

The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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May 2003

MEETINGS*EVENTS

CPNO MEETING MAY 12 @7 PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is for all residents! We meet the second MONDAY of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Avenue. Please use the Mell Avenue entrance. Membership is FREE!

APRIL MEETING AGENDA:

- Officer Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the June meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is May 18, 2003.

EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 2003

Monday, May 5 * 7 PM

CPNO Executive Board Meeting
Fellini's on McLendon
Open to all

Monday, May 12 * 7 PM

CPNO General Meeting

Saturday, May 17 * 7 PM

3rd Annual "Waterless" Pre-Opening
Pool Party, Candler Park Pool

Saturday, May 24 * 10 AM

Candler Park Pool opens for the summer!

Candler Parkers Know How To Be Cool... Join The Pool!

Drum roll, please... voilà! It's nearly time to jump into summer fun at the Candler Park Pool!

Don't forget the pre-season "Waterless Pool Party" on May 17th - we'll eat, drink, and be merry without getting wet (unless, of course, it rains...).

Then comes our big grand opening! Memorial Day Weekend...

Enjoy all the new stuff -- new showers with hot water... new stall enclosures... a more visually appealing, and oh, so much more functional pool!

Pool Wine Tasting A Big Success!

Thanks to everybody who came out to the April 15 wine tasting dinner and fundraiser. In particular, thanks to the Flying Biscuit and the Candler Park Supermarket for donating their services for the cause. The event was a tremendous success, with excellent food, wine and conversation.

The dinner raised more than \$1,000 to benefit the Candler Park Pool. These funds will be used to improve the operations and infrastructure of the pool, as we strive to make the Candler Park Pool the best little pool in town. Check out the newly renovated clubhouse this summer!

While it may be too late to enjoy the wine tasting, it is not too late to join the pool. Pool members not only get to enjoy subscribers-only hours in the evenings, you also get to enjoy special events like the Dive-In Movie and the Shrimp Boil. If you are not a member, you are missing out on one of summer's

greatest pleasures in Candler Park.

Ready to learn more? See the flyer enclosed in this issue of *The Messenger* to learn more about joining the Candler Park Pool.

Top Ten Reasons To Join Candler Park Pool

10. Use subscriber hours to finally get that "all-over tan."
9. Two words: those life-guards!
8. Summer in Atlanta. 'Nuff said.
7. Kid management: More fun in the water.
6. You secretly love playing Marco Polo.
5. You can get in all those exercise laps. Yeah, right.
4. Pizza, popcorn, soda, ice cream, candy... and you can say it's for the kids.
3. Improve your mind by reading by the pool (oops, hide the Grisham)
2. Dive-In Movies are better than drive-in movies
1. You can literally see more of your neighbors by hanging out at the pool!

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Moon Mania... Or, When To Visit Candler Park After Dark

On the evening of May 15-16 we will have an opportunity to see a total lunar eclipse. Although not *that* unusual, this one will feature the moon passing through the northern part of the core region of the Earth's shadow, named the "umbra" (Latin for "shadow"). Generally, the moon passes through only the outer edges of the Earth's shadow, named the "penumbra" ("near shadow") and is only slightly dimmed, rather than substantially darkened, as it will be this time.

During a lunar eclipse, the moon does not become totally dark. It becomes, usually, a dark red or copper color. One Irish astronomer likened it to a "red hot penny in the star filled sky." This is because our atmosphere transmits diffused light around the edges and this light falls on the moon's surface, even when it is in the Earth's shadow. The light is red because our atmosphere preferentially scatters blue light (which is why the daytime sky is blue). The Moon's actual color and the darkness of the eclipse are heavily affected by conditions within our atmosphere during the eclipse (clouds, pollution, etc.) so it's hard to predict exactly what we'll see, just that it should be spectacular!

The Candler Park Golf Course should be an excellent site for viewing this event, weather permitting. The times are:

10:03pm: Partial eclipse begins - at this point the Moon begins to enter the penumbral shadow - the early part of this phase is not particularly noticeable.

11:14pm: Total eclipse begins - the Moon enters the umbra and begins to distinctly change color and brightness.

11:40pm: The Moon is totally eclipsed.

12:06am: The total phase ends.

1:17am: Partial phase ends.

Although binoculars are nice, all you really need to enjoy this natural light show are eyes and a clear view of the sky. So go outside and see one of nature's best shows!

Another show that's coming up for the late summer is the closet approach of Mars in over 60,000 years! Astronomers are predicting that by August Mars will be shining high in our evening sky at magnitude -2.9 (comparable to Venus, the "evening star"). I'll let you know some more details about that upcoming light show in the months ahead.

Good viewing!

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath



Traffic Calming By August!

Good news! Thanks to the diligent work of City Council President Cathy Woolard and City Councilwoman Anne Fauver, we can expect traffic calming on McLendon to be implemented by August of this year – just in time for school to start!

The traffic calming will be limited to McLendon and will include the following improvements:

First, a stoplight will be added to the intersection of Candler Park Drive and McLendon. In addition to the stoplight, there will be a 5' pedestrian median, boldly striped crosswalks, and reconstruction of the sidewalk on the south side of McLendon. The neighborhood has repeatedly identified this intersection as the worst traffic/pedestrian problem in the neighborhood.

Improvements also will target the commercial district at the intersection of McLendon and Clifton Road. The street will be narrowed from 32' to 22' by extending the curb on the north (Fellini's) side of the street 3' into the road. 7' bulbouts will be added to the south side of the street at the intersections of Clifton Road and Brooks Avenue. A left turn signal will be added for traffic heading east on McLendon and turning right onto Clifton Road.

