

The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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February 2005

MEETINGS*EVENTS

CPNO MEETING FEBRUARY 21 @ 7 PM

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

FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA:

- Approval of Jan Minutes/Meeting Record
- Financial Update
- Officer Reports
- Committee Chairs Reports
- Representatives Reports
- Candler Park Brook Project
- Friends of Candler Park

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the March meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is February 26, 2005.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, February 10 * 7 PM

CPNO Bylaws Revision Committee Meeting
1291 McLendon – Open to all

Tuesday, February 15 * 7 PM

NOTE: Different Time / Location

CPNO Executive Board Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon – Open to all

Monday, February 21 * 7 PM

CPNO General Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon

Monday, February 24 * 7 PM

NPU-N Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon

Focus On Dekalb Avenue

The Ponce de Leon/ Moreland Avenue Corridors Study (www.tunspan.com/poncemoreland, a link is also on our website, www.candlerpark.org) includes Moreland Ave and DeKalb Ave and a 1/4 mile strip along these two borders of our neighborhood. Thanks to Don Bender for arranging a presentation at our January meeting to show us proposals developed through the study.

Among the recommendations currently on the table include changes in zoning on DeKalb Avenue and some adjoining properties in Candler Park that will impact our neighborhood. Now is the time to get involved if you would like to have input into the final recommendations.

CPNO needs to participate in this process to assure that these changes are beneficial and enhance Candler Park's livable and walkable character. Our Vice President for Zoning, Walt Weimar, is already active. Concerned residents should contact Walt for current information and to become engaged. Your involvement will be extremely welcome as we chart our course.

Two new committees were

launched at our January Meeting. Amy Alford (amy.alford@emory.edu, 404-525-1841) is the Chair of the Hospitality Committee. The goal of the Hospitality Committee is to encourage membership and participation in CPNO by welcoming new residents and by organizing social events and other opportunities for neighbors to meet and cultivate relationships with one another. If you are interested in being involved in this committee, please contact Amy.

Bryan Sells, our Vice President for Environment, is chairing the Bylaws and Procedures Committee. Its goal is to assure an open, transparent, and concise operating process for CPNO that provides members with relevant, accessible, and timely information. This committee will review our Bylaws and operating procedures and propose appropriate changes. Bryan hopes to complete this process in the fall of 2005. Please contact him if you wish to become a committee member or to propose changes in how we operate and communicate.

As always I welcome your suggestions for a better Candler Park and CPNO.

- Fred Rossini

The Messenger

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A Candler Park Family Needs Our Help

In the early morning hours of January 25th, Heather and I were awakened by the sounds of sirens and the pulse of red and blue lights through our bedroom window blinds. Across the street, Jaunita Cato's home was ablaze. Four generations of Jaunita's family had lived together there at 1342 Iverson Street, but it took just an hour to render the home uninhabitable. Clothing, furniture, family photos and keepsakes were all damaged or destroyed.

The Red Cross has made temporary accommodations for Jaunita, her daughter Autumn and her granddaughter, who attends Mary Lin Elementary School, at a hotel outside of the Perimeter. As one might imagine, the inconvenience of staying

