The Messenger

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

Meetings and Events

CPNO Meeting November 19th
7:00PM
Social Period @ 6:30PM

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

November General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming Remarks, approval of agenda and October minutes
- Election of Officers for 2008
- Fund $1250 for Bulbouts
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
  - Beer & Wine Permit – 1660 Dekalb
  - 299 Moreland – Parking Reduction
- New Business
- Announcements
- Open Forum

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

Events Calendar

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

Wednesday, November 7th
CPNO Zoning Committee Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Monday, November 12th
CPNO Board of Directors Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Thursday, November 15th
Charette for 1240 Euclid Project Epworth United Methodist Church

Monday, November 19th
CPNO Regular Meeting First Existential Congregation

Tuesday, November 20th
NPN-U L5P Community Center

Wednesday, November 28th
CPNO Historic District Committee Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

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

Rock the Vote in Candler Park

By Donna Palmer

Forget Hillary and Rudi...who's gonna be elected to run the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization next year? The nominating committee is gearing up for the task and wants input from the rest of us. The offices to be filled are: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Zoning Officer, Public Safety Officer, Environmental Officer and Special Project Officer. The term is for one year, starting at the end of the November meeting.

These nine officers form the board of directors and meet once a month on the Monday prior to the regular CPNO meeting. The tasks for each office are outlined on the neighborhood website. Go to www.candlerpark.org and click on the CPNO ByLaws link.

The members of the nominating committee are:

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Walt Weimer	walt.t.weimar@sprint.com

James Johnson declares that "Anyone foolish enough to volunteer should feel free to contact one of us."

Charrette for 1240 Euclid

By David Green

I would like to make you all aware of an upcoming event in our neighborhood related to the current re-zoning application we have for 1240 Euclid Avenue (the church property behind the Star Bar). We have scheduled a Charrette for November 15th at 7:00 pm at the Epworth United Methodist Church in order to address some of the concerns raised in previous zoning committee meetings. A charrette is an interactive design process where we take comments and suggestions from all involved and attempt to synthesize the information into a set of project parameters that are most appropriate for the project. We will begin the process with a general discussion about the project including issues such as density, existing conditions (the church, for example), parking, traffic, project access, project design (the way the project addresses the street), and building heights. Of course, there will be additional issues that come up as well through the discussion process. Once we have outlined the issues we will work through actual design strategies, ultimately working towards a general consensus on what the project should be. Our goal is to produce a plan that both the developers and the neighborhood feel good about and feel will be an improvement to the neighborhood. We will spend about 45 minutes in the initial general discussion and another 2 hours working through the design process. It isn't necessary for any of the participants to bring anything, as we will have all the materials needed to complete the process. We would like to see as many of our neighbors there as possible, but we believe it is of particular importance for those who are near the project to attend as it will have the greatest impact on those neighbors. It would also be great to have as many of the architects, planners and designers that live in Candler Park there to help with the process.

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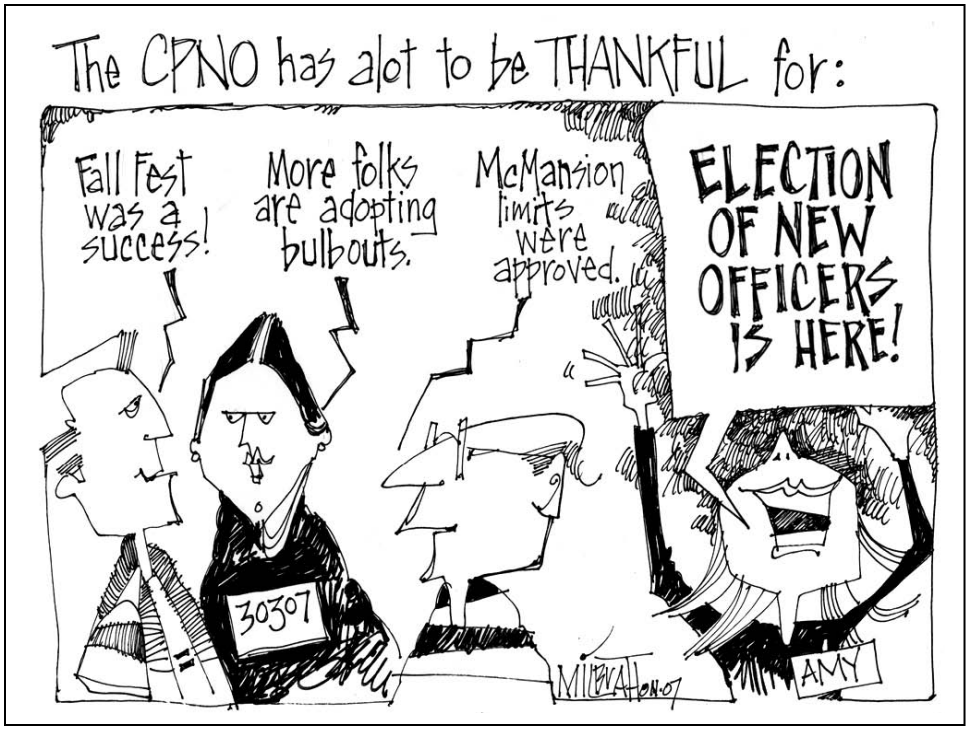
Grateful to the Universe for 30307

By Donna Palmer

The other morning, when I was letting my dog walk me around the park, I got to thinking about things for which I am grateful. (Yes, I know everyone else calls it Thanksgiving, but this is 30307, right?)

- I'm grateful that when I do walk with the dog, I usually see and speak to at least 2 people that I know AND, that 9 out of 10 of the "strangers" I see smile and say "Good morning".
- I'm grateful that I live across the street from a playground, picnic pavilions, a basketball court, a volleyball court, tennis courts, a softball field, a soccer field, a swimming pool and a golf course.
- I'm grateful that I live in a neighborhood where hard-working volunteers put on an autumnal fete that celebrates good music, food, art and community.
- I'm grateful that I can still slide down the hill next to the Fall Fest stage.
- I'm grateful that a car full of middle-aged women can parade around in shiny costumes complete with genuine artificial wigs, glitter-fied lips and neon swim noodles while Marty the Plumber tap dances along side.
- I'm grateful that our neighborhood elementary has such an outstanding reputation, that parents are willing to camp out on the street to ensure that their children are enrolled in the pre-K program.
- I'm grateful that when thugs come racing into our neighborhood bringing platoons of police cars and a helicopter, that my neighbors get on the phone to check on each other.

