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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CPNO Meeting: Dec. 18th @ 7PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization meetings are open to all. We meet the third Monday of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Ave. in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the Mell Avenue (west lower-level) entrance.

December Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming Remarks
- Approval of Agenda
- Vote on November Minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- Historical Presentation
- New Business
- Announcements
- Open Forum

To submit agenda items, contact any CPNO officer. The December agenda deadline is November 26, 2006.

DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 6th, 2006 @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church, 3rd Floor
Open to all

Monday, December 11th, 2006 @ 7 pm

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

Monday, December 18th, 2006 @ 7pm

CPNO Regular Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall (Mell Ave. entrance)

Thursday, December 21st, 2006 @ 7pm

NPU-N Meeting
L5P Community Center
Corner of Euclid Ave. and Austin Ave.



"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

I have enjoyed getting to know the Candler Park community better through my involvement in CPNO, and I hope to serve CPNO well as president in 2007. I feel fortunate to live in this vibrant neighborhood of creative individuals with diverse backgrounds, talents, and interests.

My greatest hope for the upcoming year is that more neighbors will join in and offer the benefit of their perspective, so the neighborhood organization can formulate goals that reflect the priorities of the neighborhood as a whole.

What do YOU want to see happen?

Last spring, the CPNO Communications Committee conducted a survey, and the majority of the sixty-six people who responded ranked *safety* as the most important issue for CPNO to focus on. In addition, it seems like the neighborhood crime reports in *The Messenger* get longer every month. In response to these concerns, the board is soliciting interest in

establishing a neighborhood security patrol and is looking for volunteers to help organize these efforts. We need your input to know if this is something you think would benefit the community and is worth working on. (Please see the related article on page 4 of this issue of *The Messenger* to learn more about how the security patrol would work and how to indicate your level of interest in such a service.)

A personal priority

On a less serious topic, I want CPNO meetings to be fun to attend. To this end, I would like to incorporate a social period into our monthly meetings where we can meet and mingle, either before or after the "business" portion of the meeting. For our December 18th meeting, my charming husband has graciously agreed to serve up his special recipe for holiday cheer to facilitate socializing. I hope you'll join us.

- Amy Stout

The Messenger

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Infill Housing (Historic District) Committee Update

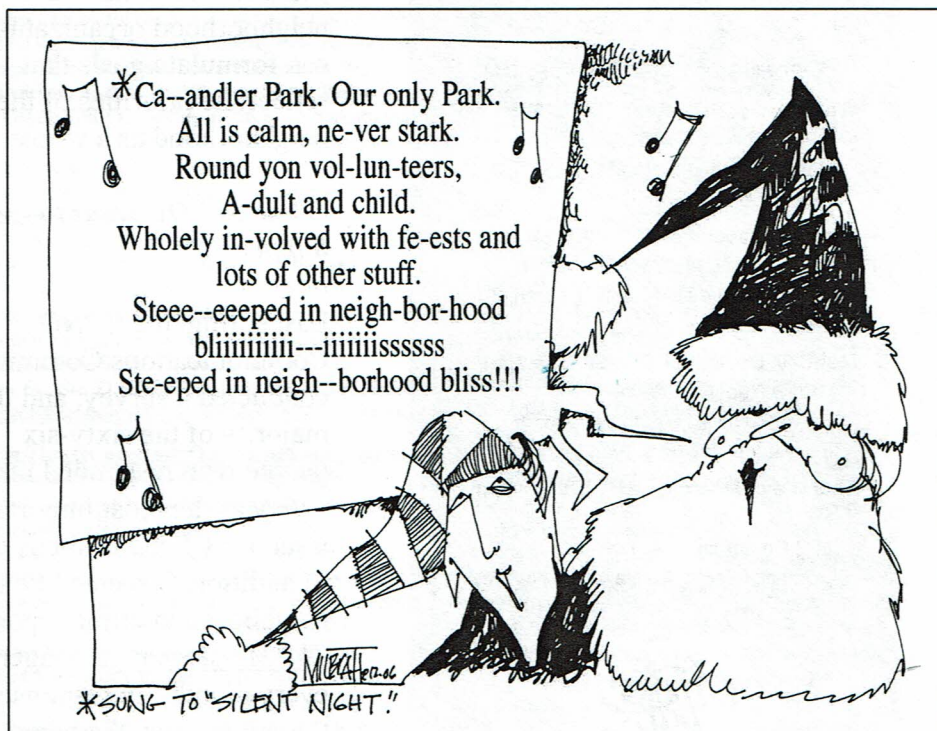
Our Infill Housing Committee has been moving forward the past few months bringing together a great group of folks and brainstorming ideas about the future housing development of Candler Park. Current committee members include Heather Church, Robert Craig, Laurie Devegter, Maya Hahn, James Johnson, Mary Middlemas, Thomas Painter, David Payne, Randy Pimsler, Mark Stedina and myself as chair.

