

# THE CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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## From The President:

The dog days were tough on everyone this past month, but hopefully the air will begin to cool and we will also breathe better in September. Thanks to all of you who attended the meetings this summer; attendance was excellent. There was also great attendance at the Candler Park Pool this summer. I want to offer many thanks to the Pool Association, Leslie Lowe, Shawn Foley, and ALL of the volunteers who put in lots of hours of hard work making our neighborhood Pool a much better place to swim and hang out. If you have a chance, write a letter to the City telling them how well managed the pool was and that you hope to see the same in summer 2000.

This month, the big event for the neighborhood is the Candler Park Festival, 5K, and the CPNO Tour of Homes. The festival is September 18-19 and the Tour is on Sunday. CPNO will have a booth at the Festival and tickets will be on sale there. Please see Will Shevlin's article in the Messenger for other details regarding how to buy tickets elsewhere. Please make an effort to attend and bring your friends (including those from the suburbs) to show off our neighborhood. This is our main fund raising event of the year, and we look forward to a great turnout. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR the Tour on Sunday. Please contact Will.

Also inside the Messenger is Susan Grider's report on Community Planning and the work that has taken place this summer. Please consider how you could become involved in this new effort to make improvements and changes in our neighborhood.

On the topic of volunteering, consider if you would like to become a CPNO board member in 2000. Call (404-370-0040) or e-mail me (dsnell@gsu.edu) if you would like to find out about the vacancies and what is involved in being a Board member.

See you around the neighborhood!

## Calendar

- MON., 9/13 - 7:30 CPNO Monthly Mtg.  
Mon., 9/20 - CPNO Exec. Com.  
7:30 PM ad Epworth United  
Methodist Church  
Mon., 9/20 - *Messenger* Deadline  
Thur., 9/24 - N.P.U. Monthly Meeting

## CPNO Mtg., September 13th

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 PM:
- Officers' Reports
  - Vote for \$1500 to LSP mini-precinct
  - Vote on possible grant opportunities
  - Update on DeKalb Ave Video Arcade
  - Update on Euclid Ave. Baptist Church
  - Presentation and Review of City Zoning Procedures
  - Variances: (see article)
    - 569 Candler
    - 353 Sheppard Pl
    - 1287 McLendon Ave.

## CPNO Officers

- President: Debra Snell  
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VP Special Events: David Dugan & Will Shevlin  
VP Communications: Barbara Senfleber  
VP Zoning: John Rick  
VP Environment: Susan Grider  
VP Safety: Austin Wattles



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## Childcare at CPNO Meetings

Pam Revie Patterson is providing childcare to parents who would like to attend the monthly meetings. Thanks to Guy Kent, Epworth pastor, who is providing the Epworth daycare space. Please call Pam if you have any questions about the childcare (4/221-1938).

## Variance Requests for September

A variance has been requested for 569 Candler St. to reduce sideyard setback in order to build a garage. A variance has been requested at 1287 McLendon to reduce the side and rear setback in order to build a garage. A variance has been requested at 353 Sheppard Pl. to build a garage.

## Messenger Article

Anyone can submit an article for publication in the *Messenger*. The deadline is always the week after the CPNO monthly meeting (Friday of that week). Please drop your submission off with me at 1414 McLendon Ave or better yet, send them E-Mail 105164.472@compuserve.com. Please include your name and phone number.

- Karin Dusenbury

## Candler Park Community Plan Update

Progress to date on Candler Park's Community Plan:

- 1) Teams are up and running to detail areas of community development interests and concerns.
- 2) Teams and leaders are:

> Creating a Walkable Community  
Contacts: Kelley Sanders,  
kelleysanders@hotmail.com or 4/522-3604  
Brian Shaw, bhshaw@mindspring.com or  
4/688-8069

> Creating an Economically Balanced and Socially Vibrant Community  
Contacts: Randy Pimsler,  
phal@mindspring.com  
Mary Shaltis, mshaltis@novaregroup.com or  
4/659-0913

> Preserving Quality of Life: Health, Safety and Environment.  
Contacts: Susan Grider,  
avenir@mindspring.com or 4/373-2026  
Austin Wattles, awattles@mindspring.com  
or 4/577-1498.