So thank you Universe for enabling me to live in 30307. And, may you and yours enjoy a safe, delicious and joyful thanksgiving every day.



Laughter in the Park **by Deb Milbrath**

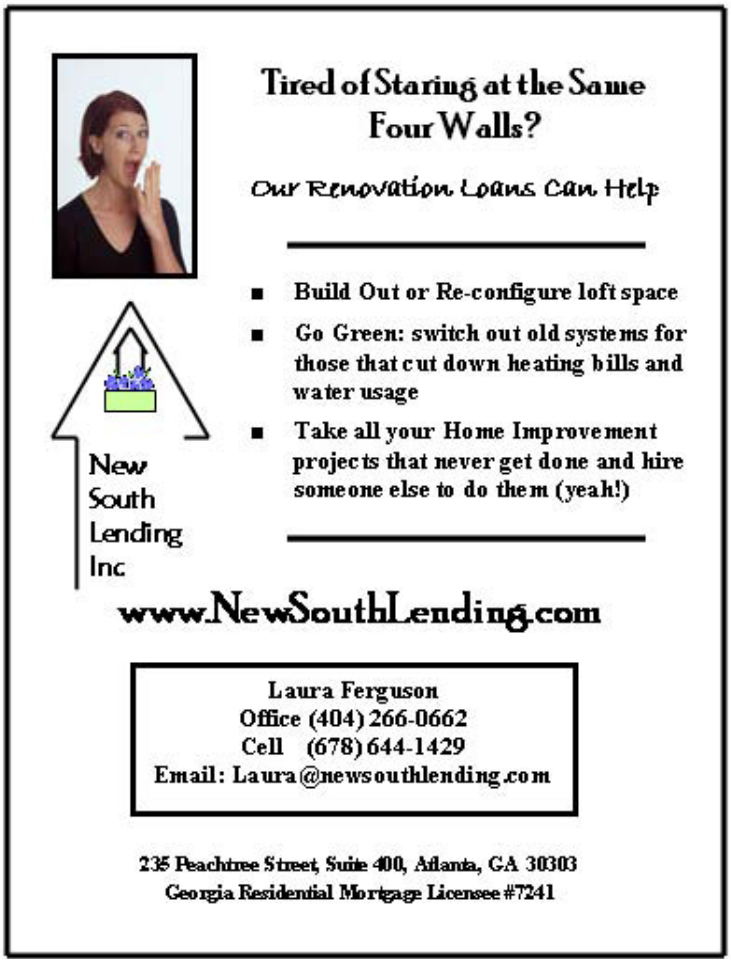
Beautifying Bulbouts with $$ from CPNO

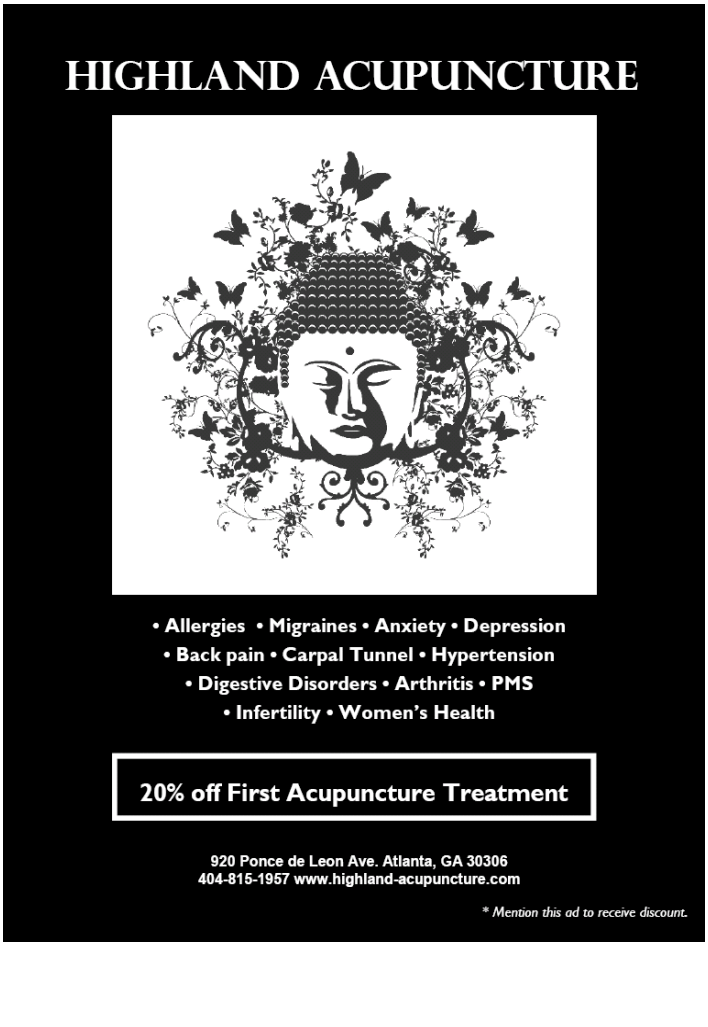
By Tom Painter

The response to my June 2007 *Messenger* plea for expressions of interest in adopting bulbouts along McLendon was not exactly overwhelming, but a few neighborhood folks are improving their bulbouts and that's great! No claims here that my article caused any of this, but hearty congratulations to Betsy Abrams and neighbors for getting off to an excellent start on the east side of Candler Street, and to Lauren Owenby and Pat and Terry Moy for their sterling efforts on the east side of Josephine! I visited all the bulbouts again a couple weeks ago, and talked to several individuals who have either adopted bulbouts or expressed interest in doing so. I left cards for those who were not at home, will follow up when I can, and I again encourage any who are interested to contact me at both my e-mail addresses: tcp2@cdc.gov and tompainter2007@yahoo.com, or call me (office tel. 404-639-6113; home tel. 404-524-8833).

