

The Messenger

April 2008

News for Candler Park

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Meetings and Events

CPNO Meeting April 21st 7:00PM Social Period 6:30PM

CPNO general meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr.; CPNO committee meetings are held at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon

All are welcome to any of these meetings but please note that only registered members are eligible to vote on issues at the monthly meeting. Membership applications must be received by the first of the month.

April General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and March minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
 - ♦ Variance for 451 Page Ave.
 - ♦ Variance for 492 Clifton
 - ♦ Rezoning for 1240 Euclid
- New Business
 - ♦ \$2000 Attorney fees for Pool lawsuit trial
- Announcements and Open Forum

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

Events Calendar

All items listed below are open to all

Thursday, April 10th @ 7pm

Friends of Candler Park – 279 Elmira Place

Monday, April 14th @ 7pm

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

Tuesday, April 15th @ 7pm

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

Thursday April 17th @ 7pm

Historic District Committee - Lake
Claire Neighbors General Meeting –
Frazer Center - Auditorium

Monday, April 21st @ 7pm

CPNO Regular Meeting - First
Existentialist Congregation

Wednesday, April 23rd @ 7pm

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

Thursday, April 24th @ 7pm

NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Saturday, May 3rd @ 8:30am

Friends of Candler Park – Park
Clean-up

Wednesday, May 7th @ 7pm

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

We Did It!

By Jo Jo Ross

Just before press time for this month's Messenger, word came from on high that Candler Park took the \$10,000 1st place prize in the ING Neighborhood Challenge during the 2008 Marathon. Go to www.inggeorgiamarathon.com for more information. A hearty thanks to all who braved the cold...especially you belly dancers! Details in next month's Messenger.

Sweetwater 420 Earth Day Celebration Weekend

By Mark Clement

Atlanta's own Sweetwater Brewery is once again hosting the annual 420/EarthDay festival in our beautiful neighborhood. Come to the park on Saturday, April 19th from Noon to 11 PM and on Sunday, April 20th from 12:30 PM to 10 PM and enjoy free admission to great live music, activities and environmental education about how you can be a part of the solution. (Note that the rumors of former Vice President Al Gore's attendance are completely untrue.)

Those who are aged 21 and up—and have a valid ID—can buy a handsome \$5 wristband that enables you to purchase tasty adult beverages. Festival sponsors have pledged 25¢ from each wristband sold to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. So, drink beer and support the hood. And isn't that what living in Candler Park is all about?

For a list of bands and additional information, visit www.pemi.net/420fest. And please remember to walk to the festival and leave the 4-legged family members at home!

Grateful Gardener Attends WaterSmart Workshop

By Silvia Edelstein

Here are a few of the latest watering guidelines discussed at the City of Atlanta's WaterSmart Workshop on March 28, 2008:

For homeowners with existing landscape, hand watering using potable (i.e., fresh drinking water) is **no longer allowed**. However, you may hand water with as much dish water, bath water and laundry water as you have captured.

Before someone calls to report you for watering, contact Melinda Langston, Watershed Director at 404-546-1259 or mlangston@atlantaga.gov so the city can place your address on file as using greywater. Other rules apply for vegetable gardens and professionally installed landscape.

If you missed the conference, you can watch the webcast at www.atlantawatershed.org.

Watch next month's Messenger for more tips from the WaterSmart Workshop!

The Messenger

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Dance While You Can

By Donna Palmer

A few weeks ago, some friends and I were invited to the birthday party of someone we didn't really know. But, since the party had a theme – Redneck Prom – we couldn't resist the invitation. We had a large time at the party what with the bonfires, ice cold PBRs and wienies on a stick buffet. They even set up an outdoor game of horseshoes, but since horses are so scarce nowadays, they used plastic toilet seats instead.

We didn't do any dancing at this prom. The music played in the house and as you know, all the action was out in the back yard next to the fire and horseshoe pit. But, I wish we had danced a little. Dancing is something we shouldn't take for granted. There will come a time when I won't be able to doe-see-doe anymore and when that time comes, I want to be sure I'm all danced out.

After the Ides of March tornados roared through last month, raining hail and brimstone and knocking around the houses of our friends and neighbors in Cabbagetown, I was reminded of how precious and easily broken our lives really are. How in the blink of an eye everything can change and usually there's not a thing we can do about it.

Oh we can prepare to a certain extent. We can buy insurance. We can visit the doctor every year for a 10-thousand mile check-up. But when it comes right down to it, we are all at the mercy of The Universe. This is why I want to be sure to dance whenever I can. Please feel free to join me. (By the way, there's a prom picture printed on page 3.)