3) Please contact team leaders to determine meeting dates for September and October.

4) Please look forward to receiving a Community Planning survey in October's *Messenger*. The more folks respond, the better our Community Plan will be!

5) Teams will be reviewing survey responses and formalizing positions throughout the fall and winter.

Any resident of Candler Park is welcome to attend these Community Planning meetings. If you're too busy to attend, give a team leader a call and download your ideas!

Thanks!

Susan Grider  
Candler Park Community Plan  
Facilitator

## Environmental Update

### Upcoming Events

Ø **Southface Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable!**  
Monthly meeting. September focus on the Role of Education in Restoring the Core City. \$5/per. Fri. 9/3 7:30-9am. RSVP/details @ [www.southface.org](http://www.southface.org).

Ø **Southface Homebuilding School!** Learn energy efficient and sustainable home building design. Oct. 5-8. \$295/per or \$395/couple. RSVP/details @ 4/872-3549 or [www.southface.org](http://www.southface.org).

Ø **Peavine Creek Clean-up!** PWA Clean-up sponsored by Druid Hills is open to all volunteers. Sat. 10/16 9am-1pm. Contact PWA at 4/508-7603 for more info.

Ø **Passive Solar Design & Solar Tour of Homes!**  
Learn to build with sun in mind. Meet at Southface for map of passive and active solar homes to tour. Sat. 10/16. \$7/per. Member discount. RSVP/details @ 4/872-3549 or [www.southface.org](http://www.southface.org).

Ø **Environmental Living - Annual Southface Conference!** Sat. 11/20. \$30/free for members. RSVP/details @ 4/872-3549 or [www.southface.org](http://www.southface.org).

### In the Pipeline?

Ø **Interested in the Greening of Candler Park and neighboring businesses?** Join Candler Park's Community Planning efforts. Contact SGrider at [avenir@mindspring.com](mailto:avenir@mindspring.com) or 4/373-2026.

Ø **Interested in Non-Point Source Pollution Reduction or Watershed and Stream Health?** Join efforts toward securing a 319 grant from the EPA. Contact SGrider at [avenir@mindspring.com](mailto:avenir@mindspring.com) or 4/373-2026.

Contact Sgrider at [avenir@mindspring.com](mailto:avenir@mindspring.com) for entries to 'Environmental Update.' or questions.

- Susan Grider - VP Environment



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## Great News on Property Taxes

As many of you know, CPNO voted at the August meeting to make available up to \$3000 for expenses to pursue the equalization of property taxes between Atlanta/DeKalb and the rest of Atlanta. Most of this money was earmarked to hire an attorney to advise us and lobby the City on this extremely complicated matter.

Thanks to our City Council representative, Cathy Woolard, our attorney, Mary Carol Cooney, and, probably most decisive, all of you who called, faxed, and wrote the City Council and Mayor Campbell, we have achieved more than anyone thought possible. The City Council passed two ordinances which equalize tax assessment between those of us in Atlanta/DeKalb and those in the rest of Atlanta. Mayor Campbell was not supportive of these ordinances but (probably due to all the faxes and letters) did let them become law.

At the time this article is being written, it looks like a real win/win for the all in the neighborhood. Under the first ordinance, property owners who wish to make a claim will be able to file for a refund for the difference between their 1999 and 1998 Atlanta taxes. Those few property owners who are paying less tax under DeKalb County's 1999 assessments will not be rebilled at a higher rate. Under the second ordinance, Fulton County will be asked to once again assess all property in Atlanta—both that in Fulton and that in DeKalb—ensuring equality of assessments between different parts of the city.

We're not out of the woods yet, however. The same city administration which has all along been opposed to fixing this problem now has to implement these ordinances. Those of us involved will continue to work with the city to assure timely and proper refunds for all affected Candler Park residents. Volunteers are still needed.

