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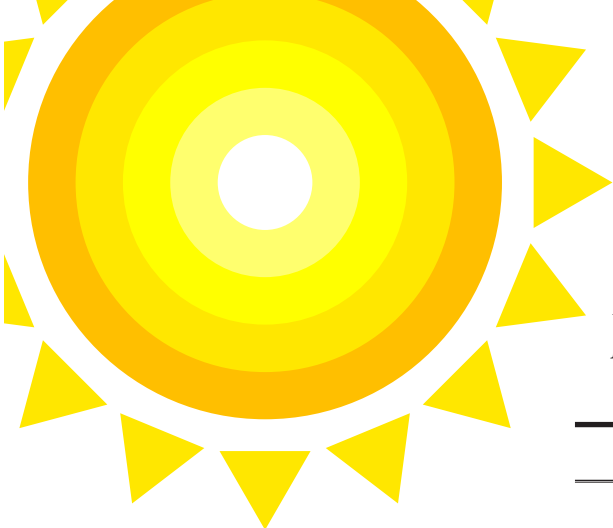
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Looking on the Bright Side

By Matt Kirk,
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PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

We've reached December and my final Presidential Briefing. As I reflect on 2020, I can safely admit that nothing turned out quite as I anticipated for CPNO. Of course, most of us can say that for every aspect of our lives. I'm not going to do a full 2020 retrospective because none of us want to think about that. I certainly expected by Briefings to include more topical information on goings-on or initiatives that have ultimately not gone on or been initiated. The biggest change for CPNO was probably the "postponement" of Fall Fest, our biggest event and primary fundraiser. Years of financial responsibility and hardworking Fall Fest Committees have put us in a good position to remain stable in a down year - we are financially strong enough to meet our 2021 financial commitments and 2021 Fall Fest head on.

While our priorities shifted and projects deferred, CPNO and our sister organizations maintained some business as usual. I hope that our Zoom neighborhood meetings have kept you informed and involved - one upside of this time is that our monthly attendance has been stellar. I want to thank the Board for being flexible and dynamic as the year developed, taking the initiative on several projects, and allowing me to delegate as much as I possibly could. They all stepped up in a difficult time to keep the apparatus churning

smoothly. We've even started some new traditions, like the Halloween decorating contest. I've harped on these regularly, but the tireless work of Emily Taff and the Zoning Committee on the duplex zoning conditions and the CPNO achieving 501(c)(3) status will have positive impacts on Candler Park for decades to come.

Lexa King, Jennifer Wilds, and I are stepping aside to make room for some new faces and experienced assets. I think the 2021 Board is well-suited for an excellent year and even more long-lasting positive changes.

Of course, there are many individuals in non-Board positions that made the best of 2020. I specifically thank Susan Rose for her tireless work on the Messenger, Christina Hodgen and Miguel Granier for growing Little 5 Point Alliance to be an impactful organization in our community, and Christina Moore for pushing Candler Park's voice for Freedom Park and its Master Plan. Others of you have served in support roles in many capacities, and frankly the neighborhood would fall apart without you.

With any luck, sometime next year Movie Night, the Egg Hunt, Fall Fest, everything else you love about Candler Park will be back in full swing. Until then, I'll see you on the sidewalks. Thanks y'all.

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MEETINGS

CPNO Members Meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive.

Committee meetings take place at The Neighborhood Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., unless otherwise announced (enter from the street level door and ring the bell if you're late).

All are welcome. Only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by Membership Officer by the first day of the month of meeting.

Find specific meeting information on page 6 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at www.candlerpark.org.

MEMBERSHIP

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Sign up at www.candlerpark.org or mail name, address, and email to

CPNO Membership
PO Box 5418, Atlanta, GA 31107

Walk Through History: The Messenger Archive

By Roger Bakeman

Reading old issues of The Messenger is an often fascinating walk through history as we see old concerns fade, new concerns emerge, and many concerns perennially reappear. Volume 1, Issue 1 of the Messenger was published in January 1989. However, except for September 1995, we have not been able to locate any issues during the first nine years of publication, 1989—1997. Thanks to Jeannie Richardson, we have many, if not all, issues from 1998 through 2006. And from 1997 on we have all issues, and all are now available online, <https://candlerpark.org/cp-messenger/>. Please, if you have any of the missing issues, let us know (roger.bakeman.cpdo@gmail.com) so that we can add to our archive.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- 2** CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor
- 14** CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor
- 18** Deadline to submit content for January Messenger!
- 21** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 25** Christmas Day

JANUARY

- 1** Happy New Year!
- 5** Election Day for Senate runoffs
- 6** CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor
- 11** CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor
- 15** Deadline to submit content for February Messenger!
- 18** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church

Although usual meeting places are listed, COVID-19 pandemic may require meetings to be held by video to abide by social distancing protocols. In case of cancellations or changes, check CPNO's Upcoming Events list at candlerpark.org and watch for membership email notices. All CPNO meetings are open to the public.



