

The Messenger

March 2008

News for Candler Park

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Meetings and Events

CPNO Meeting March 17th 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.

March General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming Remarks, approval of agenda and February minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters:
 - ♦ Rezoning of 1240 Euclid Ave to MR-4A (Multi-Residential, up to 8 stories)
 - ♦ Alcohol License for 299 Moreland
 - ♦ Variance for 1429 McLendon Ave
 - ♦ Variance for 521 Page Ave
- Authorization of \$4,500 for the 420/Earthday 5K run
- New Business
- Announcements
- Open Forum

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

Events Calendar

All items listed below are open to all

Wednesday, March 5th @ 7pm

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

Monday, March 10th @ 7pm

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

Thursday, March 13th @ 7pm

Friends of Candler Park - Java Vino 579 North Highland

Monday, March 17th @ 7pm

CPNO Regular Meeting - First Existentialist Congregation

Tuesday, March 18th @ 7pm

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

Saturday, March 22nd @ 10am

Egg Hunt, Candler Park

Wednesday, March 26th @ 7pm

CPNO Historic District Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Thursday, March 27th @ 7pm

NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday, April 2nd @ 7pm

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

Pave Paradise One

By Andrew Feiler

The City of Atlanta plans to pave the very short gravel road, Felder Street that runs north/south between Druid Place and Mansfield Avenue. However, the plans to pave Felder would kill many of the stately trees on both sides of the street. So far, 76 neighbors have signed a petition urging the City to reconsider their plans.

The city's original plan called for a roadbed that, when including curb and gutter, was approximately 22' wide. (The currently used roadbed is approximately 14' wide). It also called for clearing approximately 4' on either side of the roadbed, thus clearing the entire 30' right of way. This would have eliminated all of the trees along Felder Street.

In addition, the plan called for storm water catch basins on both sides of Felder Street about halfway between Druid Place and Mansfield Avenue. The pipes from these basins would have gone underground down the left and right sides of Felder to connect with the storm water runoff line under Mansfield. The effect of this would have been to kill any trees in this stretch even if they were well outside the 30' path of clearing.

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Pave Paradise Two

By Roger Bakeman

It's not quite the Bridges of Madison County, but a tour of the unpaved streets of Candler Park can tell us a lot about our history, the city's internal workings, and what it takes to keep our neighborhood from being insensitively paved over.

I've had personal experience with our unpaved streets. We bought our first house in Atlanta in 1975 on Druid Place, just a few houses from Felder Street (see related article, this issue). And the second house we built at the end of the unpaved portion of Miller Avenue, off Oakdale Road, in 1978.

There had been two houses at the bottom of Miller: built in the 1910s, owned by black families (which I assume accounts for why the street was not paved when others in the neighborhood were), and torn down in the late 1960s when the last elderly resident of each house died.

Those of us who live in the four houses now on Miller have lived with, even enjoyed, our dirt road—although here at the bottom, run-off and flooding into our house has been a problem, especially as the street is not maintained following usual gravel road standards.

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The Messenger

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Kiss Me I'm Irish

By Donna Palmer

Do you ever notice how on March 17th, most Americans suddenly consider themselves to be of Irish descent? No matter what our ancestral evidence points to (e.g., last names such as Silverberg or mocha latte colored skin without a freckle in sight) many of us put on the blarney and pretend to be Irish even though the real Irish – those who actually live on the Emerald Isle – pay about as much attention to St. Patrick's Day as Mexicans do to Cinco de Mayo. And there's a good reason for this. Marketing people need to sell beer!

This wasn't so about 150 years ago. The part about marketing people needing to sell beer was true, but back then calling yourself an Irish man or woman wasn't such a hot potato. I've seen advertisements in 19th century newspapers soliciting for housekeepers or nannies and the last line would read: **No Irish**.

But time and tide have worked their magic and Americans who are the descendants of Irish immigrants proudly do the wearin' o the green and spout pithy phrases like "Erin go Bragh"...not that many know what that actually means. This brings me to another point: language. My latest step-father sent me an email recently asking if I thought that people who immigrate to this country should be required to learn the language. "Hell yes!" I wrote back. "The only question I have is do we learn to speak Cherokee, Iroquois, or what?"

I'm willing to bet that by the year 2158, all this hullabaloo over illegal immigrants will be as strange and bizarre to our children's children's children as **No Irish** is to us and that folks will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo and sporting buttons that read "Kiss me I'm Mexican".



Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath

Pave Paradise One

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The attached pictures help illustrate the magnitude of the problem. In the first one, our model shows the limit of the right of way up the embankment. In this shot, note that there is a large water oak in the back yard of 1224 Mansfield that would be killed by this plan. Similarly, the second picture shows a stone wall along 1232 Mansfield that would be wiped out and the large red oak in front of the property that would be put at serious risk.

We've gotten input from two developers, two arborists and a civil engineer and have been able to assemble a number of specific suggestions that would protect the trees along Felder Street. We hope to meet soon with city officials to share this input.



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Pave Paradise Two

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Early summer 2006, we got a letter from the city asking us to sign a construction easement. Proposed was a road 29 feet wide with a circular cul-de-sac 50 feet in diameter. (By comparison, Oakdale Road is 25 feet wide.) We objected to the amount of paving and to the lack of provision for run-off. The city returned in fall 2006 with a new plan: still a road 29 feet wide, but now a cul-de-sac 90 feet in diameter, and still no provision for run-off. Again we objected to the city; requested meetings with our city council person never materialized.

This fall the city came back with yet another plan: now a road 21 feet wide with some provision for drainage and a hammer-head cul-de-sac 60 feet in length, but with the road extended so that it would require relocating an existing utility pole and fire hydrant and, according to an arborist I talked to, endanger a mature black walnut tree (sound familiar?). We have asked the city to consider shortening the proposed street and locating the hammer-head in an abandoned, former right-of-way. We have not yet gotten a response, but our request was sent only a month ago. Stay tuned.

The optimistic view: the city listens and eventually, when prodded, can do the right thing, even though it doesn't save time and money by up-front consultation with affected neighborhood residents. The pessimistic view: the city likes to let contracts to do boiler-plate engineering drawings that are insensitive to actual topology and residents' concerns, pave over too much ground, and damage tree roots.

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No Country for Old Ivy

By Silvia Edelstein

Two seasons ago, I decided to weed out the English ivy strangling my backyard. The species name for English ivy, *Hedera Helix*, comes from ancient Greek meaning to twist or turn. Thick carpets of ivy on the forest floor choke out native vegetation preventing small animals and birds from reaching the ground for food. In addition, if the tree isn't already robbed of nutrients, vines can weigh down branches causing them to break. This evergreen perennial grows aggressively in deep shade and establishes its vertical hold with aerial rootlets.

In order to kill it, stems must be pulled from the roots. To eradicate ivy on trees, slice off a section, separating the vine from root, and then allow it to die on the tree. This is the better practice if pulling the vine will break a tree limb.

In the fall of 2004, my husband and I pulled ivy from our front lawn. We wanted to avoid pesticides so we laid down heavy black plastic to let the sun "solarize" and bake the roots. We haven't seen ivy there since then. However, it was a real eyesore for several months and I'm still surprised that my neighbors were so patient.

Our back lot is a much larger area, and honestly, I didn't have enough plastic. So after we pulled the ivy, we laid thick layers of our favorite local alternative newspaper. Tip one: be generous. Our friend Don only used a few sheets. The ivy came back. Tip two: use leaf refuse to disguise *and* weigh down the newspapers so they don't fly away. Over the course of the winter, the newspaper and leaves will turn to mulch--a welcome byproduct.

It took us every weekend for two months but when I see the thriving drought-resistant native plants and grateful birds, I'm reminded that a garden isn't just a garden—it's a delicately balanced ecosystem.

I wish all my neighbors could enjoy natural sanctuaries of their own making.

Hoes in the Pool

By Donna Palmer (Self-appointed Director for Life)

Howdy Bathing Beauties and Adoring Public. Have you noticed those nice city workers over there with those big strong back hoes rebuilding our pool? Why yes! The second season of the world-famous **Candler Park Water Ballet Company** will soon be upon us and this year may prove to be our best yet.

Mother Nature and the mayor have agreed to fix our pool and fill it with water by Memorial Day weekend. So, anyone who is interested in making a complete fool of yourself, join us for a get acquainted get together at our official watering hole, The Euclid Avenue Yacht Club. We'll dive in at 6:30 on Thursday, March 27th. Remember, the ability to swim is not necessary to join, but the ability to have fun is a requirement.