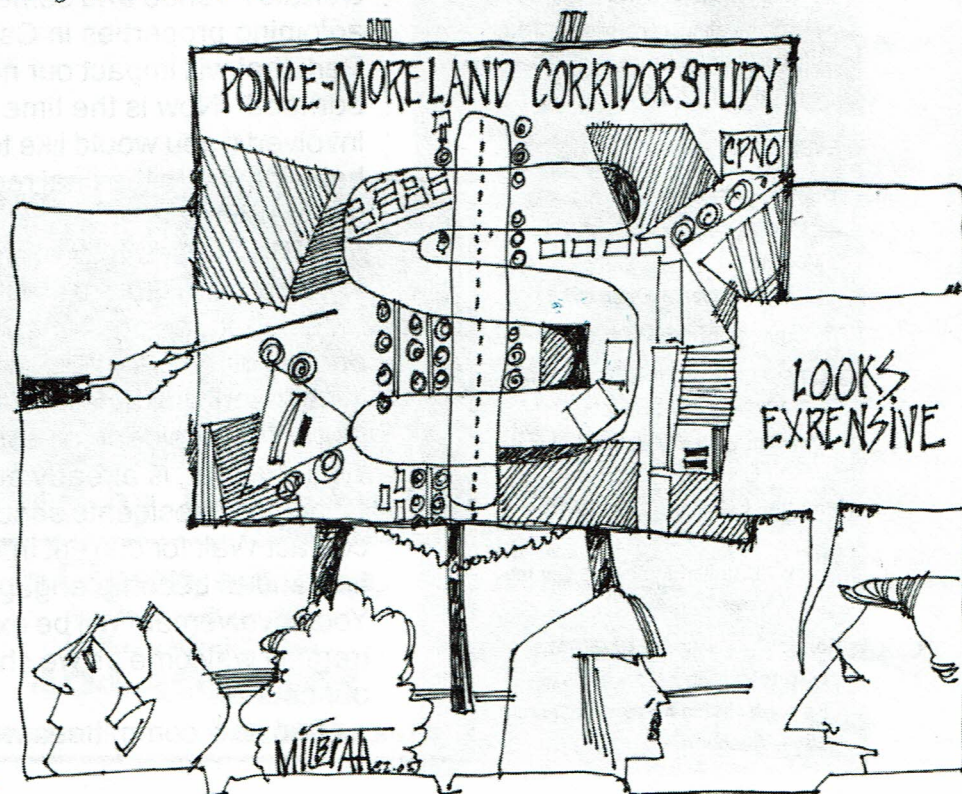
so far from Candler Park is a compounding burden on a family so used to walking to MARTA, to Mary Lin, and to enjoying all that Candler Park has to offer.

Heather and I are doing what we can to find a new home for Jaunita and her family here in Candler Park. And because they are too proud to ask for assistance, we are doing it for them. Please send donations and well-wishes to Autumn Hortiz, P.O. Box 478, Decatur, Georgia, 30031.

We also ask those associated with Mary Lin to reach out through your networks and extend a hand to the family. Thank you!

-- Curt & Heather Flaherty

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Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath



Ponce de Leon/Moreland Ave Corridor Study

Since September 2004, interested citizens have been participating in developing a plan for Ponce de Leon Avenue (Moreland Ave. to Peachtree St.) and Moreland Avenue (Ponce de Leon Ave. to I-20), and DeKalb Avenue (Inman Park/Reynoldstown to the Edgewood/Candler Park MARTA stations). At the January CPNO meeting, Bill Dunkley of the Atlanta Bureau of Planning explained recommendations. Among these were zoning changes in Candler Park.

Future development includes nodes of pedestrian-oriented retail/services and mixed-use residential buildings connected by improved transit facilities (pedestrian, bicycle, bus, rail, automobile)].

Some recommendations that directly impact Candler Park:

- * DeKalb Ave. – 2-3 story multi-family or live/work use, with 4-6 story multi-family area at Edgewood/Candler Park MARTA station

- * Moreland at Ponce de Leon – add north and southbound left-turn lanes

- * Moreland between Euclid and Mansfield – prohibit left turns

- * Moreland in Little Five Points – reduce from 6 lanes to 4 lanes with a center turn lane plus bike lanes to DeKalb Ave.

- * Moreland at DeKalb Ave – redirect traffic to east ramp, remove median, add traffic signal and pedestrian crosswalk on Moreland Ave.

- * Sidewalk Repair – Euclid in Little Five Points, Oakdale from DeKalb to McLendon

- * Streetscape Improvements – Moreland from Ponce de Leon to I-20 – sidewalks, trees, lights, signal arms, buried utilities, highly visible crosswalks

- * Little Five Points Plaza – rebuild to increase visibility, widen sidewalk

- * Parking Deck – in Little Five Points behind 7 Stages

- * Traffic Calming – implement existing Candler Park Plan [see Messenger article October 2002, p.3 (downloadable from www.candlerpark.org) – plans for Euclid, Oakdale, Clifton, Candler Park Dr.]

