March 2007
“Orange” you attending the ING Marathon?

The inaugural “Georgia Marathon,” sponsored by ING, will feature 15,000 runners tearing through the middle of our neighborhood later this month. Several Candler Park residents are participating in the marathon or half-marathon on Sunday, March 25th, and they would love to have you come out to cheer them on.

Starting downtown at Woodruff Park at 7:00 am, the race will proceed through the Sweet Auburn district and Inman Park before proceeding up Euclid Avenue into Little Five Points. Marathon runners enter Candler Park on McLendon Avenue, just before the “4 mile” point of the race, and turn north on Oakdale. After heading out to Decatur and back through Emory and Druid Hills, they eventually spill out onto Briarcliff and down Moreland Avenue, turning onto Freedom Parkway around the “18 mile” marker. (The half-marathon begins the same, but instead of going east through Candler Park and out to Decatur, runners will turn north on Moreland and then west onto Freedom Parkway.) The races both then wind through Virginia-Highlands, Piedmont Park, and Midtown before finishing back at Woodruff Park.

With a course focused on hitting several major in-town neighborhoods, there are at least three great places to come out and cheer on the runners within a short walk of your front door.

First, an official “Neighborhood Cheering Zone” for Inman and Candler Park will be set up on Euclid Avenue near Hurt Street, and runners should begin passing by around 7:15. This official cheering area offers our neighborhood (NPU-N) the opportunity to win a cash prize for being one of the best cheering sections in Atlanta. The top three Neighborhood Cheering Zones – based on “orangeness” (crowd wearing orange), optimism, enthusiasm, and volume – will win between $2,500 and $10,000. Please get up, put on something orange, and head over to this Cheering Zone, so we can compete for these much-needed funds!

If you can’t make it over to the Cheering Zone, you can still line McLendon (between Moreland and Oakdale) and Oakdale (between McLendon and North) to encourage runners as they go by. The faster runners probably will be in our neighborhood as early as 7:20.

Finally, you can head over to Freedom Park along Moreland and watch the half-marathoners pass by between 7:20 and 8:00. If you’re not such an early riser on Sundays, you can catch the marathoners at this same location when they arrive between 8:30 and 10:30 that morning.

I encourage you to find somewhere along the course to come out and cheer for your neighbors who are running this great race on Sunday, March 25th. And, if you are among those Candler Park residents planning to run the marathon or half-marathon, I wish you the best of luck!

By Charlie Henn

See back page for street closings in Candler Park

See page 3 for more information on the Neighborhood Challenge
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Security Patrol Update

The Security Patrol Committee continues to meet regularly to discuss the viability of organizing a program that would fund extra policing in our neighborhood.

The Committee has been working to gather information by contacting other neighborhoods that have patrols in place, as well as meeting with other information sources - such as Atlanta Zone 6 Police, a private security company (comprised of active and retired APD) and the Sembler Development representative in charge of security at the Edgewood Retail District. All of these sources have provided valuable ideas, guidance, advice and best practices.

Unfortunately, at the current estimated participation level, we cannot afford a patrol. Although approximately 85 households have indicated that they would be very likely to buy into a patrol (at a cost of $150-$200 per year), this represents only 5% of the 1,650 total households in Candler Park. We would need to at least triple participation at this pricing level to really do it right. Plus, a project of this size that would benefit the whole neighborhood needs a much higher level of support to remain viable on an ongoing basis.

That said, the Committee is not ready to throw in the towel just yet. We are continuing to talk with other neighborhoods with active patrols, brainstorm about additional funding ideas, and discuss various pricing structures and ways to increase awareness and participation. In addition, we are investigating other ways to improve the safety of Candler Park – such as organized neighborhood Crime Watch Programs, etc.

By Liz Thompson
Security Patrol Committee Chair

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Good Luck to all Candler Park Marathon Runners!

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath
Got Ideas? Fall Fest Committee Is for You

The Candler Park Fall Fest will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 13th and 14th, rain or shine [preferably shine!], and it is time to get started.

We will have our first Fall Fest committee meeting on Tuesday, March 27th at 7 pm at Epworth Methodist Church. The committee is open to anyone who wants to get involved and make a difference in the planning of the 2007 Candler Park Fall Fest.

