

The Messenger

May 2009

News for Candler Park

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Meetings and Events

CPNO general meeting May 18th
7:00 pm (social period @ 6:30 pm)

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

May General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and April minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Vote on \$1000 grant to Friends of Candler Park for finishing pool plaza
- Vote on \$2000 grant to Bi-Racial History for markers in Candler Park
- Vote on plan for mulching path in Candler Park
- Land Use Matters
 - ◆ Vote on variance for 505 Oakdale
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit June agenda items to any CPNO officer by May 26th, 2009

Events Calendar (open to all)

Wednesday May 6th @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

Saturday May 9th @ 10:00 am

Friends of Candler Park – Vol Workday

Monday May 11th @ 7pm

CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

Thursday May 14th @ 7pm

Neighborhood watch - 422 Page Ave

Monday May 18th @ 7 pm

CPNO General Meeting - First Existentialist Congregation

Tuesday May 19th @ 7 pm

CPNO FallFest Committee – Epworth UMC, James Dobbins Hall (front entr.)

Wednesday May 27th @ 7pm

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

Thursday May 28th @ 7pm

NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday June 3rd @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

Working Together for a Safer Neighborhood

By Doug Wetzel

During discussions with our neighbors, the CPNO, and local law enforcement, we've found the best way to get a handle on crime is to actively stand together as a community on several fronts. These fronts include: creating a neighborhood watch program on every block, getting to know our local neighbors, making our voices heard in city government, and paying for a security patrol. This meeting is to address the forming an effective Neighborhood Watch program in the area.

Individual awareness and effort, combined with a security patrol, offers everyone the option to make a difference in whatever way they can. As you can see in the map from the <http://www.CandlerParkPatrol.com> website, security survey responses have been received from all over Candler Park. We need Watch Captains to help educate and organize these interested neighbors into observant citizens.

The first meeting to create a neighborhood watch program and choose block captains will be held on **Thursday, May 14th at 7PM** at 422 Page Avenue. Participants from every street/area of Candler Park are needed to help organize this block-to-block neighborhood watch effort. Please plan to attend if you are interested in seeing safety and community awareness succeed. A representative from the Atlanta Police Department will be on hand to help provide materials and best practices for creating and improving neighborhood watches throughout Candler Park. I understand that everyone's time is important, therefore, the meeting will last no more than 1 hour with an optional Q&A session afterwards.

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Mid Summer Music Fest is Free!

By Mark Clement

Sports Radio 790 The Zone is coming back to Candler Park on Saturday, June 20th for the 2nd annual Midsummer Music Fest. This year's free, all-day festival will host live performances by:

- ♪ Sol Junky
- ♪ Honey Island Swamp Band,
- ♪ Sonia Leigh
- ♪ Jupiter Coyote
- ♪ Webster
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- ♪ Guster

The radio station has pledged to donate \$5,000 to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization for enhancing green initiatives, sidewalks, park experience and overall neighborhood improvement.

Music begins at noon and lasts until 10:30 that evening.

Wristbands are available for \$5.00 to those 21 or older who would like to drink alcoholic beverages.

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Adventures of the Traveling Grandma

By Donna Palmer

On the last full weekend in April, Inman Park puts on the mother of all festivals - including one of the craziest parades you'll ever see or be seen in. For the past decade, it has been my joy and privilege to be a member of a krewe that builds the biggest and baddest float in the procession. We've won first prize nearly every year we've entered and it has ***absolutely nothing*** to do with the fact that my sister and brother-in-law are parade marshals.

The adventure generally begins around February. Someone will choose a theme and then the designers will come up with ideas on how to turn a 25 year old Ford F-150 and a golf cart trailer into a rocket ship, a wild West train, or a yellow submarine. This year's float was a Viking longboat. Never in my life have I ever seen so many horn-wearing drunks in one place. There were moms, dads, grandparents, teenagers and babies all in Norse gear, singing Wagner and waving genuine plastic swords and axes.

One little old lady sat in the back of the beer trailer in the broiling hot sun for 2 hours before the parade began. She was perched on a bale of hay next to the kegs and a stereo speaker turned up louder Thor's Hammer. I tried to ask if she was okay, but she shook her head and said she had turned off her hearing aid, so she couldn't understand me. Oh well, I thought. She must be someone's grandma poor thing.

