

The Messenger

October 2008

News for Candler Park

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Meetings and Events

**CPNO general meeting October 20th
7:00 pm (social period @ 6:30 pm)**

CPNO general meetings are held every 3rd Monday at First Existentialist Cong., 470 Candler Park Drive; committee meetings are held at Epworth United Methodist Ch., 1561 McLendon Avenue

All are welcome - only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by first of month of meeting.

October General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and September minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Discussion of proposed vetting process
- Land Use Matters
- Nomination Committee report
- Vote on FOCP Pool Plaza design
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit November agenda items to any CPNO officer by October 26th, 2008

Events Calendar (open to all)

Wednesday October 1st @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Saturday October 4th @ 8:30 am

Friends of Candler Park – park cleanup (meet at CP parking lot entrance)

Thursday October 9th @ 7pm

Friends of Candler Park – TBD (contact JoJo Ross, 404.547.8542)

Monday October 13th @ 7pm

CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Monday October 20th @ 7pm

CPNO Regular Meeting - First Existentialist Congregation

Tuesday October 21st @ 7pm

Fall Fest Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Wednesday October 22nd @ 7pm

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

Thursday October 23rd @ 7pm

CPNO Budget Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Thursday October 23rd @ 7pm

NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday November 5th @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

New CPNO Project Vetting Process on the Table

By Alonzo Church

The following is a proposed procedure designed to ensure that proposed physical changes to either Candler Park or the small parks/green spaces that are included in our neighborhood are discussed and vetted before being implemented.

CPNO, heretofore, has not had a procedure to make its membership's feelings known on physical improvements to Candler Park, Iverson Park or other green spaces. This has made it difficult for those who are raising money and/or securing volunteer time for various projects in the neighborhood green spaces to know whether the neighborhood truly supports them in their efforts. It has also meant that CPNO has not always acted in a timely manner on plans proposed before it, or is put in a position to approve projects retroactively, or without much discussion.

I am hoping that we can discuss the procedure during our October meeting and vote on this procedure in the November meeting. The goal, of course, is to ensure that there is complete, timely, and open communication, that advocates for the neighborhood green spaces and CPNO are in agreement, and that an adversarial relationship, such as the one between the Piedmont Park Conservancy and its neighbors, does not develop here.

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Be Part of the Solution

By Donna Palmer

Have you ever found yourself wondering what you'd do if you were in charge? Well, now's your chance. Nominations for members of the 2009 Board of Directors for the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization are now being sought. Officers include: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Environmental Officer, Treasurer, Public Safety Officer, Membership Secretary, Special Projects and Zoning Officer.

To be eligible you must:

- (a) be a member of the CPNO
- (2) have attended at least 4 CPNO regular meetings within the past 12 months *

A nominating committee has been formed to come up with a slate of candidates. If you would like to throw your hat into the ring or throw somebody else's in, contact one of the following:

Walt Weimer – 404.377.1411

Randy Pimsler – 404.522.5046

Mark Clement – 404.688.6275

Donna Palmer – 404.377.2700

The committee will submit our recommendations at the October regular CPNO meeting. Voting is scheduled for the November meeting and according to the bylaws, nominations can also be submitted from the floor at that meeting.

* Attendance at the October and November meetings are included in the count.

The Messenger

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Proud to be [name withheld]'s Cousin

By Donna Palmer

My grandfather once told me that we came from a long line of dirt farmers and boot leggers. Some of these folks were redneck racists and one or two still are. I have a cousin who sends xenophobic emails from time-to-time. She sent one out recently that was titled "Proud to Be White". It contained the usual name calling and twisted logic—"How come there's a BET but no network for white people? How come ghettos are so dangerous?"—crap like that. But it was her own daughter's response to that email that makes me oh so hopeful for the future. Here it is, in its entirety as she wrote it. (I've removed the names to protect the guilty.)

I love you mom - but you know I'm not interested in racial emails, or anything else, for that matter. Everyone should be allowed, and expected, to be proud of their family, their history and who they are and where they came from. BUT, none of us had any control of what color, what country, religion, economic background, etc., we came from, so why should any one of us feel better or above anyone else for something we have no control over? Are you proud to have brown hair? Or blue eyes? Where's that email? I just don't get it. To me, you should be proud of accomplishments, really.

No one ever in my entire life has ever called me a racial slur. Ever. Never cracker or honky or anything else. Have you experienced this? Even when I went to beauty school that was 80% black, at least. Sure there were girls there that I didn't like, but it wasn't anything to do with skin color, some people are just annoying. Believe it or not, I have met white people that I didn't like as well.

I think we're pretty fortunate. I get tired of some people who think that everything is racially motivated, but you're crazy if you think it doesn't exist for people. Every channel on TV is mostly geared toward white people, we just aren't as obvious about it in the name, like BET. Where in this email does it complain about WE or oxygen or lifetime - the women's networks? Or CMT? Or the Outdoor network? I don't think that's geared toward everyone. What about Animal Planet? How dare they have a whole channel for people that like animals! How about the major networks, 2, 5, and 11? How many shows on there are focused on families or people that aren't mostly white with a so called 'token black' or something else?

