

# The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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## MEETINGS\*EVENTS

### CPNO MEETING JULY 10@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!

#### JULY 10 MEETING AGENDA:

7:00 p.m. Refreshments

7:30 p.m. • Officer Reports

- Other business: pool, playground, etc.
- Vote on Variances: 601 Terrace Avenue; new townhomes on Moreland at Mansfield
- Moreland Gateway Project revisions/vote
- Discussion: Candler Park Festival 2001
- Educational Sign for Lullwater Creek
- Aid Atlanta presentation (tentative)

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the August meeting, email robinbel@bellsouth.net, or mail to Robin Bellinson, 405 Oakdale Road. Deadline is July 21, 2000.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### JULY

Monday, July 10 \* 7:30 PM

CPNO General Meeting

Monday, July 17 \* 7 PM

CPNO Executive Committee Meeting

#### AUGUST

Monday, August 3 \* 7:00 PM

N.P.U. Monthly Meeting (July rescheduled)

Monday, August 14 \* 7:00 PM

CPNO Monthly Meeting/pot-luck, featuring "Hope for a Crime-Free Neighborhood," a Zone 6 Police Show kids will love! The show will include fire trucks, the K-9 unit dogs, and possibly even a helicopter!

## A New Festival Possible for Candler Park in 2001

As was reported in the June issue of the *Bond Community Star*, Beth Martin, organizer of the Candler Park/Lake Claire Festival the past five years, has canceled this year's Festival.

Is this the end of our Festival? Not likely. Several Candler Park residents have expressed interest in continuing the event. As a result, CPNO officers asked Beth to meet with them at their board meeting June 19 to share her experience and give an overview of organizing this event.

According to Beth, the 1999 Festival cost nearly \$20,000 to stage, and earned the same amount, breaking even. As she reported in the *Star*, she and the team of organizers were concerned with the possibility that eventualities such as poor weather could leave them financially

liable for losses. She suggested beginning to plan a year in advance to deal with the city permits, setting up the artists and musicians, and finding corporate sponsorships to share the financial aspects of the event.

At the July meeting, there will be discussion of the possibility of CPNO organizing the festival for 2001. Some things that have been suggested include scheduling the Festival to coincide with the Candler Park 5K, Tour of Homes, or first day of pool season;

programming around a folk music or family theme, and a number of other ideas.

Want to learn more? Please attend the July 10 meeting, or contact Debra Snell at 370-0040, or email dsnell@gsu.edu.

—Debra Snell

*CPNO looks for  
ideas and  
volunteers to  
continue the  
Festival in 2001*

## Candler Park Tour of Homes Set for December 2

Now that the annual Candler Park 5K Race is over, it is time to turn our attention to the other big money-maker for the neighborhood, the annual Tour of Homes. This year we have scheduled the tour for Saturday, December 2, with a "Holiday Tour of Homes" theme.

As usual, we hope to have 10 Candler Park homes in various states of renovation. Putting your home on the tour is a great way to help out the neighborhood with little

effort (just ask the folks who have had their homes on the tour before!). If you'd like to volunteer your home, or you know of a beautiful home whose owner is too bashful to brag, let us know so we can show it off.

We're also looking for volunteers to help us with advertising, tour guide design, and house sitting. If you are interested, please call Roger Johnson or Jane Major at (404) 524-3202.

—Roger Johnson



# The Messenger

The Messenger is published monthly by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Deadline for articles for the August issue is July 21. Submit to:

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## Neighborhood Update: Plans, Bugs, Play, Pizza, and More!

### Draft of Candler Park Community Plan Now Available Online

Check out the draft CPNO Plan at [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org). Use the message board to dialogue with neighbors about issues you care about.

— Susan Grider

### Teach Your Kids About Buglife!

On Saturday, July 15, join Peavine Watershed Alliance neighbors and friends in cleaning up the Lullwater Fork of Peavine Creek. Meet at the corner of Clifton Terrace at Terrace Avenue at 9:00 am and clean-up until about noon. Wear boots and bring plastic bags, plastic gloves and a rake or shovel.