Now, she may well be *someone's* grandma, but not anyone on that float! Apparently, she got to the parade mustering area and was supposed to be on the Young Democrats float but got too tired to walk that far, so she sat down on our trailer. And, when the parade started, she went with it. My baboo was pouring beer for the thirsty savages, spilling quite a bit on the mystery lady. He apologized, and she just smiled and nodded her head. At the end of the parade, she asked someone to put her on a festival shuttle bus, and the driver hopefully took her to where she needed to be. But man, what an adventure! Can't you just imagine that when she got home and told her family about her day, that no one believed a word she said. Who would? All I can say is "You go grandma...whoever you are!"



Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath



Mysterious Traveling Grandma... Do you know this lady?

Working for a Safer Neighborhood

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You have a part to play in maintaining the long-term success of our wonderful neighborhood. Come to the meeting and sign up to be an active participant in creating a safe neighborhood for your family and for your community!

A well participated in Watch program is one of the MOST effective methods for deterring crime! We are asking anyone interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain to attend the meeting at 422 Page Avenue (just down page from Fellini's) on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP Doug Wetzel at dwetzel@SignUp4.com before the event.

Keep an eye on the website <http://www.CandlerParkPatrol.com> for updates about security measures being taken in Candler Park.

It's Nature's Way

By George Dusenbury

The Friends of Candler Park are seeking approval to build a natural trail in the large ravine near the corner of McLendon and Callan Circle. The trail will be a mulched path with landscape timbers to define the path and help hold the mulch in place. The path will be combined with an effort to clear out underbrush and add educational signs regarding the plants and other natural feature of the ravine.

The ravine largely has been a forgotten and unused (except by isolated urban campers) part of Candler Park. The goal of the clearing and trail building is to make the area more inviting and encourage more traffic to the area. Trails are among the most popular features in most parks, and the ravine provides a natural experience missing from the more developed areas of the park.

The Friends of Candler Park will be asking CPNO to support the nature trail with a formal vote at the May meeting. Questions regarding the trail should be directed to George Dusenbury (george@parkpride.org) or JoJo Ross (ross.jojo@gmail.com). The concept map below shows the location of the ravine and proposed trail.



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Feeding the Multitude Using 5th Grade Math

By the Food Freak

In this month's column, I'm sharing a recipe with you that is so much a part of my repertoire that I had to go back and make sure I hadn't already told you about it. Say you find yourself on a hot day with about 20 hungry people to feed and you're short of dishes. Put together a good old fashioned shrimp boil honey and everyone will be happy. Here's how you do it:

Start with a shrimp pot and propane burner. If you don't have one of these rigs, ask your neighbors if they do. Of course, you *will* have to invite the neighbors if you borrow their shrimp pot. It's just tacky to do otherwise.

Here's where you can do your old math teacher proud...a word problem straight from 5th grade. For every 1 adult or every 2 kids you'll need a ¼ pound large shrimp, 6 or 7 small red potatoes, an ear of corn and a link of andouille sausage. So if you have 15 adults and 5 kids, how much food do you need to buy? (I'd round up and get 6 pounds of shrimp, 6 pounds of sausage, 125 potatoes and 18 ears of corn.)

You'll also need in a bag of lemons, a couple of large onions, a good portion of Old Bay Seasoning, a couple of sticks of butter, a couple loaves of French bread, a small bottle of ketchup and a glob or two of horseradish. Oh and beer. Lots of beer.

Place the burner in a safe place and light it up. Make sure the area is level and free of things that catch fire easily. Fill the shrimp pot about ¼ full of water and place over the burner. Some people add beer to the pot, but that's a matter of taste. I prefer to drink beer, not eat it.


Cut the lemons in half and add to the water. Peel the onions, cut them into chunks, and then chunk them into the water. Throw in a handful of Old Bay and put the lid on until it comes to a rolling boil.

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Food Freak

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Meanwhile, cut the sausages into 1 inch pieces and set aside. Shuck the corn and cut each ear into 3 or 4 pieces and set aside. Rinse the potatoes and set aside. Rinse the shrimp and set aside.

When the water boils, add the potatoes and sausage to the pot. Cover the pot again and wait for it to boil. Use a long fork to test the doneness of the potatoes. They should be soft and easy to pierce, but not falling apart. Next add the corn. Let that cook for about 4 or 5 minutes, and then when you can't stand it anymore, add the shrimp. **Don't overcook the shrimp!** As soon as they curl up, they are done. Anything longer and you will have little shrimp flavored rubber balls.