Holiday Lights Decorating Contest: Enter Now

By Matt Hanson, fundraising@candlerpark.org

At the tail end of a successful Halloween House Decorating Contest, we received a number of requests to do the same thing come holiday time. We hear you, and we are absolutely on board! Consider this your official notice of Candler Park's inaugural Holiday Lights Decorating Contest. We have identified four separate categories:

- Winter Wonderland
- Grinchiest
- The Honorary Clark Griswold Award
- Best Overall

Voting will begin Monday 12/14 and will end on New Year's Day, and in addition to being featured in the February Messenger, winners will again have bragging rights for the entirety of 2021! Houses are also encouraged to come up with a festive name for their house. Registration is \$20 per house, and all donations go to support CPNO. To register your house, first visit www.candler-park-neighborhood-organization.myshopify.com to pay your registration, then email fundraising@candlerpark.org with your address and house name. Just like the Halloween contest, we will keep candlerpark.org updated with the latest event news and event map. Best of luck, and Happy Holidays!

Wintry Mix Opens November 27th at 378 Gallery

Source: 378 Gallery email

378 Gallery is pleased to present Wintry Mix, a new exhibition of original art, running from November 27 to December 20, 2020. Wintry Mix is an invitational exhibition of proven artists who have shown work at 378 in the past. The show features small works of original art by more than 30 artists.

But Wait! That's not all. These exciting works of art are all reasonably priced for your shopping pleasure. You won't have to order online and you won't have to fight crowds at a mall in a COVID panic. Head down to 378 Gallery and safely view and purchase art made by artists you can rely on, artists who are local, artists who care!

Wintry Mix is another exhibition at 378 Gallery that will follow public health safety and protocols advised due to the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic. There will be no opening reception. The exhibition can be viewed during regular gallery hours, Fridays and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and by appointment by calling 404-530 9277. Attendance is limited to six people at a time inside the gallery. Social distance of 6 feet between patrons inside the gallery and waiting in a queue outside is required. Masks are required without exception for anyone inside the gallery and waiting to enter.





Welcome & Thanks!

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

CPNO thanks all members who have renewed for 2020!

CPNO welcomes new members

Bob Emerson

Kristen Eber (Rosefinch Spa)

Kate Miele

Clare and Brennan Carmody

... and others who wished to remain anonymous

CPNO thanks members for their donation:

Kevin and Ann Sullivan

Bob Emerson

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...and others who wished to remain anonymous

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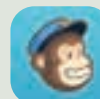
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Girl Scout Troop Creates Game Spot

By Teresha Freckleton-Petite for Girl Scout Troop 19717

Girl Scout Troop 19717 recently earned their Bronze Award for building a game sharing library called the Game Spot. The library is located at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust and offers free board games, puzzle, playing cards, and coloring books for our neighbors. The community is invited to stop by the Game Spot to “get one, give one.”

“We built this because of Covid-19. Kids are stuck inside and need things to do,” said Cadette Girl Scout Marlie Petite, a sixth-grader at David T. Howard Middle School.

Cadette Lena Castro, also a sixth-grader at Howard, added, “The Game Spot is the place that brings families and friends together because we all need quality time off screens.”

The troop was inspired by sharing economy groups like the Buy Nothing Project and Little Free Libraries. They hope that the Game Spot helps kids cope with these stressful times and inspires many family game nights across the community.

Photos courtesy of Teresha Freckleton-Petite



Georgia Run-off Election Takes Place Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021

Source: Bee Nguyen, Representative for Georgia House District 89

CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT FOR THE JAN. 5, 2021 RUN-OFF ELECTION

U.S. Senate

- Jon Ossoff (Democrat) vs. David Perdue (Republican)
- Rev. Raphael Warnock (Democrat) vs. Kelly Loeffler (Republican)

Public Service Commissioner

- Daniel Blackman (Democrat) vs. Lauren “Bubba” McDonald (Republican)

KEY ELECTION DATES

November 5, 2020: Begin Requesting Absentee Ballots

- Please request absentee ballot using the Secretary of State’s online portal.
- If you are over the age of 65 or military/overseas AND you checked the box requesting an absentee ballot for all subsequent elections in this cycle, you do not have to send in a request again.

