## The Messenger

March 2009 News for Candler Park Your In Town Hometown

#### **Meetings and Events**

### CPNO general meeting March 16<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> FI. (or as shown)

**All are welcome** - only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by first of month of meeting.

#### **March General Meeting Agenda:**

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and February minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Vote authorization to spend \$10,000 to put on 2009 420 5K road race
- Vote \$10,000 Friends of Iverson Park (proceeds of 2008 ING Marathon)
- Vote special event permit application 790 The Zone Midsummer Music Festival scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> 2009
- Land Use Matters
- Vote on variance for 294 Elmira Place
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit April agenda items to any CPNO officer by March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

#### **Events Calendar (open to all)**

Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am
Friends of Candler Park – park cleanup

Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm CPNO General Meeting - First Existentialist Congregation

Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm CPNO FallFest Committee – Epworth UMC, James Dobbins Hall (front entr.)

Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9 am
Friends of Iverson Park – park cleanup

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm CPNO Historic District Committee -Epworth United Methodist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm pm

## Economic Downturn + Atlanta Deficits = Less Police + More Crime

By Richard Shapiro

Do the math. Despite dueling statistics on crime rates, one thing's for sure—we are all still concerned about the level of crime, several terrible incidents recently, the 10% Atlanta Police reductions, and the dangerous world we live in. It is critically important to do everything we can to protect ourselves.

Now beginning its 11th 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. While there is no magic bullet, each step we take helps incrementally. The Mini-Precinct continues to provide a crucial increased police presence in our community; now more critical than ever with Police furloughs and reductions in force. But we need your help to keep it open.

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 Neighborhood Organization. The rest of the funding is provided by contributions from individual households in the area.

Yes we pay taxes, yes there should be enough cops on the streets, yes we should be fighting mad and fighting hard to improve that, and yes in a perfect world we wouldn't have to pay extra for better police coverage—but it's not a perfect world, crime continues to be a major problem and we have to face the realities. Having a Mini-Precinct here is a great opportunity for us to get a lot of police presence bang for our private bucks.

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#### In Like a Lion...



Photograph courtesy of Greg Askew.

### The Messenger

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#### **Stopping the Bad Guys**

By Donna Palmer

Last Saturday morning, I was doing much of nothing when a gentle knock came at our front door. I recognized the homeless man standing there, but couldn't believe my ears when he actually said he was "part of the neighborhood watch". He also wanted to know if I needed any yard work done—a well known ploy for criminals. I said "No. Thank you." and he walked away. Now I'm not saying this guy is a criminal, but never the less, **never open the door**. *Ever*. A few minutes later, good neighbor Pedro knocked at the front door and asked what the homeless man had wanted. I told him the bit about the neighborhood watch and we both sniggered.

These events got me to thinking about something City Councilmember Anne Fauver said at the last CPNO meeting. It seems that ours is the only established neighborhood in the city of Atlanta that has no locally based anti-crime program. No neighborhood watch. No security patrol. Nothing. How can this be? Aren't we a vibrant community that enjoys its fair share of car break-ins, home invasions and other exciting forms of criminal activity? Why hasn't Candler Park come together to fight this thing?

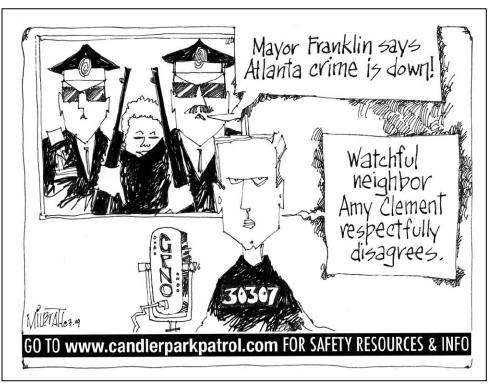
Turns out we have. Well, we've started to. Doug Wetzel is marshalling people at his website <a href="www.canderparkpatrol.com">www.canderparkpatrol.com</a>. He's got some good ideas on what we as citizens can do to thwart the criminal element and yes, it can and does involve partying. Woo hoo! So let's get started by taking the survey on Doug's website. Maybe we can't stop the bad guys, but we can sure as hell try.

#### To Catch a Thief

By Mark Clement

On the morning of February 11<sup>th</sup>, Amy Clement was on the way back from a pre K drop off when she saw a strange car in a neighbor's drive with two strange persons in the yard. Amy came home and wrote down the tag number. We both decided to take a look outside...nothing, no one, everything's cool. But hey, what the heck, let's call it in. We did, and 911 said there was a silent alarm going off at the residence. We gave them the tag number and it turns out the car was stolen.

The 911 operator put out an APB and just 3 blocks away, an officer looks up, and there they are--in the Marta parking lot. Chase, crash, now the driver and passenger are on foot. Ten minutes later a cop convention in Candler Park *with* a helicopter. Two hours later they catch the guys hiding in a hole under a deck. My Wife ROCKS!



#### L5P Mini-Precinct

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It's really a no-brainer, having more cops around (staffing the precinct, bike and motorcycle patrols headquartered there, officers coming and going, taking breaks, etc.) makes criminals and problematic elements tend to stay away and/or watch their behavior. This protects people, possessions and property values.