In addition to these intersection improvements, 10' bulbouts will be added along the south side of McLendon from Moreland to Glendale. These bulbouts will define parking and narrow the road from its current 32' to 22'. They will also improve sight lines for people turning onto McLendon.

Quality of life bonds will also pay to repave and restripe McLendon, including the addition of boldly defined crosswalks along the length of McLendon. It is not clear when repaving and restriping will occur.

In addition to our elected officials, thanks also are due to the Flying Biscuit, Candler Park Supermarket, Moon Brothers, Fellini's and La Fonda for their contributions to the neighborhood's traffic-calming efforts. And of course, thanks to all in the neighborhood!

Park Cleanup May 31

Come help for a morning of clean up activities in Candler Park on Saturday, May 31 from 9-11 am. Depending on weather and availability of plants, we may try to plant some groundcover on the hillside below the tennis courts to help with the erosion there. Bring a pair of gloves and lots of energy. We will meet in the parking lot down by the playground. Refreshments and garbage bags will be provided. For more information, contact Robert Newman at 4/222-0306.

Get Involved In The Future Of DeKalb Avenue

The Inman Park and Lake Claire neighbor groups have already weighed in with the City regarding future development of DeKalb Avenue. Beyond making recommendations, these groups have an ongoing committee to develop DeKalb corridor initiatives, and are looking from input from CPNO. If you are interested in helping assure a neighbor-friendly future for DeKalb Avenue, we urge you to share your ideas, energy, and time. To find out more, call Walt Weimar at 4/377-1411 or email WWeima01@sprintspectrum.com.

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CRIME REPORT

Reported 3/17-4/16, 2003, Zone 6 police records.

- 500 block Candler St, 3/17, 6p, simple battery.
- 1200 block Euclid Ave, 3/18, stolen jewelry.
- 300 block Clifton Rd, 3/17, vehicle entered, items taken, no signs of forcible entry.
- 400 block Moreland Ave, 3/19, 2p, possession of a controlled substance.
- 1100 block Mansfield Ave, 3/16, anti-war protest sign stolen.
- 400 block Page Ave, 3/21, 3p, simple assault.
- 1300 block Euclid Ave, 3/21, stolen vehicle.
- 1200 block McLendon Ave, 3/23, vehicle stolen.
- 300 block Clifton Rd, 3/24, 4p, verbal assault.
- 1200 block North Ave, 3/5-4/7, checks stolen from mailbox.
- 400 block Clifton Ave, 4/5, 1p, credit card taken at gunpoint while victim was walking his dog.
- 1700 block McLendon Ave [Lake Claire area], 4/7, 4p, male exposed himself to children, this appears to be the second occurrence in 3 weeks.
- 1500 block Dekalb Ave, 4/13, 8p, male entered vehicle, stole coins and fled; incident occurred while the victim was home.

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LAND USE ISSUES

The following land use issues are scheduled to be heard and voted on at the May CPNO meeting. Deadline for land use issues to be voted on at the June CPNO meeting must be submitted prior to May 18.

- 340 JOSEPHINE STREET** – Charley and Valerie Gressett, owners of property located at 340 Josephine Street (zoned R-5), seek a variance to reduce the side yard setback from 7 feet (required) to approximately one (1) foot to allow to remain a newly-constructed deck also serving as a carport in the rear of a single-family residence. Applicants have advised that the deck and carport were erected to replace a porch and a portion of a staircase that required repairs. This matter is scheduled for hearing by NPU-N at 7 PM Thursday May 22nd at Epworth Methodist Church, and by City of Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment at 1 PM Friday June 6th at Atlanta City Hall.
- 245 ELMIRA PLACE** – Amy Garner, owner of property 245 Elmira Place (zoned R-5), seeks a variance to reduce the half-depth front yard along DeKalb Avenue from 15 feet (required) to 13 feet, and to allow for a parking pad in the required half-depth front yard along DeKalb Avenue, to allow for the construction of a new 2-story single family residence. Applicant has advised that the primary reason for the variance is to minimize impact to an existing elm tree on the north side of the property, and that the parking pad along DeKalb Avenue will be built with a pervious surface. This matter is scheduled for hearing by NPU-N at 7 PM Thursday May 22 at Epworth Methodist Church, and by City of Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment at 1 PM Friday June 6 at Atlanta City Hall.
- 1304-6 NORTH AVENUE** – Sam Dickson, owner of an existing legal, non-conforming duplex subject to R3 zoning, seeks a special exception to convert a basement to a living space and a variance to reduce the West side yard setback to allow a deck expansion. Applicant has advised that the FAR and lot coverage will not be increased, no bedrooms or kitchens shall be added and no additional heated area shall be added outside the present existing basement. In addition, the owner is moving in to the duplex unit being expanded and making it his permanent domicile. This matter will be heard by NPU-N on Thursday May 22 at Epworth Methodist Church followed by a hearing by the City of Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment on June 6 at City Hall, 2nd floor Council Chambers.

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HOUSE REPAIR – Carpentry, painting, electrical, sheet rock, broken glass. Free estimate. Candler Park resident. Lee Nicholson, 404-378-1343.

JOHN THE LAWGUY – Mowing, blowing, etc., aeration, gutters, free estimates, reasonable. 404-638-6378.

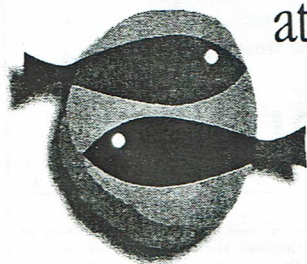
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