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Resilience Moves Us Forward

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

Clear blue skies. Warm sunshine. Daffodils blooming. Birds singing. All these wonderful signs of spring greet me as I write this editorial at the end of February and look forward to the end of a gloomy and difficult winter. However, my many decades of living in Atlanta have taught me that March can be full of surprises including snow and ice storms. So, I am present in the moment enjoying the gorgeous weather on this day knowing I have no control over the weather ahead.

Similar to the positive signs of spring weather are positive progress in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. The daily totals of new cases, hospitalizations and deaths are on the decline. The number of vaccinated individuals are going up. And a new vaccine from Johnson and Johnson is on the verge of FDA approval that will increase supply and hopefully influence more equitable distribution. Meanwhile, organizations and school systems are figuring out how to return gradually and safely to in-person activities.

Daily signs of change provide hope that we are entering the back-end of this pandemic. And, I know we are forever changed from living in a pandemic. Yes, it has been and continues to be extremely difficult and painful facing the unimaginable suffering and grief. Yet, we have learned to be resilient, creative and innovative to keep moving forward with life. With that learning, I believe we are positioned well to experience a brighter future ahead.

I have witnessed the CPNO Board and CPNO membership remain committed and quickly innovate in order to continue organizational operations, support our neighbors, and advocate for our neighborhood. The March 16, 2020 membership meeting was the only meeting cancelled due to

FROM THE EDITOR

the pandemic. The talented board members, especially communications officer Ryan Anderson, switched to virtual meetings leveraging Zoom technology, figured out how to continue to run orderly meetings in that forum, and determined how to collect votes that complied with the CPNO bylaws. When it became evident that the CPNO's primary fundraising event Fall Fest could not happen, fundraising officer Matt Hanson jumped into creative mode and launched a collection of new merchandise to provide some revenue flowing into CPNO. As safety officer and founder of Candler Park Forever, Lexa King made it priority one to facilitate ways for senior neighbors to stay connected by phone calls and zoom gatherings during city wide and voluntary lock downs. She worked to minimize loneliness and isolation in the neighborhood. These are just a few examples of the CPNO using creative thinking and care to respond to an unimaginable situation.

Beyond the CPNO, there are countless stories of neighbors innovating their personal, family and work lives to not just get through their days but make each day better for themselves and others. As we see things changing in a positive direction, we may get tempted by our yearnings that things just get back to the 'normal' we knew in 2019. I challenge that temptation with the idea that perhaps there's something better than that ahead of us. Remember the resilience and innovation that each one of us has demonstrated and be present in the moment. Together we can envision and realize a drastically better 2021 for Candler Park and beyond.

The mission of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is to promote the common good and general welfare in the neighborhood known as Candler Park in the city of Atlanta.

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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

CPNO membership is free to Candler Park residents, property owners and businesses. Membership must be renewed annually.

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

> **CPNO Membership** PO Box 5418, Atlanta, GA 31107

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

- 3 CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor
- 8 CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor
- Deadline to submit content for April Messenger!
- CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church

APRIL

- 3 CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor
- 8 CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor
- Deadline to submit content for May Messenger!
- 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.



Phoenix Flies 2021 #19: Early Edgewood-Candler Park BiRacial History Project

Online WebSite & Walking Tour:

470 Candler Park Dr. NE, Atlanta GA 30307

https://www.biracialhistoryproject.org

Virtual Interactive Tour:

bit.ly/3pwSH3a

INFORMATION

This year we are offering our Walking Tour of 1870s-1980s African American Legacy Sites in Candler Park through a new on-line interactive link, a collaboration with the Freedom Park Conservancy and Emory's Center for Digital Scholarship. Take the self-guided tour at times best for you on the Virtual Tour link site, and experience the rich supporting materials there.

Please email your questions and comments for the History Project to phoenixflies@preserveatlanta.com

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission supports communitybased education and restorative justice work in the Early Edgewood-Candler Park neighborhood, respectfully reconnecting descendant stakeholders and today's citizens to this historic African American community.