I also want to describe an arrangement that the CPNO Board approved this month, and which will be up for a vote at the November CPNO meeting. The idea is to provide a one-time reimbursement of up to $50 per bulbout or curbside planting (near Clifton) to help defray costs of soil amendments and plants. Hopefully this idea will be approved by the members, and I encourage any who are interested to contact me and let me know what you would like to do. Once we work out the details and have a plan, reimbursements will be made by the CPNO based on receipts that I receive and, of course, a friendly visit to your bulbout. The fly in the ointment at the moment is the total outside watering ban, and there is no telling when this will be lifted. So if you cannot water with gray water or collected rain water (what rain water?!?), it's better to wait this out. *However, this would be a perfect time to weed the bulbout in front of your home!*

Once our reimbursement process is up and running, I encourage you to thoroughly break up your bulbout soil with a pitch fork (preferably) or a shovel, work in lots of soil conditioner and/or compost, and cover the soil with a 2-3 inch layer of pine bark chips as a mulch to retain moisture and retard weed growth. And once we can water again, go out and buy some plants and plant them! I can suggest some sources of plants if you need this kind of information, and may have other options to report for acquiring plants. Also, please take a look at what others have done with their bulbouts. Finally, if the combined effects of the watering ban and the late fall/winter season make it unfeasible to plant this year, I will encourage the Board to extend this arrangement into 2008. Once again, a key to having healthy, sustainable plantings that require a minimum of water is soil with good organic matter, good drainage, and a good layer of much. *So go for it!*





2007 Tour of Homes Recap

By Mary Alice Bray

The sun was shining and the planets were aligned in our favor for the Tour of Homes on October 14th. We had one of the best tours ever with 9 beautiful homes and an environmentally friendly community garden. We made $5,000 in ticket sales and $3,000 from our tour of homes sponsors, 9 Mile Trolley and Truth & Lending. We sold about 360 - 375 tickets plus 50 tickets given to all homeowners and TOH volunteers. Potentially there were 425 tour goers going from house to house.

Many thanks to Allison Troxell, Elizabeth Sullivan and Nancy Porteous for volunteering so many hours to make this tour a success. Special thanks to Tom Cappello for the wonderful house photography, and Judith Gott for letting us sell tickets at the Gilded Angel.

Also, thanks to our wonderful volunteers who were house sitters and sold tickets. Extra special thanks to our homeowners and community gardeners who spent incredible time and energy preparing their home or garden for us to enjoy.

Two of my favorites images of the day were watching people from OTP (outside the perimeter) discovering Candler Park for the first time, and Margaret Bryce & Louis Okoneiwskie selling all those tickets at the corner of Oakdale and McLendon on Sunday!

Homeowners:
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Steve & Cari Felske

Co-owners Mulberry Fields:
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Louis Okoniewskie
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David Bruce

Instead of telling you what to believe, we thought you might have a few ideas of your own.

Call us dogmatic, but we firmly believe there is no single spiritual path, and that each person is uniquely qualified to find their own. Please join us next Sunday to celebrate yours.

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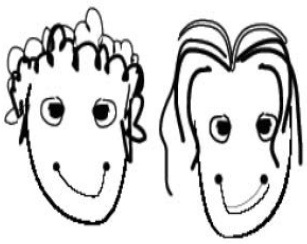


Fall Fest Wrap Up

By Mark Clement

What a great weekend and a great festival! It all started for me when I heard the editor of Atlanta Magazine, call our celebration the “Festival of Festivals” on NPR. That interview really set the tone for the weekend to come.

Our artist vendors were also delighted. I kept hearing that this was the best artist market we have ever had. And, for the first time we presented awards. Best In Show went to Sandra Meyer. The Artist Market Coordinator Choice when to Elizabeth D'Angelo and the Chair Person's Pick went to Tim Michael. By the way Tim Michael was the artist that designed our festival shirt. It was very popular…we sold out of festival t-shirts! Another first.

As always my favorite part is the music. Neighbors young and old were seen boogieing to the sweet sounds of the League of Decency, The Cazanovas, Tanglewood Tonic, Blues Heart, Angel Snow, Kevin Lewis Band, Hair of the Dog, The Spies of Life and Kristen Markenton put on an amazing set with help from friends like Bill Sheffield and Geoff Atchison.

The world famous Baton Bob—aka the Ambassador of Mirth—got the crowd on their feet as did the ever-popular Sass Parilla the singing Gorilla. (The singing primate was exceptionally popular with the League of Decency. After many, many years in the business they said they have never had such an interesting opening act.)

And as always the highlight of the Fall Fest music scene is Mike Geier and KINGSIZED. The big man and the band never disappoint. Folks are still talking about how he organized a group of young girls to dance in front of the stage during a funky rendition of Tony Joe White's "Poke Salad Annie". Mike adapted the lyrics…"She was Mean! She was Vicious! And she went to Mary Lin School !."

Every year we send out a plea begging for volunteers and as always it seems to work out beautifully. I thank you all…with a special shout-out to the Clifton's Men Shelter. Once again they were absolute invaluable. I also want to thank the core Fall Fest committee: Bjorn Roch, Mike and Regina Brandt, Carla Key, Laura Winters, Mary Alice Bray and the Tour of Homes committee. RM Audio and XO Audio and most of all Holly Mull. Thanks also to our generous sponsors.

