The Messenger

September 2007 *News for Candler Park* *Your Intown Hometown*

Meetings and Events

CPNO Meeting September 17th
7:00PM
Social Period @ 6:30PM

CPNO meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at the First Existentialist Church located at 470 Candler Park Dr. ***All are welcome***.

September General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming Remarks, approval of agenda and August minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- Presentation by the Moreland Avenue Task Force
- New Business
- Announcements
- Open Forum

To submit agenda Items, contact any CPNO officer. The October agenda deadline is September 26th, 2007

Events Calendar

All meetings listed below begin at 7PM and are open to all.

Wednesday, September 5th
CPNO Zoning Committee Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Monday, September 10th
CPNO Board of Directors Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Thursday, September 13th
CPNO FallFest Committee Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Monday, September 17th
CPNO Regular Meeting First Existential Church

Wednesday, September 26th
CPNO Historic District Committee United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Thursday, September 27th
NPU-N Meeting L5P Community Center

Wednesday, October 3rd
CPNO Zoning Committee Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Tuesday, October 9th
Fall Fest Volunteers First Existential Church

Volunteering in the 21st Century

By Mark Clement

In a few short weeks, over 10,000 people are expected to descend on our fair neighborhood to enjoy one of the South's finest autumnal celebrations, the **Candler Park Fall Fest**. This year's festivities will be held on the weekend of **October 13th** and **14th**. Headline acts such as Mike Geier's KingSized, The Cazanovas and The League of Decency will be on hand along with local artists, food vendors and the ever popular beer concessions.

Want to be a part of the action? Go to our amazing website (www.candlerparkfallfest.org) and follow the links to the volunteer section. Our marvelous web guru has set up an interactive page that enables you to see both where and when your shift will be. You can also check-out where your friends and neighbors will be stationed. We need house sitters for the **Tour of Homes**, folks to man/woman the **5K Road Race**, people to sell t-shirts, banners and other must-have items, trash queens/kings and several other exciting jobs. (See additional article on page 10.)

The website is chock-full of information about this year's Candler Park Fall Fest. The FAQ page is particularly enlightening with details concerning parking, weather challenges, four-legged friend attendance (a no-no please) and anything else you wanted to know but were afraid to ask.

Volunteering, the Purest Form of Democracy

By Donna Palmer

Way back in 1999, I was badgered by John Rick to volunteer for the Fall Fest. My "job" was to stand guard at the beer truck for a couple of hours, and when someone walked up with a ticket, I was to pour them the tasty beverage of their choice. Simple enough, right! Well, sort of. As fate would have it, I was "volunteered" for the early shift, from 10AM to noon. Except for a few people desperately seeking the hair-of-the-dog, and a couple of German tourists, it seems that nobody is drinking beer first thing in the morning. So, I basically stood around reading the paper and thinking about the warm and fuzzy feeling I was getting from being a volunteer. After all, participation in local governing organizations is the purest form of democracy. And, since this event was sponsored by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, I was feeling most righteous.

While standing in the warm sunshine contemplating my righteous navel, it suddenly occurred to me that I needed to do a little quality assurance taste testing to make sure the beer was staying at the proper temperature, etc., etc. Pretty soon, friends and neighbors started showing up with little tickets and I spent the rest of my shift exchanging greetings and pouring beer for happy people. As I walked away with my now warm and buzzy feeling, I couldn't help but think that Life was certainly good that day. Go to www.candlerparkfallfest.org to volunteer. Ask for the early shift.

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FallFest! Candler Park

2007 Candler Park Tour of Homes – Sunday, October 14th

by Mary Alice Bray

The Candler Park Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday, October 14, 2007 from noon to 6 pm. This year's 10-stop tour promises to have something for nearly everyone. The tour will feature seven houses, two lofts on Dekalb Avenue and a community garden with whimsical yard art.

The homes range from classic Craftsman bungalows to modern lofts. The construction dates span 107 years. Several renovations have used the latest "green" construction techniques including sourcing construction material locally, recycling all waste material and utilizing spray foam insulation. The tour booklet also will include two articles by Robert Craig, "How to Research the History of Your Home" and "Candler Park, A Brief History."

Tickets may be purchased in advance for $12 at the Candler Park Market, Little Five Points Pharmacy, Intown Hardware on North Highland Avenue or online. Tickets may be purchased for $15 on Saturday and Sunday, October 13-14, 2007 at the Gilded Angel located at 1404 McLendon Avenue at the corner of McLendon and Oakdale. For more information, call 404-522-5455 or visit www.candlerparkfallfest.org.

Laughter in the Park **by Deb Milbrath**

Security Patrol Update

By Liz Thompson

The Security Patrol Committee met in mid-August to tally the results of our advertising efforts over the last six months. Roughly 10% of the neighborhood weighed in on the issue via our website survey at www.CandlerParkPatrol.com.