— Susan Grider

### Playground Gets A Head Start

Fundraising efforts for the new and improved playground at Candler Park don't officially start until August, but thanks to our State Senator Mike Polak, we're nearly one third the way there! Mike has obtained \$15,000 from Governor Barnes' discretionary fund; other individual donations have added more than another \$1,000 to the pot. Look for more information about how you

can help us reach our \$50,000 goal in the next issue of *The Messenger*, or email [stacywms@aol.com](mailto:stacywms@aol.com).

— Stacy Williams

### Pool Adds Pizza, Popcorn, Pizzazz

The Candler Park Pool is definitely the place to hang out this summer! Subscribers can now end their weekend by relaxing at the pool – while Savage Pizza cooks! Pizza goes on sale from 6:30 pm until it's gone every Sunday. At just \$2 per slice, it's a bargain!

We've also added fresh-popped popcorn to our full line of snacks and drinks. And we're planning more events like our recent Shrimp Boil, which drew more than 60 subscribers for a Saturday night Cajun feast!

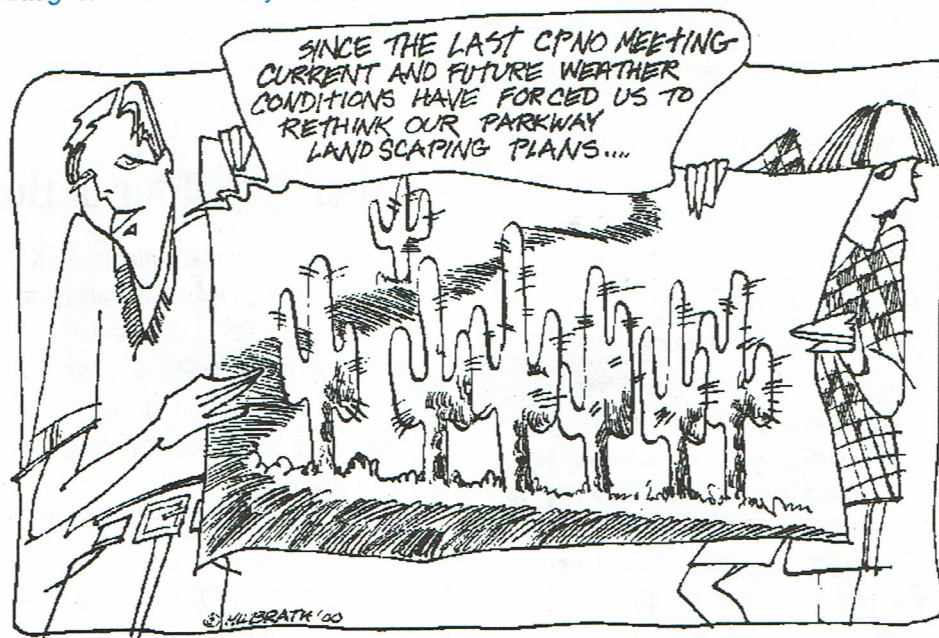
Get in on the fun! A subscription form is online at [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org), or call Shawn Foley at 522-3521... see you at the pool!

—Candler Park Pool Association

### Educational Sign Review

The Lullwater Fork Improvement Project has developed educational signs that explain watershed management, and plans to place one along the Lullwater Fork in Candler Park. A draft sign will be shown at the CPNO meeting in July for review and comment.

### Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath





## Candler Park 5K Runs Up Another Year Of Success

More than 440 runners showed up on Saturday, June 17th, for the sixth annual Candler Park 5K race. Everything went smoothly – and once again, runners were very complimentary about the race, the neighborhood and the volunteers.

I too feel that the race went extremely well this year, and would like to thank everyone who lent their time and energy in support of the event.

Any volunteers who have not yet picked up a T-shirt are encouraged to call or email me (522-7130, [ericandkarin@msn.com](mailto:ericandkarin@msn.com)).

We have not yet totaled the amount of money raised but expect it to be in excess of \$2,000. Final figures will be available at the July CPNO meeting.

