

The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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June 2000

MEETINGS*EVENTS

CPNO MEETING JUNE 12@7PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is for all residents! We meet the second MONDAY of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Avenue. Please use the Mell Avenue entrance. Membership is FREE!

JUNE 12 MEETING AGENDA:

7:00 p.m. Refreshments

7:30 p.m. • Officer Reports

- Vote on Variances: 1452 North Avenue; 509 Oakdale Road, 1208 North Avenue
- Review of Freedom Park Concept Plan
- A short film by Peavine Watershed Alliance
- City Parks: Presentation of Candler Park watershed enhancements
- Candidate Introduction: Rick Setser for DeKalb Superior Clerk of Court
- Other business: pool, playground, etc.

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the July meeting, email robinbel@bellsouth.net, or mail to Robin Bellinson, 405 Oakdale Road. Deadline is June 23, 2000.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE

Monday, June 12 * 7:30 PM

CPNO General Meeting

Saturday, June 17, 2000
Candler Park 5K Road Race

FUN
RUN!

Monday, June 19 * 7 PM

CPNO Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 22 * 7:00 PM

N.P.U. Monthly Meeting

What's happening with your property tax appeal?

The deadline for submitting an appeal of your 2000 property taxes was May 15. The DeKalb County Tax Assessors Office is currently reviewing the appeals.

By late June or early July, letters will be sent notifying people of any changes to their appraisal value.

If you are not satisfied with the new appraisal value for any reason, you may continue your appeal to the Board of Equalization. Any appraisals not changed by the Tax Assessors Office will automatically be forwarded to the Board of Equalization.

People will be invited to appear to make their presentations to the Board beginning probably in mid-July (though this is a very rough estimate). Remember that if you take your appeal on to the Board, your appraisal

will be frozen for the next two years, frequently a good reason to take this next step.

If you will be making a presentation to the Board of Equalization, there is a great way to make it as effective as it can be — a one-session class with a wealth of do's and don'ts. (See story below for more details.)

In other news, there is no news. The lawsuit by the School Board against the City of Atlanta to overturn the ordinance granting refunds for overpayment of 1999 taxes is not yet resolved.

We will definitely let everyone know if and when there is a successful conclusion to the lawsuit so people can file for refunds.

—Greg Smith

*DeKalb is now
reviewing
appeals —
expect news in
June or July.*

A free class on how to present your property tax assessment appeal to DeKalb's Board of Equalization

If you are in the process of appealing your property taxes, but have never had to appear before the Board of Equalization, you've probably got a few questions.

Lots of us in the neighborhood are in the same situation. To assure we all know how to make our best, most persuasive case to the Board, we're having a class that covers all the details.

You'll find out what information your presentation should cover, from your home

condition to comparable properties, and learn tips on the way to present the information for maximum effectiveness.

This one-time only class will be held on Wednesday, June 28 at 7:30 PM in the Epworth United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (that's on the lower level on the Mell Avenue side). For more information, call Greg Smith at 4/681-9945 or e-mail GsmithMD1@aol.com.

—Greg Smith

The Messenger

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New Plaza Proposed for Moreland at Freedom Parkway

Moreland Gateway Concept Plan to be Reviewed at June CPNO

The design firm Ecos has completed the concept plan for the Moreland Gateway project and we will review it at the June CPNO meeting. This project is an effort to make improvements to the sections of Freedom Park that are east of Moreland Avenue. The scope of work includes a plaza at the corner of Moreland and Freedom Parkway, sidewalks around the perimeter of the park and some erosion remediation throughout the park. Please plan to attend the June meeting so your opinion on this issue can be heard.

In addition to CPNO review, CPNO has formed a subcommittee to oversee the implementation of this project. Anyone interested in joining this subcommittee should contact Eric Dusenbury at 404/522-7130 or ericandkarin@msn.com.

— Eric Dusenbury

Environment: PWA To Present Short Film

The Peavine Watershed Alliance will present a short film at the June CPNO Meeting on building a community watershed alliance, followed by a short Q&A session about creeks in our watershed (the Peavine Watershed). Also don't forget the Creek Clean-Up scheduled for Saturday, July 15 – or the Adopt-A-Stream Workshops scheduled for August 3 and 4!

