# The Messenger

November 2008 News for Candler Park Your In Town Hometown

# **Meetings and Events**

# CPNO general meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm (social period @ 6:30 pm)

CPNO general meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# **November General Meeting Agenda:**

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and October minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- ♦ Variance for 369 Mell Ave
- ◆ Exception for 358 Oakdale Rd
- Vote on Freedom Park Conserv. funds
- Election of 2009 CPNO Officers
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit December agenda items to any CPNO officer by November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008

# Events Calendar (open to all) Monday November 3rd @ 7pm

Fall Fest Committee - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Wednesday November 5th @ 7pm
CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth
United Methodist Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Saturday November 8th @ 8:30 am
Friends of Candler Park – park cleanup
(meet at CP parking lot entrance)

Monday November 10th @ 7pm CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth United Methodist Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Thursday November 13th @ 7pm
Friends of Candler Park – TBE
(contact JoJo Ross, 404.547.8542)

Monday November 17th @ 7pm
CPNO Regular Meeting - First
Existentialist Congregation

Thursday November 20th @ 7pm NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday November 26th @ 7pm
CPNO Historic District Committee Epworth United Methodist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Wednesday December 3rd @ 7pm
CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth
United Methodist Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

# Fire Station Brown Outs Make Neighbors See Red

By Amy Stout

Due to budget cuts, the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department has decided they must temporarily "decommission" some units. According to this Brown Out Strategy, the department will inactivate selected vehicles (for 12 to 24 hours) instead of hiring substitutes when sufficient personnel are not available for duty due to family leave, sick leave, military leave, or retirement. Deputy Chief H. B. Dobson, Jr., Division Chief Ken Byers, and Captain Jimmy Hodges were on hand at our October NPU-N meeting with facts and figures to explain the strategy and answer questions.

### Who Will Shut Down?

- First vehicle to go: Fire truck at Station 12 (Dekalb Avenue)
- Second vehicle to go: Fire truck at Station 25 (Cascade Heights, SW Atlanta)
- Third vehicle to go: Fire engine at Station 12
- Fourth: Engine 27 (near Chastain Park)
- Fifth: Engine 22 (Bankhead)
- Sixth: Engine 34 (near the airport)

When more staff members are out, more vehicles will be forced to go offline. It seems quite possible to me that both vehicles at Station 12 could be shut down simultaneously.

# Fire Truck vs. Fire Engine

You may ask yourself, what's the difference between a fire truck and a fire engine? In short, the truck is the big one, the one with the huge aerial ladder. Fire trucks also carry all the tools necessary to fight fires such as axes, chain saws, large ladders, etc. Fire engines carry the water and hoses primarily. Not all stations in Atlanta have a fire truck.

# Why Us?

Decisions were based on three factors:

- the measured drive times for each call
- the number of calls a given station receives, and
- the number of target hazards within the vicinity of the station

Illustrations shown at the NPU-N meeting revealed that Station 12 has the lowest call volume of all stations. (Did you know that 66% of Fire Rescue calls are for medical emergencies?) Also, the map on page 10 reveals that we do not have many fires in our area.

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# The Messenger

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# We Had a Ball!

By Donna Palmer

The first annual Candler Park Fall Ball was so much fun we decided to do it again next year. Over 100 people showed up for the dinner/dance and I'm proud to say that most folks got into the spirit of things and dressed in either western or prom wear. (See photos on pages 3 and 5.)

Successful parties never just happen. Many, many people contributed to this one and I want to thank as many as I can remember. I'll start with two of my BFF's Jennifer Boxer and Silvia Edelstein. These two well-known chefs donated hours and days of their precious time to buy, prep and cook the delicious food served at this year's bash. We even got Hippie Hineman out of bed before dawn one morning to help us smoke 50 pounds of pork butts. (If that ain't love, I don't know what is!)

Thanks to Regina Brandt for the wonderful decorations, Laura Edison for collecting ticket request forms and Mike Boardman for making last minute snazzy signage for the ball. Thanks to Alonzo Church for his patience in trying to figure out the check requests. Big kisses to the Catering Krewe volunteers for heating up pans of food and schlepping them to the party: Kathi Kelley, Rick Perera and Amy Stout.

Muchos gracias to Cate and Harvey for greeting the guests at the door, BeBopBob Visentin for getting the band to show up, Bill Fleming and the ExPand Band for sharing so much energy with the crowd, I just knew we'd have an explosion!

Thanks also to Bill Read for taking charge of clean up and to Rick Westbrook and the members of the Existentialist Congregation for giving us a neighborhood discount on the rent-a-church.

