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## Candler Park 'Visioning' Begins

In a separate effort,  
neighbors rally for Candler Park  
Golf Course

BY PAIGE PARVIN

The Candler Park Visioning process, led by Atlanta's Park Pride, officially kicked off on April 12 with the first meeting of the Steering Committee.

According to committee member David Aynes, Walt Ray, director of Park Visioning and the founder of the program, gave the group an introduction and an overview of the program's mission and objectives. Park Pride's mission is: "more and better parks...all over Atlanta". They pursue this goal by facilitating and financially managing 80 "Friends of Parks" groups throughout the city. The Visioning Program was launched eight years ago and the 20-plus Conceptual Master Plans created since have helped Friends of Parks groups raise over \$9 million for park improvements.

"I'm very excited that Candler Park has been accepted into Park Pride's Visioning Program," said Dave. "Over the next eight months, Park Pride's staff of landscape architects will assist our community in developing a Conceptual Master Plan for Candler Park. The Master Plan will help our community prioritize improvements and raise funds to make the plan a reality."

In a separate effort, the Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation is working with an outside consultant

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## Candler Park Education Committee Work Continues

BY  
KATE SANDHAUS,  
CPNO  
COMMUNICATIONS  
OFFICER AND  
COMMITTEE CHAIR

We crossed a major hurdle on April 10 when the school board voted to approve the redistricting proposal. But, the Candler Park Education Committee still has work to do, both short and long-term. Those efforts include:

- Advocating for a 6th grade academy to solve the middle school over-crowding problem. This involves working with APS and the yet-to-be-formed task force that school board member Cecily Harsch-Kinnane is forming.
- Identifying partners in other Grady cluster neighborhoods with shared goals, and collaborating with them.
- Learning more about the Mary Lin renovation and expansion. This project will likely be overseen by the Mary Lin Local School Council; however, CPNO will stay involved in a supporting role to ensure neighbors' concerns are heard, and to spread the



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## MEETING & EVENTS

**CPNO general meeting May 21st  
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.

May General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and April 2012 minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit June agenda items to any CPNO officer by May 23rd, 2012.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

(open to all)

**MAY  
14**

**4.30 PM**  
Inman Middle Local School  
Council Meeting

**MAY  
16**

**2-7 PM**  
Blood Drive in Candler Park at  
Epworth UMC  
FREE CHILDCARE from 5-7 PM

**MAY  
21**

**7 PM**  
CPNO Monthly Meeting at First  
Existentialist Congregation, 470  
Candler Park Drive

**MAY  
26**

Candler Park Pool Season Opening  
404-373-4349

**JUN  
12**

**7 AM**  
Candler Park Professional  
Networking Group - First Meeting  
at Dr. Bombay's

**JUN  
18**

**7 PM**  
CPNO Monthly Meeting at First  
Existentialist Congregation, 470  
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to conduct a formal study regarding the Candler Park Golf Course, which is struggling financially. The course is currently managed by American Golf Corp. under a contract that will be in effect until 2016. Parks Commissioner George Dusenbury, a Candler Park resident, recently told the Atlanta Journal Constitution that no decisions are expected to be made about the golf course in the immediate future, and several options are being considered, including leaving the course the way it is or raising greens fees (now \$10 on weekdays and \$13 on weekends) to increase revenue.

The group Friends of Candler Park Golf Course (focpgc.com) was formed last fall in response to concerns that the golf course may be under threat of closure. The group's stated mission is "to try and maximize the benefits of the golf course to the community and foster an environment where the community is welcome and can step around friendly golfers yelling

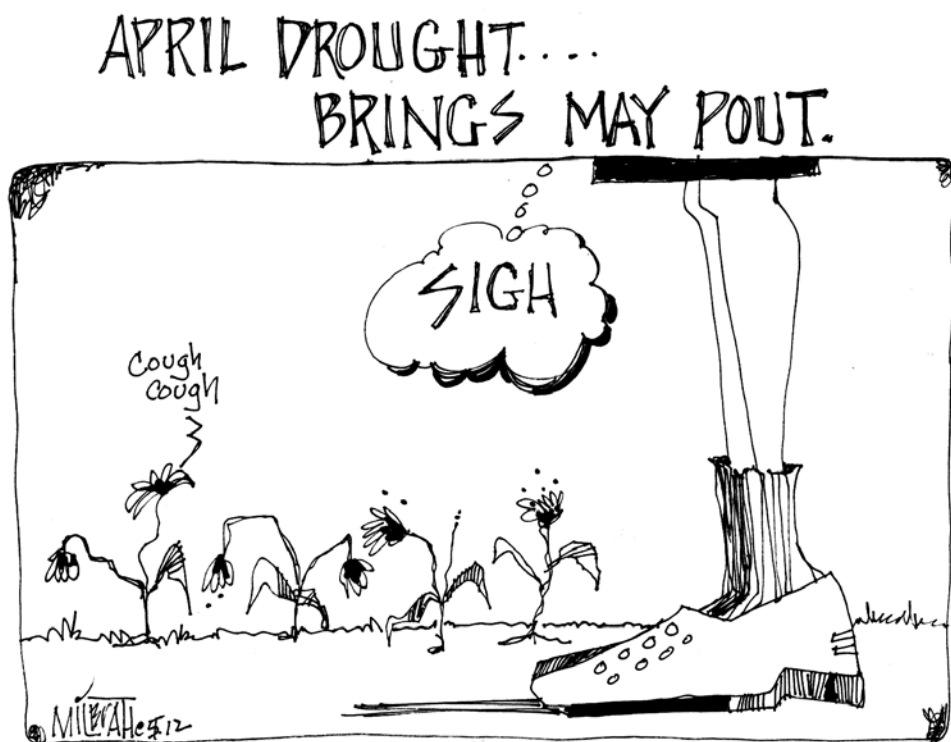
'fore!' at each other while supporting local businesses and schools." The group's leader, Michael Short, recently was interviewed on 11Alive news about the value of the course to the neighborhood. Short is also a member of the Candler Park Visioning Steering Committee.