The majority of responders are concerned about crime in our neighborhood and would be willing to financially support a patrol (at varying price levels between $50 - $400/yr). However, based on the results of our survey, we estimate that a membership drive at this point in time would produce only about half of the total cost needed for a full year of patrol coverage. To put it another way, based on current estimated participation, we could only afford 10 hours per week. Our goal was at least 20 hours of coverage per week.

At this time, we don't feel we have the critical mass of support needed to launch a Security Patrol. However, we do believe there are other less expensive or free things we can do to improve security in Candler Park.

For instance, many neighbors are interested in the crime watch program, and 18 neighbors have indicated they may be willing to be captains.

The Security Patrol Committee will be working to get the ball rolling on the Crime Watches. We also plan to enhance the website with other security ideas, tips, information, etc. The survey on the website will remain in place and will continue to measure interest. This way, we can re-address the idea at some point in the future if the interest level increases.

We welcome feedback, ideas, etc. at candlerparkpatrol@yahoo.com.

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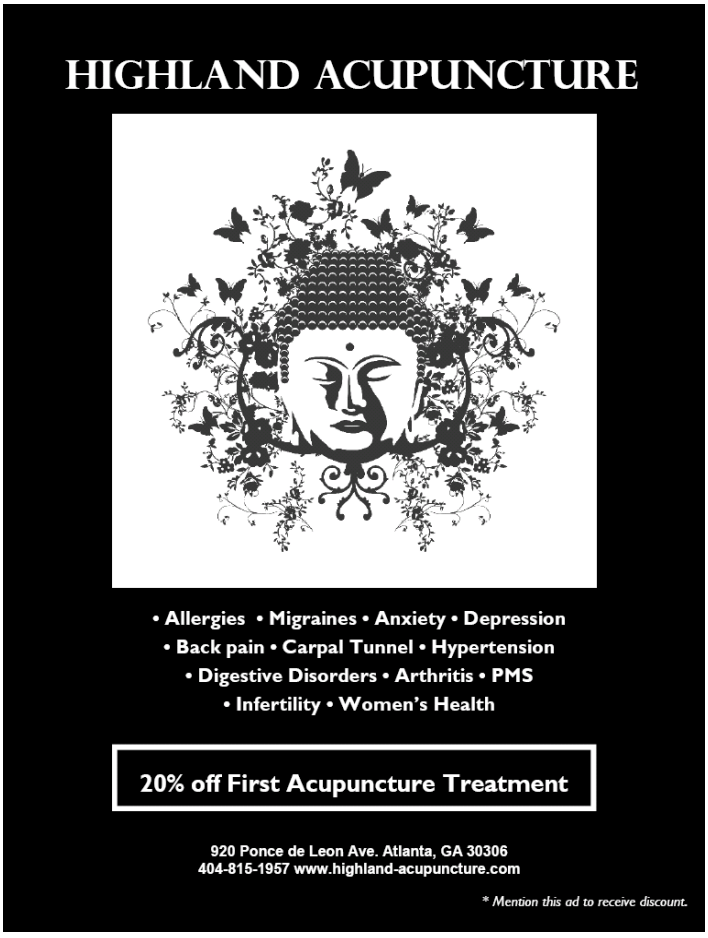

2007 Fall Electronics Recycling Day

By Tom Painter

On Saturday, Oct. 27th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m, the Decatur Electronics Recycling Day will be held at the Decatur High School Parking Lot on the corner of N. McDonough Street and Howard Avenue. Don't throw away that old PC or printer—recycle it! The semi-annual recycling event has been hugely successful at diverting electronic equipment from landfills, where they may contaminate soil and water. Electronics dropped off that day will be sorted and disassembled into raw materials and sent to recyclers for reuse.

Desktop computers, telephones, mini-towers, telephony equipment, laptop computers, adding machines, monitors, calculators, servers, typewriters, workstations, label makers, keyboards, copiers, mice, fax machines, joystick game controllers, answering machines, printers, printer cartridges, digital cameras, zip drives, batteries, speakers, PDAs, pagers, VCRs, hubs, DVD players, routers, cable converter boxes, scanners, remote controls, digital projectors, stereo equipment UPS units, radios, main frames, portable CD players, component parts, portable game players, cables, GPS receivers, 3-in-1 devices, printer/copier/fax machines. Mercury thermometers and thermostats, clean Styrofoam (peanuts, packing blocks) free of foreign objects, and any kind of battery will also be accepted.

The event is co-sponsored by the City of Decatur, the Waste Management Advisory Board, ARC International Corp., Cartridge World, DreamSan and Decatur High School. For additional information, contact Chris Carroll at 404-388-0023 or check out the City of Decatur recycling website: http://www.decaturga.com/cgs_citysvcs_sfm_recycling.aspx (accessed August 26, 2007).