To serve, cover a picnic table with several layers of newspapers, squirt ketchup in little puddles, then stir in some horseradish. Scoop the shrimp and goodies out of the pot and throw it directly on the newspaper. Pass the bread, butter and beer and enjoy! When you are finished, roll up the leftover corn cobs and shrimp shells in the newspaper and dump it in your neighbor's trash can.

Yard Sale Benefits L5P Mini-Precinct

From a Press Release

On Saturday, May 16, from 7:30am until 4:30pm, come to a yard sale at the Little 5 Points Community Center. You can give back to the community and have fun doing it!

All proceeds benefit the L5P Police mini-precinct, a partnership with the city government and the community. Without the support of local citizens, operation of this mini-precinct would be difficult to maintain. Your purchase and donation of items will directly impact the surrounding neighborhoods. The event will be held in the parking lot of the L5P Community Center (Corner of Austin Avenue and Euclid Avenue in L5P)

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On the Tour Again

By Mary Alice Bray

We're still looking for some great houses and lofts for the 2009 Tour of Homes. The tour will be Sunday (one day only) of Fall Fest weekend, October 11th. The tour gives us an opportunity to show off our unique neighborhood and highlight the history of Candler Park. We raise money for neighborhood projects and have a great time meeting other neighbors and friends.

We need to finalize the list of homes by July 1st in order to have the tour booklets ready for advanced ticket sales. Please contact me if you are interesting in volunteering your castle, no matter how big or small. (maryabray@aol.com or 404-522-5455)

Zoning Committee Meeting

By James Johnson

The Candler Park Zoning Committee met Wednesday 1 April and reviewed four items.

The first two items concerned a special exception at 320 and 324 Josephine Street to construct a fence higher than is allowed by code. The committee voted to recommend denial of the application. The request for the special exception was also heard at the CPNO regular meeting. A vote of the membership resulted in the item being denied (an earlier vote by the committee of the whole recommended approval). This item was also heard at the NPU which voted to approve the special exception.

The next item was a variance for 283 Elmira Place to reduce frontyard setback from 30' to 28', reduce sideyard setback from 7' to 3', and reduce rear yard setback from 7' to 4.6' for addition to an existing single family house. The committee voted to recommend approval of this variance. At the CPNO regular meeting the membership voted to approve the variance.

The final item reviewed by the zoning committee was the alcohol license for The Mercantile. This item was approved unanimously at the zoning committee, CPNO regular meeting and the NPU.

The May Candler Park Zoning Committee meeting will be held Wednesday 6 May 2009 at the Epworth United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm. Currently there is one item on the agenda, a variance for an addition to 505 Oakdale. 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 420 5K Roundup

By Mark Clement

The 420 5K was a big hit. This year we cleared nearly \$18,000! We had runners from 6 to 70 years old. We had Dogs and jogger strollers. But best of all, our neighborhood rallied together to volunteer to make it all go smoothly. I could not possible name all our lovely volunteers, but I would like to thank a few of the key people that really stepped up and shared their time and talents, Jojo Ross, Donna Palmer, Ted Pettus, Alonzo Church, Walt Weimer, Randy Pimsler, Mike and Regina Brandt, Stan Vaughan, Edith Kelman, John Rick, Keith and Mary Frances Schultz, Carol Hand, Jennifer Boxer, Greg Askew and a few others I'm sure I've forgotten. Also thanks to the members of Epworth Methodist for being on hand to direct the 1000 plus runners to the various bathrooms throughout the church, plus the team of men sent down from the Clifton House. And last but not least, our assistant race director and neighborhood prez Amy Stout.

Big thanks go out to the folks at San Francisco coffee for providing tasty beverages for the race volunteers and to Einstein Bros Bagels at Ansley Mall for the yummy bagel treats.

I also want to thank our race sponsors. (Please see the list on the adjoining page.) And most important of all thanks to the great folks at Sweetwater Brewery letting us borrow their name and logo. And not to mention placing a link on their 420 festival web site. All of these things were the key to our success. Thanks again folks.



Race Volunteers Maureen Wilce, Carol Hand and Edith Kelman get ready to register runners



Nearing the Finish Line



APD's Finest lookin' good before the race



Candler Park Water Ballerinas Amy Stout, Jennifer Boxer and Donna Palmer enjoying life at the 420 Fest

Photos courtesy of Greg Askew



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Studies Seek to Know How Children Learn

By Kelly Richmond Yates

How do children learn and grow? What and how do they think and remember? How do children move from one stage to the next in their development? The **Child Study Center of Emory University** is working hard to find out!