In Memory of Deacon James
L. Smith



The BiRacial History Project remembers Deacon James L. Smith who passed on January 28, 2021. He was a faithful Antioch East Baptist Church member,

◆ Pictured left to right: Sandy Delrie, Wilj Sturkey Mercado, Don Bender, Deacon James Smith Photo credit: Edith Kelman

servant and leader as well as a friend and logistical point person with the BiRacial History Project's activities in Candler Park over the years.

As shown in this 2012 photo, Mr. Smith who owned a lawn care business helped establish the Commemorative Bench Site on Oakdale Rd. He was a pivotal partner in other BiRacial History Project collaborations including planning Legacy Markers public celebrations, organizing a golf tournament and other details for Fellowship in the Park events in 2011 and 2012, and navigating the complexities of removing and relocating the stained glass windows from Antioch's Edgewood location in 2019. From this transaction,

the First Existentialist Congregation was gifted the 4 stained glass windows that grace the Old Stone Church today.



2021 Renewal Time

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

Membership in CPNO is by the calendar year so now is the time to renew for 2021—and many thanks to the 94 of you who have already renewed. If you haven't yet, just login to candlerpark.org and click the RENEW for 2021 button. And if you aren't a member, now is a good time to join. Just login to candlerpark.org and click the JOIN CPNO button. Membership is free, although we happily accept donations—we're a 501(c)3 organization so contributions are tax deductible. Are you getting email from CPNO? That just means you are on our MailChimp list but may not be a current member. If you have any problems either renewing or joining, email me at membership@candlerpark.org and I'll try to figure out a solution.

CPNO welcomes new members

Shannon Coppage

... and 10 others who wished to remain anonymous

CPNO thanks members for their donation:

Caesar and Peggy Sweitzer Anne Weinberg Donna Church Emily Taff and Naoya Wada Hope Harrelson The Welsh Family Betsy Goss

...and others who wished to remain anonymouss

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If you have a news tip or story idea, please email relevant information including contacts to <u>editor@candlerpark.org</u> or call the editor.

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A Letter From Iverson Park Neighbors

Within the Candler Park/Iverson Park Neighborhood, many residences have seen a great deal of change and devolvement over the course of the last half century. Several neighbors live directly adjacent to Iverson Park and see the activities that take place there as critical components of the neighborhood, which directly affects their lives, safety, and livelihood.

Many neighbors near Iverson Park have lived in the area for between 12-47 years and have a great deal of experience on how the park has been used as well as misused. When there was an opening in the fence between Iverson Park and MARTA many years ago, Oakdale and Iverson neighbors experienced the following:

- Discarded wallets and purses were found in backyards and in the park from thefts that had taken place in the adjacent MARTA lot.
- Iverson Park was used as a place to buy, sell, and use drugs. Drug paraphernalia was found in the park and in the front and backyards of houses around the park including used needles and syringes.
- Both MARTA and ATL police conducted chases through the park and the backyards and front yards of houses around the park to capture perpetrators.

In 2012, someone cut a hole in the southern fence, which allowed access from the Marta side. In response, a coalition of neighbors banded together to see that it was repaired. However, while the fence was compromised, the immediate neighborhood experienced increased crime, vandalism, trespass, substance and alcohol abuse within the park, and violence. More specifically, neighbors witnessed:

- Groups of MARTA passengers running through yards to access Oakdale Road, apparently fleeing from MARTA police. (5 known instances)
- Multiple instances of abandoned and opened bags left in Iverson Park

- Used syringes once again found in Iverson Park
- Individuals using the alley between Iverson Park and homes fronting Oakdale as a restroom.
- Individuals using neighbors' yards as a restroom

Given all the above, Iverson park has wide-ranging security and operational issues that must be considered if any changes are made to the existing fence. More to the point, we are gravely concerned about opening the southern perimeter. Indeed, we see the park as a safe place where children can play, soccer teams can hold games, and people can walk their dogs, not as a thoroughfare. It is not worth jeopardizing the safety and security of the many people who use the park and the 12-15 households that are in its immediate vicinity.

Opening the southern perimeter also does not consider where the funding for the modifications would come from or what COA organization would oversee the activity. Would lighting be included? How would ADA concerns be addressed? How would older trees be protected? How would open access via the southern perimeter affect playground activities, soccer games, and people who bring their dogs to play in the park?