Volunteers needed for October 13th Paideia/Lullwater Creek Cleanup

By Donna Buford

The 4th annual Rivers Alive sponsored cleanup is set for Saturday, October 13th, from 9:00 AM to noon. Volunteers should meet at 9AM at the Paideia parking lot on the corner of Fairview and South Ponce de Leon Avenue. The cleanup sponsors provide breakfast goodies, coffee, water and plastic gloves and bags for the trash. All registered volunteers will also receive a nice Rivers Alive T-shirt or patch, showcasing a winning design from a Georgia school student's art work. Please remember to wear comfortable, supportive footwear, long sleeves/pants for cleaning bank areas and use sunscreen!

Last year's Paideia affiliated, cleanup Volunteers netted 45 bags of trash (approximately 950 #) from the creek the surrounding area. This year, with CPNO volunteer support, we hope to also be able to clean up the creeks and banks on the bike path side of the bridge. Please sign up and join us!!

The Paideia sponsor rep Tania Herbert may be reached at warmpoet@bellsouth.net or (404) 377-2206 for cleanup registration. She requests that any willing neighbor volunteer with a pick-up truck, please step up to offer their services to pick up the bagged trash at the end of the morning and transport over to the dumpster, which will be located near Paideia on Fairview @ the Ponce de Leon bridge area.

Trying to Make "Gasoline Alley" a Bit Greener

By Conne Ward-Cameron

It was nearly five years ago and the Edgewood, Candler Park, Reynoldstown and Inman Park neighborhoods had gotten their first glimpse at the proposed Moreland Avenue entrance lanes into the Edgewood Retail District. They weren't happy with what they saw. The proposed design looked like a suburban mall dropped in the middle of a very urban area, and the changes suggested for Moreland Avenue appeared more appropriate on Buford Highway. While NPU "0" was focused on the rezoning effort and cut-through traffic concerns, the neighborhoods also banded together to form the Moreland Avenue Task Force to be more proactive about transportation impacts along the corridor.

In their proposal, the developer estimated the new retail district would generate 41,000 trips per day and 39% of those trips would be non-motorized. But the plans they created, with their double-left turn lanes, did anything but encourage non-motorized access. The Task Force developed a counter-proposal for a walkable street design with wide sidewalks, street trees, planted medians with pedestrian friendly islands, and other elements which were more likely to create better safety and bike/ped connections to the surrounding neighborhood. At the 11th hour and only after a lengthy, political process, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) agreed to the implement of the neighborhood plan.

Concurrently, Don Bender representing the Little Five Points Business Association and Candler Park resident Walter Brown, knowing that more comprehensive changes needed to be made along Moreland Avenue, had been lobbying for a corridor study. The Ponce/Moreland Corridor Study, jointly funded by several local neighborhood entities and the ARC, and managed by the City of Atlanta, officially began in late 2004 with representatives of more than ten neighborhood and business organizations. Covering Moreland from I-20 north to Ponce de Leon, and then west along Ponce de Leon to Peachtree Street neighbors met for six months fine-tuning recommendations for land use, zoning and transportation improvements along the 4 mile long combined stretch of busy collectors that bisect nearly ten historic register neighborhoods. In August 2005, the corridor study land use and transportation findings were adopted by the City in its CDP.

By early 2006, Brown and Bender began worrying about progress moving the study results forward - "If we don't keep this thing going, the recommendations will sit and gather dust." In the spring of 2006, they worked with Councilmembers Natalyn Archibong, Anne Fauver and Kwanzaa Hall to reconstitute the Moreland Avenue "Implementation" Task Force and this time the Task Force expanded to include the neighborhoods of Atkins Park and Poncey-Highland.

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Atlanta City Council Approves Limits on "McMansions"

Excerpts from a Press Release submitted by The Atlanta City Council

In an effort to provide oversight for appropriate and orderly neighborhood development, the Atlanta City Council unanimously approved an amendment to the 1982 Zoning Ordinance to provide new limits on infill housing, an issue that has plagued city neighborhoods as Atlanta experiences an influx in new residents and property values soar.

For a variety of reasons old homes are torn down only to be replaced with a new and often larger building. This process of building new homes in established neighborhoods is referred to as "infill housing".

The compromise, approved by a vote of 14 to 0 *(Legislative Reference # 07-O-0642),* includes only those recommendations that were agreed upon by the following: The Infill Development Panel of Professionals (consisting of architects, homebuilders, realtors, planners and preservationists), the Mayor's Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Committee, and the City's Department of Planning and Development.