KingSized with the next generation of the “Dames Aflame”
Photo Courtesy of Teddy Pettus

Champagne Turkey and Gravy

By the Food Freak

My all time favorite and most consistently successful Thanksgiving Turkey and Gravy recipe comes from my mother's third husband's first wife. (I'll give you a minute to tally that up.) It's a simple process that even novice cooks can pull off with ease. Here's what you'll need:

A turkey (Get a big one for leftovers)
A couple of apples
An onion or two
A turkey roasting bag
1 bottle of cheap, but drinkable champagne
3 tablespoons of cornstarch
A roasting pan with a rack

Be sure to thaw the turkey in plenty of time. The safest way is in the fridge. Allow about a day for every 4-5 pounds or meat. This means if you buy a frozen 20 pounder on the Saturday before Turkey Day, be sure to leave it in the fridge until Thursday morning. Also, don't buy one of those pre-basted/pre-brined birds. All that means is they soaked it in salt water. A good idea, but not for this recipe.

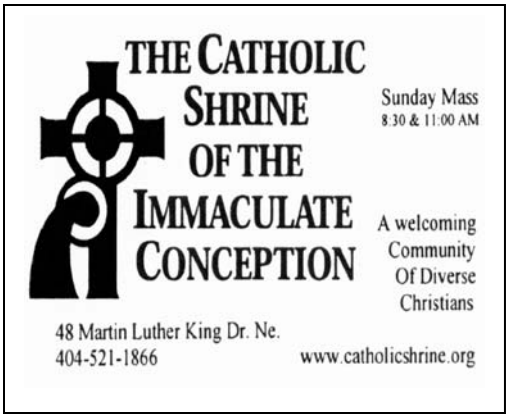
On the big day, preheat your oven to 350. Remove the turkey from the wrapping and take out the guts. (You can save these for another time or fry them up for the dog since our gravy doesn't call for necks, livers or any of that stuff.) Rinse the bird then pat it dry with paper towels. Wash the apples, peel the onion, and then chop them both into hunks. Don't worry about apple peels, cores and seeds. Stuff the apple and onion hunks into the turkey's butt, and then place the bird in the roasting bag. Pour in the champagne and seal that puppy with the little twisty ties. Place the turkey on the rack of your roasting pan and pop it in the oven.

The amount of time before its done depends of course on how big it is. Generally speaking, you'll need about 3 to 3½ hours for a 10 to 15 pound turkey, about 4 to 4½ hours for one that's 18 to 22 pounds and if you went for the big 30 lb. Tom, plan on at least 5 hours in the oven. You can also insert an instant-read meat thermometer into the thigh – avoid the bone – and if it reads 180 to 185, you're good to go. *Don't pierce the bag though*. Wait for the allotted cooking time, and then open the bag before you poke it with the thermometer.

Remove the roasting pan from the oven and let it sit for about 5 minutes. When everything has calmed down a bit, snip the side of the bag and let all of the good juices run into the bottom of the pan. Gently lift the roasting rack with the turkey from the pan. Remove the roasting bag, and then put the turkey aside to rest while you make the gravy.

Stir the cornstarch into a cup of COLD water until all of the lumps have dissolved, then dump the mixture into the turkey drippings. Place over medium high heat and let it come to a soft boil. It will start to thicken soon, so give it a stir occasionally to make sure nothing is sticking, and then adjust the flavors with a bit of salt and pepper. Don't forget to remove the onions and apples from the turkey cavity before carving and serving. Yum!

I've got some tasty recipes for leftovers too. Give me a holler if you want one. foodfreak@visionforge.org.



Be Your Neighbor's Keeper

By Liz Thompson

For those of you who are concerned about crime on your block but missed the Neighborhood Watch meeting in October, all is not lost. Here's a quick recap of some of the easy things you can do.

1. Talk to your neighbors about the importance of keeping an eye out on each other and gain consensus to start up a watch.
2. Collect and distribute phone numbers. This way if you see suspicious activity you can call each other to check it out (e.g. "Hi Mary, is someone *supposed* to be loading your plasma TV onto a pickup truck?").
3. Contact Inspector Ruby Naylor (RNaylor@AtlantaGa.Gov) to have her come out and do a street assessment. She'll go house-by-house and provide a list of recommendations for improving safety on your street.
4. Keep up an ongoing dialog with your neighbors. Let them know if you are going out of town or if your daily routine changes, etc, so that they can recognize when things don't look right.
5. If you ever see suspicious activity – make sure to try to get the best possible description you can. Crooks like to change shirts after a crime, but can't erase that tattoo...
6. If you want the APD to put up some official Neighborhood Watch signage, you'll need to keep in touch with Inspector Ruby throughout the year and let her know you are having the req'd meetings (i.e. happy hour on the front porch wink wink) with your neighbors.

As you can see, it's pretty basic stuff. With a little organization, you never know what we may be able to prevent. Plus there's the added bonus of those front porch happy hours - ! Here's to you, nosey neighbors.

Help Us Catch a Thief

By Stacy Williams

We are seeking a white male, 30-35 years old, dark hair, clean cut, average height/weight. He drives a white, late model Ford F-150 pickup truck with an extended cab (but just two doors) and a trailer hitch.

On October 8, in broad daylight, he stole our cargo trailer from the corner of McLendon Ave. and Candler Park Drive. The trailer contained our 10 year old daughter's award-winning Soap Box Derby car, which she had built with her dad.

The trailer is a white Horton Hauler, 5' x 8', V-nosed, enclosed trailer with both a rear and side door. It's one-of-a-kind because the previous owner had built/welded white, square metal tubing together to create ladder racks on the outside. As this was a crime of opportunity, we believe the thief drives through the neighborhood often.

For more information and photos, go to www.findkatyscar.com. Thank you! Matt and Stacy Williams

Join us on our spiritual journey.

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Join CPNO in 2007

It's a great way to get involved in the neighborhood and keep up with what's happening in Candler Park, and allows you to fully participate by voting in CPNO's monthly meetings. Provide your e-mail address on the membership form, and receive e-mails with timely, important news from in and around Candler Park, and reminders of our upcoming meetings.

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

CPNO Membership Application

Name: _____

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Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

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Minor Children (names and ages) _____

Any information NOT to be published in CP neighborhood directory?