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. Keeping the Mini-Precinct here requires funding. Please send your contribution now. And if you haven't contributed to the Mini-Precinct Fund in the past, now is a good time to consider joining the hundreds 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 \$40 or more is suggested. It's a small price to pay to insure this valuable project continues to serve our area. Please invest in your community and send your check to:

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#### **New Ordinance Would Allow Homeless Shelters in Candler Park**

NPU-N Report from February 2009 Meeting By Amy Stout

#### **Proposed City Ordinances:**

At last month's Neighborhood Planning Unit N meeting, we discussed proposed ordinance Z-08-48 that defines both "shelter" and "supportive housing" and clarifies what zoning districts they may be located in. We were told that current city code does not distinguish between the two types of facilities and only allows them in zoning districts where hotels are allowed.

With this new legislation, Shelters could be located in Commercial zoning districts (such as some of the parcels along Dekalb Avenue or the business district at Clifton and McLendon). In addition, Supportive Housing could be located in many zoning districts including SPI-7 (the former DOT property including areas on North, Terrace, and Moreland Avenues), all MR zoning (such as the recently rezoned church property at 1240 Euclid Avenue), RG areas (including many apartment and condominium complexes in our neighborhood) and PDH parcels.

I voted against the proposal primarily because it is inconsistent to allow supportive housing in the SPI-7 areas but not the other single-family residential areas adjacent to them and because I felt that the neighbors who worked long and hard with developers on the 1240 Euclid development did not have this type of use in mind during their negotiations.

Without getting a vote from the neighborhood organization ahead of time, I thought it was better to err on the side of caution and not support what could be very controversial changes. This legislation is rapidly on its way to a vote by the Zoning Committee and City Council. If you have strong feelings either way, I urge you to contact Councilmembers and/or attend these meetings.

We also voted to support an ordinance that will create a new zoning category called "Planned Development-Conservation Subdivision" that is designed to allow single-family dwellings clustered together on smaller lots than zoning regulations would typically allow and located away from sensitive environmental resources on the property. The intent of the ordinance is to protect water quality, increase greenspace in the city and protect it from future development.

#### **Land Use and Zoning Matters:**

The board voted to support the proposed Master Plan for the BeltLine Subarea 5 (area from MARTA tracks north to Ponce de Leon).

There were no Candler Park cases on our agenda.

#### According to City of Atlanta representatives...

The City of Atlanta proposed budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2009 should be released to the public on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Citizens are encouraged to participate in public hearings, contact elected officials, and advocate for priority services given the current economic climate. City Council and Committee meetings are broadcast on Channel 26 and available for download on the City's website.

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#### NPN-U

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Fire Station 12 has had both trucks pulled out of service ~5 times in 2009 because of the budget cut-induced blackouts and brownouts. We were reminded to PLEASE check our smoke detectors!

There is no word yet whether the Candler Park pool will open for the 2009 season.

The soccer field in Candler Park will not need to be closed for repairs after all.

#### **Special Event Permit Applications:**

We voted to approve one for the Atlanta Humane Society's Pet Parade to be held in Candler Park on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, but we took no action on one for the Paideia School's Field Day to be held in Candler Park on April 3<sup>rd</sup> because the applicant was not present.

#### Other:

MARTA representatives indicated they may increase fares to \$2 and may reduce service by 5%.

The next meeting of NPU-N will be Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Little Five Points Community Center. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:akstout@emory.edu">akstout@emory.edu</a> if you have questions or comments on the issues discussed above. I represent all Candler Park residents and property owners as a voting member of the NPU-N board.

## Park Pride's 8th Annual Parks and Greenspace Conference

From a Press Release

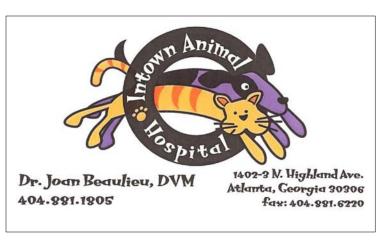
20/20 Vision for Parks: Learning from the past, looking to the future. Monday, March 16, 2009 at the Atlanta Botanical Garden Online registration at: <a href="mailto:parkpride.kintera.org/2009Conference">parkpride.kintera.org/2009Conference</a>

Keynote Speaker Doug Farr, author of Sustainable Urbanism – Urban Design with Nature. Hear from experts in parks, urban planning, smart growth and development explore the vital role that parks play in healthy communities and green, livable cities.

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#### A Candler Park Community Garden—Can You Dig It?

By Carter Tracy

All over Atlanta, people are getting the buzz that fresh, local organic produce is the key ingredient in healthy living. We know that most of the non-organic produce in the grocery store has been treated with pesticides toxic both to our bodies and to the environment. We also know that commercially grown produce, cultivated in over-used and chemically treated soil lacks many of the essential nutrients we need to sustain a long and healthful life. With the sure signs of a global ecological crisis showing up everywhere, growing fresh food locally is one simple thing we can do to make a difference to our own health, the health of our family and friends, and to the whole world.

In many Atlanta neighborhoods, community garden projects are helping bring people together and creating more sustainable living. People come out to enjoy the weather, share their skills and make new friends in the neighborhood. In the end, there is fresh food to enjoy and the good feelings of knowing you are doing something truly valuable for your community.