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MARTA Fence in Iverson Park

By Jonny Newburgh, Candler Park Resident

At the December CPNO meeting, I shared my interest in installing a gate between Iverson Park and the Edgewood/ Candler Park MARTA Station. As it currently stands, the fence acts as a barrier, leaving entry points only along DeKalb Ave and Oakdale Rd. I live east of the station, leaving me to walk along DeKalb to get to the station, which does not feel safe. While the minutes from the December meeting suggest there would be a vote on the matter in January, that was not the case. Rather, I would like to gain feedback from neighbors with your thoughts on the matter. Are you open to installing a gate to provide access between Iverson Park and MARTA? Are you interested in supporting an effort to make MARTA more accessible to Candler Park residents? What are your concerns? Drop me a line at jonathan.newburgh@gmail.com.

Statement from CPNO Board

The CPNO board has taken no position on the topic of the MARTA fence in Iverson Park. The CPNO serves as a conduit for resident input on issues that impact the neighborhood. If and when the membership takes a vote on a position, then the leadership will advocate accordingly. But at this time, this is just a topic up for consideration. This is not a formal zoning/land use application from the City of Atlanta Planning Department.

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Policing Alternatives and Diversions (PAD) Initiative

A New Approach To Community Safety And Wellness

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org"

At the February CPNO virtual meeting, neighbors learned about a new effort within the city of Atlanta and Fulton county to reduce incarceration of people experiencing extreme poverty, problematic substance abuse, or mental health challenges. Denise White, Director of Diversion Services for the Policing Alternatives and Diversions (PAD) Initiative, introduced the program which is now operating within Atlanta Police Department zones 5 and 6 which includes Candler Park and Little 5 Points.

As the PAD website (atlantapad.org) states, "PAD fosters a new approach to community safety and wellness by providing an alternative to punishing people for what they do to survive. Instead, we connect with people as people, address their basic needs, and work with them to reduce harm to themselves and their neighbors. We believe communities are safer and healthier when people have what they need to not only survive, but to thrive."

How does it work? If citizens see a quality of life concern such as someone who appears disturbed and yelling at no one, a phone call to 311 and select option 1 between 7 am and 7 pm Monday through Friday will create a referral to PAD. Within an hour, PAD's Harm Reduction team will respond to the referral request and offer individuals short-term care navigation, stabilizing supports, and warm referrals to other service providers. As the PAD website states, "Our services are grounded in the principles of harm reduction and housing first."

PAD also provides immediate alternatives to arrest. The Atlanta Police Department and MARTA police officers can divert to PAD when an individual is detained for law violations related to mental health, substance use, and extreme poverty.

Seven years in development, the PAD Initiative was born out of the work and vision of Atlantans directly impacted by policing and incarceration and committed to a new approach to community safety and wellness.

To learn more about PAD, visit atlantapad.org.





Let's All Get Shots

By Lexa King, Candler Park Resident and Founder of Candler Park Forever

For about 25 years I have been "getting office. One in each arm. I've never been too concerned about what is in the vials, and eventually moving from the syringe into my body. Until the anti-vaxxers started talking about the poison they are convinced in vaccinations. But quickly following any memories of pre-shot life. The runny, itchy breathe freely, serial sneezing. No fun and not the least attractive. So I choose monthly shots.

Now there is a different shot choice to make. COVID-19 Vaccine or not. For me the choice was easy. I have several pre-existing COVID-19. As soon as it was announced that vaccination appointments were available, I was online registering with the Georgia various websites and links. Finally, a lead from a friend paid off, and I had an appointment a few days in the future. The stress leading up navigate the various options, only to run into endurance and perseverance. I tell you this just so you know that I relate to the difficulty and appointment by using what occurs as a hugely

fear not. Help is at hand.

From Candler Park Neighbor Lynley Teras:

of 100 people has now reached over 7500

Help, has 5 moderators who are checking the page 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. These to maintain. Since forming, we now have over 25 volunteers who help people secure appointments. We focus on helping seniors 65+ as well as any health care professionals that need help (like school nurses). If someone at gavaxhelp@gmail.com and we will assign a volunteer to assist that individual. Between our volunteers and moderators, we have booked or facilitated booking of thousands."

