

# The Messenger

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August 2003

## MEETINGS\*EVENTS

### CPNO MEETING AUG 11 @ 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!

#### AUGUST MEETING AGENDA:

- Officer Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements

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

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2003

#### Monday, August 4 \* 7 PM

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

#### Monday, August 11 \* 7 PM

CPNO General Meeting

## Freedom Park Conservancy: An Update

A lot has been happening in Freedom Park. This month former President Carter, Corretta Scott King, Mayor Franklin, and Congressman Lewis, and many others gathered to celebrate the installation of the King-Carter Walk at Freedom Park. Six plaques have been installed along the trail that connects the Carter Center to the King Center.

Each of these markers provides different details about the lives of Atlanta's two Nobel Piece Prize winners — we are the only city in the world with two. It was a great ceremony and I encourage people to check out the exhibit if they have not already done so.

Work has also been completed along the northern segment of the park near Ponce De Leon. In addition to trails, sidewalk, lights, benches, garbage cans, and landscaping there is a pedestal that will hopefully soon be home to a piece of art from renowned folk artist Thorton Dial. We hope that this will be the first of several art installations within the park.

More relevant to Candler Park is the completion of remediation work on the rain gardens along North Avenue. As many of you probably noticed water remained standing in the ponds long for quite a bit longer than expected. This was caused by sediment being washed into the ponds which prevented water from percolating downward. After several months of negotiations the Freedom Park Conservancy was able to get the design firm to develop a plan to remediate the problem and the construction company to implement the plan.

A system of gravel sumps should prevent standing water for the foreseeable future. Please note that water may still stand in the ponds but it should not last for more than three days — far short of the gestation period of a mosquito larva.

The Freedom Park Conservancy is also continuing the campaign against kudzu. Last year

we hired a contractor to spray the kudzu along North Avenue in Candler Park. In the next month we will be tackling other sections of the park (Poncey Highland, Inman Park, and the Old Fourth Ward) in addition to some follow up work in Candler Park.

Lastly I would like put out a request for a volunteer to serve as the Candler Park representative to the Freedom Park Conservancy. I have been serving in this capacity for seven years and would like to pursue other volunteer interests. The representative would be responsible for attending monthly Freedom Park Conservancy board meetings and for keeping Candler Park residents informed about what is going on with the park and the Conservancy. The board meeting also present plenty of other opportunities to help improve Freedom Park. I will work with the new representative to ensure a smooth transition (you won't be thrown to the wolves). Please contact me at [dusenbur@bellsouth.net](mailto:dusenbur@bellsouth.net) or call 404-522-7130 if you are interested in representing Candler Park on the Freedom Park Conservancy board.

- Eric Dusenbury

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# The Messenger

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## Expanded Moreland Study And Funding Opportunity

Given all of the recent developments in and around the Moreland Avenue area, surrounding communities have an even greater responsibility and opportunity to affect the look and feel of Moreland Avenue for generations to come.

An expanded scope of study has been proposed for the Moreland Corridor Study which would make any resulting work eligible for a wider array of federal, state, and local funding including Livable Centers Initiative and Transportation Improvement Plan funding over the next few years.

In order to cover the cost of additional work required including a comprehensive economic development study, the North Moreland Corridor Task Force is raising additional funds from the community which the Sembler Corporation has agreed to match dollar for dollar. The total budget is as follows:

Moreland Corridor Study: \$75,000

LCI Study: \$50,000

Moreland Corridor Study funding is coming from the City of Atlanta while the

LCI Study is being paid for by community funds matched by Sembler. Candler Park is being asked to contribute \$2500 toward the total needed (which will equal \$5000 with the match!).

The potential results of our study could make the corridor eligible for millions of dollars over multiple years in corridor and transit improvement funding. The City of Decatur recently was awarded \$3,000,000 from similar sources after completion of their own LCI study last year.

Please vote at the August CPNO meeting to financially support this important effort to transform Moreland Avenue from a "gasoline alley" to a more pedestrian friendly, beautiful gateway to our community.

Development is coming regardless – this is our opportunity to direct work done to Moreland and key intersections in a way that is more favorable to the needs of area residents and future visitors to our community.

—Walter Brown

Laughter in the Park by Bob Milbrodt



Frustrated—some contrive their own pick-up schedule.

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## Identity Theft Part 3: What Should You Do If It Happens To You?

Last month, we talked about how to reduce the risk of identity theft. Despite our best efforts, we live in a society where personal information must be shared in order to take advantage of credit cards, on-line shopping, social security, and other services. Hopefully you won't ever need the information in this article. If you suspect that your personal information has been stolen and used to commit fraud or theft, take action immediately. The steps required depend on your circumstances and how your identity has been misused. However, there are 3 basic steps you should take in almost every case.

**Step 1.** Contact the fraud department of the three major credit bureaus (see below) and request a "fraud alert" on your file, as well as a victim's statement asking that creditors call you before opening any new accounts or changing any existing accounts. Be forewarned, this may introduce some inconvenience in your life. Simply establishing water service might require someone to "be at home" when they call to verify the request.