Here in Candler Park, we are blessed to have ample green space – both public and private, where we can enjoy our beautiful Georgia climate and foliage. I think creating an educational community garden in Candler Park will be a wonderful way to celebrate our wonderful neighborhood, educate our children about sustainable living, and give back to the City Atlanta.

Park Pride has already laid the necessary foundations for committed neighborhood groups to plan and build community gardens on City Park land. All we need are some people, some plans, a shovel or two and a handful of seeds! So if there are a few of you Candler Park neighbors out there, who would like start a conversation about creating a garden in Candler Park, please email me. If there is enough interest, let's start talking!

If you are interested in starting a community garden in the park, please email Carter Tracy at carter@spiritsolver.net.



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#### Clean Fun in Iverson Park

By Eric Dusenbury

The Friends of Iverson Park (FOIP) are sponsoring a clean up day for Iverson Park on Sunday March 22 from 9:00-12:00. During the clean up we will be clearing the underbrush along the east and west sides of the park. We will also be mulching some of the larger trees in the park. There is poison ivy in the areas being cleared so please wear gloves, long sleeve shirts, and full length pants. FOIP will supply beverages, coffee, and some tools. However, you are encouraged to bring your favorite pair of clippers.

FOIP is also working on a "play day" in the park which will occur sometime in April. Look for details in next month's Messenger. Please contact Eric Dusenbury at 404-522-7130 or <a href="mailto:dusenbur@bellsouth.net">dusenbur@bellsouth.net</a> if you have any questions about the clean-up or any ideas for the play day.

#### Request for funding for Iverson Park

At this month's CPNO meeting we will hear a request to spend \$10,000 in Iverson Park towards the implementation of a walking trail around the periphery of the park. Here are some details regarding the request:

- FOIP has received a couple of preliminary estimates for the trail and they both came in at around \$10,000.
- FOIP hopes to use this funding as a match when requesting funding for other improvements in the park.
- The \$10,000 would come from the money the neighborhood won for best cheering section during last year's ING Marathon. That money is designated for fitness initiatives within Candler Park.

The plan for the proposed improvements appeared in the December 2008 Messenger and will be available for review at the March CPNO meeting. Please contact Eric Dusenbury at 404-522-7130 or <a href="mailto:dusenbur@bellsouth.net">dusenbur@bellsouth.net</a> if you have any questions or are interested in joining the Friends of Iverson Park.

#### **Carter Center Gets a Makeover**

From a Press Release

Former U. S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, announce a major renovation to the current presidential museum in Atlanta. The \$10 million building project, funded entirely by private donations, will chronicle the life of the 39th president from his birth in 1924 through the post-presidency.

The current museum, built in 1986, will be closed to the public Monday, April 27, and the revitalized landmark will reopen on Oct. 1, 2009, Carter's 85th birthday.





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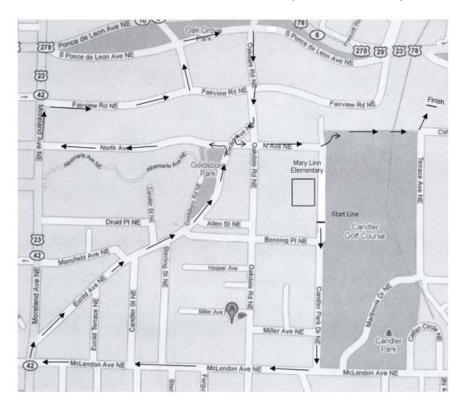


#### On the Road Again

By Amy Stout

This month runners in and out of Candler Park will be able to enjoy not one but two road races. Here's the skinny on both:

Race #1 – Atlanta Women's 5K will be held in Atlanta on **Saturday, March 21**<sup>st</sup> with a starting time of 8AM. In most cases, only one lane of traffic will be closed, but Candler Park Drive may be closed entirely for the take off.



Race #2 - ING Marathon

The third annual ING Georgia Marathon will be held in Atlanta on **Sunday, March 29**. The runners will again come through our neighborhood, and there will be many streets closings. Please see list of local street closures and times listed below. Plan ahead to avoid being stuck.

Street Closings	Time Closed*	Time Reopened*
Moreland from McLendon north to Freedom Pkwy	7:15 am	9:05 am
North Ave from Moreland east to Candler Park Dr	7:25 am	9:39 am
Candler Park Dr from North Ave south to McLendon	7:25 am	9:39 am
McLendon from Candler Park Dr east to Clifton	7:30 am	9:56 am
Clifton from McLendon north to South Ponce	7:30 am	9:56 am

<sup>\*</sup> All times are approximate

If you have questions or concerns, contact Peggy Rogers, Director of Community Outreach for the ING Georgia Marathon, at <a href="mailto:peggy@inggeorgiamarathon.com">peggy@inggeorgiamarathon.com</a> or 404-405-0737. She can recommend detours and will know how many, if any, of the lanes of the streets listed above will be available for car traffic, etc. A map of the rate route is available online <a href="mailto:www.inggeorgiamarathon.com/Marathon/Course.htm">www.inggeorgiamarathon.com/Marathon/Course.htm</a>

