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MEETINGS*EVENTS

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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!

MARCH MEETING AGENDA:

7:00 pm NOTE: EARLIER MEETING TIME!

- Officer Reports
- VOTE on variances (see back page)
- VOTE on NPU-N By-Laws (see page 4)

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the April meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is March 23, 2000.

EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 2001

Monday, March 12 * 7 PM

CPNO General Meeting

Monday, March 19 * 7 PM

CPNO Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 22

NPU-N Meeting

APRIL/MAY 2001

Candler Park Playground Grand Reopening

The equipment is installed, but there's still work to be done. Look for details on the opening in next month's Messenger.

FALL 2001

October 13-14, 2001

Candler Park FallFest - Volunteers welcome! Get in on the ground floor and have a great time while planning Candler Park's biggest event! For more information, contact Bert Bellinson at bert@tangentindustries.com or call 404-351-8000.

Cancer Survivor Plaza Plan Denied By Atlanta UDC

Freedom Park

Conservancy will

move ahead with

improvements;

reducing scope to

fit existing budgets

As many of you are aware, the Freedom Park Conservancy had been considering a Cancer Survivor Plaza for the section of the

park along Moreland Avenue directly opposite to Freedom Parkway. A design for the plaza had been presented to two different CPNO meetings and had been unanimously approved. The design had also been unanimously approved by the Inman Park Neighborhood Association and the Poncey Highland Neighborhood Association. Implementing the plan

would have provided \$750,000 and would have allowed us to make all desired improvements to Freedom Park east of Moreland Avenue.

Unfortunately, the City of Atlanta's Urban Design Commission ruled against the creation of a Cancer Survivor Plaza within Freedom Park. This is a large hurdle and the Freedom Park Conservancy has decided not to continue to pursue the plaza. This means that the Freedom Park

> Conservancy will continue to move forward with plans to improve the section of Freedom Park east of Moreland, but that the scope will have to be reduced to fit within our budget.

We will not know exactly what items will have to be removed from the scope of the project

until we receive proposals from developers, which should occur within the next two months. This information will be presented at a CPNO meeting once it becomes available. Please contact Eric Dusenbury at 404/522-6130 or ericandkarin@msn.com with any questions.

- Eric Dusenbury

Vote On Co-Housing Development At March Meeting

Kelly Jordan, owner of a several undeveloped tracts of land north of McLendon Avenue and west of Oakdale Road, has proposed a co-housing development that will require rezoning to PDH (Planned Development - Housing).

The project was presented to CPNO executive committee members and to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization general meeting in February, with the

expectation of filing for formal rezoning in March.

All interested individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting on March 12th to learn more about this project. If there are questions regarding the project, please contact Walt Weimar at 404-377-1411 for more information.

-Walt Weimar

The Messenger

The Messenger is published monthly by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Deadline for articles for the Apr. issue is Mar. 23. Submit to:

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Councilmember Cathy Woolard's District 6 Issue Update

FEBRUARY 2001 - Urban Forest Preservation: The City Council has adopted legislation I introduced enabling the city to purchase and preserve a unique urban forest in the Morningside neighborhood. The property — which the City will purchase in the coming months with a combination of consent decree greenway acquisition funds, state greenspace funds, funds from the November bond referendum, and park impact fees — will be turned into a publicly-owned nature preserve with walking trails and educational projects. The forest is over 60 acres of undeveloped land that is bounded by Lenox, Wildwood and - Wellbourne Roads. In total, the city is purchasing 26 acres, and other private sources will hopefully preserve the 34 additional acres of the forest.

Preservation of this important forest from imminent development is a major victory for the entire city. The South Fork of Peachtree Creek flows through the property, and the preservation of this land in its undeveloped state is key to water quality protection and floodplain management for our city. In addition, we will be saving one of the few remaining large tracts of mature forest within the city limits.

This accomplishment is the result of years of hard work on behalf of The Wildwood Urban Forest Group, a group of citizens who have raised awareness about the property, have secured private funds to assist in its preservation, and who ultimately enlisted the help of the Nature Conservancy which negotiated with the owner to volunteer to sell the property and which will hold the property for the city until purchasing funds are released.

I have many concerns about development of this type of environmentally-sensitive property in areas across the district, and I pledge to continue to support greenspace acquisition efforts and to work for city ordinances that will better protect stream buffers and tree cover in the face of development pressure.

