



# Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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## City unveils playground plans

The Candler Park Playground Task Force met with Sushma Dersch and Cal Cormier of the city's Park Design office on Feb. 16. Cal, a landscape architect, presented preliminary plans for renovating the playground. He managed to work in just about everything we asked for.

They plan to spend a lot of attention on the infrastructure. The back of the playground will get a stone retaining wall with stone benches for seating (and to help with drainage and erosion problems). Two more benches will be added to the one partway up the hill (these will be behind the stone wall), and much of the playground area will be regraded.

The railroad ties surrounding the majority of the playground will be replaced with a narrow concrete path, good for strolling or tricycling or rollerskating. Patches of grass that are sparse due to foot traffic will be mulched and two picnic tables added in the shade. Stepping stones from the sidewalk at both ends of the playground to the concrete path will be added. A non-climbable bike rack will replace the current one, and we're hoping for a new drinking fountain and toddler-proof trash cans.

The city is going to remove the more worn and dangerous pieces of equipment, including the climbing/sliding structure for smaller children, the seesaws, the jumping platform and the old wooden bench. We had asked

that the larger climbing/sliding structure also be removed, but the city is instead going to refurbish it, bringing it up to code by adding vertical safety slats, and two tire swings, a swinging bridge and a tire climber.

Another set of older child swings will be added, along with a tire tunnel, one more concrete tube and a number of spring-mounted bouncers. The most exciting addition will be a large climbing/sliding structure to replace the one removed. It will

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## Playground renovation volunteers needed

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have lots of fun things to do for kids of all ages, including four slides, a curly climber, a mountain climber, bubble panels, and an overhead gliding system. It's primarily made of wood, so it'll fit in with the current equipment, with some pieces (such as slides) made of plastic.

As exciting as this is, I must emphasize that we're still in a preliminary stage. This plan must go through the city's bidding process, and it has to be matched to the Park Design office's budget wishing to help sponsor this great new playground, or anyone willing to help fundraise, please contact me.

We already know that we'll need volunteer labor to install the equipment

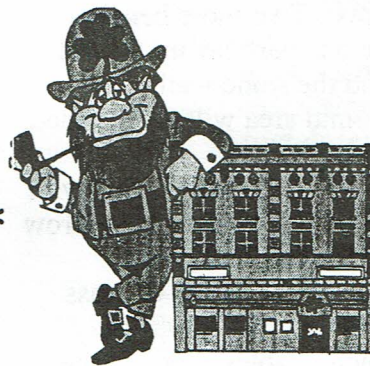
(under the supervision of the manufacturer), so please let me know if you're interested in helping out. We may also need to raise some of the funds, so if there are any local merchants

The immediate next step is to add some pads under the swings and slide bases, which will help keep the groundcover from being kicked away, resulting in mud puddles. The city also may be able to repaint the existing swings, refurbish the existing large structure and start work on the retaining wall soon. In terms of the major renovations, there is not a concrete date, but it will probably not be before next fall at the earliest.

To volunteer or ask questions, call 404.378.5564 or email [stacywms@aol.com](mailto:stacywms@aol.com).

— Stacy Williams

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## Crime Report

Crimes reported between Jan. 17 and Feb. 22, 2000 in Zone 6. Block numbers are rounded off to the closest hundredths.