- For all other Georgia voters, you submit a new request for an absentee ballot in order to vote-by-mail for the run-off election.
- The earliest date for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters is November 18, 2020.
- Once you request your ballot, sign up for Ballottrax, an app that will notify you by phone, e-mail, or text message from start-to-finish.
- The deadline to drop your absentee ballot off in a secure dropbox is January 5, 2021 by 7 PM.

December 7, 2020: Voter Registration Deadline

- NOTE: if you will turn 18 before January 5, 2021, you are eligible to vote in the runoffs and must register by December 7
- If you are not currently registered to vote, you can register to vote and be eligible to vote for the run-off election. Register to vote with the Georgia Secretary of State.
- If you need to change your voter registration information, visit the Georgia Secretary of State before December 7, 2020.

December 14, 2020: Early In-Person Voting Begins

- Early in-person voting begins for the run-off election.
- Early in-person voting will run for three weeks in every county. The holidays may affect early in-person voting schedules.

January 5, 2021: Election Day

- You must vote at your regular polling place. Please look up for your polling place through the Secretary of State.

January 8, 2021: Last Day to Cure or Fix Ballots

- If your ballot is flagged for a missing signature or incorrect signature, you have until January 8, 2021 at 5 PM to provide your local election board with a signed affidavit.



▲ The Democracy is Delicious truck parked in front of the polls at the Neighborhood Church on Election Day, November 3, 2020 and offered voters free snack bars and bottled water.



◀ Candler Park resident Walter Brown (left) helped to organize donations of snacks for voters at the two polls located at Neighborhood Church on Election Day, November 3, 2020. Organizations contributing to the effort included Food4Life Atlanta Survival Program, San Francisco Coffee Roasting Company, Neighborhood Church, Moog Custom Framing, Local the Change Marketing Company, Play Day, and Candler Park Market.

1 REQUEST YOUR BALLOT WHEN? NOW!	2 COMPLETE YOUR BALLOT WHEN? Earliest ballots will go out around November 20. After that date, ballots should be received within a few days of requesting them.	3 RETURN YOUR BALLOT WHEN? Ballot must be with the county by 7 pm on January 5.	4 CHECK YOUR BALLOT STATUS WHEN? Within a few days of returning your ballot.	5 CURE YOUR BALLOT (if necessary) WHEN? Before 4:30 pm on Friday, January 8.
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Mary Lin Reverse Parade for Halloween

By Susan Rose,
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On Friday, October 30, 2020, Mary Lin Elementary teachers and staff who were masked up and dressed up for Halloween held a reverse parade in place on the sidewalk in front of the school building on Candler Park Drive. As they danced to music and waved, students bicycled along the street and rode by in cars while waving and greeting their teachers. It was a beautiful day for teachers and students to see each other in person at a safe distance.





Silliest Winner!
Rainbow Unicorn, Pumpkin, Giant Kitty:
Nothing can be wrong cuz the House Looks Pretty
1436 McLendon Avenue



Witchiest Winner! 1420 McLendon Avenue



Spookiest and Best Theme Winner!
364 Candler Street



Best Overall and Best Use of Technology Winner!
The Big Cat House, 492 Page Avenue

Winners of the Halloween House Decorating Contest!

By Matt Hanson, fundraising@candlerpark.org

While they may still be recounting ballots in that other election, Candler Park's Inaugural Howlin' Haunted Halloween House Decorating Contest ballots have been cast and counted! I have to say, this was a widely popular event and was a lot of fun for all those who participated as well as those who did the tour and voted. We had over 30 houses participate this year, and it is abundantly clear that Candler Park is passionate about Halloween! As promised, we are featuring the winners in this issue of The Messenger in all of their pride and glory. Thanks to all the participating houses for really stepping up and making this a fun event for the neighborhood.

This was also a great fundraising opportunity for CPNO as we were able to raise over \$300 for the neighborhood. To all those that participated, please note that your registrations are considered donations to a non-profit as CPNO has 501c3 status.

Based on the interest and success of the contest this year, we will most certainly be doing this again next year. Go ahead and start planning now as the bar was set high this year, and the smack talk about next year's competition has already started! Thanks again to all the participants, and Happy Holidays!

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History of the Smith-Benning House and Its Residents

By Jennifer J. Richardson, Candler Park Resident

The Smith-Benning house is located on Oakdale Road at the corner of Benning Place. It's considered the largest and oldest home in Candler Park neighborhood. Judge Charles Whitefoord Smith (1856-1927) is the "Smith" in the name of the home. His father was a Methodist-Episcopal lay minister, and a professor at both Wofford College and Columbia College. The unusual name of "Whitefoord" comes from the Smith's Scottish heritage. Judge Smith excelled at debating and parliamentary procedure in college. He later apprenticed in a law office, became a lawyer, and settled in Atlanta. Judge Smith was one of the founders of the City of Edgewood, Georgia (1899-1909) and served six terms as the mayor of Edgewood before it was annexed into the city in 1909. He also served on the Atlanta City Council.