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Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath



Candler Park Fall Fest 5K
Sat, Oct 11, 2008 9am
Candler Park, Atlanta

Proceeds to benefit Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO)

RACE DETAILS: Please join us for our annual Candler Park Fall Fest 5K on Oct 11th at 9am in beautiful Candler Park neighborhood. Jogging stroller? If you can handle it, no problem! In fact, award given to first stroller runner to finish! Well-behaved dogs on leashes permitted. Special warm-up before the race provided courtesy of Operation Boot Camp. All finishers will be awarded a premium quality, kaki colored T-shirts with our cleverly designed logo on it *and* all runners automatically entered into raffle for gift certificates to local restaurants and merchants. Enjoy fruit and bagels after the race. Race route – www.candlerparkfallfest.org

START: 1 block from Epworth UMC, at corner of Page Ave & McLendon (next to Fellini's)

END: Candler Park Drive next to kick ball field before McLendon

AGE GROUPS/AWARDS: Awards to Overall M & F, Masters M & F, and 1st place in age groups: 10 & Under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & over. Award to 1st place stroller finisher.

REGISTRATION: \$19 if register before Oct 7th; \$24 thereafter and on Race Day

- Online – www.active.com (search Candler Park Fall Fest 5K)
- Download form from www.running4fitness.com & mail entry. Check payable to CP Running Club; mail to Ed Williams, Race Director, 978 Scott Circle, Decatur, GA 30033
- Race Day registration *and* Packet Pick-Up from 8 – 8:45am at Epworth UMC, 1561 McLendon Ave, Atl, 30307

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Race Information: Ed Williams, Race Director 404-327-7738 email: roadraceservices@comcast.net
 Mark Clement 404-688-6275

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Candler Park Fall Fest—Better Than All the Rest!!!!

By Carla Key

As Fall is soon approaching, football is in the air, cool breezes and colorful leaves remind us of our beloved CANDLER PARK FALL FEST!! First and foremost, thank you for making last year's Fall Fest the biggest success yet, with a substantial revenue. Our festival is going to be even grander this year: we have increased the number of artist tents, beer tents, bathrooms, and have added a Tot Trot for our young runners. We have 9 beautiful houses for the Tour of Homes. With all the added excitement, we need you to gather all of your friends, family, and fellow neighbors and walk over to our fabulous Candler Park Fall Fest. You are the heart of the festival!

Road Race

Please join us for our annual Fall Fest 5K Saturday October 11th at 9:00. All proceeds go to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO). [View Course Map \(PDF\)](#)

All finishers will be awarded a premium quality, kaki colored T-shirts with our cleverly designed logo on it. The entry fee is \$19 per person if paid by October 7th and \$24 afterward up until race day. Sign up now! The application is on page 3 of this month's Messenger or you can visit our wonderful website www.candlerparkfallfest.org.

Not a runner these days? Don't feel left out — Volunteer! That way, you can earn a race shirt and not have to break a sweat! Please contact our race director [Ed Williams](#) to volunteer.

Kid's Activities

The Fall Fest will have activities throughout the day for children of all ages. Some of the paid activities include: Jumping in an Inflatable, a 20" Inflatable Slide, Face Painting, Making a Sand Bottle or playing with Laughing Dragon Swords & Toys.

Fall Fest Organizers would like to thank Publix for sponsoring the following *free* children's activities:

Publix Tot Trot - 10:00 am - Saturday, October 11, 2008, Candler Park soccer field.

Transparent Window Collage

Use liquid laundry starch and tissue paper to create a stained glass sun catcher.

Handweaving - Learn knotting and weaving techniques to make a keychain or zipper pull for your backpack.

Paper, Scissors, Tape - Use paper (different colors, textures, prints), paper products (plates, coffee filters, bags) cardboard (tubes, rolls, small boxes, recycled items), scissors (straight-edged and patterned) and tape (colored masking, duct, plastic, scotch, plastic) to make whatever you choose - free form.

Crowns - Use spangles, ribbons and trims to decorate a construction paper crown of your own design.

Treasure Boxes - Personalize white cardboard lunch boxes with stickers, markers and trims to hold your special treasures.

Sponsors and More...

Sweetwater will be our beer sponsor and Little Black Dress will be our wine sponsor. Let me know if you have any questions, and check out this cool video on U-Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/CandlerParkfallfest> . AND, there will be a "Wild West Dance" with live music and BBQ to kick off the weekend on Friday night. Don't miss the party at a discounted price for volunteering! Contact Donna Palmer 404.377.2700 for info on the Fall Ball.

Candler Park Fall Fest—Band List

By Mark Clement

Saturday's Line-Up

Noon	Jennie Johnson Band
1PM	Khans US
2PM	Spies of Life
3PM	Bill Sheffield
4PM	Kevin Lewis Band
5PM	Seed and Feed Marching Abombs
5:30 PM	The League of Decency

Sunday's Line-Up

1PM	Webster
2PM	Rocking Pontoons
3PM	Bonaventure Trio
4PM	Delta Moon
5PM	Baton Bob
5:30PM	King Sized

Atlanta Fire Rescue in Downward Spiral

From a Press Release

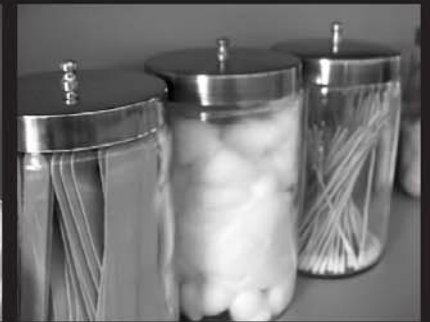
The cuts in the FY09 budget have had a devastating impact on Atlanta's firefighters and the ability of Atlanta Fire Rescue (AFR) to deliver high quality fire protection, emergency medical and disaster response.