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Rites of Spring

By Mark Clement

Ahh, Spring. That wonderful time of year when this young man's fancy turns to warm sunshine and well, cold beer! And to help make merry, the annual Sweetwater 420 Festival/Earth Day celebrations are scheduled for Saturday, April 19th (noon to 11PM) and Sunday, April 20th (12:30 to 10PM). This festival is fast becoming THE spring-thing to do, and organizers are expecting 9,000 people each day. So you know what that means...please WALK (don't run) to the park.

Also, if you plan to ingest a tasty adult beverage, be sure to bring an ID and know that you'll have to buy a \$5 wrist band before they'll sell you a beer. This money is used to run the festival and for each wrist band sold, they've promised to give 25¢ to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. For more information, visit www.pemi.net/420fest.

Manly Support For Pigs and Golf

By James Johnson, Eminence Grease GAMBBQC&SG

The Greater Atlanta Men's Barbecue Club and Support Group is proud to announce the first annual **Bad Golf Tournament** to support wayward children. The tournament will be held March 29th at Candler Park Golf Course. Entry fees are \$35 and include greens fees, lunch, and male support. If you are interested in taking part please contact James Johnson at james.johnson@emory.edu for more information. Space is limited.

Now you are probably asking yourself "What is the Greater Atlanta Men's Barbecue Club and Support Group?" We are a loosely knit, randomly selected fraternal organization with roots shrouded in mystery and intrigue. Legend tells of a small group of mystics investigating all matters of esoteric knowledge. This group was the Arimathean Sus Searing & Eating Society. However given the unfortunate acronym and the general disdain for the consumption of pork in the area, the brotherhood was dispersed throughout the kingdoms of the earth. Some centuries later the GAMBBQC&SG was founded by Kenyon Thweatt, Self Proclaimed President for Life, of Lake Clair. We are a welcoming society that does not discriminate based on barbecue belief. Porcine and bovine are readily accepted however, there is still some debate about the existence of "barbecue chicken"

Always remember, you are what you eat.

Mary Lin Elementary Invites You To A Tour for Prospective Kindergarten Parents

Thursday, March 6th
9:30 - 10:30 am

Do you have a rising Kindergartner for the 2008-09 school year? If so, we'd love to have you come meet with us in the Mary Lin Auditorium for an introduction to our school.

Our Principal, Mr. Brian Mitchell, will give a brief presentation about Mary Lin, with time for Q & A. This will be followed by a tour of the school building and grounds.

As this is a regularly scheduled school day, we ask that you not bring your child, so as not to disrupt the instruction of our Mary Lin students.

Can't make this tour?

We hold tours every month - the next tour is scheduled for:

Thursday, April 3rd - 9:30 - 10:30 am

Already know your child will be attending Kindergarten at Lin?

Then mark your calendars for:

Mary Lin's Kindergarten Round-Up
Thursday, April 17th from 9:30 - 11:00

This is an opportunity for you AND your rising Kindergartner to come to Lin together. Your child will have the opportunity to experience an interactive session in a Kindergarten classroom, while you have the opportunity to hear from Lin's principal, Brian Mitchell; Curriculum Specialist, Robin Robbins; and members of Lin's Kindergarten team. Additionally, registration packets will be distributed, with members of our Registration Staff to accept registrations for your up-and-coming Kindergartner!

So, whether you come for the tour, or for the Round-Up, we always look forward to seeing you at Lin!

Questions? Contact Laura Lancaster Archer (a Mary Lin parent)
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By Richard Shapiro

Unfortunately the increase in Atlanta's crime rate has been staggering: according to Atlanta Magazine, in the first 6 months of 2007 compared to the first 6 months of 2006 homicide is up 48%, robbery up 25 %, home burglary up 17% and auto theft up 18% (while there have been several high profile incidents, in Zone 6 the numbers are not quite that high). It is critically important to do everything we can, to both reverse those increases and protect ourselves.

Now beginning its 10th year of existence, the Little 5 Points Atlanta Police Mini-Precinct continues to be a cornerstone in our multi-prong approach to reduce crime in our community. The Mini-Precinct continues to provide a crucial increased police presence in our community (crime has not risen here as much as it has in of the rest of Atlanta). We are particularly pleased that Officer Dino LaRosa, an aggressive officer with over 18 years of familiarity with the L5P area including many years as our local bicycle officer, has just been assigned to the L5P Mini-Precinct.

The L5P Mini-Precinct is a public/private partnership between the City of Atlanta and community. The community provided the funds to renovate the space and continues to pay for rent, utilities and other operating costs. The Police Dept. provides the officers, equipment, supplies, video surveillance, etc. The bulk of this satellite police station's funding comes from L5P Business Association members; there are also substantial contributions from the Inman Park Neighborhood Association and the Candler Park Neighbor Neighborhood Organization. The rest of the funding is provided by contributions from individual households in the area.