–Eric Dusenbury

*Many thanks to Eric and Karin Dusenbury for their hard work in organizing the Candler Park 5K, as well as all the volunteers who helped. They staged an event we can all be proud to have representing our neighborhood!*

–Debra Snell

## Matching Friends for Life

Right in our own back yard (at 376 Oakdale Road), Atlanta Citizen Advocacy is working minor miracles, matching friends/advocates to people of all ages with developmental disabilities – people who are devalued in our society and so are subject to injustices, abuse, and segregation. ACA believes that authentic, freely given friendships offer the best protection for these individuals, and its mission is to recruit advocates willing to be a special friend. Are you a strong, self-assured individual who would like to help just one person find a valued place in the community? To learn more, call Sue Belden at ACA, 404/523-8849.

### Thanks to Candler Park 5K Sponsors!

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## Crime Story: News From Atlanta Zone 6 Police

You've probably noticed most of our neighborhood's crime involves car break-ins, house break-ins, and the like. However, we've had a few recent incidents relating to personal robbery and drugs. More armed robberies are taking place in our larger East Atlanta neighborhoods. Be aware – and be careful. Inspector Naylor of our Zone 6 police force recommends staying home late at night when possible. In any case, be aware of your surroundings!

Probably no problem underlies crime to a greater extent than drugs, both legal and illegal. One method of dealing with the drug problem – *forfeiture* – is the topic of a new paper by Major Carlos Banda, Commander of Zone 6. The paper explains what is involved in property seizure (forfeiture) of a particular house. Although forfeiture is a difficult and often laborious process, Banda says, "We must put consistent pressure on criminal activity to drive criminals out of our neighborhoods. Some landlords don't know; don't wish to know; or even, in some cases, are able to profit indirectly from the criminals that victimize our neighborhood." (A copy of Major Banda's paper is available by request to [awattles@mindspring.com](mailto:awattles@mindspring.com)).

CELEBRATE OUR HOPE FOR A CRIME-FREE NEIGHBORHOOD. On August 14th, the night of our usual second Monday CPNO meeting, we are having a big show in cooperation with the Zone 6 Police. Fire trucks, K9 dogs, possibly a helicopter and other entertainment will be provided. Children will especially enjoy this! It is a pot-luck; details will be published in the August issue of *The Messenger*.

–Austin Wattles



## CPNO: Striving For Fair, Prompt Zoning Decisions

CPNO's responsibilities involving planning and zoning initiatives in Candler Park are increasingly a concern of residents, judging from the recent Candler Park Neighborhood survey.

Constituents of both Candler Park and Neighborhood Planning Unit "N", observing recent new construction of Special Public Interest District property along Freedom Park and occasional commercial or residential variance requests for existing structures, seem interested in clearer guidelines for evaluating appropriate changes. Neither past variance approvals nor prescribed zoning ordinances are sufficiently familiar to guide many residents.

An important goal of CPNO's board has long been to identify practical standards and develop consistent procedures for presenting variance requests to CPNO members, a frequent and vitally important aspect of our monthly meetings.

Examples of adjoining neighborhood associations (including Inman Park and Lake Claire) suggest that variance applicants who communicate with immediate neighbors prior to presenting requests at general meetings, best facilitate responsible and equitable decision-making without undue delay.

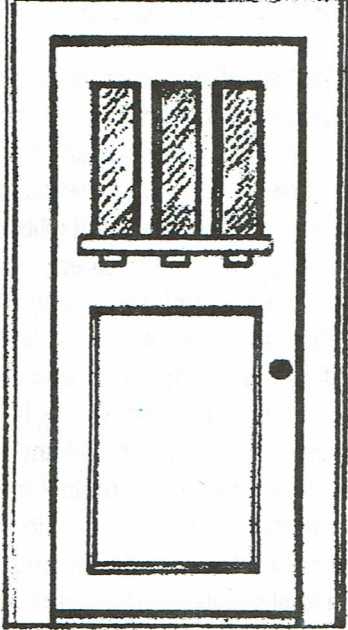
CPNO's traditional role as advisor to NPU-N regarding variances, while an important part of Atlanta municipal planning, is nonetheless an informal process dependent on volunteer

participation. To better enable those involved in scheduling agenda items and administering CPNO meetings, NPU representative John Rick has posted some helpful suggestions for applicants on the CPNO website. Of particular importance, every applicant should:

- Respect the value placed by general CPNO membership on documented support from all immediate neighbors affected by the proposed variance (and their right of refusal of support);
- Allow adequate time for neighborhood, NPU and municipal officials' consideration (prior to issuance of all essential permits) before commencing any work dependent on the variance requested;
- Communicate constructively and continuously with immediate neighbors and CPNO's board, providing detailed project plans and schedules as early as possible, to conserve time and ensure accountability.