Contact Councilmember Woolard: phone: 404-330-6049/fax: 404-658-6073, 55 Trinity Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA 30335, e-mail: cwoolard@ci.atlanta.ga.us.

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath



No Playing In The Mud!

If you've been in Candler Park recently, you've probably noticed the playground equipment has finally been installed.

Soon it will be a wonderful place to climb, swing, crawl, hang, jump, bounce, slide, and romp for our kids, right here in our own neighborhood back yard!

That's the good news. The not-as-good news is that there's still a bit of work left to be done before our kids can enjoy it.

Specifically, the ground must be graded, and the sidewalk that will border the playground must be finished before the protective layer of mulch is laid (the height of the sidewalk keeps the mulch in place).

Without the mulch, it's just not safe for the kids to play. That's why you'll notice yellow caution tape roping off the new equipment. Please be patient — we're almost there! — and keep your kids off the equipment for just a little while longer (which isn't all that hard when the whole playground is one big mud puddle!).

At the same time the sidewalk is being poured, the engraved bricks provided by our generous donors will be laid in a small plaza area at the playground entrance.

We'll be having a party to celebrate the opening once it's complete. Look for all the details in next month's *Messenger*!

Orchestra Seeks Musicians

The Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra, in residence at Epworth Methodist Church in Candler Park, is looking for musicians.

This small community orchestra is composed of children, their parents, and other adults who gather every Saturday from 2:00 till 4:00 at Epworth to rehearse.

We have plans for several concerts in the community during the spring and summer. All ages and abilities are welcome. We are especially in need of violists, cellists and bass violinists. For more information, call Susan Beeching at 404-371-1239, or Lynn Farnham at 404-377-6310.

-Susan Beeching

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Vote On Proposed Amendments to Neighborhood Planning Unit N (NPU-N) By-Laws

A vote will be taken at the March CPNO meeting on revisions to the NPU-N By-Laws, explained here. If you have any questions regarding these revisions, contact Candler Park's NPU Representative, Alexa King, at 404-584-5050.

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1. Section to be Amended:

Section 111-A-3, 111-B-3 Voting

Procedures. STRIKE "the voting procedures... respective By-Laws."

Explanation: The purpose of a public hearing process is to obtain opinions. The recommendation of the NPU is determined by a vote, which is restricted only to representatives from the organizations. Because of this restriction it is important to have unrestricted access at the organizational level for all residents. By restricting eligibility to vote on any NPU-N matter the process is subverted.

Desired Substitution: "No dues, attendance, or other restrictive requirements may be imposed at the member organization level for voting on NPU-N matters. Organizations, which have a representative organizational structure, must annually approve their By-Laws which create that structure. The annual approval of By-Laws by representative organizations shall occur by a vote, which is open only to eligible residents (as defined by City of Atlanta Ordinances) in the organization."

2. Section to be Amended:

NPU-N Monthly Meeting Presentation Policy **Explanation:** A simple statement that

an organization recommends approval or denial of a matter conceals information regarding the sentiment of the organization. A vote of 40-2 in favor is a stronger mandate than a vote of 22-20.

Desired Substitution: Insert a policy that requires representatives to state the vote count from the member organization which they represent.

3. Section to be Amended:

Section IV Voting and Amending Procedures for NPU-N By La-L paragraph A03. "require an officer from each organization or their NPU representative serve as a poll captain and verify eligibility of persons who come to vote from their organization."

Explanation: Amend this item to include that a sign-in sheet record be kept to assure that the number of ballots cast correlates with the number of people who actually "register" to vote.

Desired Substitution: "Require a designee from each organization or their NPU representative serve as poll captain, verify eligibility of persons who come to vote from their organization, and maintain a written sign-in sheet with signatures, addresses and telephone numbers of persons who are issued ballots. Records shall be retained for 35 days by the Vice-Chair of the NPU."

4. Section to be Amended: Section IV Voting and Amending Procedures for NPU-N By- Laws, paragraph A-1 "The annual vote to approve By-Laws: 1) shall occur prior to June 30 of each year..."

Explanation: City of Atlanta Ordinances require that the accepted By-Laws be submitted to the DPDNC prior to September 30. The intent of the June 30 deadline at NPU-N is twofold. First, the date allows NPU-N to complete this required task early so that work on the CDP contribution can begin without interruption. And second, in the event that the By-Laws are rejected, a grace period from June 30 to September 30 is created which allows time to generate an acceptable set of By-Laws other than "oneperson one vote, no attendance requirements, and no dues." However, there is no explicit statement in the NPU-N By-Laws that allows a second set of By-Laws to be presented for a vote (the June 30 vote is the only one allowed).