Since it opened, the increased presence and visibility 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. It's really a no-brainer, having more cops around makes criminals and problematic elements tend stay away and/or watch their behavior. This protects people, possessions and property values.

So be part of the solution, we need your help. Closing the Mini-Precinct would be irreversible, if it closes we won't get it back. That will make the criminals happy—but we'd suffer the consequences. Please send your contribution now. A yearly contribution of \$40 or more is suggested. It's a small price to pay to insure this valuable project continues to serve our area.

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[Editor's Note: Richard B. Shapiro, DDS is a member of the L5P Business Association.]

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From a Press Release

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- Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231)
- Georgia Certificate of Ear, Eye, and Dental Exam (Form 3300)
- Social Security card
- Notarized statement of residence affidavit (attached to registration packet)
- Deed, Current Mortgage Statement, or Lease
- Current Georgia power bill
- Driver's license or voided check with the in-zone address of residence
- APS Registration Form (which will be in the registration packet)

Want to get a jump on things? Registration packets are available in Lin's Front Office. Please contact T'wana Huff in the Mary Lin Front Office twuhuff@atlanta.k12.ga.us - or - 404.371.7158 if you have questions.

Kindergarten Round-Up - It's Time for Mary Lin's Annual Kindergarten Roundup Thursday, April 17th 9:30 – 11:00 am in the Mary Lin Auditorium

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Pre_K - Mary Lin Elementary will be hosting a Pre-K Open House on Tuesday, March 18th in the auditorium from 9:00- 10:30am. Parents can direct any questions they may have to the Pre-K office at 404-802-3638.



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A Modest Proposal

By the Food Freak

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With the magic and wonders of the internet at my fingertips, I sent T an email last week, begging for instructions. Here's what he wrote back:

The pressure cooker is the special piece of the puzzle. The medium simmer whistle is what you want. Follow the direction on the Corned Beef package, which is basically to add a few cups of water and the spice packet included with each beef. This method cooks the meat in half the time of boiling, hence the tender beef.

Cabbage, you just boil until tender or steam which takes longer. Add some salt and pepper if desired.

Don't forget the mashed potatoes. Try my trick for the perfect lump consistency: stagger putting the potatoes in the boiling water by few minutes or try chopping potatoes into different sizes leaving a few larger ones to guarantee some lumps. The other key to good mashed taters is plenty of salted butter - a stick or two depending on whether you're cooking 5 or 10 lbs of spuds. And be sure to use whole milk, or even half/half if you want to add richness.

We are missing you guys and thinking about St. Patrick's Day is making me cry. All the love in the world to the best support group I ever had.

I'm going to hunt up a pressure cooker and see if I can figure out how to coax a medium simmer whistle out of it. So if you hear a giant explosion, it will probably be coming from my kitchen, but it could just as easily be coming from my heart.

New Garbage Pick Up Days Announced

From a Press Release from the City of Atlanta's Dept of Public Works

Beginning March 3, 2008, the Office of Solid Waste Services will implement a new solid waste collection process. The most noticeable changes in the new solid waste collection process include:

- New collection days for most customers.
- Weekly collection of waste materials (garbage, recycling and yard waste).
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NPU-N Report

By Amy Stout

The following items from the 02/24/08 meeting of NPU-N are likely to be of interest to Candler Park residents.

The NPU-N board voted to defer consideration of an application to rezone the property at 1240 Euclid Avenue from R-4 (Single-Family Residential) to MR-4A (Multi-Family Residential) because the applicant was not present and because the neighborhood has not yet voted on this request.

We learned that the City plans to enact legislation that will raise water and sewer rates during a Level 4 Drought. There will be a public hearing on the proposal on Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30 pm in City Council Chambers. The ordinance calls for a 15% increase in all rates, except for the lowest tier of usage. (It is not clear whether the NPUs will be asked to review and comment on the ordinance at our March meetings, but I welcome your input in case it is on our agenda.)

Representatives from Grady Emergency Medical Services reported that Fulton County voted to eliminate funding for them effective July 1. The resulting budget deficits will translate to longer response times for ambulances. Although Grady does not officially serve us in the Dekalb County part of the city, they sometimes support Dekalb's EMS.