As mentioned previously, this committee was formed as a result of neighborhood concern regarding the demolition of historic homes and the development of incompatibly-scaled larger homes. Our work has broadened to embrace discussions of a possible Historic District designation as a protective measure. As a

result we've decided to change the name of our committee to better reflect our work and make sure Candler Park residents are aware of our goals. Our new name is the Historic District committee.

In our last meeting we invited Doug Young of the Atlanta Urban Design Commission to talk to us about what it means to be a Historic District. The Urban Design Commission offers assistance and public information to property owners, residents and others interested in historic preservation in Atlanta. The Commission is made up of a staff of five, and a Board of eleven members who are all residents of the City of Atlanta. The members of the Commission are a diverse group of volunteers including two

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Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath

Update on Infill Housing (now CPNO Historic District) Committee *(continued)*

architects, a landscape architect, lawyer, land developer, real estate professional, historic preservationist, artist, historian, neighborhood representative and urban planner. All are appointed to serve three-year terms by the Mayor, City Council and Council President. For more information, check out the Atlanta Urban Design Commission's website at <http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx>.

At our meeting with Doug we learned about the varying levels of protection including Conservation, Historic and Landmark designations. Conservation is the minimum amount of protection, where work is reviewed by the Commission and suggestions are made, but work requires no approval process. The Brookwood Hills area is the only example of this type.

Historic designation means that the Commission reviews and must approve work on the exterior of historic buildings as seen from the street and that historic buildings have to be reviewed for demolition. The rules and possible limitations of development are agreed upon initially by each individual neighborhood. Inman Park, Adair Park and Grant Park are examples of a Historic District. And finally, the most restrictive designation is the Landmark District. This is the highest level of scrutiny by the Commission reviewing all exterior work regardless of whether it can be seen from the street, and all demolitions are reviewed regardless of whether it's a contributing historic structure. Cabbagetown and Castleberry Hill are examples of Landmark Districts.

We were also able to ask Doug many questions about how the process works and how the Atlanta Urban Design Commission can help. Our next

step will be to talk to representatives from both the Inman Park and Grant Park neighborhood associations to learn from direct experience what to expect and what the pros and cons are of becoming a Historic District. We're excited to learn from our neighbors and see what information they can share with us. We also want to hear from you. We'll be setting up open house meetings in the future to educate residents and answer questions, and we recently set up an email address to begin soliciting your input. Please feel free to write to us at cp.historic@gmail.com.

And if you see a Historic District committee member at the Candler Park Market, in the park or walking down the street, please don't hesitate to ask questions. We want to make sure we're addressing the concerns of all neighbors and the only way we can do that is by hearing from you.

- Lauren Norton, Chair

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Security Patrol – Background and Survey of Interest for Candler Park residents

Dear Candler Park Neighbors - Are you tired of the rising crime in our neighborhood? It seems like lately, everyone has a story to tell – stolen property, cars, even home invasions in the middle of the day. We all keep hearing how understaffed the Atlanta police are, so how can we make a difference and turn our neighborhood into a safer place to live?

