

# The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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February 2006

## MEETINGS\*EVENTS

### CPNO MEETING FEBRUARY 20 @ 7 PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is for CPNO members! We meet the third MONDAY of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Avenue. NEW ROOM - Historical Room, 2nd Floor. Please use McLendon Avenue entrance.

### FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA:

- Welcoming Remarks
- Approval of the Agenda
- Reading and Vote on Minutes
- Officer, Committee Chair and Rep Reports
- Vote on resolution re: Messenger Expenses
- Vote on resolution re: Dog Jog 5K
- McLendon Avenue Beautification Project Update and Discussion
- Vote on Moreland Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Proposal
- New Business
- Open Forum
- Announcements

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the February meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is February 26, 2006.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Saturday, February 11 \* 9 - 11am

CPNO/FOCP Candler Park Workday  
Candler Park (meet at park entrance)

#### Monday, February 13 \* 6:30PM

McLendon Avenue Beautification Meeting  
Epworth United Methodist Church, 3rd Floor  
1561 McLendon Ave  
Open to All

#### Monday, February 13 \* 7pm

CPNO Board of Directors Meeting  
Epworth United Methodist Church, 3rd Floor  
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Open to All

#### Monday, February 20 \* 7 PM

CPNO Regular Meeting  
Epworth United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
1561 McLendon Ave  
Open to All

#### Thursday, February 23 \* 7 PM

NPU-N Meeting  
LSP Community Center  
Corner of Euclid & Austin Ave.

## What Happened To The Moratorium

Atlanta City CouncilMember at large, Mary Norwood, has proposed legislation before the City Council which will, among other things, adjust the way the 35' height limitation is measured for properties being built or refurbished. The legislation is intended as a step towards controlling perceived inappropriate infill development within intown neighborhoods. This infill development often has been possible by tearing down existing structures in order to build larger disproportionate structures and thus allowing the developer or investor to realize a larger profit.

As debate and refinement of the legislation continued, CouncilMember Norwood felt it was in the best interest of affected neighborhoods to propose an interim moratorium on certain types of building permits in order to protect against a rush of demolitions before the final legislation was possibly enacted. The moratorium included only certain parts of the city, certain neighborhoods, and most notably, NOT Candler Park.

When 6th district CouncilMember Anne Fauver(our CouncilPerson) was asked why Candler Park was not included, her office responded that it was not known that residents of Candler Park wanted to be included. That certainly may have been true because not many people knew of the moratorium before the temporary one was imposed by the Mayor. CouncilMember Norwood said she was open to adding any area that wished to be added but was deferring to the wishes of explicit district representatives. After a week of opportunity for neighbors to express their opinion to

CouncilMember Fauver, she reported that the neighborhood had requested and would be added to those neighborhoods bound under the moratorium. When she agreed to favor to have the neighborhood added, it was not known if the neighborhood had asked formally or as a collective measure at that point. Despite her belated assurance however, Candler Park was not added to that which the City Zoning Committee voted. We'll see if it gets added to the final ordinance before the full Council.

At the time of this printing, the moratorium was up in the air having been voted against by the City Zoning Committee, but still possible before the whole City Council. A main argument against by City Zoning Committee members was that the entire City was not included. The infill legislation that instigated the moratorium suggestion will not come before the Council for several months and is not directly affected by any decision on the moratorium.

In the meantime, Candler Park continues to be affected by the new profit strategy. More houses are being destroyed, more neighbors are being affected, more trees are being cut down and more houses are being devalued to a chunk of property instead of being a house in which a family can start or enjoy. In short, the neighborhood that had particular character and camaraderie 15 years ago is going quickly. Whether you view that change as good, bad or inevitable, if you don't mourn a loss of neighborliness you are not a Candler Parkian -- you're a tourist.



# The Messenger

The Messenger is published monthly by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Deadline for articles is the 26th of the preceding month. Submit to:

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26th of the month (prepaid) for publication in the following month's edition. No extensions. Include your name and phone number. Ads may not be phoned in or bought on credit.

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## New Committees Need Volunteers

Do you care about our neighborhood's trees? Do you have a background in communications? If so, now is your chance to do something to help improve your neighborhood. At the January CPNO meeting, members voted to create two new committees to address these issues, and both committees need volunteers.

