

The Candler Park Messenger

May 2010

News for Candler Park

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Meetings and Events

CPNO general meeting May 17th
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 CPNO by the first of the month of meeting.

May General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and April 2010 minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit June agenda items to any CPNO officer by May 26th, 2010

Events Calendar (open to all)

Wednesday May 5th @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

Saturday May 8th @ 8:30 am

Friends of Candler Park – vol. workday

Monday May 10th @ 7pm

CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

Tuesday May 11th @ 6:30 pm

CPNO FallFest Committee Meeting -
Epworth United Methodist, 2nd Floor

Saturday May 15th @ 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Rally Foundation – Skirtchaser 5K race
and “block party” in Candler Park

Monday May 17th @ 7 pm

CPNO General Meeting -
First Existentialist Congregation

Thursday May 27th @ 7pm

NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday May 26th @ 10am

L5P Bus Assn - Sevananda Foods

Wednesday June 2nd @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee – Epworth

Saturday June 12th @ 8:30 am

Friends of Candler Park – vol. workday

Sweetwater 420 Fest 5K Road Race Was a Winner

By David Aynes

This year's Sweetwater 420 Fest 5K Road Race was a major success. CPNO would like to thank the race sponsors for their donations. CPNO also extends a big THANK YOU to the forty volunteers who devoted their time to the effort. Registering, corralling, watering, monitoring, cleaning up after and giving a T-shirt to over 1,400 runners is not as easy as it sounds! After all expenses were paid, the event raised over \$14,000 for CPNO!

Volunteers included: Audrey Goodman, Boyd Baker, Bruce Strothers, Cindy Briskee, Connie Mathis, Curt Flaherty, Jim Shumaker, Danny Balenger, David Duncan, David Marroni, Donald Long, Doug Wetzell, George Dusenbury, Gordon Rose, Jack Dempsey, Jeanine Rousso, Mark Clement, Mike Brandt, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Pelot, Lonny Pelot, Mr. & Mrs. Sadoson, Randy Pimsler, Regina Brandt, Sam Bacote, Samantha Enzmann, Tim Cole, Mellie DeRouen, Nancy Porteous, Will Shevlin, Pablo and Jesse Garcia, Sherry Bruton, Robert and Theo Weimar, Walt Weimar, eight men from Clifton Sanctuary and team from Epworth United Methodist Church.

Below, event manager Mark Clement, with son Jack, and treasurer David Aynes. Photo by Bruce Strothers. For more photos, please see page 4.



The Messenger

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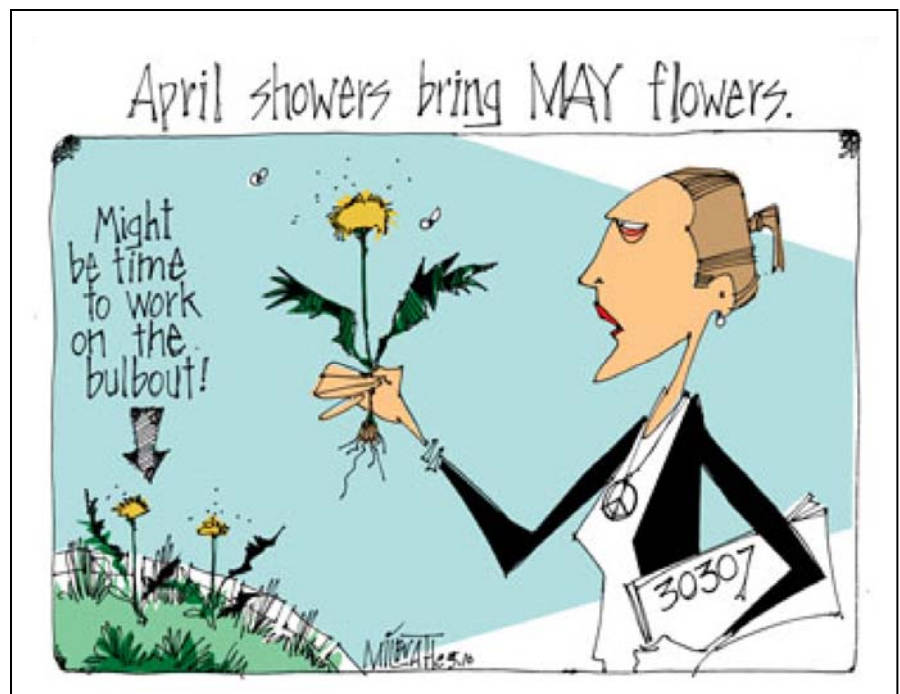
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A Block Captain on Every Candler Park Block by Lauren Welsh

Are you a neighborhood block captain? Do you look out for neighbors on your street, welcome new ones or just generally share information with others about issues affecting your area? Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is trying to track all neighborhood block captains – whether formal or informal. Some of you may actually call yourselves block captains and others may have just taken on the duty without thinking of it as a role.

