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# Messenger

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## APS Redistricting: Final Proposal Approved Plan keeps CP in the Grady cluster, expands Mary Lin

BY PAIGE PARVIN

The final redistricting proposal for Atlanta Public Schools has been released by Superintendent Erroll Davis and approved by the Board of Education. Overall the picture is a positive one for Candler Park, with one notable exception—the plan does not address long-term overcrowding at our middle school.

According to the proposal, the Mary Lin community will remain in the Inman-Grady cluster of schools, along with elementary schools Centennial Place, Morningside, and Springdale Park. Hope-Hill will now be zoned for Inman and Grady as well. Cook Elementary School will be closed; a previous plan to use it as a sixth-grade academy for Inman Middle School was abandoned in the final proposal, although that remains a possibility for the future.

“APS listened to our community, and for that we are grateful,” says CPNO Education Committee Chair Kate Sandhaus.

The plan allocates approximately \$15 million for “select additions and renovations at Mary Lin” that have been pending for several years, a result of SPLOST funding.

“In broad terms, the plan delivers what Candler Park has been advocating for: keep Mary Lin K-5 and continue contributing to Inman and Grady success,” said Ed Hyken, Candler Park Education Committee

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## The 411 on the SweetWater 420 Fest, April 20-22

BY PAIGE PARVIN

The SweetWater 420 Earth Day Celebration, hosted by SweetWater Brewing Company, will feature nearly 20 bands, a comedy tent, artist market, kids area, food, and an Earth Day focus. No dogs, coolers, or outside alcohol allowed. The CPNO is not involved in organizing this event.

The 2012 festival hours: Friday, April 20, from 4:20 pm to 11 pm; Saturday, April 21, from noon to 10 p.m., and Sunday, April 22 from 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free for great live music, activities, food, and education about how each and every one of us can be a part of the solution! Festival-goers who are 21 and over with a valid ID can purchase a \$5 wristband to responsibly enjoy beer.

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## MEETING & EVENTS

**CPNO general meeting April 16th  
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 at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., 2nd Fl. (or as shown) All are welcome - only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by CPNO by the 1st of the month of meeting.

April General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and November 2011 minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit January agenda items to any CPNO officer by December 23rd, 2011

## EVENTS CALENDAR

(open to all)

**APR 14 12 PM**  
Spring Plant Sale in Mulberry Fields Community Garden

**APR 16 7 PM**  
CPNO Montly General Meeting  
First Existentialist Congregation

**APR 20 4.20 PM**  
Sweetwater 420 Fest 2012

**APR 21 11 AM - 9 PM**  
Sweetwater 420 Fest 2012

**APR 21 9 AM**  
Sweetwater 420 Fest 5K

**APR 21 12 PM**  
Spring Plant Sale in Mulberry Fields Community Garden

### 411 on the SweetWater 420 Fest ...continued from page 1

What is the \$5 fee for? A portion of the proceeds from wristband sales are donated to Park Pride to benefit Candler Park, the neighborhood that hosts, and the remainder allows us to cover our operating expenses. The SweetWater 420 Festival invites earth lovers of all ages to come out and take part in the festivities. For more information, visit [www.sweetwater420fest.com](http://www.sweetwater420fest.com).

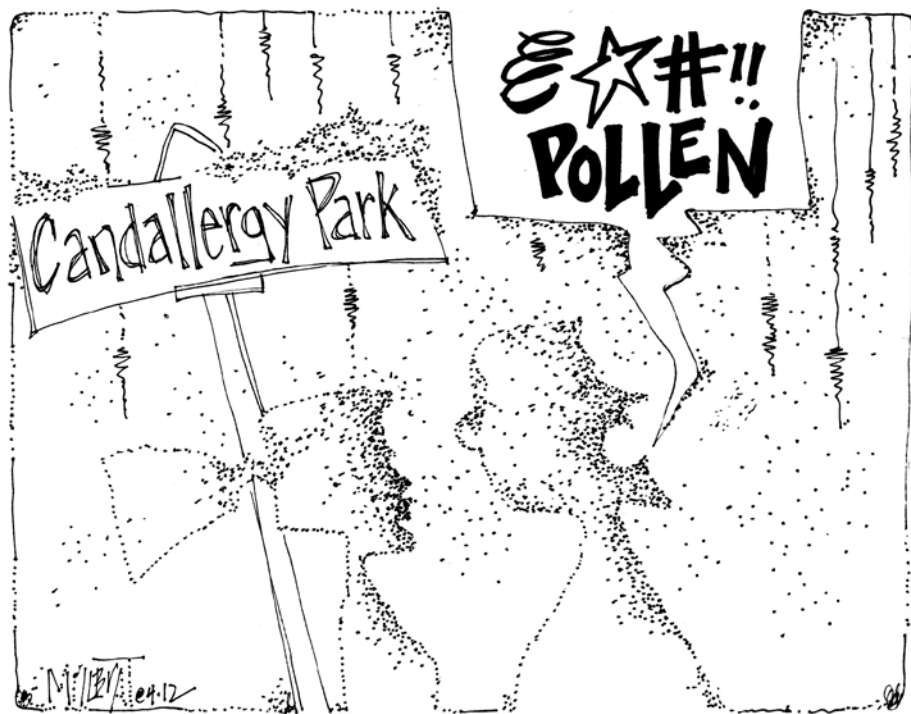
Calling Volunteers: Please join us for this year's SweetWater 420 Fest 5K and volunteer with your friends and neighbors. This year's event, which benefits the CPNO, expects over 2,000 participants, and we need volunteers to cheer on the runners and to make this a success. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt, a wristband for the festival, a drink ticket and most of all have a great time! Volunteers do not have to be Candler Park residents. Please contact Anne Steib ([anne@steibster.com](mailto:anne@steibster.com)) with any questions. To volunteer, please go to: [www.CandlerPark.org/420](http://www.CandlerPark.org/420) and click "Volunteer".