Twister Web Page

From a Press Release

Preservation Georgia Online has a posted a special web page to handle issues related to the March 14th and 15th tornados that moved across our area. If you know of any historic resources impacted by these storms, please contact: Leigh Burns, community planning coordinator, at 404-651-5181; leigh.burns@dnr.state.ga.us. The Tornado Damage Web page is at www.tinyurl.com/yuxs7t.



Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath



Redneck Prom Queens

[Editor's Note: Faces have been redacted to protect the guilty.]

Uncovering a Piece of Atlanta's History

A six-part series in the AJC this month, centering on the restoration of a 1908 bungalow in Pittsburgh, home to the black working man in the years following the Civil War

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Egg Hunt a Smashing Success

By Jo Jo Ross

The Friends of Candler Park's first annual Candler Park Egg Hunt was a smashing success! Over 100 kids were on hand to search for eggs, make necklaces and eat yummy treats.

A BIG thanks to The Edgewood Caribou Coffee, Michelle Brawner of the Coca Cola Company for water, The Mercantile for its rock candy, balloon animals, cookies and constant support and Regina Brandt for eggs and egg contents.

Special kudos go to Mansfield Avenue's Chris Warburton...for dressing in a giant bunny costume.



There are more pics at my dad's photo website rjross.smugmug.com . If you enjoyed yourself at the egg hunt, please consider donating to the Friends of Candler Park via parkpride.org—just make sure you specify that your donation is for Candler Park!

We look forward to more events for our neighborhood and to seeing you all in the park at 8:30 AM on Saturday, May 3rd for our next work day. Our next meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on Thursday, April 10th at the home of Milissa Cole 279 Elmira Place. Feel free to email me for more info, to donate items for other events or to share your Egg Hunt photos! ross.jojo@gmail.com



Things you can do to help Candler Park

1. Volunteer to help the Friends of Candler Park Dog Park Committee (we are investigating interest in an off leash dog area but need someone to head the effort)
2. Help us care for Candler Park on May 3rd
3. Donate to Candler Park: <http://www.parkpride.org/donations.html>

Felder Street Update

By Andrew Feiler

Thanks to the 76 Candler Park neighbors who signed letters asking the City of Atlanta to reconsider their plans for widening and paving Felder Street, the city has agreed to revise their plan.

While not perfect and not final, the revised plan shows several significant improvements over the original design which would have cleared a 30 foot swath and wiped out most of the trees on either side of Felder Street.

The new plan calls for reducing the paved roadway from 20' to 18'. It also uses header curb instead of full curb and gutter and it embeds the storm water catch basins in the roadbed as opposed to being outside of the curb line. These changes together reduce the area of primary disturbance from approximately 28' to 19' and enable many trees to be saved.

Several open issues remain:

First, the tree removal plan has not yet been adjusted to reflect this smaller impact zone. This will need to be done lest a number of trees now able to be preserved be taken out unnecessarily.

Second, we have asked that the location of one of the catch basins and the routing of one of the storm water pipes be moved to better ensure the preservation of one of the street's signature trees. We are awaiting the city's revisions of these items before signing off on final plans.

Thank you to all of our neighbors who have helped speak out to date on this issue. We will keep you posted.



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Candler Park Zoning Matters

By James Johnson

The Candler Park Zoning Committee met Wednesday 5 March and reviewed two variance applications and the update on the rezoning of 1240 Euclid Avenue. (See illustration on page 7.)

The first variance reviewed was for 521 Page Avenue, a reduction in the sideyard setback from 7' to 3'-11" to allow for the construction of a 75 square foot addition.

The second variance was for 1429 McLendon Avenue, a reduction in the sideyard setback from 7' to 2' for the construction of an addition to the existing house.

The Zoning Committee recommended approval of both variances and the items were approved at the March CPNO meeting.

The April Candler Park Zoning Committee meeting will be held Wednesday 2 April 2008 at the Epworth United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm. We will be reviewing variance applications for 451 Page Avenue, 492 Clifton Road, and also finalizing the conditions to be attached to the rezoning of 1240 Euclid.

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

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The CPNO Infill/Historic District Committee Goes Public!

By Lauren Welsh

On February 28, the CPNO Infill/Historic District Committee held its first community meeting to present information about its work and to obtain feedback from the neighborhood. The meeting was widely publicized beforehand, and approximately 60 individuals attended.

The meeting was hosted by co-chairs Tom Painter and Walt Weimar and Lauren Norton Welsh, who founded the committee in 2006. Doug Young from Atlanta's Urban Design Commission (UDC), and Regina Brewer from Inman Park and current chair of the UDC, also participated as invited attendees. The Committee presented information on the impacts of demolition and outsized infill development in Candler Park, the options it examined for addressing demolition/infill-related issues, the Committee's finding and recommendation that obtaining a Historic District designation appears to be the best option, the tasks remaining to be done to prepare an application on behalf of the Candler Park community, and invited neighborhood residents to provide feedback, to support and join the Committee's efforts. Copies of the presentation can be obtained from Tom Painter (tcp2@cdc.gov and tompainter2007@yahoo.com).