Judge Smith built his large Eastlake Victorian home, with its Italianate tower with Mansard roof, on what was then Bell Street. The original grounds of the home were approximately five acres (including where apartments now exist on Euclid Avenue.) Despite being a judge, Smith was a leader in the newly revitalized Ku Klux Klan. He was not alone, as many influential citizens at the time were also members. Hoyt Veneable, a neighbor who lived at the corner of Ponce de Leon and Oakdale Road, in "Stonehenge" was the owner of Stone Mountain and the company that quarried granite from the mountain. As a result, Mr. Venable allowed the Klan use of the mountain top for their ceremonies, which included the typical white hooded robes and cross burnings. It's said that when Judge Smith couldn't attend these events in person, he went to the top of the three story tower on his home, where he could see Stone Mountain in the distance and watched the gatherings.

The home was purchased next by Augustus Harrison Benning, Sr. (1840-1904) Captain Benning had been a sea captain on the Pacific rim, later a bank president, and still later the founder of the Benning Construction Company, which built the Flat Iron building in downtown Atlanta. Benning developed businesses and homes in post-civil war Atlanta. Augustus Harrison Benning, Jr. (1901-1939) carried on with the construction company until his death. The home remained in the Benning family for many years. The last Benning to live there was T. Cobb Benning. By then, Bell Street had been re-named Whitefoord Avenue., and it was later re-named Oakdale Road. T. Cobb Benning divided the home into apartments, and years of decline

and deferred maintenance ensued. In 1979, T. Cobb was featured in a Mary Lin Elementary School publication (Oh Mercy, I Remember) discussing his life with Lin students Susan Wilkie and Tracy Fedor.

"I was born in 1894 right here in Candler Park," said the 85-year-old in his interview. "We had no sewers, or electricity or running water." Benning continued: "In 1925, they built a new school, and it was named after Miss Mary Lin, who was the principal [of a previous school called the Mayson Academy]. She was a wonderful woman...[and] devoted her whole life to education." T. Cobb Benning remembered when Candler Park golf course was graded in 1925. "Prior to the grading, there was a big hill and a valley. There was a road that went down [where the swimming pool is now] and that was the black section. And when they graded, they went right through the black section to make the golf course." Benning recalls that most of the streets in his area of Candler Park were named after "the folks that contributed to the growth of the section."

After the last Benning moved from the house, it was abandoned, being considered too dilapidated to inhabit. It sat, forlorn and abandoned for years until it was noticed by current residents, Dr. Robert and Carole Craig, who lived in the 700 square foot basement of the home whilst renovating the house for 27 years. Dr. Craig is a professor emeritus of Architectural History at Georgia Tech and the author of numerous books and articles. His professional expertise insured that the renovations on the Smith-Benning home were precise and exacting, reflecting how it must have looked when first built.

Times were very different when the original Smith and Benning families lived in the home. Its size made the mammoth home hard to heat. The five acres of land around the house was used, as was typical, for farming and raising chickens and



livestock. I conjecture that some freed slaves, and their offspring worked on the Smith farm. After emancipation, many of these African Americans settled along Candler Park Drive in the City of Edgewood, and on the golf course property as described by T. Cobb Benning. Edgewood itself was a small town separated by the railroad tracks that run down DeKalb Avenue. From its beginning, Edgewood was racially integrated. After the golf course was built, and the black families displaced, many moved across the railroad to live, but others stayed on "this" side of the tracks. Many black families lived on Candler Park streets such as Hardendorf Avenue, Benning Place, and Brooks Avenue. The black families had their own church, "Antioch Baptist" also called the "Old Stone Church" on Candler Park Drive.

The neighborhood's name changed after Asa Candler donated his Union Square land to the city for a park and golf course that were named in his honor. Thus, since Edgewood was now part of Atlanta, the name "Candler Park" took over for the new neighborhood.

Since Candler Park was integrated from the beginning, it didn't suffer the fate of nearby neighborhoods such as Kirkwood and Oakhurst. These communities were homes to white working-class families. When one black family moved in, realtors, blockbusters and speculators scared the white residents into selling and both Kirkwood and Oakhurst turned black nearly overnight. Today, these same neighborhoods are primarily white.