Committee members find that their festival experience is enhanced by working towards a common goal with others who share an interest in our great and diverse neighborhood. Also, volunteering for the Fall Fest Committee allows one to participate in the festival as an "insider" and shape the way the festival looks and feels.

For additional information or to indicate your interest in joining the Fall Fest Committee, visit us at www.candlerparkfallfest.org or email me at fallfest@bellsouth.net.

By Mark Clement
Special Projects Officer

Marathon Mania: Neighborhood Cheering Zones Compete for $10,000

ING will “paint the town orange” with Cheering Zones along the marathon course. ING has set up a Neighborhood Challenge for residents to create unique viewing areas and compete for cash prizes. During the race, the viewing areas will be judged, and the winning group will receive a donation from ING to help support neighborhood fitness initiatives.

There will be five Neighborhood Challenge Cheering Zones, and the locations have been pre-determined. They represent the four Neighborhood Planning Units (NPU’s) impacted by the race and the City of Decatur. The cheering zone for our NPU-N is in Freedom Park at the intersection of Euclid Ave and Hurt St. (NPU-N includes Candler Park, Inman Park, Druid Hills, Lake Claire, Poncey-Highland, Reynoldstown and Cabbagetown.) This cheering zone is located in the early part of the race (between the 3 mile and the 4 mile marks). **Cheerers should be present from 7 am to 8 am.**

On race day, each zone will be judged on the following criteria: “orangeness”; openness, opportunity and optimism; enthusiasm; volume; and innovation/creativity. The grant awards are $10,000 for 1st place, $5,000 for 2nd place, and $2,500 for 3rd place with prizes awarded to the park constituency in the winning NPU’s.

I have submitted an application for Candler Park to join the NPU-N cheering zone at Euclid and Hurt Street, so get out your orange cheerleading outfits, orange Halloween costumes or orange bridesmaid dresses (I have one!). For inspiration, here’s a quote from a New York Marathon runner:

“Everyone seems to want a high-five. I high-five a couple of little kids who are grinning, ear to ear. This is the whole race in a nutshell. I mean, what is a high-five, exactly? It’s someone saying, “Share this with me!” And someone else saying, “Yes!” and for one split-second, there’s a connection, a spark, and a tired runner feels better, and a spectator feels like he’s running with them. Just for an instant. In one day a city of millions high-fives a stream of (15,000 Atlanta) runners, and everyone runs together. Everyone wins. This is the magic of the high-five.”

By Mary Alice Bray
The Candler Park Pool Association hosted a community meeting Feb. 5th to announce that the City of Atlanta will manage the pool during the summer of 2007. We had a good discussion of what it means for the City, rather than the community, to manage the pool.

- Pool will be open to the public at all times
- No membership dues, and No reserved hours for members only
- Designated free swim times
- Admission: $2 per adult/$1 for child or senior (Annual pool pass: $90 adult/$45 child or senior)
- Hours: 10 or 10:30 am to 8 or 8:30 pm
- Possible extended season (Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day instead of closing mid-August)
- City provides a full-time manager and an assistant manager with one on-site at all times during regular pool hours
- A full-time security guard on site during regular pool hours and for some period of time after the pool is closed
- City provides and manages the lifeguards

Even though the community will not be managing the pool, we still have a big role to play in making the season a success. We will:

- Come with our family and friends from day one
- Run programs
- Host and attend events (public and private)
- Provide improvements such as more seating and umbrellas
- Organize volunteer work days
- Work with the Management to ensure safety
- Work with the Aquatics Dept to ensure the community’s needs are being met
- Fundraise for Splash and Spray and other amenities

The pool, pool deck, and bathhouse renovations will not occur before this season, but the City is hopeful they will start this Fall. It is still undetermined if the City will fund the Shade Structure and Splash and Spray Children’s Area that the community wants. If not, it will be up to the community to raise those funds.

We want your input and ideas about programs and events and will be conducting another web-based survey soon. It is up to all of us to make Candler Park Pool “Our Pool” and set the tone for a fun, safe, inviting, family-welcoming environment. The best way to do that is to BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THE POOL. It’s your pool -- and “your” means not only Candler Parkians but all our intown neighbors: Lake Claire, Edgewood, Kirkwood, Virginia-Highlands, Inman Park, Druid Hills, Midtown, Grant Park, and others.