Options that the Committee considered

Relying on amendments to the 1982 Zoning Ordinance that were approved by the Atlanta City Council on 20 August 2007. This legislation limits the scale and mass of residential construction in Atlanta, but it does not prevent demolitions. It is too early to tell how the amended ordinance will affect infill development plans and activities in Candler Park, but the Committee is following its application with great interest. Candler Park residents should also do this!

Special Public Interest District (SPI). SPIs aim to protect the existing or proposed character of buildings or grounds in instances where there is a special and substantial public interest in offering protection. The SPI designation can shape development in a designated area through the enforcement of tailored regulations, but does not prevent demolitions.

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Infill/Historic District Committee

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Historic District Designation. Historic District Designation is one of three designations used by the City to identify, protect, enhance and perpetuate the use of buildings, sites and districts of special character, historic interest or aesthetic value. It ensures that any changes to a property in a Historic District are in keeping with the historic character of the building or district. This is the only option examined by the committee that specifies the kinds of conditions that must be satisfied for the approval of demolitions, and therefore offers a mechanism for preventing demolitions of existing homes.

Doing nothing. This describes the current situation in Candler Park. It enables developers to easily purchase and demolish existing homes and replace them with much larger homes as long as their projects conform to existing ordinances. This process can affect the affordability of homes in Candler Park, potentially influence property assessments and tax bills, and has occasionally displaced renting families whose homes were sold, demolished, and replaced by much larger homes.

Based on research and consultations spanning more than 18 months, the Committee believes that a Historic District designation offers the greatest promise for controlling demolitions and shaping infill development in a way that is in synch with those aspects of the built environment that make Candler Park unique and a great place to live.

A lively discussion followed the presentation with questions and comments coming from those who support and who do not support the Historic District option. Doug and Regina facilitated useful exchanges by helping to answer questions, providing information about the process of becoming a Historic District and describing the experiences of other Historic Districts in Atlanta.

Feedback from meeting participants was extremely positive; however not all agreed with the Committee's recommendations. The meeting lasted well past 9:00 p.m., indicating strong interest among those who attended. Toward the meeting's end, the majority of participants offered a non-binding vote, indicating support for the Committee's continuing efforts to clarify the upsides and downsides of a Historic District designation, convey this information to community members, and prepare an application package. Candler Park residents will be asked for their feedback throughout the process, once the application is complete, and before it is submitted to the UDC.

There is still much work to be done: more volunteers are needed to help, more information needs to be provided to Candler Park residents, and input needs to be obtained. We greatly appreciate your interest and support so far, and we look forward to hearing from you, whatever your views. Please look for further updates in the *Messenger* and by e-mail. Please send your comments to Tom Painter (tcp2@cdc.gov and tompainter2007@yahoo.com) and Walt Weimar (Walt.T.Weimar@sprint.com), and indicate whether you would like receive periodic e-mail updates.



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Our Daily Bread

By The Food Freak

Outside of my 12-inch cast iron skillet, I'd say my second best culinary investment is the \$40 bread machine I picked up while stalking the aisle of a local big box store. Heck! I can make freshly baked bread in the challenging heat of an Atlanta summer without raising the temperature in my kitchen.

La machina and I spent the first few months of our relationship following the rules:

- Using the basic setting that takes 3 hours to bake a plain loaf
- Setting the timer to "wake and bake" so that a fresh loaf is ready when we rise of a Saturday morning—which by the way is not recommended if your bedroom is near the kitchen.

Then one day, I found myself in a time bind and decided to try the "Express Loaf" setting. It was a miracle. I found that if I hustled in the ingredients in the proper amounts and at the proper temperature, the machine would produce a perfect, fragrant, unpretentious little loaf of bread in about as long as it took me to get the rest of dinner started and open a bottle of wine. Hallelujah! I've done it so often, that I've memorized the formula:

3 cups bread flour	2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 cup and 2 tablespoons liquid at 115° to 125°	2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt	5 teaspoons bread machine yeast

Then, the spirit took hold of me again and I decided to experiment. What if I used different types of flour, fat and sweetener? So, I substituted 1 cup of whole wheat for one of the cups of bread flour. Wow! I made whole wheat bread in under an hour! What if I used olive oil and honey instead of vegetable oil and sugar and what if I added a few tablespoons of fresh rosemary? Wow! I made homemade herb bread. No preservatives, no funky additives. And, let me tell you folks, putting fresh bread on the table really impresses your family and friends.

Got questions? Give me a holler foodfreak@visionforge.org. Happy baking!

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And, due to the Walt Weimer's outstanding management skills, the commercial ads placed in *The Messenger* make it one of the CPNO's most reliable sources of income.

