Crisis Of Leadership: CPNO 2003 Slate Is Incomplete...

We have a lot to be thankful for here in Candler Park. We’ve got a beautiful neighborhood, great neighbors, a lively shopping/dining district, a strong elementary school... we have a new playground in our park, a notable fall festival, a vibrant summer swimming pool community... so, what’s wrong with this picture?

The problem is that we have less and less interest among our residents in helping to maintain and grow what we have achieved as a community. In the past few years, it’s become harder and harder to find neighbors willing to serve as officers of the CPNO.

Now it looks as though we’re about to reach a first: our slate of candidates for the 2003 Board of Directors doesn’t have enough folks to fill out the open positions... and one of the vacancies is that of President.

Ladies and gentlemen of Candler Park, it is time. We need people to step up to the plate and keep our community thriving. If you might like to serve but don’t think you have time, call one of our officers and ask them about their year... it’s likely to be less of a commitment than you might suppose.

There are many issues to face in the coming year: new development, city and traffic issues, and more. We need good neighbors to help our good neighborhood stay that way. Don’t let the CPNO become a “headless body;” it’s your move... make it.

...And The Outgoing CPNO President Is Mad As “Heck”

During the past year I’ve become increasingly concerned about the involvement of our community in the neighborhood organization. We had a more difficult time last year filling our slate of officer candidates than the year before... and we’ve seen less participation in meetings. Oh well, I thought, maybe people just need a reason to get involved.

And then we got one. A developer came along trying to redevelop an empty warehouse into a live/work community. This issue galvanized a group of neighbors, who met, fumed, and became irrational during the process. In a heated CPNO meeting they actually attempted a coup d’etat of sorts... embarrassing the entire neighborhood in front of our City Councilwoman, Anne Fauver. There were repeated calls for my impeachment along with my head, and frighteningly, anonymous threats made against my family. (Ultimately, democracy reigned and the rancor subsided.)

I actually thought some good would come out of that nasty business... that the disgruntled would come forward to get involved in the neighborhood, if only to correct what they perceived to be wrong. A few months later I have been proven wrong — not a single one of that group has become involved in CPNO.

Now I am just plain mad. Have we become a neighborhood that only shows up when someone wants to erect a neon sign next door? Do we now care only about our own property? What has happened to the spirit of Candler Park? Wouldn’t it be nice to have our neighborhood 5K race back as well as having the power to challenge developers?

I can’t be the perpetual CPNO officer, but I’ll always be a participant. Why? I want to raise my son in a place where neighbors work with each other to make things better. What will it take for you to join in? Don’t just think about it. Do it. —Bert Bellinson
Candler Park Fruit Tree Planting December 7

When the cold weather rolls in and the leaves begin to change color, it is time to start thinking about planting trees. And what better place to plant a tree than Candler Park?

Please come out on Saturday, December 7, for a good old-fashioned Candler Park tree planting. We will be planting 16 fruit trees, some blueberry bushes, some raspberries and daylilies. We will need volunteers to help plant, mulch and water. We will meet at the Candler Park playground at 9:00 am.

The goal of the planting, in addition to increasing the number of trees in Candler Park, is to create spaces for kids to explore and learn first hand what it is like to harvest your own fruit. In addition, we will be planting daylilies on the slope above the playground. These flowers have the benefit of being beautiful and sturdy enough to survive heavy attention.

So, please plan to bring your shovel, rakes and wheelbarrows to help beautify Candler Park and work off a few of those Thanksgiving pounds. We will provide the plants, the mulch and any other needed equipment. If you plan to attend, please contact George Dusenbury (404-373-0428, dc_Dusenbury@yahoo.com). If you have questions, don’t hesitate to ask any of us.

—George Dusenbury, James Johnson, Linda Lazzari, Jennifer Reisch

Freedom Park Cleanup Set For November 16

Hear ye! Hear Ye! There will be a clean-up in Freedom Park on the morning of Saturday, November 16 from 9:00-11:00 am. Items to be addressed including spreading mulch, removing undergrowth, and a general sprucing up of the park. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Volunteers should meet at the corner of North Ave. and Oakdale. Please contact Eric Dusenbury 404-522-7130 or dusenbur@bellsouth.net if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

—Eric Dusenbury

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath

[Image of a sign saying "HELP! IT'S HUGE AND HEADED THIS WAY!"]

There goes our lifestyle! I'm gonna P U S H! I'm gonna P U S H!
Paint A Tile & Beautify Candler Park – Only $10!

Here's a great way for you and your kids to have some fun, help out the neighborhood, and maybe even come up with a present for grandma and grandpa. The Candler Park Pool Association (CPPA) will have a table in front of Donna Van Gogh’s from 10-12 on Saturdays and Sundays where you will be able to design and paint your own 6” x 6” ceramic tile. The kids in the neighborhood and the kids inside of each of us will be able to express themselves in colorful ways — and will have the chance to have their art on display before the entire neighborhood.