#### **Irish Scalloped Potatoes**

By The Food Freak

St. Patrick's Day is not far away and while folks in Candler Park don't actually *need* an excuse to party, we do like the idea of a ready-made theme. This year, I'm going to buck tradition and make the Pork Oh Wow! dish that was described in the January 2009 issue of the Messenger. (Look it up online if you didn't save a copy - <a href="https://www.candlerpark.org">www.candlerpark.org</a>. Not only is the pork a wee bit cheaper than beef, but my baboo actually prefers it. So, there you are. The obligatory side dish of potatoes will get a make-over as well. Here's the recipe – it serves 8 hungry folks:

8 medium potatoes, scrubbed and peeled ½ cup flour (more or less) 3-4 cloves of garlic, minced salt 'n peppa

3 cups milk (more or less) 1 stick real butter 1 small onion, minced Fresh parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 350° and grease a pretty baking dish.

Slice the potatoes into ¼ inch rounds. Place in medium sauce pan and cover with milk. Bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. When foam subsides, add onions and garlic. Saute the veggies, stirring frequently, until onions are soft, and then add the flour. Reduce heat and cook the roux for about 5 to 10 minutes.

Drain the potatoes, reserving the hot milk, and place in the pretty baking dish. Slowly pour a bit of the hot milk into roux and stir. Keep adding milk and stirring until you get a thick sauce. Adjust seasoning with salt 'n peppa and then pour over potatoes.

Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until brown and bubbly. Sprinkle potatoes with minced parsley and enjoy!

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All proceeds benefit the Granmaw Gordon Greenspace as managed by Park Pride and are tax deductible

#### FallFest 2009

By Mark Clement

The Fall Fest 2009 edition planning is underway. This year the committee has an added sense of importance since this year is the 100 year anniversary of Candler Park. The Fall Fest committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month, with the exception of March, as that Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day. The March meeting will be held on the 18th.

If you would like to get involved to help shape our neighborhood festival you are more than welcome to attend and get involved. We meet at 7:00 at Epworth Methodist on the corner of Mell and McClendon. We will meet in the historical room.



#### **Home, Sweet Tour of Homes**

By Mary Alice Bray

We're looking again for some great houses and lofts for the 2009 Tour of Homes. The tour will be Sunday of Fall Fest weekend, October 11<sup>th</sup>. This event provides an opportunity to show off our unique neighborhood and highlight the history of Candler Park. It's a money-raiser for the neighborhood but also a lot of fun. Thanks to all of the homeowners, volunteers and tour goers who made last year's tour a big success!

We need to finalize the list of homes by July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to have the tour booklets ready for advanced ticket sales. Please contact me if you are interesting in volunteering your home, no matter how big or small, or if would like to be on the Tour of Homes committee. I can be reached at maryabray@aol.com or 404-522-5455.



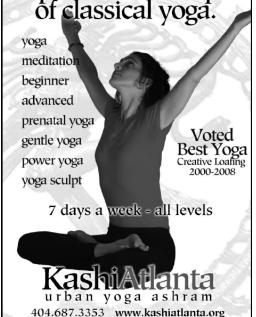
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#### **Saving the Candler Park Forest**

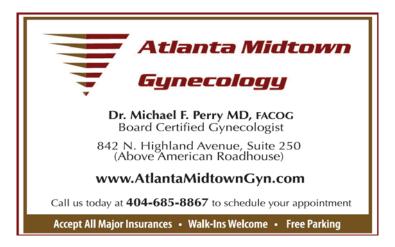
By Jeremy F. Dahl (Director, Deep Forest Field School, Inc.)

Given such rapid development it's almost a miracle that Atlanta not only still has a substantial amount of forested habitat but that some of this is really special. The forest refuge of Fernbank, for example, is one of the largest pieces of "Old Growth" urban forest in the US. By virtue of their connection along the Lullwater Stream and the woods of the Frazer Center, the trees of Candler Park are a part of this. A recent evaluation by the Deep Forest School DFFS. Field (or www.deepforestfieldschool.org) shows how Candler Park can and does contribute in its role as a "buffer zone". The neighborhood trees play a critical part in how this forest cleans our air and provides both educational and recreational resources.

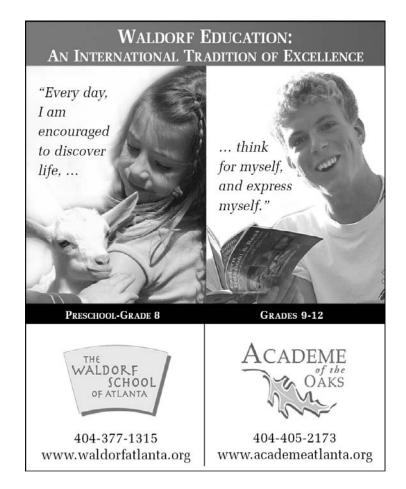
The bad news is that many of our beautiful trees are under attack from invasive vines and shrubs - the notorious kudzu, the pervasive English Ivy, and the strangling effects of Chinese Wisteria and Japanese Honeysuckle. Shrubs such as Privet are preventing the growth of new tree seedlings and saplings that are keys to the forests' future.

