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Developers Eye Candler Park for Amusement

By Aprille Phools

Tired of feeling the pinch of empty tax coffers, Atlanta City officials are floating an idea that is touted to bring in millions of dollars—selling Candler Park to developers for an amusement park.

"By developing the city owned land inside areas such as Candler Park, we can once again offer our constituency an abundance of such things as police and fire protection, library services, \$50,000 electric signs for elementary schools, exercise equipment for city employees and other municipal services of that nature" says a person close to the negotiations who would only speak off the record due to the controversial nature of this story and fear of a backlash from environmental groups.

The list of developer names is topped by the little known "Finger Longer" group. CEO Brian "Bull" Dozer says his company has a proven track record of developing high end projects that benefit relatively few people.

"Yeah, with all the hills inside Candler Park, we've been thinking of building one of them artificial snow slides like they got over there in Stone Mountain" says Dozer. "Either that or a high rise parking lot."

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Dusenbury Fraud Revealed

By Fay K. Rider

Neighbors were shocked and family members were flabbergasted when it was revealed recently that famed Candler Park "twins" Eric and George Dusenbury are actually one man! Think about it. Have you ever seen both of them, at the same time, in the same room? No!

CPNO President Amy Stout says she suspected something long ago. "I remember one meeting last fall when I saw George at the *beginning* of the meeting and then I saw Eric at the *end*. It was kinda weird." says Stout.

"I don't know how I could have missed a thing like this." says Courteney Dusenbury, wife of alleged twin George. "Come to think of it, things are a bit more stressed during the holidays – especially when we go to his mother's. Oh lord, I wonder if his mother knows?"

Investigators say an anonymous tip led to the amazing discovery. "Yeah, I forgit the name of the feller who called it in. I wanna say something like 'Salt' or 'Malt'" says the head investigator.

Neither Dusenbury brother was available for comment on this story.

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Fool Me Once...

By Donna Palmer

There's a long tradition in my family of pulling April Fools jokes on each other. Back in '93 when I first bought my house in Candler Park, my mother had a colleague call me and pretend to be a real estate agent. The bogus agent had me believing that a water pipe had broken and flooded my new home. I got her back the next year by having one of her neighbors call to say that her boat dock had broken loose and was wreaking havoc around the cove. Over the years we've learned not to take calls from each other on April 1st.

The Universe in all its wisdom and mirth, has sent me a nephew who is the perfect prey for April Fools trickery. I broke him in slowly with a mild prank about suddenly getting married at a Braves game the night before. The boy—we'll just call him "Junious"—was about 10 or 11 at the time and he fell for it hook, line and sinker. The next year I got him with a tall tale about the stork.

Now the trick to a good April Fools prank is to pick something that's relevant and to not let the victim squirm too long. You have to hook 'em, and then wait a beat before revealing how you punked them. Anything longer is just cruel.

As the years have gone by, Junious's gullibility and short-term memory have served me well. In 2007, April Fools fell on the day after a big win by the University of Florida's basketball team. B'ball fans will remember the long-haired Frenchman who led the Gators to a national title. I phoned the nephew just before noon and asked him if he'd seen the paper yet. "No. Why?" he sleepily replied. "Well, they did a random drug test after the game last night and found illegal doping on that french guy. So, they took away the national title". "No #@*& way!" the boy screamed. I just laughed and laughed and for some reason he hung up on me.

Last year, was the best...so far. His loving parents had arranged for him to take a trip to mainland China. On the first day of April, a trusted friend of mine called the boy and said she was from the American Embassy and that they didn't think it was a good idea for him to be traveling there. "How did you know I was going?" he quipped. "We're the government", she replied. "I've already paid for all of my tickets and they're non-refundable!" he wailed. "Sir, we're not a travel agency and your aunt Donna wants you to have a happy April Fools day." For some reason, he hung up on her.



Candler Park Market Stick-Up Man Cries Like a Baby

By Donna Palmer

About a half hour before closing on the night of Saturday, March 21st a "young teen thug" attempted to rob the Candler Park Market on McClendon Avenue. Market employee Greg Hutchins (see picture on page 4) struggled with the would-be hold-up man before hustling him out the door.

"I had a strange feeling when he walked into the store. I noticed him right away" remarked the 5 year employee. Hutchins says the man threatened to shoot but didn't show a weapon. "It's the first time in 23 years – that we know of – that someone's tried [robbing the store]."