The legislation addresses the following elements of infill housing:

- Topographical issues by establishing the current grade of the land and restrictions on retaining walls;
- The inclusion of above-grade basements and attics with livable space counting toward the size of the home;
- And the insertion of Floor Area Ratios in the intermediate zoning categories where they had been inadvertently omitted from the Zoning Code.

The above legislation and a complete list of other items on the council's agenda can be viewed in their entirety on the Web at: http://apps.atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/2007/Fca820.htm

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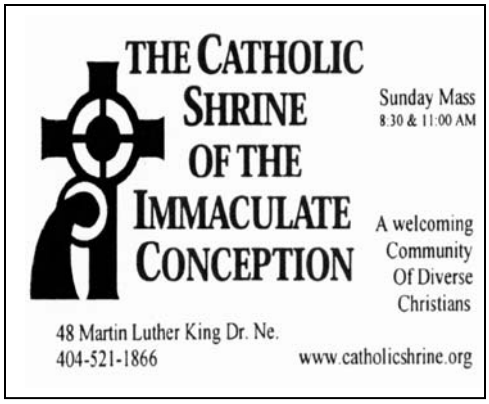

The Rain in Maine

By the Food Freak

A few weeks ago, I was standing in the rain for an hour and a half beside a busy highway in Wiscasset Maine waiting for a lobster shack known as Red's Eats to open for business. I'm here to tell you friends, it was worth every minute. As I stood 10th in line watching the dump trucks and Volvos splashing by, I thought to myself "What kind of an idiot would do this?" With a perfectly fine looking sea bug establishment right across the street—and no waiting!–why was I and close to 75 or 80 other food freaks standing in this particular line? Because for 17-bucks, we were able to purchase one of the world's most magnificent sandwiches…a perfectly prepared Maine lobster roll. I'm talking huge hunks of sweet lobster, presented on a beautifully toasted hotdog bun, along with a small container of clarified butter. Yum.

My sweet baboo and I were traveling all over the coastline of what the Yankee's call "down east", stopping at lobster pounds and local eateries that we'd found listed in guide books or from surfing the web. We even stopped at that Mecca of catalog shopping, the hallowed halls of L.L. Bean. Although I much preferred the little Mexican restaurant on Deer Isle called El El Frijoles. Good lobster tacos there.

Even in Maine, lobsters aren't cheap. As noted above, we spent $17 for a lobster roll at Red's Eats. Most places were advertising them around 10 to 15 dollars and a New England dinner (a 2 pound lobster, a dozen steamed clams, an ear of corn and some boiled taters) was in the $30 to $40 range. But hey, we were on vacation and getting things fresh is one of the key elements of truly good eating. So, what if we eat el el frijoles for a month? It was worth it. I highly recommend that you do a bit of research before heading out on any road trip. Then, you too can sit down (or remain standing) for some amazing meals.

Another food freak travel hint is to try local brews when you're on the road. I don't mean that you should try the local brews and then *get on* the road. Safety first. But, quite often you'll find that the food and beverages from a region compliment each other nicely. Washing down our lobster rolls with ice cold bottles of Shipyard was truly a fine thing.

During our travels, I also picked up a few good cookbooks. Browsing through used book stores and junk shops is a good way to build an appetite and find treasures you didn't even *know* you needed. If you want a good lobster roll recipe or want to tell me about your culinary travel adventures, send an email to foodfreak@visionforge.org. Happy trails.

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So far in 2007, 132 members have enrolled, donating $2115 in voluntary contributions to CPNO. Please note for those who became members in 2006, applications for 2007 are still needed.

From long-time residents who've called Candler Park home for over 35 years, to our newest neighbors eager to enjoy our unique intown lifestyle, it takes everyone to help make CPNO work for all of us, and to help keep Candler Park such a great place to live!

- Mary Alice Bray, Membership Secretary

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Name of business: _____

Address of business: _____

Optional Contribution

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Please indicate either: New Enrollment _____ or Renewal _____

I elect to contribute _____

Membership Involvement and Interests

___ New neighbor welcome
___ Historic Preservation
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___ Tour of Homes
___ Fall Fest
___ Social events
___ Newsletter/Messenger
___ Candler Park/Environment
___ Land Use / Zoning
___ Flyer Distribution
___ Parent/child groups
Other (specify) _____

Please mail application and enclose any optional contribution to CPNO Membership, P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107

Fall Fest Volunteers Learn Life Skills

By Mark Clement

If you've volunteered to help in this year's annual Fall Fest celebration, please come to the training session/meeting at 7PM, Tuesday, October 9th—*the Tuesday before the festival*—at the First Existential Church on Candler Park Drive. Representatives from the Samuel Adams brewery will be on hand to demonstrate and explain the proper way to pour beer. I strongly suggest that you walk to the meeting as we'll have to do SOMETHING with the beer after we learn the correct dispensing techniques.