Desired Substitution: Add a second sentence to A-1 to read: "In the event the NPU-N By-Laws presented at the Annual vote are rejected, one opportunity may be established for a second set of By-Laws to be generated and presented for a vote. The second set of By-Laws shall be modified with the intent of resolving the conflicts which resulted in the rejection of the first By-Laws."

Candler Park Sidewalks: Fund Raising and Repair Update

The Sidewalk Committee has been in contact with the Morningside Lenox Park Association (MLPA) Sidewalk group responsible for similar efforts to ours in that neighborhood. MLPA raises funds through an annual tour of homes, then reimburses homeowners up to \$250 of the cost of repairs to street-side sidewalks. Although they have helped a handful of homeowners, the response to their program has been minimal. Our committee feels that if we pursue a similar program, and it seems likely that we will, at least initially we will offer a greater reimbursement amount, up to 50% of the cost of repairs. City crews will do the work at a cost of between \$2.75 (plain concrete) and \$5.55 (stamped paver pattern) per square foot. At those prices, 60 feet of 5 foot wide sidewalk would cost between \$825 and \$1665.

We have received one request for assistance. However, at this point we have not received any contributions. Although we have discussed some fundraising ideas, we have yet to find a fundraising chair.

Meanwhile, we have decided to pursue a neighborhood consciousness-raising effort in hopes that we can get people to do what they can afford towards repairing their sidewalks without our assistance: trimming trees near walks, sweeping leaves, and keeping trash/ recycling bins and compost bags off the walks. Watch for our "Walking on the Wild Side Attitude Adjustment" (better slogan to be coined later) efforts in future issues.

If you are interested in helping out as a volunteer or with a tax deductible contribution, please contact Eric Worrell at 404-562-3684; Austin Wattles at 404-577-1498; awattles@mindspring.com, or cpsidewalks@hotmail.com.

We are initially focusing on Oakdale and Euclid as our highest priority target streets, followed by Candler Park Drive and Clifton, because we feel they are of the greatest importance due to their interconnection and pedestrian use. However, once we've raised some funds, we will be open to assisting

whomever asks for help especially if we get minimal interest from homeowners on those priority streets (so let us know where the needs are). We have dropped McLendon Ave. from our high priority list because the City has plans for extensive sidewalk repair work there in 2003. Councilmember Cathy Woolard will be working with a group of university students to develop a McLendon sidewalk proposal and with Gary Brown of the CPNO environmental committee to assure that the neighborhood gets a say in the city's plans.

Lastly, we have been contacted by the Lake Claire community about the possibility of some joint fund raising and planning efforts and will keep you posted.

-Eric Worrell

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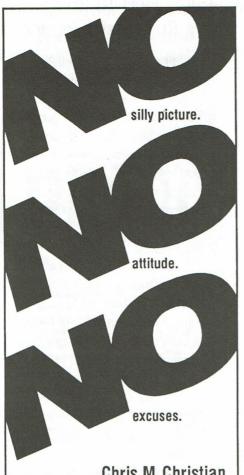
On Sunday, April 15, 2001, rain or shine, friends and neighbors are invited to participate in Lake Claire's First Annual Easter Parade and Hat-Judging Contest.

The parade begins at 1 pm at the Clifton Presbyterian Church at the corner of Connecticut and McLendon Avenues. Participants will wear festive hats, carry baskets of flowers or eggs, or twirl colorful parasols, all to the tune of kazoo music (kazoos provided!).

The parade will meander through the side streets of Lake Claire. The Hat-Judging contest will follow immediately after the parade.

Ouestions? Call Pat Marsh, Special Events Chair, at 404-373-8982.

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Morningside Elementary School

is hosting its Annual Auction and Dinner on Saturday, April 21 at the Shrine Auditorium with a theme of "2001 Arabian Nights." The auction will feature great art, gifts, entertainment packages, and class project "treasures." All money raised from the Auction goes directly to fund programs like accelerated reader, technology upgrades, and the fine arts. For more information, call 404-815-7222.



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> Wednesday March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4 Family Night Supper: 6:15 pm*

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*Please make a reservation by Monday at 4:30 pm.

Don't Choke The Fish! Residential Construction Sites Require Silt Fences

Silt runoff from construction sites into creeks and streams is a significant contributor to urban stream degradation. It clogs fish gills, destroys aquatic habitats, and in chronic cases, can raise the level of the stream bed, exacerbating flash flooding.

