNO and NPU-N voted to deny the application due to the overall lack of parking in Little Five Points. The BZA, however did not agree with this position. The applicant will be appearing before the Zoning Committee at some point in the future for the review of his Alcohol License application.

The zoning committee meets regularly the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are open to the public and neighbors are encouraged to attend to voice their opinion regarding zoning issues.

NOTE: As this issue was going to press, we heard that a rezoning application has been filed for **1240 Euclid Ave**. I hope to have information to report at the February CPNO general meeting, and this item will be on the zoning committee's Mar 5 meeting agenda.

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NPU-N Report

By Amy Stout

The following items from the January 24, 2008 meeting of NPU-N are those most likely to be of interest to Candler Park residents.

The NPU-N board voted in favor of two variance applications for properties within Candler Park, and these votes were consistent with the earlier votes by the CPNO zoning committee and the CPNO membership. In each case the applicant sought to reduce the required setbacks to allow for an addition to an existing single-family home (428 Candler St) or for the construction of a new single-family home with the same footprint as the existing home (490 Sterling St).

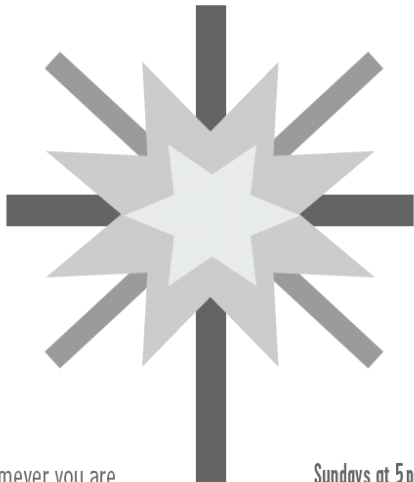
We removed from our agenda an application for a new alcohol license for The Mercantile at 1660 Dekalb Ave NE, because the application not ever officially filed with the City and because applicant not present.

We learned that the 14th street bridge over the I85/I75 connector will soon be closed and will remain closed for approximately three years while the bridge is rebuilt.

Holly Mull appeared before the board on behalf of Front Page News in order to receive approval for a special event/outdoor festival permit for the restaurant's upcoming Mardi Gras celebration to be held in their parking garage on February 9. Several board members expressed their disappointment that the applicant had not consulted any of the impacted neighborhoods (Candler Park, Inman Park, or the Little Five Points Business Association) given that 1,000 people are expected to attend. The board voted to oppose the application and to send a message to the City expressing our concern that they issued this permit before the NPU had an opportunity to provide their feedback.

The board also discussed their dissatisfaction with the Board of Zoning Adjustment's vote to approve a parking reduction for 299 Moreland Ave despite the recommendations from both CPNO and NPU-N to deny the request.

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Volunteers Needed for Electronics Recycling

By Scott Thompson

The Spring 2008 Decatur Electronics Recycling Day is coming up so, don't throw away that old PC or printer, save it and recycle it. This semi-annual event has been hugely successful at diverting electronic equipment from landfills, where they may contaminate soil and water. Batteries, Styrofoam and mercury thermometers will also be accepted. This season's event takes place Saturday March 29 from 9am to 1pm at the Decatur High School Parking lot, on the corner of N McDonough St and Howard Avenue.

Volunteers are needed for a (2) hour shift to direct traffic, unload recyclables from cars, and sort items. Sign yourself up or get a team together!! Volunteering for this event is a perfect opportunity for a service project, or for just doing a plain old good deed. Choose a shift from 8:30AM to 11AM OR 11AM to 1:30PM. You'll not only be going home with a warm heart, you'll also be wearing your very own Decatur Recycling Volunteer T-shirt - THE premier ecology badge of honor!! Contact scott.thompson@mindspring.com for more information.

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By Laura Lancaster Archer

Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, April 17th. That's when the folks at Mary Lin Elementary hold their annual **Kindergarten Round Up** where parents and their little buckaroos can come on down to the school house for a get acquainted gathering.