CPNO is interested in making sure every block in Candler Park has a single neighborhood representative who serves as a block captain. The position can take many forms – some residents are interested in focusing on public safety while others may be interested in hosting regular gatherings at their house. Some may coordinate help for a sick neighbor while others communicate with government representatives about issues affecting their quality of life.

What's most important is that neighbors know each other and can look out for each other. If you're currently taking on this role on your street, please contact me at Membership@CandlerPark.org. CPNO wants to learn which streets have captains, how individuals are taking the role on and what we can do to help, so please share your lessons learned with us. Many of you are probably already doing this sort of thing without thinking of it as any official role. We don't want to change anyone's approach, but we do want to learn how we can encourage this on every block in our neighborhood.



Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath

Know your Neighbors

By Courtenay Dusenbury

Richard “Trey” Long is a guy with great ideas. Most Candler Park residents have already benefited from one of his projects – graffiti removal kits funded by CPNO that can be borrowed free of charge from the Candler Park Market - and will soon benefit from another: a plan to transform an ugly cement wall along DeKalb Avenue into an oasis of greenery.

Trey, CPNO’s environmental chair, is constantly looking for ways to improve our community. This seems a logical hobby for a mechanical engineer who spends his days designing mechanical systems for large buildings and who has an inherent desire and enthusiasm for fixing and improving things around him.

“Ideas are something that I have constantly and the neighborhood is no exception,” he says. “My wife has recently bought a notebook small enough to fit into my pocket in a desperate hope to eliminate the tiny scraps of paper that I scribble things down onto and leave around the house. After I have ideas I think ‘okay, now how do I get this done?’ and each step I take leads me in that direction,” he says.

Trey spent the majority of his childhood in Marietta where he “grew up in a ‘bubble-like’ neighborhood spending days at the pool and nights playing jailbreak with neighborhood kids.” He attended Wheeler High School (“where we were known for our basketball program) and used to spend a lot of time camping and fly fishing (“and one day would like to again... whenever I can find the time”).

After graduation from UGA he and his future wife, Jenny, spent time in Europe and then started careers in New York City; after more time in Europe they returned to Atlanta and purchased their home in Candler Park last April. “Our post-high school life has been spent moving every couple of years and we are excited to put some roots down,” he says.

Trey encourages neighbors to join CPNO and to consider whether they can give an hour or two each month to help with neighborhood projects. “If you are a neighbor who wants to make difference but truly does not have the time then start out with something small, write an article for the *Messenger*, contribute to the website, or get to know your neighbors better, or if you have no time at all then donate some money... CPNO will put it to good use for you,” he says.

Lest we think that engineers only focus on the practical, the best day of Trey’s life had nothing to do with mechanical systems, graffiti or sidewalk improvements. “The best day that comes to mind is the day that Jenny and I were engaged. We were in Belize at the time and I had spent a lot of time organizing a secret romantic proposal. It went better than I could have hoped and I will remember it forever,” he says.



Sweetwater 5K

How Sweet It Is:
Above, radio volunteer
Sam Bacote; right,
volunteer captains
Dave Aynes and Curt
Flaherty with event
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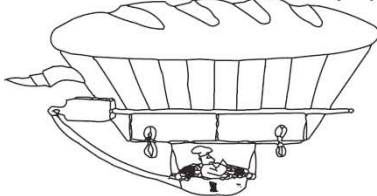


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Friends at Work

By Jo Jo Ross

The Friends of Candler Park were hard at work this past month removing and relaying all the pavers in front of the pool house. In an attempt to improve the drainage, we sweated it out removing and laying down more sand creating a slight slope towards the wall corners and sidewalk. Additionally, we replaced some of the worst broken pavers with 20 new ones donated by George Dusenbury. Thanks Curt, Mark, George and Walt for all the hard work on Saturday and the Monday before the 420 Festival.

The Easter Bunny hit Candler Park this past month in another great Egg Hunt sponsored by the Friends of Candler Park. The turn out of egg hunters and families was great this year. Bob Ross—my dad—took pictures of our beautiful Candler Park families that can be found at bobrossphotography.com. Next year we plan to have more eggs and will ask for parents to bring one dozen filled eggs for hiding to make sure we can accommodate all our hunters. Thanks to everyone who came out, helped out and dressed up as the Easter Bunny (Chris Warburton of Mansfield Ave.).