For more information about the City plan, the community’s role during 2007, future plans, or what the pool will be like for you during Summer 2007, visit http://www.candlerparkpool.com/files/news-2007-02/Presentation.pdf. We are in the process of updating our website (www.candlerparkpool.com) but refer back to it for updates. To get on our mailing list and receive event announcements and an invitation to take the survey, send an email to subscribe@candlerparkpool.com.

By Jim Chapman

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Now beginning its 9th year of existence, the Little 5 Points Atlanta Police Mini-Precinct may be a victim of its own success. The number of individual households in the community contributing to supporting the L5P Mini-Precinct has dramatically dwindled—people move, or stop giving or ironically, get comfortable with the increased level of safety. This attrition of funds puts the continued operation of the Mini-Precinct at risk. Closing the Mini-Precinct would be irreversible, once it’s gone we won’t get it back. That will make the criminals happy—but we’d suffer the consequences of going back to the bad old days.

You may not know or remember that several years ago Little 5 Points had been having significant public safety issues, with an ongoing crime problem that was spilling over into the surrounding residential communities. There were at least 3 people killed, a large number of robberies and attacks and one local business owner brutally, almost fatally, beaten.

Thus the community was thrilled when we were offered participation in the Atlanta Police Mini-Precinct Program—a public-private partnership wherein the City will staff, equip and furnish a local satellite police station if the funds for rent, utilities, etc. are provided through private funding. Support from the community was overwhelming.

Since it opened, increased presence of Atlanta police officers that the Mini-Precinct brings to our community has made a significant difference in the conduct of those hanging out in L5P and the surrounding community. Crime is down and the area feels safer.

Little 5 Points is far less dangerous than it used to be. It’s really a no-brainer -- having more cops around (staffing the precinct, bike and motorcycle patrols headquartered there, officers coming on breaks) makes criminals and problematic elements tend to stay away, and/or watch their behavior. This protects people, possessions and property values.

Last year we moved the Mini-Precinct location, and got Officer MacFarland back -- both successful changes, especially in light of the Police Zone 6 expansion that included several high-crime areas without any significant increase in patrol officers.

The bulk of the Mini-Precinct funding comes from L5P Business Association members, with substantial contributions by Inman Park Neighborhood Association and Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Remaining funding is from contributions by individual households in the area.

We need your help. If you did not contribute to the Mini-Precinct Fund in the past, now is a good time to consider joining the several hundred of your neighbors who have been supporting this worthwhile endeavor. It’s the right thing to do for your community, your neighbors and yourself. A yearly contribution of $35 or more is suggested. It’s a small price to pay to ensure this valuable project continues to serve our area.

Please invest in your community and send your check to:

L5PBA Mini-Precinct Fund
PO Box 5733
Atlanta GA 31107

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number. These contributions should be tax deductible—check with your tax professional.

By Richard B. Shapiro, DDS
L5P Business Association

CPNO Treasurer’s Report

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By Alonzo Church, Treasurer
CPNO to Establish 501(c)(3) Foundation

At the March CPNO meeting, the membership will vote on a request to disburse $500 to the Internal Revenue Service. This sounds scary, but the money is for a good cause - to secure a ruling that the Candler Park Foundation Inc. is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“Candler Park Foundation?” you ask. “What’s that?” It is an organization associated with the CPNO that will be able to solicit tax-deductible donations. CPNO is a 501(c)(4) organization, which means that, while its own income is not subject to taxation, donors to it cannot deduct their contribution from their taxes. This non-tax deductibility of contributions has been an impediment to fundraising and to getting sponsors for FallFest.

The Foundation (once it has received its 501(c)(3) status) will be the organization that spends money on things important to the neighborhood - such as bulbout maintenance, sidewalk repairs, etc., and it will raise funds for CPNO’s activities.

This restructuring is down the road a piece. We have to get the IRS 501(c)(3) approval first. Your vote is a necessary step along the way.

By Alonzo Church
Treasurer

Candler Park Ball Fields Get Makeover

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs will renovate 45 City of Atlanta ball fields, including Candler Park and Iverson Park ball fields, as part of the City’s comprehensive parks and greenspace enhancement program.