Most critical of all are the many dedicated residents throughout our neighborhood who deliver each month's finished publication door-to-door, often enjoying conversation and demonstrating their involvement with those around them by giving back to their community. We salute these reliable friends who bring you CPNO's newsletter each month, and encourage you to support their effort and example.

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It's Time for Mary Lin's Annual Kindergarten Round-Up

From a Press Release

Visit us on Thursday, April 17th from 9:30 – 11:00 am in the Mary Lin Auditorium for our Kindergarten Round-Up. An opportunity for you *and* your rising Kindergartner to come visit Mary Lin together.

Registration packets will be distributed, and members of our Front Office Staff will be on hand to accept registrations for your up-and-coming Kindergartner! In order to pre-register your Kindergartner for the 2008-09 school year, you will need the following items:

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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)

Can't make the Round-Up? We still have two tour dates for parents to visit the school: Thursday, April 3rd and Thursday, May 1st 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Park Pride Wants to Invest in Your Park

By George Dusenbury, Executive Director Park Pride

Park Pride, the only organization that works with communities all over Atlanta to improve their parks, is offering Community Micro Grants of up to **\$1,000** to improve public parks and greenspace. Throughout Atlanta, people are working with their neighbors to build a flower bed, plant some trees, install benches or paint dilapidated buildings in their community park. This is our way of saying "thank you" and encouraging others to get involved.

Applications must be endorsed by the appropriate Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) and submitted by April 15. Awards will be announced November. Groups that have been funded in the past are eligible to reapply. For more information about the program, and to download an application form, visit www.parkpride.org/micro.html.

Epworth UMC at Candler Park

Hey Candler Park! Thanks for a wonderful turnout for the GRAND OPENING of Dobbins Hall (new McLendon Venue) with Bluesheart blues band. Local artist, Paul Hale's, "Emerald Isle" photo exhibit is on display. Check it out!

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Storybook Adventure Camp 2008

By Julie Johnson

This summer, children can have fun while engaging in educational activities at Inman Park's Cooperative Preschool's Summer Camp. Four two week sessions will be offered beginning June 9 and running until August 1.

All sessions last from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and include award winning children's literature themed activities featuring a new story every day, as well as art and science projects, music, movement, cooking, water play and outdoor play.

Enroll now for one or more two week sessions. The enrollment fee is \$65 per child and the cost per session runs from \$128 - \$320 depending on how many days your child attends. Two year olds can attend either T/TH or M/W/F sessions and ages three to five can attend either three days or five days a week.

Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis and is open to children who do not attend the preschool during the regular school year. Applications are available at IPCP or online at www.ipcp.org.

Oakhurst Preschool Art Auction

From a Press Release

Going, going, gone! Don't miss Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool's 2008 **Arts Auction Jubilee** on Sunday, May 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the historic Solarium in Oakhurst Village. The silent auction will feature many exceptional items including original art from local artists, unique hand-crafted apparel and gifts, memberships, vacation home rentals, gift certificates and retail items from In town Atlanta's favorite stores and restaurants, and much more.

OCP's *Arts Auction Jubilee* will be a casual, family-friendly event with something to interest everyone. Outside there will be food, fun and entertainment including children's activities and live blue-grass music by Roxy Watson. Inside the Solarium there will a fantastic silent auction. Just a few of the intriguing items include vacation homes retreats in the Bahamas and Fripp Island, SC, glasswork by Tadashi Torii of Duckbill Studio, original *Pete the Cat* artwork by James Dean, and a leisure ride in a 1924 Model T Ford.

Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool (OCP) is a nonprofit, parent-teacher cooperative established in 2005. The school was founded with the goal of creating an ethnically, culturally, and economically diverse community that is united through its commitment to parental involvement in education.

The proceeds from this auction will benefit the special projects for Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool, including our tuition assistance program. Admission is free. Pre-register to bid during the event at www.oakhurstcoop.com. For questions or to make a donation to the silent auction, please call 404-474-7255 or email auction@oakhurstcoop.com.

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Volunteer Your Castle Today!

By Mary Alice Bray

We're looking for some great houses and lofts for the 2008 Tour of Homes. The tour will be held on Sunday of Fall Fest weekend, October 12th. The tour provides an opportunity to show off our unique neighborhood and showcase the wonderful homes in Candler Park. It's a money-raiser for the neighborhood but also a lot of fun. Thanks to all the homeowners and volunteers who participated last year!

We want to have the houses selected by July 1st so we will have the tour booklets ready for advanced ticket sales. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering your castle, no matter how big or small, or would like to be on the Tour of Homes committee.

Mary Alice Bray
maryabray@aol.com
 404-522-5455

Hole in One Wins a New Car!