- * Bus Service – extend #48 from Inman Park/Reynoldstown Station to North Avenue Station via Moreland and Ponce de Leon with shelters and seating at designated stops

- * Rail Service – change terminus of Proctor Creek line from King Memorial to Edgewood/Candler Park Station

- * Bicycles – implement Atlanta Commuter On-Street Bike Plan

MORE INFORMATION – Full draft plan available at www.tunspan.com/poncemoreland

- * Ponce Branch Library – 980 Ponce de Leon Ave

- * Bureau of Planning – City Hall, 55 Trinity Ave, SE, Suite 3350

SUBMIT COMMENTS TO:

Bill Dunkley, City of Atlanta, Bureau of Planning, 404-330-6725, bdunkley@atlantaga.gov.

TIMELINE

Feb 24 – Presentation at NPU-N Meeting, Epworth Church, 7PM

Mar 21 – CPNO Meeting, tentative discussion and vote on CPNO position on recommendations

Mar 24 – NPU-N Meeting, vote on recommendations, Epworth Church, 7PM

Tentatively recommendations will be presented in June at Community Development Plan Hearing and then to City Council in July, the Implementation process will take several years

Please review the Plan in order to formulate questions and comments.

– Julia Brooke

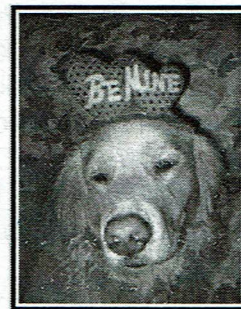
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Picking Up After Your Own Dog Begins

At this month's Freedom Park Conservancy meeting we were excited by the presence of Dianne Harnell Cohen. She quite often attends our meetings to learn what is going on in the neighborhoods and to let us know what important things are going on in the parks department. At this month's meeting she wanted to talk about dog poop.

She said she had visited with the group responsible for maintaining Freedom Park and heard complaining about the large amounts of dog poop they were having to clean up. It didn't really hit me, until she mentioned it, that there were people that could be mowing the grass or picking up garbage but instead had to waste their time and suffer the indignity of picking up dog poop because someone did not bother to pick up after their dog. I also realized that there was probably a disconnect between the dog owners and the result of their unwillingness to pick up after their dog (which I have been guilty of in the past). I sat there and imagined my dog taking a crap in the park and then asking someone else to pick it up because I hadn't taken the time to bring a baggie with

me – I doubt there are many people who would do that.

After hearing the commissioner speak and thinking of having someone pick up my dog's crap I raised my hand and offered to write a letter for neighborhood newsletters asking people to not only clean up after their dog but to also ask others that are not curbing their dogs to do the same. So in addition to this article you might see me on the hill north of Druid Place or in the park just south of the Carter Center (two of the worst poop zones) handing out fliers and bags to dog owners asking them to clean up after their dogs. I hope you will join me.

— Eric Dusenbury

Pertinent parts of the City Parks Ordinance

Sec. 110-70. Pets.

(a) No person shall walk any pet in any park except on a leash, unless the area of the park is explicitly designated as an off-leash dog area.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of any person bringing a pet into a public park to clean up any matter excreted by the pet.

—Eric Dusenbury

Candler Park Brook Restoration Project Begins

Please join us for an introduction to the Candler Park Brook Restoration Project on February 21, 2005! The brook restoration site is just across McLendon from Epworth Methodist Church down to the confluence of the creek at the Path entrance to Freedom Park.

The \$875,000 project was put together by local volunteers in your neighborhood and represents a partnership between the City of Atlanta, the Georgia Environmental Protection Department and the United States Environmental Protection. The grant, funded by the EPA/EPD, was written in 2001

with a local match from the City of Atlanta and showcases Best Management Practices for watershed management and non-point source pollution protection.

At the meeting on February 21 we will present some brief video footage of watershed events in and around Candler Park Brook. We will present educational materials about non-point source pollution and the project. And we will solicit your input via Question and Answer and/or via a Candler Park Feedback Form. Our environmental design expert, Steve Jones, will also be available to answer questions.

— Susan Montgomery

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FallFest Planning Begins Now

Candler Park FallFest is still months away, but the planning has already begun. We're focusing on making it the largest and most successful ever, and need a few early volunteers to come aboard and help us build and implement our strongest plan to date. Specifically, we're looking for an Artist Liaison, a Volunteer Coordinator, and a Logistics Coordinator to keep our internal communications smooth and focused. If you'd like to be part of FallFest without being stuck selling soda in a trailer in October, join in now! Just send an email to bert@cpfallfest.com for details.