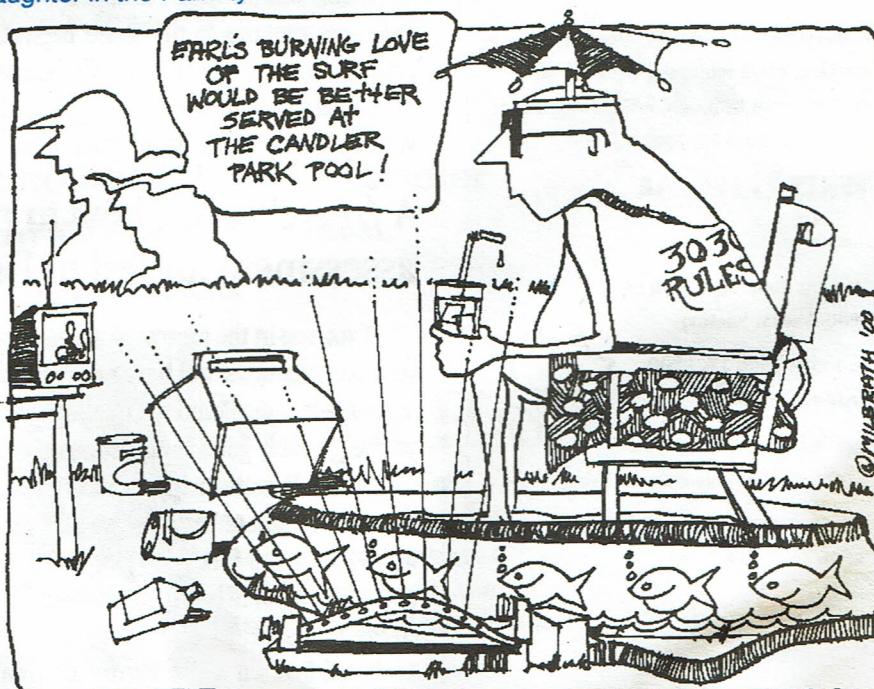
PWA newsletters were circulated to you in the last Messenger. If you need an extra copy, want to become a member or for more information, contact Susan Grider at 4/373-2026.

One other environmental happening of note: The SouthFace Weekend Homebuilding School, July 20-23. The cost is \$295/person, \$395/couple. For details, check out www.southface.org.

— Susan Grider



Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath



Pool Party A Splash – And The Pool's Now Open!

You know summer is coming when you see the Candler Park Pool getting ready to open. This year, the fun started early!

More than 40 adults (and, at best count, *zillions* of children) showed up at the May 12 fundraiser to celebrate the new season of the Candler Park Pool that begins May 27.

There was free beer courtesy of Euclid Avenue Yacht Club, and pizza courtesy of Savage Pizza was sold for a dollar a slice to raise money for new pool furniture. There were also lots of goodies brought to share.

For entertainment, a boom box supplied the beat, friends and neighbors supplied the conversation, and the kids provided lots of energy. There was even a sprinkler for the kids to frolic in and get wet (in the otherwise empty pool!). A great time was had by all!

The pool will have this kind of fun all summer from Saturday, May 27 through Labor Day weekend. Extended hours this year means the pool will be open later in the evening, until 8:30 (instead of 7:00). What better way to end a busy day than to join your friends and neighbors for an evening at the pool?

For those who'd like to get in on the fun, subscription rates this year are a real bargain – and exactly the same as last year, from \$100 for one adult up to a maximum of \$200 for an entire family.

If you've got friends from outside the neighborhood, tell them they're welcome to sign up – we've got subscribers who live in Inman Park, Decatur, Grant Park, and more!

To subscribe, use the application in this issue (or get one online at www.candlerpark.org). For info, call Shawn Foley at 4/522-3521. It's going to be a long, hot summer – keep cool at Candler Park Pool!

Candler Park Community Plan Team Requests Neighborhood Comments

The Candler Park Community Plan team has been working throughout the early spring to complete its initial plan.

Check out the CPNO website for a 4-page draft copy of the CPNO community plan, to be posted in late June/early July (the URL is www.candlerpark.org).

The planning team invites your comments before bringing the plan to the neighborhood for a vote in late summer/early fall.