The group of moderators, commonly referred to as "Vaccine Angels" are led by Lynley Teras and four of her friends, Kelly Noel Schenck. Their goal is to help people and get as many people vaccinated as they can. They have helped Georgians from as far south as Thomasville and as far north as Hiawassee. Let them help you. Or your parents. Or your neighbor. Or anyone you know who Spread the word! Let's all get shot!

Should You Be Taking a Vitamin D Supplement?

By Gail Turner-Cooper, Candler Park Resident and Certified Health Coach

Vitamin D is one of those elements that's mentioned all the time. It's a buzz word, but do you actually know what it is and do you know if you need more of it?

Whatever your age or current health condition, everyone should have their Vitamin D levels checked by their health professional at least once per year. There's some debate amongst the medical community about the Vitamin D level we should be aiming for, but the likely answer is that: it varies! Your optimal level will depend on your genetics, environment, lifestyle, and existing health challenges. I like to see clients between 40-60 ng/ml.

If your Vitamin D levels are too low, you could find yourself with a variety of types of immune deficiency. However, levels of Vitamin D that are too high can be immunosuppressive. When treating autoimmune or other aggressive, inflammatory disease, this can be useful in the short-term. However, if there is an infectious component of the disease's root causes, then Vitamin D will likely need to come down eventually to more moderate levels in order to allow optimal functioning to eradicate those root causes.

What Are the Health Risks of Low Vitamin D?

- Bone pain and loss of calcium from bones
- Muscle weakness
- Increased risk of cardiovascular disease
- Cognitive impairment in older adults
- Allergies and asthma
- Increased risk of cancer
- Depression
- Increased risk of migraines
- Increased risk of autoimmune conditions

Can Your Body Produce Vitamin D Naturally?

Yes- but it depends. When your skin is exposed to sunlight, it produces Vitamin D from cholesterol. The sun's ultraviolet (UVB) rays hit cholesterol in the skin cells, providing the energy for Vitamin D synthesis to occur. How much Vitamin D is created depends on your age, your genetics, how much skin is uncovered, and your skin tone.

What Should You Know About Vitamin D Supplements?

Everyone's physiology is different, and so are



their needs. Some of us can metabolize and retain Vitamin D really well, while some of us need larger doses to maintain baseline healthy levels. Once you start supplementing, check your levels again after no more than 2-3 months. You also need to make sure your magnesium levels are replete before starting a Vitamin D supplement.

Your dose of Vitamin D will depend on your blood level and medical history. If you have impaired digestion and absorption of fats, you may also need sublingual forms or higher doses to gain optimal blood levels. Remember that not all supplements are created equal. Look for a high quality D3.

Note: Introducing Vitamin D by "ramping up" is a crucial step. This can mean starting with 1000-2000 IU/day and increasing by another increment every ~5 days. We ramp doses slowly to allow the body (and the Vitamin D receptors) to adjust gradually. We also recommend avoiding Vitamin D2 fortification in processed foods.

If you are taking a Vitamin D supplement, it's important to also consume adequate Calcium (from food like leafy greens, not necessarily by supplementation), Vitamin A, Vitamin K2, and Magnesium. Increasing Vitamin D increases your body's need for all of these nutrients. If you're trying to regain bone density, Vitamin K2 is especially important. Magnesium is required for the body to convert Vitamin D into its final, usable form. People are often deficient in magnesium.

Your Plan for Vitamin D Intake

As with any supplementation, please consult your doctor or health care practitioner before starting a protocol. Please be sure to take your vitamin D with a fat for best absorption. I take mine with almond butter or avocado.

Gail Turner-Cooper is a certified health coach and the founder of Align Health Coaching based in Atlanta. You can learn more about her and Align Health at www.alignhealthcoaching.com.





The Perfect Pairing: Primavera Preschool & Mulberry Fields

By Heather B.P. Wallace on behalf of Primavera Preschool and Aftercare

Some of Candler Park's smallest residents are finding a new love of wide-open spaces during the pandemic. Primavera Preschool is utilizing Mulberry Fields Community Garden at 1301 Iverson for pods and aftercare programs since COVID-19 precaution took place. This isn't the first time Primavera and Mulberry Fields have been paired together.