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Name of business: _____

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Optional Contribution

Although CPNO will no longer charge membership dues in 2007, we rely on the generosity of our members for a portion of our operating funds. If you wish to make a donation to help CPNO continue serving the neighborhood, please take this opportunity to make a contribution.

Please indicate either: New Enrollment _____ or Renewal _____

I elect to contribute _____

Membership Involvement and Interests

___ New neighbor welcome
___ Historic Preservation
___ 5K/Road Races
___ 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

Candler Park Pool to Get Makeover

By Amy Stout

According to information provided by employees of the Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation, the city has contracted renovations for fifteen city pools, including the Candler Park pool. Both the pool house and the pool itself will be repaired and improved. Demolition is scheduled to begin the first week of November, and all work should be complete in time for summer swimming and water balleting.

Scheduled improvements include:

- New pool equipment and fixtures (pumps, filter systems, floor drains, return lines)
- Resurfacing of the pool shell/lining and new coping for gutters
- New bathrooms, dressing rooms, and concession area
- New decking and installation of a shade structure

Once the new marcite coating is installed, the pool must be filled with water to prevent cracking, The Commissioner of the Department of Watershed Management, Rob Hunter, has given permission for this to occur, and in the future, the pool will not be drained at the end of the season but will be enclosed with a new cover.

Save the Mussels, Save the World

By Donna Palmer

While the politicians and Big News do their level best to scare the merde out of us about a looming lack of cool, clear water for mussels and human beings, a recent unscientific survey finds Candler Park residents are already:

- showering quickly—with loved ones
- changing the shower head to low flow
- putting bricks in the toilet tank
- watering houseplants with the water used to rinse out our wine and beer bottles
- turning off the taps while brushing our teeth and shaving
- washing clothes and dishes only when we have a full load
- following the ”If its yellow, let it mellow…” rule

These are minor inconveniences that many of us are happy to do, but outside of investing in new water-friendly major appliances, what else is there? Well, you can check for leaks. For general, all purpose leaks, take a look at your water meter, and then wait for a couple of hours *without using any water*. Now, check the water meter again. If the number has changed. You have a leak.

You can also check for a toilet leak by placing a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color seeps into the bowl, you have a leak. (Here’s the part of the story where I would normally insert a sophomoric joke…e.g., “So the next time you take a leak, be sure to check for leaks”, but my baboo says that would be tacky, so I won’t go there.)

But seriously, for the most part, all outdoor watering has been banned in North Georgia. So after gently speaking to alleged water hogs, if they still break the ban, you can report violations within the City of Atlanta by calling **404-982-1414.**

(After an initial written warning for a first offense, repeat offenders will be fined $100, $500, and then $1,000.)

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Principal Notions

By Brian D. Mitchell, Principal of Mary Lin Elementary

Mary Lin is off to a fantastic start to the 2007-2008 school year. We have 499 students, not including our one Pre-K class of 20 students. Our demographic information is as follows: 67% Caucasian, 23% African America, and 10% combined multiracial, Asian, and Hispanic. Our overall teacher to student ratio is 1:18, and all of our grade levels have less than 20 students per class, except fifth grade. Our three fifth grade classes average 23 students. Our school-wide free and reduced lunch rate is less than 20%.

The 2006-2007 CRCT results show that 93% of our third through fifth grade students met or exceeded expectations in Mathematics. Of the 93%, 52% of the students exceeded expectations. Our Reading/Language Arts scores show that 94% of our third through fifth grade students met or exceeded expectations. Of the 94%, 45% of the students exceeded expectations on the Reading/Language Arts section of the CRCT.

Along with a strong academic program, Mary Lin will continue to focus on developing the social skills necessary to be deemed a successful well-rounded student. Mary Lin is in the implementation phase of one of the several components of the Penny Harvest. The Penny Harvest is an excellent opportunity for the Mary Lin teachers, students, and parents to think about and take action in areas that need attention in our community. The students will be engaged in discussions that foster generosity, responsibility, and moral character. The Penny Harvest activities are also aligned with instruction, specifically in civics and mathematics. In essence, the Penny Harvest is a way for the students to respond to community needs through first-hand donation of funds, goods, or services.

Meet and Greet for Mary Lin Kindergarten

By Laura Lancaster Archer

Mary Lin Elementary would like to invite all parents of prospective kindergarteners to tour the school on Thursday, December 6th from 9:30 – 10:30AM. If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten in the 2008-09 school year, we'd like you to join us in the auditorium where Principal, Mr. Brian Mitchell will give a brief presentation about our school—with time for Q & A—followed by a tour of the school building and grounds.

Since this is a regularly scheduled school day, we ask that you not bring your child on the tour, so as not to disrupt the students. (We will be having a special morning, just for your rising Kindergartner this Spring.)

Can't make this tour? We'll be holding tours every month. Subsequent tours are scheduled for: Thursday, January 10th and Thursday, February 7th.

Questions? Contact me via email at archer@mindspring.com or call me at 404.524.4564 We look forward to seeing you at Lin!

Annual Artist's Market at Mary Lin

By Lisa Lester

Mary Lin Elementary School is hosting its annual Artist's Market from 11AM to 5PM on Saturday, November 10th. Local artists from throughout Atlanta are joining together for this event, offering everything from handcrafted pottery, to yard art, to jewelry. Kids will have a great time at the old-fashioned cake walk and the craft room will be open for them to make their own, one-of-a-kind, wrapping paper for all your purchases. So if you're searching for a unique gift for that special someone this holiday season, come spend a fun afternoon with us--shopping and supporting Mary Lin!

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CPNO October 2007 Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Walt Weimer

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, October 15, 2007 in the fellowship hall of First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Drive, with President Amy Stout in the chair. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. 16 people were in attendance at that time.

The proposed agenda was amended to remove the Security Patrol update and all land use voting matters, as applicants or officers were not available or required for presentations. Minutes of CPNO's September general meeting were then presented and approved.