A series of CP Visioning Program public meetings to gather community input is now being planned and scheduled. A list of the Visioning Steering Committee members, as well as dates of the public meetings, will appear on the CPNO website at [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org) and in the next issue of the Messenger.

### Education Committee Continues Work ...continued from page 1

word as we learn more about the project.

- Identifying education-based organizations within the Grady cluster (e.g., Inman Local School Council, Council of Intown Neighborhood Schools) where



by Deb Milbrath

Candler Park should have a presence and / or leadership roles.

- Looking ahead to the next election. With city council and school board lines being redrawn for the November 2013 election—and Candler Park and Lake Claire no longer sharing school board members—we need to understand the implications, and learn more about which candidates will do the best job of representing our neighborhood.

The committee will continue to keep the neighborhood posted on all of these efforts, and to reach out for help where needed. Thanks to everyone for your continued interest and engagement!

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## Blood Drive in Candler Park May 16

Epworth UMC is hosting a 30307 Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 16 from 2-7pm with FREE CHILDCARE from 5-7 pm while you give blood. In Dobbins Hall & Fellowship Hall.

Date: Wed, 05/16/2012 - 2:00pm

Location: Epworth Church - 1561 McLendon Avenue



## SweetWater 420 Fest 5K Road Race

BY DAVID AYNES

The 2012 Sweetwater 420 Fest 5K Road Race was a huge success and raised almost \$17,000 for CPNO! We owe huge thanks to the 125 volunteers who made the event run so smoothly and to Anne Steib for recruiting and organizing 125 volunteers! A special thank you also goes out to the gentlemen from Clifton Sanctuary and the following individuals who played major roles in organizing the race and leading our volunteer teams throughout race day: Mark Clement, David Duncan, Eric Dusenbury, Danny O'Brien, Ben Peden, Jim Pelot, John Perantoni, JoJo Ross, Martin Steib and Doug Wetzell.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to our race sponsors (see page 20) and to Jennifer Bensch at Happy Ending Productions for continuing to incorporate this race into the SweetWater 420 Fest weekend.

Please visit [www.candlerpark.org/420](http://www.candlerpark.org/420) for photos, video and other details.

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# Pool Opens May 26!

Candler Park Pool, which is owned and operated by the City of Atlanta, will be open for the 2012 season from May 26 - September 3. The pool phone number is 404-373-4349.

Hours will be:  
Mon - Fri 10 AM – 7 PM  
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## Remembering Manoli Vastakis

Our community has suffered a great loss with the passing of Manoli Vastakis, Co-Owner and Operator of Zesto's in Little 5 Points since 1996. He came to Atlanta from Greece, received his degree, married and eventually became part of this neighborhood. He was a wonderful husband and father and just a great guy all around. Always known for his hospitality, he was well loved by family, friends and throughout the community. We will always remember his smile and his friendliness.



## Friends of Candler Park's First 5K Is Off and Running! Race to accompany Midsummer Music Fest June 16

BY MARK CLEMENT

We are proud to announce the first annual Friends of Candler Park 5K. This year, it will take place during the Midsummer Music & Food Festival on Saturday, June 16, at 8:00 am. Registration will be at Epworth Methodist Church starting at 7:00 am. All proceeds go to our nonprofit fiscal partner account with Park Pride for the beautification of Candler Park. For more information, visit [www.FriendsOfCandlerPark.org](http://www.FriendsOfCandlerPark.org).

And don't forget...the fifth annual Midsummer Music & Food Festival will be happening in Candler Park on Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16, 2012. The music lineup features G Love and Special Sauce, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Futurebirds, the Wood Brothers, and more. The Atlanta Street Food Coalition members will be the food court, with one of the largest food truck gatherings ever in the city, and there is an artist market as well. Hours of operation will be Friday, June 15, from 4 pm to 11 pm, and Saturday, June 16, from noon to 11 pm. For complete information visit [www.midsummermusicfestival.com](http://www.midsummermusicfestival.com).

