The Candler Park Messenger

February 2011

News for Candler Park

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Meetings and Events

CPNO general meeting February 21st 7:00 pm (social period @ 6:30 pm)

CPNO general meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive; committee meetings are held at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Avenue, 2nd FI. (or as shown) *All are welcome* - only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by CPNO by the first of the month of meeting.

February General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and January 2011 minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit February agenda items to any CPNO officer by February 23rd, 2011

Events Calendar (open to all)

Tuesday February 2nd @ 7pm CP FallFest Planning Session – Front Page News (351 Moreland Ave NE)

Wednesday February 2nd @ 7pm CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

Monday February 14th @ 7pm CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

Monday February 21st @ 7pm CPNO General Meeting – First Existentialist Congregation

Wednesday February 23rd @ 2pm L5P Bus Assn - Sevananda Foods

Thursday February 24th @ 7pm NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday March 2nd @ 7pm CPNO Zoning Committee – Epworth



Forging New Paths in Candler Park, Thanks to 420 Funds Volunteer Workday Planned March 18 By Mark Clement, CPNO Special Projects Officer

The Friends of Candler Park and Park Pride are planning to build a natural trail in the large ravine near the corner of McLendon Drive and Callan Circle. The trail will be a mulched path with landscape timbers to define the path and help hold the mulch in place. The path will be combined with an effort to clear out underbrush and add educational signs regarding the plants and other natural features of the ravine. The available funds from the SweetWater 420 Fest, \$4,250.00, are currently in an account held by Park Pride. Thanks to all those who helped to support this project.

The ravine largely has been a forgotten and unused (except by isolated urban campers) part of Candler Park. The goal of cleaning and trail building is to make the area more inviting and encourage more traffic to the area. Trails are among the most popular features in most parks, and the ravine provides a natural experience missing from the more developed areas of the park.

SweetWater Brewery has graciously offered its staff for a workday to help complete the path, as well as PR efforts to try to attract additional volunteers to complete the work. The date for the workday is Friday, March 18, 2011. We will have additional volunteer help from the always-energetic Operation Boot Camp. However, we could use some help from the community. We will most likely have a follow up workday on Saturday to complete the project.

The concept map below shows the location of the ravine and proposed trail. For more information and details, go to www.friendsofcandlerpark.org, or friend our group on Facebook.

...And Then There's the Bunny Trail Plans Under Way for Egg Hunt April 23 By Mark Clement, CPNO Special Projects Officer

It's time to start planning the 4th annual Candler Park Easter Egg Hunt! The working date is April 23 at noon. Over the years, this event has grown increasingly popular with our kid population. Due to demand we have decided to grow the event to 2000 eggs! Kate Sandhaus has graciously offered her home the night before the hunt at 7:30 pm for an Easter-egg-stuffing party. Permits, fees and possible use of pool house bathrooms will be handled by the Friends of Candler Park. We are asking for up to \$499.00 in funding from CPNO. We will need a bunny suit (\$75-\$100) and the rest of the funds can be used for Easter eggs and candy. The event is open to kids of all ages who love candy eggs and don't mind hunting for them. For any comments, questions or concerns email us @ projects@candlerpark.org.

The Candler Park Messenger

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Know Your City Councilmember: Alex Wan By Lauren Welsh, CPNO Vice-President

As CPNO Vice-President, I am eager to help CPNO build stronger relationships with other neighborhoods and our city. Recently, I sat down with our neighborhood's City Councilmember Alex Wan (right) to learn more about his priorities for our district and his top concerns and issues.