Order copies of your credit report from each credit bureau. Credit bureaus must give you a free copy of your report if your report is inaccurate because of fraud, and you request it in writing. Review each report carefully to make sure no fraudulent account have been opened in your name or unauthorized changes made to your account. Check the section that lists "inquiries". Request that inquiries from companies that opened fraudulent accounts be removed from your report. This must be done in writing, even if they accept the request by phone. In a few months, order new copies of your credit reports to verify that corrections have been made and to make sure no new fraudulent activity has occurred.

**Step 2.** Contact the creditors for any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Creditors include credit card companies, phone companies and other utilities. Ask to speak to someone in the security or fraud department and follow up in writing. It's particularly important to notify credit card companies in writing because the way that consumer protection laws are written.

**Step 3.** File a report with your local police department or the police in the community where the identity theft took place. Get a copy of the police report in case the bank, credit card company or others need proof of the crime.

**Other ways to take control:** If you suspect that thieves have stolen mail, report it to your local postal inspector. Contact the local post office for the nearest postal inspection office or check the web site at [www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect](http://www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect). The US Postal Inspection Service is a powerful agency that has been in existence in this country for over 200 years.

If you discover that a thief has changed the billing address for an existing credit card account, close the account. When you open a new account, ask that a password be used before any inquiries or changes can be made to the account.

If someone has tampered with bank accounts, checks, or ATM card, close the accounts immediately. When you open new accounts, insist on password only access to minimize the chance of future tampering. In addition, if checks have been stolen or mis-used, stop payment. The major check verification companies can provide information about services to help you track stolen or misused checks:

SCAN: 800-262-7771

TeleCheck: 800-710-9898 or 800-927-0188

CrossCheck: 707-586-0431

Equifax Check Systems: 800-437-5120

International Check Services: 800-526-5380

If you ever have problems removing fraudulent phone charges from your account, contact your state Public Utility Commission for local service providers, or the Federal Communications Commission for long distance providers and cellular providers at [www.fcc.gov/ccb/enforce/complaints.html](http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/enforce/complaints.html) or call 888-CALL-FCC.

If you suspect that some is using your SSN to apply for a job, that's a crime. Report it to the SSA's Fraud Hotline at

800-269-0271. Also, call SSA at 800-772-1213 to verify the accuracy of the earnings reported on your SSN and to request a Social Security Statement. Follow up calls with written information.

The Federal Trade Commission collects complaints about consumers who have been victimized. The FTC can help individuals by providing information to assist them in resolving the financial and other problems that result from identity theft. If the need arises, you can file a complaint with the FTC by contacting the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline by calling 877-IDTHEFT or by mail: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington DC, 20580. Or use the web site at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

### The 3 major credit bureaus:

**Equifax – [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)**

To order a credit report, call 800-685-1111 or write: P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, Ga 30374-0241. To report fraud, call 800-525-6285 and write P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, Ga 30374-0241.

**Experian – [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)**

To order a credit report, call 888-397-3742 or write: P.O. Box 2104, Allen, TX 75013. To report fraud, call 888-397-3742 and write: P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013

**TransUnion – [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)**

To order a credit report, call 800-916-8800 or write: P.O. Box 1000, Chester, PA 19022. To report fraud, call 800-680-7289 and write: Fraud Victim Assistance Div, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92634-6790.

—Greg Reinhardt

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# Major Audit Of City's Energy Expenses Prompts Changes Urged By Council President

On July 29, 2003 at 10:30 in City Hall's atrium, City Council President Cathy Woolard, supported by Mayor Shirley Franklin and representatives from several energy related agencies, held a press conference to reveal the findings of one of the City's most significant audits: Energy Use in the City of Atlanta.

The energy audit, performed through a grant from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA), was commissioned by Woolard last year. The audit was the first phase of Woolard's comprehensive Energy Conservation Project that began in August 2002. The audit covered a year of research and involved an analysis of electricity accounts, energy audits of major City office buildings, employee conservation training and was done at no cost to the City.

The audit uncovered unnecessary energy waste in city-run offices, but also offered 'smart energy' solutions that have already been implemented by Woolard's office and will save the City \$455,791 in 2003 and \$367,000 annually from 2004 onwards.

"Trimming energy costs is an important piece of this city's fiscal puzzle," said Woolard. "One of my major goals is to lead Atlanta in the direction of being a more sustainable city and this is one big step towards that goal. Our city has more than 660 electricity accounts, which tally a bill of more than \$20 million a year. We can do better than that, and now we know how."

Woolard will cover many components of the Energy Conservation Project, including

employee energy conservation & training, improved building energy management practices and enhanced oversight of the City's 600+ electricity accounts that are essential to reducing energy consumption and air pollution.

Woolard's office will continue to develop new initiatives for the Energy Conservation Project, ensuring that all City purchases include energy efficiency criteria and developing standards for the construction of new City facilities that significantly reduce energy use.