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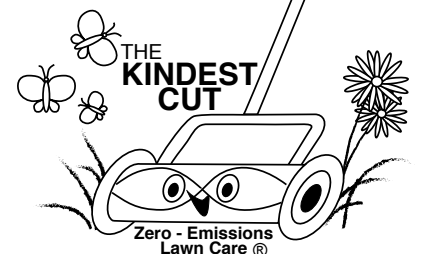


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# CPNO Bylaw Change Proposed

BY JAY SANDHAUS, CPNO PRESIDENT

We are considering a change to our bylaws to address how contracts are managed by the organization. We'll be discussing and voting on this change at our upcoming membership meeting in May. Prior to that meeting, please address any questions about this amendment to [president@candlerpark.org](mailto:president@candlerpark.org)

The proposed change (all new language underlined, removed language crossed through):

## ARTICLE VII, Section 1(a)

Fall Festival Committee. There shall be a fall festival committee which shall be responsible for the annual neighborhood festival, including the tour of homes and the fall 5K road race. The board of directors shall appoint the chair and a treasurer of the fall festival committee, and the chair shall appoint such other members of the committee as he or she deems necessary. ~~The chair of the fall festival committee shall have the authority to execute contracts and other legal instruments on behalf of the neighborhood organization without prior approval provided that such contracts and other instruments relate solely to the responsibilities of the fall festival committee and that no single contract or other instrument exceeds \$25,000.00 in total value.~~ The chair of the fall festival committee shall present a budget, project plan, and resource plan to the board of directors no later than 150 days before the festival and make a report on each monthly. The treasurer of the fall festival committee shall have the authority to make disbursements from such funds or accounts as the board of directors shall direct but shall do so only ~~as the neighborhood organization or the fall festival committee shall direct~~ in accordance with the approved budget. The treasurer of the fall festival committee shall deposit all receipts as the board of directors shall direct. The treasurer of the fall festival committee shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the neighborhood organization and shall make a full financial report to the neighborhood organization no later than the regular meeting in December.

## ARTICLE XV

### Contracts

The President shall designate two current officers to review

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# CP's SoulShine Offering Sustainability Summer Camp

BY KATE KARASSIK, DIRECTOR

SoulShine Sustainability Summer Camp is offering full-time, part-time and jr. camp counseling enrollment. We are excited to be partnering with OakLeaf Farm this summer. We will be working with Farmer Bremen and Farmer Hudson as we plant, harvest, and work together to learn how to grow our own food.

Our campers will be tending to the chickens, goats, sheep and other farm animals. They will be learning how to provide care for our farm friends and the benefits of harvesting your own eggs, food and composting. The kids will be learning about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and be educated on the importance of buying local produce. The campers will be exploring the four-acre farm, lunching in the red barn, and getting down and dirty on the farm! We will be incorporating just the right amount of education and fun into their summer.

For more information, please visit [www.makeyoursoulshine.com](http://www.makeyoursoulshine.com) or call 404-377-3560.



## Meet Your Neighbors: Jay Sandhaus, CPNO President, Hooper Avenue

In this issue of the Messenger, we kick off a new feature spotlighting Candler Park neighbors. We're starting with Jay Sandhaus, president of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO), and will introduce both CPNO board members and other residents in future issues. If you know a neighbor we should meet, please contact the Messenger at [editor@candlerpark.org](mailto:editor@candlerpark.org).

### How long have you lived in Candler Park, and where do you live?

I've lived in Candler Park for six years. I live on Hooper Ave for the past four years.  
Before that, I lived on Candler Street.

### Do you have family, kids, pets?

I have a wife, Kate, and three children—Alex, 5; Andy, 3; and Teddy 6, months. We also have a grey tabby cat named Sammy.

### Would you like to share what you do professionally?

I'm a technology director at a large media company.

### How/why did you choose the neighborhood?

My family and I love the pace of life in Candler Park. There are so many things nearby to do—it's a perfect mix of homes, restaurants, parks and greenspace. And we feel a connection with the people who have also chosen to live here. When I walk around the neighborhood, I really feel like I'm part of a community.

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**Why do you volunteer your time for the CPNO?**

It's important for us to have a strong organization to advocate for our neighborhood. Volunteering was the easiest way to make a meaningful contribution to our community. We have a great quality of life here and I want to nurture that.

**What other activities, organizations, or hobbies are you involved in?**

Between CPNO, work, and three kids, I barely have time to sleep and eat!

**What's your favorite thing about Candler Park?**

The people—this neighborhood attracts really interesting people.

**What's something about Candler Park that you wish would change?**

The sidewalks. I love walking around the neighborhood and it's much harder to get around than it should be. The CPNO is going to work on that this summer and fall. It's a shame that we have let our infrastructure deteriorate to the point it has.

**What's special about your house?**

That it's on Hooper Ave. I love that I live on a quiet, dead-end street with lots of other young families. My house backs up to another dead-end street, and behind my house, the street turns into a dirt road leading down to a two-acre field. If you look the right way you feel like you're living out in the country—but I'm a ten-minute walk from Little Five Points!

**Where is your favorite spot in the neighborhood, indoors or out, to hang out?**

There are too many to pick one, but I'll tell you a few highlights. I love to meet people for coffee at Dr. Bombay's, or have dinner on a picnic table at the park. My kids love the goats & chickens at Mulberry Fields. And I probably spend too much time out back trying to coax tomatoes to grow in my garden.

**What do you think you know about Candler Park that most other neighbors don't?**

I could only dream of knowing more about our neighborhood than our long-time residents—one of my neighbors has been here for fifty years! Ask me again four decades from now.

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# Wild Ride: Tales from the Mary Lin Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

BY WALT WEIMAR

A fun St. Patrick's Day of youth craftsmanship and competitive spirit was marked by Mary Lin Elementary's annual Pack 586 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, held on Saturday, March 17, at Epworth United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall.