According to police reports, the suspect approached the counter to buy a soft drink, and then stuck his hand in the register. A quick-thinking Hutchins slammed the cash drawer, but released it after the suspect began to cry.

Store owner Dirk Botterbush says "The thug was young, black, and short. He seemed rather 'stupid' in that he asked for his change back after the robbery was unsuccessful."

The incident was captured on video. APD is investigating.

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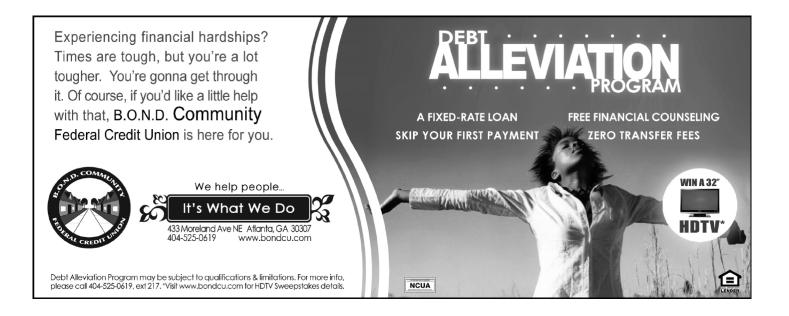
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Candler Park Market Employee Greg Hutchins resists attempted robbery.

Contact the APD if you have information that can lead to the arrest and conviction of the suspect.



Festivals, Road Races and More

By Mark Clement

As Special Projects Officer, I am proud to say that things are shaping up to make Candler Park the exciting and vibrant neighborhood we have come to expect. There will be three class D festivals in Candler Park this year. They will be spread out one Spring, one Summer and one Fall. Who wants to do a festival in the winter?

As stated in our CPNO bylaws the Special project Officer "shall serve as the liaison to other organizations holding special events within the Candler Park Neighborhood" On behalf of the neighborhood for the last few years I have been working with organizations to limit impact of these events on our neighborhood. I have insisted on additional security and sanitation duties to not only cover the park but the surface streets surrounding Candler Park. I have also insisted on recycling and encouraging the use of MARTA be added to their web site for our guests to take advantage of.

In addition I have for the last few years working with Atlanta Police Officer Chris Clark and Zone 6 on a comprehensive traffic and parking plan. From neighborhood feed back we have identified trouble areas and what remedies work and don't work. If you ever have traffic related problems feel free to contact me and we will add it to our concerns. mark@candlerparkfallfest.org

Here is the line up!

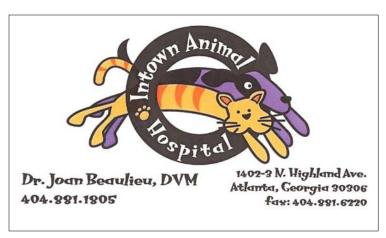
Sweetwater 420 Earth day Fest.

April 18 and 19 will be a weekend to celebrate natural resources and learn about environmental concerns. Food, art, environmental expo, beer and live music are on the agenda.

The fun starts on Saturday morning with a 5K road race and continues for the next two days. For more information go to www.sweetwater420fest.com.

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Festivals and More

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Atlanta Humane Society Pet Parade. On Saturday, May 2, 2009 animal lovers and their pets will join together as thousands of paws walk for a cause. Pet Parade is Atlanta Humane Society's largest fundraising event and all proceeds directly benefit the shelter's homeless animals. Pet Parade participants follow a mile-and-a-half long scenic route through Candler Park and enjoy the special offerings of our festival, including an array of adoptable animals, vendors, games, contests, training demonstrations and displays by local rescue organizations.

Last year's walk raised \$250,000 - a portion of which is funding an adoption program that placed over 5,300 animals into loving homes in 2008. The goal for the '09 walk is to engage over 1,000 participants to raise \$300,000 in support of the shelter's animal welfare programs and services.

For more Pet Parade event information please visit www.atlantapetparade.com

790 The Zone Mid Summer Music Fest. June 20th

The Midsummer Music Fest celebrates 790 The Zone's 12-year anniversary, making it the longest running sports station in Georgia. They will celebrate with a one day festival with Art, Music and Tasty beverages with a focus on family oriented sports fun complete with a children's area.

This year there will be no tickets and no fences. Neighborhood people can go as they please and use their own bathrooms the way the good Lord intended. Stay tuned for more details.