**Candler Park Work Day:** Also, the CPNO is excited to announce that we're once again joining forces with the Home Depot and Happy Ending Productions, along with some help from Scotts, SweetWater Brewing Co. and Friends of Candler Park, to collaborate on a beautification project for Candler Park, home of our annual festival, on April 11 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to come out and help us refresh the park's pavilions, plant flowers, mulch and more. We'll even feed ya' for your time! Lunch and beverages will be provided, along with gardening tools.

### Redistricting: Proposal Approved ...continued from page 1

member and Mary Lin father. "We have to continue working with other neighborhoods on a plan for middle school capacity."

An earlier plan targeted Coan Middle School for closure and conversion to a sixth-grade academy, drawing an outcry of protest from neighborhoods



by Deb Milbrath

currently zoned for Coan. The final proposal leaves Coan intact. It was approved on April 10 following a nearly six-hour, hotly contentious community meeting with Davis and the board at Jackson High School. During the meeting, the proposal was amended to leave open three elementary schools that had been slated for closure: Towns, D. H. Stanton, and F. L. Stanton.

While Grady High School will offer adequate space for the cluster's high-school students in the immediate future, concerns linger about possible overcrowding at Inman by 2017, a situation Davis says must be monitored closely during the next two to three years. The school's population will be served by the addition of portable classrooms during school year 2012-2013, but many stakeholders are concerned about how the middle school challenges will be met in years following.

"A good deal of uncertainty remains about how to resolve middle school overcrowding," says Kate. "We look forward to working with APS and fellow Grady cluster communities on a long-term shared solution."

The Candler Park Education Committee has been actively involved in the redistricting process for months, advocating for the Mary Lin expansion and for Candler Park's continued inclusion in the Grady cluster, which builds on more than 30 years of neighborhood investment and support in these schools. Committee chair Kate Sandhaus, also communications officer for the CPNO, points out that members have demonstrated remarkable leadership and commitment; in

addition to the hundreds who wrote letters and attended meetings, she particularly noted the contributions of Ken Edelstein, Ed Hyken, Melissa Uppelschoten, Jocelyn Nettles, Lexa King, Peter Bluestone, Eric Rubenstein, David Duncan, and Issel Carson.

"I've never seen a community rally together as quickly and effectively as Candler Park and Lake Claire has so far over APS redistricting," said Ken, a Candler Park resident with a young child headed to Mary Lin. "Kate deserves a lot of credit for the effectiveness of our response, but we also were lucky to have lot of smart, reasonable people who worked well together."

The redistricting process also brought us closer to our sister neighborhood Lake Claire, and the CP committee would like to thank Lake Claire partners Jeff Shaw, Sherry Neal, Beth Krebs and Mary Jo Bryan.

"Kate really rallied the neighborhood around the redistricting effort and helped ensure APS heard our voice," said Beth. "Her energy was incredible—she tirelessly attended meeting after meeting, regularly reached out to APS and city officials, and led the CP Education Committee's efforts. She was also an incredible partner to the Lake Claire Education Committee on which I served, helping our two neighborhoods coordinate and provide a unified message throughout this process."

For more information, visit [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org).

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## Spring Plant Sale in Mulberry Fields Community Garden!