The Center studies language, learning, memory, and questions such as how children understand space and numbers. They also study the role that brain development plays in child development. Emory faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students conduct specific studies on each of these fascinating and critical issues. The studies are typically designed to be like games for the children, and the researchers work hard to come up with play activities that tell them what they want to know about how children think and learn. For example, they might place a toddler in a circular room with special hiding places in particular locations and investigate what information she uses to keep track of where a special toy is hidden. Or they might ask a preschooler to divide up a set of special "tokens" between himself and a researcher, and then observe what he does when he discovers that the tokens can't be divided up evenly. The Center uses toys, puppets, books, videos, tents, and curtains to make the activities interesting as well as informative.

Emory has five research labs that focus on different types of child development and each lab has several age-specific studies going on at any given time. For each study, local families are invited to participate when there is an appropriate study for their children. Most studies involve one or two brief visits to the Center, located in a comfortable setting on the Emory campus. **Parents stay with their child the entire time** and enjoy the chance to play with their children in this context and to observe the study sessions. Infants and children enjoy it too!

The Child Study Center is always seeking families who want to be part of our studies, from newborns through school-age children and adolescents. If you are interested in participating or finding out more, please check out the center's website: www.psychology.emory.edu/childstudycenter or send an email to childstudies@emory.edu



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Candler Park Water Ballet

By Donna Palmer
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Due to budget shortfalls, the city will not be opening many of the municipal pools this summer – including (gasp!) our own Candler Park pool. But fear not adoring public...this won't stop the bathing beauties of the world famous Candler Park Water Ballet and Social Club™ from rehearsing.

Until the temperatures become a little more tolerable, rehearsals are being held each Thursday morning around 11 at the MLK Natatorium on Boulevard.

Our lovely and talented choreographer, Patti Kunkle is working hard to create new and exciting routines for your amusement and viewing pleasure. The rest of us just splash around in the baby end of the pool. Won't you join us and become one of the "Deep People in the Shallow End"™?

Asking CPNO to Act Now to Save Atlanta's Parks (ASAP)!

By George Dusenbury

Living in Candler Park, you likely would find it hard to believe that, among the nation's 25 largest cities, Atlanta has the smallest percent of its land dedicated to parks. But it's true. Moreover, after several years of improved management and increased funding, Atlanta's parks budget is again on the chopping block, cut more than \$1.4 million (11%) this year. Budget cuts also have undermined already inadequate public safety in our parks.

In 2001, PARC – a broad coalition of greenspace advocates, community leaders and environmental groups – united to save Atlanta's parks. PARC galvanized public support and tangibly improved our parks and quality of life. Yet the coalition's work remains unfinished, and its achievements are now threatened by political ambivalence in difficult economic times.

For these reasons, PARC has reunited to Act to Save Atlanta's Parks (ASAP)!, embracing three simple steps that will provide our parks, natural areas, trails, greenways and public spaces the permanent support they need to thrive, meet the needs of our people, and create a great city.

1. **Ensure the quality of Atlanta's park system by dedicating 1 mil of existing property tax to operation and maintenance - by 2012**
2. **Establish dedicated funding for land acquisition and park development so that Atlanta's parkland no longer ranks last among the nation's 25 largest cities - by 2013**
3. **Take concrete steps to make Atlanta's parks safer – by 2010**

PARC has asked that the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization endorse the 2009 ASAP! I will represent PARC (and Park Pride) at the May meeting to present the plan and ask for a vote in favor of endorsement. For additional information, and to see a complete list of the organizations that have endorsed the PARC 2009 ASAP!, please visit <http://www.parkpride.org/get-involved/advocacy/parc>.

Seeking Neighborhood Support for Candler Park African American Legacy Site Markers

By Edith Kelman, BiRacial History Project Manager

The Early Edgewood-Candler Park BiRacial History Project supports respectful, community-based restorative justice work in the Candler Park neighborhood. Since 2006, our mission is to reconnect former and current residents, African American and Caucasian, to tell the deeper story of the diverse historic community that became Candler Park. Our research acknowledges realities of the past and encourages humane awareness in the present and future. Today, the BiRacial History Project has a major focus on the installation of Candler Park African American Legacy Site Markers - a collaboration with First Existentialist Congregation and Antioch East Baptist Church, Candler Park & Edgewood neighbors, Grady High and GSU and Emory students, friends of restorative justice, City of Atlanta Parks Dept., CPNO, NPU-N, UU Funding Program and UU Congregation of Atlanta. We have requested a contribution from CPNO toward the Legacy Markers in the Park, in recognition and respect for the vital presence of former African American residents within the CPNO neighborhood.