Candler Park Fall Fest October 10 and 11. Then there is our very own festival that has been the model for all other festivals in Candler park. Our own signature event the Candler Park Fall Fest presented by our own Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. "A Terrific showcase of the Candler park neighborhood" says Atlanta magazine in an interview on NPR. (Interview accessible from the web site on the home page of our web site at www.candlerparkfallfest.org.) We plan on having all the components that have made the festival one of the most popular in the city. Arts, Music, 5K, Tour of Homes, Sweetwater Beer, Panoramic festival picture, Kingsized, Baton Bob and more. To make the Fall Fest even more special, this year will mark the 100th Birthday of the Candler Park Neighborhood. If you have any ideas on how to best celebrate this occasion please let us know.

The Fall Fest Needs You! Planning is moving along with this year's FallFest. However we are looking for people to help with some key positions. We need someone to handle PR for the festival and someone to manage the volunteer base. If you possess these skills and want to help, please contact me at mark@candlerparkfallfest.org.



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Instead of Black or White... We Got Green!

By Teri Stewart

About 15 supporters of the Granmaw Gordon greenspace attended a hearing in Superior Court on March 18th expecting one of two outcomes:

- (1) The court would rule in their favor and overturn the Atlanta Tree Commission's tree removal permit. A move that would start the 5½ year process all over again.
- (2) The court would deny their requests and they would have to appeal to a higher court.

Instead, an agreement was reached with the property owner to work with the neighborhood and offer the land (and tree) for sale at a more reasonable price.

There is much work to be done yet. We urgently need volunteers to help raise funds. Contact me at 404.373.7672 or 404.370.1003 if you can help.

Beltline Opportunities

From a Press Release

Earth Day Clean-Up. Join volunteers on Saturday, April 18 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. as we clear the BeltLine of litter and invasive plants from Freedom Parkway to Dekalb Avenue as a step towards creating a useable connection from Inman Park and Old Fourth Ward up to Piedmont Park. Lunch and music will follow at the Water Tower area across from StudioPlex. Get more information and register online at www.KeepAtlantaBeautiful.com. It's Our BeltLine. Do Your Part. Get Connected!

BeltLine Arboretum Clean-Up. The BeltLine Arboretum will add several thousand trees to Atlanta's urban environment around its 22-mile linear expanse. Learn more here. Join Trees Atlanta, Atlanta Audubon, and neighborhood volunteers to remove harmful invasive plants along the corridor on April 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. RSVP to susan@treesatlanta.org to volunteer.

BeltLine Earth Day Bike Tour. The BeltLine Earth Day Bike Tour, hosted by the Atlanta Bicycle Campaign, will take place Sunday, April 26th from 1 to 4 p.m. starting at the Gordon White Park in the West End. It will include a 3-5 mile family ride on the BeltLine's West End Trail, a 10-12 mile casual ride to Glenwood Crossing, and a 40+ mile adventure ride the length of the BeltLine! Visit atlantabike.org for more information.



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Candler Park Meetings and Events

CPNO general meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive; committee meetings are held at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Avenue, 2nd Fl. (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.