Please join the Friends of Candler Park for their monthly work day the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. **The June 12th work day will also be a business meeting for the first 30 minutes to set the agenda for the year's projects. We need your input!**



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2010 Candler Park Tour of Homes

By Mary Alice Bray

It's that time of year again and we're looking for dwellings, big and small, for the 2010 Tour of Homes. The tour provides a unique opportunity to show off our neighborhood and highlight the history of Candler Park. It's a money-raiser for the neighborhood and also a lot of fun. Thanks to all of the homeowners and volunteers who made past house tours a big success!

We need to finalize the list of homes by July 1st in order to have the tour booklets ready for advanced ticket sales. The exact date in October of Fall Fest and the house tour has not been decided yet but will be forthcoming. Please contact me if you are interesting in volunteering your home or would like to be on the Tour of Homes committee: Mary Alice Bray, maryabray@aol.com or 404-522-5455.



2010 ROCKET RUN 5K Benefiting the Mary Lin Education Foundation

Saturday, June 19

Submitted by Michele Allen

Details:

- Race will begin at 8:30am, Saturday, June 19 at Mary Lin Elementary, 586 Candler Park Drive NE 30307.
- Cost BEFORE June 1 is \$20. After June 1, cost goes to \$25.
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Park Pride awards \$28,000 to Friends of Iverson Park

By Eric Dusenbury



The Friends of Iverson Park are excited to announce that they have received a \$28,000 matching grant from Park Pride. The \$28,000 comes from Park Pride's Community Grant Program which supports communities making capital improvements in parks. With the \$10,000 provided by CPNO and about \$3,000 raised from individual donors the Friends of Iverson Park are well on our way towards raising the \$56,500 needed to install a walking path around the perimeter of the park, a low granite retaining wall along the front of the park, and the landscaping that will be put around both of these improvements.

The Friends of Iverson Park are a group of your neighbors working to maintain and improve Iverson Park. In addition to working on the path and entrance, we just completed our spring work day where we spread some mulch, sprayed for poison ivy, cleared undergrowth and installed two poles for a volleyball court. Please contact Eric Dusenbury at eric.dusenbury@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved with the Friends of Iverson Park or have any questions about the Friends of Iverson Park.

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Tour of Homes

May 15-16, 12-6p



KirkwoodFling.com

Smith Benning House Wins 2010 Georgia Trust Rehabilitation Award

By Mary Alice Bray

In April, preservationists statewide gathered in Rome, Georgia, to recognize projects in Georgia that have contributed to historic preservation in the state and that merit recognition for sensitive restoration and/or compatible additions or adaptive reuse. Robert and Carole Craig, along with James Crisp of Chelsey Construction Company, were recognized for the nearly three-decade project in preserving and renovating the c1885 Smith-Benning House on Oakdale Road in Candler Park.

For the Craigs, the project was home but also sought to provide a model for both historic preservation and compatible new design of additions.

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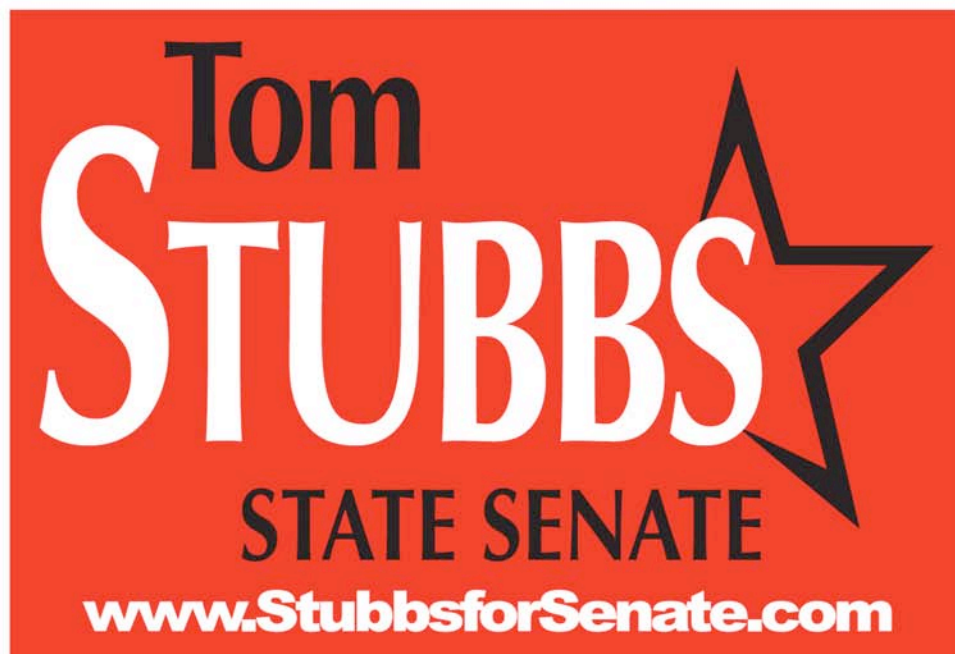
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Converted to apartments in the 1960s and all but abandoned, the house was almost lost on several occasions. Once the fire department appeared in the yard with fire trucks and crew and suggested that the presumed empty and derelict house might serve as a “controlled fire” training project, just prior to its assumed certain demolition. The Craigs quickly informed the firefighters that the Georgia Tech architecture professor and his family were, indeed, living there, and it would be restored. During that time, the neighborhood fondly referred to the house as “the ghost house,” or “Addams Family House.” One precocious three-year-old boy called it “Casper’s House.”