Property owners are required to provide secure and well-maintained silt fencing around the perimeter of any parcel being built upon.

There should be no breaks, tears, or interruptions in the fencing and there should not be soil or anything else piled on top of or spilling over them.

These fences, made of black plastic fiber and held in place by wooden stakes, do an adequate job of controlling silt runoff into creeks and streams – if they are properly erected and maintained.

Unfortunately, silt fence construction and maintenance is frequently a low priority on a job site.

If you notice that the silt fencing around a building site in your area has been poorly maintained or has not been installed, please contact me with the following information: street address and the property owner or development company (if known). Photographs are useful as well. Most useful are those which print the date on the negative.

Be a SILT BUSTER and help your community protect the quality of life in our urban streams. For more information, email gmartinbrown@mindspring.com, or call 404.325.4755, ext. 232.

-Gary Brown

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MICHAEL BELLINSON

> 5 YEARS OLD ON MARCH 25, 2001!

Spring Is A Great Time To Think Candler Park FallFest

Spring may be in the air, but Candler Park's FallFest is just around the corner! Plans are in the works for a fantastic festival, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, 2001. Our neighborhood festival will feature separate "neighborhoods" for lots of fun exhibits and events, including:

- Music
- Artists
- Food
- Children
- Performances
- Demonstrations
- Sports Activities
- Services
- · And much more!

Thinking you'd like to be part of the event, but don't want to make a long-term commitment? We've got the volunteer job for you. Some of our jobs take as little as a week. Here are just a few ways to help:

Entertainment bookers: Candler Park neighbor Allen Welty-Green has volunteered to coordinate booking activities, but could use lots of helping hands. Get involved and meet some rising stars—backstage passes guaranteed!

Food, food, and more food! Help us find local restaurants to set up shop for two days to sell their taste-tempting specialties to our festival-goers.

A buyer's market: Help coordinate the booking of booth space for local artists and businesses. We've got plenty of space, and need to fill it to make FallFest a success. We can't have too many helpers!

Publicity hounds: Help us get the word out! We need folks to talk to the media, write press releases and articles, and talk FallFest up around town.

Kid specialists: If you know what makes kids happy, we want you on our team! We need people to help with ideas and planning for the Children's Neighborhood activities and events.

Red tape experts: Know how to make things tick? You may love being one of our liaisons with the City for FallFest!

Sponsor gatherers: Are you well-connected — or want to be? Help us find businesses to co-sponsor FallFest.

Logistics mavens: Know how to marshal the troops? You'll love the on-site jobs during FallFest. Walkie-talkie provided!

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Who Is That Wacky Band?

On the evening of Fat Tuesday, a number of neighbors dropped by Ya Ya's Cajun restaurant in Decatur to celebrate Mardi Gras. The food and drink were good, the crowd large and upbeat, and the house band was laying down the zydeco.

Then, suddenly, there was — something else. It came in a blinding flash of glitter and with a crash of cymbals. It was dripping with beads, feathers, and outrageous fashions, and accessorized with musical instruments from trumpets to a tuba. Yes, it was the Seed & Feed Marching Abominable!

If you've never heard of this charmingly crazy group, chances are you will soon. In fact, the band is likely to pop up in the unlikeliest of places (laundromats, grocery stores) as well as to perform at festivals, parades, restaurants, and private parties.

The non-profit band's mission is "to take the explosive and glorious sound of a marching band to unexpected places." The Little Five Pointsbased band is an all-volunteer group of not-so-serious musicians of all ages (including a number of Candler Park residents). Its music ranges from Sousa marches to swing and pop. Don't miss the band's performances at the upcoming Inman Park Festival!

The Abominable is available for booking at all kinds of events, public and private. Musicians of all levels (including rusty) are welcome to join, as are dancers. There are no auditions or attendance requirements.

Want to know more? Call the band's recorded Hotline at 404-688-6688. And the next time you see a guy wearing a pink flamingo bolted to his hard hat or a girl in a flaming pink tutu and 3-foot high hat adorned with feathers and butterflies, look out — the Seed & Feed Marching Abominable is coming!

CRIME REPORT

Crimes reported Jan. 11 - Feb. 27, '01 in Zone 6 police records. (Block numbers rounded to closest hundred.)