Atlanta Police Dept. Zone 6 Sergeant Darin Schierbaum was recognized, and presented crime statistics indicating residential burglaries were still a significant issue, but that some recent arrests south of Candler Park should reduce overall crimes in this category. Artist sketches of 2 suspects in several Kirkwood neighborhood break-ins were shown, and descriptions provided. Sgt. Shierbaum noted an important APD program funded through year-end allows 5 off-duty officers to respond more promptly to high-priority 911 calls, and there followed some general discussion of how citizens can support City Council in approving continuation of this funding. In response to an audience question, Sgt. Schierbaum confirmed that 2 officers who rescued an elderly resident in a recent fire that damaged three homes in Inman Park were both with APD Zone 6.

Land use matters presented during CPNO's zoning committee meeting on Oct. 3rd were reviewed by committee chair James Johnson. The application by The Mercantile for liquor sales for off-premise consumption at the corner of Clifton Road and Dekalb Avenue has been deferred, pending additional information on interior and exterior seating, and parking and circulation onto the adjacent streets during business hours. A group charette has been scheduled for 7PM Thursday Nov. 15th at Epworth UMC to discuss the proposed multi-family redevelopment project at 1240 Euclid Avenue (the former Euclid Avenue Baptist Church property). Architect David Green, the project developers and adjacent neighbors will discuss possible options for mitigating density, mixed-use and other concerns prior to CPNO's December 5th zoning committee meeting. Former applicants for 1526 Iverson have withdrawn their requested variance and will remodel and rebuild within existing lot development setbacks, which led to some discussion regarding whether an individual neighbor's input sometimes thwarts committee or larger group efforts to compromise on reasonable conditions to a requested land use change or structure modification. Committee member Tom Painter noted that this demolition and another on Terrace Avenue may present early tests of the efficacy of the recently amended City of Atlanta ordinances on infill housing, and recommended that all CPNO residents recognize the limited inspection and enforcement resources of the City's planning and building staffs, who must often depend on vigilance by and requests from affected neighbors to make timely inspections before violations can be identified.

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CPNO Historic District committee chair Lauren Norton updated everyone on recent progress in developing a draft Statement of Intent, which is awaiting final input from CPNO residents and committee members, and will then help guide the committee in its next phase of work to document existing conditions that can or should be regulated under a possible historic district designation. Ms. Norton also noted that this process could take more than another year, and will require greater participation from Candler Park residents to become reality. A committee chair for 2008 is also needed to lead the next phase of the process, which will include educating residents about the risks and benefits of the initiative, including writing articles for The Messenger, and working with City Urban Design Commission and other officials to move the process forward. Some general discussion of Oakhurst neighborhood's similar efforts and challenges followed.

Legislative aide Ebony Barley of City Councilwoman Anne Fauver's office was recognized, and announced that city enforcement of water violations should be reported through a hotline at 404-982-1414. Inspectors who respond can determine if water use involves sources exempt from restrictions, such as rain barrels or grey-water tanks. Audience members noted an apparent water system leak at Marlbrook and Page Avenues, and requested confirmation whether the Candler Park Golf Course was allowed to water despite current restrictions. Ms. Barley provided her contact number (404-330-6049) for any citizen inquiries regarding these or other matters.

CPNO Treasurer Alonzo Church reported a total of $16,143.56 was on deposit, but that this was exclusive of the FallFest accounts, which were still being reconciled following the weekend event. A final report on FallFest financial results should be available at the November CPNO general meeting. There followed some general discussion by Amy Stout, Alonzo Church, Tom Painter and others regarding what appeared to have been a large attendance and successful presentations of the FallFest and Tour of Homes.

CPNO Environmental officer Tom Painter advised that McLendon Avenue bulbouts have continued to be a primary focus, noting recent *ad hoc* volunteer activities to weed and landscape Josephine St. and other intersections, and his own efforts visiting each location to find volunteers willing to adopt those less well-maintained (e.g. the SE corner of Elmira). Educating adjacent neighbors how their efforts can enhance their property's curb appeal, and potential availability of grants and donations of materials helped to spur adoption of the Mell Avenue bulbout by Epworth UMC volunteers. A motion to establish a special fund to reimburse reasonable maintenance expenses incurred by bulbout volunteers, up to $50 per location per year, was announced for consideration at CPNO's November general meeting, and an email list to circulate volunteer info on CPNO environmental initiatives may also be established for 2008.

General announcements followed, including recognition of president Amy Stout by Regina Brandt, who presented Ms. Stout with a large bouquet of flowers. Ted Pettus advised the audience of an upcoming arts and crafts event, Outside the Lines, to be held at First Existentialist Church on December 7th and 8th from 10 AM – 5 PM. Mr. Pettus also announced that 2008 calendars featuring photography by local artist Glen Lopez were available, following successful attendance at his FallFest artist's booth. There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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NPU-N Report
By Amy Stout

The following items from the **September 27** NPU-N meeting are most likely to be of interest to Candler Park.

- The board approved a variance application for **1279 McLendon Ave** to reduce the half-depth front yard setback to allow a two-story addition contingent on three conditions, consistent with the CPNO's earlier vote.
- The board voted to recommend denial of a variance application for **1526 Iverson St** to reduce the front, west side, and east side yard setbacks to allow a second story addition because the applicant had repeatedly failed to attend previous NPU-N meetings for which the matter was on the agenda (including this one), and because negotiations with the neighbors had not generated a suitable compromise plan, the application had not been voted on at the neighborhood level, and the applicant had not responded to multiple attempts at communication.

