



Messenger

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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Property tax fight moves to next battle ground

The neighborhoods within the DeKalb section of Atlanta have won a significant victory on the road to receiving refunds for property taxes overpaid to Atlanta in 1999. The city ordinance granting these refunds was approved by the Atlanta City Council and Mayor Campbell. It was so close that I believe every letter, every phone call, every speech in front of City Council mattered. And clearly it could not have happened without all the neighborhoods sticking together. We can all be justly proud of ourselves and of Atlanta-DeKalb generally.

Of course, it could not have happened without our City Council member Cathy Woolard, who was on this issue from the beginning, and our attorney, Mary Carole Cooney, who provided the legal means by which this complicated matter could be resolved.

The ordinance, however, has one more significant hurdle to clear. The Atlanta School Board, which would be responsible for two-thirds of the refunds, is on record as opposing the ordinance. The School Board may yet sue the city of Atlanta. We need people to write the School Board.

The form to apply for refunds of property tax overpayments, however, is ready!

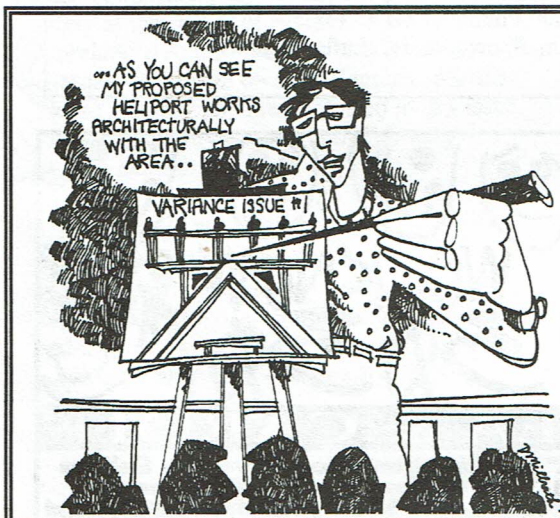
The 1999 Atlanta/DeKalb Property Tax Refund Request can be gotten at the Municipal Clerk's office, on the second floor of City Hall, Suite 2700 or call 404-330-6034 to have a form sent to you.

The form along with the supporting paperwork should be returned in person or by certified mail to:

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
City of Atlanta Municipal Clerk
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Suite 2700
Atlanta, GA 30335

Whatever the ultimate outcome, however, the significance of what has happened so far is that the city essentially has admitted what it had tried for months not to admit: it acted unfairly in changing the rules about something as important as the way in which citizens' property taxes are calculated and did so without prior notice or chance for public discussion.

—Greg Smith



About the Cartoonist Deb Milbreth

Since 1987 my home base has been on McLendon Avenue (so close to Zesto's you can smell the daily special). As for work, I'm a freelance illustrator/designer who this year was one of the five finalists in the P'eachtree Roadrace T-shirt contest.

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Candler Park Web site

If you haven't gone by the Message Board, go to our Web site (www.candlerpark.org) and check out the Message Board hyperlink under the "new information" section. Here's another way to talk to your neighbors.—Webmaster Roger W. Johnson



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Neighborhood Update

In Memory of David Dugan

A memorial service for David Dugan, former vice president for special events of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 15 at his home, 568 Page Ave. David died Christmas morning after a short illness. Call Debra Snell, 404-370-0040, for more information.

Community Plan

Work has begun on analyzing the 160 community development surveys that were returned. A small group met Jan. 5 to establish preliminary results. The full committee will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 at Epworth United Methodist Church to discuss the results and establish a plan for developing white papers on various topics in the plan. The Community Planning committee will meet the third Wednesday of each month in 2000 (Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 15) at 7 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church. — *Susan Grider.*

Freedom Park Tree Planting

Trees Atlanta is sponsoring a tree planting Saturday, Jan. 8 (Elvis' birthday) in Freedom Park. While Trees Atlanta will be providing volunteers, they are always looking for help. Please call Eric Dusenbury at 404-522-7130 if you would like to plant a tree in honor of the King — or for any other reason.