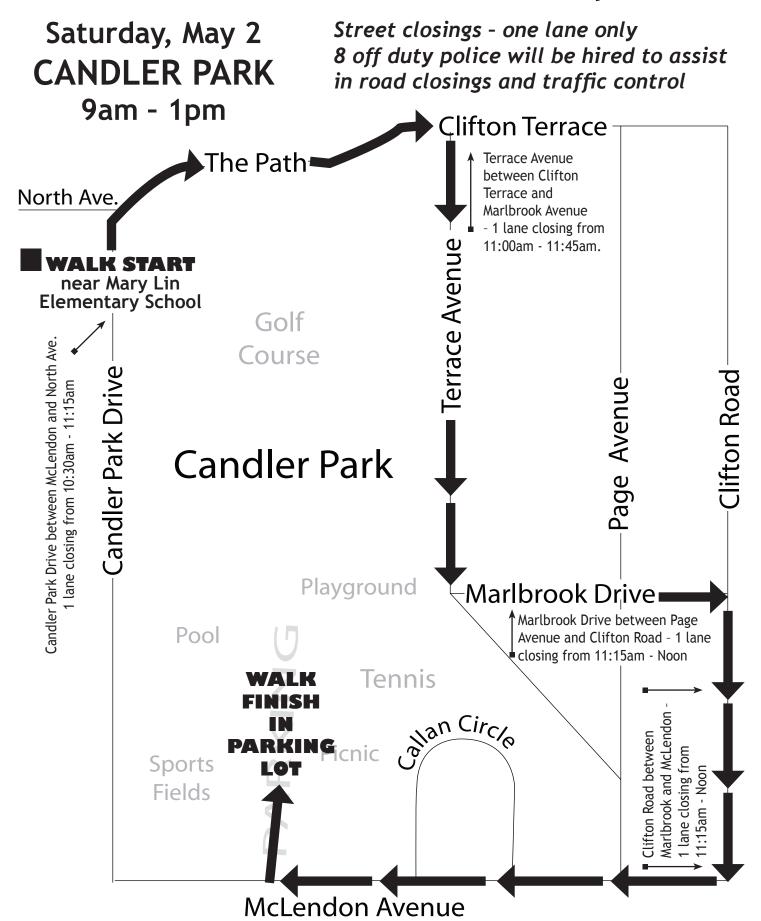
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			CPNO Zoning Committee – 7PM Epworth	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Passover	10	Friends of Candler Park – Egg Hunt 10AM
Easter	13 CPNO Board of Directors – Epworth 7PM	14	15	16	17	SweetWater 420 Fest 5K Run/Walk 11AM SweetWater 420 Fest
SweetWater 420 Fest All Day	CPNO General Meeting Social Hour 6:30 Meeting 7:00	FallFest Committee – Epworth 7PM (front entr.)	CPNO Historic District Committee - Epworth (2 nd Floor) 7PM	NPU-N - L5P Community Center	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

April General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and March minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- ♦ Vote on special exception for 320 and 324 Josephine Street
- ♦ Vote on variance for 283 Elmira Avenue
- ♦ Vote on Alcohol License for The Mercantile, 1600 Dekalb Avenue
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

PROPOSED ROUTE - 2009 Atlanta Humane Society *Pet Parade*





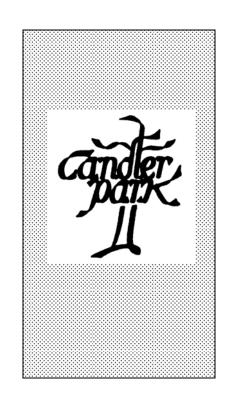
Candler Park Water Ballet Company Tests New Waters By Donna Palmer Self-Appointed

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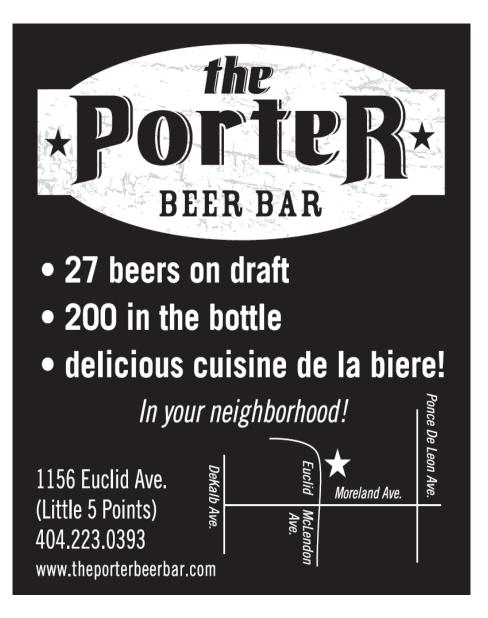
The third—and some say most exciting—season of the world famous Candler Park Water Ballet Company & Social Club™ is underway. Bathing Beauties are rehearsing Tuesday mornings (sometime around 10, 10:30 or 11) at the MLK Natatorium on Boulevard.

For those of you missed the first two whirlwind seasons, we'd like to extend an invitation for you to join us hours of laughter, unsolicited personal advice, mild exercise and occasional performance before an adoring public. The ability to swim is totally unnecessary, but you will need a black one-piece with a skirt, a sparkly tiara or crown, a swim noodle and a merry outlook on things in general.

Rumor has it that the Candler Park pool may not open this summer due to severe budget woes at City Hall. Official confirmation of this report was not given before press time, but rest assured that your Water Ballet Company will stay on top of the issue and any other that catches our attention.