For more up to date information or to volunteer to help, visit the Candler Park website at [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org), or call/e-mail Lesile Lowe (4/659-4161, [leslowe1@aol.com](mailto:leslowe1@aol.com)), David Osborn (4/688-3219, [dosborn@bellsouth.net](mailto:dosborn@bellsouth.net)), Cynthia Zauner (4/577-8621, [czauner@mindspring.com](mailto:czauner@mindspring.com)), or myself (4/681-9945, [gsmithmdl@aol.com](mailto:gsmithmdl@aol.com)).

- Greg Smith

## Park Clean-up

Hands On Atlanta is sponsoring a workday in Freedom Park from 8:30 to 12:30 on Saturday September 18. Neighborhood residents are encouraged to join HOA volunteers in an effort to clean up overgrown areas of the park. HOA will provide water, gloves, and some tools. Residents are encouraged to bring their own tools - especially weed eaters and lawn mowers. As a relatively frequent HOA volunteer, I know how much they appreciate neighborhood volunteers. You feel much better working on a project when members of the impacted neighborhood are interested enough to help. People interested in volunteering should meet in Goldsboro Park between 8:30 and 9:00 that morning. Please call Eric Dusenbury at 404/522-7130 if you have any questions.

- Eric Dusenbury

## Land Disposition

As many of you have noticed, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has begun the disposition of land that they had condemned for the Stone Mountain Freeway. Much of the land along North Avenue has been sold via the sealed bid process mentioned in previous editions of the *Messenger*. However, there have been some lots, most noticeably along Terrace Avenue that were sold without any notice. These lots were sold back to their original owners. By law, the DOT must offer such takings back to the original owner. Only after they have been unable to locate the original owner or the original owner refuses the DOT's asking price can the land be disposed of via the sealed bid auction. Other lots that may also cause confusion are partial takings. These are lots where the DOT condemned part, but not all, of a lot. By law, the owner of the uncondemned portion must be given the right of first refusal to buy back the condemned portion. Please call Eric Dusenbury at 404/522-7130 if you have any questions regarding the land disposition process.

- Eric Dusenbury



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## Moreland Gateway

After a long hiatus, things are again moving forward on the Moreland Gateway Project. The Moreland Gateway Project will make improvements to Freedom Park along Moreland Avenue, North Avenue, Druid Place, Oakdale Road, and Euclid Avenue. The Freedom Park Conservancy (FPC) has acquired \$34,000 to be used to develop the construction drawings and has a \$600,000 ISTEA grant in place to fund the implementation of the project. Many thanks to Dekalb County Commissioner Gayle Waldorf, Atlanta City Councilwoman Cathy Woolard, and former Atlanta City Councilwoman Mary Davis for their efforts to secure this funding.

CPNO has established a subcommittee to represent the neighborhood in the planning and implementation of this project. This subcommittee will develop design suggestions that will be presented at a CPNO meeting and then sent to the design team selected by the FPC. In order to minimize possible conflicts, anyone interested in the project is encouraged to join the CPNO subcommittee that will be developing the design suggestions. Please contact Eric Dusenbury at 404/522-7130 if you have any questions or would like to join the subcommittee.

- Eric Dusenbury

## Candler Park Tour of Homes

Candler Park will host the Annual Home Tour the weekend of September 18 & 19. This is the same weekend as the Candler Park Arts & Crafts Festival. We are well on our way to a great tour but still need more volunteers. We especially need volunteers to help with ticket sales and home sitting. Please call Will Shevlin 404-377-1803 if you would like to volunteer.

- Will Shevlin

## Crime Report:

Crime between 7/18/99 to 8/20/99

All addresses are approximate for privacy.

### Assaults upon people - 1

*Moreland Ave.* 7/24, 4:00 am suspect hit victim in head with chair.

### Burglary - 3

*300 Mell Ave.* 7/27 12:21 am house burglarized, electronic items taken, *300 Mell Ave.* 7/29 2:35 pm (same house) storage shed broken into, chainsaw taken, *DeKalb Ave.* 8/9 11:44 am, took tools from business.

### Alarm Call - 1

*1300 Iverson Ave.* window broken into - didn't get in when alarm went off.