As a result of the \$14 million in budget cuts to AFR, the following is a partial list of services and programs have been eliminated and or severely reduced:

- **Abolish 135 sworn-firefighter positions** - AFR was already short staffed, but in order to cope with the further staffing cuts, AFR is operating fire trucks with just three personnel assigned, instead of the National Fire Protection minimum standard of four. This dramatically increases response times by requiring more trucks to arrive on scene before fire suppression and rescue operations can begin.
- **Close West End Fire Station 7** - The West End is one of the oldest and most densely populated communities in Atlanta. Closing their neighborhood firehouse will result in increased response times and greater loss of life and property.
- **Close Squad 4 (Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue)**- The closure of this dedicated hazardous materials and technical rescue unit leaves AFR poorly prepared to respond to nuclear, biological and chemical releases, and technical rescues involving structural collapse, confined space, hi-rise, trench collapse.
- **Institute Rotating Station Closures** - Staffing reductions have left AFR unable to staff its fire trucks with even three firefighters. To cope with this shortage without permanently closing more stations, AFR has implemented rotating station closures throughout the city - kind of like Russian Roulette. If the city was operating within industry standards on staffing, it would require the closure of five to seven additional fire stations.

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Vetting Process

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Step 1

Groups seeking to make changes to Candler Park facilities or neighborhood green spaces (Groups) will make a presentation to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) Executive Committee regarding any proposed changes to the facilities or neighborhood green spaces (Green Space). This would not include routine maintenance activities, including but not limited to mulching, trash pick-up, removal of overgrowth, edging, weeding, or graffiti removal or repainting. The Executive Committee will give feedback after the conclusion of the presentation, and will also vote on whether to recommend the proposal to the membership. Even if the Executive Committee chooses not to approve the change, the membership will be given the opportunity to vote on the change.

Step 2

An article appears in the *Messenger* after the initial presentation to the Executive Committee regarding the project.

Step 3

The proposal is discussed in the monthly meeting following the *Messenger* article. A representative of the Group seeking project approval will be present to answer any questions and will provide any relevant plans, architectural drawings, etc. No vote is taken at that meeting. This allows the proposal to be thoroughly distributed and discussed throughout the community. If there is significant opposition or passionate support, the debate without a vote makes this apparent. At the meeting the Executive Committee will announce whether it supports the project or not. The following month's vote will be announced at the end of the meeting.

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Vetting Process

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Step 4

The Project vote will be announced in accordance to CPNO bylaws – being published and electronically distributed.

Step 5

In the next month, a vote is taken. The results are communicated to the Parks Department and, if applicable, the NPU and other organizations whose programs may affect greenspaces in the Candler Park area, and are involved in the proposed project.

Content of Proposals

When making a presentation on a proposed Green Space improvement/change, Groups will include:

- Reasons for the project (needs, opportunities, etc.)
- Description of project
- Lists of organizations involved and their roles and responsibilities in the proposed project
- Complete contact information for person(s) who are responsible for the project proposal
- Dates and times of events
- Any existing design plans or sketches
- Photos
- Product information
- User survey/public meeting results

Communication of Process

NPU-N and the Parks Department will be notified of the process that the Groups have agreed upon and that it is the intent of the Groups and CPNO that proposed changes to the Green Space will not go forward unless the approval of both organizations [Groups and CPNO] has been obtained in accordance with this process.

Extent of CPNO Liability for Projects Approved Under This Process

If/when projects are approved by CPNO members, then the Group, its volunteers and vendors, and the City of Atlanta are solely responsible for implementation according to the proposal approved by CPNO, in the same way as CPNO approves land use matters referred by NPU-N.

Any concerns that may arise with respect to such projects, including whether consistent with CPNO's approval, and whether arising from CPNO members, park patrons or third parties affected by such projects, will be communicated to City of Atlanta officials for review and corrective action, if applicable.

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Ghettos are dangerous because poor people and drug addicts live there. These people can get desperate and will do anything to get money, and that's when things get ugly. Not because they're black. No word on trailer parks in this email, and having been in a few personally, they aren't white people's shining example either, but it's not what we want to be known for, is it?

And have you been to public school lately? The vast majority of what I learned about in history was about white men. Not other ethnicities, and not women. White men. I completely understand why they have black, and other's, history's months. If we were black or any other color, we would want them too. We would want to know who in our race had done great things, and we would want others to know about it too. And there are no shortages of scholarships geared toward white children. Again, we just aren't as blatant about what we call them.

Is there a problem with President's day? That celebrates great white men in history, what's wrong with MLK having a day?? He was a great man. That's ok. It's ok to celebrate people that aren't white.

I think in this country, white people have it the best. I don't think there's any reason to complain or send emails like this. I love you so much, but please don't include me on these types of conversations unless you want to get me started. I don't want to hear any more about it from any race, and I think it should start with me. I would be so proud if it started with you too. Wouldn't it be great if we could all congratulate each other on our unique differences? Be proud of being us, and be happy for others to be themselves? No need to be all the same, look the same, talk the same, dress the same. No need. That's boring. What if we only got to eat 'southern food'? No Mexican?! What?? No Mongolian beef?? See? This is what I mean, I just get started and can't stop thinking about how nonsensical it is. SO, like I said, unless you want me to rant right back like this email does, it's best just to leave me out.

I love, love, love you!!!! You're the best mom in the whole world, and I'm super proud of that.
xoxoxo

And one more thing. I don't want anymore illegal immigrant emails either. You can rest assured that if I lived in Mexico or any other third world country, and it was right next to the US of A, I too would pack my crap and run for the border. Is the system an absolute mess? Yes. Would I be an illegal immigrant if it was what was the best for my children? Yes.