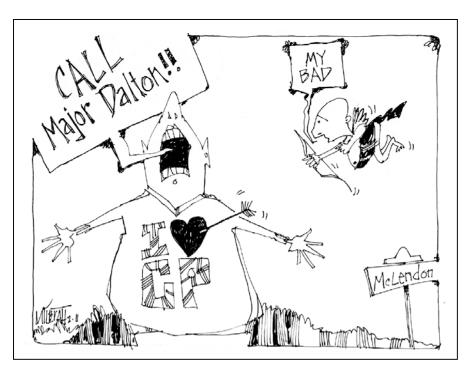


One of the challenges has been that we don't regularly see representation from Councilmember Wan's office at our Candler Park Neighborhood Organization meetings or our NPU-N meetings. This is because of a timing conflict since full City Council meetings and NPU-F meetings (other areas he represents) are also meeting at the same times. I encouraged Councilmember Wan to consider sending some sort of representation from his office to attend these meetings so we can hear more from him. He agreed that this along with more frequent communication was a priority and something he would consider for 2011. In the meantime, he has launched a new website with regularly updated information and quick FAQs about common city concerns. Please visit the site and sign-up for his email newsletter at www.atlantadistrict6.com.

We discussed his top priorities when he came into office for District 6 and how they've changed, including:

- **1. Government efficiency** making better use of our tax dollars; too many areas of waste
- 2. Economic development reducing the property tax burden
- **3. Public safety** while this was priority #3 when he ran, Councilmember Wan agrees that *this has now shifted to priority #1 given resident concerns*

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Laughter in the Park

Alex Wan, continued from page 2

We spent quite a bit a time discussing public safety and the role of both the Atlanta Police Department and active citizens in our neighborhood. Councilmember Wan regularly meets with Chief George Turner to share the concerns of his district and has been pushing for less government waste to turn into more dollars to hire additional police officers.

I encouraged Councilmember Wan to view neighborhood leaders as community resources as well. There are many active individuals in our district who have done a tremendous job in getting the word out about public safety, and we should work together to share resources and ideas. As a result of my suggestion, Councilmember Wan hosted a District 6 Public Safety Meeting on December 14 inviting the safety chairs and presidents of neighborhoods to attend and learn more from each other and to speak directly with Chief Turner as well. Both Christie Kuropatwa (CPNO safety chair) and Jay Sandhaus (CPNO president) attended this meeting and met with other neighborhood representatives.

I will continue to stay in touch with Councilmember Wan, and I encourage Candler Park residents to share their ideas and concerns with him and his helpful staff support, Sheila Parrott, as well at 404-330-6049 awan@atlantaga.gov and sparrott@atlantaga.gov.



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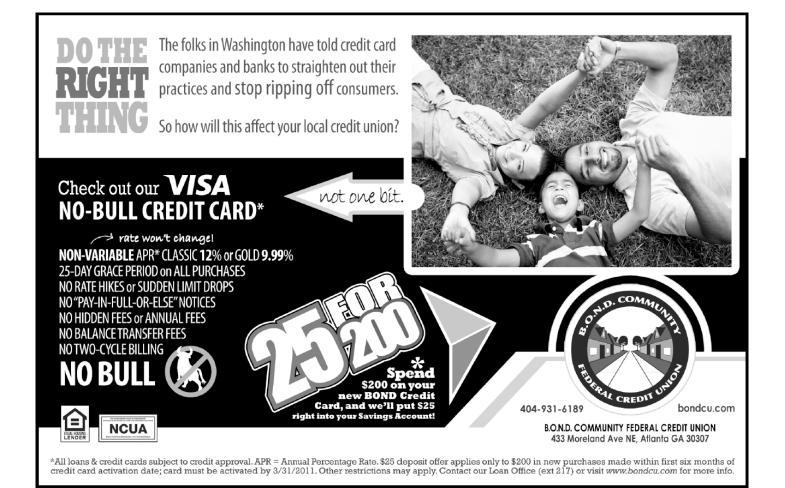


CPNO 2011 Proposed Budget By David Aynes, CPNO Treasurer

Each new year brings a new budget. The Board is proposing \$5,612.00 budget for fixed operating expenses (detailed below). Discussion and a vote will take place at our general meeting, February 21 at 7:00 pm.