One idea is a Security Patrol. A quick Internet search shows that many of our fellow in-town neighborhoods use Security Patrols (Inman Park, Grant Park, East Atlanta and Morningside to name a few). Grant Park's site states that home burglaries have dropped by 70% since their Security Patrol began.

How does it work?

- Off-duty Atlanta police officers are hired to work in uniform.
- Although off-duty, these police officers still have full policing powers. They are able to stop and question suspicious persons, ask for IDs, and check for prior arrests and outstanding warrants.
- The officers are unable to use police cruisers, but can use their radios and can monitor 911 calls and burglar alarm reports.
- If you need help, a security patrol officer can respond within several minutes since they are already in the neighborhood, rather than the 30 minutes or more it may take the Atlanta police.

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- Basic duties of the officers would include cruising the neighborhood and keeping an eye on security patrol member's homes. Some other duties of the security patrol officer may include:
 - Extra monitoring of member's homes while they are out of town.
 - Approaching panhandlers and others who are causing a nuisance.
 - Patrols on foot in the park and other wooded areas.
- The level of neighborhood membership drives the number of hours/week the patrols are scheduled and the timing can mirror the peak times for crime.

How much does it cost?

That's the million-dollar question. Other in-town neighborhoods seem to make it work for \$150 - \$200 / year / residence or less (more for businesses), according to their websites. The more neighbors that join, the lower the cost for each member, and the more patrol hours.

Next Steps

1. First we need to determine if there

is enough potential neighbor support to make it worthwhile to investigate further.

2. Next, we need a committee of neighbors to look into the details and develop an action plan. Potential tasks would include contacting other neighborhoods to find out how their programs are run, figuring out exactly how much it costs, putting together a proposal and communicating a plan to the neighborhood. Then there would probably be a membership drive and tasks associated with getting the patrol up and running.

Neighbors, if you would likely support a neighborhood security patrol, please send an email to npurep@candlerpark.org. This is not a commitment – we don't know all the specifics yet. This is just an effort to get an idea of how many neighbors may be interested to determine if it is worth spending time on.

Also, if you would be willing to be part of a safety committee to work on this, please indicate that in your message. The more people who get involved, the less work for everyone and the better it will be.

Let's take some steps together to make our neighborhood a safer place to live!

- Amy Stout

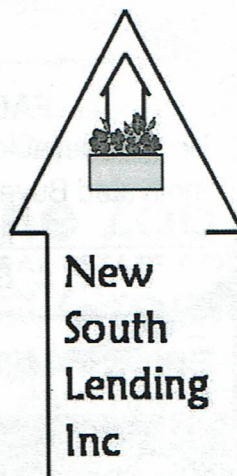
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Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden – Fall Accomplishments and Winter Plans

Hi all - here we are already in the middle of fall, but we're continuing to spring ahead in the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly garden! We've recently doubled the garden in size. In this, its second phase, we've put in additional

native trees and plants that can serve as nesting and cover sites for birds and nectar for butterflies. These include Franklin and crabapple trees, a dwarf wax myrtle, winterberry and *viburnum*, as well as a swamp azalea.

And we've had lots of help from the community. During Hands-on-Atlanta Day, Chris Martin, chair of the Freedom Park Improvement Committee, arranged for 17 Georgia Tech students to help clear the new garden area of the ubiquitous and non-native English ivy.

These students were members of Alpha Delta Chi sorority and Theta Xi fraternity, and they did a great job. They filled about 17 yard waste bags - about one per student, and we even had one student in a bag (see photos at left).