Twenty-eight years later, with a total renovation, compatible new additions, and a new outbuilding, the Craigs’ project has successfully returned the landmark home to a single-family residence. People who pass by mistakenly assume that the new out building (workshop and garage) is also over 100 years old. There are many personal touches that are noteworthy.

Carole Craig stripped and refinished over a linear mile of trim. Robert Craig’s interest in architectural history is reflected in the careful preservation of original historic fabric, retention and restoration of Eastlake-Victorian ornament throughout (verandah, window, and gable trim), and his compatible design for additions, including an expanded kitchen in the back of the house. The new kitchen, which is modern and open in plan inside, is detailed with architectural features, which reference the house’s late Victorian character, Candler Park’s bungalow tradition, and Robert’s interest in the Arts and Crafts Movement.

Since the Candler Park neighborhood is on the National Register of Historic Places, I thought everyone would be interested in hearing about this award. Congratulations to Robert and Carole!



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Big Plans a Brewin' at Former Wrecking Bar

By Bob Sandage

Designed and built in 1901 by famous architect Willis Denny, the property at 292 Moreland Avenue (commonly referred to as "The Wrecking Bar") was originally owned by Victor Kriegshaber. Kriegshaber also owned a terra cotta business in Atlanta and was prominent in several other businesses and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce in the early 1900s. From the 1930s through 1960s, the house was many things including a church and a dance studio. From 1970 through 2005, The Wrecking Bar architectural antiques retail shop operated. Since that time, the National Historic Register property has seen decline through vandalism and has been in a state of continuing disrepair.

My wife and I are residents of Inman Park and have purchased the property with the purpose of revitalizing the building back to its original splendor by creating (a) an events facility on the main floor of the house and (b) a brewpub / restaurant in the lower level of the main house and the warehouse. We intend to call the main floor and thus events center, "The Marianna" just like Victor Kriegshaber who had named the house after his daughter. Also in keeping with historical context (and because it is a great brewpub name!), "The Wrecking Bar Pub and Brewery" will be the brewpub / restaurant's name. The events center and brewpub will each have capacity of approximately 100-125 patrons.

Type I Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) approval has been given for aesthetic improvements and in-kind repairs. If you have not noticed, graffiti removal has begun; as well as roof and masonry repair. Type II AUDC approval is now being sought for items such as doors, windows, balustrades, etc. Our intent is to restore the property as close to historic significance as possible.


Additionally, we are asking to modify the Atlanta Municipal Code to allow a brewpub within 300 feet of a private residence. Currently Section 10-88 of the Atlanta Municipal Code allows a restaurant to serve alcohol within 300 feet of a private residence, however; this section does not specify the same for a brewpub (a restaurant that produces their own beer only for on-premise consumption with limits of 40% of revenue coming from sales of alcoholic beverages).

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Wrecking Bar, continued from page 11

Unanimous support from the immediate neighbors and Inman Park Neighborhood (through vote at IPNA) has been received in response to this request. Specifically, we are asking for an exception for brewpubs to operation within 300 feet of private residence; with the limitations of closing hours of 11pm on weekdays and midnight on weekends.

Another challenge with this project is to satisfying the parking requirements which are proposed to be segregated based upon intended uses:

1. Brewpub (brewing facility) – 18 spaces by City guidelines for the warehouse to be used as accessory structure for brewing. Proposing a reduction from 18 spaces to one space for the brewmaster, as no additional personnel will be working in this space.