—Bert Bellinson

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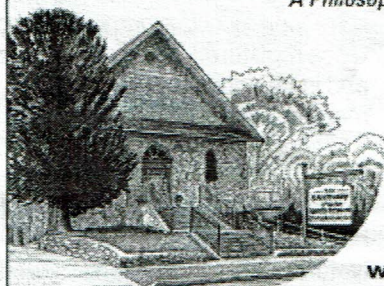


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Atlanta Humane Society 16th Annual Pet Parade in Candler Park

If there is one thing that Candler Park residents love more than outdoor seating, that would have to be their pets. So when Michelle Allen of the Atlanta Humane Society mentioned that they were thinking of changing the location of their yearly Pet Parade I knew that I had to persuade them to make Candler Park their new home.

The Atlanta Humane Society Pet Parade will be held on **April 16th**. The Pet Parade is the premiere walk-a-thon for animals in the Atlanta area in terms of public awareness, participation and revenue. In 2004 this unique event raised close to \$40,000. The goal for this year is \$50,000 to support AHS adoption and educational programs.

Activities at the Pet Parade provide something for everyone. Participants follow a scenic route through Candler Park and enjoy all of the special features of the pet festival. The Pet Parade audience will be amazed by demonstrations

from the Greater Atlanta Dog and Disc Club, US Customs Canine Enforcement and the Canine Academy & Playschool's Agility course. Also, contests for best trick and pet/owner look alike will be held after the walk.

The Pet Parade is the largest pledge walk for animals. Registration is required. Each participant must collect a minimum in pledges. For more information please visit <http://www.atlantahumane.org>.

First Annual K-9 Fun Run

In the past, The Atlanta Humane Society has had a warm up event leading up to the Pet Parade. I was thinking that this would be a great opportunity for our neighborhood to host a K-9 Fun Run to serve as that warm up on **April 2**. Where as the Pet Parade is a walk-a-thon, the K-9 Fun Run would be more of a jog/

walk event. A one-mile jog will begin at 9 am and a two-mile will start shortly after. You can run with or without a dog. Each human participant will receive an all cotton t-shirt featuring our logo designed by Atlanta artist Michelle Abeyta. After the race, at 10:00 am or so, we will have complimentary bagels and fruit and a lively awards ceremony featuring awards for the biggest, smallest dog, fastest tail wagger and much more as well as a raffle. The AHS mascots will be there as well as their mobile adoption unit. The Fun Run fee will be \$18 pre registration \$23 after. All proceeds go to improvement of Candler Park and the pool. For more information please visit www.rungeorgia.com

For a quick recap:
K-9 Fun Run on April 2
The Atlanta Humane Society
Pet Parade on April 16th

-- Mark Clement

Mary Lin Winter Arts Festival, 2/26, 10-5

Mary Lin Elementary School, overlooking Freedom Park at 586 Candler Park Drive, is hosting its first Winter Art Festival on Saturday, February 26. Mary Lin has long been a school dedicated to the integration of the arts into education, and the school sees the new Winter Art Festival as a way to connect the arts-oriented school with an arts-oriented community.

The organizers of the Festival, parents and friends of the school, expect upwards of thirty local artists to exhibit their original, hand-crafted work for sale. In addition, local musicians and performers will be on site—most notably the Seed & Feed Marching Abominable.

The school's art room will be open for children to create their own work, and hot coffee and soup will be available for purchase in the school cafeteria. Come and support the artists and Mary Lin. Applications for artists' space are still being accepted. Email marylinartsale@yahoo.com for further information.

Coming In March -- The Brain Behind The Beltline

If you have not already heard about the exciting proposal to convert the old railroad corridors that encircle Atlanta into a new streetcar system accompanied by parallel bicycle and walking paths, be sure not to miss our March CPNO meeting.

Ryan Gravel, who originally described this Belt Line concept in his 1999 master's thesis, will make a special presentation outlining how the Belt Line would improve the quality of life in intown neighborhoods and report on recent progress on the project.

Come learn more about this unique plan to improve mobility, increase green space, and stimulate redevelopment throughout the city.