Most of all, my deepest heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who bought a ticket to this event. Without you, it wouldn't have been nearly as much fun. See you next year. (We're considering "Funky Town" for the theme in 2009...)



Laughter in the Park



CPNO President Amy Stout and "The Mysterious Stranger" show off their assets at the Fall Ball



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### **Brown Outs**

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### Same "Level" of Service

Even though some vehicles may be out of service, we were repeatedly told the "response level will be the same." What this means is that they will still send the same number of responders. instance, for a typical house fire, they will still send 3 engines, 2 trucks, and 2 battalion chiefs. (I had no idea!) Obviously, the response time will be greater though. With Station 12's truck out of service, the nearest fire truck to our neighborhood is at Station 10 in Grant Park at 447 Boulevard Ave SE (3.7 miles from my house by way of congested Moreland Avenue according to Google Maps instead of the 1.1 miles from Station 12) and the second closest is at Station 15 in Midtown at 170 10<sup>th</sup> Str NE (4.2 miles from my house). We will have to rely on these more distant trucks, assuming they are not out on other calls.

### The Future is Now

Based on newspaper articles, press releases, and other presentations, brown outs would not start until late November. They were anticipating having to institute the policy as more people took time off over the Thanksgiving holiday season. Unfortunately, we've already had our first closing at Station 12. On Saturday night, October 25, the truck at Station 12 went out of service at 7 pm. You may have accidentally fallen asleep that night with your Halloween lights still plugged in and/or your jack-o-lantern still burning.

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Fall Ball Catering Krewe member Kathi Kelley and her Sassy Boots



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# Fall Fest Memories – Another Spectacular Year By Mark Clement

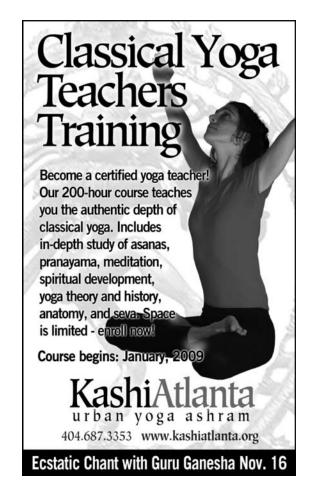
With this year's Candler Park Fall Fest a very recent memory, we can all take a moment to reflect. This year's festival was picture perfect clear blue skies, peak foliage, many friends and neighbors enjoying arts, cuisine and entertainment. The festival drew its biggest crowd ever, and the Fall Fest 5K, Tour of Homes, Kids Area, Canine Cotillion and our music line up was especially well-attended.

Our Mission statement is: To make the Candler Park Fall Fest a community based fun event to promote Candler Park that is cost natural. Although our final financial numbers are not yet available, I think it's undisputable that we once again fulfilled our mission by creating an event that was a good time for all.

The festival, a very large undertaking, would be impossible without the help of many volunteers who generously donate their time. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped this years Candler Park Fall Festival a success! Special thanks goes out to our Fall Fest Committee: Mary Alice Bray, Mike and Regina Brandt, Laura Winters, Janea Boyles, Carla Key, Walt Weimar and Alonzo Church. And to all of the great volunteers that came to us from groups like The Clifton House, Epworth Methodist, Lin PTA, Friends of Candler Park, City Church Eastside, Lake Clair and Little five points Corner Tavern.

I all so want to thank our Fall Fest sponsors - local businesses that support us and our community - I encourage all of us to return the favor as their patrons.

We truly have a great event that brings together brings neighbors as well as our neighborhood groups together in a wonderful way. Let us all do our part to keep this spirit and festival alive.



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# 2008 Tour of Homes

By Mary Alice Bray

October 12<sup>th</sup> started out cloudy and overcast but the weather turned around, and we had another great day for the Tour of Homes. We had 8 beautiful houses and a loft on Dekalb Avenue ranging in construction dates from 1900 to 2006. We sold about 350 tickets plus 50 tickets given to all homeowners and TOH volunteers. We had a big turn out and a really wonderful house tour.

Many thanks to Nancy Porteous, Ivy Carruth and Mary Larson for all their help in making this tour a success. Thanks to Carla Key for selling tickets at the Fall Fest booth in the park. Thanks again to Tom Cappello and Allison Troxell for the wonderful house photography, Judith Gott for letting us use the Gilded Angel, and Robert Craig for his interesting articles in the tour booklet.