BY JESSE BATHRICK  
PHOTO BY BETSY ABRAMS

Mulberry Fields Community Garden hosts our neighborhood growers, Urban Biodynamics, who will be selling fresh, organic grown spring and summer plants for your vegetable garden. They will offer nine varieties of heirloom tomatoes and much more. Come early...support local growers and support Mulberry Fields.

**Dates:**  
Saturday, April 14,  
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Saturday, April 21,  
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Location:**  
Mulberry Fields Community Garden  
- down an old city alley next to 1303 Iverson Street.

## Atlanta Residents Can Now Complete a City Services Satisfaction Survey Online

Survey data will be used in 2013 budget review


BY DEXTER M. CHAMBERS,  
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## Much Mulch Spread in Candler Park

BY MARK CLEMENT, CPNO SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out and made Friends of Candler Park's March Mulch Madness a big success! In a little over three hours, we made a dramatic improvement to the park. We cleaned out privet and dragged dead limbs into a ginormous pile for pick-up.

We also spread four major mulch piles around trees and bare areas. Three mulch piles were provided by the city. No one has a clue where the fourth mulch pile came from. Not to mention several bags full of garbage harvested from the wooded areas of the park. Thanks to Park Pride and Western Illinois University's group Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow. Also thanks to the CPNO for the celebratory pizza.





## Spring Shred Day

BY CHRISTY PAGE,  
THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Community School and Eagle Secure Shredding are sponsoring a Shred Day on May 19 from 10 am to 1

pm. Drop by the First Baptist Church of Decatur to have your confidential documents shredded on-site and recycled by Atlanta's premiere shredding company. Donations of \$5 per bankers box (maximum of ten boxes per patron please) are welcome. All proceeds will support The Community School, a school for junior and high school students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The First Baptist Church of Decatur is located at 308 Clairemont Ave, Decatur 30030. Visit [www.thecommunityschool.net](http://www.thecommunityschool.net) for more information about the school and the event. Paper shredding only. Rain or shine—we'll see you there!



## CP Cheering Zone Wins Again

Congratulations to Candler Park for winning the Publix Marathon cheering zone contest—again! The top two neighborhoods voted by the runners win \$1,500 for their neighborhood organizations, and our 'hood made some noise to win for the second year in a row. "The streak continues!" said Steve Goff, CPNO environmental officer, who helped organize the cheering zone. "Thanks to everyone for helping out."



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# Securing Your Home With Alarms

BY DUNCAN COTTRELL

Alarm systems are often the first things people think about for defense against break-ins and home burglaries, and they definitely have a place in a home security plan. They can be effective if installed and used properly. Alarms systems deter burglaries because they increase the potential and fear of being caught and arrested by the police. The deterrent value comes from the alarm company lawn sign and posted decals on the windows. Some burglars will bypass a property with visible alarm signs and seek out easier targets.

An alarm doesn't necessarily keep bold crooks out, but it limits their time inside. Alarms don't stop the smash-and-grab break-in, when a door is kicked in and available items are stolen, often within two minutes. One YouTube video showed the crooks in and out with the TV in 22 seconds. Reinforcing doors and windows is effective against the smash-and-grab burglary.

Alarm systems need to be properly installed, monitored, and maintained. Alarms systems often have dual purposes monitoring for fire and burglary. Systems should have a loud, disturbing horn or siren on the outside as well as the inside to attract attention. However, these audible alarms should be programmed to reset automatically after a few minutes. The criminal got the message and will be long gone but your neighbors will have to listen to the alarm bell, sometimes for hours, until it is shut off.

Monitoring stations should have up-to-date contact and emergency information. And, a neighborhood watch program ensures vigilance from nearby homeowners when you're not there. Getting neighborhood participation might require you to take the first step. Call your local neighborhood watch coordinator to get you started with a neighborhood watch program. Invite adjacent neighbors over to your home for coffee and begin the information exchange. You'll be amazed how the process runs on automatic from there.

- Alarm systems are effective deterrents with visible signage
- Alarm systems need to be properly installed, monitored, and maintained
- Alarm systems need to have an exterior audible horn or bell to be effective
- Make sure your alarm response call list is up to date

# Welcome New CPNO Board Member

The CPNO would like to welcome Bess Brown as our new recording secretary. Bess is an attorney who recently moved to Candler Park from Oakhurst. She will be creating the CPNO membership meeting minutes that appear in the Messenger.