### Theft from Auto - 4

*Iverson Ave.* 7/17 8:00 pm vehicle break in - cell phone taken, *600 Clifton Ave.* 8/01 1:15 pm vehicle break in, cassette radio taken, *DeKalb Ave.* 8/13 10:10 vehicle break in, handbag and wallet stolen, *Moreland Ave.* 8/23 1:45 am vehicle break in, window broken in, nothing taken

### House vandalized - 2

*North Ave.* 7/27 and 7/28 house vandalized as also happened in past. *North Ave.* 8/03 12:55 am beer bottle thrown on porch, on-going problem.

### Controlled Substances - 2

*McLendon Ave.* 7/21 9:00 pm suspect in possession of controlled substance.

*1300 Euclid Ave.* drug paraphernalia found in public area

### Arrested- 3

*Moreland Ave.* 8/13 10:10 pm person arrested with suspended license, *Candler Park* 8/16 5:00 pm person arrested in Candler Park, *1800*

*McLendon,* 8/17 10:30 pm person arrested at home on a warrant.

### Auto Accident - 1

7/31, 3:00 am car overturned, person drinking.

### Rescue - 1

*Candler Park Pool* 7/31, 7:45 pm, child almost drowned but within seconds was brought to the surface by the lifeguards. The Paramedics took 15 minutes to come. Child had suffered an asthma attack. The community greatly appreciates the vigilance of our lifeguards. The child is fine.



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## **We Need Block Captains!/Block Captain Training**

Ruby Naylor (from the Zone 6 Police Department) will conduct a Block Captain's training for the northeast section of Zone 6 on October 19 at Epworth. CPNO hopes to rejuvenate the Block Captain system by then in order to send a full crew to the training. Please contact Austin Wattles at 577-1498 if you are interested in becoming a block captain on your street. Being a Block Captain is really not a huge commitment of time and it can make your street a safer one.

- Debra Snell

## **Candler Park Playground**

You may have noticed the disruptions to the playground in the Park. Apparently, the equipment was deemed unsafe and the city is renovating it. At Messenger press time, details were not available about their progress or timetable. A full update should be available at the September meeting.

- Debra Snell

### 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 F. Retledge, Beat 602 Morning Watch

## **Potential 319 Grant to Benefit Candler and Freedom Parks**

If efforts toward a 319 grant this fall are successful, CPNO stands to become a vested partner for watershed improvements in Candler and Freedom Parks. The grant would help restore fish/animal life to our streams by mitigating water/wastewater infrastructure management problems such as chlorinated pool water overflows, runoff from city streets, and sewer leaks.

Currently discussions are underway to determine if DeKalb County will serve as grant applicant with Freedom Park Conservancy (FPC) and CPNO as partners. A couple of hurdles must be cleared before the grant-writing effort can move forward. One is securing adequate matching funds. Second is securing partnership participation and role clarification.

The potential project builds on two pre-existing watershed management projects funded by both private and public sources. One project is an \$250,000 effort spearheaded by the Peavine Watershed Alliance (PWA) and DeKalb County Parks and Recreation to provide a comprehensive watershed management plan. The goal of this project is to provide a framework for ongoing sustainable watershed management in the Peavine Watershed (which includes Freedom and Candler Park creeks).

The second project, spearheaded by Paideia with Candler Park and Lake Claire serving as Steering Committee members, provides GIS(electronic mapping)-based watershed management education tools for Paidiea schoolkids. With leadership from the Center for Watershed Protection (CWP) in Maryland, this project also stipulates specific watershed enhancements needed in Candler and Freedom Parks. Per a CWP site visit to Candler Park in early August, possible enhancements include remedying chlorinated pool overflows into streams, naturalizing concrete culverts, constructing water retention facilities to minimize runoff, and enhancing soils and landscaping to maximize water absorption.

Final recommendations from CWP, available October 1999, will be used to draft the grant if matching funds and partnership status are secured.

To express your interest in moving forward with these watershed improvements, please email Susan Grider at [avenir@mindspring.com](mailto:avenir@mindspring.com). I will forward your comments to FPC representatives and to DeKalb County decision-makers.

- Susan Grider



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## Kirkwood Celebrates Its 100th Birthday!

Kirkwood celebrates its 100th anniversary with the Kirkwood Centennial Festival & Tour of Homes on October 2-3. Festivities will include a parade, artists market featuring local artists, seminars on Atlanta and Kirkwood history, children's area, live music, food and drinks, a tour of homes and more!