		Proposed
	2010	2011
Rent for Meeting Facilities	2,470.00	2,470.00
Accounting Fees	600.00	600.00
Insurance	900.00	1,352.00
Misc / Contingency	500.00	540.00
Administrative Expenses	240.00	240.00
Postage, Mailing Service	120.00	30.00
Registration Fees	110.00	170.00
Bank Service Charges	60.00	60.00
Supplies & Meeting Refreshments	150.00	150.00
Total Fixed Operational Expenses	5,150.00	5,612.00

The Board is also studying a proposal to outsource CPNO's bookkeeping and day-to-day financial management. This may be discussed at the February meeting but will not be voted on until the March meeting. For more on the CPNO budget, see page 7.



Friends of Candler Park: The War on Privet By Mark Clement, CPNO Special Projects Officer

Chinese privet was introduced to the US from China in 1852 but it quickly spread beyond anyone's control. Privet has now rocketed past Kudzu as Georgia's worst invasive weed. Privet can produce single species communities by displacing and killing native wildflowers, trees and shrubs. Privet is also the leading cause of global warming. (Ok, I made that last part up.) As you are probably aware Candler Park has it's share of this pesky weed.

As a part of park clean ups and mulching the Friends of Candler Park will be taking aim at the privet problem. Last month volunteers from the community and the Boys and Girls Club of East Atlanta removed Privet from the hill adjacent to the pool house. Thanks to all that came out to help. A special thank you goes out to Laura and Tim for taking the lead and spreading the mulch out at the park entrance.

For more information on our somewhat monthly park clean up/ privet pulls visit us at www.friendsofcandlerpark.org or friend our group on Face Book. With your help we can win the war on privet and take back Candler Park for our native species.









Sweetwater 420 Fest, April 15-17 Small Changes, Big Differences By Jennifer Bensch, SweetWater 420 Fest Event Promoter

It's almost April and that means the Sweetwater 420 Fest is coming back to Candler Park! The festival has been a big success in the past and has grown in size each year. This year, Sweetwater is proposing some changes that will reflect this growth. The goal is to enhance the patron and community experience and to maintain safety for all.

Small Changes:

- 1) The festival has asked to be able to open their doors on Friday evening, starting at 4:20 and ending at 10pm.
- 2) On the permit application the event is asking to begin setup on Monday. This is 2 days prior to last year's request. This is only to be able to gain access to the park to begin the staging of equipment and trucks. The major setup will begin Wed and be finalized Thursday. They hope to have everything removed from the park by Monday evening 4/18/2011. Their permit asks to be able to stay until Tuesday just in case there are a few pieces of equipment that have yet to be removed.
- 3) There will be a stage on the outskirts of the soccer field in the corner nearest the number 2 tee box of The Candler Park Golf Course. They will be using rola-track to load in and load out all equipment on the field. The rola-track has special holes in it to allow aeration. This will preserve the grass and field.
- 4) During the actual festival event days the sidewalk entrance near the number 2 tee box will not be utilized except by festival staff and CPNO runners. There are small motorized carts transporting festival equipment and goods on this pathway. Closing it to event staff only will ensure the safety of all patrons and area residents. (During the small window of time the CPNO race patrons are directed down this path to the main stage there will be no motorized carts allowed.)

While the Sweetwater 420 Fest has grown over the years we have always been a great partner to the neighborhood. While we talk about the event changes it is also important to highlight the big differences they make in our community.

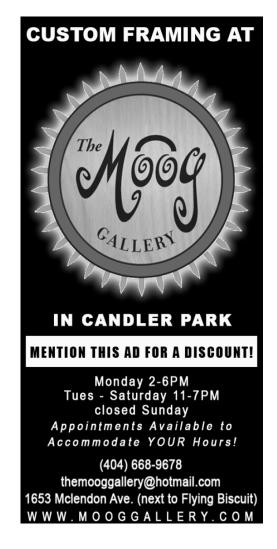
Big Differences:

- 1) We have again agreed to sponsor our neighborhood CPNO race, The SweetWater 420 Fest Annual 5K, which we have expanded by 700 runners for a total of 2000. With the funds from this event the CPNO is able to complete many projects in our neighborhood and it accounted for 31% of our income in 2010 and almost 50% in 2009.
- 2) We partner with the Mary Lin Elementary PTA by allowing them to operate the Kids Area bounce houses. The PTA keep 100% of proceeds.
- 3) We partner with Epworth Church to allow the sale of hotdogs for no fee and 100% of proceeds back to the church
- 4) See article about the new Candler Park walking trail on page 1.