Kudzu overwhelms both young and old trees at the forest edge, and recent research shows that it is a significant producer of ozone, a toxic ingredient of smog. The other vines compete with the native trees for nutrients and critical ground water throughout a wooded area, and increase the probability that a tree will be blown down. English Ivy serves as a reservoir for bacterial Leaf Scorch that infects our oaks, elms, and maples.

Based on its forest conservation experiences in the tropics, threats posed by invasive species were given a high priority by the DFFS, and in 2003 "Machete Man" began cleaning English Ivy from Atlanta's trees. This specialized service was further developed as part of the non-profit Field School. If you have invasive species in your trees, be in touch with "Machete Man", or a similar specialized service, and get these harmful plants eliminated: Community projects on public lands can be organized. You can be contributing to cleaner air, the reduction of your carbon-footprint, and the long-term survival of our invaluable forest.







#### **Hippity Hoppity The Egg Hunt Is On It's Way!**

By Jo Jo Ross

The Friends of Candler Park is proud to present the 2nd Annual Egg Hunt in Candler Park on Saturday, April 11th. Festivities start at 10 AM. Come for pictures with the Bunny, face painting and family fun! Yummy goodies supplied by the Mercantile. If you would like to help, donate plastic eggs, or any skills please contact JoJo (<a href="mailto:ross.jojo@gmail.com">ross.jojo@gmail.com</a>) or join us at our regular meeting (during the social hour before the regular monthly CPNO meeting).

Planning has started for the 2009 ING Georgia Marathon Cheering Zone-please contact me for more information and mark your calendar to be on the streets of Candler Park on March 29, 2009 cheering on runners and earning cash for the park.

This year we've got some great activities planned including a rain barrel making workshop in March (just in time for April showers!). Join your neighbors and build friendships and a rain barrel. Neighbor Rebecca Frye will be guiding us through the process which she completed last spring. Along with your enthusiasm please bring the following materials (we'll have the tools):

- 55 gallon food grade barrel (can be found usually on Craigslist on internet sites that sell barrels \$20 plus shipping from <a href="http://www.arizonabarrels.com/">http://www.arizonabarrels.com/</a>)
- 3/4 inch water faucet with washer and ring
- 1.25 inch PVC pipe for overflow
- Gutter cap, hose clamp and window screening for the intake
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The materials (barrel plus the above) should be about \$30 tops. The Ace in VA Highlands has all the materials and have been very helpful for Rebecca. For more information and pics of the process check out Rebecca's website <a href="mailto:greenvilleamerica.com/rainbarrels.htm">greenvilleamerica.com/rainbarrels.htm</a>

The Friends of Candler Park meet the 3rd Monday of month at 6:30 PM before the CPNO meetings.



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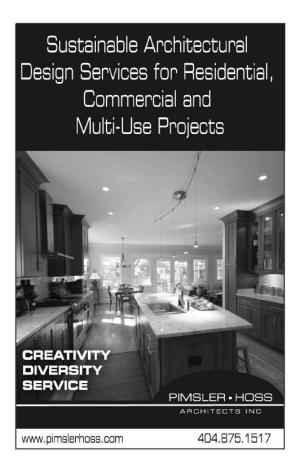
#### Leaving a Legacy, One Brick at a Time

By Regina A. Brewer Mary Lin PTA President

Mary Lin Elementary PTA has launched a new fundraiser—a bricks campaign that will beautify the playground and create a lasting legacy at the school. Several years ago, due to the generosity of the community, we were able to construct a wonderful playground at Mary Lin. While the equipment is still in great shape, the landscape around it has major erosion and drainage issues. Unfortunately, the Atlanta Public School system does not fund playgrounds or playground improvements.

To solve these problems, we had a landscape design completed which addresses the issue with brick paver pathways that allow better drainage and help prevent erosion. This is a large project and will be broken up into different phases. Our goal for the first phase is to sell 400 bricks starting at \$45 each. We hope you will choose to be part of this wonderful opportunity. Also, bricks are tax deductible!

The bricks can be purchased online at <a href="mailto:www.marylinelementary.com/shop">www.marylinelementary.com/shop</a>. Contact Cherie King at <a href="mailto:fundraising@marylinelementary.com">fundraising@marylinelementary.com</a> if you have any questions.



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#### **CPNO Meeting Minutes** February 2009

Compiled by Maureen Wilce

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, February 16, 2009 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Church, with Amv Stout in the Approximately 28 members were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

City Councilmember Anne Fauver announced that there will be a meeting on Public Safety March 4, 7pm at Inman Middle School. She reported that she held a meeting with 11 neighborhoods represented, to share ideas about safety. One neighborhood had private security, others have neighborhood watch. Costs and level of volunteer effort varies widely. She suggested Candler Park develop something.

She also explained that now false alarms will be charged to the resident. The first false alarm each year is forgiven, but fees increase for each after. 93% of calls are false alarms. She also noted that for City collections agencies are used. These firms charge a fee, which will be added to the fine.

She also noted that there have been delays in the City budget, but there is a new CFO who will try to clean up the The City will have a \$9 system. million deficit. Everyone has taken a 10% cut. The mayor insists everyone should be treated equally. The police are handling this professionally; the fire department is having excessive absences.