First Existentialist Congregation's Sanctuary may be the only remaining African American Legacy structure still standing in Candler Park. This Old Stone Church at 470 Candler Park Dr. was hand-built circa 1920 by Antioch East Baptist Church, a congregation of pioneer Black families who settled the biracial neighborhood in the 1870s after the Civil War. For too many decades, their presence and their stories had disappeared from public memory. Additional Legacy Sites have been identified and researched in the park and neighborhood.

We invite you to visit our website: www.biracialhistoryproject.org. View there our Walking History Tour Map of African American Legacy Sites in Candler Park, a gallery of historic and project photos, and our mini-documentary "Undying Faith" with interviews of courageous Elders whose families settled the area and hand-built the Old Stone Church. Through citizen participation in community history, we seek to respectfully honor and publicly present Candler Park's "veiled history" in renewed light. Central to our approach is the use of traditional and non-traditional methodologies to attain equity of voice and inclusive community ownership in this reclaimed history.

Please consider making a fully tax-deductible contribution for the Legacy Markers Initiative. Checks may be mailed to The History Project at PO Box 5567 Atlanta 31107, or call the History Project office at 404-222-0801. Again, our website is www.biracialhistoryproject.org



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Pig Iron's Last Note

By Randy Pimsler

Joe Shifalo, the unofficial Mayor of Little Five Points passed away on March 22nd, following a brief period of retirement working on his home in Cedar Key, Florida. A group of friends and family gathered in April at the Horizon Theatre to celebrate his life of accomplishments. At the celebration, Senators Nan Orrock and Vincent Fort presented a proclamation recognizing the life of Joe Shifalo including his numerous accomplishments in the world of social activism and in the Little Five Points Community. Kwanza Hall's office presented a city proclamation, declaring April 15th, Joe Shifalo day. Family and friends told numerous stories recalling a life filled with adventure, cultural and social change and music. Yes the music.



In the 1980's Joe saw an abandoned school in the Inman Park Neighborhood, the Moreland School, located at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Austin Avenue.

He envisioned a center filled with artists and non-profits that did not have adequate facilities at the time and met with Atlanta Public School officials to discuss the possibility of a long-term lease. A dollar per year rental agreement lead to the establishment of the Little Five Points Community Center and a long standing relationship with the school board.

Joe remained actively involved in the Little Five Points Community Center serving, as its executive director on and off, mostly on, since its founding. Last year the school board mortgage was burned as the community center purchased the building formally from the school board. In February of this year, Joe participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the elevator to be installed at the Center.

Radio station WRFG is housed in the Community Center. Joe helped establish the radio station and served on the board and was an active DJ using the moniker of "Pig Iron". He played a variety of blues and bluegrass. He met numerous artists and spoke of their music fondly as he was a gifted and talented musician in his own right. For years and years he played with a group of extremely gifted folks in a jug band that traveled throughout the southeast and have been seen any number of times at Daddy Ds.

As an attorney, Joe worked with Metro Fair Housing for a period of time, bringing housing opportunities to the underserved in the Atlanta area. He fought for social justice and change for people of all walks of life and enjoyed surrounding himself with a wide variety of diverse individuals. He seemed to thrive on meeting new and interesting people and loved to exchange stories. Joe told stories at any opportunity ranging from his time in New York City, experiencing the urban culture to his time in Cedar Key just paddling on the flats.

Candler Park Golf Course owes a great debt to Joe Shifalo. At a time when the City of Atlanta threatened to close the golf course, Joe formed the Friends of Candler Park Golf Course and worked with the city to find an entity to refurbish and manage the course. For the last five years Joe has sponsored a golf tournament at Candler Park and loved to play himself on our little neighborhood jewel.

Joe Shifalo really was a humble man who quietly did a great deal for our community. He accepted and included all, managed to always see various vantage points, stood up for the poor, spoke out against wrong and played music and sang with a passion for life. Pig Iron has taught many of us a great deal.

CPNO Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Maureen Wilce

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, April 20, 2009 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Church, with Amy Stout in the chair. 31 persons were present, including 24 members. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The modified agenda was adopted unanimously.