From a Press Release

The 7th annual Spring Golf Classic benefitting the Frazer Center is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at the Piedmont Driving Club. Registration begins at 10:30 and a shotgun start is scheduled for high noon. Cash prizes are in the offering along with a new car for the lucky duffer who makes a hole in one on #17. The tournament is limited to 120 players on a first come, first served basis. There will also be a reception and silent auction following play.

The Frazer Center is a nonprofit agency with a long-standing history of providing exceptional, quality services to infants, preschoolers and adults with physical and mental disabilities.

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NPU-N Report

By Amy Stout

The following items from the 3-27-08 meeting of NPU-N are those most likely to be of interest to Candler Park residents.

The NPU-N board voted to recommend approval for two CP variance applications (521 Page Ave and 1429 McLendon Ave), consistent with the prior approval by the CPNO membership.

We voted to again 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. I anticipate there will be a vote next month though.

The NPU-N board deferred until April votes on two other CP variance applications (451 Page Ave and 492 Clifton Rd) to allow for the neighborhood to vote. We also deferred consideration of an application for an alcohol license for Kejo's (299 Moreland Ave) since the applicant has not yet met with the CPNO zoning committee or CPNO general membership.

We voted in favor of legislation that mandates **temporary** 15% increases in water and sewer rates during any Level 4 Drought declaration, because the alternative will presumably be a **permanent** and perhaps greater rate increase when the City reconsiders their pricing tiers later this year.

We approved a request by the Paideia School to hold their annual Field Day in Candler Park on April 10th and approved a request by Premier Events and Sweetwater Brewery to hold their 4th annual Sweetwater 420 Earth Day Festival in Candler Park on April 19th and 20th. We again discussed our concerns about the City of Atlanta's recent issuing of festival and special event permits prior to consideration by the NPU.

We approved an application for a change of ownership for the alcohol license for the Chevron in Little Five Points. The new owner has already started upgrading the products sold in the store and plans to remodel/rebuild next winter.

You Certainly Can Make a Difference

From a Press Release

The Gateway Center in Atlanta is seeking volunteers to tutor homeless children *and* adults during after-school hours and/or on Saturdays. To protect these vulnerable children, volunteers are subject to a background check – however says Gateway's Michael Rainey, "Some may have minor charges in their past but that's not what they are checking for. Please understand that we are looking out for the best for the children that we serve."

Once the background check is completed, volunteers will attend a two-hour orientation and are then placed on the tutoring calendar. Contact Gateway's Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Ratliff at (404) 215-6686 or via e-mail lratliff@gatewayctr.org for more information.

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Land Trust Capital Campaign Needs Your Help to Buy Land

By the Land Trust Board of Directors

The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is working to acquire the tree climbing lot on Arizona Avenue. Due to the condition of the two White Oak trees — affectionately named Nimrod and Diana by Peter and Patty Jenkins, owners of Tree Climbers International (TCI)— TCI must find a new place to climb. Nimrod was taken down on February 25th and Diana will probably follow some time this year or the next.

While we are sad to lose our fine human neighbors and our gorgeous tree neighbors, this passage nonetheless offers a wonderful opportunity for the Land Trust (LT) to expand its holdings and preserve green space. The nearly 1/4 acre TCI lot extends almost all the way back to the shower area —a significant piece of land!

We need your help to purchase the land. A Land Trust capital campaign is currently under way to fund the purchase of the TCI lot as well as to fund other land acquisitions such as purchasing adjoining back yards. **Our goal is to raise \$275,000 as soon as possible.**

The LT was founded by a visionary group of neighbors who bought the land from MARTA and turned it into the wonderful haven that it is today. People come from all over to walk their dogs, play with their kids in the sand pile, garden, enjoy the green space, the sunsets and the shade of the magnificent trees; and to celebrate community through festivals, craft fairs, drum circles, taking saunas and sharing food.

Your contribution will protect the Tree Climbing lot from development and ensure preservation of vital bird habitat and green space.

Contributions can be made payable to the Frank Foundation which is run by Erica Frank, formerly of the Lake Claire Co-housing Community. The Frank Foundation has generously offered to act as the fiduciary agent of the Land Trust until the LT receives its own 501c3 status.

All donations are tax deductible. Please make check payable to Frank Foundation and write "for land conservation" on check. Be sure to include your address so we can write you a letter of acknowledgement. Visit LCCLT.org for a link to the donation form or simply mail your donation with your name and address to 1838 New York Ave, Atlanta, GA 30307. For more information, contact McKenzie at 404-370-1300.