As I said, maybe there is hope for the future. And since you read this entire article, maybe you think so too...

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Fire Fight

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- **Reduce Training Staff by Half** - Firefighters are required to complete 120 hours of training annually to maintain their certifications. The remaining staff at the Atlanta Fire Academy is just enough to provide training to maintain certifications, leaving insufficient training capacity for new recruits. Atlanta will have about 250 retirements in the next two years, without the capacity to train replacements.
- **Eliminate Advanced Life Support Supervisors** - The elimination of ALS supervisors degrades emergency medical response by removing protocol oversight. Experience has proven that emergency medical response is more successful in saving lives with ALS supervisors to provide oversight, command and control.
- **Eliminate Special Operations Battalion** - The Special Operations Battalion provided command, control and preparation for complex emergency responses like chemical spills, building collapse, explosions and biological releases. The elimination of this program leaves AFR less prepared for these disasters.
- **Reduce Homeland Security Staff by Half** - Atlanta Fire Rescue had two personnel dedicated to prepare for a possible terror attack and civil unrest. That staff was reduced to one.
- **Eliminate Firefighters Health and Wellness Program** - Because of the strenuous and stressful nature of the job, firefighters are at greatly increased danger of heart attack and stroke, which is the number one killer on the job. The Health and Wellness Program was an early intervention program to identify firefighters with risk factors and prescribe measures to avoid heart attacks and stroke.

Atlanta's firefighters are paid about 25% less than their counterparts at the major suburban Atlanta fire departments. Now in addition to being poorly compensated, they are being asked to assume still greater risks because Atlanta's elected officials are unwilling to provide them the resources necessary to safely and effectively protect you and your family.

Now, Atlanta's elected officials are signaling still deeper budget cuts that will hit public safety. In the case of Atlanta Fire Rescue - too much is enough. Please call Mayor Franklin and your district and at-large Councilmember and tell them to preserve public safety in Atlanta. Tell them no more cuts to Atlanta Fire Rescue.

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Mary Lin Artist's Market and Carnival!

By Marisa Jensen

It's a beautiful November afternoon, what better way to spend it than shopping?! Mary Lin Elementary is hosting its Artist's Market on **Saturday, November 8th** and you are sure to put a huge dent in your holiday gift list. Over 50 local artists from throughout Atlanta are joining together for this event, offering everything from handcrafted pottery, to yard art, to jewelry. You might even find a piece that you can't live without.

"I know for every gift I find for a friend, I'll find three for myself," jokes Jennifer Chanler, a Lin parent. "At least I'm supporting Mary Lin!"

In addition to being a great experience for adults, it's also a fun afternoon for the kids. Organizers are planning to have a bouncy slide, old-fashioned cakewalk, a lemonade stand and crafts for the younger set. Award-winning BBQ will also be offered for lunch and there will be a bake sale with all kinds of goodies for dessert.

If you're a local artist, it's the perfect opportunity to kick-off your holiday sales. Booth rental fees are only \$75 for an 8' x 8' space. Deadline for applications is October 20th. If you are interested in renting a booth or know someone who would, please contact Cherie King at fundraising@marylinelementary.com or 404-786-2407 for more information.

Come spend a fun afternoon with us – shopping and supporting Mary Lin Elementary, your Candler Park elementary school!

Tours for Prospective Mary Lin Parents

By Jennifer Hubert

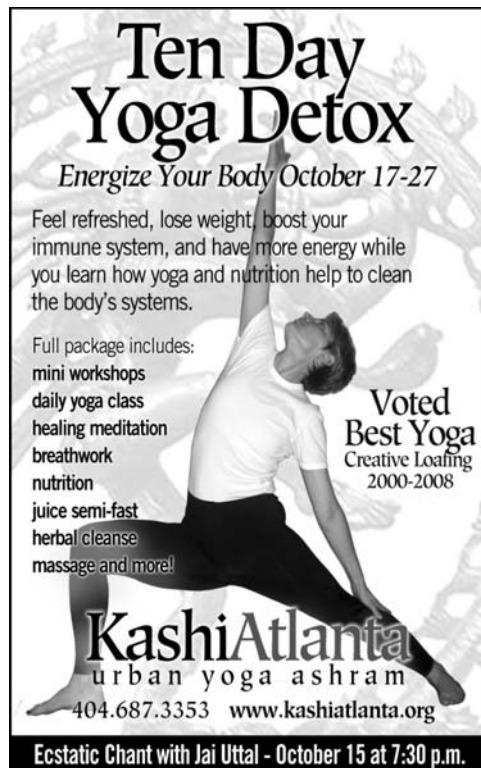
For parents that are interested in learning more about one of the premier Atlanta Public School elementary schools, which is located in our area, we will be holding informational meetings and tours at 9:30am on the following dates in 2008:

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The meeting will begin in the Mary Lin auditorium. Lin's principal, Dr. Brian Mitchell, will give a brief presentation about Mary Lin, with time for Q & A. This will be followed by a tour of the school building and grounds. These tours are focused on rising kindergarten parents, but all parents are welcome.

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Further information about the school can be found at <http://marylinelementary.com> or by calling the school directly at (404) 802-8850. If you have questions regarding the tours, please contact Jennifer Hubert at pr@marylinelementary.com.



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30307 – Are We Losing Our Nuts?