Also, thanks to our wonderful volunteers who were house sitters and sold tickets. Special thanks to all the friends and neighbors who volunteer year after year.

A BIG thank you to our enthusiastic and creative homeowners who spent a lot of time, energy and money getting their houses ready for the tour.

Some of our favorite sights of the day were watching some tourists from France, England and Asia going on the tour, and Margaret Bryce enthusiastically hawking tickets in the middle of Oakdale. Thanks to everyone for a great day!

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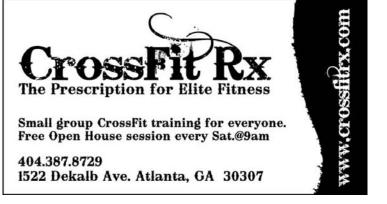
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# **Neighborhood Planning Unit-N Report**

By Amy Stout

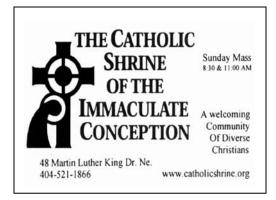
We did not have a quorum present at our October 23, 2008 NPU-N meeting, so we could not vote or take any official positions.

There were only two land use items on the agenda, and neither concerned properties in Candler Park.

We learned from the City of Atlanta's Parks Dept representative that both the basketball court and swimming pool in Candler Park will be resurfaced this fall/winter. Both had developed cracks, and the repairs will be repaired at no cost to us, the taxpayers, because the work is still under warranty.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Dept representatives were present to further explain their plans to "brown out" or inactivate certain fire trucks around town in an effort to cut costs as necessitated by recent budget cuts. (See related article on page 1.)

We learned about proposed legislation that would amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Atlanta to include a new section on Secured Storage Facilities (climate-controlled, secured compartments, spaces or rooms for self storage of valuable possessions) and designate these businesses as a permitted use category within the MRC (Mixed Residential Commercial) zoning category. We will vote on these changes at an upcoming meeting, so please contact me if you have questions, concerns, or would like more information on these ordinances.



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# **Vote Early and Vote Often**

By Donna Palmer

Now before you get your pantie drawers in a wad, please note that I am not advocating that anyone should go out and break any federal election laws. What I'm talking about is full participation in good old American-style democracy. Let me explain. We'll begin with the "Vote Early" part.

In order to avoid the much talked about LONG LINES and chaos at the polls on November 4<sup>th</sup>, my baboo and I decided to vote early. The Georgia General Assembly, in all of their wisdom, made it possible for Hockey Moms and other busy people to go to the polls and vote for the candidates of their choice weeks before the official election day. Not only have Hockey Moms taken them up on the offer, it seems that a whole lot of other folks have too. Dekalb County has one of the highest early voting records in the nation.

I also wanted to double down on my vote, so I volunteered to drive an elderly lady to the polls with me so that she could cast her ballot early and also avoid the hubbub. *And*, once the friendly folks at the polling place got a good look at her walker, the elderly lady and I sailed through each and every step of the voting process. They even raised the ropes so we could jump the line.

Now let's get to the "Vote Often" part. Once you've cast your ballot in the federal, state and local elections, its time to vote in the neighborhood campaign.

Each year at the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization's November meeting, officers are elected to help run our beautiful hood. This year the nominating committee has begged and pleaded with various individuals who meet the criteria...namely, anyone who is a member of the CPNO and has attended 4 meetings in the past year. So far, the candidates for 2009 include:

- Amy Stout for President
- Alonzo Church for Treasurer
- Maureen Wilce for Secretary
- Regina Brandt for Public Safety Officer
- Mark Clement for Special Projects
- Jo Jo Ross for Environmental Officer

This leaves VP, Membership and Zoning wide open. Won't you consider volunteering your time for these worthwhile activities? Who knows, it could give your resume an added boost!

We'll be voting on these appointments and accepting nominations from the floor at the November CPNO meeting. Please join us. I can guarantee you won't need a walker to jump the line.

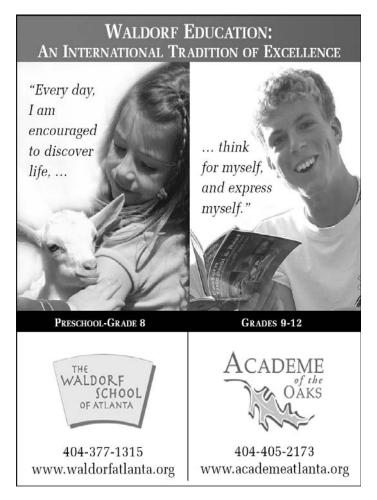
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# **Brown Outs**

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# What To Do

First of all, please be extra careful at all times! And plan ahead: Have fire drills at home. Be sure you have more than one escape route. If your house is like mine, you have some old windows that aren't so easy to open. (I think I'll keep a hammer by the bed now!) And change your smoke detector batteries.