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Georgia Tech's Alpha Delta Chi sorority and Theta Xi fraternity helping out (photos by Carol Vanderschaaf)



Bird and Butterfly Garden volunteers and Mary Lin Elementary students (photo by Carol Vanderschaaf)

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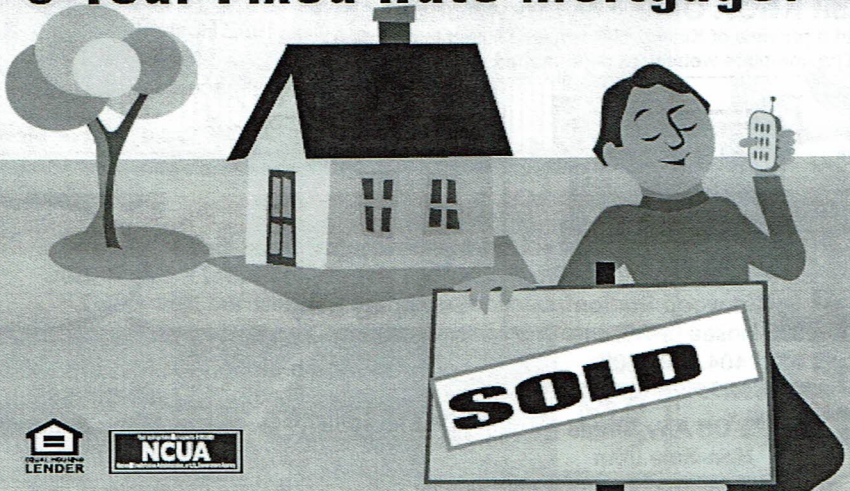
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Bird and Butterfly (contin.)

After the garden area was cleared, 28 students from the Challenge Class gifted program at Mary Lin School, just up the hill from the garden, got involved. On October 30th, Phil Edwards, DeKalb Master Gardener president, and I met with the students and their teachers, Donna Church and Frank Smith, to talk about the garden.

Most of the students in the class had helped plant last year's garden and so could see how much their plants had grown. Students were most enthusiastic and especially enjoyed seeing the American Bluebird nest up close (from the box we'd put up at the edge of the garden last winter).

Then, on November 6th, the students came down to the garden to put in this year's plants (photo attached). Phil showed the students how to get the plants out of their plastic pots (put the plant on its side and press down on the side of the pot in several places and the plant easily slips out) and how to actually put the plants in the ground and surround them with soil. Each student got to put in at least one plant and all did a great job! And so did the Master Gardeners who worked with the students.

Now Audubon volunteers are watering the garden and will continue to do so until mid-December. Volunteers are also trying to keep up with the leaves along the sidewalk adjacent to the garden. Leaves falling on the garden itself will remain as a natural mulch on the new plants. Also landscaping flags have been put up temporarily to identify the locations of the new plants.

We also have three neighborhood volunteers who are keeping the bird bath full and clean. We did move the bird bath, by the way, into the new area. Hopefully we'll attract more birds with more cover and less sun (the sun may have kept the water too warm for the birds to enjoy). Another neighbor has been letting us use his water as needed.

Now the Master Gardeners are in the process of installing the low chain fencing around the new area. And back in August, a group of the gardeners visited the site to see its progress - they were very happy to see that the garden had survived this summer's drought.

So we are going forward, springing from fall into winter when the garden will be dormant but, hopefully, there'll be some action at the bird bath. Then, in the later winter, the bluebirds may begin building another nest in our box. And as spring comes the garden will come back to life, more mature and even more welcoming to the birds and butterflies. It does seem that it also takes a village to raise a garden!

- Carol Vanderschaaf

NOTE: The Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden is a joint project of the Dekalb County Master Gardener Association and the Atlanta Audubon Society. It is located at the corner of North Avenue and Candler Park Drive in Freedom Park.

Carol Vanderschaaf can be reached in Atlanta GA at carovan@mindspring.com

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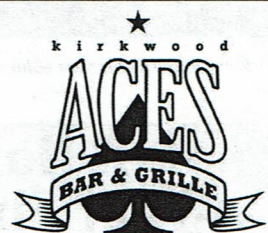
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CPNO General Meeting Minutes – November 2006

The following are selected highlights from the minutes of the November 20th, 2006 meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization.