An Afternoon Trip to Indonesia

By The Food Freak

Chef's Jennifer and Silvia and I--affectionately known as "Jennavia"—had another of our adventures in eating recently. It all started when Silvia was explaining how a former culinary student of hers was asking for help with the new Indonesian restaurant he'd opened with his mother in a Norcross food court. seriousness she complained: "Oh! And his mother wants me to taste every single thing on the menu! Will y'all please come help me?" Jennifer and I looked at her like she was crazy and said "Will we?" So, off we went to the Hong Kong Market at 5495 Jimmy Carter Boulevard. The restaurant, Waroeng Corner, is in stall F-109 which is tucked around the corner in the back of the food court.

Chef Doni ("Donnie") Lukman explained that his mom Chef Ayu ("Eye you") Maddox didn't speak English well, and that he'd be the interpreter today. They started the show by bringing out a few appetizers. **Ketroprak** is a dish with rice stick noodles studded with deep fried tofu, topped with sautéed bean sprouts and a robust fresh garlic and peanut sauce. This was followed by **Satay** – little skewers of tender chicken or lamb in a rich peanut sauce with a hint of coconut. We ended this course with **Rumpah Ayam** - crispy pieces of tumericmarinated fried chicken served with a fiery sauce of freshly ground chilies in shrimp paste

We then moved on to the soups. **Soto Buntut** or oxtail soup had meaty oxtails marinated in cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger in a light fragrant broth, with fresh carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, green onion and celery, topped with crispy fried shallots. **Soto Batawi**. A more intense and creamier soup with slices of flank steak, chunks of potatoes and fresh scallions. The flavors in this delightful soto included – but were not limited to – coconut, cinnamon, cumin, lemon grass and galangal, an asian ginger. Our final soup was **Soto Tangar**, rich and creamy bisque with tender slices of beef and fresh scallions. Bits of green and red chilies added balance to the coconut cream and lemon grass broth.

Eyes bulging and waste bands straining for relief, we soldiered on to the main courses. **Nasi Padang (Curry Platter)** was a curry lover's delight featuring **Beef Rendang** – tender pieces of flank steak slow cooked for 5 hours in a rich sauce.

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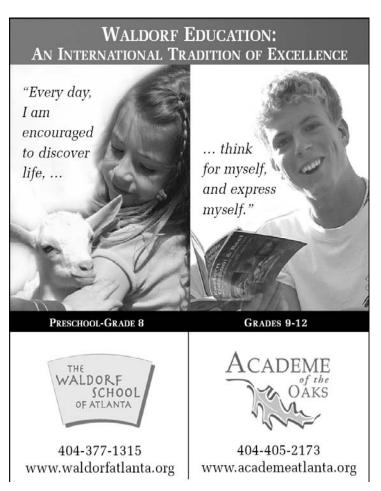
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Chalk is Sooo 20th Century

By Marie Godiers

My name is Marie Godiers and I'm a 7th grader at Inman Middle School. Over the years I've seen how technology has advanced and changed. Middle school is where I've seen most of those advancements. Ever since 6th grade my peers and I have been introduced to what is known as the Promethean Board. This is my absolute favorite invention because of the variety of things that it allows you to do.

At Mary Lin we started with chalk boards, and soon moved up to white boards, and now at Inman we have Promethean Boards. Unlike white or black boards, Promethean Boards allow teachers to show online sites and display anything that is on their computer or laptop! With these boards you can say goodbye to old, heavy overhead projectors and projector sheets, and hello to easy to work, new software! I have one of these boards in almost all of my classes. They allow learning to be more graphic and interesting. With Promethean Boards, students can also interact by using a specific touch pen that allows us to come up to the board and click, drag, and/or interact with anything that can be seen on a regular computer. Promethean Boards are just like computer screens, just enlarged and interactive. I think this wonderful device makes it easier on the teachers as well. They don't have to make or find projector sheets anymore. They can simply surf the web or use a document right on their computer! Teachers also don't have to drag out the projector into the middle of the classroom. The Promethean Board's projector is mounted to the ceiling and is never in the way. The board itself rests on the wall and the image is always in focus and easy on the eyes. It is worth every penny and the greatest investment Inman has ever made (in my opinion).

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Food Freak

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Our next entrée was **Calimari** – Tender pieces of squid in a light crispy coating served with a delightful homemade sweet chili sauce, fresh kumquats and scattered with fresh green scallions.