After carefully weighing and measuring each car per official Cub Scout derby specifications, all 32 scouts and their parents cheered their favorite entries, while adult volunteers and den leaders helped ensure each participant experienced the thrill of racing their handmade wooden cars, which run over a state-of-the-art aluminum track four abreast toward electronic sensors that score each trial.

As in previous years, results were closely observed during




each race. The first contestants to crown a winner were the Tiger Cub (1st grade) den, whose finalists were Aidan McCarthy (1st place), William Sanders (2nd place), and Wesley Urda (3rd place), with superb additional competition by Dean Barry.

During Wolf Cub (2nd grade) competition, Sam Coan emerged as winner, with Cal Owenby in 2nd place, and Mark McClain in 3rd place. Also competing enthusiastically with

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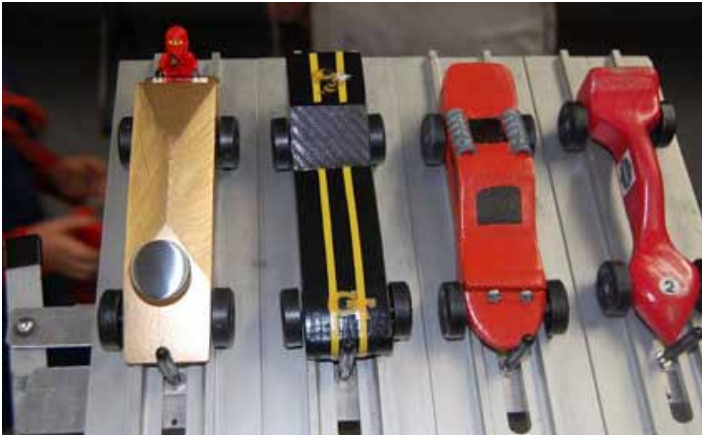
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their cars were James King, Lawson Crutcher, Peter Thrasher and Carter Twomey.

A vigorous Bear Cub (3rd grade) contest resulted in Josh Johnson taking the prize, while Russell Kirkland finished 2nd, followed by Sam Castano in 3rd place. Also racing well were cars prepared by Wolfgang Byrne, Zane McKinney, Will McEntee, Benton Shevlin and George Lefkowicz.

On the “senior circuit”, the younger Webelos I (4th grade) den winner was Charlie Robinson, while 2nd place was awarded to Jay Skach, and 3rd place to Neil Barry. Cars by Theo Weimar and Jesse Garcia also represented their den well.

Finally, the much-anticipated Webelos II (5th grade) den’s race was won by Chip Miller, with Harry Rowe taking 2nd place, and Jack Dwyer garnering a 3rd place finish. Excellent cars entered by Xander Menor, Henry Lefkowicz, Robert Brunet, Ben Samuels and Jack Persons ensured a close race to the finish.

The highlight of this year’s pack event was again the much-anticipated final heat between each den’s top winner. Although all of the cars were exceptionally fast, surprising many observers was newcomer Sam Coan of the Wolf Cubs as the overall Pack winner, with 2nd place awarded to Chip Miller of Webelos II, and 3rd place won by Josh Johnson of Bear Cubs. The always-popular “Coolest Car” competition was also a close affair, with the most enthusiastic cheers for winner Henry Lefkowicz of Webelos II den, followed by Sam Castano’s Bear Cub entry in 2nd place, and Lawson Crutcher’s Wolf Cub car design taking 3rd place.

Mary Lin’s Pack 586 Cub Scouts have been led for several years by Cubmaster Gus Persons, with assistance from current den leaders Ainsley Platt (Wolf), James Johnson (Bear) and Walt Weimar (Webelos I), and support from East Atlanta District’s Hassan Rafiq (whose wife Mary has served as Tiger Cub leader), as well as Mary Lin Elementary principal Dr. Brian Mitchell, and Atlanta Area Council’s

District Executive Brandon Dobbins.

A traditional year-end Blue and Gold Banquet will be held by the entire pack on Saturday, May 19th at Epworth, recognizing the Webelos II scouts who will “cross over” to Boy Scouts, along with rank advancement and other achievements of over 50 boys who participated in this year’s Cub Scout program at Mary Lin Elementary.

*For more information on Cub Scouting at Mary Lin Elementary and surrounding neighborhoods, or to learn the many ways in which adult volunteers can provide support for this important youth mentoring program, please contact den leaders James Johnson at 404-525-4835, Walt Weimar at 678-361-4792, Ainsley Platt at 404-687-8987, or by calling the Atlanta Area Council at 770-989-8820.*

# SweetWater 420 Fest Revisited

BY PAIGE PARVIN

A number of neighbors have voiced concerns about the SweetWater 420 Festival held in Candler Park April 20 to 22. The festival is not organized by CPNO and the neighborhood does not have to approve it; it is permitted by the City of Atlanta. While the event is a major success and brings aspects of value to the neighborhood—including proceeds from a sold-out 5K race and contributions for improvement of the park—it also raises traffic, crowding, behavior, and public safety issues. The pros and cons of the festival will be discussed at the CPNO membership meeting on May 21 and will be communicated to festival organizers.