Racially mixed from its beginning as the City of Edgewood, Candler Park neighborhood remains a community that welcomes and celebrates diversity.



Share Your Gifts

By Lexa King, safety@candlerpark.org

What a great time of the year! A time to celebrate the holidays, which, when I had an office job, meant paid time off! Over the years, there were parties, seeing people not regularly seen, shopping for "the perfect gift" for people, sending out cards, delivering goody bags to clients involving an annual visit to them, and a holiday spirit which I interpreted as people full of good cheer. There is an excitement not usually present. Holiday decorations are sparkling in stores and on houses and familiar music reminiscent of holidays past is in the air. Certain foods are prepared only at this special time. Christmas cookies, Stollen, special baked goods and fancy sweets of all manner.

Besides needing more time to get all of this done, what's not to love? It's a real challenge to find the time to do all of these things in an already packed schedule. This is where we get to be thankful for Covid 19. It has required us to simplify our lives. Lots of people have more time off of work, even if it is just from eliminating commuting time as more are working from home. The parties will probably be greatly reduced if they exist at all. Shopping will be curtailed for many of us who are limiting our exposure to the public. Some of us are actually looking for things to occupy our isolated time in constructive ways.

Habitually, there is the issue of finding or creating gifts for friends, neighbors and family. Over the years I have given many gifts that were products of my "creativity". I have always dabbled in photography and used some of my favorite photos for gift giving. One year I created a collage of family photos for my daughter's family that I had printed onto a woven throw by an online company. Last

year I had calendars printed with different family photos on each page. A few years I had note cards made featuring photos from my travels that year. I bundled several and tied them together with raffia. This year my daughter posted a Halloween photo on Facebook of her with the children dressed as the Adams Family. I plan to have an online company print it on canvas and frame it so she can hang it. I am also going to print a copy to insert into a travel coffee mug for the other Grandma.

Since I plan to keep isolated for Christmas, I will not be travelling to my daughter's, the gifts will be compact for shipping purposes. Magazine subscriptions for the grandchildren (remember how much fun it was to get mail as a child? - and I love to encourage reading), small gifts like a doll or stuffed animal. Gift cards and scarves will fill in the gaps for everyone. And a tin of homemade cookies.

This isn't intended to just tell you what I give my family members or friends. It's to stimulate ideas for what you might give to yours. Maybe your creativity is in the realm of sewing, knitting, crocheting, painting, woodworking, sculpture, music, pottery, collaging, baking, writing poetry, arranging gift baskets, or any number of things. It may be too late to create gifting items for this holiday season, but it looks like we are going to be encouraged to self-isolate for several months yet. What better way to spend the short days or lengthy dark evenings than to start on your giving for next year? Perhaps your preparations will involve taking an online class to sharpen your skills. Another productive way to spend your Covid time.

So maybe your interests don't fall into the crafty genre. You know what people really appreciate

and value? Your time. Your energy. Your company. How about a commitment to call them weekly or monthly for the coming year? How about a subscription to Zoom for them? There are free subscriptions or modestly priced options. Arrange for you both to read the same book every month and enjoy an online book club with them monthly. You can actually do that in a way that includes several family members or friends. Organize a monthly supper club where you enjoy a meal together regularly. Again, this can involve any reasonable number of people at a time. The great thing about Zoom is its flexibility. People from all over the world can participate on the same call. Of course, these are just suggestions that might be meaningful to people on your gift list. Times are different. Try something new!

Many are sick of this Covid way of life. The isolation. The limits of what is even open for our participation and enjoyment. But a group of us in Candler Park have figured out a way to meet new people and have some fun social time together weekly. Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 you can find us on Zoom together. We have a different topic every week and 4 to 8 people regularly participate. We have also put together a phone tree so that every person has a daily wellness check. Maybe the idea sounds good to you, but joining a group of new people intimidates you. Please, push through those concerns and reach out. We're open. We're friendly. Reach out to me at safety@candlerpark.org. I'll be happy to address any of your reservations. Give yourself a gift this holiday season. Make some new friends. Share the gift of your company with us!

Candler Park Market Serves as Neighborhood Gem

By Abby Hyken, 9th grade student at Grady High School and Candler Park Resident

Candler Park Market has been a cornerstone of the Candler Park Neighborhood for the last 20 years. It attracts residents from all over the neighborhood and is a gathering point for neighbors and friends.

Residents will tell you that Candler Park Market is not just an average grocery store, it is an important part of the community. All sorts of people go to the market, to buy anything from bread to expensive wines. Long time Candler Park residents, Josh Parson and his 4th grade son Mihir go to the Market all the time.