The complete minutes are available on the Candler Park website or by contacting the recording secretary.

Election of Officers: The following board members were elected for 2007: President – Amy Stout; Vice-President – Walt Weimar; Recording Secretary – Randy Pimsler; Membership Secretary – Mary Alice Bray; Treasurer – Alonzo Church; Zoning Officer – James Johnson; Environmental Officer – Tom Painter; Special Project Officer – Mark Clement. The position of

Public Safety Officer was not filled. Amy Stout was re-appointed NPU-N representative.

Fall Fest: A large crowd of ~20,000 enjoyed the weekend, but the festival lost money. There was a net loss of ~\$700 after revenue from the Tour of Homes and 5K run is considered. In order to avoid paying significant fees to professionals to organize the festival (\$20,000 in 2006), a larger committee of volunteers is needed.

Announcements: George Dusenbury is the new president of the Candler Park Pool Association and will lead the group in its efforts to change the management structure for the pool.

Councilmember Anne Fauver has introduced legislation to penalize homeowners who do not repair their sidewalks with a \$1000 fine, 60-day jail sentence, or both.

Variances: Ken and Silvia Edelstein received unanimous approval for a variance to reduce the front yard setback to 30' and both side yard setbacks to 4' to allow for a second-story addition to their single-family residence at 551 Terrace Ave.

Correction: In this space in last month's Messenger, I indicated there was not a quorum at the October meeting. Later analysis of sign-in sheets and membership lists indicated a quorum was achieved later in the meeting.

- Amy Stout, CPNO Rec. Secretary

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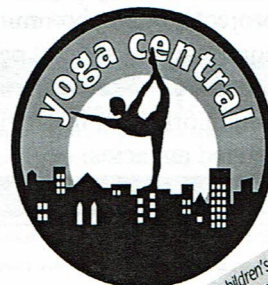
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Candler Park Brook Restoration – Over 400 Riparian Plantings Installed by Volunteers

On Saturday 12/2, approximately fifteen neighborhood volunteers planted over 400 riparian and wetland plants along Candler Park Brook (CPB). Contractor personnel from Environmental Services, Inc. (ESI) also planted some 30 medium/large trees along the new stream bed project, as part of the approved landscaping plan for this landmark urban stream restoration (*see photos on page 9*).

Utilizing Section 319 grant funds obtained through an application submitted by project volunteers to the US Environmental Protection Agency, which helped in securing additional matching funds from the City of Atlanta, the Candler Park Brook project is administered by the local non-profit organization Park Pride, with input from the project steering committee, comprised of several past and present volunteers from adjacent neighborhoods, institutions and related agencies.

As many have observed over the past year, large sections of a deteriorating underground storm sewer and culvert were removed in an effort to better manage stormwater runoff while improving water quality and biological habitat northward into the Peavine Watershed, which leads north from Candler Park.

This means that the Candler Park Brook urban stream restoration project is nearing completion, affording the opportunity for park patrons to observe the biological recovery of an urban stream. One more riparian planting of several thousand live stakes is tentatively scheduled for Saturday 1/20/2006, and volunteers are welcome to participate. Look for more information provided through *The Messenger* and upcoming CPNO meetings.

