Meetings and Events

CPNO general meeting December 21st
7:00 pm (social period @ 6:30 pm)

CPNO general meetings are held every third
Monday at First Existentialist Congregation,
470 Candler Park Drive; committee meetings
are held at Epworth United Methodist Church,
1561 McLendon Avenue, 2nd Fl. (or as shown)

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

December General Meeting Agenda:
• Welcoming remarks, approval of
  agenda and November 2009 minutes
• Officer and Committee Reports
  ♦ Vote on $2000 grant to Epworth
    Church for Smart Landscapes
    Project
• Land Use Matters
  ♦ Vote on application for change of
    agent for Flying Biscuit alcohol
    license
• New Business
• Announcements and Open Forum
Submit January agenda items to any CPNO
officer by December 26th, 2009

Events Calendar (open to all)
Wednesday December 2nd @ 7pm
CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

Saturday December 5th @ 9:00 am
Friends of Candler Park – Vol Workday

Monday December 14th @ 7pm
CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

Thursday December 17th @ 7pm
NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Monday December 21st @ 7 pm
CPNO General Meeting - First
Existentialist Congregation

Wednesday December 23rd @ 7pm
CPNO Historic District Committee -
Epworth United Methodist, 2nd Floor

Wednesday January 6th @ 7pm
CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

2010 CPNO Call to Action - It’s Your Candler Park
By Doug Wetzel

In 2009, the CPNO board provided amazing leadership and service. I
want to take a moment and thank the previous team for their countless
contributions to our neighborhood. The 09 board’s successes include:

• Strict budgeting
• Planning and executing successful events
• Generating revenue from neighborhood events and the Messenger
• Risk control
• Economizing

The new board has inherited a rock-solid foundation to build on; thank
you.

As we look to 2010, there is a real opportunity to have an impact on our
community and to continue to build a neighborhood organization that
energizes and supports the unique and amazing place that is Candler
Park.

As the new 2010 CPNO Board President, my agenda for next year
includes:

• Expanding CPNO membership and volunteer involvement
• Planning and implementing neighborhood safety and security
  solutions
• Leading a team-oriented atmosphere for the board and CPNO
  members
• Keeping CPNO meetings within scheduled time limits
• Continuing to build on the 2009 board’s legacy

I am interested in understanding the best ways that the CPNO can
effectively make an impact on people’s lives in our local community. In
order to do that, we must hear from you. If you are reading the
Messenger right now and have never come to any meetings, we need
your help. Come to a meeting. Meet the board. Tell us what part you’d
like to play in the solution. Tell us your ideas – and we can work together
to improve Candler Park.

Your voice, your help, and your ideas are a necessary part of truly
creating a thriving neighborhood organization. Our full 2010 agenda will
be determined by what we hear from you and by the people willing to
serve and lead.

This is a call to action for 2010. Join the CPNO, let your voice be heard,
bring us your ideas, and be a part of the solution. I hope to look back a
year from today and think, “Wow, what a difference a year made.”
Thanks for your support, and I look forward to seeing what we can
accomplish together.
Hard Candy Christmas
By the Food Freak

One of my all-time favorite holiday tunes is Dolly Parton’s *Hard Candy Christmas*. And, with the current economic conditions, there may be quite a few folks singing that song this year. But wait, your friendly neighborhood food freak has some ideas. Say you only have about 20 bucks to spend on a festive holiday dinner? Here are 3 ways a couple of sawbucks can get you a very merry meal:

1. Go to that new Aldi grocery store down on Moreland Ave. It’s across the road from the Value Village. Last week I bought a ham, a sack of sweet taters, a couple of bags of fresh spinach and a pack of frozen biscuits – just like mama made! The total?…under $20. *And*, there were enough leftover biscuits and ham for a tasty breakfast.

2. If you don’t have the time or energy to cook, swing by the Mercantile for their world famous French Supper. For $19.99 Chef Samantha will provide you with a beautiful Springer Mountain roasted chicken along with sweet potato and parsnip gratin, and green beans. Enough food for four. You don’t need a reservation, but you might want to give them a holler before you show up, just in case they run out before you get there. (404.378.0096)

3. Now if you want to go out for dinner, you can’t beat the amazing Sunday night suppers at Serpas – a new foodie destination over in the Old Fourth Ward. For $18 they offer a 3-course meal starting with a house salad of fresh greens, goat cheese and candied pecans with a “blistered” grape vinaigrette. The meal includes your choice of 3 mains. On the night we went, my baboo enjoyed the veal & andouille meatballs while I chowed down on the roasted garlic herb chicken. But, best of all were the desserts! Beignets & hot cocoa or pear and apple strudel. Note that the cost of the meal is $18 – before tax, tag and tip. Remember, I said around 20 bucks. So *don’t be a Scrooge*…be sure to take care of your waitrons during this holiday season.