Moreland Traffic Study

The Freedom Park Conservancy has hired a traffic engineer to try to improve pedestrian safety at the corner of Freedom Park and Moreland Avenue. We hope to have some alternatives to vote on at the January meeting. Please attend if you are interested in this issue. Results may not be ready until February. — *Eric Dusenbury.*

Candler Park Playground

Sushma Dersch of the Bureau of Parks has turned over the playground committee's proposal to a landscape architect and is planning a meeting this month with committee members. — *Stacy Williams.*

Epworth United Methodist Church

As you know, Epworth is used by various agencies, organizations, and the community more than is true for most churches. It is our joy that this is the case.

Unfortunately, we have had some incidents of misuse of the facilities lately. This week, for example, someone utilized one of the church phones to make 46 phone calls to 900 sex line numbers. The calls were for a total of 146 minutes at a cost of \$5 per minute. Obviously, this small congregation cannot afford this type of thing.

This morning Jan Oglesbee, our other pastor, on entering the building, discovered a person who was released from the DeKalb County Detention Center two days before in our kitchen merrily preparing his breakfast. He entered the building, he says, though an open outside door to the Fellowship Hall.

I'd like to ask your help in making sure all outside doors are secured whenever your organization uses our facilities. Please be aware that not everyone in your group leaves by the same door as those who close up. It's possible for someone to leave by another door and inadvertently fail to secure it. Please take a moment to check that all doors are secured.

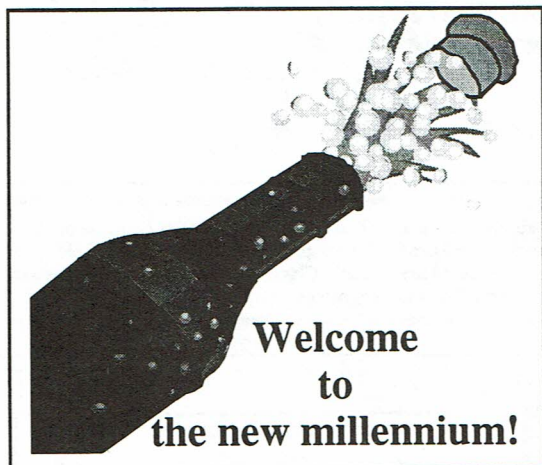
We're advised by Atlanta police that we need to ask everyone to be aware of persons who walk in during your meetings and may not be part of your group. This is a big building and there are hundreds of places where these people could hide. Please don't hesitate to question someone you do not know as to why they are around the building. — *Rev. Guy Kent.*

Block Captains

Of the 61 blocks in Candler Park, there are now 50 with block captains. They are now putting together block directories. Captains should get them to Rita Wuebbeler, block captain coordinator, at 404-378-1990.

— *Rita Wuebbeler.*

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A new era begins in Candler Park with a new look for the Messenger. We hope to include more news about friends and neighbors, as well as updates on ongoing issues.

Coming this year:

- * Creation of a Candler Park Community Plan, outlining residents' desires for future development along McLendon and Dekalb Avenue. The surveys are being compiled by Susan Grider's committee.

- * Renovation of the Candler Park playground.

- * Improvements to the Moreland gateway to Freedom Park.

- * Standardized zoning variance request procedure.

- * Shorter meetings!

- * More opportunities to meet your neighbors through block captain initiatives, CPNO committees and functions and Candler Park website message boards.

We want to hear from you about our new look and what you'd like to see in the Messenger. Please send suggestions and submissions to the website

(Messenger@candlerpark.org) or
Messenger editor: Barbara Senftleber, 415
Callan Circle or bsenftleber@ajc.com.

Calendar

- Mon, 1/10** — CPNO general meeting
7 p.m. refreshments
7:30 monthly meeting
- Mon., 1/17** — CPNO Exec. Committee
6:30 p.m. at Epworth United
Methodist Church
- Wed., 1/19** — CPNO Community Plan Panel
7 p.m. at Epworth
United Methodist Church
- Thur., 1/27** — N.P.U. Monthly Meeting

CPNO Meeting Jan. 10

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

Please use the Mell Ave. entrance.