-- Amy Stout

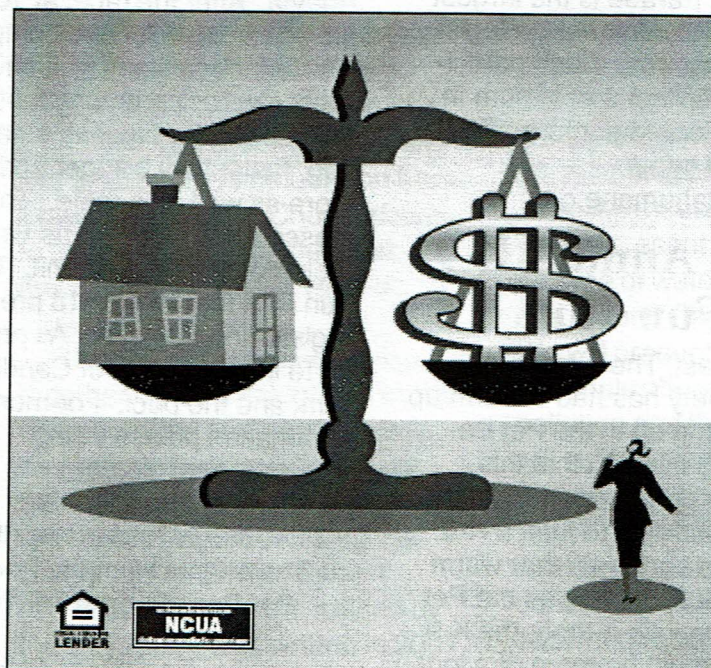
Kids Consignment Sale, 2/25, 26

Once again it's time for the Semi-annual Community Kids Consignment Sale being held at Epworth United Methodist Church (1561 McLendon Ave.) on Friday, February 25 from 9:30am until 6:30pm and February 26 from 9:30am until 1:00pm (most items ½ price Saturday).

To register all you have to do is pick up a form at Sevananda (467 Moreland Avenue) or call (404) 584-7875 xt. 300 or e-mail us at: communitykidsconsignment@yahoo.com. Once registered, you'll receive a number and instructions on tagging your merchandise and when to drop them off. We accept any kind of merchandise related to maternity to infant to teen.

Proceeds from the sale go to benefit both Sevananda a Community Owned Natural Foods Market and Epworth UMC. Individual and Group Consigners who volunteer to help with the sale keep 85%, others keep 70%. If you do not wish to consign, but would like to donate toys, clothes, baby furniture, etc., you may drop these items off in the drop box at Sevananda (located in the front of the store) or at Epworth (located in the foyer of the Education Building).

NOTE In addition we are looking for any interested parties (schools, daycare, parent group, church) interested in taking over this semi-annual sale. Please call the above referenced number.



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This year we will offer even more members-only hours, more special activities, and *no price increase*. We've also expanded our scope to better serve our neighbors in the surrounding neighborhoods. All we need now is you!

We're giving you all the usual reasons to join the fun – great swimming and chilling by the pool with your neighbors, Pizza at the Pool, burgers-and-dogs cookouts, plus our annual Shrimp Boil, Luau Night, Old Fashioned Barbecue, poolside musical entertainment and kid activities, and the favorite of everyone, Dive-In Movies.

All of these special events make the Pool worth joining even if you rarely (or never, in the case of my wife) even get wet. And there's another, even better

reason – the pool isn't just about a place to swim, it's an investment in our intown lifestyle. Candler Park Pool is only one of three intown city pools that maintains neighborhood control of its pool. Let's all support the Pool and show the City this can work.

This year is crucial to our survival, so please take a minute to sign on for the upcoming season. You'll find your application in *The Messenger* (or go to www.candlerpark.org and download one).

Next month, we'll introduce our new mascot, and allow you to have a say in the name we give him. And in March, we'll debut the new website for the pool (at www.candlerparkpool.com). Then watch for the announcement of the opening date in May – the days of hearing the sounds of "marco" and "polo" emanating from the pool will be here before you know it. Look forward to seeing you poolside!

—Candler Park Pool Association

A Little More Trash Talking

While Barefoot Neighbor and Another Miserable Neighbor trade jabs, I'd like to challenge Candler Park residents to take action on a neighborhood blight that's more visible and pervasive than not picked up dog/cat poo AND is easier for all of us to do something about – LITTER. While dodging dog poo, how many times have you also stepped over an empty pack of cigarettes or a Starbucks cup?