CPNO members are encouraged to become familiar, by observation and participation at our monthly general meetings, with these simple procedural guidelines. Their implementation should strengthen confidence (by developers and residents alike) in our neighborhood's fair and prompt consideration of the merits of each applicant's variance request.

—Walt Weimar



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## Environmental Events and Happenings Calendar

*7/7: Southface Sustainable Roundtable  
at Sci-Trek - Community Greenspace.  
7:30 - 9 am. Contact 4/872-3549 x124.*

*7/15: PWA Clean-up in Candler Park!  
Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm. Clifton Terrace/  
Terrace Avenue. Contact 4/373-2026.*

*7/20-23: Weekend Homebuilding School  
\$295/person; \$395/couple, www.southface.org*

*8/3 or 8/4: Adopt-a Stream Workshop.  
Thursday or Friday, 10 am - 3 pm. Contact  
PWA at 404-508-7603.*

*8/4: Sustainable Roundtable at  
Southface - Rail Transit. 7:30 - 9 am.  
Contact 4/872-3549 x124.*



## Candler Park Website Reaching Out To The World

It has been a while since I gave an update to the neighborhood about our website, [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org). We are now visited by over 200 people a week and had our highest hit rate of 387 just last week (the 5K map was very popular!).

The website is popular with residents because it lists the most recent news, events, and CPNO meeting dates on the main page, and has *The Messenger* on-line.

It also generates a lot of interest from outside the neighborhood, because of its historical and informational content about Candler Park. We recently had a reporter from Tampa ask about how we kept CVS from moving into the neighborhood! Talk about a small world.

We have had inquiries about housing from as far away as Argentina, and we currently have some "neighbors" in Singapore (Elizabeth Carroll, formerly of 445 Page Avenue, who is now keeping up with Candler Park events by reading *The Messenger* on-line).

Another exciting part of our website is the public access Message Board, which

anyone can post a message on. The most popular topics this spring were people from out of town who read about our neighborhood and wanted to find a rental house or apartment. If you have an apartment or house for rent, drop by and list it!

We're also hoping that the Message Board will help facilitate the discussions on the Community Plan that Susan Grider and her Environmental Teams have been putting together. Look for the plan on the site this month!

We also have advertising spots for \$100 per year. Included is a banner advertisement on the main page, and your very own web address (such as "[www.candlerpark.org/myplace](http://www.candlerpark.org/myplace)"). All of the design work is done by our dedicated staff (me), so you don't have to worry about learning how to set up a site!

The advertisement will allow you to reach our 200 weekly readers, most of whom live in Candler Park or are considering moving here. What a bargain! Send us an email if you want to stake out your presence on the web!

—Roger Johnson, Webmaster

## Get *The Messenger* From Our Website!

As you may know, our newsletter *The Messenger* is an all-volunteer effort, including its delivery. The dedicated individuals who put *The Messenger* on your doorstep deserve all of our thanks — and in times of delay (and rain), they deserve our understanding as well!

For those times when your copy hasn't arrived, you won't have to go without. We almost always get *The Messenger* on-line faster than the printed version is delivered, so you can check out the web site version before the CPNO meeting (the 2nd Monday of each month) if you haven't received your printed copy.

We also have an email notification list to let everyone interested know when it has been posted online. To add your name to this list, send your email address to [webmaster@candlerpark.org](mailto:webmaster@candlerpark.org).

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**400 Candler Street**, 6/20, 9:54 pm, car damaged and CD player gone.