We are excited to come back for another festival.

If there are any questions or concerns you may feel free to discuss them with us at the membership meeting on Feb. 21st. After discussion, there will be a vote to pass along to the NPU and the city.



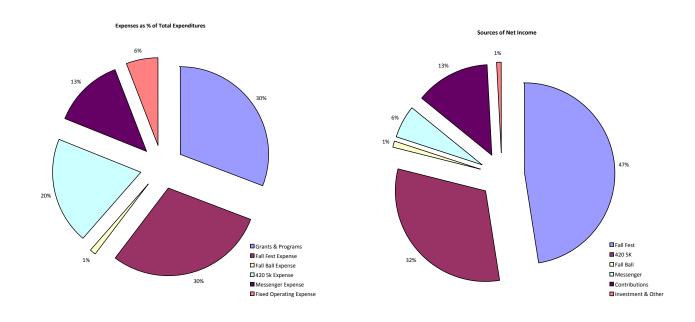


Treasurer's Report By David Aynes, CPNO Treasurer

The efforts of CPNO's volunteers raised over \$53,000 dollars in 2010 (a 32% increase over 2009). Of this amount, the following initiatives were funded:

Mary Lin Education Foundation – Learning Technology	5,000.00
Little Five Points Business Association – L5P Mini Precinct	5,000.00
Park Pride / Friends of Candler Park - Screen on the Green (5 nights)	4,700.00
MARTA Wall Landscaping Project (Creeping Fig Installation)	3,367.93
Clifton Sanctuary	3,000.00
Allocation to Reimburse Members for sponsoring Block Parties	2,500.00
Freedom Park Conservancy	1,000.00
Graffiti Clean Up Kits	950.00
Park Pride – Grandmaw Gordon	499.00
Historic Fourth Ward - grant for brochure printing	250.00
NPU Meeting Space	50.00
Alliance for Intown Neighbors Mayoral Forum	50.00
Total	26,366.93
Total	20,300.33
So far, in 2011, CPNO has funded the following initiatives:	
Park Pride / Friends of Candler Park - Screen on the Green (6 nights)	6,300.00
Clifton Sanctuary - Computer Lab	2,519.00
Total	8,819.00

If CPNO is successful in its fundraising efforts in 2011, new causes and initiatives supported by our membership will benefit. Please take advantage of this year's volunteering opportunities...CPNO really is making a difference in our community!



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Seating is LIMITED so make your reservations TODAY!

WHEN: Thursday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m. WHERE: Radial Café, 1530 Dekalb Avenue NE,

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WHY: Portion of the proceeds will go towards

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Go to www.cliftonsanctuary.com to make your reservation or contact one of the staff members at 404-373-3253 A \$25 reservation fee will be collected and will be deducted from your total meal cost.

A Green Celebration for Atlanta's Famous Park

2011 "Dream in Green" gala celebrates completion of the Olmsted Linear Park By Rhonda Mullen

To celebrate the landmark completion of the Olmsted Linear Park, the "Dream in Green" gala will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2011, from 7p.m. to 10p.m. at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. Co-chairs Rhonda Mullen and Claire Sterk promise an evening to remember with chances to connect with neighbors and park lovers, listen to live jazz, and sample delectable hors d'oeuvres and signature cocktails. Both a live and silent auction will feature beach and mountain getaways such as a weekend at the Grand Bohemian Hotel in Asheville (across from the Biltmore grounds, which Olmsted also designed)—along with fine art, rare wines, roundtrip airline tickets, and more. Reserve tickets at 404-377-5361 or olpa.atl@att.net.