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Budget Committee Formed to Study 2009 CPNO Finances

By Walt Weimer

After experiencing significant growth in recent years, and through careful efforts by CPNO's current treasurer Alonzo Church and former treasurer Mike Brandt, funds available for CPNO-sponsored initiatives and regular expenses are more consistently reported and managed every year. Conserving these valuable resources to ensure amounts are available for large expenditures needed to produce annual events like Fall Fest, as well as recurring costs of liability insurance, meeting space and various NPU or committee activities, is increasingly important to CPNO members, contributors and volunteers. A growing variety of discretionary expenditures submitted for approval by CPNO members can most responsibly be considered as part of a reliable plan for total annual spending, so CPNO's board has formed a committee to develop and recommend a budget for 2009.

During 2008, the committee will establish procedures and consider if new bylaws are needed to maintain CPNO's critical operational funds from year to year, and may make recommendations to CPNO on non-routine expenditures for merchandise, neighborhood improvements, or grants requested by other non-profit organizations. Under leadership of chairman Alonzo Church, and assisted by CPNO vice-president Walt Weimar, the committee is seeking a limited number of CPNO member volunteers from outside the board to help forecast revenue, confirm fiscal requirements, and prioritize future discretionary spending. By December, it is anticipated that an annual budget for 2009 will be offered for consideration by CPNO's incoming board; if approved, this budget will then be submitted for member approval in January.

Committee reports will be made to CPNO's board throughout the year, and if appropriate at CPNO's general meetings. If successful, the committee may also be reauthorized by CPNO's incoming board in subsequent years to assist the treasurer in managing CPNO's finances. To get involved or learn more about the new committee, contact Alonzo Church or Walt Weimar (see contact info on Pg. 2 of *The Messenger*).

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Park Report

By Amy Stout

Four times a year, the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs (DPRCA) hosts a meeting for neighborhood representatives to discuss various parks-related topics. I attended the Feb 5th meeting with Commission Diane Harnell Cohen and ~10 staff members.

The major topic of discussion was the new policies that have been put into effect for festivals in city parks because of the drought. We will be able to hold our annual Fall Fest in Candler Park again this year, but we will not be able to put anything on the grass except pedestrians and I believe lawn chairs. All stages, tents, etc. must be located on hardscape.

We were told that the City is going ahead with the construction and renovation of the ten pool/bath house projects already underway and is making plans to staff the pools for the summer. Their goal is a May 15 opening.

Candler Park is one of several parks proposed to have additional lighting installed for safety. The Atlanta Police Dept has reviewed parks around town and made recommendations. The Opportunity Bonds that funded the field and pool renovations will also cover the costs of the new lights. The exact locations have not been determined yet.

I asked who was responsible for removing the graffiti on the two bridges along the PATH at the north end of the golf course and was told that DPRCA will take care of it. Since then, one bridge has been scrubbed spotless, just in time for the Pet Parade. Hopefully the other one will look just as nice by then, although I've noticed some delinquent has added some new small markings since the cleaning!

The next meeting with the Commissioner will be Tuesday, April 22 at 5:30 pm at City Hall East (8th floor). All are welcome.



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CPNO Meeting Minutes 03.17.08

Compiled by Randy Pimsler

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, March 17, 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 7:03 pm. Approximately seventeen 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.

A representative from the Atlanta Track Club announced the Women's Five K Run, which takes place Saturday, March 22nd.

There was not a representative from the Atlanta Police Department at the meeting.

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

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

Committee Reports

James Johnson reported on a variety of land use matters. An update on **1240 Euclid Avenue** was presented. This is the site at the existing church on the north side of Euclid Avenue. Following a design charrette, held in the latter portion of last year, the new design reflects lofts and town homes on the site along with the recycling of the church as living spaces. Following the zoning committee recommendations, an updated design will be presented to the zoning committee for further review and comment. The owners of **1429 McLendon Avenue** are seeking a variance to reduce the side yard setback. A motion was made, seconded and a vote to approve the variance, carried. The owners of **521 Page Avenue** are proposing a small addition, which requires a variance in the side yard setback. A motion was made, seconded and a vote to approve the variance carried. The next zoning committee meeting will be held April 2nd at seven pm at the Epworth Church.

Amy Stout reported for the Special Events Committee. Mark Clement has been organizing a 420 Earthday 5k Road Race. The initial cost for this event is some four thousand five hundred dollars. A motion was made and seconded to allocate these funds. The motion passed with one vote against the motion.

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The Fallfest Planning Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Epworth Church. The first meeting identified the need for many volunteers for the events scheduled for this weekend. The site plan for the festival has been adjusted to avoid the grass areas within the park. The festival will be expanded to Candler Park Drive.

Jo Jo Ross reported that the first meeting of the Friends of Candler Park led to the first neighborhood event, which will be an egg hunt the weekend of March 23rd. The first workday has now been scheduled for Candler Park on May 3rd at eight thirty am. For further information contact Jo Jo Ross at ross.jojo@gmail.com. A motion was made, seconded and a vote approved the funding of one hundred dollars to support the start up of this organization.