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Barbeque and Bluegrass at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church

by Eric Dusenbury

On Saturday October 20 Druid Hills Presbyterian Church will host Barbeque and Bluegrass. This event will feature music from Sonny Houston, an authentic folk musician, hailing from the mountains of rural Kentucky. He is well known in Georgia for the haunting power of his singing and his dexterity as an instrumentalist. Sonny has been lead singer for several Bluegrass bands and is in demand as a teacher and lecturer on folk music.

In addition to food and music there will be carnival games, inflatable rides, and craft making centers for children. Music, games, and crafts are free but there will be a charge to cover the cost of food and drink.

Druid Hills Presbyterian Church is located at 1026 Ponce De Leon Avenue; directly across from Publix. Come join us for a late afternoon of good music and good fun. Please contact Eric Dusenbury at 404-522-7130 or dusenbur@bellsouth.net if you have any questions about the event.

Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool Inaugural 5K Road Race and Fun Run

By Denessa Munsterman

Feet of all sizes are welcome! Join Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool families for a Saturday morning of running and fun on September 22, 2007, 9:00AM at Harmony Park. The race will include not only a 5K with special jog stroller division and a short fun run for the kids, but also a one-of-a-kind race T-shirt designed by award-winning local artist James Dean of Pete the Cat fame. Stick around for our festival with live music for the kids, art tables, food and a raffle of many wonderful prizes donated by local businesses. **Please visit www.oakhurstcoop.com or www.active.com for details on race registration.**

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August 23, 2007 NPU-N Report

by Amy Stout

The following items are those most likely to be of interest to Candler Park residents.

The board voted to defer consideration of a variance application for 1526 Iverson as the applicant continues to work with the neighborhood on mutually acceptable plans for redevelopment of the property. We also deferred a vote on a variance application for 354 Clifton Rd despite previous approval at the neighborhood level because the applicant did not appear at the meeting.

The board approved two special event permits: one for the 7th annual Candler Park Fall Festival to be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 13th and 14th, 2007 and one for the 7th annual Little Five Points Halloween Festival and Parade to be held Friday and Saturday, October 19th and 20th, 2007.

Lt Brady from the Atlanta Police Department indicated that overall crime is up in Zone 6 this year by 16%.

We voted to recommend adoption of a proposed ordinance that would clarify the requirements for approval as a historical lot of record, require public posting of intent to seek such status, and automatically disqualify properties in which structures have previously been built over the historical lot line.

We heard a report from the Mayor's office on a planned public-private partnership that will purchase Wayne Mason's property in the Northeast quadrant of the BeltLine. When the deal is finalized, the City will have 69% ownership in this limited liability corporation and will have acquired 20% of the BeltLine rail/trail right of way.

The board approved an application for Cameli's Pizza (located in Ford Factory Square on Ponce) to expand from beer only to a full beer, wine, and liquor license. Cameli's will be expanding their dining space and hours of operation too.

We deferred consideration of a proposed ordinance that would regulate the size of retaining walls in anticipation of receiving a revised version of the legislation.

Please contact me at akstout@emory.edu or 404-371-0505 if you have any questions or concerns about these or related issues.

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Gasoline Alley

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Fast forward to today:

With the help of design professionals Cooper Pierce of Pierce Jones, David Green of Lord Aeck & Sargeant and Megan Holder of HOK, the Task Force worked for a year to refine specific recommendation that were adopted in the study for each intersection from Ponce de Leon to I-20.

The recommendations range from simple signal changes that would allow left-turning motion for southbound traffic at Briarcliff and Ponce de Leon to more substantive changes such as a mid-block crossing light between Euclid and Mansfield in conjunction with closing curb cuts in that area. Changes are proposed for every segment of the corridor, so log onto www.morelandcorridor.net to see what's been suggested, and to meet the members of the Task Force.

Brown has continued to lead the push to have these recommendations adopted. GDOT's Fast Forward program has agreed to do a comprehensive traffic study of the corridor beginning in September. Once they've analyzed how the corridor currently functions, they'll use computer modeling to plug in the Task Force recommendations and gauge their impact. They will be looking for minimal structural adjustments like changes in traffic signalization and lane striping to make Moreland Avenue function more smoothly. As part of the lead up to the DOT study, each constituent neighborhood representative has been tasked with communicating the Corridor recommendations to their respective neighborhood organizations. Walter Brown will be presenting to CPNO at the regularly scheduled CPNO meeting in September.

How will all this be paid for?

The city has $160,000 in Quality of Life bond funds earmarked for proposed changes to Moreland Avenue, but that's certainly not enough to implement the many improvements that are needed. The Atlanta Regional Commission has added the recommendations to its LCI plan so federal funds can be sought to implement the changes, especially in and around the two MARTA rail stations covered in the study. There may be enough money soon to do the engineering studies that are needed to make implementation a reality. The next step would be to apply for LCI funding for the implementation of first phase recommendations, which could run to a million dollars or more.