**1300 block of Benning Place, 2/22, 2:50 p.m.**  
Three apartments robbed. Videotapes and clothes taken.

**500 block of Candler Park Drive, 1/21, 2:10 p.m.** Vehicle broken into; coins and jacket taken.

**500 block of Candler Street, 2/10, 11 p.m.** Lock pried open on garage door. Nothing missing.

**300 block of Clifton Road., 2/16, 5 a.m.** Trash dumped in yard and threatening note left.

**400 block of Clifton Road, 2/19, 1:20 p.m.**  
Suspect tried to enter residence; Arrested later on street..

**1200 block of Euclid Avenue, 1/20, 10 p.m.**  
Drunk person banging on window of church.

**1300 block of Euclid Avenue, 1/24, 11 p.m.**  
Portable generator taken from apartment.

**2/6, 1 p.m.** Apartment burglarized, wristwatches, CDs taken.

**1200 block of Mansfield, 1/22, 11:35.** Alarm call.

**Corner of McLendon & Oakdale, 1/27, 2:25 am.** Driver arrested for DUI, no license.

**1200 block of McLendon Avenue, 2/15, 8:30 p.m.** Phone stolen from vehicle by person who asked for a ride.

**1300 block of McLendon Avenue, 2/5, 8 p.m.**  
Business burglarized; 75 CDs missing.

**200 block of Moreland Avenue, 2/3, 1:30 a.m.**  
Business burglarized. VCR taken..

**300 block of Moreland Avenue,**  
2/3, 1:35 p.m Groceries and purse snatched from victim; attacker fled on foot.

2/19, 8:45 a.m. Business burglarized, camera & electrical equipment stolen.

2/22. Suspect took videotapes after gun pulled. Suspect not found by police.

**400 block of Moreland Avenue,**  
1/30, 11 p.m. Owner found damage to store, but nothing missing.

2/2, 3:20 p.m. Man took shoes from store.

2/5, 7 p.m. Wallet found in alley - no cash but cards there.

2/14, 12:30 a.m. Intoxicated man arrested.

2/15, 11:55 a.m. Suspect could not pay for food eaten.

### Discrepancies in Crime Report

In a meeting with Ruby Naylor and Maj. Carlos Banda of the Zone 6 Atlanta Police Department, I received an explanation for discrepancies and apparent omissions in the precinct's 'Beat Book' of police reports and individual reports to the CPNO Public Safety Committee.

Most notably, certain crimes, in particular larcenies and auto larcenies, are reported through the APD's "Auto Serve" system. This system takes a report by telephone from a crime victim; a police officer is not dispatched to the scene. The lag time between the date of the crime and the Auto Serve report to the Zone 6 precinct is approximately one month, accounting for some apparent omissions and discrepancies.

In order to insure timely information for your neighbors, please make sure to always report any neighborhood crime to Austin Wattles at [awattles@mindspring.com](mailto:awattles@mindspring.com).

### ATTENTION CANDLER PARK BLOCK CAPTAINS!

We are compiling a list of e-mail addresses of the block captains. Please send an e-mail to [rwuebbeler@aol.com](mailto:rwuebbeler@aol.com) to be added to the list!



# CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

## Neighborhood Update

### Music festival proposed

3M's Promotions which wishes to sponsor a music festival called Electronica in Candler Park on June 17. It will be to the benefit of Amnesty International, which has chosen the theme of 'Free the Innocent Prisoners' and will spotlight the global problem of children prisoners of war, the plight of those who run the risk of arrest and institutional harassment based on their sexuality, and the case of Mirtha Bueno Hidalgo, a Peruvian activist who was sentenced to 12 years for alleged "subversive activities."

The event would run from noon to 9 p.m., and feature a number of local artists as well as acts from around the world.

For our headliner, we are in discussions with Atlantic Records and their artists, Everything But the Girl, who have had a long string of hits in the U.S., U.K. and Japan. They are pioneers of electronica across the world.

— *Stacie Boschma*

### Zoning variances requested

J. Scott McClain seeks a variance for property located at 1364 Hooper Ave. to reduce the side yard setback from 7' to 2' and to reduce rear yard setback from 15' to 6' for construction of a storage building.

Homes by Design is seeking an Urban Design Commission review for a rear yard setback reduction from 7' to 1' for a garage.

— *Walter Weimar*

### Candler Park Day at Tech

The Georgia Tech Athletic Association would love to have your community join us for a "Candler Park Night at Georgia Tech!" Candler Park residents will receive free admission to the televised University of the Pacific vs. Georgia Tech volleyball match (this coming fall) as a thank you for your support.