Major Renee **Propes** Zone Commander, Atlanta Police, reported increase in car break-ins burglaries. Recently two habitual thieves have been caught, including one Wednesday morning. Neighbors need to express concerns to judges regarding prosecution of these crimes. To learn effective strategies, March 7 Court Watch training will be offered. Question was asked regarding webcams, which are allowed as long as looking at public domain. few lines/wires have been cut to stop alarms. Reinforced doors and strike plates are good to help prevent breakins.

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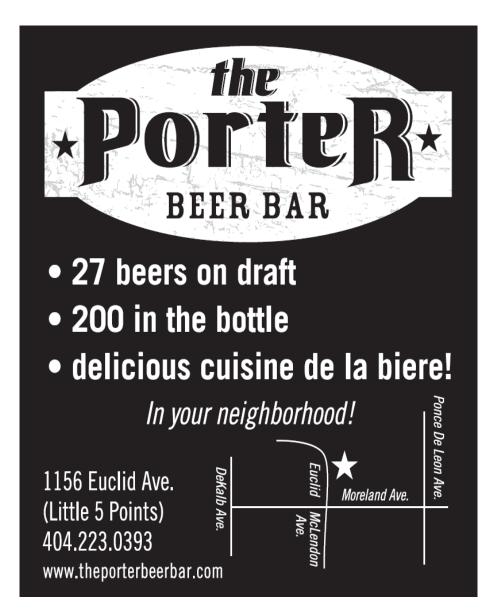
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Atlanta Police Inspector Ruby Naylor reported 14 of 37 of burglaries in the area were of flat screen TVs, 7 were of laptops.

Schuyler Rideout requested support for the Pet Parade for the Atlanta Humane Society. The parade will be May 2. Route will go down Terrace (a change from the February Messenger). This year they anticipate 1,000 participants. Route will be expanded and hours will be expanded. One lane of traffic will be closed. The event was unanimously approved.

The Track Club was not represented to share information with the neighborhood regarding their run on March 21.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Mark Clement announced the 420 Fest would be held in April. Fall Fest meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Epworth, at 7 pm.

Amy Stout reminded everyone to renew membership for 2009. The grace period for 2008 membership ends with tonight's meeting.

The zoning committee will review 294 Elmira next month.

Doug Wetzel updated the membership of his efforts regarding neighborhood security. So far, 26 people filled out the survey regarding security. Candlerparkpatrol.com website has links and there will be flyers to encourage people to join. He noted 60% crime is car break-ins. A suggestion was made to have an e-mail alert list. The link to this site will be added to the Candler Park website.

Janea Boyle presented on new City legislation regarding specialty groceries. There are 4 currently in the city. It regards wine and beer licenses for "specialty food shops," which are limited in size. If passed, wine and beer will be available to go (not served on site). Concerns were expressed that no drive through be allowed, also that the legislation included no specific distance to private residence. Please contact her at the Mercantile for more information.

Peter Michelson, founder of Renewal Design Build, presented on green renovations. Responding to questions: options for historic windows exist – special storm windows, extra insulation in the attic, and efficient HVAC systems. Tankless water heaters generally make sense for families. Sealed attics and crawl spaces are possible, so vents are no longer needed. Contact heather@renewaldesignbuild.com for copies of the presentation.

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#### **Announcements:**

- Eric Dusenbury announced Friends of Iverson Park will have a 3/21 work day. They are also looking for funds for the walking trail, more information will follow in the Messenger.
- There will be an on-going fundraiser for Granmaw Gordon Greenspace – "coupons for a cause," please see the board at Donna van Goghs.
- Lexa King shared some home improvement magazines and information on refinancing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45

#### Messenger Takes Green Baby Steps

By Donna Palmer

You may (or may not!) have noticed the change in the type of paper used to print this month's Messenger. We're using a lighter weight stock that includes a much higher (30%) recycled content. Please recycle each issue or better yet, pass it along to a friend!

Also, did you know that each month, the Messenger is posted online – generally around the first week of the month? It's true! So, if you are anxiously awaiting your copy and your <u>volunteer</u> delivery person is a bit late, go to <u>www.candlerpark.org</u> and click on the Messenger links. There's even an archive of past issues for your reading pleasure.



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#### **CPNO Treasurer's Report for 2008**

Compiled by Alonzo Church

CPNO Account Balance-Beginning of Year \$38,401.35

#### Revenue

Messenger Ads	\$29,139.59
Member Donations	\$535.00
Sweetwater 420 Festival <sup>1</sup>	\$21,043.25
Donation from 790 the Zone	\$5,000.00
Fall Ball Ticket Sales	\$1,285.00
Return of Funds from FallFest Bank Account	\$15,076.90
ING Marathon Spirit Contest Proceeds	\$10,000.00
Other Income <sup>2</sup>	\$1,651.72

All Revenue \$83,731.46

#### **Expenditures**

Messenger Printing	\$13,510.00
Funding of Fall Fest Bank Account	\$16,500.00
Funding of the 420 5K Road Race	\$9,260.90
Fall Ball Expenses	\$1,649.21
D & O Insurance	\$900.00
Pool Lawsuit Settlement and Attorney's fees	\$12,829.45
Administrative Expenses <sup>3</sup>	\$2,790.20
Grants ⁴	\$1,500.00