We approved a request by the Atlanta Humane Society to host their 18th annual Pet Parade in Candler Park on April 12th, consistent with CPNO's prior approval, but did not vote on a request to hold the 4th annual Sweetwater 420 Festival in Candler Park in April since the applicant was not present.

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Update on the Last Greenspace on Dekalb Avenue

By Cynthia Baer

The February 20th Tree Commission hearing on the appeal for saving the trees on the last greenspace on Dekalb Avenue was "interesting" to say the least. Teri Stewart was amazing as she worked through the "erroneous decisions" made by the arborist in approving the destruction of the majority of the trees on the property - including the historic pecan "Granmaw Gordon" who appears immune to Pecan Scab - for the construction of "Greenspace Condos" on the lot at 288 and 292 Gordon Avenue.

There was great disagreement among the board - but in the end it came down to this - they deferred denying the appeal for 30 days in order to allow the neighborhood to raise funds to purchase the property. Only a million dollars in 30 days! We are proceeding.

The Granmaw Gordon Greenspace fund is now set up through Park Pride - and all donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. You can donate online by going to www.parkpride.org and clicking on "donate" at the top. Be sure to choose the box for a specific project and type in "Granmaw Gordon Greenspace". You can also mail in checks made out to "Park Pride - Granmaw Gordon Greenspace".

If anyone has ideas as to where we may find funding to save the land to make it into a pocket park for pedestrians and cyclists, Granmaw Gordon would appreciate it. Contact Teri Stewart with questions at 404-370-1003.



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By Carla Key

"Banana.... Banana.....Banana.....Knock, KnockWho's There? *Orange* you glad I didn't say "Banana"! On March 30th, this cheer will be displayed on signs at the Candler Park Cheering Zone for the 2nd annual ING Georgia Marathon. In addition, we'll have our very own belly dancers, and we need the whole neighborhood to join us at the corner of Candler Park Drive and McClendon Avenue between 6:30 to 7:30 AM to cheer on the runners and help form the winning Cheering Zone. The top prize is \$10,000. Here are the areas where neighborhoods are judged, so bring your creativity and spirit:

- "ORANGENESS"- orange clothes, orange signs, orange wigs, orange balloons, orange blankets, orange chairs, orange hats, anything orange you have available in your house.
- OPENNESS, OPPORTUNITY AND OPTIMISM- we've got these written all over our faces ☺
- ENTHUSIASM- jumping, dancing, smiling, cheering
- VOLUME- bands, instruments, radios, noisemakers, megaphones, microphones, children's groups.
- INNOVATIVE/CREATIVITY-This should be a Candler Park Special - bellydancers, costumes, art, choirs, bands, or a unique theme.

And most important, money won or not, is that your cheering makes a difference for the runners who are running the marathon and half marathon. My husband and I both ran the race last year and our fondest memories are the enthusiasm and uniqueness of each neighborhood Cheering Zone. It shows the runners from around the world how diverse our in-town neighborhoods are, and reinforces that Atlanta is truly a special city. So come out early and help the runners complete 26.2 miles, and help Candler Park win \$10,000. The Mercantile (opening in May on Dekalb at Clifton) will provide muffins!



Street Closings. The following are the approximate times that the different streets will be closed in the vicinity of each of the mile points in our area. See map for Mile Markers. (Magnifying glasses are not included.)

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These Things Just Don't Happen

By Mark Clement

The 2008 Candler Park Fall Fest planning committee is off and running and I am proud to announce that we are ahead of the game. Go ahead and mark your calendars, this year's festival is scheduled for October 11th and 12th.

Due to the ongoing drought, the city has issued guidelines that prevent us from holding any activities on green space. This means this year's festival will look a bit different. For instance, the music venue will have to be moved from our beloved natural amphitheatre to the cul-de-sac at the bottom of the parking lot.

We've also formed committees and gotten people to run them. Mary Alice Bray will once again head up the Tour of Homes. Carla Key will once again be the Volunteer Wrangler. Laura Winters will once again head up the artist market. Regina Brandt has agreed again to run the Publix Kids area. And, after promising to release him from a headlock Mike Brandt has once again agreed to be the Treasurer.

There is also talk about doing a doing a kick-off party/volunteer appreciation rally. This committee will be headed up by Messenger editor Donna Palmer - although she does not know it yet. [Editor's Note: I do now. @#&*!!!]