Candler Park ball field is scheduled for sod placement and will be closed from March 5, 2007 through August 15, 2007. Iverson Park closed for seeding on February 15, 2007 and is scheduled to reopen March 20, 2008. In addition, irrigation systems will be installed in both fields.

The decision to seed or sod was based on current field conditions. The closing and opening dates vary because the seeding process is dependent upon weather conditions and careful cultivation of the seeds throughout the summer season is required, while the sodding process is similar to planting and a shorter cultivation period will suffice.

“We are very excited that for the first time in our City’s history, we are able to make such a huge commitment to improving our ball fields,” said Commissioner Dianne Harnell Cohen. “We are very aware of the hardship that comes with closing the ball fields, but we look forward to providing the community with excellent playing fields.”

By Myra Reeves
City of Atlanta
Looking for a little exercise for you and Fido? Or just looking for a reason to get out and strut your mutt? Come out for the 3rd Annual Candler Park K9 Fun Run on April 7th, 2007. A one-mile run will begin at 9 am, and a two-mile run will start shortly after. You can bring your furry best friend or run solo.

After the race, enjoy complimentary bagels and fruit. Stay for the raffle, dog trick contest, and awards ceremony. The top five male and female runners will receive awards, and the winner of the Dog Talent contest will win a movie starring your dog compliments of Short & Sweet Studios.

Entry fee includes short-sleeve Candler Park K9 Fun Run t-shirt. Four-legged participants receive a grab bag provided by Kirkwood Feed and Seed.

All proceeds go to Candler Park Neighborhood Organization.

ENTRY FORM

Event: [ ] 1 mile run/walk  [ ] 2 mile run
Dog Talent Contest: [ ] Yes  [ ] No
T-Shirt Size _____ S_____ M _____ L _____XL ____XXL
Owner’s Name ________________________________
Street Address________________________________
City/State/Zip ___________________________________
E-mail Address ________________________________
Phone_______________ Dog Name__________________
Dog Age _______________ Breed ___________________
Current Rabies Vaccination No.____________________

Mail this form and $19 entry fee ($24 if postmarked after March 27th) to
Candler Park Running Club, 1445 Benning Place NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 or
register online at www.active.com.

For more info, call (404) 327-7738 or (404) 688-6275

Waiver: “In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned do waive and release any and all claims, causes of action and any liability whatsoever, for myself and my heirs, against the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Road Race Services, any sponsors and all officials of this race for any injury, illness or other damages of any kind which may arise out of or result from my participation in the 2007 Candler Bark K9 Fun Run. I know that running a road race with my dog is a potentially hazardous activity. I further state that my dog and I are in proper physical condition to participate in this event. Warning: I understand that high heat and humidity can be extremely dangerous. I will not overexert myself or my dog(s) under these conditions. (Entry not valid unless signed.)

Signature of Participant ________________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian (if minor) ________________________________

* The AHS Pet Parade pre-registration team is excited to have the opportunity to work with Candler Park during their 3rd Annual Candler Park K9 Fun Run.
Earth Day Celebration on April 20th Moves to New Home in Historic Candler Park!

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is proud to host SweetWater Brewery's 420 Earth Day Festival on - you guessed it - 4/20! A benefit event that brings together environmental organizations, eco-friendly business and friends of the earth to promote environmental awareness. Even though not everyone’s sure just how to manage our environment, one thing we can all agree is that SweetWater Brewery knows how to make a tasty beverage. So bring family, friends and a cozy blanket to enjoy the live music and activities.

What: A day to celebrate our natural resources and learn about environmental concerns while enjoying food, art, great beer, and live music!

When: Friday, April 20th, 2007, 2 pm to 11 pm

Where: Historic Candler Park, 1500 McLendon Ave NE

More: Great local and regional bands all day
Tasty SweetWater beer, food and other beverages
Learn about our environment and how to help

- Mark Clement, Special Projects Officer

Don't Put It Off – Join CPNO Today

Joining CPNO is a great way to get involved in the neighborhood and keep up with what’s happening in Candler Park. If you provide an e-mail address on the membership form, we will send a limited number of e-mails about happenings in and around Candler Park, as well as reminders of upcoming meetings. Joining CPNO also allows you to vote at the monthly meetings.