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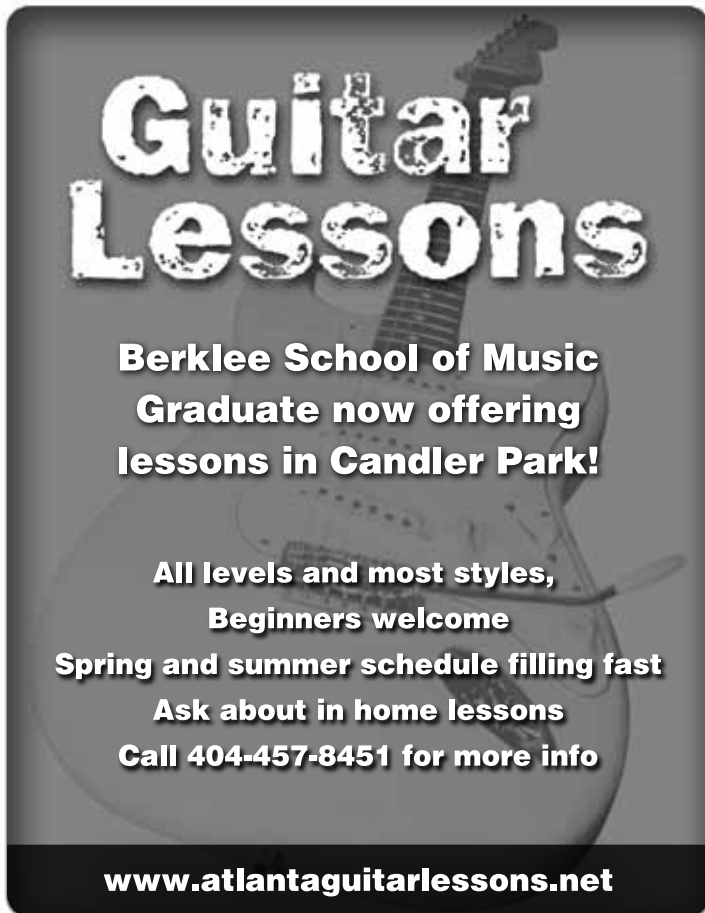
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## Candler Park Movie Nights Are Back!

BY MARK CLEMENT

If you missed the first movie of the season, Kung Fun Panda, don't worry—you have three more chances to get the best seat in the 'hood. Here's the summer 2012 Candler Park Movie Night lineup:

### May 26: Puss In Boots

Paramount Pictures

Voices by Antonio Banderas, Zach Galifianakis, Salma Hayek; directed by Chris Miller

Rated PG; 90 minutes; 2011

Way before he ever met Shrek, the legendary Puss in Boots goes on a heroic journey, teaming up with mastermind Humpty Dumpty and the street-savvy Kitty Softpaws to steal the famed Goose that lays the Golden Eggs. It's the adventure of nine lifetimes!

### August 11: Wall-E

### August 25: Hugo

Festivities begin at 8:00 pm in front of the pool house in Candler Park. Find more info at the Friends of Candler Park website, [www.cprunningclub.com](http://www.cprunningclub.com).

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# NPU-N Meeting Notes, April 26, 2012

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN WELSH,  
CANDLER PARK NPU REPRESENTATIVE

## Public Reports

- Major Keith Meadows reported that APD have identified the 2 perpetrators who are potentially linked a robbery at Zesto's, one in Edgewood and the most recent pedestrian robbery in Candler Park at the corner of McLendon and Sterling. There was a rise in car break-ins during festivals, so the department continues to promote the Clean Car Campaign to encourage people to not leave anything in their cars that might encourage break-ins.
- A MARTA officer reported that thieves snatching electronic devices on the train is still the main problem. He encouraged riders to keep their belongings very close to them and be aware of their surroundings, particularly when the doors are opening and closing
- The Parks department reported that the Candler Park Pool will be open May 26 and will stay open until the first week of October. The city pools are also under new management with USA Pools. Camp Best Friends is open for registration again this year and has proven to be very successful.
- Department of Watershed reported that we are entering a serious drought and outdoor watering restrictions are in place. In addition, the Mayor has challenged citizens to cut their water and energy consumption by 20%.
- A representative from Chairman Eaves of Fulton County's office introduced herself. She can be reached at [alicia.jordan@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:alicia.jordan@fultoncountyga.gov).
- A representative from the Atlanta Alcohol Technical Advisory Group (ATAG) II reported that the group is working with the city to review all costs and legislation around alcohol licenses. The annual revenue for alcohol licenses for the city is \$7 million.

## Board of Zoning Adjustment:

- The NPU Board unanimously approved an applicant at 1742 McLendon Avenue seeking a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the required front yard setback from 35 ft. to 29.1 ft. and to reduce the half-depth yard setback from 17.5 ft to 13.9 ft. to make a second story addition to an existing single-family swelling.
- The NPU Board unanimously approved an applicant at 1019 Manigault Street seeking a variance from the

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# New CP Professional Networking Group Forming

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BY GIGI K. MILLER

### Top 5 Reasons To Start a Candler Park Professional Networking Group:

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4. Connect with your neighbors
5. Keep it local

### Who is this for?

Must be a business professional residing in Candler Park

### Meetings:

- Meetings will be informal gatherings at local establishments
- Meetings will be scheduled every other month unless otherwise requested by the group
- Meetings will be scheduled at a time that best meets the needs of the group

### Cost:

There will be no fee to belong to the group. However, any food or drink purchased during the meetings will be the member's responsibility.