The new neighborhood tree committee is charged with developing recommendations for protecting, maintaining and improving our neighborhood's tree canopy. If you care about trees, this committee is for you. The communications review committee is charged with reviewing and making recommendations for optimizing all facts of CPNO communications.

If you are interested in being on either committee or want to find out more about them, please email me at or call me at (404)525-6151.

- Bryan Sells

## Candler Park Workday

The next Candler Park Workday, sponsored by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and the Friends of Candler Park, is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please note the new time. This month we'll be preparing some of the bulbout gardens for planting and working on other miscellaneous projects around the park. We need lots of volunteers. The young and old are welcome, and gloves are recommended. Please RSVP to if you are planning to attend.

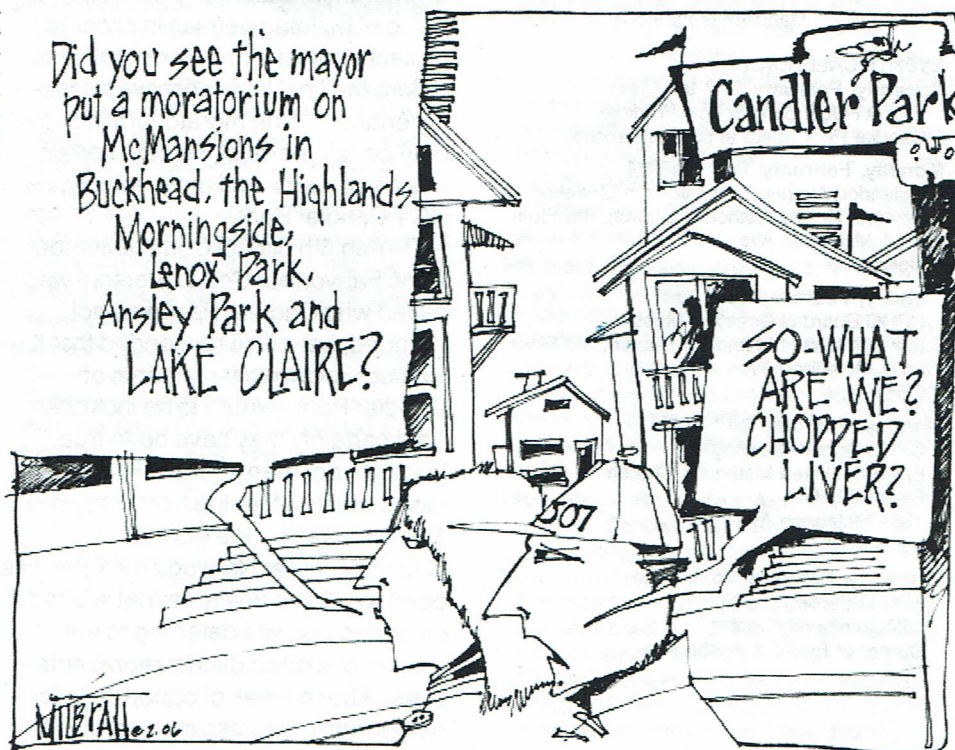
-- Bryan Sells

## Notice Of Motion

In accordance with Article VI, Section 5(a)(2) of the CPNO Bylaws, notice is hereby given of intent to offer a main motion to authorize the treasurer to disburse funds up to \$600 each month without prior authorization to pay for printing costs associated with the Messenger.

In accordance with Article VI, Section 5(a)(2) of the CPNO Bylaws, notice is hereby given of intent to offer a main motion to give the special projects officer and treasurer the authority to act on behalf of the neighborhood without prior approval to the extent necessary to produce the annual Dog Jog 5K run in Candler Park provided that the total expenditures not exceed \$2,000.

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath





## 2006 CPNO Membership

We've had a great turn out – over 140 people have joined CPNO since the new membership registration process started in November. If you're thinking about joining, now is the time. The new bylaws included a provision to waive the initiation fee through Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Hurry! Time is almost up! After Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, all membership registrations

must include a \$10 initiation fee in addition to the \$15 annual dues.

CPNO is for everybody! The Membership Committee is currently planning a 2006 membership drive and brainstorming ways to add more benefits to membership. If you have any ideas or would like to be a part of this working group, please let me

know! Also, a financial hardship fund has been established to ensure that everyone is able to join, regardless of their financial situation. Contact the membership secretary to apply for funds to cover your annual dues.