I am also very excited about a new committee and committee member. Janea Boyles has agreed to head up the green committee. We are committed to making the Candler Park Fall Fest as green as possible with plenty of recycling and working with MARTA to add a shuttle from the Candler Park Marta station to the park.

Each of these committee members can be reached via our nifty web site. Just go to www.candlerparkfallfest.org and click the Contact Us link.

Now folks, please keep in mind this is our *neighborhood* festival primarily run by volunteers and we would love to have your comments, suggestions and assistance. These things just don't happen on their own you know. We meet every 3rd Tuesday at Epworth United Methodist church.

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Watching Over Candler Park's Waterways

By Tom Painter

In January I was walking along the naturalized creek that winds northward through the Candler Park golf course, checking on the plantings (aka "stakes") of Silky dogwood, Silky willow, Black willow, Box Elder, and other water-loving plants that a group of volunteers had put into place a year earlier. Many of the plantings are thriving in their new locations, and I encourage Candler Park neighbors to walk the creek and take a look! But even more amazing, I spied some very small fish in a quiet area a bit more than halfway to the PATH bridge. This was great! It suggested to me that organisms other than plants may be populating the creek, and this process may very gradually contribute to the hoped-for outcomes of improved water quality in the creek and portions of Peavine Creek downstream.

But not so fast! I also noticed that a bit closer to the north end of the golf course, the water had a turbid, almost milky appearance. I never learned why. Since then, there have been a couple reports of the creek water looking odd in spots, as though something foreign had been poured in. In one case, we are not sure what the problem is if there is one, but the Georgia Environmental Protection Division is looking into it. In another instance, someone from the City Division of Industrial Inspection & Stream Monitoring, Bureau of Watershed Protection, followed up. The explanation was that water was being pumped from a storm drain at a nearby construction site, resulting in a temporary change of color that is not a sign of harmful changes.

Observations and reports like these suggest that for the good of the water and the aquatic flora and fauna that we hope will populate and thrive in Candler Park creek, Peavine Creek, and other tributaries of the Chattahoochee River, it may be a good idea for Candler Park residents to keep an eye on our waterways and report developments that may signal trouble. But where do we report? Here are three contacts for you to use:

- 1) Clifford Ice, Pollution Control Monitor, Division of Industrial Inspection & Stream Monitoring, Bureau of Watershed Protection City of Atlanta, Tel. 404-546-1356, E-mail: cice@atlantaga.gov;
- 2) Tracy Hillick, Manager, Division of Industrial Inspection and Stream Monitoring, Bureau of Watershed Protection Department of Watershed Management, City of Atlanta, Tel. 404-546-1351
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Pet Parade participants will follow a mile-long scenic route through the beautiful Candler Park. For the past 4 years, the Candler Park neighborhood has been supportive of this event and AHS hopes that in exchange, walkers will support neighboring businesses and return often!

Registration is at 9:00 a.m. The Walk Start is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and festivities continue until 1:00pm. Walkers are required to register and are encouraged to pre-register by mail (981 Howell Mill, ATL 30318), on-line (www.atlantahumane.org) or in person at AHS. The registration fee is \$25 per person, but participants are encouraged to collect additional donations to support the animals. The registration fee includes a T-shirt and goody bag including giveaways for you and your pet! The top fundraising prize is a trip for two to Chicago, IL with a weekend stay at the InterContinental Chicago. The top youth prize (14 years and younger) includes a behind the scenes tour of the Georgia Aquarium and tickets for four to Six Flags White Water Adventure.

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CPNO Meeting Minutes 02.18.08
Compiled by Randy Pimsler

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, February 18, 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 7:00 pm. Approximately twenty-three 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 in the Messenger.

Skylar Rideout from the Atlanta Humane Society presented information on the Humane Society Pet Parade. This will be the fourth year for the Pet Parade in Candler Park. The event will take place on April 12th, 2008. Visit www.atlantahumane.org for additional information.

Teri Stewart, a master gardener, presented information on the last publicly accessible green space on Dekalb Avenue. Recently trees have been marked for removal, even though the land is on the market for sale. Forty hardwood trees are potentially to be lost to future development on this site. The tree commission hearing is Wednesday, April 20th at six pm at City Hall. For additional information contact Teri at 404 370 1003.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously authorizing the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization president, on behalf of CPNO to write a letter of support for the appeal of the tree permit issued administratively for trees to be removed 288 and 292 Gordon Avenue. Letters are to be sent to the Tree Commission, the Governor and the commissioner of Agriculture.