- Jim Harrison, US EPA Dist. 4
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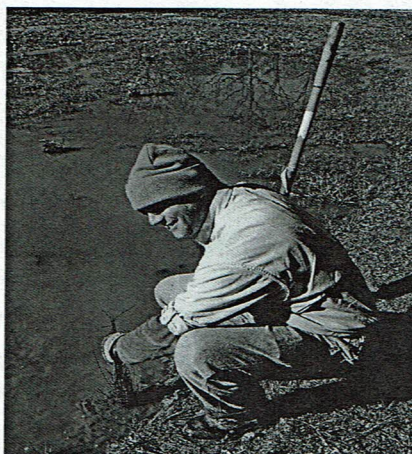
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CP Brook Restoration Project – Volunteers help with Riparian Landscaping *(cont.)*



Candler Park Brook Restoration Project – Volunteers Help with Riparian Plantings

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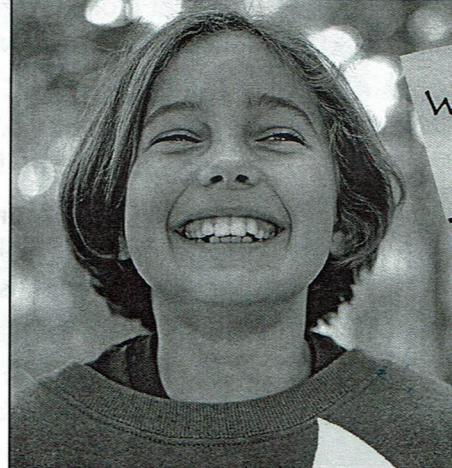
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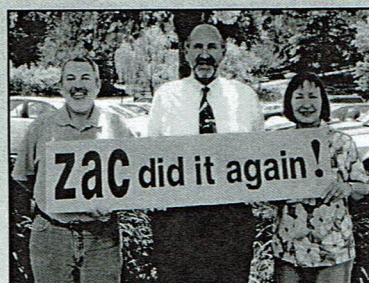
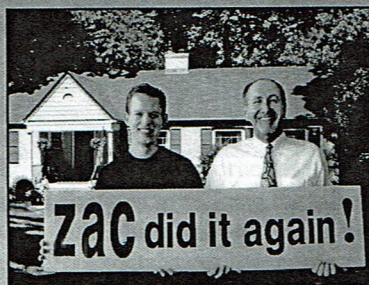
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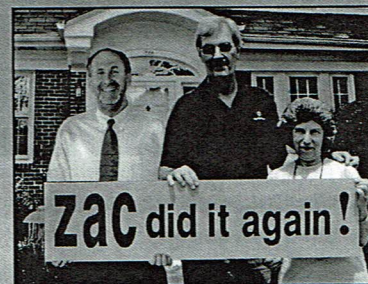


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Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) "N" – Nov. 2006 Rpt.

The following items from the November 21st, 2006 NPU-N meeting are those most likely to be of interest to Candler Park residents.

Sgt. Broz from the Atlanta Police Dept. reported that the perpetrator of the recent carjacking in the parking lot of the Publix store on Ponce de Leon Avenue has been caught and the vehicle recovered.

The NPU-N executive board unanimously approved Ken Edelstein's request for a variance to reduce the front and north and south side yard setbacks to allow for the expansion of the single-family residence at 551 Terrace Avenue, consistent with the earlier approval by CPNO.

Again we deferred consideration of a variance application for 1325 McLendon Avenue, seeking to reduce the half-depth front yard setback from 17.5 feet to 14.5 feet to allow for addition of a deck to an existing non-conforming use (multi-family residence).

NOTICE: NPU-N residents are scheduled to receive a briefing on the proposed BeltLine Zoning Overlay legislation at their December 21st meeting. Please attend to learn more about and provide feedback on the design standards and requirements that will apply to all new developments within a half-mile of the Beltline corridor.