— Susan Grider

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in the neighborhood...*



**Michael
Lewis**

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Candler Park 5K Race June 17th – Run, Volunteer!

The 6th Annual Candler Park 5K is scheduled for 8AM on Saturday, June 17th! The route will be basically the same as last year's, with a couple tweaks to make it less crowded for runners going in opposite directions. If you go to the Candler Park Website you can see the exact course.

Once again, the race will impact traffic on Page Ave, Clifton Terrace, North Ave, Euclid Ave and streets that cross these roads. There will be volunteers at all major intersections to help cars get where they need to go.

To make the race a success, we need volunteers. Before race day, we need people on weekends to pass out flyers at other 5K races. This usually involves about an hour of time early Saturday or Sunday morning.

On race day, we need volunteers to help setup before the race, man the registration table, stand on the course, work the finish line, man the water stations and generally help coordinate things. If you are interested in helping, please call Eric and Karin at 404-522-7130 or send e-mail to ericandkarin@msn.com. Some volunteer activities can be done even if you want to run the race!

If you would like to run, pick up a flyer from one of the 5K sandwich boards on the PATH or print one from the Candler Park Website.

Last year we had over 500 runners, and we are hoping for a few more this year. It is always a fun event and great way to show off our neighborhood, so even if you don't run or volunteer, plan to watch and cheer on the runners from a yard! If you need any information, please call Eric and Karin. See you on race day!

— Eric Dusenbury

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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 _____



Candler Park Pool

An Even Better Place To Play: Playground Task Force Upgrades Renovation Based On Fundraising Research

The Playground Task Force, headed up by Stacy Williams, has been working with the City of Atlanta since last fall to plan an upgrade to the Candler Park Playground. In the spring, the task force decided to raise funds to purchase one large piece of equipment at a cost of \$20,000, while the City would refurbish the existing site infrastructure and equipment.

Claire Pate, who volunteered to head up the fundraising effort, started researching park funding by talking with a number of people who have done the same task at City parks in other neighborhoods.

During this process, Claire visited a number of high quality playgrounds that far exceeded the current plan for our playground – and that were paid for primarily by fundraising efforts. After seeing what's possible, the task force has decided to greatly expand the scope of the Candler Park Playground redesign.

"What we've found is that all neighborhoods contribute some funds to new

playgrounds," says Stacy Williams. "The amounts vary from \$25,000 to \$50,000. One Virginia-Highland neighborhood raises \$25,000 every year, plus an additional \$40,000 or so every other year."

Sound a little out of reach? Probably not. "We learned by talking to these other communities that raising this kind of money is not as daunting as it may sound. There are lots of corporate grants that are available, for example," Stacy says.

With this in mind, the task force's goal is now to raise \$50,000 for a more comprehensive redesign – through grants, fundraising events, and corporate and individual donations. And, by working with Park Pride, a non-profit organization that helps administer the fundraising process, all donations to the park fund will be tax-deductible and eligible for matching funds.

The proposed timeline is to complete the new playground by next June. Stay tuned for details – and if you're interested in volunteering, e-mail stacywms@aol.com.

Epworth's *Can-Do* Vacation Bible School

It's time again for our annual Vacation Bible School and all children are invited!

We're turning Epworth United Methodist Church into a clubhouse of "Can-Do Kids" starting July 24 through July 28.

Activities will begin at 6 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

At "Club Can-Do: Kids Called to Care," kids will see how God worked through children from the Bible, and how they, too, can make a difference in today's world.

Children will learn to love, reach out and care for others through Can-do stories, Can-do songs, Can-do crafts and Can-do fun!

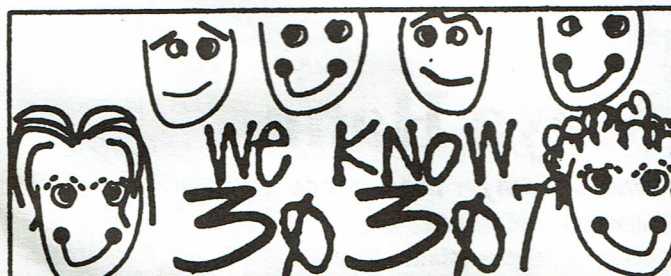
For more information or to pre-register, call Jan Oglesbee at Epworth, 4/525-4746.