Major Probst from the Atlanta Police Department was enthusiastically greeted at the meeting. Major Probst reported that there have not been too many major issues in Candler Park. Car theft was beginning to creep across (east) Moreland Avenue as a major participant was arrested on Thursday of the past week in Inman Park. Vehicles, with plainly visible items, including gps devices were primary targets. Recently, random home break ins have been taking place in homes that appear to be vacant at the time of approaching the front door. These criminals appear to be looking for flat screen monitors. In addition, high cost blue jeans have been popular theft items in retail establishments. Some arrests have been made in each of these areas of crime by the Atlanta Police Department. Ruby Naylor presented information on Fraud and Vehicle Thefts.

Roger Bateman, from Miller Avenue reported on the proposed paving of Miller Avenue. The neighborhood was not aware of the proposed modifications to this road, including paving and a turn around.

No representatives were present from council person Anne Favre's office at this meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to send a letter to the councilperson's office informing her of this absence.

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

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CPNO February Meeting Minutes

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Committee Reports

James Johnson reported on a variety of land use matters. There was no meeting of the zoning committee during the month of February. 1240 Euclid Avenue will be at the next meeting, scheduled for March 5th. 1491 McLendon Avenue plan to do an addition, which will require a reduction in the setbacks. 299 Moreland Avenue will be applying for a liquor license permit.

Mark Clement was present and discussed the Pet Parade. Mark also reported on the 420 Festival, which will last for two days, April 19th and April 20th. A road race might be considered for the day of that event. The prospect of the road race was presented and Mark is looking for volunteers to work the event on Saturday. The Fallfest Planning Committee meets on February 19th at Epworth Church. This is the first planning committee for this event.

Jo Jo Ross reported that the first meeting of the Friends of Candler Park will be held this week on Thursday at Java Vino at seven pm. The ING Marathon Cheering Section is being coordinated by Ms. Ross at this time with the application pending for this event. For further information contact Jo Jo Ross at ross.jojo@gmail.com.

Tom Painter reported on the Infill Housing Committee, which will be presenting on February 27th at seven pm to share the findings of the committee related to infill development and possible options for new development. This presentation will review the impact on infill on the neighborhood to date as well as possible options for future plans in the neighborhood related to a possible historic district designation. The committee presentation will be followed by a question and answer period involving key members of the Urban Design Commission including Doug Young a staff member and Regina Brewer the chairperson of the UDC.

A vote to allocate an additional one hundred fifty dollars for the infill committee to produce signs. The motion was made seconded and carried unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



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Stalking the Wild Egg

By Jo Jo Ross

Children of all ages are invited to join the Friends of Candler Park on Saturday, March 22 to search for hidden eggs inside our beautiful park. The fun begins at 10 AM. Along with the egg hunt, we'll have face painting, photo ops with a giant bunny and yummy goodies from The Mercantile.

On February 21st the Friends of Candler Park met for our regular meeting and discussed the following:

- The Candler Park usage survey showed that we use our park for 1. walking, 2. pet walking and a tie for 3. jogging and relaxing
- Work day Saturday May 3rd. Invasive species removal around the basketball court.
- Voted to support the Green Committee during the Fall Fest.
- FCP will have advertising space at the Operation Boot Camp 420 fest booth to ensure we have booth coverage for the weekend.
- Talked about how the money from the ING cheering zone could support the park-maybe with a walking trail to support the usage survey results
- We discussed the process of getting a dog park in Candler Park and voted to begin work on it. First step being a survey.

Our next meeting is Thursday March 13th, 7PM at Java Vino (579 North Highland...please don't forget to buy something delicious to enjoy during the meeting as we use the space in trade!)



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


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A Cool and Gentle Breeze

By Donna Palmer

A few days ago as my dog and I were walking by our neighbor's house, a cool and gentle breeze came out of Hippie's hollow and coaxed a tune out of the chimes hanging on Eunice English's front porch. I couldn't help but wonder if this was the sound of Miss Eunice's spirit leaving this world. She's been battling cancer for a number of years and her daughter-in-law recently told me that she'd gone into hospice.

Eunice has been my neighbor for over 15 years. Our houses are only about a hundred steps or so apart, but until recently I'd only spoken to her a few times. The most I could say that I knew about her was that she could make flowers bloom in her yard in the dead of winter.

Eunice's husband is one of the neighbors who saw the man who broke into our house just before Thanksgiving. We all talked about what a shame it was, what a hassle, right before the holidays, blah, blah, blah.