In the mean time, Mary Lin Elementary continues its monthly *parent-only* tours. The next is scheduled for Thursday, March 6th from 9:30 – 10:30 am, and another is offered on Thursday, April 3rd.

Contact Mary Lin parent Laura Lancaster Archer at archer@mindspring.com - or - 404.524.4564 for answers to any questions you may have.

Fitness Scholarship

By Jaye Crawford

This spring, I'm offering five scholarships to the various fitness "boot camp" programs offered by my company Fun Fitness, Inc. Applications for the scholarships will be accepted through the first of March, 2008. To apply, go to www.funfitnessonline.com and follow the links to the scholarship program page. The basic requirements are to show a need for the scholarship and most importantly to promise to "pay it forward" within the next year. That means, those who are awarded the scholarship must pledge to use their own talents, gifts, or some sort of volunteer effort to provide an opportunity to someone else in need.

I have also pledged 10% of all Fun Fitness Inc. profits to the CPNO with the monies dedicated for improvements to Candler Park.

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By Amy Stout

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Water World Part Two

By Amy Stout

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Twenty Ways to Improve Your Home

By Stephanie Andrews

With the New Year behind us, many times along with the resolutions to lose weight, there are resolutions to spruce up the house. I thought I would compile a list of ways to inexpensively improve your home. For the full list of 100 ways to inexpensively design your home and to add more ideas please see my blog at: <http://balancedesignatlanta.blogspot.com/>

20 Ways to Inexpensively Improve Your Home

1. Light candles
2. Add fresh flowers to your tables
3. Change your bedding-add a throw to the bottom and a long lumbar pillow to the top
4. Clear off all of your nightstands except for 3 pretty items
5. Change the pillows on the sofa
6. Add inexpensive store bought curtains to the kids rooms
7. Find a piece of nature-a rock, a stick, a leaf and make a special place for it- a little shrine
8. Change what is hanging on your front door
9. Sweep your front porch or stoop
10. Clean your windows
11. Get a carpet remnant and have it surged on the edges to a custom size
12. Check out the furniture on Craig's list
13. Put a bowl of fruit out in the kitchen (same items look more modern)
14. Line up 5 of the same thing (flowers, candles, bowls etc.) on a window, mantle or table
15. Paint an accent wall color
16. Make a photo wall of your family (for help see the perfectpicturewall.com)
17. Use picture ledges and floating shelves to rotate your artwork
18. Check out Ikea's curtains-they can be hemmed to any length
19. Hang curtains at least 1/2 way between your window trim and crown molding
20. Smile

[Editor's note: Stephanie Andrews is a resident of Candler Park.]

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The Last Green Space on Dekalb

Written by Amy Stout
based on information provided by Teri Stewart

Teri Stewart and her neighbors have been engaged in a three-year struggle to preserve the 0.54 acre oasis at the corner of Dekalb Ave and Gordon Ave in Lake Claire. I won't rehash the whole sorry saga here, but I wanted to provide an update.

This property consists of two lots, 288 and 292 Gordon. A variance has already been granted that would allow the construction of ten units here--despite neighborhood and NPU objections. Although one of the current owners, attorney Adam Gaslowitz, has indicated his intent is to recoup his investment rather than develop the property (and there is a For Sale sign posted), the owners recently applied for tree removal permits. On Monday, January 21 (the Martin Luther King holiday), they came out and marked virtually every tree on the property for removal (with an orange X, sometimes two).

According to the plans filed with the City Arborist's office, 209 of the existing 239 caliper inches of trees on the 288 Gordon parcel and 177 of the existing 332 caliper inches of trees on the 292 Gordon parcel will be "lost" or removed. In total, 29 live trees will be cut down. In exchange, the developers propose to plant eleven 2.5 inch trees and will only pay a total recompense of \$1,140. At this rate, they stand to make a profit by cutting the trees if they sell them for timber.