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CRIME REPORT

Crimes reported between April 17 and May 12, 2000 in Zone 6 police records. (Block numbers have been rounded to closest hundred.)

NOTICE: We had one robbery at gunpoint at Josephine and McLendon.

400 Candler Park Drive, 4/25, 7:30 am, basement burglarized, drill, tool bag and electric fixtures.

400 Candler Park Drive, 5/1, 11:10 pm, door left open at church - nothing missing.

1200 Druid Place, 4/23, 4:30 pm, vandalism in new residence - damaged fireplace.

1600 DeKalb Ave., 5/1, 11:10 pm, money taken from dwelling, person known by victim.

1200 Euclid Ave., 5/7, 10:30 pm, victim complained of excessive loud music coming from business, other complaints had preceded it. The police gave the noise maker a court order.

300 Ferguson, 5/12, 8:10 pm, burglary, electronics and jewelry taken. Neighbor saw young B/M leaving with known pillow case.

500 Herald Street, 4/17, 10:00 pm, vehicle broken into, property taken.

Josephine & McLendon, 4/21, 10:00 pm, money taken from neighbors at gunpoint on the street.

1200 McLendon, 4/18, 11:17 am, intoxicated driver arrested.

1800 McLendon 4/21, 7:00 am, theft from auto, radio and stereo.

1300 McLendon, 5/6, 3:39 pm, victim assaulted by boyfriend in car.

1300 McLendon, 5/9, 2:30 pm, victim mail opened.

1200 McLendon, 5/11, 8:30 pm, subject found trespassing in house having been overheard in yard. Purse lying on floor.

300 Mell Ave., 4/29, 5:50 pm, woman driving under the influence.

300 Moreland Ave., 4/21, 10:35 pm, audible alarm, open door found.

300 Moreland Ave., 5/9, 1:40 pm, cellular phone and purse stolen from car.

1200 North Ave., 4/20, 8:45 am, rear window opened, damage inside.

1200 North Ave., 5/9, 1:30 pm, windshield broken by rock, Sewer Department said they were not responsible.

300 Oakdale, 5/6, 3:39 pm, burglary - cut screen door, removed lock, took Sony Camcorder.

400 Sterling, 5/9, 3:02 pm, window found open, audible alarm, no one inside.

500 Sterling, 5/9, 5:15 am, burglary - change stolen.

—Austin Wattles

ZONE 6 POLICE

Telephone: 404-371-5002

Major Carlos Banda, Commander

Inspector Ruby Naylor, Prevention

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New Day Watch Officer [to be announced]

Officer F. Retledge, Morning Watch

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VARIANCE REQUESTS

Voting on the following requests for variance will be held at the June CPNO meeting.

1452 NORTH AVENUE

Variance to reduce side yard setback. In connection with a residential attic expansion, Don Radick and Susan Callaway have requested a variance to reduce the side yard setback at 1452 North Avenue (R-3 zoning) from 10' to existing structure setbacks of 3' and 4', respectively. The total "footprint" of the structure will not be enlarged, but as an expansion of a non-conforming structure, the variance is required. If approved by CPNO, the matter is to be heard by the NPU on June 22nd. Site and elevation plans for the proposal will be available at the CPNO meeting for review by those interested.

520 OAKDALE ROAD

Variance to reduce a side yard setback from 17.5 feet to 1 foot is requested by Robert and Carole Craig for 520 Oakdale (a single-family residential corner lot with side yard frontage along Benning Place). Plans of the proposed variance will be provided for distribution and review to those attending the CPNO meeting.

1208 NORTH AVENUE

Variance to adopt existing parcel dimensions (to amend official City of Atlanta zoning map) establishing parcel as "lot of record" under zoning ordinance. (FYI: This announcement was first published in the May Messenger. In brief, the applicant's proposed improvements will apparently meet all zoning criteria if established as a lot of record for zoning review purposes).

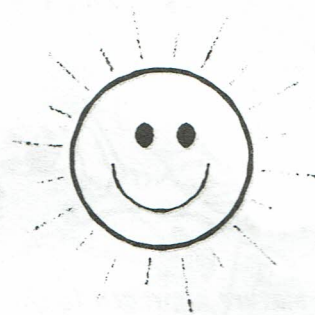
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