By Teri Stewart

Pecan scab is a fungus which ravages pecan trees and causes over \$22 million a year in crop losses. Our neighborhood pecan trees are increasingly succumbing to this disease. This has been the worst season for infestation that I can remember in 35 years of observing the disease's progress in Atlanta. Most trees began to show scab symptoms in June and are now seriously infected.

We took photos of the scab resistant, historic pecan affectionately called "Granmaw Gordon" on September 5th and she appeared to be disease free and asymptomatic. However, on September 11th, for the first time, she began to show slight symptoms on two lower branches. It appears that she will again produce a crop of viable nuts this year...but is "Granmaw" the last harvest?

Fortunately, we have only a couple of weeks of scab season left this year. The fungus needs heat and humidity to thrive and becomes dormant in the cool months.

Using "Granmaw Gordon" as a starting point, I have examined 182 pecans from seedlings to matriarchs during September of this year. 100% exhibited signs of scab. I fear we are in danger of losing this important native food crop.

Signs of scab include round, brown lesions and curling, deformed leaves. Nut husks are discolored and nut meats are shriveled and decayed. If anyone knows of a healthy pecan tree in the area, please call me at "Donna Van Gogh's (404.370.1003).



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From a Press Release

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- Then, we're marching with these puppets at the edgiest Halloween parade known to man or beast...the L5P Halloween parade on **Saturday, October 18th**.
- And lastly, we're having a Halloween Ball at the Eyedrum on **Friday October 31st**. (Tickets are \$10 for this event.)

So, to get ready...The Krewe is sponsoring the basic materials for 50 giant skeletons. At your first workshop, you'll leave with your frame and all your bones. At your second workshop, you'll trick out your skeleton with paints, attach joints, and install a slinky jaw! Finishing touches are up to you! One workshop might do the trick - but sign up for 2 just in case. There is a limit of 25 people per workshop. Prepare to get messy and transport your masterpiece!

We'd like all the giant skeletons to walk together in the L5P Halloween Parade and come to the Krewe Halloween Ball at Eyedrum on October 31! There's a giant puppet category in the Ball's costume contest! Win that trophy!

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Candler Park Zoning Committee Meeting

By James Johnson

The Candler Park Zoning Committee met Wednesday 3 September and reviewed one item. Curt Flaherty presented his variance request to reduce the frontyard setback from 30' to 22' and reduce the half-depth frontyard setback from 15' to 2.5' to allow for the construction of an addition to the existing house at 321 Ferguson Avenue. The Zoning Committee recommended approval of the variance. The variance was approved at the September CPNO General Meeting.

The October Candler Park Zoning Committee meeting will be held Wednesday 1 October 2008 at the Epworth United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm. Currently there are no variance items on the agenda. The zoning committee meets regularly the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are open to the public and neighbors are encouraged to attend to voice their opinion regarding zoning issues.

Government Bailout for Businesses and Individuals with Unpaid Parking Tickets

From a Press Release

The City of Atlanta is offering an amnesty program as a means to alleviate late fees, penalties and interest for a period of time beginning October 1, 2008 to December 1, 2008 for those who have delinquent City of Atlanta parking tickets and for those who have businesses that are operating and who have not registered with the City of Atlanta.

The amnesty program will allow those who have unpaid parking tickets accumulated through June 30th 2008 to pay the original assessed amount in full without any additional late fees, penalties and interest. Any additional information inquiries on paying delinquent parking tickets will need to be directed to Municipal Court of Atlanta located at 150 Garnett St, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303 or visit the City's web site at www.atlantaga.gov. The Municipal Court telephone number is 404-658-6940.

In addition, the amnesty program will allow the registering of a business to be done without any additional late fees, penalties and interest being assessed as long as license fees are paid in full. If you want to register a business license, you can complete an application at Atlanta City Hall, 55 Trinity Av., 1st Fl, Ste 1350, Atlanta, GA 30303. You can also download an application from www.atlantaga.gov



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Reynoldstown OctoberFest

Flea Market

By Tina Price

If you've got 'good junk' that you've been trying to get rid of or arts and crafts to sell, now is the time to gather your stuff to sell at Reynoldstown's largest Flea Market/Garage sale ever! The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 8AM to 3PM in the Lang Carson Center parking lot at 100 Flat Shoals Avenue.

We will be renting tables for \$20.00 or tables+tents for \$35.00 although the number of available tents is limited so hurry if you want one. If you don't have enough to fill a table you might consider renting one with a neighbor or friend. You will be allowed to sell anything new and used except food items as the Reynoldstown Civic Improvement League will be selling fish, hot dogs, sodas, etc.

This is an invitation to neighbors in Candler Park, Cabbagetown, East Atlanta Village, Grant Park, Edgewood, Inman Park and everyone who wants to come out for a fun day of browsing and shopping for that special treasure.

If you are interested in securing a space please contact us at 404-525-4130 ext. 14 to leave a message we'll get back to you ASAP or you may call Portia Osby at 678-755-7256.

Gravestone Preservation Workshop

From a Press Release

The Historic Preservation Division is pleased to announce its co-sponsorship of "hands-on" gravestone conservation workshops around the state this fall. The workshops will be one-day events held in cemeteries in Gainesville, Columbus, Sandersville and Decatur.

On November 3rd, the Decatur Preservation Alliance and the Friends of Decatur Cemetery will host a one-day workshop. Registration is \$60 and open to first 15 registrants. Contact Cathy Vogel at cathy.vogel@alum.agnesscott.edu or 404 373 7530 or David Crenshaw at davidmcrenshaw@gmail.com or 404-285-8372 for information.