As of February 28th, we have enrolled 73 members for 2007 and received $815 in contributions. If you joined CPNO in 2006, please send in another application for 2007. Members range from neighbors who have lived here 35 years to new residents of only a few months. Thanks to everyone for making Candler Park a great place to live!

By Mary Alice Bray, Membership Secretary

Atlanta Bicycle Campaign Update

Atlanta Bicycle Campaign has released its Spring 2007 Effective Cycling Class Schedule, teaching safe methods of riding on the road and in traffic by building the skills and confidence of bike riders. Classes cover the fundamental principles of riding on the road effectively, predictably and confidently. About half the instruction occurs on bikes in parking lot drills and actual on-road conditions. The course is based on a nationally recognized curriculum. Instructors are certified by League of American Bicyclists. Go online to http://cmpgnr.com/r.html?c=886131&r=883588&t=611996701&l=1&d=8786512&u=hr%3a%2f%2fwwww2eatlantabike%2eorg%2f&g=0&f=-1 for more information on class dates, locations and times, or call 404.881.1112.

The Atlanta Region Bicycle Transportation & Pedestrian Walkways Plan website now includes the most up-to-date information, maps and schedule. Work is beginning on the Needs Assessment, and a 2nd round of public involvement is planned for the spring. A Bike/Ped Plan update is scheduled to be completed by June 2007. More information is at http://cmpgnr.com/r.html?c=886131&r=883588&t=611996701&l=1&d=8786516&u=http%3a%2f%2fwwww%2eatlantar egional%2ecom%2fcps%2frd%2fxchp%2frep%2fhls%2exsl%2f1769%5fENU%5fHTML%2ehtm&g=0&f=-1

- Atlanta Regional Commission – Transportation Spotlight

CPNO Membership Application

Name: ____________________________
Address: _________________________
City: __________________ State: ______ ZIP: ____________
Home phone: _______________ Mobile phone: _______________
Email: ___________________________

Minor Children (names and ages) __________________________

Any information NOT to be published in CP neighborhood directory? __________________________

Business applicants, please list name, address, and phone # of designated representative above.

Name of business: ________________________
Address of business: _________________________

Optional Contribution

Although CPNO will no longer charge membership dues in 2007, we rely on the generosity of our members for a portion of our operating funds. If you wish to make a donation to help CPNO continue serving the neighborhood, please take this opportunity to make a contribution.

Please indicate either: New Enrollment ________ or Renewal ______
I elect to contribute ________________________

Membership Involvement and Interests

___ New neighbor welcome
___ Historic Preservation
___ 5K/Road Races
___ Tour of Homes
___ Fall Fest
___ Social events
___ Newsletter/Messenger
___ Candler Park/Environment
___ Land Use / Zoning
___ Flyer Distribution
___ Parent/child groups
___ Other (specify) __________________________

Please mail application and enclose any optional contribution to CPNO Membership, P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107
An Undying Faith – Antioch East Baptist Church

An African story is told about a sculptor who was sculpting the face of the king. Every day the sculptor worked on the stone, and every evening a man would come to clean away the chips. Soon this man began to see a face emerging from the rock. Finally, when the image was full and everyone could see it, he was so amazed and astonished that he went to the sculptor and asked, “How did you know the king was in that stone?”

How a sculptor can see a face in the stone or an architect can see beautiful and magnificent buildings in raw materials is simply amazing. Without a doubt, the sculptor and architect must possess the ability to design and create mentally what does not exist, and then make it reality.

This undying faith willed Antioch East Baptist Church ancestors, family and friends in the Edgewood Candler Park Community to endure great hardship during a very dark time in history. In 1916, fire destroyed Antioch East’s first, wooden church on what is now 420 Oakdale Road, during Rev. Grisham’s administration. During this time of racial unrest and fire burnings across the Atlanta area, Antioch East members stood together united in an undying faith to rebuild a house of worship in order to sing, praise, preach, teach and witness in a compromised community of people.

Antioch East members refused to give in and be pushed out of their community, regardless of how others felt. So, with determination, patience and endurance they took all of their resources up Old Stone Mountain and brought back rocks chipped away from the mountain to rebuild a church of stone. It took four years to build and complete the old stone church building. Presiding pastor Rev. Harris passed in 1922, so the building was completed under Rev. A. L. Freeman. This church stood as a symbol to this community and world, “We shall not be moved, nor burned down to the ground again.” Antioch East’s Old Stone Church is still standing today at 470 Candler Park Drive. What a testimony! What a witness! What an undying faith!