- Amy Stout, NPU-N Representative

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Mary Alice Bray, Membership Secretary
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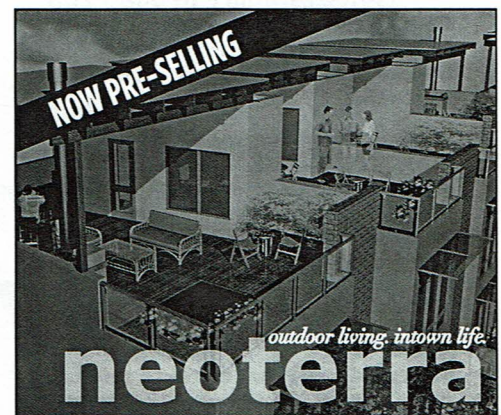
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Crime Report

Zone 6 City of Atlanta Police Dept. records compiled for period from 10-22-06 to 11-22-2006

1200 block Dekalb Avenue – Burglary – Monday 10/9 daytime - Victim reports he locked his door when he left. When he returned home he found his door unlocked. The victim also found property missing from his safe. There was no sign of forced entry.

400 block Clifton Road – Auto theft – Sunday 10/22 to Monday 10/23 unknown time - Victim reports someone stole his locked vehicle from his apartment complex parking lot.

1600 block McLendon Avenue – Burglary – Tuesday 10/24 morning - Officers responded to a burglary call at the business. Upon arrival, police and the owner found the front door broken and entry was made. Another employee advised police of a suspect who was hanging out around the area before closing. Item taken. Known suspect: B/M, 52 YOA.

300 block Elmira Place – Burglary – Wednesday 10/25 evening – Items taken.

200 block Josephine Street – Auto theft – Saturday 10/28 to Sunday 10/29 unknown time - Victim reports someone stole his vehicle.

1300 block McLendon Avenue – Burglary – Monday 10/30 daytime - It appeared the suspect gained entry by opening a bedroom window that doesn't lock. Items taken.

400 block Clifton Road – Burglary – Tuesday 10/31 daytime - Victim stated someone had entered her home, locked her dog in the bedroom. Items taken.

200 block Oakdale Avenue – Larceny – Thursday 11/2 morning - Officer stopped the suspect carrying a large amount of baggage. During the investigation the items the suspect was carrying were traced to the victim's address. The victim's neighbor stated that the victim was in the process of moving and had several bags on the porch for pick up. Known suspect: B/M, 50 YOA.

600 block Candler Park Drive - Larceny from auto – Thursday 11/2 daytime - Victim reports someone smashed her vehicle's passenger side window. Item taken.

400 block Oakdale Road Apt. – Burglary – Thursday 11/2 evening - Victim reports someone entered the residence and removed property. A window had been left unlatched.

500 block Goldsboro Road - Larceny from auto – Friday 11/10 morning - Victim reported someone broke the driver window and popped the trunk. Items taken.

1300 block Euclid Avenue – Larceny from auto – Friday 11/10 morning - Victim reported someone broke the passenger vent window. Items taken.

1300 block McLendon Avenue – Larceny from auto – Wednesday 11/15 to Thursday 11/16 unknown time - Victim reported to police that someone had broken the rear passenger vent. Item taken.

200 block Elmira Place – Auto theft – Saturday 11/18 morning - Victim advised he discovered his vehicle missing while vehicle was parked at his residence.

1200 block Dekalb Avenue – Commercial burglary – Sunday 11/19 morning - Victim reports someone removed the padlock to a shed located at the rear of the business and removed property.

1600 block McLendon Avenue – Commercial burglary – Wednesday 11/22 morning - Officer arrived on scene and observed front door glass broken out with brick. Store employee arrived short time later. Item taken.

1300 block Euclid Avenue – Burglary – Wednesday 11/22 daytime - The side door was completely kicked in and the interior of the home was ransacked. Item taken.

-CPNO Safety Officer David Bruce

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Announcements

New Address for Gentle Spirit Christian Church

Gentle Spirit Christian Church, a GLBT congregation whose offices have been housed in the Epworth United Methodist Church for the past eight years, has recently moved its worship services to Candler Park on Sunday mornings. There they have become known as "the church without walls." Paul Turner, Senior Pastor, says, "Gentle Spirit is looking at this as an opportunity to move forward in faith and to build a congregation where all are accepted. Our ministry has grown significantly while we have been in the community, and will continue here if at all possible." Anyone who wishes to participate is encouraged to meet on Sunday morning just inside the park off McLendon, and to remain for a fellowship pot luck lunch following. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. While seeking suitable offices in the Candler Park area, the group can be reached at Gentle Spirit Christian Church, 1270 Caroline St., Ste. D 120-152, Atlanta GA 30307, Email: pastorpaul@gentlespirit.org, or phone: 678-642-4199.