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Check Out Your Neighbor's Digs

By Mary Alice Bray

After all the partying and merry making at this year's much anticipated Fall Fest, you might want to take a moment to enjoy a tour of some of the exceptional living spaces available in our hood. The **2008 Candler Park Tour of Homes** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 12** from noon to 6PM rain or shine.

This year there are 9 stops including a loft and a very exciting renovation using the latest in "green" technology.

Ticket prices are \$12 in advance or \$15 during the festival. Advanced tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online (www.candlerparkfallfest.org) or at the following real world locations:

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Candler Park Market	1642 McLendon Ave
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L5P Pharmacy	484 Moreland Ave
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Inman Park Pet Works	914A Austin Ave

During the festival, drop by the Gilded Angel located at 1404 McLendon Avenue in the heart of Candler Park for tickets, or you can visit the Fall Fest booth in the park or even at the individual houses on the tour.

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[Editor's Note: Due to busy summer schedules, CPNO President and Candler Park Representative to the Neighborhood Planning Unit-N, Amy Stout sent emissaries to some of the NPU-N meetings. The reports for these meetings are listed below.]

June 2008 Neighborhood Planning Unit-N Report

By James Johnson

The only Candler Park land use items on the agenda were the rezoning of 1240 Euclid Avenue (from R-4 Single-family Residential to MR-4A Multi-family Residential) and the corresponding change in land use designation for this property (from Single Family Residential to Medium Density Residential). The NPU-N board voted unanimously to approve these two applications contingent on all fourteen of the special conditions that the applicant and CPNO previously worked out. (These conditions were published in the July edition of the Messenger.)

The results of the annual NPU-N bylaws vote were tallied. All ten of the member organizations voted to affirm the current bylaws. The overall vote was 64-9-5.

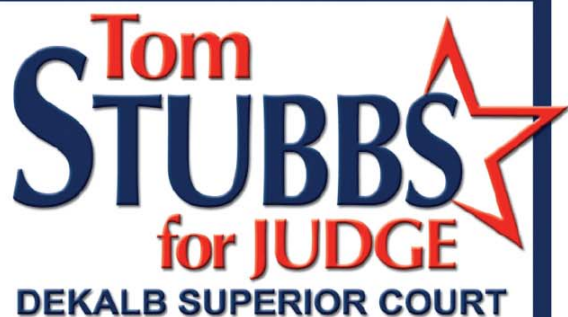
The current NPU-N Chair, Anna Copello, was not in attendance at this meeting, but the Vice-Chair read a prepared statement from Ms. Copello in which she announced her resignation as Chair. The board then voted to name the current Vice-Chair, Jonathan Miller from Inman Park Neighborhood Association, as the new Chair and to elect Anna Copello from Poncey-Highland Neighborhood Association as the new Vice-Chair.

July Neighborhood Planning Unit-N Report

By Amy Stout

We reviewed an application for a full liquor license for a new business: The Porter located at 1156 Euclid Ave in Little Five Points. I voted in favor of this application consistent with CPNO's unanimous vote of approval at the July monthly meeting. However, the application spurred an interesting discussion. A nearby neighbor from Colquitt Avenue, Karen Goeckel, attended to speak against the application. According to her, the City of Atlanta is not enforcing zoning regulations for Little Five Points (Neighborhood Commercial 1), specifically the requirement that no more than 25% of the businesses located there can be eating / drinking establishments. (However, another attendee -- I *believe* it was the Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) Zoning Committee Chair -- reported that L5P is not in violation of the 25% limit according to his calculations.)

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Meet the Stubbs family

Tom Stubbs has deep roots in DeKalb. He grew up here and is a product of DeKalb County Schools. Tom and his wife Memmi have been married for 27 years. They live in Decatur and have three children -- Justin, 19; Connor, 15; and Sarah, 12. Tom's father, Wytch Stubbs, MD, was a family physician in Tucker who co-founded the Scottdale clinic, and later served as Medical Director at DeKalb Medical Center. Memmi's father is long-time Decatur attorney, Dan McConaughy, author of the widely used family law treatise, Georgia Divorce, Alimony and Child Custody.

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Ms. Goeckel also stated that the business did not have the required amount of parking and that the Inman Park Neighborhood Association had failed to hold their usual "Adjacent Neighbors Meeting" to get their input before the organization as a whole voted in favor of this application. A motion to take no position on this application, made by the Ponce Corridor East Association representative, failed by a vote of 2-7-1. A motion to approve with no conditions, made by the Little Five Points Community Center representative, passed by a vote of 6-2-2 with the CPNO, IPNA, and the Little 5 Points Business Association representatives all voting in favor.

Please note that this application has since been approved by the License Review Board, and The Porter is now open for business. Also, the City of Atlanta did not require a special exception for parking, so I presume either the business was not in violation or was grandfathered. To my knowledge, there has been no official confirmation one way or the other whether the 25% limit has been exceeded.

The NPU-N Chair and IPNA representative informed us that a plan to build a cell phone tower at the Bass Recreation Center had been killed.

There were only three land use issues scheduled for review by the board at this meeting. None were for Candler Park properties. Two were deferred, and the third was a Lake Claire variance that was approved.

August Neighborhood Planning Unit-N Report

By Randy Pimsler

Some highlights from the meeting I attended on August 28, 2008 include:

Anne Fauver spoke for quite some time and provided updates on the fire department cutbacks which she anticipated to continue, the pet oxygen mask program that she successfully sponsored (providing two such masks for each fire station in Atlanta), and the ongoing budget problems at the City of Atlanta. She noted that sales receipts at the city were 14% below those from a year ago and that further cuts were pending in both personnel and services.

