

# THE CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

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## From The President

In our June meeting, we will cast our votes regarding the land adjacent to the Jackson Hill Baptist Church. To sum up a complex history on this subject: A year ago, Candler Park was presented with a concept plan that involved, in essence a "land swap" deal that allowed for student parking for Paideia on the DOT land adjacent to the Church, as well as on Church property, in exchange for a donation of four plus acres of land, commonly known as the "ravine" north of the golf course, to the city for park use. Please note that land is not actually swapped in ownership; Paideia will be leasing land from the Church. We overwhelmingly voted in favor of the concept, with the contingency that the final plan come back to us for approval.

During the course of the year, the concept plan was passed by the CAUTION/FPC board (which was a reflection of the neighborhood votes). As a result, Druid Hills Civic Association filed a lawsuit which stopped the plan from going ahead in order to protect what they perceived to be a violation of the intended use of the DOT land. A further result of that action brought Druid Hills and Paideia to mediation, with the Christian Index (current owners of the Jackson Hill Baptist Church land) in attendance. The result of this mediation produced a plan for the land in question as well as for the land privately owned by the Christian Index, and the ravine. This is the plan we will be voting on for Candler Park's approval or disapproval in the final CAUTION/FPC vote.

The motion that will be brought to the June meeting for the vote will be: *To approve the plan resulted from the mediated agreement between Druid Hills and Paideia School.* Please note that you will be voting on one essential issue regarding the "land swap". However, the subsequent architectural plan embodies the private land owned by the Christian Index as well as the ravine currently owned by Paideia. It is important that

## Calendar

MON., 6/8 - 7:30 CPNO Monthly Mtg.  
TUE., 6/16 - 7:30 CPNO Exec. Com. Mtg.  
Fri., 6/19 - *Messenger* Deadline  
Thur., 6/25 - N.P.U. Monthly Meeting

## CPNO Mtg., June 8th

The Candler Park Neighborhood Org. Meets on the second MONDAY of the month at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave.

### *This month's agenda:*

7:00 PM: Refreshments  
7:30 - Officers' Reports  
- Vote on Jackson Hill Baptist Church land (see related articles)

each voting member understand that this vote may be our last opportunity to have any say over what happens on that private land. The Christian Index has been a good neighbor to address our concerns about the parking behind the church, landscaping, and the ingress/egress onto Clifton Terrace. They (continued on page 2)

## CPNO Officers

President:	Dempsey Herlihy-Werthman
1st Vice President:	Debra Snell
VP Finances:	Jack Hammond
VP Special Events:	Dan Benefield
VP Communications:	Mary Alice Bray & Betty Knox
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have agreed to put up an electric gate so that no students may use that entrance/exit. It would only be used by the very small number of Christian Index employees during the week (I believe that is nine people), and by church members on Sunday morning. If this mediated agreement/plan does not get approved, the Christian Index has indicated that they will more than likely move all 60 spaces behind the church (instead of 30 on the side and 30 in back) because the fact of the matter is that they do need parking. This could open up the ingress/egress on to Clifton Terrace.

Regarding the ravine: The architects have made it clear that the choices of path material, plant matter, and what type of playground to have, if any, have not been etched in stone. We will be consulted regarding these matters. I urge each of you to keep this in mind in voting.

We need to keep our focus in this June meeting. The neighborhood has allowed more than enough discussion regarding this issue. We had a very long discussion in the May meeting, and then I followed that up with three scheduled open meetings at Jackson Hill Baptist Church. Those meetings were very productive and shed much light on areas that had been muddled with misinformation. I'm sure some will argue that this is an important issue and it needs more time. I disagree. We are getting to a point of diminishing returns. We need to get on with it and look into other issues concerning Candler Park. I urge you to call me if you need more information before the vote. If I can't answer your questions, I will put you in touch with someone who can.