At our October CPNO meeting, the members present voted in favor of a resolution directing the President to write letters to the Mayor, our District 6 City Councilmember and our three At-Large Councilmembers to express our opposition to the periodic elimination of service from Station 12. I encourage you to send your own feedback as well. Contact info is listed below.

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Location of all fires in Atlanta in 2007

# **Knocking on Heaven's Door**

From a Press Release

The First Existentialist Congregation invites you to join us on **Friday**, **November 14**<sup>th</sup> for a night of lyrics, limericks, laughter and lies. The goal is to raise \$\$ to repair the damaged metal door on the "Hippie" side of the building.

Front doors open at 7 and the show starts at 8. Be prepared for anything...drag queens, piano players, hula dancers. The list goes on and on. And so will the show! Call 404.378.5570 for more info.

# **Outside the Lines**

From another Press Release

Get a jump on the holiday shopping season by attending the Outside the Lines artist market at the First Existentialist Congregation on **Friday**, **December 5**<sup>th</sup> and **Saturday**, **December 6**<sup>th</sup>.

This event features local arts and crafts that are sure to please even the most difficult person on your shopping list.

# **Weeding Through the Green Noise**

From yet another Press Release

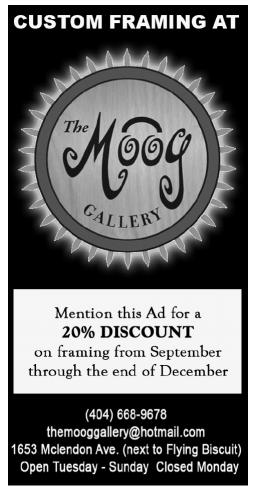
We've all heard the eco-friendly mantra "go green", but what does that actually mean? Amidst the hype surrounding green marketing and product development, Atlantans are left with the challenge of how to weed through the "green noise" in the marketplace and truly integrate sustainable practices into everyday life.

Enviro Expo USA and Georgia Recycling Coalition will host Atlanta's First Consumer Green Expo from **November 14-15th 2008** at America's Mart. This free event will provide the perspective and education needed to make much-needed improvements in the way we consume, work, play and live as a society. **Enviro Expo USA** will feature a Green Town Hall meeting with members from the EPA and other environmental organizations, more than 20 expert speakers who will discuss topics ranging from eco-conscious landscaping to everyday water conservation, interactive local business exhibits, and organic products available for purchase including food, cosmetics, coffee, clothing and baby food.

To learn more, please contact Dianne Bennett, president of Enviro Expo USA at dianne@enviroexpousa.org or visit www.enviroexpousa.org.







# **Hash...The Mother of Invention**

By the Food Freak

My friends Katy-Ruby, Ripp and Captain Erin—part of that rowdy crowd on Elmira Place—enjoy an unusual pastime known as "hashing". (I know it sounds illegal, but it isn't. Well, mostly it isn't.) According to Wikipedia, Hash House Harriers is an international social club whose members run around playing chase and consuming adult beverages. Apparently there are a couple of folks who act as the "hares". These players lay out a complicated route through neighborhoods and parks using flour to mark the trail. Then, the rest of the hashers pretend to be the "pack of hounds" and chase after them. Sounds fun doesn't it? There is even a group for those of us who are less energetic. It's called Slow Lazy Urban Thursdays. (Naughty acronyms are big with hashers.)

All this talk about the running, drinking and hashing got me to thinking about another kind of hash. The kind you make using leftovers. And, with Thanksgiving just around the corner, a good old fashioned Turkey Hash recipe might come in handy.

Before we begin, you should note that there are some general rules in making hash. Most recipes include leftover roast beast (turkey, ham or beef), a starch (taters or rice), leftover veggies and a savory kicker meat such as bacon or sausage. The amount of the individual ingredients you use depends entirely upon your family's tastes and how many leftovers are stacked in the fridge waiting to become in-home science experiments. Feel free to mix and match your hash ingredients. Chances are if you paired the ingredients in your original menu, they'll go well together in your hash.

To make a general all-purpose Thanksgiving leftover hash, start by chopping the roast beast into bits, then peel and chop an onion. Place the leftover bones in a large sauce pan, cover with water and then toss in the onion scraps. Set this to a gentle boil and pretty soon you'll have a lovely stock.