All Expenses \$58,939.76

Balance - End of Year \$63,193.05

#### Net Revenue - Fund Raising Activity

Messenger	_	-	\$15,629.59
Special Events			\$16,782.35
FallFest			\$(1,423.10)
FallBall			\$(364.21)

<sup>1</sup>Profit from road race and beverage arm band sales



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Rental fees for meeting space, corporate registration

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Freedom Park Conservancy, Little Five Points Community Center

#### **Zone 6 Crime Report**

Compiled by David Bruce

**400 block Candler St** – Larceny from auto - 1/1 Thurs Morn. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim's vehicle. Nothing taken.

**400 block Candler St** – Larceny from auto - 1/1 Thurs Morn. Someone smashed a driver side window on two vehicles and removed \$2 in change from one \$1 in change from the other.

**1200 block Euclid Ave** – Larceny from auto – Between 12/31 Wed Eve to 1/1 Thurs morn. Someone smashed the rear driver side window on the victim's vehicle. Nothing missing.

**1300 block Euclid Ave** – Larceny from auto – Between 12/29 Mon Eve to 12/30 Tue Morn. Someone smashed the victim's driver side window and removed stereo system from vehicle.

**1300 block McLendon Ave** – Larceny from auto - 1/1 Thurs Morn. Someone damaged the victim's driver side door lock, entered his vehicle, and damaged the center console. Nothing taken.

**1400 block Miller Ave** – Larceny from auto – 1/2 Fri Eve. Someone smashed the driver side window on the victim's vehicle. Nothing taken.

**300 block Oakdale Rd** – Auto theft recovery - 12/31 Wed Eve. Officer responded to a suspicious vehicle call. Officer located the vehicle still running and confirmed that it had been stolen.

**1400 block Benning PI** – Burglary - 1/5 Mon Day. Victim reports returning home to discover the bathroom window open. The alarm system was beeping and indicated a hit on the rear French doors, the alarm company stated the alarm was faulty. There were signs of tampering with the lock on the French doors. Nothing taken.

**1200 block Euclid Ave** – Pedestrian robbery - 1/6 Tues Morn. The victims, two W/F, stated it was pouring rain as they were walking home on Euclid and the 3 suspects approached from the rear. One of the suspects grabbed the victim's umbrella while another pointed a silver pistol at them. The suspects demanded the victim's purses and they complied. The suspects ran and possibly got into an older modeled vehicle. Taken: Purse (2), silver cell phone, Sony camera, Nevada ID (2), Debit card (2), wallet, house and car keys, and gift card. Suspect: B/M, 16-19 YOA, wearing grey clothes. Suspect: B/M, 16-19 YOA, wearing grey clothes.

**1200 block McLendon Ave** – Auto theft - 1/5 - Mon Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle while it was parked on the street. No broken glass was found.

**400 block Candler Park Dr** – Larceny from auto - 1/5 Mon Day. Someone smashed the passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and opened the glove box. Nothing taken.

**1600 block DeKalb Ave** – Larceny from auto - 1/6 Tues midnight. Victim reports that someone broke the driver's window, took \$50 in quarters.

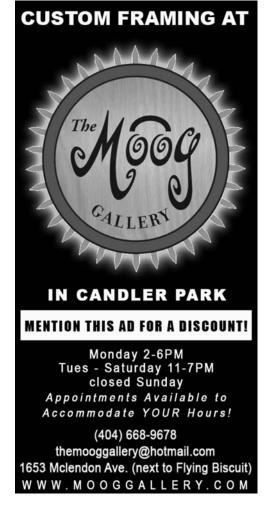
**1600 block DeKalb Ave** – Larceny from auto - 1/2 Sun Eve. Someone smashed a window on 2 vehicles and removed a wallet and a GPS

**1300 block Euclid Ave** – Larceny from auto – Between 1/3 Sat and 1/4 Sun. Someone smashed the driver side window on the victim's vehicle and removed a GPS.

**300 block Glendale Ave** – Larceny from auto - 1/7 Wed Morn. Someone smashed the passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and opened the glove box. Nothing taken.

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**300 block Glendale Ave** – Larceny from auto - 1/7 Wed Morn. Someone smashed the passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and opened the glove box. Nothing taken.

**1300 block Hooper Ave** – Larceny from auto - 1/5 Mon Morn. Someone entered the victim's unsecured vehicle during the night. Nothing taken.

**400 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny from auto - 1/7 Wed Day. Someone smashed a passenger window and removed a brief case, head phone, lap top, camera, and I Pod.

Oakdale Rd NE @ Marion Ave – Larceny from auto – Between 1/4 Sun and 1/5 Mon. Someone removed a checkbook from unsecured vehicle.

**1300 block Euclid Ave** – Burglary – Between 1/10 Sat Eve and 1/11 Sun Morn. Victim states someone entered a home under construction by prying up a piece of plywood from the porch. Once inside the garage door was opened and a vehicle was driven in. Two large appliances were opened and a chandelier was missing.