Brown and Bender will tell you that it takes an extraordinary amount of patience to keep plugging away at a major project like this. They hope that as they continue to push it along, it will gather more and more of the mantle of "official" status and it will be harder for state and city officials to ignore. As Brown said, "I just told Don I hope we'll change the 'gasoline alley' nature of Moreland Avenue before I die. And hey, I'm 50 years old!"

The Wonderful Windows of Candler Park

By Pat Singer

Do you remember the "Doors of…" craze? Posters with the Doors of Georgetown, the Doors of Dublin, the Doors of Santa Fe? We can boast many fine doors in Candler Park, but the place of pride goes to our windows. The bungalows of CP display an array of double-hung windows that glorify the houses and illustrate the various window styles of 1900-1925 or 1930.

After owning four successive houses in Candler Park--built between 1900 and 1930—I admit it: most of my windows have been painted shut. In one house they were even painted *open*—just a crack. But all were original and I wouldn't have had it any other way.

The bungalows of CP display an array of double-hung windows that glorify the houses and illustrate the various window styles of the early 20th Century. The most common were double-hung wood windows with a single pane on the bottom and decorative divisions on the top sash. Vertical bars, diamonds, lozenges—wooden muntins cut the upper sash into these patterns and more. Some architectural historians even describe such windows as defining features of bungalow/Craftsman style.

Candler Park has been lucky—most original houses seem to have escaped the bane of mismatching replacement windows. Experts strongly admonish owners to avoid these. The specialists say the ads for vinyl replacements are—as one writer put it—obfuscations. The new windows save very little on energy bills compared with the large outlay of cash to buy them. Get storm windows instead, the experts say.

What about the new Craftsman-style houses in CP, and the additions to old houses? The new houses seem to keep to the period in spirit but not in strict detail. Often their windows lack muntins, but do feature pleasing proportions. Many of the old homes with additions, such as those on Candler Drive, use reproduction windows on the second floor to mimic the originals at ground level. In both cases, there's visual harmony with the neighborhood.

As for old homes that have been "updated" by interim occupants, someday you may see a homeowner prying a new improved vinyl window out, and fitting a fine old double-hung wood window in.

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Atlanta New Century School's Prez is Living the Good Life

By Nicky Rosenbluth

When I asked Angela Edmond -- a resident of Candler Park *and* President of the Atlanta New Century School (ANCS) -- why live in Candler Park? Her response was immediate: "It is the best neighborhood in Atlanta, there's a great group of diverse people who live here, who really like hanging out with each other and having block parities. I also love that my house is a kid magnet. I can walk to anything I need in the new Edgewood Shopping Center. I rarely use my car on the weekends. I can also be at work in ten minutes, without even getting on the highway"

To me, as new PTO president of the Atlanta New Century School, it's important that she is only ten minutes away. So I immediately realized she LOVES Candler Park, but I'm investing time and money into the school, so I asked the next obvious questions, "Why ANCS? Her response was also immediate," It's important, I think we do great things for kids; we are an amazing resource for families who work downtown and their children. We're teaching hands-on, experiential learning through our weekly field trips and the experience is vibrant. We use all of downtown Atlanta as our classroom. Our " campus" includes a Marta Station, a fish tank (school is located across the street form the Aquarium), our library is the Fulton County Library, Centennial Park is our playground and the Piedmont Park Conservancy is where we learn about botany"

I'd have to say I agree, the experience for my son has taken him from Pre-K to about first grade readiness and he has gained a self-confidence that he lacked before. I'm impressed with what the daily Spanish classes, P.E. and also Music and Art can to do enhance a rigorous multi-age curriculum. I've also been impressed, how well this school handled a 4 year old little boy, who was curious about everything and unable to quell his enthusiasm to see and touch everything nor sit still and developed him into a 5 year old boy who loves learning and is well, can I say "really smart" and whose "busyness" and curiosity is celebrated.

So thank you Candler Park for being a haven to the President of my school and please include us in the next block party. I too like hanging out.

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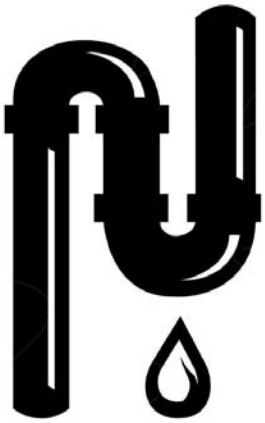

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Candler Park Banners
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by Amy Stout

The membership authorized purchase of 150 new Candler Park banners at our last regular meeting. The banners should be available for purchase at Fall Fest. The logo and color scheme will be the same as previously. (See below please.)