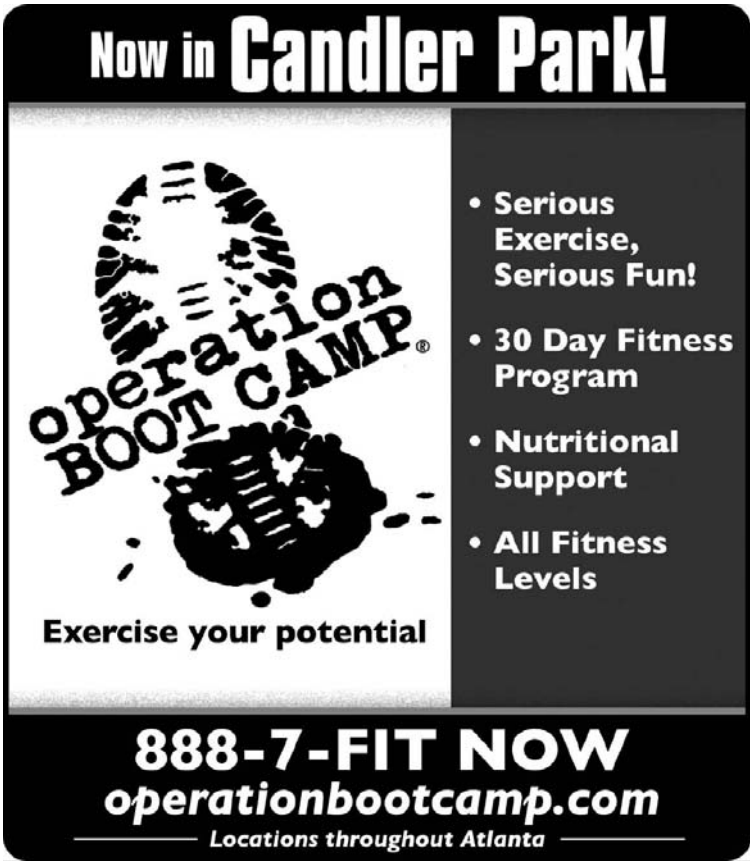
The following items from the **October 25** NPU-N meeting are most likely to be of interest to Candler Park.

- The board voted to remove from their agenda a variance application for **350 Ferguson St** (to reduce the side yard setback to allow construction of a detached garage) because the applicant had notified the City that he wished to withdraw the request.
- The board voted to recommend approval of two ordinances that would require NPU review of applications for a license to operate either a self-service car wash or a secondary metal recycler.

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

13th Annual Euclid Arts Collective Studio Tour & Sale
From a Press Release

The artists of Studio 102 and Studio 106 of the Euclid Arts Collective (EAC) will be opening their doors to the public for their 13th annual studio tour and art sale at the Little 5 Points Community Center in Inman Park. This popular and free event will open on Friday, Nov. 30th at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. and continue on Saturday and Sunday, Dec 1st and 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A total of 9 artists will participate, representing a variety of media: clay, fiber, glass, gourd, semi-precious gems and wood. The artists are clay artists Mary Cote, Tina Cox, Korey Gotoo and Michelle Jordan, glass artist Brenna Baker, jeweler Terri Brunson, gourd artist Yvonne Dauria, wood-turner Bob Stanton and fiber artist Christine Stanton. Three of these artists--Michelle Jordan, Bob Stanton and Christine Stanton--are residents of Candler Park. Artwork will include hand-blown glass, hand-turned wood, gourd vessels, jewelry, hand-built and wheel-thrown pottery, hand-woven wearables, sculpture and ornaments.



Inman Park Cooperative Preschool 23rd Annual Holiday Sale and Auction

By Julie Johnson
IPCP Communications Committee Member

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool invites you to get a head start on holiday shopping at our annual Holiday Sale and Auction, Sunday, November 18, 2007 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Inman Park Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Avenue.

This year's auction features live music, a café serving dinner, snacks and dessert, and a "bar" with beverages courtesy of Twain's and The Brick Store Pub. Hundreds of Atlanta's most eclectic goods and services will be auctioned off, including everything from original art, furnishings and gift certificates to vacation getaways and tickets to theater and sporting events. Admission is FREE. We accept cash, checks or credit cards for all purchases. For further information, contact Anne Henn at (404) 681-4366 or achenn@bellsouth.net, or see the Preschool's website at www.ipcp.org.

Step on a Crack, Break Your Mother's…

By Amy Stout

Did you know that residents are responsible for repairs or replacement of public sidewalks on their property?

The names and contact information for the following contractors were provided to me by Councilmember Anne Fauver's office as part of a larger list of companies that supposedly have been authorized by the City of Atlanta to complete construction activities within the City's right-of-way. These contractors should meet City requirements (with regard to bonding and insurance, etc.) to construct sidewalks and be able to pull city permits to work on sidewalks on your property. Of the original list of ten companies that I called, these are the only three companies that confirmed that they still do or will do sidewalk work.

Adaka Enterprises, Cascade Rd, Atlanta, GA
404-597-0788 or 404-392-3715

Prime Contractors, Shaddix Industrial Way,
Douglasville, GA
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Zoning Matters

By James Johnson

The Candler Park Zoning Committee met Wednesday 3 October and reviewed the variance to reduce the side-yard setback for the construction of a detached garage at 350 Ferguson Street and the application for a beer and wine license for The Mercantile located at 1660 DeKalb Avenue.

Regarding the variance for 350 Ferguson, the committee requested four conditions be met in order for the variance request to be approved. The four conditions were; complete a survey of the property, obtain additional signatures from adjacent neighbors, recalculate the square foot percentages per the new infill guidelines, and provide a letter stating that the second floor of the garage only be used for storage and not as occupied space. The applicants decided to withdraw their application and redesign the proposed garage to comply with the city zoning ordinance.

The committee heard the application for 1660 DeKalb Avenue and offered recommendations. However the item was not voted on due to the applicants desire to not obtain the permit until after the new year. This item will be on the agenda for a future meeting.

The November Candler Park Zoning Committee meeting will be held Wednesday 7 November 2007 at the Epworth United Methodist Church. 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.

In addition to the regular November meeting, the Zoning Committee will be meeting with the owners and architects of 1240 Euclid Avenue for a Charrette on Thursday 15 November 2007. All interested neighbors are invited to attend.