But the show stopper was the **Tilapia** – A whole fish dusted in tamarind, coriander and garlic powder then flash-fried and served piping hot with fresh tomatoes, kumquats and a dollop of fiery ground chilies in shrimp paste. Even though we were all stuffed to the gills, you should have seen the way we dug into the crunchy goodness of this dish…bones and all!

As the afternoon wore on, Chef Ayu's lack of English language skills was gradually surpassed by her ability to express her overwhelming love of food and cooking. We learned that she is from Jakarta and is self-taught. "I make the best. I cook the best for everyone. I think about cooking all the time....what I make next." Let me tell you folks, it shows in both her smile and her food.

I urge you to visit Waroeng Corner for lunch or dinner soon. It is good to occasionally step outside of your comfort zone and go on a culinary adventure. We are so lucky to have a whole world of interesting food available in the Atlanta area. And, if you want someone to go with, just give me a holler. foodfreak@visionforge.org.

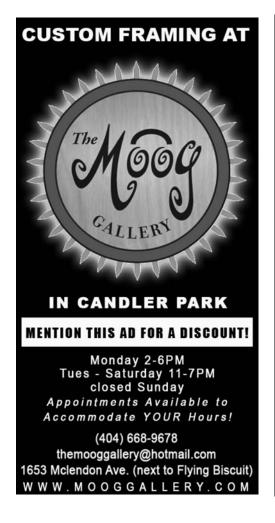
Kenny Rogers, Celebrity Chefs Aim to End Childhood Hunger

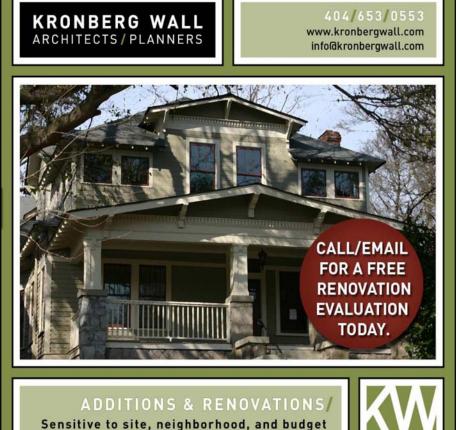
From a Press Release

More than 50 top chefs from the Atlanta area will participate in Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation® Atlanta, on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Georgia Aquarium. Celebrating its 21st anniversary, the event has raised more than \$6 million since its inception and furthers the organization's dedication to ending childhood hunger in America.

This gourmet food and wine event will feature specialty food samplings, live, silent and beverage auctions, wine tastings and live entertainment. Music icon Kenny Rogers and his wife Wanda will serve as honorary chairpersons.

Tickets are \$250 per person for General Admission and \$350 per person for VIP Admission. A VIP reception begins at 6:30 p.m. with general admission to the event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.atlantataste.org or by calling 770.436.5151.





EPA offers Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

From a Press Release

The Development. Community. Environment Division in EPA's Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation is seeking applications for technical assistance from communities that want to incorporate smart growth in their future development to meet environmental and other community goals. Eligible entities are tribal, local, regional, and nonprofit governments. and organizations that have a demonstrated partnership with a governmental entity. For information http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/2009_sgia_rfa.htm. Applications are due at 5:00 pm EST, April

New Book Explores History of DeKalb County

From another Press Release

"Historic DeKalb County, An Illustrated History" was written by Vivian Price and published by the Historical Publishing Network. The book is split into two sections. The first section contains both a historical overview of the county's history up through the 20th century and a section on specific topics, such as Camp Gordon, the Candler family, essays on churches, and the dairy industry. There are illustrations throughout and a full-name index in the middle of the book.

The second section, entitled "Sharing the Heritage," contains 44 sketches with color illustrations of businesses and institutions in the county. For many of these, this is the only time an official sketch has appeared in print. Books are available form the DeKalb History Center, located in the old DeKalb County courthouse in downtown Decatur. Call 404-373-1088 ext 22 to order.



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From a Press Release

Considering that 45% of Decatur and 61% of Atlanta homes were built before 1960, it's not surprising that local homeowners are often faced with drafty windows and doors and leaky ducts, often resulting in high energy bills.

Renewal Design-Build is now offering Home Performance with Energy Star, a comprehensive home assessment that reveals where and why a home is not energy efficient. With diagnostic equipment, Renewal can pinpoint a home's problems and provide the homeowner with solutions. Home improvement services include: energy efficient renovations, HVAC systems, duct systems, crawl space encapsulation, insulation and air sealing, replacement window and doors, and combustion safety. Improvements to the home result in improved energy efficiency and air quality, and lower utility bills.