Why not just pick it up and deposit it in the nearest trash receptacle? Together (everyone start humming Kum-ba-ya here) we can help keep the neighborhood clean while walking the dog, walking to lunch, or walking to our car. I know readers of this paper – residents of Candler Park – aren't causing the litter but we are the only ones who care enough to do anything about it.

-- Pragmatic In The Park

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LAND USE ISSUES

There are no land use issues scheduled to be voted on at the February CPNO meeting. Land use issues to be voted on at the March meeting must be submitted prior to February 26.

NPU-N ISSUES

NPU-N meetings are held at 7PM, on the 4th Thursday of every month at Epworth Methodist Church. Candler Park residents are welcome to attend. Contact NPU-N representative Walt Weimar at 404-377-1411 regarding any regularly-scheduled voting or agenda matters.

There are no NPU issues for this month.

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Reported 12/19–1/22, 2005, Zone 6 police records. Compiled by Gregg Reinhardt.

- **500 block Clifton Ave**, 12/18, auto stolen, 1981 Olds 88.
- **1200 block Mclendon Ave**, 12/18, auto stolen, 1992 Chevy Blazer.
- **300 block Mell Ave**, 12/27, 9am, auto stolen, keys in ignition & motor running, 1986 Mercedes 300E.
- **400 block Oakdale Rd**, 1/4, 12am, coins stolen from laundromat, washer was damaged.
- **500 block Candler Park Dr**, 1/7, auto stolen, 1989 Old Ciera.
- **400 block Page Ave**, 1/7, attempted auto theft, 1992 Honda Accord.
- **300 block Elmira Pl**, 1/8, auto stolen, 2004 Toyota Tacoma.
- **600 block Page Ave**, 1/9, home entered while victims sleeping, no sign of forced entry, money stolen, victims never heard a thing..
- **400 block Moreland Ave**, 1/10, items stolen from unlocked vehicle.
- **500 block Candler Park Dr**, 1/18, 12am, laptop computers stolen from elementary school.
- **1700 block Mclendon Ave**, 1/19, 2pm, 2 juveniles attempted to steal truck, 1978 Chevy C10, Perps -- Antoine Spurley, B/M, 8/29/87 & James Cook, W/M, 8/19/90.
- **1200 block Dekalb Ave**, 1/20, construction trailer pried open and items stolen.
- **900 block Dekalb Ave**, 1/20, construction trailer pried open and items stolen.

Green Space

Did you know that English Ivy is an invasive and non-native species here in Georgia? According to Trees Atlanta, English Ivy infestation is one of the biggest problems with Atlanta's greenspaces. They spend countless hours every year removing it from Atlanta's forests and parks.

Why is English Ivy a problem?

- It causes trees to topple. With its fine, hairlike roots, English Ivy can hold a large amount of water and the added weight can cause limbs to break off or the entire tree to fall over.
- It competes for sunlight and water. English Ivy grows up trees to reach sunlight, thus shading the tree and restricting photosynthesis. Ivy also competes with trees for water and nutrition in the soil which can kill the tree.
- It smothers other plants. English Ivy can blanket the ground and become so dense that native plants and tree seedlings cannot grow and regenerate.
- It destroys nearby forests. Once English Ivy reaches the top of a tree and matures, its leaves change to a spade shape and the plant sets seed. These seeds are carried by birds to nearby greenspaces where they germinate and spread.

Fortunately, English Ivy infestation is a problem that you can help to solve. Winter is a great time to remove English Ivy from the trees on your property because the evergreen leaves are so easy to see. Most homeowners can remove English Ivy from their own trees without the need for a professional arborist. Here's how:

1. Cut ivy vines at the base of the tree and again at four feet high and then remove the freshly cut section of vine. Be careful not to cut into the bark of the tree.

Do not remove the vines higher than four feet, as this can damage the bark or cause weak limbs to fall. The ivy in the tree will die on its own over the next few months and the vines will eventually fall off.

For more information on English Ivy removal, contact Trees Atlanta at (404) 522-4097 or www.treesatlanta.org.

– Bryan Sells

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