Announcements:

- Amy Stout announced a Citizen Participation training offered by Atlanta Planning Advisory Board will be held on Saturday. Good Urbanism classes start in late April. Information on attending was shared.
- Teri Stewart provided an update on Grandma Gordon. A new tree removal request has been filed by the land owners. Several articles and letters of support regarding proposed measures to preserve the tree have been received. To raise funds, Coupons for a Cause are available at Donna van Gogh's, and other fund raisers will follow.
- Lexa King shared *Home Improvement* magazines
- Discount coupons for \$2 off car washes at Honor Thy Auto were distributed
- Anita Taylor and Jason Sadler announced a yard sale to be held on May 16th to benefit Little 5 Points mini-precinct. Donations and volunteers are requested. It will be held in the Little 5 Points Community Center. An announcement will be forth coming in *The Messenger*.
- This Friday a spoken word event will be held at the First E church.
- Donna Palmer said the water ballet group meets at 11 am at MLK natatorium.

Police Update: Officer Ruby Naylor, Atlanta Police Department noted that we need to be vigilant and get to better know our neighbors. 32 burglaries in Zone 6 in the past week, 2 in Candler Park, including theft of electronic items, jewelry and money. Burglars are entering through basements and bedroom windows. Answering questions, she said alarms are effective deterrents, but not having valuables in visible locations is important. MARTA police were reported to be cooperative with APD efforts to deter crime in Candler Park.

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NPU-N Report from March 2009 Meeting

By Amy Stout

Land Use and Zoning Matters:

-The board voted unanimously to support the application for a variance for 294 Elmira Place to reduce setbacks to allow for a second story addition, consistent with CPNO's earlier vote of approval.

According to City of Atlanta representatives...

- Furloughs for Fire Rescue personnel, and therefore truck brown-outs and black-outs, are likely to continue in the next budget period that begins July 1.
- The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs was recently awarded accreditation by the National Parks and Recreation Association, becoming 1 of 79 nationwide.
- The Parks Dept will be doing work in Candler Park soon, fixing the broken sidewalk by the playground and working on the bridges on the golf course and adding extra plantings along the brook.

Special Event Permit Applications:

-We voted to approve one for the Paideia School's Field Day to be held in Candler Park on April 3rd.

Other:

-Atlanta Gas Light will soon be replacing pipeline along Oakdale Rd (between Fairview Rd and Allen St) and along North Ave (between Euclid Ave and Candler Park Dr).

NPU-N Report from April 2009 Meeting

By Amy Stout

Proposed City Ordinances:

-The Mayor's policy advisor on homeless issues, former Councilmember Debi Starnes, was present and asked the board to re-consider their previous vote against Ordinance Z-08-48. This legislation would increase the number of zoning categories where homeless shelters and supportive housing can be located. The board did not vote at this meeting but agreed to take up the issue over email before May 3. (See my report from the February, 2009 meeting for more information.)

Liquor Licenses:

-The board voted unanimously to support an application for the Mercantile (1660 Dekalb Ave) to sell beer and wine under the new Specialty Food Shop category, consistent with CPNO's earlier unanimous approval.

Land Use and Zoning Matters:

- The board voted 9-0-1 to support an application for a variance for 283 Elmira Place to reduce setbacks to allow a second story addition, consistent with CPNO's earlier vote of approval.
- The board voted 5-4-1 to support an application for a special exception to erect a 10 ft fence at 320 and 324 Josephine Street, similar to the split votes at the earlier CPNO meeting.

According to City of Atlanta representatives...

- The person who robbed the dry cleaners in L5P earlier this year has been arrested.
- Reminder: Record the serial numbers of valuables such as guns, bicycles, etc., preferable not just on your laptop computer that could also be stolen.
- Free water saver kits (including items such as low-flow showerheads) are now available at fire stations.

Special Event Permit Applications:

-We voted to approve one for the Midsummer Music Festival to be held in Candler Park on June 20th.

Other:

-The annual NPU-N bylaws affirmation votes will be held in June.

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Land Use Matters: It was reported by CPNO Zoning Committee chair James Johnson that it had voted previously to recommend approval of an application by The Mercantile for sale of alcohol for off-premise consumption. Concerns about the ordinance itself and lack of clarity regarding proximity to single-family homes were noted. The motion to approve the request was unanimously approved.

A brief discussion on the CPNO by-laws was held: only members of record can officially vote on matters to be referred to NPU-N, including land use applications. Members are no longer required to pay dues to CPNO, but membership of record (i.e., as reported by the Membership Secretary) at the time of the meeting is required to officially vote on NPU-N matters. CPNO membership is restricted to those residing in, owning property or operating a business in Candler Park, which are the same eligibility requirements for NPU-N participation. If appropriate, prior to formal consideration of a land use or other matter, CPNO members may authorize a separate advisory discussion and vote by all meeting participants, designated as a "committee as a whole", which deliberations may then be considered by CPNO members in their separate disposition of such business.