Janea Boyles, the owner of the Mercantile, has agreed to donate one hundred dollars to the Friends of Candler Park to fund the ING Marathon cheering section, at this time.

Ms. Ross also reported on the ING Marathon cheering section. The first committee meeting was recently held. Volunteers are being solicited to support this event at six thirty to seven thirty in the morning, the day of the event. A two hundred dollar contribution has been requested to support this event. A sound device has also been requested for the day of the event. A motion to fund this event was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

Tom Painter reported on the Infill Housing Committee presentation from February 27th, which included a power point presentation, representatives from the Urban Design Commission and the Inman Park Historic District. The committee concluded that a historic district for Candler Park was the appropriate direction for the neighborhood to pursue. The committee received an endorsement from those present at the committee meeting to continue this work and the general direction that the committee is heading. Information is to be disseminated to the community as a follow up to the initial presentation. The committee meets on Wednesday, March 26th at seven pm at the Epworth Church.

A motion to allocate fifty dollars for Candler Park NPU N dues was made, seconded and approved unanimously.



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- Mary Alice Bray, Membership Secretary

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New Business / Announcements / Open Forum

Amy Stout announced that a Budget Committee has been formed within the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Alonzo Church will be chairing this committee. Anyone interested in this committee, please contact Alonzo Church.

Mike Trahan met with Anne Fauver regarding the paving on Felder Street. The proposed road will shift away from the large tree in the vicinity of the street and hopefully drain and be paved with little impact to adjacent properties, with the exception of a stand of trees along the road. Only one of the five original trees proposed to be removed will be lost. The rest should be spared due to a number of modifications to the plan have been made on the part of the city.

The greater Atlanta Men's Barbecue and Support Group will be holding a golf tournament in Candler Park on March 29th at nine am.

Tom Stubbs is running for Superior Court Judge and spoke briefly to the folks attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.



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Crime Report for 12/28/07 – 3/15/08

Compiled by Regina Brandt

400 Block Callan Cir—Residential Burglary. 1/31. Thurs Day. Victim reports someone kicked in his back door, entered his home, and removed property. The victim stated the computer that was taken was equipped with a tracking system.

500 Block Harold Ave—Residential Burglary. 1/31. Thurs Day. Victim stated she found her back door open and property missing from her home. The victim is not sure if she locked the door. There were no signs of damage to the door but 2 to 3 sneaker prints were found on the glass. A picture was taken of the prints and Gi Unit 4119 was advised

1200 Block DeKalb Ave—Attempted Auto Theft. 2/9-2/11. Sat/Mon 2 day time frame. Victim reports someone damaged his vehicle's front driver side door lock and steering column.

400 Block Moreland Ave—Larceny from Auto. 2/13. Wed Morn. Victim reports someone smashed his vehicle's passenger side window with a rock and removed property

200 Block Gordon—Attempted Auto Theft/Larceny from Auto. 2/14. Thurs Morn. Officer responded to a prowler call. When they arrived they located the suspects. During the investigation it was determined that the male suspect was looking into vehicles in an attempt to locate navigation devices. The female was looking for oncoming cars. A Gold Honda Accord was located which had damage to a window molding. A screwdriver that had been recovered from the male suspect was placed against the damaged molding and was exactly the same size. The suspects stated they were dropped off by a subject known as "Twin" and told to get some good sh*t, and they were to call him when they were done.

500 Block Goldsboro Rd—Aggravated Assault. 2/14. Thurs Eve. Victim stated the suspect removed his lap top from his vehicle and called to tell him that if he wanted it back he would have to come to her apartment to get it. When the victim went to the apartment the suspect accused him of being with another woman and struck him with the lap top

1300 Block Benning Pl—Auto Theft. 2/15. Fri Eve. Victim reports someone stole his vehicle after he parked it on the street. Victim stated he does not owe on the vehicle and is the only key holder. Victim did not have the vehicle's information at the time of theft

600 Block Oakdale Rd—Larceny from Auto. 2/17 Sun 16 hour time frame. The caller stated that while his vehicle was parked someone stole the tag.

800 Block Briarcliff Rd—Residential Burglary. 2/18-2/19. Mon/Tue. 19 hour time frame. Victim reports someone smashed her bedroom window, entered her apartment, and removed property. Blood was located on the window frame. ID Responded to the scene and recovered the blood

200 Block Josephine St—Larceny from Auto. 2/19-2/20 Wed 13 hour time frame. Victim reports someone entered his unsecured vehicle and removed property.