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# SweetWater 420 Fest 5K Road Race

BY DAVID AYNES

This year's Sweetwater 420 Fest 5K Road Race will take place on Saturday, April 21st at 9 AM. Packet pick-up will take place starting at 7:00 AM at Epworth Methodist on the corner of McLendon Ave and Mell Ave. Please visit [www.candlerpark.org/420](http://www.candlerpark.org/420) and click on VOLUNTEER to get involved. This is one of CPNO's biggest annual fundraisers and we need your help!


This year's race will feature a new course which begins on McLendon Ave just west of Mell Ave. Both lanes of McLendon Ave will be shut down between Mell Ave and Euclid Terrace from 8 AM to approximately 9:15 AM. In addition, the following roads will be affected:

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- Eastbound lane of North Ave between Moreland Ave and Euclid Ave
- Northeast bound lane of Euclid Ave between North Avenue and Oakdale Road
- Both lanes of Oakdale Rd from Euclid Ave to Fairview Rd will be closed from 9 AM to 10 AM
- Fairview Rd between Springdale Rd and S. Ponce De Leon Ave
- S. Ponce De Leon Ave between Springdale Rd and

Fairview Road

- North Ave between Euclid Ave and Candler Park Dr
- Southbound lane of Oakdale Rd between Fairview Rd and Benning Pl
- Eastbound lane of Benning Place between Oakdale Rd and Candler Park Dr
- Both lanes of Candler Park Dr from Benning Pl to North Ave will be closed or heavily affected from 9 AM to 11 AM

The race will finish on Candler Park Dr, near Mary Lin Elementary and all of the runners will congregate on Candler Park Drive. Please come join the fun as a volunteer or spectator. Hang around for the festivities, beer and music as the second day of Sweetwater 420 Fest begins at noon. All race proceeds will benefit Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc.



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## Our New Neighbors: Coyotes

BY META LARSSON

Chances are you've yet to see a coyote or hear them howling at a full moon. More likely, though, you've heard neighbors talk about coyote sightings and of cats gone missing. Coyotes have lived here for a while. In Druid Hills, for instance, over a period of several months within the past few years, the saddest of signs seemed posted everywhere: "Missing Cat." At first, neighbors didn't realize what was happening. But, at night, as coyote packs became established, their unmistakable howl could be heard around the Druid Hills golf course. Recently, two coyotes were spotted walking through the Frazer Center forest in Lake Claire.

Efforts to limit coyote and wolf populations by killing them using various methods over the past hundred years have had an unintended effect: coyotes have now expanded beyond their native territory, the western prairie, to every state in the US (except Hawaii), including all major metropolitan areas. One explanation of this amazing expansion is found in coyote social organization. Coyote litters, which can range from one to twelve pups, increase in proportion to the availability of food.

In short, more food, more coyotes.

Counterintuitive as it may sound, the act of killing coyotes—in effect, leaving more food for those remaining—results in more pups being born. Moreover, killing coyotes disrupts pack hierarchies. Normally, only the alpha pair reproduces in a coyote pack. But if the alphas are gone, several pairs may be allowed to reproduce; and again, more coyote pups will be born the following season. And that, in turn, leads to new packs and a need for new territory; if the alphas are gone, their absence opens up a territory that can be claimed by a transient individual.

The coyote is said to be among the smartest of wild animals. Native Americans call it the trickster or God's dog. Although not native to the Southeast, coyotes now fit into our local ecosystem and help keep rodent populations in check. They are monogamous and loyal to their pack. The males help feed and raise pups. They can recognize individual people within their territory. So there's a good chance that some of them living amongst us already have us and our habits figured out.

But now the burden falls on us to understand them. More specifically, we need to understand that if they find food in an area, they will return for more. This is no small matter: although attacks on people are rare, a correlation has been established between the number of coyote attacks and the amount of human-related food in their diet.



Coyotes have been the topic at several recent neighborhood meetings. At one, an animal trapper (who, by state law, must kill any coyote that is trapped) explained that although he can remove unwanted animals, in time, other coyotes will move into the area. In early March, Fernbank Science Center hosted: "Fact and Fiction - Coyotes: How can humans and coyotes coexist?" Dr. Chris Mowry from Berry College presented his research about coyotes, and along with the evening's host and fellow wildlife biologist, Dr. Larry Wilson, talked about best practices for coexisting with coyotes. They stressed the importance of eliminating all intentional and unintentional feeding, keeping pets safe, and the need for education and cooperation among neighbors and municipalities. Dr. Lowry also explained that established packs with large territories, "low density coyotes" who hunt wildlife, are more desirable to have around. If those coyotes are removed, the "transients" that move in might be more undesirable, since they aren't as good hunters, and go for easy prey—like small pets.