### Point Person:

Gigi K. Miller

Phone: 404.274.1930 Email: [gigi@VisionOrganizing.com](mailto:gigi@VisionOrganizing.com)

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zoning ordinance to reduce the rear yard setback from 7 ft. to .5 ft., and the ½-depth front yard setback from 15 ft. to 0 ft. for a detached carport and roof covered patio addition. Applicant also seeks a special exception to allow for a 6 ft. 4 in. wall (privacy fence), where otherwise only a 4 ft. fence is allowed.

- The NPU Board unanimously approved an applicant at 460 Claire Drive NE seeking a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the required north side yard setback from 7 ft. to 2.9 ft. in order to make a 2nd story addition to a single family dwelling.

### Special Events/Outdoor Festivals

- African Carnival – June 30 – NPU Board deferred.
- Clips of Faith – September 14 – NPU Board voted to approve.

### Chair's Report

- Grant Funding for projects – street toppers for street signs in NPU-N neighborhoods is underway.
- Annual By-Laws will be voted on in May or June. No changes have been made.

Next NPU Meeting: May 24, 2012

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## CPNO Membership Meeting Minutes April 19, 2012

SUBMITTED BY BESS BROWN, RECORDING SECRETARY

### Atlanta Police Department

- Although Major Keith Meadows from the Atlanta Police Department was scheduled to provide a crime report at the meeting, he was unable to attend
- If you have an emergency and need to contact the APD, please remember that 911 is the best number to call
- You can also call Crime Stoppers at 404-577-8477

## Announcements

- Bess Brown has been appointed as the new Recording Secretary
- Candler Park Play Day – planning is currently underway. It is expected to take place in September and will include coaches, sports equipment and professional athletes for a variety of sports, including tennis, basketball and golf. There will also be local health initiatives and promotion of the neighborhood. If you would like to get involved, contact David Epstein at [davide@atlcp.org](mailto:davide@atlcp.org).
- In addition, Atlanta Contact is currently looking at Pullman Yard as a potential site for a future sport and health facility. Current plans would include a 100,000 sq. ft. building for sports retail, medical and storage, a track, soccer and lacrosse fields, roller hockey space and tennis courts. The facility would be accessed from Arizona Avenue and Hosea Williams. If you are interested in becoming involved contact David Epstein at [davide@atlcp.org](mailto:davide@atlcp.org).
- Movie Night (Mark Clement) – In accordance with City of Atlanta rules, we'll only be showing G and PG movies. In the line up so far, we've got Kung Fu Panda II (5/12) and Puss in Boots (5/26). We'd also like to create a theme surrounding Movie Night (e.g., a showing of Wall-E and a theme of recycling). If you have any ideas, please contact Mark Clement.
- Visioning Process Update (Mark Clement) – Park Pride offered to create a strategic plan for the neighborhood

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BY CHANTELE RYTTER

## Great Atlanta Bicycle Parade May 20

The Great Atlanta Bicycle Parade is an artful celebration of cycling in our region! Everyone is invited to ride. Ride by yourself, ride with your mom, your dad, your kids, your team. Deck out and bring your boom box! We are rolling with AM 690's Bicycle Parade Show! Together, we will found a colorful pedal-powered Atlanta tradition and the only musical bike parade in the world.

MAY 20: Line up at 2 pm at Highland and North Avenue. The parade program includes \$100 art bike honoraria and free bike art workshops! Details and registration at [www.greatatlantabicycleparade.com](http://www.greatatlantabicycleparade.com) and <http://www.facebook.com/GreatAtlantaBicycleParade>.

MAY 19: Bike Art Workshop at the Grant Park Recreation Center, hosted by the Grant Park Parents Network. Registration required. This program is sponsored in part by the City of Atlanta's Office of Cultural Affairs, but we need a little help to get rolling. Thank you for visiting our Kickstarter at the parade website.

For more information, contact Chantelle Rytter, [www.chantellerytter.com](http://www.chantellerytter.com) or 678-612-2570.

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## Transportation Referendum 'Wireside Chats'

FROM THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Wondering what this transportation referendum is all about? You are invited to talk to local officials about the upcoming transportation referendum. During 12 Wireside Chats over six evenings in June, local officials will provide a brief overview of and answer your questions about the July 31 referendum and the project list it would fund. These evening phone conversations are organized by jurisdiction and you are invited to participate in as many as you'd like. Register at [www.wiresidechats.com](http://www.wiresidechats.com) or by calling 404.463.3227.

## Meeting Minutes

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based on input from the residents. A steering committee was formed and recently met for the first time and will begin polling the residents of Candler Park for their ideas and preferences regarding long-term plans for the park. This is your chance to put in your two cents, so please participate!

- Special Lunch Program - Pastor Lisa at the Epworth Methodist Church would like to get involved in a special lunch program to provide lunches for children in need during non-school months. Additional information to come.
- CPNO would like to thank Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow, a

group of students on spring break from Western Illinois University. In exchange for pizza, this group of students helped provide our park pavilions with new paint, decking and azaleas. Our thanks also go out to Scotts, Home Depot and Sweetwater for making this possible.

- Approval of last month's meeting minutes.