A little history on Primavera Preschool:

Candler Park residents and trained educators, Carla Key and Julia Weidmann, initially organized a Spanish immersion playgroup for families in the Candler Park area. It is from this experience that their vision came to fruition in 2010 as the Primavera Preschool: Atlanta's first Spanish and Nature Immersion early childhood

Primavera had its beginnings just adjacent to Mulberry Fields as a two-day program for toddlers in Key's home on Ferguson Street. Even then the school would make daily trips to Mulberry Fields to explore and learn. The

program soon blossomed into a comprehensive early childhood education for all ages.

In 2013, as demand grew, Primavera moved to the First Existentialist Congregation. Luckily the old stone church has its own inviting garden on Candler Park Drive. At this point the program expanded to a full-day preschool and began offering after-care for Mary Lin Elementary students.

Coming back to Mulberry Fields:

Since its inception Primavera has been a nature-based school. It is no surprise then that their response to COVID-19 safety precautions caused them to create small learning pods and disperse them in outdoor areas around the neighborhood. There are currently pods located on Hooper Avenue, Frazer Forest, Candler Park, Neighborhood Church, and two pods at Mulberry Fields. Growing produce in raised bed garden plots has been part of their outdoor learning experience.

Primavera founder, Carla Key said, "Mulberry Fields, as a key location in the founding of Primavera, has been a magical and safe place for Primavera to hold its program. Mulberry Fields is the perfect outdoor oasis for young children otherwise quarantining at home."

As one of the Wylde Center's community gardens, especially one with animals, Mulberry Fields is no stranger to children enjoying the space, but during the pandemic the gardening community and neighbors have gladly welcomed even more young ones than in the past. It is one trend that many hope will continue long after this COVID-19 season has passed.

Primavera Preschool teacher Maria Emiliano Mejia Munoz shared her love of Mulberry Fields. She said, "[Mulberry Fields] is a Zen place, you feel peace when you walk in and see those wonderful vegetables gardens, the flowers everywhere and the animals that make it even better.... you can



do a lot of activities that make kids fall in love with nature. Running the program here has made our job easy because you have everything available for the nature-based activities and the kids love to play with the swing, the little [Hobbit] houses, feed the animals and much more. We couldn't find a better place to run our program!"

In the midst of a pandemic there is joy in seeing children connect with nature and connect with one another where together they can find community and fun in the outdoors.

For more information on Primavera Preschool and Mulberry Fields check out:

https://www.primaverapreschoolatl.com/ https://www.wyldecenter.org/mulberry-fields-3/

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Georgia Audubon is hosting a lineup of virtual and digital events for new and experienced bird and nature enthusiasts over the next few months to help hone skills in time for spring migration. With a variety of free and paid events, everyone is sure to find something of interest. Here's what is in store for the next few weeks:

FEBRUARY 6 - APRIL 24, 2021

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AND MARCH 26 AT 9:00 AM:

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 PM

Webinar: Raptor Identification with **Georgann Schmalz**

Cost: \$15 for Georgia Audubon Members and \$20 for non-member

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From their hunting prowess to their majestic soaring, raptors captivate our attention with their gracefulness and power—be it from the trail or from the highway. More than a dozen species of raptors rule the skies over Georgia, but they can be difficult to distinguish at a distance. Learn the basics and the secrets to making raptor identification easy with ornithologist Georgann Schmalz. She will focus on behaviors, habitats, and enough general information that will make recognizing these birds in the field a "no-brainer."