Today, Antioch East is still in the Edgewood Candler Park Community, now at 1223 Hardee Street. We extend our love and service to the entire community, the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, the Early Edgewood/Candler Park Bi-Racial History Project, and The First Existentialist Congregation. As we work together to preserve the great heritage and history of the Edgewood/Candler Park Community, remember the undying faith of Antioch East Baptist Church (the Old Stone Church) where dreams, hopes, and aspirations became a reality. Let us cherish that reality.

- Dr. John F. Williams
Antioch East Baptist Church

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Sr. Pastor Dr. John F. Williams of Antioch East Baptist Church
(photo courtesy of Edith Kelman, Old Stone Church History Project)
On the March Agenda

At our March meeting, we will vote on where to hold future CPNO monthly meetings, choosing either First E or Epworth.

Architect Cooper Pierce, a member of the Atlanta Infill Development Panel, will make a presentation and answer questions regarding proposed legislation to regulate infill development. For more information, see www.aiaatlanta.org.

We will have a discussion about the impact of illegal parking near commercial nodes in the neighborhood and attempt to come up with some solutions to this problem. I hope you’ll join us.

We’ll be meeting at First E again, and we’ll have a social period starting at 6:30 pm.

By Amy Stout, President

Let’s get the Park Ready for Spring!

Winter is a great time for bird-watching in Candler Park: leafless trees make it easier to see the birds. Likewise, deciduous shrubs in the park reveal all manner of trash that may be hidden once they are again covered with foliage. One spot in the park that has quite a bit of trash that is very easy to see is the ravine across McLendon Avenue from Epworth United Methodist Church. There may be others.

Please join me at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 31st, 2007 (rain date: April 7th) in the parking lot near the playground to remove trash from the ravine area and identify other areas that need to be spruced up. Be sure to bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes and clothes fit for grubbing around.

If you would like to help or if you have ideas for other places in the park that need tidying up or suggestions for other activities that can be conducted to enhance the green spaces in Candler Park, please contact me via email at tompainter2007@yahoo.com.

- Tom Painter, Environmental Officer

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Minutes from February CPNO General Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, February 19th, 2007, at the First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Drive, with president Amy Stout in the chair. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7 pm. 28 signatures were placed on the sign-in sheet, of which 7 were not members.

The Old Stone Church Video - presentation took place with ~70 guests in attendance. The presentation lasted ~25 minutes with time to recognize some of the Antioch Church members who were present.

The proposed agenda was adopted, and the minutes were approved with a motion to modify the minutes to more accurately reflect the bylaws amendment approved and modified last month.

Public Safety Officer Ruby Naylor reported 16 car burglaries in the last 7 days with primarily loose change taken from vehicles. Hopefully NPU-N will be working towards a NPU-wide neighborhood watch program in the near future.

Atlanta Police Major Renee Propes explained the Crimebusters Program. Individuals providing tips successfully leading to arrests are compensated via an anonymous program. She reported an attempted kidnapping on Ponce de Leon at Clifton. Crime is down for the neighborhood by ~6%.

Committee reports

James Johnson presented for Mark Clement on the following special events:

- Pet Parade, April 14, 2007: Atlanta Humane Society will use the park. A motion to support the parade carried unanimously.
- 420 Festival, April 20, 2007: Sweetwater will organize the festival focused on Earth Day activities and donate $1000 to CPNO. A motion to support the festival carried unanimously.
- Canine Fun Run, April 7, 2007: Members will vote next month to authorize the expenditure of funds to host this event.
- Fall Fest and Tour of Homes, October, 2007: Both projects are being planned at this time.

ING Georgia Marathon, March 25, 2007: An ING rep provided a detailed presentation on the 15,000 person event, including half and full marathons and a neighborhood challenge with large monetary prizes for the top three NPUs. See www.inggeorgiamarathon.com.

Membership Secretary Mary Alice Bray reported 65 members have signed up in 2007 and donated $600. Attendees were reminded to fill out membership forms.