- Dempsey Herlihy-Werthman

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## Just Say No

At the information meetings held at Jackson Hill Baptist Church (JHBC) in regard to the Paideia parking lot plan, C.P.N.O. President Dempsey Herlihy-Werthman refused numerous requests from Candler Park residents to separate the vote into its three components of the area involved in the mediated agreement, the ravine and the new additional parking lot behind JHBC. Currently, the only part of this plan that CPNO has to vote on is the area of land involved in the mediated agreement. So, why are we being forced to vote on the entire tract, and why should we refuse to approve any part of this plan? The reason for voting against the mediated agreement is obvious: private entities should not be allowed to build their parking lots on public parkland, even if it is in exchange for a larger (yet much less desirable and unbuildable) piece of land. As for the rest of the plan, there is an implication that voting on the entire plan is granting approval of the construction of a new additional parking lot to be built behind JHBC. Candler Park would not benefit from the construction of this lot, JHBC's need for the lot is questionable, and there are zoning questions as to whether or not the construction is admissible (Those interested in scaring you into voting for the mediation agreement insist that the zoning regulations permit this construction, but I have not been able to confirm that information). Lastly, in my opinion, the plans for the ravine amount to the rape of a forest. According to the plan on the table, select trees and the creek will be left, not much else. So, save the trees, save the wildlife, save the forest, save the creek, save the residents of S. Ponce and Clifton Terrace from student and church traffic, save Candler Park and Druid Hills from the expansion of Paideia, and vote **NO** to all of it.

- Connie Weimar



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## Public Safety

With the arrival of warm weather, crime reports increased during the three weeks covered here. Among Candler Park's approximately 1400 households and businesses, we had reports of nine burglaries, six thefts from a vehicle, one motor vehicle theft, two assaults and one robbery. The robbery was unusual, since it involved entering a residence and putting three people in a closet.

Inspector Ruby Naylor of Zone Six offered some crime prevention suggestions at our meeting on 5/11. These included to be sure to secure your windows and trim your shrubbery to minimize hiding places. Officer Bud Watson reminded us not to leave valuables in our vehicles. He also mentioned that Robert Desmond (leader of "Bubble Gum Gang") was still in jail after being rearrested April 20. Please feel free to call Inspector Naylor at 404-371-5002 if you would like help in making your home as secure as possible.

Please let me know about any crimes I miss so I can report them in an update the next month. And do call me at 404-378-5883 after you make a police report so we will know to check for it before we go to the precinct. Please get in touch if you are interested in working together to make our neighborhood a safer place. Thanks to Austin Wattles for helping with data collection. Between Messenger reports, check the CPNO number (770-453-8255) for updates on crime. Or send me an e-mail note to notify me or if you want to be notified of any unusual activity - berts kellie@mindspring.com.

Crime Report for 4/23/98 - 5/14/98 (includes earlier dates recently reported):

Date	Approx. Time	Incident
4/16	3:45 pm	Block home burglarized 1400 McLendon
4/17	8:20 am	Theft from auto - cash 200 Ferguson St.
4/21	?	vehicle stolen Clifton Rd. & Oakdale
4/22	7:00 pm	residence entered 1100 Mansfield
4/23	10:40 pm	residence entered - property taken 300 Candler St.
4/23	3:20 am	damage to property - 400 Candler Park Dr.

4/23	2:45 am	damage to vehicle, vent window broken 400 Euclid Terrace
4/24	10:00 pm	cellular phone taken from auto
4/24	5:30 pm	Moreland & Euclid drinking in Candler Park
4/27	6:00 pm	1500 McLendon
4/27	11:30 pm	Larceny from auto Euclid & Moreland property burglarized, person followed subject but couldn't stop him
4/27	2:30 am	1400 North Ave. theft from auto
4/28	4:00 pm	Euclid & Moreland vehicle damaged by golf ball
4/28	4:30 pm	500 Candler Park Dr. apartment entered, property taken
4/28	11:00 pm	400 Sterling Ave. window broken, property taken
4/29	2:00 pm	1300 DeKalb Ave. person drinking in Candler Park
5/1	11pm-12:30 am	1500 McLendon Robbery: subject came into house with gun and took money. Three people put into closet.
5/2	12:45 am	1300 Benning Place victim assaulted with piece of wood
5/3	1:30 am	1200 Euclid Ave. car impounded - blocking driveway
5/3	9:30 am	300 Clifton Rd auto impounded - blocking driveway
5/4	3:55 pm	1300 McLendon broke in and entered premises - nothing taken
5/4	1:45 am	300 Ferguson St. broke car window and stole items - jacket & camera 1100 Mansfield Ave.