Enjoy!
Hooray for Fall Fest
By Lauren L. Owenby

I am writing to thank Mark Clement and his team of volunteers for a wonderful job on the Candler Park Fall Festival. Having lived in the neighborhood since the early nineties I’ve seen Fall Fest grow from a few booths on McLendon to the fun filled event that it is now.

The Fall Fest is one of the best things about the neighborhood—this year I got to catch up with friends and neighbors that I hadn’t seen in years, and to visit with other folks that I simply don’t get to see often enough. Even with a little rain, it was still a perfect outing.

While I enjoyed the festival before we had kids, having a place where our families can have a great time is paramount. There are few events that offer something equally fun for parents and kids alike—Fall Fest does this.

I understand that there is criticism over the festival for not making enough money, but I would suggest that we look beyond the bottom line at the multiplier effect of bringing people into the neighborhood that may have never seen it and ultimately decide to purchase a house here or at the very least begin to patronize our shops and restaurants.

Additionally, while a tour of homes and 5K may cost less to produce, they offer little chance for folks to visit and catch up. I hope that the new Board will take these matters into consideration as we move into the future and continue to build on the great foundation that Mark has created in the festival.

Where the Toddlies are Hot and the Hotties are Odd™
From a Press Release

The Krewe of the Grateful Gluttons is proud to announce the 3rd annual Gingerbread Trailer Park design competition at 8pm on Saturday, December 12th at the Euclid Avenue Yacht Club.

Twenty individual lots are available for rent at $5 each – cash only please. If all lots are rented, we’ll scrape together enough money for a $100 prize…woo hoo!

Entries are judged by their creativity and Christmas-iness by a celebrity judge! Electricity and beer are available on site. (Hippie wanted us to remind everyone that the electricity is free, but you’ll have to pay for your beer.)

Trailers must be at least 90% edible and do not have to contain gingerbread, but no meat products allowed please. Lots are the size of a case of cans and you must park your trailer by 8:30 on the night of the contest. The gingerbread trailer park will be on display until December 19th – or until it decays.
Stress Relieving Breath for the Winter Holidays
By Elena Muskin

The winter holidays, along with the change to colder weather, can be a stressful time. Alternate Nostril Breath is an ancient yogic breath or pranayama which will help balance your mind and nervous system by balancing the nasal flow, a source of energy. We normally breathe dominantly through one nostril at a time, switching back and forth about every 2 hours. When you are breathing dominantly on the right side, your energy tends to be more dynamic, outward and strong. When you breathe dominantly through the left side, your energy tends to be more gentle, inward and nurturing.

Sometimes your breathing can get stuck, and you breathe more through one nostril that the other. This leads to imbalance or illness. It is important to have both channels open so the flow of energy is open, unblocked, and balanced. The Alternate Nostril Breath creates this balance.

Sit in a comfortable position. Bring the right hand into Vishnu Mudra, curling the first two fingers under into the palm, keeping the thumb and last two fingers extended. Close the right nostril with the right thumb. Inhale deeply through the left nostril. Pause and retain the breath for just a second or two. Close the left nostril with the last two fingers, lift the right thumb and exhale through the right nostril. Inhale through the right nostril, and retain the breath. Close the right nostril with the right thumb. Lift the last two fingers and exhale through the left nostril. Continue for 3 - 11 minutes.
NPU-N Report for November
By Amy Stout

Proposed City Ordinances:
-The NPU-N board discussed, but did not vote to take a position on, a text ordinance that would allow entertainment filming in public parks between 11 pm and 6 am. I thought this sounded like a terrible idea, but some other board members spoke in favor of the proposed legislation. There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, December 2, at 1 pm at City Hall in Conference Room 2.
-We voted to support the Atlanta Greenspace Plan, a policy document that outlines goals and lists recommendations for growing and managing the City's greenspace system.

According to City of Atlanta representatives...
-The police were able to locate and arrest Anthony Biggs for a recent burglary in Poncey Highlands after showing his pictures on Crime Stoppers. A Candler Park neighbor provided the pictures of the suspect and his car after he found him prowling on this property last month.
-We learned the BZA hearing on the appeals of the building permit and the special administrative permit issued to allow for the construction of a 72' cell phone tower at 326 Moreland Avenue NE (within Bass Park) will be in January.