Concerned neighbors consider this to be needless destruction and find it egregious for a number of reasons. One, this is the last publicly accessible green space on the five-mile length of Dekalb Ave between downtown Decatur and downtown Atlanta. Two, this area is home to a variety of wildlife including a family of raccoons and a hawk's nest. Third, a specimen pecan tree that should qualify as a historic tree will not be saved. This tree was part of the "Sutherland" estate established in the 1870's by General John B Gordon, a former US Senator and GA governor. And in an ironic twist, the name of the development provided on the application to the City is Greenspace Condominiums.

This property was recently designated a conservation park on City of Atlanta Planning Department maps – a reflection of their recognition of the overdevelopment occurring in this area. As such, Mayor Franklin can declare it a conservation easement, compensate the owners appropriately, and protect this land for the future. This is Teri's goal. If you have any further question, words of advice or encouragement, strategies to recommend, or ideas about sources of support (financial or otherwise), please contact her at 404-370-1003.

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Municipal Option Sales Tax (MOST)

By Jennifer Carlile

The municipal option sales tax (MOST) is one tool the City of Atlanta uses to help keep water rates lower. Approved by Atlanta voters by a 3-1 margin in July 2004, the MOST allows the City to spread the financing of the \$3.9 billion Clean Water Atlanta program to visitors and business travelers who use our infrastructure but don't pay for it.

The MOST adds 1 cent to Atlanta's tax rate, so people buying products inside City limits pay a total tax of 8 percent on most items (excluding cars and prescription goods such as eyeglasses and insulin). From October 2004 through October 2007, the MOST generated more than \$332 million - money that was designated specifically to roll back projected water rate increases. Based on financial results for last fiscal year, the City would have had to raise water rates approximately 48 percent to compensate for the lack of revenue had the MOST not passed.

The vote for MOST reauthorization will be on the February primary ballot. If the MOST passes, Atlanta's in-City tax rate will remain at 8 percent.

For more information, contact Janet Ward, 404-589-2691.

[Editor's Note: Jennifer Carlile is Assistant Manager for Public Relations at the city's Department of Watershed Management. She can be reached at 404-589-2689 (office), 770-231-9079 (cell), jcarlile@atlantaga.gov or www.atlantawatershed.org]

More About MOST

By Amy Stout

On Super Tuesday, I'll be voting for MOST, the Municipal Option Sales Tax. Atlanta voters will have the option to renew this 1-cent sales tax when they go to the polls February 5.

A vote in favor is NOT a vote for an additional 1% tax but is a vote to reauthorize the existing tax (that has been in effect since 2004 and is scheduled to expire in September, 2008) for another four years.

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Minutes of the CPNO January Meeting

Compiled by Randy Pimsler

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, January 21, 2008 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Church, with president Amy Stout in the chair. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Approximately twenty-six people were present at the start of the meeting.

The proposed agenda was adopted along with the minutes from last month. Membership forms are available for the current year.

Sergeant Schierbaum from the Atlanta Police Department reported that at least two separate robbery crews have been working this area, including car jacking and atm hold ups. There is a possible link to some arrests, which were made in Riverdale, as local crimes stopped following this event. Juvenile crime perpetrators appear to be on the rise, at this time. Descriptive calls to 911 have assisted in the pursuit and arrest of several criminals in Zone 6. Inform neighbors about plans for out of town travel and expected workers to be visiting your home. Walt Weimar inquired about code enforcement issues related to commercial properties, which no longer make provisions for maintenance and crime related issues on these properties. tboyce@atlantaga.gov is the resource person related to homeless and related efforts in Zone 6.

A representative from Fire Station Number Twelve, spoke to the group about conditions in the fire station and other stations in the city. Station Number Twelve is fifty years old and the budget, which has been submitted, year after year, just keeps being reduced. Hotels were going to contribute to the required improvements, but several have not followed through, at this time. The city knows about the ongoing problems related to the poor conditions at this station. Offers have been taken in, but have been returned to the contributors. CPNO could adopt the station. The Atlanta Fire Foundation is being established to accept contributions in a formal manner. At this time, getting the word out is important. Contributions can flow to CPNO, earmarked to Fire Station Twelve.