**Candler Park Circle**, 5/31, 11:05 am, cell phone lost.

**Candler Park**, 6/01, 2:40 am, rear window shattered.

**2100 DeKalb Ave.**, 6/03, 6:30 pm, home burglarized; expensive sound equipment and computer stolen.

**1600 DeKalb Ave.**, 6/09, time not given, Census Bureau bag and personal contents stolen.

**1300 DeKalb Ave.**, 6/10, 0:30 am, man assaulted by male suspect - suspected arrested.

**1300 DeKalb Ave.**, 6/12, 8:00 pm, business robbed within fence, computer, electrical equipment stolen.

**1200 Druid Place**, 6/11, 2:45 pm, person returned after being told not to, found lying in grass.

**Euclid and Moreland Ave.**, 5/28, 2:00 pm, Gibson Guitar missing worth over \$1,000.

**1400 Euclid Ave.**, 5/16, 8:00 am, window broken out of vehicle; no items taken.

**1300 Euclid Ave.**, 6/18, 6:30 am, let air out of victim's tires.

**500 Goldsboro**, 5/27, 10:33 am, vehicle damaged.

**1400 Iverson**, 5/25, 10:00 am, hub caps stolen from car.

**300 Josephine**, 5/18, 11:07 am, subject hit victim with stick; victim was taking down sheet rock making "noise."

**300 Josephine**, 5/19, 1:30 pm, car break in, items taken: stereo, title and Bible.

**300 Josephine**, 5/19, 9:00 pm, drug bust by detectives and back up officers - cocaine, several arrested.

**300 Josephine**, 6/13, 6:30 pm, burglary/assault.

**Mansfield and Moreland**, 5/20, 12:05 pm, truck broken into, cellular phone and tool box stolen.

**1500 McLendon Ave.**, 5/30, 1:53 pm, Church sign vandalized with graffiti.

**1600 McLendon Ave.**, 6/16, 3:00 pm, vehicle hit overhang of building.

**400 Miller Ave.**, 6/11, 3:15 pm, solicited #20, fraud.

**300 Moreland Ave.**, 5/15, 7:10 am, alarm - from door of business left open, cleaning company felt responsible.

**400 Moreland**, 5/15, 2:00 pm, battery stolen from truck on parking lot.

**400 Moreland Ave.**, 5/19, 3:30 am, victim struck in head with vodka bottle by two suspects, one arrested.

**300 Moreland**, 6/07, 4:37 pm, left keys in car, saw car driven off.

**400 Moreland Ave.**, 6/15, 1:00 pm, payroll check taken from business.

**1500 North Ave.**, 5/15, 11:45 am, victim beaten and robbed after being given a ride, tooth knocked out.

**1200 North Ave.**, 5/28, 6:45 pm, house under construction vandalized, homeless suspect found.

**1200 North Ave.**, 5/29, 1:10 pm, burglar broke window and door in construction site; 3:00 am, persons entered trailer.

**1400 North Ave.**, 6/05, 8:00 pm, vehicle vandalized - spray painted with silver paint on windows.

**1200 North Ave.**, 6/14, 12:00 noon, air compressor stolen from house under construction.

**500 Sterling St.**, 6/13, 8:40 pm, burglary - cell phone, shoes, ate apple from refrigerator.

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**JOIN US IN WISHING A** happy July birthday to Debra Snell, our CPNO President!

## VARIANCE REQUESTS

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

### 601 TERRACE AVENUE

**Variance to requirement for front steps.** According to Special Public Interest (SPI) guidelines, "a paved walkway from the front sidewalk to the front entry of the principal structure shall be provided." The first set of steps installed on this newly-constructed home did not conform; the Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) ordered them to be replaced. The newly replaced steps also do not comply as they do not connect to the sidewalk. The builder claims he cannot meet the riser requirements in the guidelines and make the steps fit on the site; the AUDC disagrees.

### NEW TOWNHOMES, MORELAND AT MANSFIELD

**Variance to reduce front yard setback.** These townhomes will be built along Moreland between Druid Place and Mansfield. The requested variance is to reduce the front yard setback from 20 feet to 10 feet. The front yard is the side facing Moreland. In addition to the 10 yard setback, there is 40 feet of park between Moreland and the beginning of the front yard. The variance is being requested in order to preserve one of the larger trees on the property.

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