Now fry a few pieces of bacon or sausage in a heavy skillet until brown and crispy. Drain on paper towels, and then set aside. Add chopped onion to the hot bacon or sausage grease and sauté until softened. Now, add the starch. If you are using cooked rice, just toss it in. But, if you are using leftover mashed potatoes or mashed sweet potatoes, leave them out of the hash itself. Instead, use them as a warm base for the cooked hash.

Now add the roast beast bits and leftover veggies to the skillet. Popular options include green beans, corn, butter beans, etc. If the mixture seems dry, ladle in some of the stock or a little wine. When everything is heated through, sprinkle the cooked bacon or sausage on top and serve. Enjoy!



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### **CPNO October Minutes**

Compiled by Maureen Wilce

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, October 20, 2008 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Church, with president Amy Stout in the chair. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. Approximately twenty-five people were present at the start of the meeting.

The proposed agenda was adopted along with the minutes from last month.

No representatives were present from council person Anne Fauver's office at this meeting.

No representatives were present from the Atlanta Police Department.

# **Committee Reports**

The In-fill Committee meeting for this month is canceled.

No new applications for zoning variances have been submitted.

NPU-N will meet October 23rd.

Mark Clement reported on Fall Fest. All went well. Next Tuesday the committee will meet for wrap up.

Alonzo Church reported that the organization has \$44,031.93 in the bank.

Donna Palmer reported the Fall Ball and gave a budget/expense breakout. Another party will be planned for next year.

Mary Alice Bray reported that Tour of Homes went well with diverse people visiting and volunteering. Extra booklets were available at the meeting.

# **New Business**

Alonzo Church explained the proposed vetting process for groups wishing to propose permanent changes to the neighborhood parks and other neighborhood infrastructure. The full text is published in the October Messenger. The plan is for groups to meet with the board, place an article in the Messenger, present at a general meeting, and then hold a vote at the next meeting. This is similar to the zoning process. Discussion centered around the impact of such a process when the City ultimately makes such decisions. This process would improve the communications, and improve the planning process through soliciting ideas, and build buy-in. This will also allow information to be conveyed to the NPU, and the City generally respects neighborhood input. A vote will be taken next month on the process.

No land use matters were presented

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### **CPNO Minutes**

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Randy Pimsler and Donna Palmer reported the Nominating Committee still has vacancies for the Zoning Committee, Membership Secretary, and Vice President. Amy, Alonzo, Mark, Regina, and Maureen Wilce have agreed to run for their respective positions again. JoJo Ross has agreed to run for Environmental Officer. Nominations are still being sought, Anyone interested in serving should contact Randy, Donna, Walt Weimar, or Mark Clement. Anyone qualified (CPNO members having attended 4 meetings this year) can also be nominated at November's general meeting.

JoJo Ross briefly presented the Pool Plaza design prior to a vote of support. Questions were asked about the structural soundness of the wall/pavers with regard to the stage and the plant placement. She clarified that foundation will not support a stage and the plant area will only be a few feet wide. Drainage is a concern and debris may gather. Friends of Candler Park is trying to get external funding, but want neighborhood approval of the plan. A motion was made to approve the plan, provided that the wall is granite and appropriate drainage holes are included. The motion carried.

Randy Pimsler reported that we are waiting on a release regarding the end of the pool lawsuit.

Concerns were raised about the "brownout" for Station 12. If this occurs, response time will be affected. Home owners/fire insurance may be impacted by this change. A plea was made for each of us to call the mayor, council representative, and council members at large regarding this issue. Bryan Sells made a motion that the CPNO president write a letter to the mayor, council representatives and council members at large opposing the brownout of the station and communicating with the NPU asking them to do the same. The motion carried.

# **Announcements**

The First Existentialist Church will host a musical event on Friday November 14 to raise funds to replace the door. On December 5-6, they will host an art sale with many local artists work available.

Electronic recycling will be held at Decatur High School 9 -1 this coming Saturday.