You will have your choice of taking your tiles home (they would make great presents for grandparents — or that favorite aunt or uncle) or having your tiles be part of a mural mosaic on the pool bathouse. If you choose to keep your tiles, you will be able to pick them up at Donna Van Gogh’s after they have been fired in the kiln. Otherwise, CPPA will use your tiles to compose a colorful mosaic to help beautify the pool and show off the artistic talents of you and your neighbors. The mosaic will be prominently displayed on the bathouse wall near the deep end of Candler Park Pool.

The tiles will cost $10 each, with all proceeds going for capital improvements at Candler Park Pool. In addition to renovating the pool bathrooms (thanks again to Mike Polak for making this possible), CPPA is exploring other exciting ways to make the Candler Park Pool the best little pool in Atlanta. Purchasing a tile will help pay for new planters, pool furniture, a shelter, or other great amenities.

So make a tile for the pool mosaic — or Grandma — or both! And help improve our pool, our park, and the Candler Park community.

For more information, contact George Dusenbury (404-373-0428) or Beth Martin at Donna Van Gogh’s (404-370-1003).

Neighborhood Happenings For Your Calendar

Fall Fling Family Festival

The annual Fall Fling Family Festival, featuring a craft fair, flea market, live entertainment and more is set for Saturday, November 9, 2002, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Sponsored by Druid Hills United Methodist Church and Preschool, the event, one of the oldest in Atlanta, will be staged on church grounds at the corner of Ponce de Leon Avenue and Briarcliff Road in Atlanta. For more information or directions, call 404-677-6481.

Veterans' Day Service of Midday Prayer

Druid Hills Presbyterian Church will honor past and present veterans, Monday, November 11th at 11:00 am. The church is located at 1026 Ponce de Leon Ave, a half block west of N. Highland Avenue, directly across from the Majestic Diner. For more information: 404-873-7591.

18th Annual Inman Park Co-op Preschool Auction November 24

Beat the shopping mall crowds by attending Inman Park Cooperative Preschool’s 18th Annual Auction on Sunday, November 24th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Trolley Barn at 965 Edgewood Avenue. Admission to the auction is free — just bring your holiday list and your checkbook or credit card! Proceeds from the auction help support Inman Park Cooperative Preschool, a unique independent and nonprofit school. For more information contact Alisa Norvelle at 404-635-0258 or orville78@hotmail.com.

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CRIME REPORT

Reported 9/19-10/16, 2002 in Zone 6 police records.

1300 block North St. 9/16, motor scooter stolen.
300 block Moreland Ave. 9/19, public drunkenness, assault, arrest made.
1200 block Mclendon Ave. 9/19, residential burglary.
1100 block Euclid Ave. 9/21, window broken, phone line cut.
1400 block Iverson St. 9/21, 5pm, car window broken.
1400 block North Ave. 9/24, residential burglary.
200 block Josephine St. 10/1, property stolen from front porch.
700 block Clifton Rd. 10/2, 2pm, golf clubs stolen.
1500 block Mclendon Ave. 10/3, 3pm, public drinking, arrest made.
300 block Mclendon Ave. 10/6, 2am, agressiv

LAND USE ISSUES

The following request will be voted upon at the November 11 CPNO meeting. Deadline for land use issues to be voted on at the December CPNO meeting must be submitted prior to November 18.

351 FERGUSON STREET – H. David Fulmer III, owner of property zoned R-4 located at 351 Ferguson Street, requests a special exception from zoning regulations (Sec. 16-24.005 2) to expand an existing non-conforming use (multi-family residential duplex) in order to finish existing attic space for owner/occupant to use as new living area. This matter will also be heard by Neighborhood Planning Unit-N at 7 PM on Thursday, Nov. 28th at Epworth Methodist Church (unless rescheduled due to Thanksgiving holidays), and by the Board of Zoning Adjustment at 1 PM on Friday, Dec. 6th at Atlanta City Hall. 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 55 Trinity Ave.

CRAZY MON APPROACHES –

CHILDCARE – Licensed provider, evenings + overnights, ages 3 & up. Many refs. 404-378-6815.


FOR PERSONALIZED RELIABLE CLEANING SERVICE – with 10 years experience, call PatFelty, 404-822-8043. From a neighborhood near and with neighborhood references.

FOR SALE: PINE STRAW – dry horse compost delivered. 404-373-3953.

HOME REPAIRS BY THE HOUSE DR. – Structural repairs, trash removed. BZ Swain, 404-373-3953.


JOHN THE LAWNGUY – Mowing, aerating, gutters cleaned, free est., dependable. 404-638-6378.


MURPHY’S YARD SERVICE – General yardwork, mowing, cleanup. FREE estimates. 404-622-1822.

NANNY/HOUSECLEANER – Quick & thorough, loving & mature. Local refs. 404-622-9519.


PIANO – tuning, repairs, rebuilding, sales. Lessons all ages, levels. 404-378-8310.

TIPS FROM THE HOUSE DR. – Termites don’t break in to your house like a burglar – they come by invitation only. My facts are based on over fifty years of experience. Free and friendly advice. BZ Swain, 404-373-3953.

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At Thanksgiving, Honey is thankful for her "baby" and I'm thankful for Candler Park!