2. Brewpub (restaurant) – 36 spaces by City guidelines for lower level of main building. Actual on-site parking is 21 spaces. Off-site parking has been contracted within 500 feet of the space and a Special Exception has been requested for this off-site parking.
3. Events – 23 spaces by City guidelines for the main level. By nature of the events with arrival and departure at more deterministic times, a valet and/or shuttle will be used with contracted lot parking on the east side of Moreland Avenue. This is also part of the Special Exception requested.

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Donated Airline Miles Can Help The Learning Tea in Candler Park Make a Difference

By Walt Weimar



Candler Park resident and business owner Katrell Christie's recent journey to India gave her a new way to think – and act – globally when giving back to her community.

Having built a solid reputation for supporting worthy neighborhood causes – such as Mary Lin Elementary through proceeds from her customers' donations when they keep copies of the many books available for perusal while enjoying warm beverages or pastries at her Clifton/McLendon store, Dr. Bombay's Underwater Tea Party in Candler Park – she had a new idea for helping three children – Mingma, Dipika and Lakmit – even more.

Profoundly affected by first-hand experience of both beauty and squalor in India's rural Darjeeling last year, upon her return Christie launched The Learning Tea, a multi-faceted initiative aimed at assisting a local orphanage where female graduates almost inevitably face futures of poverty and exploitation. The Learning Tea committed to enroll the next three graduating orphans into a university class this fall, helping break the cycle that deprives older orphan girls of hope or dignity. Upon attaining degrees, this initial group can also help serve as mentors and positive role models for rising orphanage graduates

that The Learning Tea also hopes to be able to assist and inspire with this promise of university tuition and independence.

A return trip to India to finalize the project, however, would benefit from a giving idea that's not often considered – donations of airline miles that professionals and residents in Candler Park may have accumulated but not redeemed. Even small mileage amounts, pledged in support of The Learning Tea's account, could quickly add up to offset costs of plane travel in July that will be crucial to organizing the program's initial year of enrollments for the orphans this fall.

"I'll already be taking time away from family and my own business in order to make another trip to realize this project, but I have found the cost of airline travel increased greatly since last year," Christie says. With airline mileage donations, The Learning Tea founder should be able to make the return with two new companions - filmmakers Phoebe Brown and Charlene Fisk – who plan to document firsthand the difference our small contributions can make halfway across the world.

For more information on how to contribute your airline miles to The Learning Tea's program to assist the Darjeeling students, contact Katrell Christie at Dr. Bombay's, 404.474.1402, via the web at www.thelearningtea.com, or by simply directing donations to Delta SkyMiles account 2277150252.



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Springtime Fun in Kirkwood

By Emily Wimbush

The historic Atlanta neighborhood of Kirkwood, neighbor to Candler Park, will host its annual Spring Fling Festival and Tour of Homes the second weekend in May.

On Saturday, May 15th, the weekend's activities will begin with the introduction of a new event; a 5K run starting at 9:00 a.m. in downtown Kirkwood. The run will wind through the beautiful historic neighborhood of Kirkwood and will finish near the site of the Spring Fling festival, which will begin at 10am in Bessie Branham Park. The festival will feature an artist market composed of over 90 high quality artisans and crafters showcasing handmade products. A special section will be devoted to green living and reducing carbon footprints through eco-friendly items made from recycled products. Children will be delighted with special activities designed just for the kids.

No festival would be complete without good music, food and drinks, and Kirkwood's Spring Fling is no exception. Festival sponsor Atlanta Brewing Company will have a selection of local Red Brick brews to sample and tasty treats from a variety of restaurants to keep your belly full. Bring a blanket and relax to the tunes of seven different bands, encompassing a variety of music that everyone is sure to love.

The festival also kicks off Kirkwood's amazing two-day Tour of Homes. See the diverse selection of building styles from classic Victorian cottages to Craftsman bungalows to modern lofts and everything in between. Meet some of the home's owners on your tour and learn about the diverse histories of many of the properties and creative techniques used in construction and renovation.

Detailed information about the Festival and the Tour of Homes can be found on the festival website at www.kirkwoodfling.com.



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Atlanta Audubon Society Walks

By Stan Chapman

The Atlanta Audubon Society is hosting walks in several locations in May.

A partial list of walks that are currently scheduled follows. The complete list and updates (if any) will appear on atlantaaudubon.org.

- **Saturday, May 8:** Beginners' walk at Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve in Lithonia (DeKalb County), preceded by a one-hour class by Michael Ellis of the Atlanta Wild Animal Rescue Effort. The class will include some birding tips and starts at 9 AM. The walk, led by Dave Butler, follows the class.
- **Wednesday, May 12:** Cochran Shoals Unit of Chattahoochee NRA, led by Hugh Garrett, meeting at 8 AM. There is a parking fee of \$3 if you don't have an annual pass. This walk is the last in a series of 9 Wednesday walks led by Hugh Garrett at this site.
- **Saturday, May 22:** Sweetwater Creek State Park in Lithia Springs, GA, led by Phil Delestrez, meeting at 8 AM. A state park fee of \$5 per vehicle applies.