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Homeowners will not only save on utility bills, but they can also get cash in their pockets through rebates and tax credits. Georgia Power is now offering its customers Home Performance rebates, and there is a multitude of federal tax credits available to those homeowners making green improvements to their homes in 2009 and 2010. For more information on Home Performance with Energy Star, visit georgiapower.com/energystar.

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Don't Commit "Crepe Murder"

By Quentin Holden Certified Arborist

The easiest way handle Crepe Myrtles is to not prune them at all. However, some people do not like to see the unsightly flower pods. So this requires some pruning known as the pencil-pruning method. Most of the pruning is with stems that are about the size of a pencil. This will actually produce more flowers in the Natchez (white flowered Crepe Myrtle) and Carolina Beauty (pinkish flowered Crepe Myrtle). The pencil-pruning style does require more skill but as a client pointed out she liked how the branches droop when they are filled with flowers.

The next two methods are more severe types of pruning and horticulturist call those who prune this way "Crepe Murders". The Pollarding method is where the cut is made up to last years numb, and the Topping method is cut below the numb. These two methods stimulate more sprouts but will delay flowering. I like the more natural look to the Crepe Myrtle and do recognize these trees need some cleaning, but I do not recommend Topping or Pollarding.

CPNO Treasurer's Report

Compiled by Alonzo Church

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CPNO Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Maureen Wilce

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, March 16, 2009 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Drive, with Amy Stout in the chair. Approximately 30 members were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcements:

- Carter Tracy requested persons with interest in a community garden. Please see the article in March's The Messenger
- Community support is requested at Superior Court for Grandma Gordon green space, this Wednesday at 4 pm. Coupons for a Cause are also available at Donna Van Gogh.
- Sunday 9 -12 will be a work day for Iverson Park.
- Janea Boyle announced the specialty grocery store legislation passed.
- Amir Farokhi introduced himself and noted he is running for a City-wide seat on the City Council
- Donna Palmer said the first meeting of the water ballet group for 2009 would meet tomorrow 10:30 at MLK natatorium

Zoning Committee report: Owners of 294 Elimira requested a variance for the side yard set back. All neighbors accept this variance. The application was approved unanimously. James Johnson announced that David Aynes is a new member of the Committee

Friends of Iverson Park requested the \$10,000 ING funds for fitness initiatives to be used for an asphalt walking trail to be added to the park. Eric Dusenbury said the Park Department requested asphalt be used for ease of maintenance. Money will go through fiscal agent Park Pride. A motion was unanimously approved for CPNO to allocate the \$10,000 ING funds to Park Pride for Friends of Iverson Park to use for fitness initiatives, and that the money be matched, and Friends of Iverson Park report back annually until the money is spent. JoJo Ross and Mary Alice Bray were thanked for their hard work in bringing ING money in 2008. JoJo noted that the cheering section for the 2009 race will meet at 6:30 on the 29th at Candler Park Drive and McClendon. Pease join and wear orange.

Meeting minutes from February were approved.

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CPNO Minutes

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Special Events Committee: Mark Clement noted that the 420 Fest, which will be held April 18 -19 will make a donation to CPNO for each arm band sold. A 5K race is planned that will be similar to last year. The race netted over \$11,000 last year. A motion was unanimously approved to authorize to spend up to \$10,000 for T-shirts, police, and other expenses. Volunteers to help with the race were requested. Please contact Mark or Amy to help.

Mark also noted: Fall Fest planning is going well. Sweetwater has signed on as a sponsor. The Committee meets on third Tuesdays. There has been interested in a movie night in Candler Park. A meeting will be held on Sunday to discuss. Panoramic photos are being hung in Radial, Front Page News, and the Mercantile.

Midsummer Music Fest will be held in Candler Park on June 20th noon-10 pm. 790 the Zone will donate \$5,000 to CPNO. Holly Mull, representing the applicant, said no fencing will be put up this year, and no admission will be charged. The Fest will include an artist market, food and beverages, and children's activities. 6 police officers will be there. The site plan, approved by the City, was shared at the meeting. A vote to support for the application was unanimous.

Discussion noted soccer fields are in poor shape. JoJo Ross is documenting problems.