Amy Alford, Membership Secretary  
404-610-5220 /  
amy.alford@emory.edu

## CPNO Membership Application

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Please indicate what, if any, of the above information you do NOT want published in the neighborhood directory: \_\_\_\_\_

\* If business representative, please list the name, address, and phone number of the designated representative above.

## Annual Dues

Annual dues are \$15 for each adult 18 years or older, \$5 for each adult age 65 or older. Make checks payable to Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO). We want to ensure that no one is unable to join due to financial hardship. If you are unable to pay dues, please check the appropriate box below and/or contact the membership secretary to apply for funds to cover your dues. Please indicate:

- ☐ New Enrollment (Include a one-time \$10 initiation fee per adult, if after February 20, 2006)  
☐ Membership Renewal  
☐ I would like to apply for the financial hardship fund to cover my annual dues  
☐ Business Representative Name of business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of business: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Involvement and Interests

Please check any below that you may be interested in helping with.

- |   |   |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> New neighbor welcome | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Messenger | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Candler Park/Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5K/Road Races        | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Zoning      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tour of Homes         | <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer Distribution       |
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## An Opinion

Where is the direction for the Candler Park neighborhood. While our President espouses communication, inclusion and participation, he has not informed the neighbors of one thing going on in this neighborhood since assuming office other than park work-days and new committees. It is not entirely his responsibility to do this however. Our other officers hold this responsibility also and other than exhaustively reporting the meeting minutes, no proactive information has been disseminated. Now this month on the agenda, there is a proposed vote on a bridge over Moreland in Freedom Park. That's rather a major project that could affect and alter the neighborhood drastically and yet there is nothing here about the proposal.

I have to believe the new bylaws encourage this. With voting only possible if one pays, the Neighborhood

Organization has made the neighborhood a segregated body. It is an Organization that does not represent the neighborhood, its views or positions any longer. This weakens the neighborhood, the NPU and in turn the entire NPU system. It's as if the Organization doesn't want debate and consensus among neighbors. It's as if it wants a mandate only from paying members.

There were many reasons given for the need to have fees to join the neighborhood and in fact those reasons change with each time the question is asked. One of the reasons given is to infuse ownership in participation or in other words to prevent the one-time participation of a neighbor when a contentious issue arises. We all live in the neighborhood however and a contentious issue affects us all. Someone who

goes to every meeting has no more moral right to express their view through a vote than a neighbor who only ever goes to one meeting. I understand that it's frustrating to spend sometimes years working on an issue only to have it voted down. That is a lesson in communication and campaigning. The tactic taken by the current organization is to exclude those that might disagree. Lack of information is a means for that tactic.

An important new communications committee has been formed recently. The simplest recommendation of that committee should be to encourage the officers to inform all neighbors of coming proposals. The simplest finding of that committee should be that exclusion by a mandatory fee in order to vote destroys communication.

-- Mark Carson

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- **FEBRUARY 9th**  
Madame Bovary  
By Gustave Flaubert
- **MARCH 9th**  
Money By Martin Amis
- **APRIL 13th**  
A Prayer For Owen Meany  
By John Irving
- **MAY 11th**  
The Tender Bar  
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- Casual, fun socials for kids and parents
- Great information and a chance to connect

A "meet and greet" is planned to hear what CPPC can offer you and to share your ideas. Please join us and tell your neighbors. Kids welcome!

**Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm.**

Contact me for the location of the "meet and greet", with questions, or if you are interested in helping to organize CPPC.

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## A Bible club

You asked for it, you got it: in response to several requests, a Bible study for Candler Park neighbors has formed and people of any belief or faith are welcome to participate. The study meets at the home of Scott and Kerstin Armstrong, Thursdays, 7:30-9 PM, 405 Clifton Rd. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Scott Armstrong at 404-840-7498 or e-mail him, karisdaddy@hotmail.com.

-- Scott Armstrong



## Join The Magic Carpet Ride!

Druid Hills Child Development Center's annual silent auction and cocktail party Friday February 24, at The StoveWorks' Gallery, 112 Krog Street. Fabulous gifts, jewelry, area attraction passes are available at the auction as are a wide selection of gift certificates to Atlanta's best and most popular restaurants and shops. Entertainment by the Casanovas and specially prepared appetizers and desserts included in ticket price. Come support this local non-profit daycare center raise funds to replace the rugs and carpet for children aged 6 weeks to 10 years. Tickets are \$15. For more information contact silverliningauction@yahoo.com or call 404.875.5019.