Note that no sign-up or registration is required for these walks and that the public is invited. Atlanta Audubon does not charge any fee for attendees. Bring sturdy footwear for walking on wet grass and/or uneven surfaces.

Details and directions soon will be posted on the website, atlantaaudubon.org. Happy Birding!




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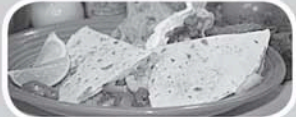

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Initial Pieces for “Art on the Beltline” Selected

Update from Atlanta Beltline, Inc.

The “Art on the BeltLine” working group today announced 30 visual and performance art installations for the first-ever temporary art exhibit in the Atlanta BeltLine corridor, which will run from May through October of 2010. The Atlanta BeltLine is an emerging system of parks, trails, transit and development that reclaims a 22-mile loop of historic and mostly unused rail around the center of Atlanta.

This spring, nearly eight miles of the BeltLine corridor will be open to pedestrians and off-road bicyclists via an interim trail. “Art on the BeltLine: Atlanta’s New Public Place” will place visual and performance art installations, as well as historic site interpretation, at different points along the corridor to draw the public onto the BeltLine as Atlanta’s new public realm.

“ ‘Art on the BeltLine’ provides the color and dimension to what many have viewed as a purely engineering assignment,” said Brian Leary, President and CEO of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. “We are engaging Atlanta’s neighborhoods and dynamic arts community through a public art initiative that is giving the community a sense of pride and ownership of the BeltLine which will have a positive impact on the city for years to come.”

In early February, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) and the City’s Office of Cultural Affairs distributed a call for artists for this unique new art experience with the help of several organizations and institutions in Atlanta’s arts community. A selection committee reviewed over 170 artist submissions during the month of March. The current list of “Art on the BeltLine” selections is below. More pieces will be added over the coming weeks as funds are raised to support them.

The “Art on the BeltLine” working group includes volunteers from BeltLine neighborhoods, historic preservationists and organizations such as WonderRoot, Eyedrum, SCAD, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc., the City’s Office of Cultural Affairs, Atlanta City Council and the Fulton County Arts Council.

For more information about “Art on the BeltLine,” including volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit art.BeltLine.org.



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Little 5 Points Business Association Update

By Brian Baj Stevens

The Little Five Business Association is under new management after elections in February.

Our first meeting on March 31, 2010, was a great success with 26 businesses represented. At this meeting our new officers were introduced;

- Matt Davis of BMT Promotions and Talent, Association President
- Brian Baj Stevens of Sweetgrass Salon & Spa, Vice President/Secretary
- Scott Pendergrast, Treasurer

We have temporarily dropped the Annual Dues to a flat rate of \$100.00 for any business size. This is our gesture to show to our business community that we are invested in making a stronger, organized and supportive Little Five Community. Your opinion matters to us and should matter to you.

One major item of discussion was the L5P 2010 Halloween Festival, and a volunteer Festival Committee has been formed. Holly Mull and Associates will again hold the event coordinating position as they have for the past 9 years. Mix It Marketing will handle Fundraising/Sponsorships for the festival. Mix It Marketing handles large scale festivals such as The Dogwood Festival and we hope their focused expertise in fundraising will result in larger sponsorship profits for this year's Halloween Festival.

In addition to a Festival Committee, Mike Raab of Corner Tavern along with the EAYC has taken on the lead in a Beer Committee to put Little Five Points restaurants and bars directly into the festival to handle the beer sales internally for the 2010 festival instead of contracting this portion out.

Through these major changes in planning we hope that the Halloween Festival will net its largest profit to date. As it is the festival's 10 Year Anniversary and a staple in our city and community, we are reaching out to the L5P Business Community for their involvement in the association to get the planning started.

For more information, please contact Matt Davis: matt@bmtpromo.com.

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CPNO Minutes - April 19, 2010

Compiled by Courtenay Dusenbury

I. Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., with CPNO President Doug Wetzel in the chair. Approximately 25 members were in attendance.

II. Atlanta Police Report:

Major Dalton noted that there were no significant incidents during the Sweetwater 420 Festival in Candler Park April 17-18. He said neighborhood crime last month was 63% lower than during the same period last year. Community involvement may be a factor in lower crime rates. Neighbors expressed concern about cars illegally parked during the Sweetwater 420 Festival; Major Dalton noted cars are only towed when they contribute to a hazardous situation such as blocking a sidewalk or driveway.