Land Use and Zoning Matters:
-There were no Candler Park applications this month.
-We learned the BZA hearing on the appeals of the building permit and the special administrative permit issued to allow for the construction of a 72' cell phone tower at 326 Moreland Avenue NE (within Bass Park) will be in January.

Special Event Permit Applications:
-We voted to approve a permit for the Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes to be held on April 23rd-25th, 2010.

Other:
-We reappointed Beth Grashof of Lake Claire as NPU-N’s representative on the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance board for another year. She reported on the next stage of improvements scheduled for Deepdene Park (installation of a sidewalk promenade, burial of power lines, etc.) OLPA’s annual fundraising gala will be held Sunday, February 28th, 2010 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Call 404-377-5361 for details.
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Friday, December 11
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Holiday Dance
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470 Candler Park Drive, Atlanta, GA, Across from Candler Park
Epworth’s Smart Landscapes Project
By Elise Cormier

Epworth United Methodist Church is going green by becoming a community resource for sustainable building and landscaping techniques. Along with a rain harvesting system, swapping invasive species for native plants, and the enhancement of our urban wildlife habitat, we’ll be opening the Love & Forgiveness Meditation Garden and the Children’s Natural Playspace to the community.

With the recommended CPNO grant of $2000, the Church plans to complete the project along McLendon and Mell Avenues. All of these spaces are open and available to the neighborhood. We’ll be installing interpretive signage to assist the casual visitor in learning about the demonstration gardens and will host additional workshops to share information on sustainable design with the community. When possible, we will continue to draw upon the talents of folks within the neighborhood to showcase their abilities and provide income for those in need.

We hope you’ll feel welcome and apply some of our sustainable techniques to your homes or share some ideas you’ve discovered with us. epworthumc@bellsouth.net

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Organize the Holidaze
By GiGi Miller

During the holiday season it is more important than ever to establish an organization system to reduce stress and save money. All you need to start is a 3-ring binder. Add vinyl pockets to store loose items (coupons and receipts) and dividers for categories (gift lists, menus, party and decorating ideas).

Also be sure to get a calendar and place it where the entire family can see it.

Designate a space in your home just for your holiday organizing center. If you still feel a bit overwhelmed, consider hiring a professional organizer. For additional organizing tips visit www.visionorganizing.com or follow GiGi’s Twitter Updates: http://twitter.com/organizer
CPNO Meeting Minutes
Compiled by Maureen Wilce

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, November 16, 2009 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park, with Amy Stout in the chair. Approximately 65 members were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcements: Inspector Christina Walker, Atlanta Police Department, noted that car break-ins were a common crime and we should be vigilant during the holidays. To contact her: 404-371-5002, or cwalker@atlanta.ga.gov

After a motion to change was not carried, the published agenda was adopted.

Representatives from Kasim Reed and Ceaser Mitchell addressed the group, as did candidates Liz Coyle, Claire Muller and Amir Farokhi.

CPNO was thanked for supporting the Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool race and event held in Candler Park on October 31.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved unanimously.

Alonzo Church presented the Treasurer’s Report for 2009. The final Fall Fest numbers were not included. Specific information will be included in an article in The Messenger. A question was asked why CPNO does not receive a larger donation from the organizers of MidSummer Music Fest, noting that it disrupts the neighborhood significantly. Mark Clement, Special Events Officer, explained that the City issues permits and all donations are voluntary. Alonzo was thanked for his exceptional service.

2010 Election Results: Amy Stout briefly reviewed the election process as stated in CPNO’s by-laws. All candidates were invited to give up to a 3 minute statement on their positions.

The results were:

President: Doug Wetzel was nominated and received 59 votes. 3 votes were cast for Mark Clement (not nominated).

Vice President: Regina Brandt was nominated and received 52 votes.

Recording Secretary: no nomination. The position will be vacant until a Board appointment can be made.

Membership Secretary: Lauren Welsh was nominated and received 54 votes.

Treasurer: David Aynes and Bryan Sells were nominated. David won with 40 votes, Bryan received 21.

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Zoning Officer: A floor nomination was made for Randy Pimsler. He won with 48 votes.

Public Safety Officer: David “Wing” Bruce was nominated and won with 53 votes.

Environmental Officer: Trey Long was nominated and won with 52 votes.

Special Events Officer: Walt Weimer and Mark Clement were nominated. Walt won with 44 votes and Mark received 23.

The terms of office began at the adjournment of this meeting. Amy Stout was formally thanked for her service. The meeting adjourned at 8:16.