— *Heather Bradley*

### Block Captains Needed

We still need block captains for the following blocks:

**Clifton - Marlbrook to Harriet**

**Marlbrook - Terrace to Page**

**Miller - Oakdale to CP Drive**

**Marion**

**Euclid Ave. - Moreland to Euclid Terr.**

**Euclid Ave. - Euclid Terr. to Candler St.**

**Euclid Ave. - Candler St. to Benning Euclid Terr.**

**Candler St. - Iverson to McLendon**

**Ferguson - Iverson to McLendon**

Contact Connie Weimar at 404-377-1411 or weimar@bellsouth.net to get involved!

### Spring Crime Warning

—If you do not want your mobile phone to have more mobility than you counted on, please remember to always remove your phone from your car. Mobile phones are a favorite target of thieves.

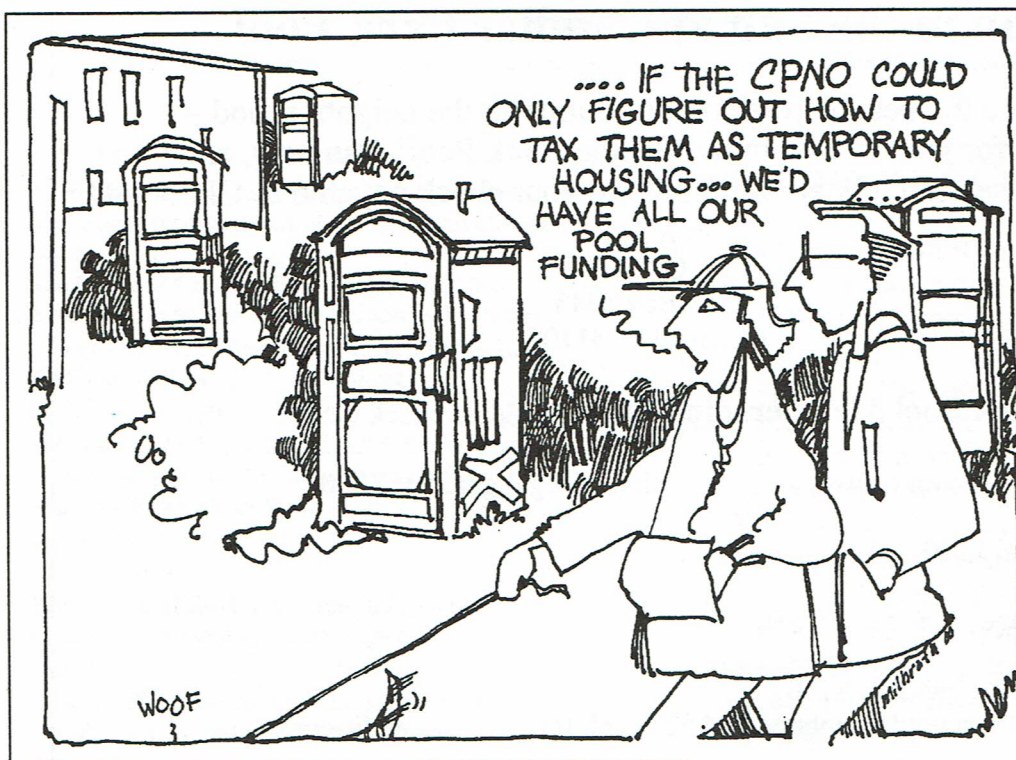
— To prevent theft of your yard equipment, remember to keep your lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc. locked up when not in use.

—Yard sale season is about to start. Please be informed that it is a violation of the city's sign ordinance to post signs on any property that you do not own or have specific permission to use. Many people do not realize that it is illegal to post signs on telephone poles, in the tree planting strip between the curb and sidewalk, on utility boxes, or any other public property or right-of-way. The fine is \$1,000 per sign with the possibility of jail time and community service.

—Be wary of people soliciting yard services if they need to use your equipment. In the past, Candler Park residents who hired people without equipment frequently have soon become victims of theft.