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A Fire Department representative reported that they collected \$2,000 in their most recent boot drive. Donations from the drives help fund the MS foundation, the police and fire fund, and sickle cell research.

City of Atlanta Planner Nina Gentry noted that planners are back at the NPU meetings and that since June, four additional planners have left the department (due to the lack of job security). The Capital Improvements Program is now available online for review and comment (<http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/planning/cip.aspx>).

Mickey Wade from Atlanta Gas Light provided an overview and update on the pipeline infrastructure work in Candler Park and surrounds. Work in Candler Park, including restoration of sidewalks and landscaping, was to be completed by the end of September. For additional information contact AGL at 404-584-3039.

Allison Barnett from Park Pride presented information on their Community Grant Program. There are a variety of grant programs including Community Grants, Tree Grants, and Community Design Assistance Grants. For details visit the Park Pride web site.

Bylaws from each neighborhood are due in September.

All land use issues were deferred.

September NPU-N Report


By Amy Stout

After hearing a presentation by Edith Kelman regarding the Candler Park African American Legacy Markers Initiative, the NPU-N board voted unanimously in favor of a motion to support the installation of two markers within Candler Park, subject to Parks Departmental approval on their design.

The NPU-N board voted to support an application for a variance to reduce the front and the half-depth front yard setbacks for 321 Ferguson St NE to allow for an addition to a single-family house, consistent with the vote of approval by the CPNO membership at their September monthly meeting.

A representative from our local Station 12 of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Dept reported that because of a \$13 million budget cut, they had been forced to eliminate an entire recruit class. The Dept has also instituted a brown-out policy that calls for the closing of stations if attendance is low, and he noted that Station 12 is number one of the list of stations to be closed due to low call volume in this area.

Major Propes from the Atlanta Police Dept reported that crime is up all over the city and stated that 87% of crimes in our Zone 6 are property crimes.



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Candler Park Neighborhood Organization Meeting Minutes from 09.15.08

Compiled by Maureen Wilce

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, September 15, 2008 at the First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Church, with president Amy Stout in the chair. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Approximately thirty people attended the meeting.

The proposed agenda was modified to allow guests to speak first, and last month's minutes were approved.

Amy Stout reviewed the history of the pool lawsuit and merits of the proposed settlement. A motion was made and seconded to approve the \$9,000 and settle the lawsuit. Steve Gibbs, CPNO's outside counsel, addressed concerns that the board and lawyer recommend settling the suit, that the release will not admit any liability, and all claims will be released. The vote for approval was unanimous.

James Johnson reported that the Zoning Committee recommends the variance for 321 Ferguson be approved. A motion was made and seconded. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Regina Brandt announced that a person is soliciting for upgrading alarm systems in the neighborhood. She recommends neighbors to be wary. Similar scams were reported in the news and the scammer is misusing the names of CPNO officers.

Calvin Pinson, of Downs Safe and Lock Co. made a presentation on how to secure older homes against burglaries. Many effective security products were shown and explained. He can be contacted at calvin@downsatl.com

Inspector Ruby Naylor, Crime Prevention Specialist confirmed the need for making homes secure. She reminded us to be safe during the upcoming holidays.

Mark Clement provided an update on FallFest. All is going smoothly, however no new sponsors have been obtained, and there will be added costs this year such as insurance, city fees, and astroturf to cover the basketball courts. A request was made for \$6,000 to cover upfront expenses. Alonzo Church reported that CPNO has \$57,503 in the bank at the moment. He stated that even if FallFest was canceled due to weather, CPNO will have approximately \$61,000 at the end of the year. A motion was made to allocate \$6,000 to Fall Fest, and was seconded. A unanimous vote occurred.

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Donna Palmer requested CPNO provide \$2,000 to fund FallBall, October 10th prior to FallFest for rental of the First Existential Church, a band, food, decorations, and clean up. She anticipated that much of this money will be returned from ticket sales. A motion was made to allocate \$2,000 to FallBall, and was seconded. A unanimous vote occurred.

Walt Weimar reminded the group that the Historic preservation committee will be September 24 at Epworth Church.

Alonzo Church noted that the Budget Committee will meet at Epworth Church on September 25th to plan the 2009 budget.

Walt Weimar gave an update on the Freedom Park Conservancy. They will have workdays Saturday, Sept 27th and October 4. Contact Richard Ford for more information. Walt Weimar noted that the Conservancy will request financial support at the October CPNO meeting.

George Dusenbury presented a plan for modifying a plaza area near the pool at Candler Park by adding a wall, around the recently installed pavers. It may serve as a catalyst for small scale events (e.g., movies). Uneven pavers were discussed and will be addressed. A vote of support will be deferred until October. A motion to end discussion was made and seconded.

Announcements:

Thursday 25th there will be a Blood drive at Epworth Church

Teri Stewart provided an update on the Gordon greenspace. A fundraising music and arts festival is planned for November. Also, all pecan trees in the area seem to be infected with pecan scab disease; Granmaw Gordon recently showed a few signs. Please report any uninfected trees to her. Poplars are also showing disease.

Friday Sept 26 Barry Stewart Mann will present "Native Waters Speak – Stories of the Watershed Mural" at the First Existential Church.

Elena Mushkin announced that Kashi was participating in meditations for peace.