One evening, not too long after that, I came home to find Eunice sitting out in front talking with my baboo. She was holding a small gift bag and wearing a smile. "I brought these for you" she said. Inside were two lovely necklaces with pairs of matching earrings. This was REAL jewelry in fancy leather boxes with fancy gold clasps. "It's too much!" I cried. "I can't accept these." She'd included a card that said what a "pisser" it was to lose your jewelry and she wanted to share some of hers with me.

"I know," I said "but this is just too much". That's when she turned and looked me right in the eye and said "Well, about the only thing good I can say about cancer is, you know you're going to die and you know you can't take it with you. So, I want you to have these pieces". I was overwhelmed. Still am.

As we slowly walked the hundred or so steps back to her house, I remember thinking how very lucky I was to be shown such grace and courage. I don't know what happens to us when we die, but I do believe that where ever Eunice English goes, there will be singing wind chimes, cool breezes and flowers that bloom in the dead of winter.

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Zone 6 Crime Report

Due to illness, Regina Brandt was unable to compile the crime report for February. Get well soon Regina!

Announcements

Thursday March 13th, 7PM - Friends of Candler Park meeting at Java Vino located at 579 North Highland. Contact Jo Jo Ross (404-547-8542 or JoJo@OperationBootCamp.com) for details.

Tuesday, March 18th, 9:00 – 10:30AM, Pre-K Open House in the Mary Lin auditorium. Parents can direct any questions they may have to the Pre-K office at 404-802-3638.

Saturday March 22nd, 10 AM - Egg Hunt in the Park. Sponsored by the Friends of Candler Park. Contact Jo Jo Ross (404-547-8542 or JoJo@OperationBootCamp.com) for details.

Thursday, March 27th, 6:30 PM – Candler Park Water Ballet Company meets at the Euclid Avenue Yacht Club. Contact Director for Life Donna Palmer (404.377.2700 or palmerx2@speakeasy.net).

Saturday, March 29th - Greater Atlanta Men's Barbecue Club and Support Group is proud to announce the first annual **Bad Golf Tournament** to support wayward children. If you are interested in taking part (or consider yourself a wayward child) please contact James Johnson at james.johnson@emory.edu for more information. Space is limited.

Sunday March 30th, 6:30 AM – ING Marathon. See the "Community" link at www.inggeorgiamarathon.com

Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 AM – Atlanta Humane Society's 18th Annual Pet Parade. Walkers are required to register and are encouraged to pre-register by mail (981 Howell Mill, ATL 30318), on-line (www.atlantahumane.org).

Thursday, April 17th, 9:30 – 11:00 am - Kindergarten Roundup in the Mary Lin Auditorium. Registration packets are available in Lin's Front Office. Contact T'wana Huff twhuff@atlanta.k12.ga.us - or - 404.371.7158 if you have questions.

Saturday April 19th Sweetwater 420 5K Road Race. The race starts 11:00 a.m. at intersection of Page Ave and McLendon (near Fellini's). It ends at Candler Park Drive and McLendon. Proceeds to benefit Candler Park Neighborhood Association. Contact Ed Williams - 404-327-7738 or go to www.sweetwater420fest.com.

Saturday May 3rd, 8:30AM – Friends of Candler Park work-day (in the park Sparky!) Contact Jo Jo Ross (404-547-8542 or JoJo@OperationBootCamp.com).

Let's Talk Traffic and Transit

An invitation from the City of Atlanta Department of Planning & Community Development

You are invited to a series of open, multi-day workshops for the Connect Atlanta Plan.

The Connect Atlanta Plan is a yearlong planning process to develop the City's first citywide transportation plan. These interactive sessions are designed for you to drop by at your convenience and work with us on specific transportation challenges in your area.

While the public can come anytime during the day, each multi-day workshop will have an introductory and final meeting in order to introduce you to the plan and workshop and then to present the work accomplished during the week. Your input is critical to this effort; please join us in your neighborhood!

- Workshops for the Northeast & Eastside (NPU's E, F, M, N, O, W) will be held March 24-27, 2008
- Location: City Hall East – 675 Ponce de Leon Avenue, NE
- Kickoff: Monday, March 24th at 6:30 pm
- Recap: Thursday, March 27th at 6:30 pm
- Workshops; Open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Directions: MARTA Bus #2 (Ponce de Leon/Avondale Estates) from North Avenue Station
- Parking: Available in first level of parking deck from Ponce de Leon entrance

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