Candler Park Pool Association: The City of Atlanta will be running the pool this season with a full time staff, including a security guard. Hours of operation will be 10am to 8pm. Renovations are being planned, but no specifics are available on the time frame and/or the scope of work. See www.candlerparkpool.com.

Land Use Matters

1655 McLendon: The Flying Biscuit met with the zoning committee related to their change of agent for a beer and wine license. The applicant did not provide additional information that was requested at the committee meeting. A motion was made and seconded to defer this matter. The motion carried with 1 negative vote.

547 Candler St: Applicant presented a proposal to add 1500 sq ft of living space in the attic of the residence. The request is to reduce the front yard setback from 35 to 29 feet and the side yard setback from 7 to 4 feet (Application V-07-40 with site plan submitted to the City February 1, 2007). A concrete driveway will be reduced significantly, reducing impervious coverage. A motion was made and carried unanimously to support the variance application as submitted.

New Business

A motion to consider a review of “no parking” areas in residential districts adjacent to the commercial districts at the next meeting carried with one vote against.

Announcements

Next month a vote will be made to allocate $500 for the 501c3 application.

The soccer field at Candler Park will be closed through March for renovations.

Cooper Pierce, AIA, who has been assisting with recommendations to the City of Atlanta Infill Housing Committee, will be presenting at the next meeting.

Field Ave, connecting Druid and Mansfield, is slated for paving.

Discussion was held regarding the location of future meetings with no final decision being made.

Adjournment: 8:35pm.

By Randy Pimsler, Recording Secretary

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Artist Market/Craft Show

10am-6pm Sun March 4th. Free Admission to the public. Limited parking. Vendors, hobbyists & professionals draw from the talents of their surrounding neighborhoods at this year’s event, which features local designers, photography, jewelry makers, clothing, folk art, bath & body products, providing refreshments & much more! To sign-up visit info@thehighlandinn.com or call 404.874.5756.

- Melissa Giorgio

Atlanta Young Singers of Callanwolde to Perform

The AYS Youth Chorale, Apprentice and Performance Choirs present ON WATER Sat March 17th 8pm at Druid Hills United Methodist Church, 1200 Ponce de Leon Ave. Tickets $15/$12 students and seniors. Seven different languages will be sung, including those of original peoples of North America and Australia. For more information call 404-873-3365 or visit online at www.info@aysc.org.

- Christie Crabtree

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Next time, call a professional.
Legislation that would eliminate the requirement for the License Review Board to hold its regularly-scheduled twice-monthly meetings in December has been proposed, but the body did not take a position on this.

Next month we will make a recommendation on a proposed ordinance that will allow developers of multi-family residential projects to increase density above the current zoning classification in exchange for providing affordable workforce housing. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

*By Amy Stout*
*NPU-N Representative*

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**Neighborhood Planning Unit-N: Representative’s February 2007 Report**

The following items from the February 22nd, 2007 meeting of NPU-N are those most likely to be of interest to Candler Park residents.

We deferred consideration of an application for a Change of Ownership for the alcohol license for The Flying Biscuit because CPNO had not yet voted on this matter.

We voted in favor of granting special event permits for both the annual Atlanta Humane Society’s Pet Parade to be held in Candler Park on Saturday, April 14th (9am to 12 noon) and the SweetWater 420 Festival, an Earth Day celebration to be held in Candler Park on Friday, April 20th (12 noon to 11 pm).

The board adopted a resolution in opposition to a proposed amendment to the Tree Protection Ordinance that would allow homeowners to remove one tree per year without recompense or replacement requirements and will send a letter to City Council members and the Bureau of Planning to express their concerns and the reasons for their opposition.

APD Sgt. Paul Poole reported on an attempted abduction of a teenage girl at the corner of Ponce and Clifton. Assaultants tried to force the girl into a Ford Escort as she was waiting for a bus in broad daylight.

We learned the Atlanta Fire Rescue Dept is placarding vacant and unsafe buildings as required by city ordinance. Green placards indicate the building is unfit for occupancy and illegal to enter, while red ones indicate even Fire Rescue Dept. personnel should not enter.