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## Clifton Road Traffic Calming Charrette

A charrette on the subject of Clifton Road traffic calming has been scheduled for February 9th, 7:00pm, to be held at Epworth Methodist Church on McLendon. This charrette will involve representatives from both Candler Park and Lake Claire Neighborhood Organizations, PEDs, City of Atlanta traffic engineers, and hopefully City Councilpersons Fauver and Archibong. The goal is to arrive at a community-wide consensus on traffic calming on Clifton Road.

A little background. Last fall, a similar charrette was held at Mary Lin Elementary. This meeting addressed the safety issues on Clifton, Euclid, and Candler Park Road/North Avenue. The Lake Claire Neighbors voted on a proposed solution prior to the Mary Lin charrette, endorsing painted crosswalks and in-street crosswalk signs as a solution for Clifton Road. However, the Clifton group at the Mary Lin charrette (which included residents of Clifton Road and some folks from Lake Claire, but nobody from LCN) presented plans that required pedestrian safety medians for the crosswalks and stop signs at one or more of these Clifton intersections: Harriet, Marlbrook, and Muriel. The CPNO Pedestrian and Cyclist Committee reviewed this proposal, and the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization adopted the consensus recommendation from the Mary Lin charrette's Clifton Road group at the January meeting.

The goal of the new charrette is to get everybody on board for the same solution. In spite of the

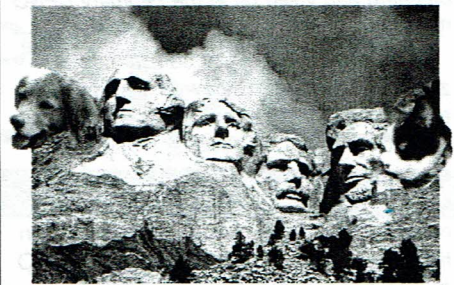
intervening addition of line-markings and the Clifton Terrace stop sign (necessary improvements brought about through the efforts of Timothy Renick, Chris Christian, and Jennie and Wayne Richardson, working directly with the City), traffic on Clifton continues to travel at unacceptably high speeds, particularly through the main pedestrian corridor between McLendon and Clifton Terrace. As a participant in the Mary Lin charrette and resident of Clifton, I favor the more comprehensive approach adopted by CPNO. The stop signs and pedestrian refuge medians will ensure safe passage for foot traffic to and from Candler Park and our neighborhood schools without unnecessarily impeding vehicular and bicycle traffic. To anticipate a recurring question, bulb-outs aren't a part of the CPNO plan.

Whatever the result of the next charrette, we'll need to get the necessary funding and approval in place before any improvements are made. But to ensure community consensus on the solution to Clifton's traffic problems, interested folks should show up on February 9th.

-- Richard Holcomb



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## LAND USE ISSUES

*There are no land use issues scheduled to be heard and voted on at the February CPNO meeting.*

During the month of January, the zoning committee reviewed it's first application for a variance. The committee worked well with the applicant and after much discussion at the initial review meeting, the zoning committee received all of the requested information from the applicant. At the January CPNO meeting the committee presented it's findings to support the application with a series of conditions and the members of the organization adopted those findings.

The zoning committee also voted unanimously to support the addition of Candler Park Neighborhood to the protected neighborhoods under the proposed moratorium related to Mary Norwood's Infill Housing Legislation. Protection of our neighborhood, during the legislation review process seemed quite advisable, as surrounding neighborhoods either have historic designation which protects rampant development, or are neighborhoods that were designated for the interim protection measures.

In the February, regularly scheduled zoning committee meeting, members will discuss procedural issues and review an outline of the format to be used for applications as well as an overview of the review process for applications. In addition, the committee will review and refine its goals for 2006 with the hope that these may be presented to the CPNO Board of Directors and the organization members for adoption.

The zoning committee will meet the first Wednesday of each month in the upstairs classroom at Epworth Methodist Church at seven pm.

For additional information please contact Randy Pimsler at [rpimsler@hotmail.com](mailto:rpimsler@hotmail.com).