Brian Sells reminded us that election is in two weeks, the vote turn out is expected to be high, so long lines are expected. The absentee ballots are still being issued, and votes must be signed to be counted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13



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# Friends of Iverson Park

By Eric Dusenbury

The Friends of Iverson Park (FIP) will be presenting proposed changes to Iverson Park at the November Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) meeting. The purpose of the presentation is informational; for FIP to keep everyone informed and for everyone to present feedback to FIP on the plans. Feedback will be considered and FIP will make another presentation at the December CPNO meeting for the purpose of getting approval to move forward with the proposed plans. Current plans include the following improvements to the park:

- Reconnect the park to MARTA via a lighted sidewalk. We realize this is controversial but we wanted to raise it and get input from the neighborhood on it.
- Remove the junipers along Iverson, build a low (approximately 24 inch tall) wall along the sidewalk, and grade the slope to minimize erosion
- Build a walking/biking loop around the periphery of the park
- Clearing out the underbrush around the periphery of the park
- Create planted visual barrier or fence along alleyway on west side of park
- Add a grass volleyball court to the southwest corner of the park
- Add benches to the park
- · Replace existing stairs at entrance to park
- Adding an entrance to the northwest corner of the park to improve access for those coming from Oakdale
- · Repair the back stop
- Add sign notifying people not to use field when it is wet
- Add dog waste bag dispenser
- Stabilize lights so they stand vertically
- Remove footings for old lights that have been removed (along the sidewalk along the east side of the park)
- Repair sidewalk and address erosion on east side of the park
- Add history of the site to the main sign and relocate the sign so it is easier to see

The Friends of Iverson Park is a new group and we are still looking for people that are interested in getting involved. Please contact Eric Dusenbury at 404-522-7130 or <a href="mailto:dusenbur@bellsouth.net">dusenbur@bellsouth.net</a> if you would like to be involved. Otherwise, we look forward to hearing from you at the November CPNO meeting.



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# What Do Birds and Criminals Have In Common?

By Regina Brandt

They both head south for the winter. That's right folks, as the holiday season approaches, so does the criminal element. Last year, a wave of thieves hit Candler Park and surrounding areas just before Thanksgiving.

Many of these crimes took place in broad daylight with plenty of people around to act as witnesses. But, this fact and many an alarm system did little to deter the creeps.

Criminals are looking for easy entrance to our homes and taking anything of value that they can get their hands on...flat screen televisions, laptop computers, jewelry and cash are their main targets.

These thieves watch us to get to know our routines and peep into windows to see if we have anything worth stealing. If you see anything that looks even the slightest bit suspicious, call 911.

And before you leave your digs to head for grandma's—or wherever the holiday season takes you—take a few moments to check that all of your doors and windows are secure and that your valuables aren't out in the open. And remember (Jennifer) don't leave that key dangling in the deadbolt!

# **Crime Report**

Compiled by Regina Brandt

[Editor's Note: While *The Messenger* is a neighborhood publication, the items listed in the Crime Report can sometimes be graphic and are not meant for children.]

**400 Block Lakeshore Dr**—Larceny from Auto. 9/1. Fri Morn. Two vehicles involved. Someone smashed a passenger side window on each vehicle and removed property

**400 Block Lakeshore**—Larceny from Auto. 9/1. Mon Day. Someone damaged the passenger side vent window and door lock on the victim's vehicle. No property was missing.

**1700 Block McLendon Ave**—Larceny from Auto. 9/3-9/4. Thurs Morn. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property

**400 Block Page Ave**—Larceny from Auto. 9/4. Thurs Eve. Someone damaged the rear driver side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

1300 Block Iverson St—Residential Burglary. 9/4. Thurs Eve. Officer responded to an alarm call. When he arrived he found someone had smashed the window in the back door. The home was searched but no one was found inside. The victim arrived and stated that property had been taken. A witness reported seeing the suspects in a silver vehicle driving up and down the street. Another witness reported seeing the suspect pulling out of the victim's driveway.

**1500 Block McLendon Ave**—Larceny from Auto. 9/4-9/5. Fri Morn. Victim reported someone broke a vent window and removed property.

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**800 Block Briarcliff Rd**—Larceny from Auto. 9/4-9/5. Fri Morn. Victim reported damage to her door locks to gain entry and removed property from her vehicle.

**1700 Block Indiana Ave**—Larceny from Auto. 9/6-9/7. Sun Morn. Victim reported someone broke the passenger side window, gained entry and remove property from the vehicle.

- **40 Block Lullwater PI**—Larceny from Auto. 9/6-9/7. Sun Day. Someone entered the victim's vehicle and removed property. The vehicle was not damaged and the victim stated she did not report the theft when it happened because she wanted to check to see if her daughter removed the property
- **1 Block Prescott Walk**—Larceny from Auto. 9/7. Sun Morn. Victim reported someone broke the passenger window and removed property.
- **200 Block Southerland Ter**—Larceny from Auto. 9/7. Sun Day. Victim reported someone broke the rear passenger side window and removed property from his vehicle.
- **400 Block Claire Dr**—Auto Theft. 9/7-9/8. Mon Morn. Victim reported someone stole his vehicle, no money is owed on the vehicle.