This month's agenda

- 7:00 p.m. Refreshments
- 7:30 p.m. • Officer Reports
• Euclid Avenue
Baptist Church update
• Moreland Traffic Study

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Crime Report

Crimes reported between Nov. 15 and Dec. 19 in 6th Zone's records.

ASSAULT

1300 Euclid, 12/11, 2:24 pm. Victim punched in face and head.

200 Josephine, 12/10, 7:40 am. Person arrested for assault.

1300 Euclid, 12/11, 2:24 pm. Fight – victim punched in face and head.

400 Sterling, 8:53 am. Person stalked. Arrest made.

BURGLARY

400 Page, 11/15, 3:30 pm. Boom box, CD player, jewelry, cap.

1500 McLendon, 11/19, 8 pm. Shed broken into. 2 bicycles taken.

1300 Benning, 11/22, 7:50 am. Electrical equipment, cordless phone taken.

1800 McLendon, 11/23, 4:32 pm. Burglary alarm call. VCR, microwave, some items left in back yard.

600 Clifton, 11/24, 12:44 am. Burglar confronted upstairs. Arrest made.

1300 North Ave., 12/02, 7:13 pm. Computer and electrical equipment taken. Victim gave chase in his car.

1200 Euclid, 12/09, 12:56 am. Mower and other items stolen from crawl space.

400 Page Ave. 12/08, 9:21 pm. Camera, records, passport taken. Specific teenagers suspected.

400 Page Ave., 12/10, 7 pm. Same house burglarized on 12/08. TV, stereo, coins, vacuum cleaner taken.

400 Moreland, 12/15, 6:39 pm. Front door kicked in. Jewelry, CD, radio, Christmas presents taken.

ITEMS FOUND

Iverson Park, 12/13, 9:10 pm. Bag with calculator and other items.

CAR VANDALIZED

300 Oakdale, 12/03, 8 pm. Driver's window broken, nothing stolen.

PUBLIC INDECENCY

400 Moreland, 12/05, 12:32 pm. Man hassles children, masturbates in from of them. Arrested.

MISCELLANEOUS

1600 McLendon, 12/15, 8 pm. Suspect passed counterfeit bill. Arrested when he returned.

Callan Circle, 12/9, 4:40 pm. High speed chase around Callan Circle Arrest made outside Candler Park when car went into a ditch. Suspect without license.

Zone 6 Police

Telephone: 404-371-5002

Major Carlos Banda, Commander

Inspector Ruby Naylor, Prevention

Officer Bud Watson, Evening Watch

(Pager 404-225-7085)

Officer Craig Cooper, Day Watch

Officer F. Retledge, Morning Watch

Dear Neighbors:

We are sad to have to report the following crimes that have occurred over the past month at our house. However, maybe we can get more people in the neighborhood concerned enough to create a neighborhood watch program. Please let me know if any others are interested. I would welcome getting involved in organization efforts.

On Nov. 17, my car was broken into and my cell phone was stolen. The car was also vandalized. On Nov. 27, my wife's car was broken into and vandalized. On Dec. 19, her mother's car was broken into, vandalized. The radio, CD player and tool box was stolen with a value well in excess of \$1,000.

We live at 582 Page Ave. Each time we have called the Atlanta City Police. They took our info, but we have never heard if anything has been done with the reports.

We hope you can communicate these unfortunate burglaries to the neighborhood in a manner that will bring a concerted effort to help prevent crime.

Thanks,
David Jon Lerner

Editor's note: See Block Captain Update

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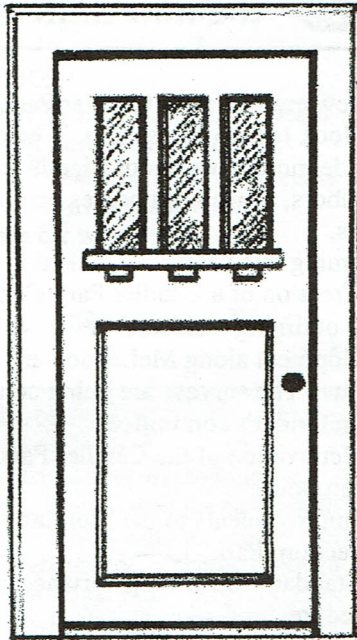
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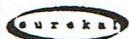
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