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- 5/5 3:00 am theft from vehicle - cell phone, briefcase  
400 Page Ave.
- 5/7 1:15 am entered house and took mountain bike and stereo  
1500 McLendon
- 5/9 6:00 theft from House  
400 Sterling St.
- 5/12 10:00 pm window air conditioner stolen & cell phone  
1200 Dekalb Ave.
- 5/12 6:30 pm Man & 2 women attacked in park and hurt. Subject acted crazy and attacked without warning  
Oakdale & North Ave.
- 5/13 7:40 am person walked into house and stole coins  
1300 McLendon
- 5/14 8:00 pm person in possession of alcohol in park  
1500 McLendon
- Bert Skellie & Austin Wattles

## Zone 6 Police Names and Numbers

Telephone: 404-371-5002  
Major Carlos Banda, Commander  
Inspector Ruby Naylor, Prevention  
Officer Bud Watson, Beat 602 Evening Watch  
Pager 404-225-7085)  
Officer Craig Cooper, Beat 602 Day Watch  
Officer Grady James, Beat 602 Morning Watch

## Candler Park 5K

The 4th Annual Candler Park 5K will be held this year on Saturday, June 13th at 8:00AM. The race will begin near the McLendon Avenue entrance to Candler Park and run east on McLendon to Clifton Road where runners will turn left onto Clifton. Runners will then turn left onto Clifton Terrace. From Clifton Terrace, runners will take the bike path to Moreland Avenue. They will turn left onto Moreland and continue to McLendon Avenue. They will then turn left onto McLendon and continue to the finish line near the corner of McLendon and Page Avenue. The affected roads will be closed the morning of the race from approximately 8AM to 9AM. Please plan for this, and let us know if you have a special problem with these closings so we can work it out before the race.

Volunteers are still needed to help with day-of-race tasks. If you are interested, please call Karin & Eric Dusenbury at (404)522-7130.

- Karin Dusenbury

## Messenger Article

Anyone can submit an article for publication in the *Messenger*. Editorials, announcements of events, stories of interest, etc. are welcome. Please drop your submission off with me at 1414 McLendon Ave or send them via E-Mail (105164.472@compuserve.com - corrected once again). Please include your name and phone number. If your article is not run in the next issue, it may be due to space constraints, but please feel free to call me about it.

- Karin Dusenbury

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The C.P.N.O. would like to express our appreciation for being remembered in Martha Carta's wishes as well as thank those who have given money in her memory.

## Atlanta's Co-op Summer Program

This summer's Atlanta Co-op program is called Random Acts of Community and focuses on community service projects for the children to participate in along with daily swimming, sports, music, dance and field trips. The summer program is divided into two week sessions and runs from June 8th through August 14th. Enrollment is limited so hurry and sign up your child for a fun-filled summer experience where they can learn to make a difference in their community.

The Co-op now accepts toddlers from 18 months and is currently enrolling for this fall's state funded Pre-K program.

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- Octavine Swanson

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## UPDATE!!

### The 4th Annual Candler Park/Lake Claire Music & Arts Festival

The Festival date has been changed to  
September 12th & 13th.

We are looking for Artists, Sponsors &  
Volunteers...Anyone interested, please  
contact Beth Martin at Donna Van Gogh's  
404-370-1003 / [dvgoghs@mindspring.com](mailto:dvgoghs@mindspring.com)  
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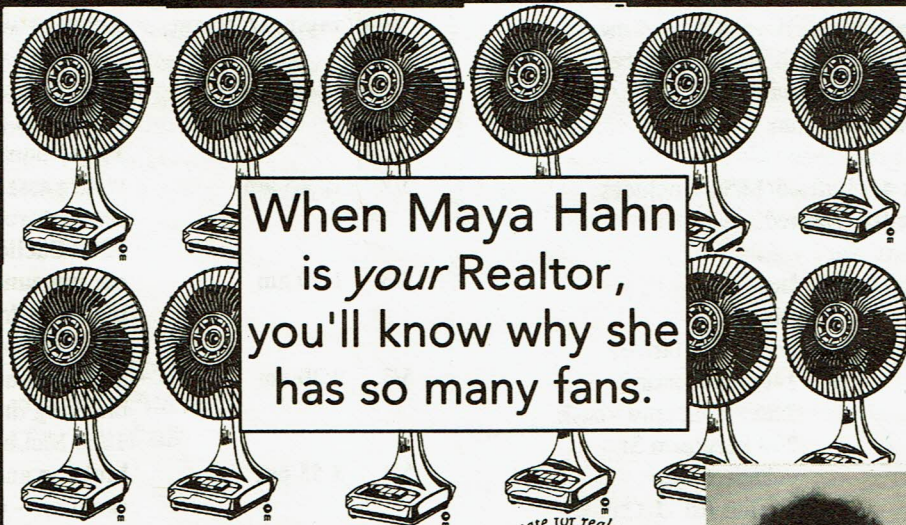
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