The owners of 283 Elmira request a variance to reduce set-backs. The Zoning Committee reported its prior approval of the request by a 5 to 1 vote, with the condition that the applicant's proposed garage will not be used as a rental unit. A motion for approval of the application as conditioned was then approved by a majority of CPNO members in attendance.

The owners of 320 and 324 Josephine requested a special exception to increase the height of their back fence to 10 feet (8 feet with 2 feet lattice above it). There is currently a 6 foot fence. Discussion noted that some tall fences offered by applicants as examples of existing neighborhood conditions were actually on commercially-zoned property. The owners have been living on the properties for which the special applications were filed for 3 years, and acknowledged that they knew of the condition of the adjacent parking lot when purchasing their properties. Concerns were raised that more neighbors, particularly along Josephine Street, will also seek high fences, once a precedent has been set for the subject parcels. Other options for applicants to improve security were noted, and it was suggested that the owners of the commercial property be brought into the discussion. Others cited the value of the fence for security. More evidence regarding the need for this unique option was requested. The Zoning Committee reported that its members had voted 4 to 0 against approval of the applications, with 2 abstentions. A motion to refer the matter to a committee of the whole was then seconded and approved by CPNO members, by a vote of 19 to 1, after which a motion of the committee of the whole to approve the application was seconded and approved, by a vote of 19 to 11, with 2 abstentions. A motion by CPNO members for approve the applications was then seconded and failed, by a vote of 8 to 10. Everyone was reminded that they are free to attend the NPU-N meeting, where the issue is scheduled to be heard at 7pm on Thursday April 23rd at the Little 5 Points Community Center.

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Following the conclusion of land use matters, discontent with the dual voting process was expressed. A comment was made that people only attend one meeting when it affects them, but the members come to meetings to make decisions for everyone in Candler Park. Another comment was made to provide options for participation for people who don't attend. Response was that *The Messenger* is open to all, and we hope to have website communications soon, and a request for volunteers to help with communications was voiced. Others noted that meetings are for neighbors, and we need to try attend to build community. Regarding the process, it was noted that records of membership are required because CPNO is an organization which must adhere to state corporation laws.

Security update: Doug Wetzel reported that 270 people have expressed interest in patrols or neighborhood watch through the website survey at candlerparkpatrol.com. There will be a meeting to organize neighborhood watches in early May. He is seeking block captains. He requested everyone to visit the website for more information, and to complete the survey even if not willing to contribute funds for a private security patrol. Answering questions, he noted the effectiveness of patrols could not be proven. Others noted that watches seem to be working where organized.

Additional announcements: At the next CPNO meeting we will have a vote to approve \$1,000 for Friends of Candler Park to complete the wall around the newly-constructed pavilion near the pool. We will also vote on \$2,000 to support markers for the BiRacial History program.

The former CP Baptist Church at Iverson and Candler Park is again vacant, and will possibly be redeveloped in connection with its pending sale. Concerns or suggestions about preferred options for new uses of the property should be forwarded to Amy Stout or James Johnson. The property is currently zoned R5 (duplex), since its former non-conforming use as a church has now lapsed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47.

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Treasurer's Report

Compiled by Alonzo Church

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Administrative Expenses	\$	(70.00)
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Total Expenses	\$	(11,961.96)
Messenger Income	\$	1,012.00
Membership	\$	125.00
ING Grant	\$	2,500.00
420 Revenue	\$	23,147.80
Total Revenue	\$	24,284.80
Net Revenue	\$	12,367.84
4/27/09	\$	80,212.97
Obligations		
Iverson Park Project	\$	10,000.00
ING Conditioned Cash	\$	2,500.00
Unobligated Cash	\$	67,727.97

Zone 6 Crime Report

Complied by David Bruce

1400 block Iverson St – Larceny from auto - 4/2 Thurs Morn. Someone smashed a passenger side window and removed a GPS.

1300 block Euclid Ave – Larceny other - 4/2 Thurs Eve. Victim states someone cut open his UPS delivery and removed items from the box.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny other - 3/31 Tues Eve. Victim placed his backpack on the floor while at the restaurant and walked away from his seat for a few minutes and when he returned it was gone.

1800 block Marlbrook Dr – Burglary - 4/3 Fri Eve. Someone smashed the glass in the victim's porch door, entered, and removed a lap top.