Horizon Theater presents "The SantaLand Diaries"

Performances of *The Santaland Diaries* will be presented Tuesday through Friday at 8 pm, Saturday 8:30 pm and Sunday at 5 pm., opening Nov. 24th through Dec. 31st. Recommended for ages 16 and up, with performances on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Horizon Theatre Company is located at the corner of Euclid and Austin Avenues in Little Five Points. Tickets are \$20- \$45 plus sales tax. Holiday Gift Certificates are also available. Make reservations by calling 404.584.7450. Call early for best pricing since all shows sold out last year. www.horizontheatre.org.

Jingle Jog to benefit Salvation Army Toy Drive

The bleuRUNNERS, sponsored by bleuHAUS Construction, Big Peach Running Company and Avenue Realty are taking the opportunity to make brighter the lives of Atlanta's less fortunate children by participating in Jingle Jog, a 5K run supporting the Salvation Army holiday toy drive. The route begins at Dunwoody Costco, 6350 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. at 8 a.m. Sat., Dec. 16th. Are you a runner? Join our team, now 24 bleuRUNNERS, strong, and go the 5K with us! Just a spectator? Come out to Costco to send us on our way and listen to thousands of jingle bells attached to everyone's running gear as we begin the run! Holiday schedule too busy to attend? Donate some of this season's toys for Atlanta's kids in need, by delivering to Avenue Realty, 508 Flat Shoals Ave. in East Atlanta Village, or contact Adam Laverack, SPR/bleuHAUS at 404-822-6302 for pickup and delivery on your behalf. The bleuRUNNERS have issued a challenge to another team to see who can collect the most AND the best toys - help us show Atlanta the bleuRUNNERS are the best team in the city, especially since you're part of it!

Help Bring a FlexCar to Candler Park

Neighbors/Mary Lin parents, if you work from home or use public transportation and only occasionally need a car, you can rent one by the hour. You don't have to pay for gas, maintenance, taxes or insurance, just pay for the car when you use it. You can read more at www.flexcar.com and be sure to use the comparison model <http://www.flexcar.com/default.aspx?tabid=73> to see how much money you could save by not having to own a car that you only use occasionally. We need 25 prospective members using the car at least 5 hours per day. If you think you would use such a service contact Liz Wattenberg, Flexcar – Atlanta, 404-817-3599 or Fax 404-223-2970, liz.wattenberg@flexcar.com.

2007 Historic Landscape / Garden Grants

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is accepting applications for its annual grants program to promote awareness of the state's historic landscapes and gardens. Non-profits and local governments are eligible to apply for 50/50 matching grants. The maximum award is \$3000. Eligible projects include restoration of designed gardens and landscapes; historic landscape/garden restoration plans; and cultural landscape reports. Project work must promote responsible preservation practices. Funding priority is given to gardens and landscapes listed in the Georgia Register of Historic Places, either individually or as part of a historic district. Applications must be received by January 31, 2007. Awards will be announced at the Garden Club's State Convention to be held in April. For an application go to www.uga.edu/gardenclub/GrantGuide.html. Recipients of the 2006 Historic Landscape and Garden Grants included: Oak Hill, Berry College, Floyd County (\$2000); Barrington Hall, Fulton County (\$1200); Rhodes Hall, Fulton County (\$1000); Hanover Square, Glynn County (\$1400); and Johnson County Courthouse Square (\$2400). For additional information, contact HPD's Mary Ann Eaddy at (404) 651-5283 or e-mail at mary_ann_eaddy@dnr.state.ga.us.