Dr. Mowry expressed his desire to raise money for a research project to put GPS collars on our local coyotes in order to identify where they get food, and he suggested that this could be a great project for local schools.

A coyote pack in its native habitat needs a big territory to feed itself on its natural prey, small animals. However, if abundant food from other sources is available, packs require smaller territories, which leads to denser, increasingly urban, coyote populations and more interactions between them and humans.

#### So what can we do?

Along with the rest of the country, we have little choice but to learn how to coexist. More specifically, if coyotes do not associate us with food and, in the process, maintain their fear of

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# Atlanta's Funkiest Footrace Blasts Off on April 28 at Inman Park Festival

BY BOYD BAKER

The Mary Lin Education Foundation is holding its fourth annual Rocket Run 5K & Caterpillar Cruise on Saturday, April 28, at 11 a.m. in partnership with the Inman Park Festival. The race runs through Inman Park and Old Fourth Ward. New this year is a 1 Mile Blast for all the little runners in your life, with a start time of 11:45 a.m. Sponsors and volunteers are being recruited through the race website at [www.RocketRun.org](http://www.RocketRun.org).

"I couldn't believe that last year's winner ran in costume!" said race organizer Boyd Baker. "We hoped folks would come out to make this a really fun run, and they did. Our goal is to make this a race like no other in Atlanta. Since the Inman Park Festival is so unique, we thought the race should be too. Racers love the route because they get to experience an interesting mix of Atlanta's historic homes, amazing skyline views, and funky urban landscapes."

Register for the race at [www.RocketRun.org](http://www.RocketRun.org) or [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com). Cost is \$30 for the 5K, \$20 for the 1 Mile. T-shirts come with each entry and trophies will be given by age and in costume and Caterpillar categories. Costumes are NOT mandatory, just encouraged. The Mary Lin Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that raises funds for our community elementary school. Their purpose is to support long-range planning for the students and teachers and provide resources that may otherwise be unavailable.

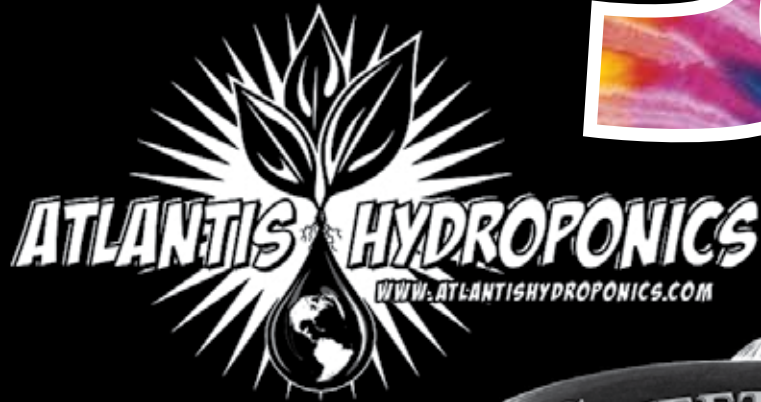


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## 2012 CATERPILLAR SQUAD RULES

- Each squad member registers separately – noting squad name.
- Each adult caterpillar must consist of at least five registered runners. No free rides!
- There is no limit on the maximum length of your caterpillar.
- A caterpillar may be made of any material that a business, school, or club deems appropriate. However, try to keep it light, flexible, well-ventilated, and non-toxic for the fans. Allow at least four feet between individual segments.
- Twinkie feelers on the head of each segment are highly suggestive.
- The final segment (caboose) of each squad must wear a stinger or element that allows all following to know that they are viewing the back of a potential winner. Get creative.
- During the entire competition, all required body segments must be present in the caterpillar body. If you need a substitute, and are lucky enough to have one available, the replacement must give the caterpillar's official password—or sing the fight song - to exclude unauthorized participants.
- All centipede members must start together, at the start line, as well as cross the finish line with all connections intact in order to be considered victorious.

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## Coyotes

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us, we can coexist. Conversely, a coyote that associates people with food and, as a result, loses its fear of humans, becomes a problem. A coyote that shows aggression toward humans needs to be removed. However, if the cause that led to the aggression in the first place is not corrected, it produces an endless cycle.

Coyote puppies are born starting in late March. Parents need to provide food for their hungry young, and they are on the prowl. Chances are they are checking out our neighborhood. Please don't let them find a fast-food outlet in our neighborhood.

Project Coyote (at [projectcoyote.org](http://projectcoyote.org)) an organization which "promotes educated coexistence between people and coyotes" has a wealth of information on-line based on current research and practices. Urban areas around the country from Calabasas, in Los Angeles County, California to Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island, and the City of Decatur have coyote management plans encouraging co-existing with coyotes. The goal in urban coyote management is to limit the expansion of coyotes and to keep coyotes fearful of humans instead of them expecting us to provide dinner and getting mad at us if we don't.