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CPNO Meeting Minutes 08.20.07

By Randy Pimsler

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, August 20, 2007 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Church, with president Amy Stout in the chair. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Approximately twenty people were present at the start of the meeting.

The proposed agenda was adopted after four items were added, three of which had been previously advertised. The minutes for the July meeting were presented and were approved.

Sergeant Schirbaum presented the police department report. Crime trends included a significant increase in break ins to homes, including both homes being renovated and those that are not under construction. Occupied homes are being entered from the rear of the home. Pet doors are susceptible. Another crime trend includes catalytic converter theft from underneath neighborhood vehicles. Speeding has been reported and if areas of concern are identified, the police may set speed detection devices in the roadways, to monitor violations.

David Bruce presented crime statistic reports for review by those members present.

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CPNO August 2007 Treasurer's Report

By Alonzo Church

Balance 7/27/07	**$**19,396.42
Income	
Maya Hahn Donation	$257.54
Membership Donation	$125.00
Messenger Ads	$3,295.00
Total Income	$3,677.54
Expenses	
Messenger Printing	$(901.00)
Freedom Park Conservancy Donation	$(1,000.00)
L5P Community Center	$(250.00)
Meeting Expenses	$(250.00)
Total Expenses	$(2,401.00)
Ending Balance (8/26/07)	$20,672.96

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CPNO August Minutes

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Committee Reports
Alonzo Church, CPNO treasurer reported that the organization has a current balance of $ 18,245.00 in the checking account.

Proposed funding discussed at this meeting included additional funding for the attorney representing CPNO in the lawsuit with American Pools. An additional three thousand dollar expenditure was proposed for this activity. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

Three representatives from the Freedom Park Conservancy, Cathy Barlow, President, Allen Brady, Finance Secretary and Chip Miller, CPNO FPC Representative were present at the meeting. Primary to the conservancies mission is their advocacy role for improvements and maintenance of the parkway. The landscaped pedestrian islands along Moreland Avenue have been completed at this time and negotiations are underway regarding the maintenance of the islands. There is a proposal to expand the bird and butterfly garden. The northeast corner of the intersection of Moreland and North Avenue was discussed, as a possible project to be undertaken (perhaps a retro style bus stop). The board of the FPC currently has ten board members. An alternate CPNO FPC representative was proposed for attendance at future meetings. A motion was made to allocate one thousand dollars for operating expenses for the current fiscal year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mark Clement was not present and there was no report for the Fallfest, Oct 13 and Oct 14. Volunteers are needed for planning as well as the day of the event. Visit the web site for additional information, www.candlerparkfallfest.org. The committee meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Mary Alice Bray, Chairperson of the home tour now has ten homes confirmed for the tour. The committee now has lofts on the tour. To volunteer and / or for additional information, contact maryabray@aol.com.

Liz Thompson presented for the security patrol committee. A detailed report was provided at the meeting. At this time, there is not a critical mass to move forward with the security patrol. There were some eighteen households interested in developing a crime watch program in specific areas of the neighborhood. Efforts will be made to move the crime watch program along.

Banners have been researched and Amy Stout has found two new sources for two products for the banner material. Three options for flag, vinyl, and fabric banners were presented. A motion to purchase fifty banners of flag materials ($1,370.00) was made and did not carry. A motion was made to purchase one hundred vinyl banners with a silkscreen logo ($1,515.00) and was later amended to purchase one hundred fifty of the same banners ($ 1,650.00). The motion carried.

A motion was made to sponsor the Little Five Points Community Center Golf Tournament in an amount of $ 250.00. It passed unanimously.

Land Use Matters
Randy Pimsler presented very briefly on 1526 Iverson variance application, which has been deferred at this time. At the September 5th meeting of the zoning committee an update will be presented on the proposed development at 1240 Euclid.

New Business / Announcements / Open Forum
Ebony Barlay, from Councilperson Fauvre's office informed the group that the infill legislation passed today at the council meeting.

Samantha, Mercantile a specialty grocery store at Clifton and Dekalb Avenue will be opening the second week in January 2008.