## CANDLER PARK MESSENGER



— DEB MILBRATH

### Candler Park Pool begins second season

Even though it's still a little chilly out, summer is right around the corner — which means it's time for Candler Park Pool subscriptions!

With the first year of neighborhood management under our belt, we're looking forward to making the pool better than ever. What to expect: some facility improvements (fence expansion), clean locker rooms (really!) and more fun!

We're planning some great new events for this year so please join us!

And now for the best news of all ... drum roll please ... due to the great

response last summer, the rates for Summer 2000 will remain the same — from \$50 for individual children (over age 12 only) to a maximum of \$200 for a family of four or more.

This is truly a great bargain for summer recreation.

Please send in your subscriptions now. Your early subscription is a vote of confidence in our accomplishments and will help us continue toward our long-range goals of renovating the bath house, adding a kiddie pool and expanding the deck.

To subscribe, you can use the form in this Messenger or find one on-line at [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org).

Thanks for your support and we'll see you at the pool!

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### Fun in the Sun at Candler Park Pool

Dive in to the best recreation opportunity in the neighborhood — membership for your family in the Candler Park Pool! Join now, and don't miss a single session of swimming! Make your check payable to CPPA and

mail to:

CPPA

P.O. Box 5343

Atlanta, GA 31107

#### Candler Park Pool Membership Options (please check ONLY ONE)

☐ Individual Youth (must have permission of legal guardian) \$50

☐ Individual \$100

☐ Senior (age 65 and over) \$50

☐ Household (2 adults) \$150

Additional Household members: add \$25 each for \_\_\_\_\_ additional

☐ Maximum per household \$200

☐ This is a New Membership

☐ This is a Renewal

☐ I am interested in helping out this summer. Please call me!

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

List each family member \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of members \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned agrees to abide by the rules and regulations governing the pool, and understands that violators will be asked to leave.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_



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## CPNO Meeting March 13

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**  
**\*Presentation and vote** on request to hold benefit for Amnesty International in Candler Park on June 13.  
**\* Zoning variance:**  
— 1364 Hooper, adding storage building to backyard  
— 1244 North Ave., adding garage  
**\* Update** on Euclid Avenue Church  
**\* Nominations and vote** for a new CPNO treasurer.



## Calendar

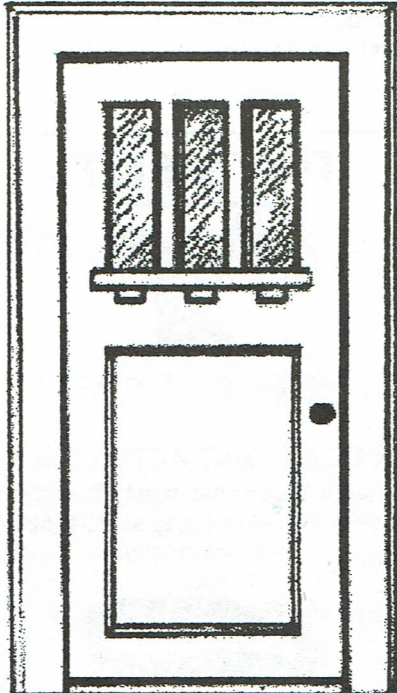
- Mon, 3/13** — CPNO general meeting  
7 p.m. refreshments  
7:30 monthly meeting  
**Mon., 3/20** — CPNO Exec. Committee  
7 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church  
**Wed., 3/15** — CPNO Community Plan Panel  
7 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church  
**Thur.s, 3/23** — N.P.U. Monthly Meeting  
**Tues., 4/4** — Freedom Park Conservancy  
7 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church

### On the Web...

Keep up with the latest news in Candler Park. Check out the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization site at [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org). If you want to get a notice or announcement on the site, contact Roger Johnson at [Webmaster@candlerpark.org](mailto:Webmaster@candlerpark.org).



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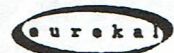
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