III. Announcements:

- Candler Park won third-place prize, \$1,000, for its cheering section during the recent ING Marathon.
- Richard Ford, CPNO's liaison to the Freedom Park Conservancy, noted that a new installation of Art in the Park is planned for Freedom Park. Georgia Tech students will display a series of interactive arches. The art will be in the park for about 30 days.
- Grandmaw Gordon Statement of Support: After lengthy discussion, CPNO members voted 16 to 6 to move forward on a letter of support for the Grandmaw Gordon issue. This letter will be drafted by Doug Wetzel and will be considered at the May CPNO meeting. A fundraising event will be held Friday, April 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Existentialist Church.
- Candidates: Candler Park resident Jason Carter attended the meeting and is running for the state senate <http://www.carterforstatesenate.com/>. Election day is May 11. Sherry Boston of Kirkwood is running in the election for State Court Judge <http://www.sherrybostonforjudge.com/>. Michael Rothenberg, who brought snacks for the meeting, is a candidate for DeKalb County Superior Court <http://michaelforjudge.com/>.
- Realtor and Candler Park Resident Lexa King offered neighbors a list of recent home sales in the neighborhood; she said real estate sales in Candler Park are strong.
- A new charter school, the Intown Academy, is enrolling students K-6. For more information on the school, which will be located at the former C.W. Hill School in the Old Fourth Ward, please visit <http://www.intownacademy.org/>
- Tom Painter presented a map of recent demolitions in the neighborhood. He also distributed materials from the Audubon Society.
- Dave Aynes noted that Trees Atlanta's 25th anniversary celebration will be Friday, June 25.
- *Messenger*: deadlines for copy will be strictly enforced in an effort to make the *Messenger* delivery more timely.

IV. March CPNO General Meeting minutes: were approved by a show of hands.

V. Officer and Committee Chair Reports:

Zoning: a variance for 445 Page Avenue, previously approved by the Zoning Committee, was approved by a show of hands. The Zoning Committee has a new member - Derek Meriwether.

Finance: Dave Aynes reported that a small committee met March 22. The committee plans to meet again to consider recommendations for investing the neighborhood's funds. Currently, CPNO has \$50,000 in certificates of deposit and approximately \$14,000 in its bank account. The budget group recommended a twice-yearly cycle for considering grant requests.

Special Projects: Walt Weimar noted that Fall Fest is scheduled for October 23-24. Last weekend's Sweetwater 420 Festival was a huge success thanks to the volunteer efforts of Mark Clement, Curt Flaherty, Walt, Dave Aynes, men from Clifton Road Sanctuary and about 35 others. Walt urged neighbors to send feedback on the festival to him at projects@candlerpark.org as he is the liaison with Sweetwater. Among the concerns noted by meeting attendees were illegally parked cars, trash and disorderly people. Sweetwater will provide funds from the event's wristband proceeds, which were higher than expected, to install a new walking trail in the ravine at the southeastern corner of Candler Park.

Environment: Trey Long reported that vandalism clean up kits are available at the Candler Park Market. After discussion, the CPNO approved \$3,500 for creeping fig plants to be planted along the wall beside the MARTA line on the south side of DeKalb Avenue from Moreland Avenue to Clifton Road. Volunteers will be sought to plant about 900 seedlings. More information will be forthcoming in a *Messenger* article.

NPU-N: Amy Stout's full report is available in the *Messenger*. After discussion, CPNO voted not to support an application for a "skirt chaser" 5 K race proposed for Candler Park Saturday, May 15. Representatives of the race have not appeared before CPNO and there are no details on the event, scheduled for 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., with bands, alcohol and vendors. Amy noted that representatives from the Midsummer Music Festival will make a presentation before CPNO in May. The Festival is scheduled for June 19 and includes a 5K race to benefit the Mary Lin Foundation.

Public Safety: David "Wing" Bruce announced that neighbors should call 911 if they see criminal activity. If you see people exchanging money for illegal items, contact Sergeant Mills at Zone 6 (404-371-5002) and let her know about it. Unless the police see criminal activity themselves they cannot prosecute.