**1900 Block Tuxedo Ave**—Attempted Auto Theft. 9/7-9/8. Mon Morn. Someone smashed the rear passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and damaged the ignition.

**1500 Block Iverson St** –Larceny. 9/8-9/12. Fri Day. Victim suspects her neighbor stole mail from her mail box and paid bills using the bank account numbers.

**200 Block Oxford PI**—Auto Theft Recovery. 9/9. Tue Morn. Officer responded to an abandoned vehicle call. The vehicle was located and confirmed stolen from Atlanta.

**300m Block Elmira Pl**—Larceny from Auto. 9/10- 9/11 Thurs Morn. Two vehicles involved.

Someone unzipped the rear passenger side window on one vehicle and slid open the rear window on the other. Property was removed.

**1300 Block Euclid Ave**—Larceny from Auto. 9/11-9/12. Fri Morn. Four vehicles involved.

Someone smashed a window on each vehicle and removed property.

**1300 Block Benning Pl**—Larceny from Auto. 9/11-9/13. Thurs/ Sat. Someone removed the catalytic converter from the victim's vehicle.

**2000 Block Palifox Dr**—Larceny from Auto. 9/12. Fri Morn. Someone smashed the front driver side window on the victim's vehicle and rummaged through it. No property was removed.

**200 Block Ferguson St**—Auto Theft. 9/14. Sun Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle while he was out of the country.

**200 Block Moreland Ave**—Larceny from Auto. 9/14. Sun Day. Parking lot. Two vehicles involved at this location. Someone smashed the rear driver side window on one victim's vehicle, entered and removed property. Someone smashed the rear passenger side window on the other victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

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**500 Block Lakeshore Dr**—Larceny from Auto. 9/15. Mon Day. Someone entered the victim's unsecured vehicle and removed property

**500 Block Candler St**—Larceny from Auto. 9/16. Tues Day. Victim stated he heard a strange noise outside. When he investigated, he discovered that his vehicle's passenger window was broken and the center console damaged, but nothing was taken. No suspects or witnesses to the incident.

**1600 Block Ponce de Leon Ave** –Larceny from Auto. 9/16. Tues Morn. Victim reported earlier that day his car window had been broken out. When he victim came outside he observed the suspect sitting inside his vehicle. As he approached, the suspect fled on foot carrying the vehicle stereo.

**400 Block Page Ave**—Larrceny from Auto. 9/18. Thurs Morn. Someone smashed the passenger side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property

**300 Block Candler St**—Auto Theft. 9/18. Thurs Eve, Someone stole the victim's vehicle while it was parked on the street.

**300 Block Moreland Ave**—Larceny from Auto. 9/20. Sat Morn. Parking lot. Someone damaged the driver side door lock on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

**1500 Block S. Ponce de Leon Ave**--Larceny from Auto. 9/20. Sat Eve. Parking lot. Someone smashed the front driver side window on the victim's vehicle, entered, and removed property

**1800 Block New York Ave** –Larceny. 9/20. Sat Morn. Someone removed property form the victim's garage. Entry was made through an unsecured garage door.

**1200 Block Druid PI** –Auto Theft. 9/21. Sun Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle while it was parked on the street. The victim was not behind on payments and the vehicle had not been impounded.

**300 Block Sinclair Ave** –Auto Theft. 9/21. Sun Day. Officer noticed the vehicle had a drive out tag and a broken vent window. The driver of the vehicle refused to stop and bailed out after plowing into some bushes. He was taken into custody a short time later.

**400 Block Page Ave --**Auto Theft. 9/22. Mon Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle while it was parked on the street. The victim was not behind on payments and the vehicle had not been impounded.

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**300 Block Elmira PI** –Larceny from Auto. 9/22. Mon Morn. Someone entered the victim's vehicle and removed property. There were no signs of forced entry. The victim stated that the vehicle was locked.

**500 Block Lakeshore Dr** –Larceny from Auto. 9/23. Wed Morn. Two vehicles involved at this location. The passenger side window on both vehicles had been smashed. The vehicles were rummaged through but nothing was taken.

**1 Block Lullwater PI** –Larceny from Auto. 9/23. Tue Morn. Someone damaged the passenger side window on the victim's vehicle, entered and removed property.