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500 block Oakdale Rd – Burglary - 4/2 Thurs Eve. Someone smashed a rear window to the victim's home, entered, and removed an I Pod. The victim's security light had been unscrewed.

400 block Moreland Ave – Auto theft - 4/10 Fri Eve. Someone stole the victim's vehicle. The vehicle was recovered approx 4 hours later 1 block away.

300 block Candler Park Dr – Larceny from auto - 4/5 Sun Day. Someone smashed the front passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing taken.

400 block Callan Cir – Burglary - 4/9 Thurs Eve. Someone entered the victim's home through a rear bed room window, locked her dog in the bathroom, and removed a Lap top and I Pod. The victim's roommate reported hearing the front door close when she released the dog. She believes the suspect was still in the house when she returned home. Not listed if force was used to make entry.

400 block Oakdale Rd – Auto theft - 4/12 Sun morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle after he parked it in the rear of his home.

400 block Callan Cir – Larceny from auto - 4/14 Tues Morn. Someone broke the driver's side window and removed a GPS.

400 block Clifton Rd – Larceny from auto - 4/16 Thurs Morn. Someone smashed a passenger side window and removed a DVD player, GPS and sunglasses.

400 block Clifton Rd – Larceny from auto - 4/16 Thurs Morn. Someone broke the passenger side window and removed a backpack, wallet, GA license and books.

400 block Clifton Rd – Larceny from auto - 4/16 Thurs Morn. Someone broke the passenger side window and removed a GPS and cell phone.

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300 block Elmira PI – Larceny other - 4/18 Sat Morn. Witness reported seeing the suspect walk up to the side of the victim's home and take his bike. Suspect: B/M, blue coat, blue jeans, white shoes, blue backpack.

500 block Page Ave – Burglary - 4/18 Sat Morn. Victim came home and found the bedroom window partially open with the blinds lying on the bed. The window screen was intact and the window could only be raised approx 1 foot. Lap top and \$30 cash taken.

400 block Oakdale Rd – Auto theft - 4/23 Thurs Day. Someone took the victim's scooter while it was parked on the street.

400 block Moreland Ave - Commercial robbery - 4/25 Sat Eve. Security guards were struck in the face as they attempted to stop the suspects from shoplifting. Taken/Recovered: clothing. Suspect: B/M, 6'01", 140lbs. Suspect: B/M, 5'04", 120lbs. Suspect: B/F, 5'05", 180lbs. Arrestee: B/F, 22YOA.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 4/21 Tues Eve. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim's rental vehicle and removed a GPS.

300 block Brooks Ave – Larceny from auto - 4/19 Sun Day. Someone smashed the front passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and removed an iPod.

1200 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto - 4/19 Sun Morn. Someone smashed the front passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and removed a leather bag, GPS, \$10 change, and 4 bottles of medication.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 4/21 Tue Day. Someone smashed the driver's window on the victim's vehicle and removed \$1400. Victim stated he had just left a Bank on Flat Shoals and feels someone followed him.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 4/21 Tue Eve. Someone removed the license plate from the victim's vehicle.

500 block Page Ave – Larceny from auto - 4/1 Sun Morn. Someone smashed the front driver side window on the victim's vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing taken.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny other - 4/21 Tue Eve. The suspects left the store with items that had not been paid for. The incident was caught by security cameras. Suspect: 2 W/F.

500 block Moreland Ave – Pedestrian robbery - 4/23 Thurs between 6:00 – 7:00pm. Victim: W/M, 36YOA. Victim was walking on Moreland Ave when he was struck in the head and knocked unconscious. The victim woke up in Atlanta medical center and was missing his wallet. Suspect: Unknown.

1400 block Benning PI – Burglary - 4/20 Mon Eve. Officer responded to an alarm call and discovered cracks in the victim's front door. Victim arrived home and advised that the door was new. The home was checked and the victim stated nothing appeared to be out of place. A neighbor reported seeing the suspect vehicle leaving the area when the alarm went off. Nothing taken. Suspect vehicle: Silver vehicle with maroon top.

Announcements

Epworth UMC at Candler Park: Community Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Friday, May 1st, begin serving at **5:00 pm**, eat in or take out; \$7 adults, \$3 children (under age 8); and an **Old Fashioned Family Night, Friday, May 15th at 6:00 pm** offering Bingo, Hot Dogs, Prizes; Cost: \$3 adults, \$2 children (under age 6). For more info: epworthumc@bellsouth.net or 404-525-4746

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