"Candler Park Market gives a sense of community and shows the disparity in the world," said Josh. "It is an anchor in our community."

Candler Park Market is a closer and friendlier alternative to a big brand store like Publix or Kroger. Residents of Candler Park said they would prefer to go to the Market for something small, like milk, than a name brand store because of the warm atmosphere.

"Candler Park Market feels more like a community than a name brand store," said Candler Park 9th grader Louis Daugherty.

At the market, employees feel more like friends. The atmosphere is friendly and you can always have a good conversation with someone working there.

"I like having personal relationships with the employees and talking to them," said Rachel Bowser, a neighborhood mom. "We all know what it's like to get a coffee with Rick and people love to watch Jeopardy with Bobby."

Candler Park Market serves as a central point in the neighborhood where friends and family can gather. It provides a space for seeing neighbors. On the weekends and after school you can see kids gathered outside at the



tables. During the school year there are even shifts of kids coming from the elementary and middle schools to hang out at the market on Fridays.

"Everybody goes there and hangs out," said Mihir Parson. "I go about 3 times a week, or whenever my friends can."

It is a common meeting spot and you will likely run into someone you know while shopping at Candler Park Market. It brings the residents of Candler Park even closer together.

"Candler Park Market creates a sense of shared cultures and experiences," said Rachel. "There is a sense of core identity and shared values."

The market also brings the community together by supporting local groups such as Mary Lin Elementary School. They provide food for events, such as last year at a parent fundraising event for the elementary school. It helped raise several hundred dollars for the school, effectively helping the community grow closer.

Candler Park would not be the same without Candler Park Market. Recently the market underwent renovations and

residents of the neighborhood were worried that the feel of the place would change.

"People were worried about the renovation changing the vibe of the market to be more sterile," said Rachel. "This shows how much people really care about the market."

With the pandemic, Candler Park Market was closed for a short period of time. This had a big impact on the neighborhood. Residents could not meet outside or pop in to pick up a few groceries.

The market is loved by everyone. The market is targeted towards all ages and has something for everyone. It is seen as a spot to get a quick lunch for adults, candy for kids and a place to catch up with friends for teens.

"It is awesome because you can buy as many candies as you want," said Mihir.

This article was originally published in Nexus, which is the arts, culture, entertainment and news magazine of the Southerner newspaper at Grady High School.

November 16 CPNO Members Meeting (Virtual) – Draft Minutes

These minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the December members meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Matt Kirk, President. Motion to adopt the agenda passed. Motion to approve the minutes passed.

Guest Speakers:

Lt. Michael Alban, evening watch Zone 6, read out specific crimes for Beat 608 for the past month. There has been an increase of police cars present due to 'street racing'. The Little Five Points Precinct is staffed 10 am - 6 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. No one has been arrested in the case of the resident who was followed home by a stranger. A detective has been assigned to the case.

McLendon Avenue Safety- Christina Hodgen spoke about the need to reduce the speed to 25mph on McLendon Avenue. The request has already been relayed to Amir Faroukhi, District 2 Councilman.

Miguel Granier, our representative to Little Five Points Alliance, discussed the mobility study and Little Five Points Precinct financial support.

Howard Connell requesting a three way stop sign for the intersection at Mell Avenue and Iverson Street. He is requesting a CPNO letter of support.

Old Business:

A white paper, using the Candler Park Master Plan and The Bridge Report, was submitted to the Freedom Park Conservancy SWA group.

Halloween Contest winners:

- Overall Winner-492 Page Avenue
- Spookiest- 364 Candler Street
- Witchiest- 1420 McLendon Avenue
- Silliest- 1436 McLendon Avenue

There were 30 houses; raised money for the neighborhood; start of a new tradition.

Treasurer Report:

Budgeted money for the 3 neighborhood schools (Mary Lin Elementary, Inman Middle School, Grady High School) and Little Five Points Precinct was dispersed this month.

Zoning:

The motion to support the change of alcohol agent for Candler Park Market passed.

The motion to not support Z-20-69 passed.

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2021

The slate of Officers for 2021:

President- no nominees

Treasurer- Karin Mack

The motion to nominate Karin Mack,

Treasurer, passed.

Secretary- Bonnie Palter

The motion to nominate Bonnie Palter, Secretary, passed.

Membership Officer- Roger Bakeman

The motion to nominate Roger Bakeman, Membership Officer, passed.

Fundraising Officer- Matt Hanson

The motion to nominate Matt Hanson, Fundraising Officer, passed.

Zoning Officer- Emily Taff

The motion to nominate Emily Taff, Zoning Officer, passed.