300 Block Mell Ave—Larceny from Auto. 2/19-2/20 Wed 13 hour time frame. Victim reports someone entered her unsecured vehicle and removed property. Blood was on the driver side door and IOD responded to collect it

1400 Block Fairview Rd—Residential Burglary. 2/20. Wed Eve. Victim reports someone kicked in the back door to his home, entered, and removed property. The suspect attempted to remove a 50" Flat screen TV from the wall, but broke the screen and left it behind. A shoe print was located on some broken glass from

the door and was turned in to property

500 Block Clair Dr—Residential Burglary. 2/22. Fri Day. Witness called 911 and reported that the suspects had broken into her neighbor's apartment. She stated that the suspects ran from the apartment, leaving a TV and a Jeep in the driveway. The area was searched but the suspects were not located. A round rock from the patio was used to smash a rear window. Several items were recovered in the vehicle. The victim of a North Ave burglary was contacted and identified the items as hers

400 Block Hillcrest Ave—Residential Burglary. 2/22. Fri Day. Officer responded to an alarm call. When the officer arrived he found that someone smashed a window in the back door with a rock. The home was searched but no one was located inside. It appeared that the suspect damaged a flat screen tv while attempting to remove it from a wall. The home owner arrived and reported that nothing had been taken

1200 Block North Ave—Residential Burglary. 2/22. Fri Day. Witness stated someone knocked on her door. She states she did not answer it, but did look out. She saw a silver vehicle in her neighbor's back yard and one of the suspects on her neighbor's porch. It was determined that a side window on the victim's home had been smashed and property removed.

500 Block Page Ave—Residential Burglary. 2/22. Fri Day. Officer responded to an alarm call. When he arrived he found that someone had smashed a rear Dining room window. A dog was in the dining room and it appeared that he may have scared the suspect away. Tire tracks were found in the grass, but there were no clear tread marks visible.

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300 Block Oakdale Rd—Auto Theft. 2/26. Tue Eve. Officer was flagged down and advised of a reckless driver. The officer located the vehicle with the suspect in the driver's seat. The officer was then approached by the victim who stated that the suspect had taken the vehicle without his permission.

1300 Block Benning PI—Larceny from Auto. 2/26-2/27. Tue/Wed 18 hour time frame
Victim stated someone pried open her vehicle's rear passenger side window and damaged the steering column

Parking Lot Moreland @ McLendon—Larceny from Auto. 2/28. Thurs Eve. Someone smashed a window on two vehicles. Property was missing from only one vehicle

300 Block Moreland Ave—Larceny. 2/28. Thurs Day. Victim states someone took his city issued green trash can. The victim believes the suspect took the item because he sent the victim an email telling him to remove it from his parking lot.

400 Block Moreland Ave—Residential Burglary. 3/1. Sat Day. Victim states a builder stole checks from his house while it was under renovation. \$19150 was cashed at Bond Federal Credit Union

800 Block Briarcliff Rd—Residential Burglary. 3/6. Thurs Day. Officer responded to a burglary call. When the officer arrived he pointed to a subject that was walking south on Briarcliff Rd. The victim stated that the suspect was turning his door knob and ran from the location when he came to the door. When the officer attempted to stop the suspect he ran into a construction site and attempted to hide. Inv Smith responded to the scene and the suspect was taken into custody. The suspect had a confirmed burglary warrant

400 Block Page Ave—Larceny from Auto. 3/8. Sat Day. Victim states someone smashed his vehicle's front passenger side window and removed property

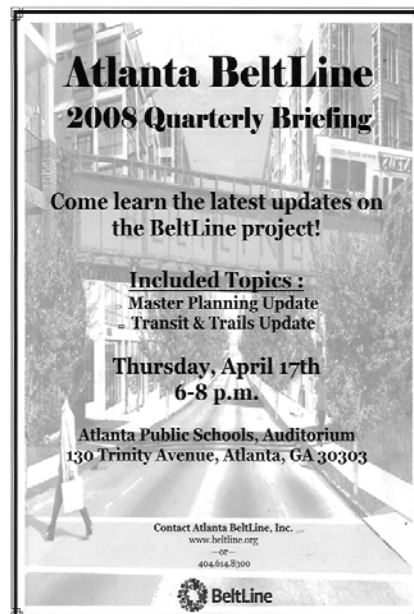
1300 Block McLendon Ave—Larceny from Auto. 3/11. Tues Day. Victim reports someone broke the driver's window and removed property. The laptop lying on the floorboard was not taken.

300 Block Connecticut Ave—Larceny from Auto. 3/11-3/12. Tues/Wed. Victim reports someone broke his driver's side window and removed property.

400 Block Candler Park Dr—Larceny from Auto. 3/13 Thurs Morn. Victim states someone smashed his vehicle's passenger side window and removed property

1400 Block Iverson St—Auto Theft. 3/15. Sat Morn. Victim stated someone stole her vehicle sometime during the night. No broken glass was found on the ground. The victim has the keys and did not loan it out.

1400 Block North Ave—Larceny from Auto. 3/15. Sat Eve. Windows were smashed on two vehicles and property removed



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