**400 Block Candler Park Dr** –Larceny from Auto. 9/23-9/24. Two vehicles involved at this location. One vehicle's vent window was smashed and the passenger side door handle on the other vehicle was damaged. Property was removed from both.

**300 Block Nelms Ave** —Residential Burglary. 9/24. Wed Day. Someone lifted up a rear window to the victim's home, entered and removed property. No signs of damage on the window.

**2100 Block Palifox Dr** –Larceny from Auto. 9/24. Wed Morn. Someone smashed the passenger side window on the victim's vehicle. Nothing was taken.

Elmira PI @ McLendon Ave —Pedestrian Robbery. 9/24. Wed Eve. The victim heard someone run up behind her. When she turned around, the suspect stuck an older model black hand gun at her forehead. She stated the suspect held the gun "gangster style" and stated, "Bitch, gimmie your god damn money." After taking the victim's property, the suspect got in the rear passenger seat of a dark colored Four-door sedan.

**1700 Block Adolphus St** –Residential Burglary. 9/24. Wed Day.Someone entered the victim's home and removed property. Victim stated it is easy to open the rear door with a credit card. There were no signs of forced entry.

**300 Block Arizona Ave** –Residential Burglary. 9/24. Wed Day. Witness reported seeing the suspect attempting to enter the victim's home through a partially open side window. The suspect left the scene as the witness was calling 911. Victim stated nothing had been taken.

**1700 Block McLendon Ave** –Residential Burglary. 9/25. Thurs Day. Someone pried open a window on the victim's home, entered and removed property.

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- **1400 Block Benning PI** –Residential Burglary. 9/26. Fri Day. Someone kicked in the victims' front door, entered her home and removed property.
- **400 Block Page Ave** –larceny from Auto. 9/27. Sat Morn. Someone removed property from the victim's unsecured vehicle.
- **1200 Block Druid PI** -Auto Theft Recovery. 9/29. Mon Eve. The victim reported he had recovered his vehicle and it was confirmed stolen from Atlanta. The steering column and a vent window had been damaged.
- **900 Block Briarcliff Rd** –Larceny from Auto. 9/30. Tues Morn. Someone smashed the victim's passenger side window, damaged the driver side door lock and removed the chrome center wheel caps.
- **200 Block Connecticut Ave** –Auto Theft. 9/30. Tue Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle. The vehicle is paid for and was not loaned out. No impound record was found.
- **300 Block Ferguson St** -Attempted Auto Theft. 9/30. Tues Morn. Someone damaged the windows and steering column on the victim's vehicle.
- **1700 Block McLendon Ave** Larceny. 9/30-10/2. Victim stated a Fed Ex package was taken from his back porch.
- **400 Block Callan Cir**—Auto Theft. 10/1. Wed Morn. Someone stole the victim's vehicle after he parked it in front of his home. The vehicle is paid for and the victim is the only person with keys.
- **300 Block Oxford PI** –Larceny from Auto. 10/1. Thurs Morn. Someone punched the driver side door lock and damaged the window. Nothing was taken.
- **200 Block Southerland Ter** –Larceny from Auto. 10/2. Thurs Morn. Someone smashed a window on the victim's vehicle and removed property.
- **400 Block Sterling St** –Attempted Auto Theft. 10/2. Someone pulled out the passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and damaged the steering column.

- **1500 Block DeKalb Ave** –Auto Theft Recovery. 10/3. Fri Morn. Officer responded to an abandoned vehicle call. The vehicle was confirmed stolen from DeKalb Co. The vehicle's driver side door lock had been punched.
- **200 Block Arizona Ave** –Larceny from Auto. 10/7-10/8. Wen Morn. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property.
- **400 Block Oakdale Rd** –Auto Theft. 10/8. Thurs Morn. Victim came out to her vehicle and found it missing. There was no record of it being impounded.
- **400 Block Oakdale Rd** –Larceny from Auto. 10/8-10/9. Thurs Morn. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property.
- 1300 Block Marion Ave —Larceny from Auto. 10/9. Thurs Morn. Victim reported that someone broke the passenger side window and removed property. The victim received a call that her work ID was recovered by a parent of a student at Mary Lin Elementary. The ID had been thrown in a backyard and was given to the staff at the school.
- **1200 Block Mansfield Ave** –Larceny from Auto. 10/10-10/12. Someone smashed a driver side window on the victim's vehicle and rummaged through the glove box.
- **1300 Block Iverson St** –Larceny from Auto. 10/11. Sat Morn. Someone smashed a passenger side window on the victim's vehicle and removed property.

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