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A motion was made and seconded that five thousand dollars be allocated to provide funding to the Fire Station Twelve improvements. A discussion followed related to budget responsibilities in CPNO. The discussion also focused on more meaningful means by which the neighborhood could make contributions to the fire station, including workdays and being a conduit for funding. A motion was made to table the motion, for one month's time, pending additional information to be obtained from upcoming meetings with the Foundation and CPNO representatives.

No representatives were present from council person Anne Fauvre's office at this meeting.

A motion was made to support the neighbor's concern related to protecting the trees along Felder Avenue. The motion carried unanimously to have the CPNO secretary write a letter to the city council, in support of protecting these trees.

Committee Reports

A treasurer's report was not provided by Alonzo Church at this meeting.

Mark Clement was present and discussed the 420 Festival. Rob Frazier with Premier Events presented the event, which will last for two days, April 19th and April 20th. The infrastructure will be expanded more formally with more police presence (triple what was provided last year). The Earth Day element of the event will in like manner be expanded. The event will start at noon and run to eleven pm on Saturday and from twelve thirty to ten pm. A donation to the neighborhood will be based on the number of wristbands sold for the event. Seven thousand folks participated in the event last year with twice that noted for this upcoming event. Long lines made the event last year, less pleasurable than desired. Lighting in the park is a concern, along with the hours of operation, as participants leave the park. Watering the field is a concern, following the event, but the hope is to keep folks on the paths, rather than on the fields. Tom Painter asked how a long lasting contribution could be made to the neighborhood on behalf of the festival, including but not limited to good quality trash containers to be placed in the park. A motion was made and seconded, to approve the application for the festival, contingent on a minimum contribution to CPNO of twenty-five cents per wristband, not to be less than one thousand five hundred dollars. The motion carried unanimously. Green initiatives can be suggested directly to Rob Frazier at rob@pemi.net.

Fallfest funding was presented by Mark Clement. The funding amounts to ten thousand five hundred dollars. A consultant is on board, supporting the Fallfest activities. The motion to allocate the funds was made, seconded and was approved unanimously.

The ING Marathon was presented by Peggy Rogers, who presented to our group last year, as well. The event is to be held on March 30, 2008. The event starts downtown and circles around Decatur, ending back in the downtown area. The path for the marathon is being reviewed at this time. The Neighborhood Challenge, which encourages cheering zones in neighborhoods. Information was left at the meeting, describing the process to participate in the cheering zones, which are competing for financial award initiatives. Funds can be applied to fitness initiatives in the neighborhoods or schools. There are also volunteer opportunities related to this event. Additional information may be obtained at inggeorgiamarathon.com.

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Join CPNO...No Dues, No Kidding

By Mary Alice Bray

It's the beginning of a new year and time to renew your membership or if you haven't gotten around to it yet, come join the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. This is a great way to get involved in the neighborhood and keep up with what's happening in Candler Park. It also allows you to fully participate by voting in CPNO's meetings.

Why does CPNO need a membership list?

Since CPNO is a Georgia non-profit corporation, the Official Code of Georgia (OCGA) 14-3-720 requires that an individual submit an application for membership to the neighborhood organization to be member. This application must be submitted annually. If you want to vote in a CPNO meeting, you must submit an application for membership by the first of the month.

The good news is that there are no dues attached to membership. We're in the process of updating the membership info on the CPNO website which still refers to paying dues. Although no dues are required, contributions are greatly appreciated! Thanks to everyone who generously contributed in 2007.

If you joined in 2007, you will need to submit a membership application for 2008. If you have never joined, we would love to have you become a member. We're looking into creating an online membership application with PayPal so it will be very easy to join and if you feel so inclined, you can make a donation at the same time.

In the meantime, please fill out the membership form and mail to CPNO or give to me at the monthly meeting.