The following advice is compiled from the sources reference with the article and listed below. A consensus among wildlife managers suggests the following actions:

- Don't feed coyotes!
- If encountering coyotes, stand your ground. Make noise: act scary. Do not run away. Protect small children and pets.
- Eliminate all unintentional feeding, including
  - pet food, (don't feed pets outside)
  - open and accessible garbage containers
  - open compost piles
  - bird seed on the ground

- water sources in yard
- fallen fruit from trees
- road kill
- open dumpsters
- rodent populations (any outdoor food source will attract rodents, which will attract coyotes)
- Encourage your neighbors to follow the advice. Only when all of us comply will these measures be effective.
- Keep pets attended. Don't let pets roam, especially at night. Unattended cats and small dogs—as well as pet food— attract coyotes. Coyotes may see pets as competitors as well as prey.
- Chickens, rabbits, goats and their food need to be enclosed within heavy-duty wire cages. Coyotes can break through chicken wire.
- Coyotes can climb over or dig under fences.

### For more information:

City of Decatur- Coyote Fact Sheet  
[www.decaturga.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=1745](http://www.decaturga.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=1745)  
The Cook County, Illinois, Coyote Project  
[www.urbancoyotersearch.com/](http://www.urbancoyotersearch.com/)  
Living with Coyotes in Calabasas, California  
[www.cityofcalabasas.com/coyotes.html](http://www.cityofcalabasas.com/coyotes.html)  
[www.cityofcalabasas.com/environmental/pdf/Coyote-Management-Plan.pdf](http://www.cityofcalabasas.com/environmental/pdf/Coyote-Management-Plan.pdf)  
Narragansett Bay Coyote Study  
[www.theconservationagency.org/coyote.htm](http://www.theconservationagency.org/coyote.htm)  
Project Coyote  
[www.projectcoyote.org/index.html](http://www.projectcoyote.org/index.html)

**Source:** White, L.A. and Gehrt, S. D., Coyote Attacks on Humans in the U.S. and Canada, Human Dimensions of Wildlife, Vol. 14, No. 6, October 2009.



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### Securing Your Home

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- Don't write your alarm pass code (or "PIN") on or near the alarm keypad
- Instruct your neighbor how to respond to an alarm siren



# CPNO Membership Meeting Minutes

## March 19, 2012

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN ROSE (VOLUNTEER SCRIBE)

### Atlanta Police Department

(Scribe designated after meeting had already started and after police report was almost complete.)

- If you need to contact APD, 911 is best number to call. Also, you can call Crime Stoppers at 404- 577-8477.

### Motion to adopt agenda, so moved

### Announcements

- Molly Smalley has resigned as Recording Secretary. We need this position filled. Please consider this position and contact any board member to volunteer or learn more.
- Fall Fest co-chairs appointed: Mark Clement, David Aynes, and Leslie Kipling.
- Friends of Iverson Park is doing a planting this Sat. March 24 and would love some help.
- Easter Egg Hunt will occur April 7 at 12 noon in Candler Park. It will be even better than last year with a 'non-scary Easter Bunny'. Volunteers are needed to help with providing eggs and stuffing the eggs which will be hosted by Kate Sandhaus at her house.
- Epworth Methodist is hosting an Easter Egg hunt about 12:10 after worship on Sun. March 25 to be held behind the church. It's great for smaller children.
- Epworth is also involved in a 'Smart Lunch, Smart Children' which involves feeding 400 children a day. These are children who get school lunches, but have no lunch in the summertime. Pastor Lisa will tell you more at the next meeting on how to get involved.
- Wrecking Bar presented a \$480 check for a week of support to CPNO that they held at the restaurant some time ago. Yea!
- Wrecking Bar is hosting a fundraiser for the Grady Robotics team on Thu. Mar 23. Identify yourself as supporting Grady Robotics and proceeds from your food/drink will go to Grady Robotics. Kate added that Wrecking Bar is great meeting spot!

### Approval of last month's meeting minutes

### President's report - reported by Mischa Uppelschoten

- Park Visioning Committee representatives have been selected based on interest and geographical location and diversity. They have been asked to act as a 'funnel'

or intermediary representing the neighborhood and not to push their personal goals. A neighbor requested that the names and contact information be published in the Messenger. First meeting should occur in April.