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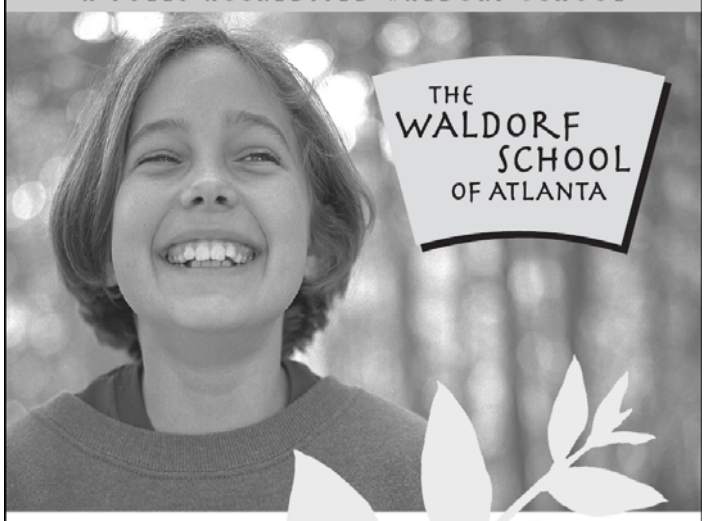

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Zoning Matters, Part Deux

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For those of you not familiar with a Charrette, it is a collaborative session where a group of designers and stakeholders (owners, users, neighbors, etc.) draft a solution to a design problem. For you historically minded etymologists, it is thought to originate from the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris in the 19th century, the word charrette is from the French for "cart" or "chariot." It was not unknown for student architects to continue working furiously, at the last minute, on the illustrations for their design presentations, even while riding in the school cart ("en charrette") through the streets of Paris enroute to submit the projects to their professors. Hence, the term metamorphosed into the current design-related usage in conjunction with working right up until a deadline. Historically, the term charrette also has been applied to the cart or tumbril used to carry the condemned to the guillotine.

The agenda for the November meeting includes the following item:
299 Moreland Avenue Variance to reduce the number off-street parking spaces.

Waldorf School of Atlanta's 20th Annual Holiday Fair

From yet another Press Release

Visit us on Saturday, Nov. 17th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Beeswax candle dipping, gourd painting, crystal cookie cave, archery, face painting, & more! Enjoy magical, one-of-a-kind shopping for children in our Enchantment Shop. Handmade marionettes and live music help weave a fairy tale puppet show. Unique gifts made from natural materials, including handmade dolls, plant dyed silks and yarns, wooden toys, jewelry, paintings, and knitted treasures and toys made from safe and natural materials. Delicious food (organic and vegetarian options). FREE admission, fees for activities. 711 S. Columbia Drive, Decatur, (404) 377-1315, www.waldorfatlanta.org

Outside the Lines Arts & Crafts Festival

From a different Press Release

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Zone 6 Crime Report

September 16 – October 19
Compiled by David Bruce

300 block Moreland Ave – Assault - 9/16 Sun Day. Officer pulled in behind the suspect's vehicle to serve an arrest warrant. The suspect fought with the officer and attempted to drive off with the officer halfway inside the vehicle. The officer was able to control the suspect until additional units arrived, at which time he was taken into custody. A stolen handgun was recovered from the drivers seat of the suspects vehicle. Arrestee: B/M, 27YOA.

400 block Moreland Ave – Auto theft - 9/22 Sat Morn. Victim reports someone stole his vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot.

400 block Terrace Ave – Auto theft - 9/19 Wed Day. Victim reports someone stole his vehicle while it was parked on the street. The victim stated the vehicle had been parked for approx 3 weeks and was not working. No broken glass was found where it had been parked and there was no record of it being impounded.

300 block Brooks St – Burglary - 9/17 Mon Day. Victim stated he came home to find his back door open and property missing.

300 block Clifton Rd – Burglary - 9/21 Fri Day. Victim reports someone pried open a side window with a shovel, entered the home, and removed property.

1200 block Euclid Ave – Burglary - 9/22 Sat Day. When the victim returned home he noticed someone had pulled the window screen out from a window he left open. Nothing taken.

1600 block Dekalb Ave – Larceny - 9/17 Mon Day. Victim reports someone stole her landscaping trailer from her business parking lot. The victim leaves the lot unsecured during the day.

1300 block North Ave – Burglary - 9/28 – 10/2 – Fri-Tue. No report.

1300 block Dekalb Ave – Larceny - 10/9 Tue Morn. Victim reports someone removed a 300 gallon fuel tank from the construction site.

1400 block McLendon Ave – Larceny - 10/8 Mon Eve. Victim reports someone took his trailer after he parked it on the street.

Druid Pl @ Moreland Ave – Assault - 10/14 Sun Morn. Officers responded to a man beating a woman. Upon their arrival the female victim was not responsive at the scene. Officers took the male subject into custody. Officers spoke with a witness who stated, the male subject punched the female victim in the face and stomach at least five times before she fell to the ground. Once she was on the ground the male kicked her repeatedly. The woman began foaming from the mouth. She was transported to Grady Hospital. The subject was transported to Dekalb County Jail. Once officers arrived to the hospital to talk with the victim, she stated all she remembered was leaving the MARTA station from work. Arrestee: B/M, 6"2, 170lbs.

Euclid Ave @ Moreland Ave – Assault - 10/18 Thurs Eve. Victim stated the suspect stole a plate of food off an outside table. The victim ran up to the suspect who pulled out a black handled razor and held it up as if he was going to strike the victim with it. The suspect was located and taken in to custody. Arrestee: B/M, 49YOA

500 block Oakdale Rd – Auto theft - 10/19 Fri Day. Victim stated someone stole his vehicle and trailer after he left it parked on the street with the keys still inside.

1400 block Dekalb Ave – Robbery pedestrian - 10/18 Thurs Morn. Victim stated he was walking down Hutchinson when he noticed the suspects behind him. He turned around and saw that one of the suspects had what appeared to be a knife. One of the suspects stated" Give me your wallet or I'm going to slice you". After taking the victims wallet the suspect ran eastbound on Hutchinson. Suspect: B/M, 18-20YOA, 5'11", Light Colored shirt and dark pants. Suspect: B/M, 18-20YOA, 5'06", Dark pants and dark blue long sleeve sweat shirt.

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