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- Mary Alice Bray, Membership Secretary

CPNO Membership Application

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A motion was made and seconded to allocate six hundred dollars for rental of the E Church for monthly meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to allocate one thousand six hundred dollars for rental of the Epworth Church for regularly scheduled meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to allocate sixty dollars for CPNO Corporate Registration. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to allocate one hundred twenty dollars for registration of the CPNO website. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to allocate one hundred fifty dollars to presentation for the Infill Housing Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Land Use Matters

James Johnson presented three items on behalf of the Zoning Committee.


428 Candler is applying for a reduction in the side yard setback from the required seven-foot to three foot, based on the site plan submitted to the city. A motion to approve the variance was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

490 Sterling is applying for a reduction in the front yard setback from thirty-five feet to thirty feet and reducing the side yard setback from the required seven to three feet, based on the site plan submitted to the city. A motion to approve the variance was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

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299 Moreland (Kejo's Restaurant) had a special exception for a parking reduction approved at the BZA last week. It is anticipated that the conditions agreed upon with the applicant will still be adhered to.

The Mercantile application for the liquor license at 1660 Dekalb Avenue has been withdrawn.

The deadline for filing information for the next zoning committee meeting is January 30th.

New Business / Announcements / Open Forum

Mark Widdowson, a neighbor along North Avenue presented issues related to the road / sidewalk conditions at the south end of North Avenue, where the road bends at the park, heading west. The sidewalk is not complete on the east side of the road at the golf course and at the north side of North Avenue, west of the bend. Stop signs could be implemented. The Path Foundation might be interested in this area, where the path crosses North Avenue. Davey Smith might also be helpful. Matt Williams was instrumental in the installation of the speed bumps. Richard Ford might be a good contact along with PEDS. Councilpersons, Mary Norwood and Anne Fauver might be helpful in this matter. Members present at the meeting expressed concerns about this crossing.

Andrew Feiler, 1232 Mansfield Avenue handed out a petition related to the paving of Felder Street. A meeting with Anne Fauver is in the process of being scheduled to address neighbors' concerns.

A group of folks have rekindled the Friends of Candler Park, whose efforts will focus on four annual clean ups, increased participation with meetings on the (Feb 14th), bulb out upkeep and the like. For further information contact Jo Jo Ross at ross.jojo@gmail.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Zone 6 Crime Report

December 09 – December 28

Compiled by Regina Brandt

1100 Block DeKalb Ave –
Larceny from Auto. 12/9.
Sun/Mon 21 hour time frame
Victim reports someone smashed her vehicles window and removed property

1200 Block DeKalb Ave—
Motorcycle Theft. 12/10. Mon
Eve. Victim stated he saw the suspects back in to the parking lot and load his motorcycle in to the bed of their truck. The suspects were last seen traveling west on DeKalb Ave

1300 Block Benning Place –
Larceny from Auto. 12/10. Tue
Morn. Victim reports someone smashed her vehicle's front driver side window and removed property

400 Block Moreland Ave –
Larceny. 12/10. Mon Day. Victim reports he was walking through the parking lot on Caroline with shopping bags when the suspect approached. The suspect stated his brother owned Wish clothing store and he was trying to get some customers. The suspect stated that his brother would buy the items he had in his bag, and would allow him to by the same items from his store. The victim got in the suspects vehicle and was driven to Wish. When the victim got out, the suspect drove off with his bags

400 Block Oakdale Rd –
Residential Larceny. 12/11.
Vicctim reports someone entered her apartment and removed property. The victim thinks she may have left the door unlocked and there were no signs of forced entry found

1300 Block Euclid Ave –
Residential Robbery. 12/11. Thurs
Eve. Victims report one suspects kicked in the side door to the home, entered, and produced a hand gun. The suspect was wearing a mask and demanded that every one get on the floor. He then asked about the safe, and took one of the victims to the back door. He used his short sleeve to open the door and let a 2nd suspect in, who was also wearing a mask, and asked about the safe. The victim the showed the suspect's where the safe was. They demanded the money, along with the money the victim had hidden in a metal box behind the bed. After taking the money and the victim's house and vehicle keys he removed his mask and told the victim to take him to the basement. Once in the basement the victim was able to open the garage door and run out. She was able to see three other suspects waiting in a red dodge Charger. The suspect ran after her and threw a knife that he had to the ground. The second victim was able to grab the baby and run outside screaming for help. Both suspects got in the waiting vehicle and fled the scene.