### Membership report – Lexa King

- Please encourage neighbors to renew their

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membership. We have purged the list and limited it to only active members. If you're not active, you can't vote.

**Treasurer report** - reported by Mischa Uppelschoten

- We have disbursed or committed \$19,108.00 which represents 47.77% of CPNO's \$40,000 budgeted 2012 Grants.

**Education Committee** - report reported by Kate Sandhaus

- Redistricting update -- March 4 proposal from Errol Davis was favorable to us and met our goals. So, huge victory for us on many fronts. Proposal has new 6th grade academy which would be located at Coan Middle School which is outside of the boundaries of the Grady cluster. Now, Coan is off the table as the location of the 6th grade academy. Alternative ideas include Inman expansion, Howard location or some other options.
- Call to Action -- we need to come out in favor of Davis' proposal. We have until Mar 26 to get our feedback into the stakeholders. Candler park.org/redistricting has summary of status to date, contact information, talking points, and a link to where to go to voice your support. Send note to all school board members and Errol Davis. Public officials are hearing from those who don't support it, so we need to voice our support. School board vote is April 10. Everyone should voice their support -- not just neighbors who have kids in the APS. Block captains are distributing information also. There's great opportunity to help with that effort also.
- Requests for Funding -- \$148.51 for redistricting flyers. Motion to allocate, seconded and approved.

**Special Projects report** - reported by Mark Clement

- 420 5K is April 19 at 9:00 am. Need volunteers to help. We can make \$20,000 on this. We may have 2200 -- 2400 runners. We have one

shot for getting it right. Need volunteers to help with setup or breakdown.

**Event application for Midsummer Music Festival on June 15 and 16**

- Josh Antenucci of Rival Entertainment represents the company who will put on festival. We are to vote on whether we recommend or do not recommend this festival to the NPU. There has not been info in the Messenger about this festival. It will be held on June 15 and 16. The board voted unanimously to recommend a 'yes' vote on this festival.
- Josh -- "we'll have a few good national bands and food trucks." They won't make it too big, just some good national bands. They will 'load in on Thursday and be long gone on Monday." Free admission with option of wrist band purchase for "drinking booze." The hours are Fri 5 -- 11, Sat 12 -- 11. They are working on booking bands right now.
- Q&A: A neighbor asked about damage to soccer field last year. Josh -- "we contributed money to the rebuild of field." Event was one day last year. This is the first year that they're adding a Friday evening. A neighbor asked about the stages. There will be one headliner stage and then one acoustic stage in food village. A neighbor asked about parking on Friday evening for residents coming home after work. Josh -- "For residents on CP Drive without off-street parking, we'll make accommodations." The only closure of on-street parking will be along Candler Park Drive for festival production vehicles. A neighbor asked: What about 'resident only' parking? Josh -- "we can't enforce resident only parking." A neighbor asked: How many festival attendees are expected? Josh -- 5,000 -- 6,000 on Saturday. They are permitted up to 10,000. A neighbor asked: Will you put up no parking signs to prevent parking on both sides of narrow streets? Yes, no parking signs will go up and it would be enforced by Park Atlanta.
- Motion made to vote, majority vote approved to 'support festival'

**Zoning Report** - reported by Mischa Uppelschoten



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- Dr. Bombay's –
  - History for this request is that owner expanded into adjacent space for more seating and more kitchen. A complaint was made that she was violating the business license. Space was designated as retail, not restaurant, which requires more parking spaces. Applicant is asking for special exception to reduce parking from 4 spaces to 0. It was expanded to all businesses in that strip and variance is to reduce parking from 32 spaces to 0. Zoning committee discussed and decided to support this variance. Adjacent businesses covered are Donna Van Gogh's and Kelly's Closet. Pimsler said that other businesses in the strip are not included because the city sees the other businesses as being in 'different buildings.'
  - Discussion and Q&A -- A neighbor asked, "Does Flying Biscuit have a special variance?" Mischa -- yes, they do. A neighbor asked, "How can we prevent this from happening in the future – one person shutting down a business? Mischa – special variances like this will help. A neighbor made the point that her daughters and her daughters' friends always walk to Dr. Bombay's. (Applause.) A neighbor asked "If Dr. Bombay's sold itself, would variance carry over to next business?" Mischa -- yes, but it is a very small place. A neighbor said that Dr. Bombay's serves as a second office for many people and there's a non-profit effort for India operating out of the location. A neighbor asked "Is there risk in this unusual request not passing?" A neighbor said that Lake Claire voted unanimously to support this. 130 signatures from Lake Claire. Pimsler said that two emails and phone calls from City of Atlanta bureau of planning is having a hard time justifying this request, so "I am collecting more data." There's no harm in us showing an extra level of support, show overwhelming support.
  - Move to "strongly support this variance from a walking community to a business who creates jobs and supports the diversity of Candler Park." Approved with 37 yes votes and 1 abstention.
- 620 Oakdale – variance for rear setback for adding 2nd floor addition. We recommended approval, but there was a tiny oversight on the setback. Original request was front and side yard and that's what CPNO approved. Rear setback came up later. Neighbors have all seen plans and approved it. NPU needs another motion of support. Approved with 29 yes, 1 opposed

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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## Mary Lin Kindergarten Roundup: New Date!