Zoning Committee Report
By Randy Pimsler

The Flying Biscuit, located at 1655 McLendon Avenue has filed an Application for License to Sell Alcoholic Beverages to allow for a Change of Agent at the restaurant. The new agent is Daryl Dollinger. The applicant has been invited to the Zoning Committee Meeting to be held on December 2, 2009 as well as to our upcoming CPNO General Meeting on December 21, 2009. Please contact the zoning committee for further information.
Crime Report
Compiled by David Bruce

400 block Euclid Ter – Auto theft - 10/18 Sun Morn. Someone stole the victim’s vehicle after it was parked on the street near an awesome L5P Halloween party.

500 block Candler St – Auto recovery - 10/19 Mon Eve. Officer responded to a recovery call. Victim forgot where he parked his vehicle and reported it stolen.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny (shoplifting) - 10/22 Thurs Eve. Victim reports observing the arrestee attempt to leave the store without paying for a magnet. Arrestee: W/M, 27 YOA.

1200 block Mansfield Ave – Robbery - 10/23 Fri Eve. Victim was walking home when one of two suspects got out of an older white vehicle, pushed him to the ground, and pointed a silver handgun to his face. The suspect stated ‘give me all your money’. Victim complied. Taken: cell phone, credit cards, drivers license. Suspect: B/M, 5’07”, 20-23YOA, Greenish jogging suit, white T shirt. Suspect: B/M. Suspect Vehicle: Older white 4 door Chevy.

200 block Elmira Pl – Auto theft - 10/30 Fri Day. Someone stole the vehicle after the victim left the keys in it.

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Join CPNO in 2010

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 within and around Candler Park, and reminders of our upcoming meetings.

- Lauren Welsh, CPNO Membership Secretary

CPNO Membership Application

Name: ___________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________
City: ____________________ State: _______ ZIP: _____________
Home phone: ______________ Mobile phone: _______________
Email: ___________________________________________________
Minor Children (names and ages) __________________________
Any information NOT to be published in CP neighborhood directory?
________________________________________________________________________

Business applicants list name, address, and phone # of designated agent:
Name of business: _________________________________________
Address of business: ________________________________________

Optional Contribution
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  ____ Newsletter/Messenger
____ Historic Preservation  ____ Candler Park/Environment
____ 5K/Road Races  ____ Land Use / Zoning
____ Tour of Homes  ____ Flyer Distribution
____ Fall Fest  ____ Parent/child groups
____ Social events  ___________

Other (specify) ___________

Please mail application and enclose any optional contribution to
CPNO Membership, P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107
Crime Report
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400 block Moreland Ave – Auto theft - 10/29 Thurs Morn. Victim parked his scooter in the parking lot while inside a bar. The witness observed the suspects take the scooter from where it was parked near the bar. The suspects rolled it down to their vehicle and loaded it into the back of their van and fled EB on Euclid after the witness yelled towards them. Suspects: 3 B/M’s, 18-20 YOA, 6’, all wearing Black hoodies. Suspect Vehicle: White Ford Econoline van.

400 block Moreland Ave – Commercial burglary - 10/27 Tue Morn. Officer responded to an alarm call then discovered that someone had smashed the glass to the front door with a rock. The business was searched but no one was found inside. Victim responded to the scene and reported property missing. Taken: lottery tickets.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny (shoplifting) 10/28 Wed Day. Suspect concealed stockings under her arm and attempted to leave the store. Arrestee: W/F, 24YOA.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny (shoplifting) - 10/31 Sat Eve. Suspect attempted to leave the store with a baseball outfit and pants that had not been paid for. Arrestee: B/F, 16YOA.

500 block Moreland Ave – Larceny - 10/29 Thurs Eve. Victim stated that a boot was placed on the wheel of the suspect’s vehicle and later the attendant observed the vehicle driving away without the boot. Suspect: W/M, mid 30’s, heavyset, short black spiked hair. Suspect vehicle: Black 2009 Mercedes M320 SUV.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny (shoplifting) - 10/30 Mon Eve. Suspect was caught by security cameras leaving a business with red wine that had not been paid for. Victim does not know the suspects name but stated he frequents the location. Suspect: B/M.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 11/7 Mon Eve. Someone smashed the small rear passenger side window and then damaged the steering column. Several tools had been recovered on the driver seat. Victim stated the suspect had been in the parking lot acting suspicious and she believed he was the one who broke in to the vehicle. Suspect was detained but later released. Suspect: W/M, 44YOA.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Auto theft - 11/2 Mon Eve. Victim states someone stole her vehicle from a parking lot.

1500 block McLendon Ave – Theft from auto - 11/4 Wed Eve. Someone smashed the front passenger side window of the victim’s vehicle and removed an I Pod, leather bag, and glasses.

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