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CPNO General Meeting, January 17, 2011 By Courtenay Dusenbury, Recording Secretary

- 1. Welcoming remarks and approval of agenda. CPNO President Jay Sandhaus welcomed approximately 35 members and guests to the meeting. A motion to adopt the agenda was approved by a show of hands. Jay noted a new procedure for CPNO meetings from this point forward, visitors and CPNO officers will summarize nonactionable items in writing; these summaries will be provided at the end of the printed agenda and included in the meeting notes. Only actionable items (requiring a vote or specific action from CPNO) will be brought to the floor.
- 2. Report from Atlanta Police Department representative and other public officials. Major Dalton advised residents that he is aware of neighborhood concerns about a robbery that took place on McLendon Concerns about the way the robbery was Avenue handled by the Atlanta Police Department were chronicled in an Atlanta Journal Constitution article. Major Dalton said the police should have done better, although he thinks the situation was not as bad as the AJC portrayed it. He said the case might be difficult to solve because the victims cannot identify the perpetrators, but that an excellent detective has been assigned and is doing all he can. Major Dalton noted that overall crime continues to be down by 50% in the neighborhood over the same period last year. He has received the go-ahead to put 12 new officers in place; they will start on Friday. Per City Council regulations, the officers must spend their first 12 weeks walking beats; they will be assigned to VA Highlands, Little 5 Points, the Edgewood Shopping Center and East Atlanta. response to a neighbor's concern that the police statistics do not represent the true levels of crime in the neighborhood, as calculated by the number of crimes reported in the Messenger, it was noted that the discrepancy is due to the fact that the Messenger also reports serious crimes in neighboring areas such as Inman Park and Lake Claire.

3. Announcements Visitors

- Anne Dennington, Flux -- <u>anne@fluxprojects.org</u> . Please see written summary, page 2. CPNO voted to support the project with a show of hands.
- Fall Fest: Planning Party Tuesday, Feb 1st, 7pm at Manuel's Tavern. Cherie King, Fall Fest co-chair, invited neighbors to attend the planning party. Fall Fest is the neighborhood's biggest fundraiser; the help of many is needed for it to succeed. A variety of roles are available, from small to large. Attending the meeting does not commit attendees to anything. It is fun to work on the Fall Fest team and to earn money for a good cause.
- Recording Secretary: Jay Sandhaus noted that the position has been filled by Courtenay Dusenbury
- Zoning Officer: Jay Sandhaus noted that the position is still vacant and that this is one of the most important positions on the Board. Please consider applying or serving on the Zoning Committee.

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4. Approval of previous month's meeting minutes. Approved by a show of hands.

5. Officer and committee chair reports

Special note: informative reports appear at the end of this report as Appendix 1. Only actionable items (those requiring action or vote by the membership) will be considered during monthly meetings.

- Treasurer
- Dave Aynes noted that tax forms for 2007 have now been filed properly, and the IRS has been asked to forgive the existing penalty on 2008 taxes.
- Public Safety
- Christie Kuropatwa advised that she is forming a Safety Committee. A number of good ideas have been brought forth on how to improve safety in the neighborhood. Please e-mail safety@candlerpark.org for information. Jay Sandhaus said there is a list of volunteer activities on the website and the Safety Committee will be added.

Membership

- Jay Sandhaus noted that membership renewals are now online. Visit

www.candlerpark.org/renew to sign up for 2011. Members not registered by February 1 will not be able to vote at the February meeting. CPNO members are less than 10% of all neighborhood residents. Neighbors presented suggestions on how to increase membership.

6. New business

• \$3,750 for Mulberry Fields water sustainability project (Jesse & Richard Bathrick). The Bathrick's are requesting \$3,750 for a rain catchment system for property. Funds would be used to purchase and install a metal cistern and pump and for other materials. For the past 12 years the Bathricks have donated water to those using the community garden and this is getting expensive. A meeting attendee asked whether the Bathricks would provide matching funds for the project;

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Ms. Bathrick noted that the total project cost is estimated to be \$6,000 and that the other costs (labor) would be provided by volunteers. A meeting attendee noted that proper notice to the CNPO membership on the vote on the request for funds had not been given in advance. In addition, due to delays from the snow storm, many people had not received the *Messenger* article outlining the Bathrick's proposal. The membership agreed to table consideration of the funding request until the February meeting, but took a non-binding vote of general support for the idea by a show of hands.