### Membership Committee - reported by Lexa King

- We saw unprecedented member support and participation during the school redistricting project. The CPNO encourages you to get your neighbors to sign-up and to stay involved.
- Don't forget about our hospitality program for new neighbors, sick neighbors, and neighbors with new babies. If you would like to take advantage of our hospitality program, contact Lexa King at [lexaking@gmail.com](mailto:lexaking@gmail.com)

### Environmental – reported by Jay Sandhaus

- Candler Park won \$1,500 for being the best cheering zone in the Publix Georgia Marathon Cheering Zone contest. Congratulations (and a big Thank You) to everyone who came out and cheered!

### Special Projects – reported by Mark Clement

- Discussion of the 420 5k logistics and need for volunteers.

### Communications Officer – reported by Kate Sandhaus

- The outcome of the redistricting process was mostly positive.
- Mary Lin will remain in the Inman/Grady cluster and will continue to serve as the elementary school for Candler Park, Inman Park and Candler Park families.
- Mary Lin will remain a K-5 school and it will get expansion funds to eliminate trailers and increase capacity.
- The one negative outcome is that Inman Middle School remains overcrowded and resolution of the issue of overcrowding was postponed 2-3 years.
- Coan will stay open as a middle school and it will be used for Jackson while Jackson undergoes renovations. Children from East Lake Elementary, which is scheduled to close, will also be



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transferred to Coan.

- The Education Committee deserves a big thank you for their hard work and success at achieving the goals set by Candler Park residents.

#### **Proposed ByLaw Changes – reported by Jay Sandhaus**

- Amendments to the Bylaws have been proposed by the Board. The current ByLaws are silent with respect to who can sign contracts except for the Fall Festival provisions. As a result, the Board is discussing ways to manage contract risks, both financial and non-financial.
- The President would appoint officers designated to review and approve contracts. This was seen as a middle ground to permit flexibility while also addressing the lack of clear authority.
- Under the amendments, contracting would occur in a manner substantially similar to the current process except that the review and execution requirements would be institutionalized.
- A copy of the amendments can be found at <http://candlerpark.org/content/bylaw-change-proposed>.

#### **Requests for Funding**

- Fall Fest (Mark Clement and Leslie Kipling) – Proposed budget was presented for discussion. Voting will occur during the May Membership Meeting. A few key items – the budget includes hiring a third party to solicit sponsorships and there was discussion regarding how cost effective that will be. A lower Net Income as compared to last year does not represent a shift in mission, but rather it reflects increased expenditures to provide bigger stage, better lighting, more well-known bands, hopefully resulting in better sponsorships. It may be helpful in planning the Fall Fest to determine what sort of festival the neighborhood wants and re-examine the mission statement and objectives of the festival.
- Operational Budget for 2012 (Gordon Rose) – Operational budget was presented in the amount of \$12,152. Small Business Services has declined to provide bookkeeping services for 2012, but Dave Aynes has offered his bookkeeper at the same rate as last year. CPNO is currently interviewing for a new bookkeeper. Operational budget is approved (22 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed).
- Cheering Zone Expenses (Steve Goff) – Reimbursement for cheering zone supplies of \$50.20 requested and approved (21 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed)

Meeting adjourned at 8:09.

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## Heads Up: Crime Is on the Rise in Candler Park

### CPNO officer, residents to meet with local law enforcement

BY PAIGE PARVIN

A number of serious criminal incidents have taken place in and around Candler Park in recent months, including robbery at gunpoint and attempted abductions. Residents are advised to be particularly cautious.

CPNO Public Safety Officer Jimmy Bligh has reached out to Zone 6 Commander Major Meadows to share neighborhood concerns and discuss how we can partner with the police department to increase public safety. Jimmy and other residents will be meeting with Major Meadows and Sergeant Stephens, the evening watch officer for the neighborhood, on **May 16 at 7:00 pm at Epworth United Methodist Church**. Block captains and concerned residents are encouraged to attend, and interested neighbors can contact Jimmy for more information.

Jimmy hopes to create a stronger network of block captains to filter information to neighbors and raise awareness. To get involved, email him at [jimbobligh@gmail.com](mailto:jimbobligh@gmail.com).

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## Zone 6 Crime Reports

COMPILED BY DAVID BRUCE

**ELMIRA PLACE NE/DEKALB AVE** – Larceny from auto – Sat. eve. Victim said he parked his vehicle at the above location around 7pm and came back around 10:30pm and noticed his back window was broken out. He said that a book bag containing clothes was taken from the back seat of his truck.

**400 BLOCK CLAIRE DR.** – Larceny from auto – Sat eve. Victim said that she arrived at the location at 10pm and came out about 30 minutes later to discover that the passenger side window had been busted out. Taken: Wallet, laptop, hard drive thumb drive and driver's license.

**300 BLOCK OAKDALE RD** – Larceny from auto – Victim said that she parked her vehicle on the city street on 3-9 at 1440 hrs and returned on 3-11 to find the rear right passenger window on her vehicle broken and a red book bag with a composition notebook and 4 keys missing.

Would like to thank **Randy Pimsler** of Pimsler-Hoss Architects, the CPNO, Candler Park Community, & our loyal customers and friends who supported us through our rezoning expansion!  
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~Helen Keller

**1500 BLOCK MARLBROOK DR** – Larceny from auto – Sun. morn. Victim said someone broke into his car and took his vehicle registration card and insurance card. The front passenger side window was broken.

**1300 BLOCK NORTH AVE** – Larceny from auto – Victim said that she parked her car on March 13. She said that when she came out the next day, she saw that her radio was gone and her back passenger window was broken.