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Crime Report

Zone 6 City of Atlanta Police Dept. records compiled for period from 1-27-07 to 2-19-07

1200 block North Avenue - Larceny – between Saturday 1/6 and Saturday 1/27 unknown time - Victim reports that someone removed one of the outside A/C units.

Dekalb Avenue @ Dekalb Place – Commercial burglary – Saturday 1/27 unknown time - Victim reports someone broke the lock off his trailer and removed property.

1300 block Iverson Street – Larceny from auto – Thursday 2/1 morning - Victim reports someone smashed her vehicle rear window and removed property.

2000 block McLendon Avenue – Larceny from auto – Monday 2/5 daytime - Victim reports someone smashed her vehicle’s passenger-side window and removed property.

1300 block Iverson Street – Larceny from auto – Thursday 2/19 daytime - Victim stated an employee of the builder of the new homes next door removed 60 cinder blocks. Known suspect.

Special Thank You's

The CPNO Board of Directors would like to thank Carla and Jason Key for the time, money, and energy they put into organizing and hosting the successful “Meet the Neighbors” social at Front Page News on Sunday, February 11th. A good time was had by all who attended.

CPNO would also like to extend its sincere appreciation to Edith Kelman for sharing the debut estimates. Joel & Shelley Murphy, 404-634-9041 or call Jaye Crawford at 404-378-5775.

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THE SIXTH ANNUAL SPRING BOOT CAMP at Candler Park. March 26-May 15. Mon & Wed 7 PM, Sat 10 AM. Register by March 21st at www.funfitnessonline.com or call Jaye @ 404.378.5775 today.

Introducing “FIT MOMS” Stroller Workout with Baby at Candler Park. April 10 – May 15. Tue & Th @ 10 AM. Visit www.funfitnessonline.com or call Jaye Crawford at 404.378.5775.

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Announcements

Mary Lin PTA Auction is Friday March 23rd Mary Lin Elementary School’s “Shoot for the Stars” Auction is March 23rd from 6:30 to 10:30 pm at the Trolley Barn in Inman Park. For just $20 per person (advance purchase) or $25 at the door, enjoy great food, beer, wine and entertainment, while shopping for amazing auction items. Visit our website at www.rd123.com/marylinauction to buy tickets; donate items or services; view an auction catalogue; sign up to volunteer; or find out the latest auction news. Proceeds fund Mary Lin PTA’s projects to enrich our children’s education. Please consider any items you might have to donate (vacations, services, nice jewelry, antique furniture or anything of value you can contribute), and don’t miss this exciting and fun opportunity to help our neighborhood school!

Salon Red celebrates opening with wine, art

Salon Red will hold a grand opening community event on Saturday, March 24th. During the day, it’s all about kids, with an inflatable playground from 12 until 3 pm, plus popcorn, balloons and games for all ages. From 7 till 9 pm, adults are invited to join us for an art show spotlighting unique works by three local artists, a wine tasting – with a little help from our friends at Candler Park Supermarket – and light hors d’oeuvres. All festivities are free to Salon Red clients, friends and neighbors. 1642 Dekalb Avenue, between Brooks and Clifton.

Spring Electronics Recycling Day Sat March 24th

Don’t throw away that old computer, printer, fax machine or other outdated electronics. Bring it to Decatur High School’s parking lot, corner of N. McDonough St. and W. Howard Ave. from 9 am to 1 pm Sat. March 24th. Also recycle batteries of any type, bubble wrap and clean Styrofoam packaging, mercury thermometers and thermostats. Electronics will be sorted and broken down into raw materials and sent to recyclers for reuse. In 2006 Decatur recycled 60,000 pounds of electronic equipment that would have otherwise gone to the landfill.

Street closings in the Candler Park area on Sunday, March 25th, 2007

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For maps of the routes, go to http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=626754 and http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=626756
For more information, contact Peggy Rogers, Community Outreach Manager, 404-405-0737

Not up for 26.2 miles? The Atlanta Track Club will host its annual Atlanta Women’s 5K race in Candler Park on Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 8 am. Sections of Candler Park Dr, McLendon Ave, Page Ave, Marlbrook Dr, Terrace Ave, Moreland Ave, Euclid Ave, and North Ave will be subject to temporary closing between 6:30 am and 10:00 am that day. Questions? Call 404-231-9064 or e-mail atc@atlantatrackclub.org