- NOTE: When a car is stolen, usually people phone it in without a 6th Zone officer coming out. This, it seems, means that cars stolen in Candler Park are not part of our 6th zone records and therefore not recorded in my reports. It also means if a car is found, expensive city parking fees are run up because victims are slow to be contacted. Last month we had a good case of this happening on Page Avenue.
- 250 Josephine St., 1/11, 7:20 pm, back door kicked in, items stolen electric equipment and camera, neighbor called police when the suspect seen leaving the scene.
- 400 Moreland Ave., 1/16, 11:50 pm drunk and disorderly - suspect tried to run away in handcuffs but then fell and was arrested.
- 300 Moreland Ave., 1/21, 1:44 pm, victim's vehicle stopped, wallet taken at gunpoint after getting money from cash machine.
- 300 Sterling St., 1/22, 12:30 pm, suspect arrested for attempting to enter auto, owner identified him when lifting door handles of his car.
- 1600 DeKalb Ave., 1/22, 7:31 pm, business vending machine broken into, suspect on videotape and known.
- 1600 DeKalb Ave., 1/23, 00:01 am person broke into business vending machine and took money.
- 600 Terrace Ave., 1/24, 5:00 pm, property taken from construction site, 60 pieces of plywood. Pickup truck tag number seen.
- 1600 DeKalb Ave., 1/27, 2:30 pm, fight inside home, arrested both.
- 1600 DeKalb Ave., 2/10, 10:31 am, person broke into vending machine and took money a third time.
- 500 Oakdale Rd., 2/11, 1:45 pm, resident found butcher knife in her bushes. No blood seemingly
- 500 Oakdale Rd., 2/14, 00:12 am, man discovered trying to get into victims house. Arrested.
- 400 Clifton Rd., 2/14, 1:15 am, stolen vehicle recovered. Suspect seen by victim. Later at 11:50 am tag seen by officer outside our area, car stopped and person arrested. Counterfeit bills found in car.

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VARIANCE REQUESTS

Discussion and voting on the following issue will be held at the March CPNO meeting.

- 663 CLIFTON ROAD Todd Rollins and John Rollins, owner/re-developers of property at 663 Clifton Road, seek a variance to reduce the front-yard setback from 35' required for R-4 zoning to an approximate depth of 30' (existing) to allow for reconstruction of a single-family residence on the current building foundation of an existing nonconforming multi-family residential structure. The existing structure will be demolished, and the proposed structure will occupy the same "footprint" as the existing structure. NOTE: The existing structure and use are permitted but are non-conforming, due to existence and use as a duplex apartment prior to enforcement of current zoning ordinance classification of this property. The requested variance has also been reviewed on a preliminary basis by Druid Hills Civic Association zoning officers and appears to have tentative support if constructed according to specifications.
- 486 CANDLER PARK DRIVE Keith Schutz, owner of property at 486 Candler Park Drive, currently zoned R-4, seeks a variance from required 7 foot side yard setback on north side of property to 6 feet (existing), and also to reduce the required 7 foot side yard setback on the south side of property to 1.8 feet (existing) to allow for construction of a second-story addition to the current "footprint" of the non-conforming structure. NOTE: Applicant has stated that the majority of the addition will occur over the existing "footprint" of the house, and the front (street) facade and roof would remain unaltered (except for exterior repairs and replacement of the roof); the space between the existing neighboring houses would remain the same.
- 582 OAKDALE ROAD Quillon Orta, on behalf of Spencer Cobb, owner of property at 582 Oakdale Road, currently zoned R-5, seeks a variance from Section 16.28.008.7(a) of the City of Atlanta zoning ordinance which prohibits parking in required front yard of residential property, to allow to remain a non-conforming parking pad (measuring 11 feet by 19 feet) constructed within five feet of the front property line. NOTE: Applicant has stated that the existing residential structure complies with all required setback lines, including a 30-foot front yard and 7-foot side-yards.
- OAKDALE/MCLENDON Kelly Jordan, owner of property located near the northwest corner of Oakdale Road and McLendon Avenue, seeks a rezoning of multiple parcels from existing single-family or multi-family residential zoning classifications (R-4, R-5 or similar) to a proposed combined zoning of PDH (Planned Development Housing). See separate article in this issue in regard to this project.

Candler Park FallFest

Lots of help needed, big and small! Interested in helping plan FallFest (October 13-14, 2001)? Contact Bert Bellinson at 404-351-8000 or email bert@tangentindustries.com

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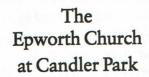
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