Brian and Natalie Russell were welcomed to the neighborhood

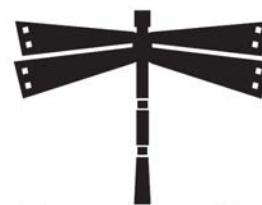
Hannah, a MSW student visited to observe neighborhood meetings

Janea Boyles reported that the Mercantile will open this Saturday.

Jojo Ross invited everyone to the regular workdays in Candler Park the first Saturday of each month.

CPNO will elect new officers in November. A nominating committee is being formed. Walt Weimar, Donna Palmer, Randy Pimsler, and Mark Clement have volunteered. Anyone interested in serving on the committee or as an officer should contact one of them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30



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Zone 6 Crime Report

From August 16, 2008 thru August 31, 2008
Compiled by Regina Brandt

1300 Iverson St—Auto Theft. 8/16-8/18. Tue/Thurs. Two-day time frame. Someone stole the victim's vehicle after she left it parked on the street. No record was found of the vehicle being impounded.

400 Block Hardendorf Ave—Residential Burglary. 8/18. Mon Day. Witness reported seeing the suspect standing in front of the location with the victim's TV. She chased the suspect until he jumped a fence to the rail yard. The victim reported several other items missing. Entry was made through a side window which had been smashed

400 Block Hardendorf Ave—Residential Burglary. 8/18. Mon Day. The rear door to the victim's home had been pried open. A witness reported chasing the suspect from the location.

1500 Block McLendon Ave—Auto Theft. 8/18-8/19. Tue Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle while it was parked on the street. There was no record of it being impounded.

400 Block Lakeshore Dr—Larceny from Auto. 8/18-8/19. Tue Morn. Someone smashed the driver side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property

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1200 Block Mansfield Ave—Larceny from Auto. 8/18-8/19. Tue Morn. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

1300 Block McLendon Ave—Larceny from Auto. 8/18-8/19. Tue Morn. Someone smashed the passenger side vent window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

400 Block Gordon Ave—Residential Burglary. 8/19. Tue Day. Someone damaged the lock on the victim's back door, entered the home and removed property. A neighbor reported seeing the suspect and a vehicle in the victim's driveway around noon.

1200 Block Fairview Ave—Larceny from Auto. 8/19-8/20. Wed Morn. How entry was made into the auto is not clear from the report. Property was removed.

2000 Block Howard Cir—Larceny from Auto. 8/19-8/20. Tue/Wed Sixteen-hour time frame. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

2000 Block McLendon Ave—Larceny from Auto. 8/20. Wed Morn. Three vehicles broken into at this location. While on patrol the officer noticed the suspect kneeling down in front of 2028 McLendon Ave. When the suspect saw the officer, he fled on foot. He was located and taken into custody a short time later. During the investigation the officer located several vehicles broken into. The driver side window on a Volkswagen had been smashed and the vehicle had been rummaged through. A driver side window had been smashed on a Saab, and property had been taken. A driver side window on an Acura had been smashed and the vehicle rummaged through. The suspect stated he was just looking for a place to sleep and had a spark plug in his pocket. Suspect arrested.

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2000 Block Howard Cir—Residential Burglary. 8/22. Fri Day. Officers responded to an alarm call. They found that someone had smashed the back door glass. The home was searched but no one was found inside. The victim arrived and reported that property had been taken.

2000 Howard Cir—Residential Burglary. 8/22-8/23. Sat Day. Someone pried open a rear window on the victim's home, entered and removed property.

1641 Clifton Ter—Larceny from Auto. 8/26-8/27. Wed Morn. Someone smashed a driver side window on the victim's vehicle but did not take anything.

500 Block Page Ave—Larceny from Auto. 8/27. Wed Morn. Someone damaged the victim's front passenger side window. The victim found blood on the vehicle but cleaned it up. Nothing was reported stolen.

300 Block Candler St—Larceny. 8/27. Wed Eve. Victim stated the suspects snatched her bag and fled on foot. Victim was transported to the precinct where she met with investigators. She was not able to ID any suspects from the books. Taken: Waffle House uniform, cash.

1500 Block Dekalb Ave—Larceny from Auto. 8/27-8/28. Thurs Morn. Someone smashed the front passenger side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

800 Block Lullwater Pkwy—Larceny from Auto. 8/27-8/28. Thurs Morn. Someone smashed the vehicle's rear driver side window and removed property.

1500 Block Dekalb Ave—Auto Theft. 8/28. Thurs Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle sometime during the night. Broken glass was on the ground where the vehicle had been parked and the victim has the key.

1800 Block Marlbrook Dr—Larceny from Auto. 8/28-8/29. Fri Morn. Someone smashed the rear passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property.

1700 Block Indiana Ave—Larceny from Auto. 8/28-8/29. Fri Morn. Someone smashed the rear driver side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

1582 Clifton Ter—Larceny from Auto. 8/29. Fri Day. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

1700 Marlbrook Dr—Larceny from Auto. 8/29. Fri Morn. Someone smashed the passenger side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

500 Block Oakdale Rd—Larceny from Auto. 8/31. Sun Day. Victim stated she heard a noise, looked out and saw the suspect leaning in her vehicle through a smashed front passenger side window. When she ran out the suspect waved to her and keyed the vehicle as he walked back to a navy blue Expedition. Nothing taken.

1100 Block Fairview Rd—Larceny. 8/31-9/3. Four-day time frame. Victim came home to find graffiti on his driveway and 2 A/C units missing.

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