**1300 BLOCK BENNING PL** – Larceny from auto – No date or time listed. Reading the report, it appears that a wallet with gold plate, money and laser detector was taken. There might have been 4 autos broken into.

**400 BLOCK MORELAND AVE** – Larceny – 3/23 Fri eve. Victim said he was in the parking lot when a black male came up to him and grabbed his I phone from his hands and then ran going south on Moreland Ave. Suspect about 17 to 19 years in age, 115 -125 lbs in weight, dark skin and wearing a maroon colored shirt.

**1300 BLOCK EUCLID AVE** – Auto theft – 3/22 Thurs day. Victim said that she parked her car on March 22. When she woke up on March 23 and went outside, it was gone. She said that she locks the car sometimes and other times leaves it unlocked so she was unsure if the car was locked or not.

**1200 BLOCK DEKALB AVE** – Larceny from auto – 3/18 Sun day. Victim said he went out to his car to find that the passenger side front window was busted out. The items taken were an Apple Ipod Nano and a Tom Tom GPS.

**300 BLOCK MORELAND AVE** – Larceny from auto – 3/18 Sun day. Victim said she parked her car and when she returned found her belongings were spread throughout the car. Taken: Wallet, 2 credit cards, social security card and a Sony Coolpix camera.

**1300 BLOCK NORTH AVE** – Larceny from auto – 3/19 Mon day. Victim said that his vehicle had been broken into. Taken: Briefcase, GPS, multi tool, headlamp and camera.

**300 BLOCK MORELAND AVE.** – Larceny from auto - 3/20 Tues eve. Victim said he parked his car and when he returned the right rear window was broken. Taken: Book bag, laptop, headphones and Torts textbook.

**1300 BLOCK EUCLID AVE** – Larceny from auto – 3/21 Wed day. Victim said that he parked his car in the parking lot of his apartment complex. The next day he discovered the front passenger side window was busted out and his cell phone, I Pod, 2 checkbooks and SSN card were missing.

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**1300 BLOCK EUCLID AVE** – Larceny from auto – 3/21 Wed morn. Victim said she parked her car overnight in the parking lot of her apartment complex. The next morning, she noticed that the right rear passenger side window had been broken out and the GPS unit stolen.

**400 BLOCK CALLAN CIRCLE** – Larceny from auto – 3/25 Sun morn. Victim stated that the rear side window from the passenger side was busted but nothing was taken.

**MORELAND AVE Robbery** – Pedestrian 03/25. Victim advised that she was walking to her apartment behind the building and a suspect put something to her back and said “Gimmie what you got.” She stated that she does not know who touched her back. She emptied her pockets and the suspect picked up her debit card, \$1000 in \$100 bills wrapped with a rubber band. The suspect then ran away. The victim stated that she never turned around nor did she see the suspect. She stated that she did not call the police right away because it was so late at night.

**300 BLOCK OAKDALE RD.** - Larceny From Auto 03/20. The victim advised me that around 6:30 am she heard the sound of glass breaking out front. She advised that when she went outside she noticed that her right front passenger window had been broken and that her laptop had been stolen. She also discovered a brick resting on the passenger seat of her car as well as damage to her radio console.

**300 BLOCK MORELAND AVE** - Robbery – Pedestrian 03/30 Fri morn. Victim stated that he was in the area of 394 Moreland Ave around 2230 hours. While in the area the victim stated that he was jumped by two white males and his property taken. Victim stated that he was knocked unconscious and transported to Grady Hospital where he later called police.

**EUCLID AVE.** - Larceny From Auto 03/21. Victim stated that someone entered a Camry and took his Taurus Millennium to caliber handgun and two magazines and a green iPod Touch. He was not sure how the vehicle was entered as he normally locks the vehicle and there was no damage to the vehicle. He stated the handgun was kept locked inside the glove box. The handgun was later involved in a shooting and recovered at Moreland Ave.

**500 BLOCK CANDLER PARK DR** - Larceny From Auto 04/02 Mon eve. Victim stated that he parked his Toyota Tacoma in the parking lot on Candler Park Dr. and left his laptop bag containing his laptop, Samsung Galaxy cell phone and other documents. The victim advised that he was not sure whether he locked the vehicle. The victim stated that upon his return he noticed that the bag was missing.

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- Lexa King, CPNO Membership Secretary

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## Crime Reports

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**1300 BLOCK IVERSON ST** - Larceny From Auto 04/06 Fri. morn. Vehicle had a broken passenger side window and the owner stated that a backpack was stolen.

**1200 BLOCK MANSFIELD AVE**- Auto Theft 04/03 Tues. morn. Victim stated that his 2000 Honda Civic was parked in his driveway and was not there when he got up for work.

**MCLENDON AVE** - Other Larceny 04/06 Fri eve. The victim advised that his black iPhone 4 was stolen off of the bench near the basketball courts where he was playing. He advised that when he noticed it was gone he stopped play and ask people where it was or if they had seen it but everyone playing advised they had not seen it.

**MORELAND AVE** - Other Larceny 04/06 Fri eve. While sitting at the mini-precinct I was flagged down by a citizen. The citizen stated that a woman needed help. I went to the listed address and met with the victim. She stated that while sitting at the location, the suspect walked up to her and grabbed her phone. She stated that she did chase the suspect for a few yards but lost sight of him.

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