Randy Pimsler, Chairperson  
CPNO Zoning Committee

## NPU-N ISSUES

*NPU-N meetings are held at 7PM, on the 4th Thursday of every month at L5Pts Community Center(Cm Euclid and Austin Ave.) Candler Park residents are welcome to attend. Contact Amy Stout at 404-371-0505 regarding any regularly scheduled voting or agenda matters.*

**The Board chose not to report on any NPU issues this month.**

## CRIME REPORT

*Reported 12/18/2005-1/19/2006, Zone 6 police records. Compiled by David Bruce.*

**1200 block Druid Pl**, 12/23, noon, Larceny, auto entered, items taken.

**1500 block Dekalb Ave**, 12/17, noon, a volunteer stole some items from a company.

**1300 block Iverson St.**, 12/20-12/21, Burglary, Screened porch entered, items taken.

**1200 block Euclid Ave**, 12/21-12/24, Burglary, items taken, known suspect.

**1300 block Euclid Ave**, 12/26, Morning, domestic assault with knife. Victim states her ex husband came over to get a dog. While there, he began to choke her and put a switchblade knife to her throat. Known suspect.

**1500 block Dekalb Ave**, 12/27, night, 2 victims assaulted during an argument, known suspect.

**1400 block Benning Pl**, 12/23-12/28, Window broken and items missing.

**1500 block Mclendon Ave**, 12/25, afternoon, AC pulled out of the window, unknown if anything was taken.

**400 block Sterling St**, 12/27, Burglary during daytime via unlocked door, items taken.

**300 block Brooks Ave**, 12/30, burglary late morning via unlocked He was arrested. The victim refused to prosecute because the arrestee does yard work for him and he did not believe the arrestee would do that.

**1400 block Euclid Ave**, 01/02/2006, Mon. evening, auto theft, Victim stated as he was about to leave the listed location, he noticed his vehicle gone.

**300 block Ferguson St**, 12/26 - 12/31, Burglary, items taken while victim out of town.

**300 block Candler St**, 01/02/2006, Mon., Burglary, through kitchen window while victim at work, items taken.

**Moreland Ave/Mclendon Ave**, 01/07/2006, Sat., robbery The victim stated that while walking on the city street he was approached by a B/M who presented a handgun and demanded that the victim give him all the money and his wallet. Suspect : B/M 14-18 yrs medium brown in complexion clean shaven black sweat shirt with dark pants and dark ball cap.

**400 block Euclid Ter**, 01/07 - 01/09, Burglary, items taken while out of town.

**200 block Oakdale Rd**, 01/11, Wed. evening, On street Victim was walking south on Oakdale Rd when the suspect approached from the rear. The suspect pointed a silver handgun and stated "Get on the ground." Suspect took \$16, cell phone, check book and wallet. The suspect hit the victim in the back of the head with the gun before fleeing on foot. Suspect: B/M ,20-25 YOA ,6-0 to 6-1 200-210 lbs, thin, Brown eyes.

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**1700 block Mclendon Ave**, 01/11, Wed. evening, Robbery on street, Victims were walking on the sidewalk when the suspect asked for money. Victim told the suspect that he don't have any and kept walking. Both victims heard the cock of a handgun. The suspect then pointed a silver handgun and victim placed her purse on the ground and the suspect grabbed the purse and left in a white Ford Taurus. Suspect: B/M, 6-2 to 6-3 hgt, 180-220 lbs, dread locks.

**1300 block Benning Pl**, 01/19, Larceny from auto, stereo taken.

**300 block Moreland Ave**, 01/15, 10:00, Robbery, Victims stated both suspects walked into the store with guns drawn and started to open the register. Once the drawer was open, suspects grabbed the money. The suspects left the store and fled on foot. Suspects (2) Bm19-20 1 215 lbs gold teeth silver parka jogging pants 1- 5'9 130-150 Black pants silver pistol.

**1500 block Mclendon Ave**, 01/16, Mon. evening, Candler Park The victim stated he was walking through Candler Park when two black males approached him from the rear. The older male pointed a silver pistol at him and demanded his money. The two male ran off : Suspects: B/M, 18-21 YOA, 5'10 HGt, 190 Lbs, Average build, Medium complexion B/M, 14-16 YOA, 5'07 HGt, 160 LBs, Average build, Medium complexion. Taken: Nothing