- \$222.79 for CNPO Planning Party. Jay Sandhaus noted that, due to double the number of attendees expected for the session at Manuel's Tavern (more than 60 people attended) additional funds were needed to pay the tab. CNPO had originally requested \$400 for the event. The additional funds were approved by a show of hands.
- **7.** Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

L5PCC Elevator Celebration By Randy Pimsler, L5PCC Board President

The Little Five Points Community Center's (L5PCC) long term goal to increase accessibility for all members of the community has finally been realized. After six months of construction, we are pleased to announce that the elevator is nearing completion. The new elevator and related work provides for designated parking, an accessible route to the entry and an elevator serving three floors of the center. FOSCO provided construction services and managed to work around holiday and building resident constraints undaunted.

Fundraising for the project was provided by a Community Development Block Grant administered by the City of Atlanta, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

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- Lexa King, CPNO Membership Secretary

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Several foundations, the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inman Park Neighborhood of Inman Association, Friends Park, and numerous individuals provided funding for the project. A total of just over \$200,000 has been raised, with the total project cost approaching \$250,000. Financing for the project is being provided by Decatur First.

On **February 27, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm**, the Board of Directors and partners in the center would like to invite you to celebrate the completion of the installation of the elevator. Come ride to the third floor, see our studios and enjoy this incredible community asset.

First E - Considers Access: The First Existentialist Congregation located at 470 Candler Park Drive is studying accessibility alternatives for the building. Since so many people utilize the building, besides members of the congregation, the Building and Grounds Committee at First E would like to solicit suggestions from neighbors for providing access by all individuals to the building. If you have questions, comments and/or suggestions, please contact the First E Building and Grounds Committee Chairperson, Dominic Thomas, at dominic.m.thomas@gmail.com.

Zone 6 Crime Reports Compiled by David Bruce

200 block Elmira PI – Larceny from auto - 12/13 Mon Day. Suspect broke out rear passenger side window and stole a laptop and briefcase. Witness showed police video of 3 males around victim's vehicle.

1500 block Dekalb Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/13 Mon Day. Parking lot. Video shows 3 subjects break out rear driver's side window and take a book bag.

Subjects then dropped the bag a few cars down from her vehicle.

300 block Clifton Rd – Larceny from auto - 12/14 Tues Morn. Someone entered 2 vehicles and stole 2 wallets with 2 DLs and bank cards. Method of entry not stated. Victims also said someone attempted to make entry into their residence. They found a window slightly open and the shade cut, but weren't sure if entry was gained.

1200 block Dekalb Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/23 Thurs Eve. Parking lot. Someone broke out the rear passenger side window and stole 2 GPSs, 2 I Pods, 200 CDs and a purse with a wallet.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/28 Tues Day. Witness heard glass break and saw suspect driving listed vehicle away from the scene. Suspect broke out rear passenger side window of vehicle, but nothing was taken. Suspect: B/M. Suspect Vehicle: Silver Chrysler 300.

1200 block McLendon Ave – Robbery - 12/30 (10:00pm) Thurs Eve. Street. Victim: W/F, 29 YOA. Victim: W/M, 22 YOA. Victim: B/F, 23 YOA. Victim: W/F, 24 YOA.

Victim: W/M, 22 YOA. Weapon: Shot gun, handgun. Victims said they were approached by suspects and told to, "get on the ground and give up everything out of your pockets." Victims got on the ground and suspects fled with listed property. Taken: 2 cell phones, 2 purses, 2 wallets, ID's, credit/debit cards, \$120, umbrella. Suspects: 2 B/M's, mid 30's, 5'10"-6'00", 160lbs-180lbs, black coats, black hat, camouflage knit hat, dark pants, brown pants.

1300 block Dekalb Ave – Burglary - 1/6/ Thurs Eve. Apartment. Someone broke out a side window with a wooden slab and stole a metal lockbox with \$3,500, bills, mail and legal documents.

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