**1300 block Iverson St** – Larceny from auto - 1/14 Wed Eve. Someone broke the driver's side window and removed GPS and cell phone.

**1600 block McLendon Ave** – Larceny from auto - 1/11 Sun Morn. Someone smashed the driver side window on the victim's vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing taken.

**400 block Callan Cir** – Auto theft - 1/16 Fri Day. Vehicle was left on the street with the keys in the center console.

**1500 block Dekalb Ave** – Auto theft - 1/14 Wed Eve. Vehicle stolen from the parking lot of a business. Patrol Officer located property belonging to the victim and personally returned it.

**300 block Elmira PL** – Auto theft - 1/11 Sun between 1am and 4:30pm. Someone stole the victim's scooter parked in front of her residence.

**1200 block Euclid Ave** – Auto theft - 1/12 Mon Morn. Victim received a call from the College Park Police who found vehicle with a damaged ignition.

**1300 block Euclid Ave** – Auto theft - 1/14 Wed Eve. Victim realized that her vehicle had been stolen when she received a call from the witness. He stated that he had found her paperwork scattered around the yard of his apartment complex and located her number. The vehicles passenger side door lock had been punched and the ignition was damaged.

**500 block Page Ave** – Auto theft - 1/24 Sat Day. Someone stole the victim's vehicle. No broken glass or record of it being impounded.

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1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny - 1/15 Thurs Eve. Victim walked in the Zone 2 precinct and reported that someone had taken her wallet out of her purse. She stated that she had put her purse down while she was shopping and noticed that her wallet was missing when she picked it back up.

**300 block Mell Ave** – Larceny from auto - 1/22 Thurs Morn. Someone removed the wheels from vehicle.

**400 block Page Ave** – Larceny from auto - 1/23 Fri Eve. Someone smashed the driver window and entered the glove box. Nothing taken.

400 block Moreland Ave — Commercial robbery - 1/29 Thurs Eve. The suspect entered the store with some clothing which covered a long gun. The suspect demanded money and when the victim couldn't open the drawer fast enough the suspect ripped it out and took it. The suspect was seen on camera. Taken: \$220 cash. Suspect: B/M, Red jacket, white long shorts, black shoes. Suspect Vehicle: Dark colored Chrysler Mini Van.

**500 block Goldsboro Rd** – Larceny from auto – Evenings Between 1/24 1/25. Someone smashed the passenger window and removed GPS

**1300 block Marion Ave** – Larceny from auto – Between 1/24 Sat Eve and 1/25 Sun noon. Someone smashed the driver side window on the victims vehicle and opened the center console. Nothing taken.

1000 block DeKalb Ave – Pedestrian robbery - 1/29 Thurs Eve. Victim stated he walk past a big tree in the park when the suspect walked out from behind it and stated" Give me your shit". The suspect was wearing a ski mask and was armed with a gun. After taking the victims wallet and cell phone, the suspect ran towards Marta Station. Suspect: B/M, 6'03", 220lbs, blue jeans, tan boots, long leather trench coat.

1400 block Benning PI – Residential burglary - 1/25 Sun Eve. Someone kicked in the victim's front door and removed property. A witness reported seeing the suspect run to a vehicle and speed away after he heard a loud bang come from the house. Taken: 46" Flat screen, lap top. Suspect: B/M. Suspect: B/M. Suspect: B/M. Suspect Vehicle: Gray Honda Accord or Civic.

**300 block Ferguson St** – Auto theft – Between 2/1 Sun and 2/6 Fri. Someone took the victims vehicle when he was out of town.

**500 block Page Ave** – Auto theft - Between 2/5 Thurs Eve and 2/6 Fri Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle after it was parked on the street.

**1500 block DeKalb Ave** – Auto theft recovery - 2/1 Sun Eve. Officer responded to an auto theft recovery call. The vehicle was located and confirmed stolen from Atlanta.

**300 block Candler St** – Larceny from auto - 2/6 Fri Morn. Someone smashed the driver side window on the victims vehicle and removed a backpack and I Pod.

**1600 block Clifton Ter** – Larceny from auto - 2/6 Fri Morn.

Someone entered the victim's vehicle and removed an in dash stereo.

**200 block Elmira PI** – Larceny from auto - 2/6) Fri Day. Someone removed an in dash stereo and GPS from the victim's vehicle.

**300 block Elmira PI** – Larceny from auto - 2/6 Fri Morn. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victims vehicle and removed an in dash stereo.

**300 block Ferguson St** – Larceny from auto - 2/6 Fri Morn. Someone smashed the driver side window on the victims vehicle and removed a MP3 player and an in dash stereo.

**500 block Clifton Rd** – Larceny other – Between 1/27 Tues and 1/28 Wed. Victim believes someone took some of her medication while her house was under renovation.

**1200 block Druid PI** – Auto theft – Between 2/9 Mon and 2/10 Tues. Someone attempted to steal the victim's vehicle; during the attempted theft the driver's door lock and ignition were damaged.

**300 block Glendale Ave** – Auto theft - 2/12 Thurs Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle.

**400 block Candler Park Dr** – Larceny from auto - 2/12 Thurs Morn. Someone opened the victims rear window and rummaged through her vehicle. Nothing taken.

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