BY ANNA COAN

Mary Lin Elementary's annual Kindergarten Roundup is Tuesday, May 1st at 9:30 am—not April 17 as previously reported. It's a great opportunity for parents/guardians of rising kindergarteners to meet the Kindergarten team and hear about what's in store for the upcoming year. Parents are highly encouraged to bring your rising kindergartener to meet other kids that will be entering in August and to hang out in a kindergarten classroom with a current kindergarten class. For more information, email [peggyfromli@gmail.com](mailto:peggyfromli@gmail.com) or call the Mary Lin office at 404-802-8850.

## Still Ahead: The Fifth Annual Midsummer Music & Food Festival, June 15-16

COMPILED BY BY MARK CLEMENT, CPNO SPECIAL  
PROJECTS OFFICER

The fifth annual Midsummer Music & Food Festival will take place in Candler Park on Friday June 15, and Saturday, June 16, 2012. Festival organizers are pleased to return to Candler Park and continue the growth of this community event. Last year's production included the addition of the Atlanta Street Food Coalition members as the food court, to much fanfare. In 2012, they will expand the program to include a morning 5k run, coordinated by Friends of Candler Park to benefit park improvements in Candler Park.

The event's hours of operation will be Friday, June 15, from 5 pm to 11 pm, and Saturday, June 16, from noon to 11 pm.

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- Lexa King, CPNO Membership Secretary

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# Zone 6 Crime Reports

COMPILED BY DAVID BRUCE

**1500 block Iverson St** – Larceny from auto - 2/13 Monday. Someone broke a window to gain entry and stole a GPS and 9mm pistol from the glove box.

**400 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny – 2–20 Monday. Manager sat a bag with \$1,060 to be deposited on the counter near the register and got distracted. She said a suspicious couple were hanging out near it and left shortly after. A customer told her they sped off in a black Honda with AL tags AS93769.

**1200 block Euclid Ave** – Larceny from auto – 2-20 Monday. Victims said they parked their cars in a parking lot overnight. The passenger side window was broken. Taken: Duffel bag, tools, impact screwdriver and I-Pod. Another vehicle had the driver's window broken but nothing missing.

The contact and process for compiling the crime reports is currently in transition. These do not reflect all the crime reports for the current month. They will be updated in next month's Messenger.

## Atlanta BeltLine Northside 5K: Post-Race Field Day Activities and Family Fun, Saturday, April 28

COMPILED BY JENNIFER JEZYCK

The 2012 Atlanta BeltLine Running Series, presented by Internal Data Resources (IDR), announces exciting additions to the upcoming Atlanta BeltLine Northside 5K on Saturday, April 28th. The race will feature a friendly re-match between the Atlanta Police and Fire Departments - including a challenge between Chief Cochran and Chief Turner. It will be followed by family-focused activities including a Field Day Challenge, refreshments, a remote broadcast by WILD 105.7 and more!

Developed by the Atlanta Community Tool Bank and JFitness Body Solutions, the Field Day Challenge will include fun activities such as frisbee tossing, dizzy shoe sprints, and sack races, as well as team challenges such as rolling tires and wheelbarrow races.

Beginning and ending in the scenic Tanyard Creek Park, the Atlanta BeltLine Northside 5K is a run/walk on the Atlanta BeltLine Northside Trail through Tanyard Creek, Howard, and Ardmore Parks and along streets in the beautiful Collier Hills, Collier Hills North, and Ardmore Park neighborhoods. Participants are encouraged to arrive by 7 a.m. for parking, number pick-up and preparations as the event will kick off sharply at 8 a.m. and will feature post-race activities to include exciting prizes and more.

Registration for the Atlanta BeltLine Northside 5K is available at the Early Bird Rate of \$30 until April 16, when registration rates go to \$35. The run is limited to 700 participants due to course constraints. For more information and to register, visit [Run.BeltLine.org](http://Run.BeltLine.org) or visit WestStride for in-store registration. There will be no race-day registration for this event.

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