"We have to be constant in our mission in figuring out ways to be an efficient government," said Woolard.



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## Vote On By-Laws Change For August CPNO Meeting

The August CPNO meeting will include a vote on the organization's by-laws regarding the meeting date. The proposed change would move all meetings to the third Monday of the month. The reason for the proposed change is to better and more effectively coordinate land use approvals with the NPU-N. If passed this change would take effect beginning in January 2004.

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## Congressman John Lewis To Host Meet-N-Greet

On September 6, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, Congressman John Lewis will host a Meet-N-Greet at Inman Middle School in Virginia Highlands. All residents of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District are invited to come and meet the person who represents you in Washington. While the Congressman will speak briefly at the event, the Meet-N-Greet is designed to give you an opportunity to meet and speak with him in an informal setting.

If you are interested in an opportunity to get to know your Congressman better, or to let him know what is on your mind, please join him on September 6. Please contact Congressman Lewis's district office at 404-659-0116 with questions or to RSVP (highly encouraged) for the event. Light refreshments will be served.

## Pool Tiles Are On Display!

For all who were generous enough to indulge your artistic talents while helping the pool, please know that the pool tile mosaic is now up at the pool. It is located on the wall next to the snack bar and looks wonderful. Come see your tile and the tiles of your friends and neighbors!

As there is still room on the wall, we hope to give folks another opportunity to paint a tile and help the pool. Future announcements will be in the Messenger and on the Candler Park web site. Special thanks are in order for Beth Martin and Curt Flaherty for their help in making the pool tile mosaic.

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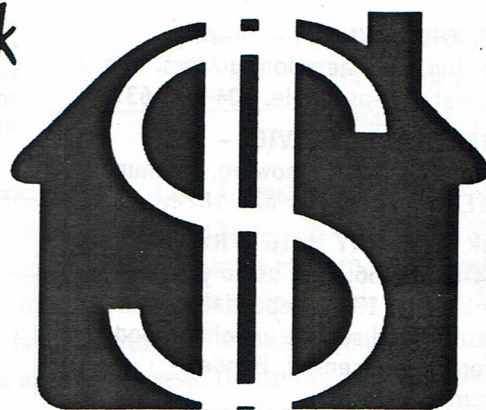
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## LAND USE ISSUES

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

**340 JOSEPHINE STREET** – Charley and Valerie Gressett, owners of property at 340 Josephine Street, zoned R-5, seek approval for reduction of the northern side yard setback from 7 feet (required) to approximately 1 foot to allow to remain a recently-constructed deck and carport structure. This matter will be heard by NPU-N at 7PM Thursday August 28th at Epworth United Methodist Church on McLendon Avenue, and by Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment at 1PM Friday September 19th at City Hall, 2nd Floor.

**1387 AND 1391 IVERSON STREET** – Rick Blanchard, principal of Watershed Development LLC, owner of property at 1387 and 1391 Iverson Street, each currently zoned R-5, has requested variances for each property to allow construction of a new 2-story wood-frame single-family residence on each lot. As to both lots, applicant seeks to reduce the front yard along Iverson Street from 30 feet (required) to 25 feet (proposed), and as to 1391 Iverson, to reduce the half-depth front-yard along Oakdale Road from 15 feet (required) to 11' 3" feet (proposed). Applicant also seeks special exception for a common driveway for access to both lots. Applicant has advised an existing single-family residential structure at 1391 Iverson will be demolished. This matter will be heard by Neighborhood Planning Unit "N" at 7PM Thursday July 24th at Epworth United Methodist Church, and by Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment on or after August 8th, 2003 in Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta.

## CRIME REPORT

*Reported 6/17-7/18, 2003, Zone 6 police records.*

**400 block Euclid Terr**, 6/17, stolen vehicle.  
**1600 block Dekalb Ave**, 6/17, business building broken into.  
**200 block Josephine St**, 6/18, theft from auto.  
**500 block Page Ave**, 6/19, 12a, mountain bike stolen from porch by cutting the lock.  
**1800 block McLendon Ave**, 6/24, front door kicked open on empty house.  
**200 block Moreland Ave**, 6/27, theft from auto.  
**300 block Moreland Ave**, 6/30, 7p, suitcases found containing personal items, unable to identify owner.  
**1600 block Dekalb Ave**, 7/1, damage to bus. building.  
**400 block Oakdale Rd**, 7/2, vehicle window broken.  
**200 block Oakdale Rd**, 7/2, theft from auto.  
**300 block Oakdale Rd**, 7/3, 12a, res'l. burglary.  
**300 block Candler Park Dr**, 7/2, 10p, res. break-in.  
**300 block Ferguson St**, 7/6, theft from vehicle.  
**400 block Moreland Ave**, 7/10, man urinating in public.  
**1500 block McLendon Ave**, 7/17, 1p, attempted purse snatching.  
**300 block Candler St**, 7/14, 1p, thief snatched items from victim while walking.

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