Jeremy Dahl made a presentation on invasive plant species. English Ivy, Chinese Wisteria, Japanese honeysuckle, and kudzu damage the trees in Atlanta's hard wood forest. English Ivy kills both mature and young trees, and all invasive species compete for water resources. Fernbank Forest is one of the largest old growth forests in the country. Streams connect the Forest with Candler Park, so control of these species is important, as is education for children. See www.deepforestfieldschool.org for more information.

Environmental Officer JoJo Ross announced the egg hunt will be at 10 am Saturday, April 11. She requested CPNO provide \$150 to cover costume rental and plastic eggs. A motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12



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- Deb Milbrath, CPNO Membership Secretary

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Crime Report

Compiled by David Bruce

1500 block Iverson St – Auto theft - 2/22 Sun Morn. Victim's driver side door pried open. Ignition damaged.

1400 block Miller Ave – Larceny from auto - 2/26 Thurs Morn. Passenger side window smashed. Nothing taken.

500 block Seminole Ave Aggravated assault - 3/1 Sun Morn. Victim: W/M, 21 YOA. Victim: W/F, 28 YOA Both victims were standing on Seminole when the arrestee ran up to them pushing the female victim aside and then jumped on the male victim striking him on the mouth with an unknown object knocking him to the ground. The arrestee then continued to strike the victim on the face after he down. Officer located the was arrestee. Arrestee: W/M, 25 YOA, lives on N Highland (with the female victim).

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 3/3 Tues Eve. Both victims parked their vehicles in the parking lot adjacent to each other, when they returned they found their windows broken and their Laptops were missing from both vehicles.

400 block Oakdale Rd – Larceny from auto - 3/7 Sat Eve. Driver's side window smashed. Cell phone, cash, and purse removed.

300 block Oakdale Rd – Larceny other – 2/24 to 2/25, Tues to Wed 1 day time frame. Someone stole two checks from the victim's mail box.

DeKalb Ave @ DeKalb PI – Larceny from auto - 3/9 Mon Morn. Front passenger side window smashed. GPS and multi media device removed.

1500 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto - 3/9 Mon Eve. Smashed a window on 2 vehicles and removed a lap top and leather bag.

1800 block Marlbrook Ave – Larceny from auto - 3/13 Fri Morn. Witness heard glass breaking. Looked outside, and saw the suspect running away from the victim's vehicle. The passenger side window was smashed and property removed. Suspect: B/M, 5'08< Dark clothing.

500 block Page Ave – Larceny from auto - 3/13 Fri Morn. Rear passenger side window smashed. Property was recovered.

400 block Seminole Ave Pedestrian robbery - 3/15 Mon Eve. Victim: W/M. 24YOA. Victim stated three suspects approached him and asked for a cigarette. When the victim stated he didn't have one, the suspects asked for money. When the victim pulled money form his wallet one of the suspects snatched it and struck him. The victim began to chase the suspect around a dumpster until one of the suspects pulled up his shirt and showed a pistol. The suspect then fled on foot. One of the suspects was located and taken into custody. Arrestee: B/M, 17YOA.

400 block Callan Cir – Auto theft - 3/17 Tues Morn. Victim reports that someone damaged the door frame to enter and stole the radio and they damaged the ignition in an attempt to steal the vehicle.

300 block Glendale Ave – Auto theft - 3/18 Tues Eve. Officer was dispatched on an abandoned vehicle, after running vehicle he located the owner who stated she took the vehicle to a mechanic on DeKalb Ave and it should have been there. The vehicle had a broken window and the steering column was damaged.

Mell Ave @ Dekalb Ave — Pedestrian robbery - 3/20 Fri Eve. Victim: 16YOA. Victim was walking when the suspects pulled up and offered him a ride. When the victim refused a suspect got out, showed the gun in his waistband, and demanded the victim's IPod. . Once the suspect took the property he drove off. Suspect: B/M, Purple shirt, jeans. Suspect: B/M. Suspect vehicle: Older gray vehicle.

1600 block McLendon Ave — Commercial robbery - 3/21 Sat Eve. Suspect approached the counter to pay for a Sprite and reached for the money in the cash register. Victim closed the register on the suspect's hand but released the pressure after the suspect made threats to shoot him and began to cry. Victim and a witness escorted the suspect out of the store. Nothing taken. Suspect: B/M, 17-23YOA, white t-shirt, blue jeans.

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