Kashi Yoga, on McLendon Avenue is having an annual event on September 8th, with door prizes, etc. from eleven am to two pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Zone 6 crime reports from July 17 to August 18, 2007

complied by David Bruce

400 block Candler St – Auto theft - 7/18 Wed Morn. Victim reports someone stole his vehicle while it was parked in his driveway.
1300 block Iverson St – Auto theft - 7/21 Sat Morn. Victim reports someone stole his vehicle while it was parked in front of his house. There was no broken glass where it had been parked.
1400 block Miller Ave – Auto theft - 7/21 Sat Morn. Victim reports someone stole her vehicle while it was parked in front of her house. She stated that the vehicle had been stolen on 6/12 and she just got it back from the repair shop.
1200 block Euclid Ave – Burglary - 7/21 Sat Eve. Victim reports someone entered the residence and removed property. There were no signs of forced entry and the victim thinks he may have the front door unsecured.
1500 block McLendon Ave – Burglary - 7/15 Sun Eve. Victim reports her neighbors found her cats out side and let them through an unsecured back door. The victim stated that she had locked the door, and found property missing from the house.
1500 block McClendon Ave @ Candler Park – Larceny from auto - 7/15 Sun Eve. Victim reports someone smashed his vehicles rear passenger side window and removed property.
1500 McClendon Ave – Larceny - 7/13 Fri Eve. Candler Park Pool. Victim reports the moneybag at the pool was $20 short. Victim does not know who could have taken the money.
500 block Candler Park Dr – Auto theft - 7/26 Thurs Day. Victim reports someone stole his vehicle. He stated a key was hidden inside.
1300 block Iverson St – Auto theft - 7/21 Sat Morn. Victim reports someone stole his vehicle. There was no broken glass where it had been parked.
1100 block Mansfield Ave – Burglary - 7/20 Fri Eve. Victim reports someone entered his residence and removed property. The victim thinks his roommate may have left a door unlocked, or the suspect may have found the door key that is kept on the door frame.
1200 block Mansfield Ave – Burglary - 7/23 Mon Day. Victim reports someone kicked in his garage door, entered, and removed property form the residence.
1300 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto - 7/25 Wed Morn. Victim reports someone smashed his vehicles rear window and removed property.
400 block Oakdale Rd – Larceny from auto - 7/25 Wed Morn. Reporting person stated someone stole the tag from his father's vehicle.
400 block Candler St – Burglary - 7/4 Wed Eve. House sitter stated someone removed the rear cat door, entered, and moved items around in the house. She was not able to tell if anything had been taken.
400 block Clifton Rd – Burglary - 7/30 Mon Eve. Victim reports someone jimmied his front door, entered his apartment, and removed property.
200 block Elmira Pl – Burglary - 7/31 Tue Day. Victim reports someone kicked in the side door to her apartment, entered, and removed property.
1300 block Euclid Ave – Burglary - 7/31 Tue Day. Victim reports someone smashed the window to a rear door with a brick, entered the residence, and removed property.
1400 block McLendon Ave – Burglary - 6/17– 7/9 1 month time frame. Victim reports he found property missing from his home when he returned from vacation. There was no signs of forced entry, and the victim stated that he has had people working in the house.
1500 McLendon Ave – Larceny - 8/4 Sat Eve. Candler Park. Victim reports someone stole an item while she was working.
1400 block Iverson St – Auto theft – 8/5 to 8/5 Fri-Sun. Victim reports someone stole his vehicle.
200 block Josephine St – Auto theft - 8/7 Tue Morn. Victim reports someone stole her vehicle sometime during the night.
400 block Candler St – Burglary - 8/10 Fri Day. Victim reports someone entered his home through an unsecured front door and removed property while his roommate was asleep.
400 block Clifton Rd – Burglary - 8/8 Wed Day. Victim reports someone removed the latch to her dog door, entered the home, and removed property.
400 block Candler St – Larceny - 8/3 Fri Eve. Victim reports someone stole his bike. The garage that the bike is normally kept was left open.
400 block Sterling St - Auto theft - 8/9 – 8/12 Thurs-Sun. Victim reports someone stole her vehicle when she was out of town.
400 block Candler St – Burglary - 8/13 Mon Day. Victim reports someone pried open a side window, entered, his home, and removed property.
500 block Sterling St – Burglary - 8/17 Fri Eve. Victim reports someone entered the mudroom in the rear of his home through a large doggie door, then forced open the back door, and removed property.
1200 block McLendon Ave – Burglary - 8/17 – 8/18 Fri-Sat. Victim reports someone kicked in his garage door, entered, and removed property.
1200 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto - 8/12 Sun Eve. Victim reports someone smashed his vehicle passenger side window and removed property form the trunk.
500 block Candler St – Larceny - 8/13 – 8/14 Mon-Tue. Victim reports the suspect took his bike. Suspect: W/M, 6'00"

Announcements

GSU Graduate student is recruiting people to interview for a master's thesis involving evaluations of who, why and how residents participate in volunteerism. Contact Laura Wilson 404.4454480 lwilson44@student.gsu.edu

Fall Fest Volunteers Meeting. All the lovely people who have volunteered for this year's Candler Park Fall Fest are strongly encouraged to meet at 7PM Tuesday, October 9th at the Existential Church on Candler Park Drive. Learn the proper way to tap-a-keg and pour beer.

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