Public Safety- Kerry Dobson

The motion to nominate Kerry Dobson, Public Safety Officer, passed.

Communications Officer- Ryan Anderson

The motion to nominate Ryan Anderson, Communications Officer, passed.

External Affairs Officer- Amy Stout

The motion to nominate Amy Stout, External Officer, passed.

The motion to elect the 2021 Slate of Officers passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary

November 16, 2020



CPNO Officer and Committee Report for November

Freedom Park Representative - Christina Moore Freedom Park Conservancy Master Planning

- Master Plan Information can be found Here: <https://www.freedompark.org/calendar/>
- We ask that neighborhood residents continue to participate and share and shape of the vision for the park!

External Affairs Officer - Amy Stout

NPU- There was one item on the agenda for the October 2020, NPU-N meeting that was specific for Candler Park. Under Alcohol License Applications, the application for the Candler Rail Brewery brew pub (a new business located at 1660 Dekalb Avenue) was added to the fast track and approved without discussion by a vote of 8-0, consistent with the prior votes of approval by the CPNO membership and the CPNO zoning committee. Operation of this type of business in this spot was made possible by recent legislation (sponsored by Councilmember Amir Farokhi and approved by the City Council) that created an exemption from the distance requirements in the city code that forbid operation of a brew pub within 300 feet of a private residence.

Little Five Point Alliance - Christina Hodgen, CPNO Representative

The L5PA has secured a grant to pay for a strategic plan and is in the process of starting that process now. We are going to engage CPNO and members directly with surveys to make sure residents voices are included in the strategic planning process. The focus is on the cultural, business, and community assets that make L5P unique and special to build a valuable brand and attract additional partners to support L5P growth.

The Mobility Study is wrapping up. Thanks for all the input from CPNO members and neighbors. This will be a transformational opportunity for L5P, not just mobility. It is a big part of the overall Strategic Plan that we are working on. CPNO members/neighbors need to stay engaged! L5P is evolving and we need to be a part of that.

Beautify L5P continues facilitating the twice a week cleaning of L5P by Georgia Works. Thank you to Candler Park residents who responded to our Messenger article by donating over \$800 to the effort!

Our Security Committee has found a need for a separate Homelessness Committee. IPNA has agreed to continue supporting the L5P mini-precinct. There is an opportunity for CPNO members/neighbors to contribute and increase the hours of active APD patrol in L5P. As always, if you would like to help with our security and homelessness initiatives, please email info@l5pa.com.

Moreland Ave sidewalks and streetscaping is nearly complete and looks great! The city of Atlanta has bid in hand to start work on Findley Plaza and L5PA/CID members are actively engaged to support that effort.

Education - Dana Fowle

Despite surging COVID-19 spread, Atlanta Public Schools is prepping in case a face-to-face classroom option is available in January. Schools are purchasing clear partitions among other classroom supplies to mitigate virus transmission.

Zoning - Emily Taff

Alcohol License "change of agent" for Candler Park Market — Greg Hutchins will be the agent, nothing else about CPM's license to sell alcohol will be changing. Committee voted to recommend support.

Discussion and Vote on Z-20-69 - Z-20-69 proposes to prohibit Short Term

Rentals across Atlanta in all residential zoned areas (see above) including R-4 and R-5 and PD-H which we have here in Candler Park. It was noted at the meeting that Ordinance Z-19-76 to prohibit Party Houses was passed by the City Council on Oct. 19, 2020. Additionally, a new Ordinance (currently 20-O-1656) was introduced at the Oct. 19 City Council meeting which requires STR owners to get a permit/certificate.

Four neighbors of Airbnbs attended and spoke to the negative sides of living near or adjacent to a Short Term Rental. There are clearly a number of concerns that arise including dealing with a rotation of strangers in close proximity to previously private spaces, issues with parking on the street or in shared driveways, etc. Although noise ordinances exist, there seems to be a lack of accountability or responsibility for the Airbnb guests and a lack of recourse for neighbors of these rentals.

Zoning Committee voted to recommend NOT supporting Ordinance Z-20-69. Feeling that there are enough benefits of STRs that an outright ban on STRs in residential areas across the city did not seem like the answer. However, the committee also recognizes that there are definitely issues mentioned above which need to be addressed and hopefully could be addressed through legislation like the recently proposed ordinance which requires registration to operate an STR and also seems to provide some avenue for enforcing accountability for STR operators. Permitting and regulation seems to be a step toward a better and more appropriate solution for the city. This new ordinance has yet to come before us.

Query - request of a stop sign on Mell and Iverson was discussed. A letter of support from CPNO may be needed and this should go on to the membership.