The festival will take place on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. in Bessie Branham Park at Kirkwood Rd. and Delano Dr. Admission is free. The Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens will be on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 noon – 5 p.m. Home tour tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8. Charge by phone at 404-371-4535 or purchase at Bailey Hardware, 2161 College Ave. Tickets will also be available at the festival for \$10.

The Kirkwood Centennial Festival & Tour of Homes is sponsored by the Kirkwood Neighbors' Organization (KNO). Corporate sponsors include Southern Voice, Erin Fye/Coldwell Banker, Bailey Hardware, Bo Bridgeport Brokers, The Flying Biscuit Bakery & Cafe, The Kirkwood Amoco, Margie's Pantry, Lee Smith/Harry Norman Realtors, B.O.N.D. Community Credit Union, The East Lake Junior Golf Academy, Eventfully Yours, Rubicon Pictures and Jim Hilliard/ReMax Metro Atlanta. For more information, call 404-4535 or go to [www.mindspring.com/@kirkwood100](http://www.mindspring.com/@kirkwood100).

- Press Release

## Epworth Annual BBQ & Bazaar

Epworth Methodist Church, located at 1561 McLendon Ave., will hold its annual BBQ & Bazaar on October 23rd from 9AM-6PM. Besides good BBQ and fellowship, this year's event will also offer work from local artists. If you would like more information, please call Reba at 404-377-7148.



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## Something New for the Kids! Atlanta Preservation Centers 1999-2000 Heritage Education Program

The Atlanta Preservation Center, together with the City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural Affairs and the Fulton County Arts Council, proudly offers free education programs to students in the City of Atlanta and Fulton County. Along with our Downtown and Fox Theater tours, we offer slide and lecture presentations on Inman Park, Sweet Auburn, Reynoldstown, Mozely Park, and South Atlanta.

For a more hands-on learning experience, the Box City program is offered. Box City is an exciting program which affords students the opportunity to construct their own buildings and town out of cardboard boxes. Box City familiarizes students with various architectural styles and encourages thinking about what makes a community pleasant and livable. This serves as an introduction to Historic Preservation, Architecture, Urban Design, Commercial/Residential Zoning and community involvement.

**Price:** Free to all Fulton County and City of Atlanta school students. Nominal fee for students outside these districts.

**RSVP:** Please call Jodi Lally, Education Director at 404-876-2041, ext. 13, for more information or to reserve the program of your choice.

- Press Release

## CANDLER PARK / LAKE CLAIRE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL SEPT. 18 & 19

Plans are underway for this yearly festival. We are looking for volunteers. Volunteers would work for 4 hours and receive a festival tee shirt and 2 beer or soda tickets... If you are interested please call or drop by Donna Van Goghs Market 1651 McLendon Ave. 404/370-1003.

The weekend festivities will include the Candler Park Tour of Homes, Festival 5K Run, 22 bands, Art and Crafts, Children's, food and drink (Dogwood Beer), Trivia Hunt, Non-profit Groups... Earth Challenge, Habitat For Humanity, Trees Atlanta.


Thanks to all our neighborhood sponsors who help make the festival possible, the following are just a few of the businesses participating in the festival...

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FROCK OF AGES  
THE FLYING BISCUIT CAFÉ  
MAYA HAHN  
SHEA & CAROL  
DAEMON RECORDS  
B.O.N.D. FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Special thanks to Southern Recycling/Eco Events who donate their services every year. Thanks for helping us keep the park in good shape during the Festival!

Interested in volunteering, please call 404-370-1003. Thanks!

- Beth Martin



**Chasing Away the Blues**

A musical event & silent auction  
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Classified ads may not be phoned in or bought on credit. For multiple months, pay in advance or pay before each deadline.

Display Ads (those in boxes or with art) are \$10/column inch in height. Ads should be camera ready (desktop laser printer is OK). Help with ad preparation is at additional cost. To purchase this type of ad, contact Jack Hammond, 688-2916. Ads must be ready by the 18th of the month for the following months edition.