VI. New Business: Mark Clement announced that he will provide information on the Candler Park Arts and Music Festival, Sept 18-19, at the May CPNO meeting. He will provide details in a *Messenger* article.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Bike Commuters Lend Helping Hand

by Lauren Welsh

A couple of weeks ago, my husband and I were running late as usual for our morning bike commute to work. We rushed out of the house, started pedaling quickly down Iverson and then Candler Street until we hit McLendon. Pulling out on McLendon in the mornings is always a bit difficult with the cars zooming past, so we waited for a minute or two for the traffic to clear. As I looked to the right to watch for cars, I suddenly saw a neighbor struggling with her dog on the sidewalk on McLendon. It took me a minute to realize her dog had stepped into a big hole normally protected by a water meter cover. The dog was probably about 80 to 90 pounds, straining to get out of the hole while the woman was desperately trying to lift her out. Cars kept whizzing past on McLendon with no one stopping to help.

We crossed the street quickly and went to assist the woman, whom when asked if she needed help, immediately said, "yes, please!" Her dog was 14 years old, not strong enough to get out of the hole by herself, but I managed to lift her back legs and hips out. She was having difficulty standing, and it seemed as if her leg might be injured. Meanwhile we were incredibly close to fast-moving traffic on McLendon, and no one seemed to be slowing down, though we were partially in the street.



After learning the woman's house was nearby, my husband bent down and picked up the dog to carry her home. At that point one person's vehicle slowed to check if we were okay, the only one to actually stop to help. The woman and her dog were both a bit scared, but fortunately since we were nearby to help, the dog didn't hurt herself while falling into or escaping the water meter hole.

Since this happened, I contacted City of Atlanta's Watershed Department, which advised that it is each resident's responsibility to call about broken or missing covers, and that replacements are special ordered, typically taking up to three months. I then contacted City Councilman Alex Wan, whose staff member Sheila Parrott responded by determining where the hole was, and if it could be fixed sooner. Within two days that hole was gone with a new water meter cover in its place, thanks to



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- Lauren Welsh, CPNO Membership Secretary

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Zone 6 Crime Reports

Compiled by David Bruce

200 block Ferguson St – Burglary - 3/29 Mon Eve. Victim said when she returned home she noticed her home had been broken into, but nothing had been taken. A front window had been damaged to gain entry.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 3/28 Sun Eve. Parking lot. Someone broke out side pocket window and stole a laptop and bag.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 3/29 Mon Eve. Manager said he saw arrestee conceal a hat and leave without paying for it. Arrestee: W/F, 19.

400 block Candler St – Auto theft - 4/12 Mon Day. Victim said he was doing work on a residence at location and parked his vehicle on the street. Victim left keys in vehicle and the vehicle unlocked. When he returned the vehicle was gone.

Candler Park Dr @ McLendon Ave – Larceny - 4/17 Sat Eve. Victim said his bike was stolen from location.

Announcements

Father's Day weekend, June 19th – 20th 10am – 6 pm, Garden*Hood presents Funky Garden Art Show featuring handmade sculpture, statuary and accessories displayed throughout the garden center's beautiful grounds. The work of local artists will be selected by a jury of Atlanta's best garden designers, including Garden*Hood's own, David McMullin. With a variety of one-of-a-kind creations available at different price points, you will find the perfect complement for your garden's plant palette at the Funky Garden Art Show. Garden*Hood is located at 347-353 Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30312 (our entrance gate is on Woodward Avenue). Spring hours are Wednesday - Sunday, 10am - 6pm. For more information, visit www.gardenhoodatlanta.com.

Helping Hands (from pg 19)

help from Alex Wan's office. Unfortunately, there are several other broken water meters throughout Candler Park and the city, dangerous hazards to both pedestrians and pets. A few things you can do:

- If you have a broken or ill-fitted water meter cover, please let us know. CPNO is helping to coordinate with the Atlanta Dept. of Watershed Management to replace or repair defective covers in our area. Please email your street address (or address of the broken/missing cover) to President@CandlerPark.org with "Water Meter Cover" in the subject line. All repairs are being completed by Atlanta DWM, but we are helping them find locations needing attention.

Slow down when you're driving. Riding a bike to work allows us to see a bit more than we do in a car. If driving to work, we might never have seen the woman or her dog, and could have never noticed the incident.

Keep an eye out for your neighbors. We all need help sometimes, and neighbors can be an incredible source of support - whether it's welcoming a new person to your street, looking after your neighbor's house when they're out of town or just a friendly greeting in passing, our involvement helps.

Announcements

Mary Lin Elementary School's Native Plant Sale will run from April 26th - May 17th. Mary Lin is located on Candler Park Drive just up the hill from the Bird and Butterfly Garden. Plant pick-up day is Friday May 21st, and for a catalog and order form, please contact LSandoval@EcoAddendum.org. 20% of proceeds go towards the Mary Lin Elementary Dirty Fingernails Club Bird Butterfly and Bee Island, so please come out and buy some native plants for a good cause!

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