300 Block Arizona Ave—
Attempted Auto Theft 12/12. Wed
Morn. While on patrol the officer noticed the suspect standing next to a vehicle with a broken window. When the officer stopped his vehicle he saw the suspect run south on Arizona. The area was searched and the suspect was located. The victim was contacted and stated that nothing had been taken but his steering column had been damaged. A screw driver was found where he officer saw the suspect standing

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1200 Block North Ave –Residential (porch) Larceny. 12/12. Wed Eve Victim reports someone took four UPS boxes from his front porch. The victims neighbor reported seeing the suspect remove the boxes

1500 Block DeKalb Ave –Larceny. 12/13. Thurs Eve. Victim reports some one stole money from his place of business. The money had been left in a large water bowl next to the office.

800 Block Briarcliff Rd –Residential Burglary. 12/13. Thurs Morn. Victim reports someone pried open the front door to the apartment and removed a computer she was borrowing.

1300 Block Euclid Ave –Residential Burglary. 12/13. Thurs Morn. Officer responded to an alarm call. When she arrived she found the front door open and the rear glass patio door smashed. The apartment was searched but no one was located inside. The home owner responded to the scene and reported that property had been taken.

400 Callan Cir—Residential Burglary. 12/15. Sat Eve. Victim returned home from an out-of-town trip to find that someone had entered his home and removed property. Entry was made by kicking in an interior garage door. The main garage door had been left unsecured

1200 Block DeKalb Ave—Residential Burglary. 12/18. Tue Day. Victim reports someone smashed his apartments front porch window, entered, and removed property. A neighbor stated that he saw the suspect vehicle backed up against the victim's garage. The victim's room mate stated he had been getting strange phone calls from a private number. The caller hung up several times but did ask during one of the calls how long the victim would be gone. The caller stated his name was Forest or Forester

1200 Block Euclid Ave—Larceny from Auto. 12/18. Wed Morn. Victim reports someone smashed her vehicle's front passenger side window and removed property.

1300 Block North Ave—Larceny from Auto. 12/18. Tue Morn. Victim reports someone smashed her vehicle's rear passenger side window and removed property.

400 Block Oakdale Rd. –Residential Burglary. 12/20. Victim reports someone damaged the lock to his back door, entered his home, and removed property.

1100 Block Euclid Ave –Commercial Burglary. 12/21. Fri Morn. Officer responded to an alarm call. When he arrived he found that someone had smashed the front door glass and found three items of clothing lying on the sidewalk in front of the door. The business was searched but no one was found inside. An unsuccessful attempt was made to contact the key holder. Five suspects with bandanas covering their face entered the store with garbage bags and removed property in under 1 minute

1200 Block McClendon Ave – Residential Larceny. 12/21. Fri Eve. Victim reports three of her walk planks were stolen from her scaffolding

400 Block Lakeshore Dr—AutoTheft. 12/22. Sat/Sun 1 day time frame Victim reports someone stole her vehicle while it was parked in front of her residence

1100 Block Euclid Ave. Shoplifting. 12/24. Mon Day. Victim reports the suspect concealed an item in her coat and attempted to leave the store

1400 Block North Ave –Residential Burglary. 12/24. Victim reports someone smashed a window pane in the front door, entered his home, and removed property

1800 DeKalb Ave –Residential Burglary. 12/25. Tue Morn. Developer reports someone smashed the door glass to a vacant apartment, used the roof top access, and damaged the roof top glass doors to two occupied apartments, and removed property. Developer stated the victims are out of town.

300 Block Josephine St –Residential Larceny (porch) 12/26. Victim reports someone removed property from his porch

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