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Education Abroad in a Covid-19 World

Submitted by Michelle Manganiello

The global number of students who study abroad continues to rise with an annual increase of 10%. However, with the United States and many other countries engulfed in a pandemic, study abroad has come to a standstill because of travel restrictions and health risks. A new normal has now emerged of study abroad programs, courses, and internships all becoming virtual — impacting all walks of life in academia.

Many universities are advancing to virtual study abroad programs now, including American University, Arcadia University, Northwestern University, and the University of Buffalo. Their programs range from online courses at a U.S. university's

international branch campus to courses offered in partnership with foreign universities. These options involve courses designed and taught by U.S. professors, or local professors from the international institutions. These programs that are becoming virtual have both benefits and downsides for students and professors. Faculty cannot travel for the program and deliver the courses as originally intended, but virtual courses also mean they can spend more time on research. For students, the benefits are that these courses are less expensive, and their graduation requirements can still be fulfilled. Downsides? Students can't travel; they are not being "immersed" culturally or academically; they are not making new friends; and they are not discovering those exciting, new foods.

Assata Davis, senior at Rutgers University, studied abroad in Menton, France at the Sciences Po College in spring 2020. When her program got cancelled in March because of the pandemic, she had to return to the States and had the option of finishing her classes online.

Essentially, Davis's home just wasn't the same environment. She didn't have the convenience of speaking French with the locals and her fellow students anymore, and she wasn't mentally ready to continue classes after a stressful experience of traveling back to the United States. Davis's situation shows the challenges that emerge when education abroad programs try to engage their students through a virtual setting.

One of the most meaningful experiences of a study

Davis says, "When I returned to the U.S., I tried to continue with my courses, but it was very difficult, and I ended up having to stop. One of my language classes was cancelled and the other was optional, but met at unreasonable hours due to the time difference. It was frustrating because my French was flourishing in France."



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abroad program is staying with one's host family, and many of the University of Oregon's Global Education programs are now offering virtual homestays. For these virtual homestays, 2 to 3 students are assigned per family. Each week, these students pick a time with their family to have dinner, coffee, or to get a cooking lesson. Some students meet with their family's multiple times a week or just once — whenever their schedules align. The virtual homestays are made to be as organic as possible, like an in-person homestay would be, so there are not many rules for students and their families to follow.

Internships are also commonly paired with study abroad programs, and Cultural Experiences Abroad, CEA, is a study abroad program provider that is now offering virtual internships. In these virtual internships, students get placed with companies that are abroad and they are given tasks that are more computer-based, rather than hands-on, to make their internships more feasible in this online setting. These tasks can range from conducting research for the company, like looking at data on customer interests, startups and populations, or tasks on the business side of things, like marketing projects. In fact, there's not too many differences from a physical, face-to-face internship. Students still take the same introductory seminar; they are still connected with their on-site team, and there are still online cultural activities. It's a lot more affordable to do a virtual option and students won't have to commute to their placements. There's also more flexibility to their schedules, which means more independence and more responsibility for interns.

Study Abroad advisors are also facing challenges. Advisors have to contact their third-party partner programs and institutions to see if their programs are going forward in the spring. They must also monitor travel advisories to determine if countries are even ready to accept students within their borders in the near future. When I asked Alyssa Johnson, what challenges she's facing right now as a Global Education Advisor at the University of Georgia, she said,

“The most challenging thing about advising students on study away right now is the uncertainty. As we have seen over the past few months, it truly is impossible to predict how things will continue to evolve worldwide! I have noticed that many students are taking time right now to plan and prepare for study away opportunities in the future, even into 2022, which I think is really great.”

The big question now is what will study abroad look like once it emerges from this Covid-19 world? For one thing, organizations and institutions will have to be more creative in applying online learning to their programs and courses, like they are doing so now. Johnson claims, “Even when in-person travel becomes easier, I believe virtual programs will still be a great experiential learning opportunity for students as a more flexible, affordable, and eco-friendly option.” Furthermore, domestic study away programs may become more popular. For example, the University of Georgia offers domestic “study abroad” programs out West, in New York, and in Washington D.C. We may see an increase in the popularity of these programs, then in those abroad. Another new frontier could be “education abroad at home.” Faculty may try to embed the education abroad courses into courses regularly offered on campus, during this time that students can't travel. Education abroad programs can also mindfully think of their environmental footprints when sending students overseas and change their programs accordingly. Most importantly, we need to remember that excitement for education abroad is not going anywhere, and adjustments will continue to be made so students can still immerse themselves in these programs virtually. ■



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