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, AT 9:30 AM

Georgia Audubon Bird Stories: Paddle Perch Climb: Bird Feet are **Neat, by Laurie Ellen Angus**

FREE

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SUNDAY, MARCH 21,

FROM 4:00 TO 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 30,

FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 PM

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TWO SESSIONS

(both sessions are the same content)

Cost: \$15 for Georgia Audubon members and \$20 for non-members

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This fun program with ornithologist Georgann Schmalz is for anyone who is interested in learning to identify birds by songs and call notes. Participants will learn the characteristics of bird songs and techniques of birding by ear. Information will include examples of components of bird songs such as tempo, rhythm, pitch, and quality. Handouts will include a list of mnemonics and phonetics for use in the field. We will not play dozens of songs and show dozens of bird photos. Instead, the course emphasizes how to listen and what to listen for so that even new songs from birds you have not encountered before can be learned and memorized.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, AT 3:30 PM

Webinar: Georgia Audubon **Monthly Meeting**

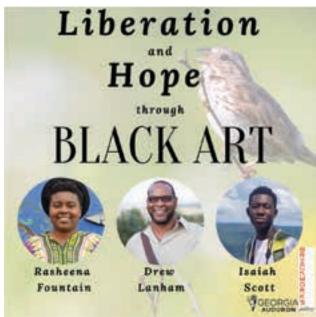
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021

7:00 TO 8:30 PM

Webinar: What's That Bird? Spring Workshop

Cost: \$15 for Georgia Audubon members/ \$20 for non-members

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Join Conservation Director Adam Betuel as he walks you through some of the most difficult and commonly encountered identification challenges of our resident, breeding, and migratory bird species. Are you having a hard time determining if those swallows overhead are Barn or Cliff Swallows (or even Chimney Swifts!)? Was that raptor zooming through your backyard a Redshouldered or Broad-winged Hawk? What about those yellowlegs out on the mudflat? And while fall is notorious for its confusing fall warblers, springtime has a number of species that can be tough for newer birdwatchers. If these tough bird ID challenges still puzzle you, then this workshop is for you.

APRIL 17 TO MAY 16, 2021

GEORGIA BIRD FEST RETURNS

Please visit www.georgiaaudubon.org/birdfest for more information or to view the full schedule of events.

Georgia Bird Fest 2021 returns this spring with more than 40 events running from April 17 to May 16, 2021. Join fellow nature and bird enthusiasts for exciting field trips, workshops, and other events to celebrate and enjoy Georgia's exciting spring migration period.

This year we will welcome two special guests for Georgia Bird Fest 2021. Our special guest for our opening weekend will be ornithologist Scott Weidensaul. Scott is the author of more than two dozen books on natural history, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist book Living on the Wind, Return to Wild America as well as The First Frontier. His newest book, A World on the Wing, about global migration, will be released in spring 2021. Joining us for our closing weekend is Carolyn Finney, Ph.D. Carolyn is a storyteller, author, and a cultural geographer. Her first book, Black Faces, White Spaces: Reimagining the Relationship of African Americans to the Great Outdoors was released in 2014. Bridging the fields of environmental history, cultural studies, critical race studies, and geography, Finney argues that the legacies of slavery, Jim Crow, and racial violence have shaped cultural understandings of the "great outdoors" and determined who should

Other event highlights for Georgia Bird Fest 2021 include past favorites such as a tour of Zoo Atlanta's bird collection; a virtual tour of the avian-inspired collections at the Michael C. Carlos Museum; nature photography workshops; and Shorebird Weekend on the Georgia coast. We'll also be debuting new events such as a guided trip to view rare shoals spider lilies at Flat Shoals Creek and guided birdwatching tours of Phinizy Swamp and Nash Farm Park.

and can have access to natural spaces.

Registration for all Georgia Bird Fest events will open to current Georgia Audubon members on March 2 and to the public on March 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

Webinar: Liberation and Hope through **Black Art**

Featuring Dr. J. Drew Lanham, Rasheena Fountain, and Isaiah Scott

Co-hosted with Brickworks Gallery

Cost: Pay What You Can

For more information or to register, visit https:// www.georgiaaudubon.org/digital-resources.html

As part of our collaboration with Brickworks Gallery on the Three Billion Exhibit currently on display at the Hudgens Center for Art and Learning, we are bringing you this special webinar about the power of art to make change.

Through poetry, prose, and visual art, this panel will highlight the artistic expression of Black joy, history, and perspectives in and through nature, and the role that art plays in healing, liberation, and protecting the diversity of creatures with which we share this planet. Panelists include Dr. J. Drew Lanham, ornithologist, author, and poet: Rasheena Fountain, writer and educator with a focus on Black land connections and environmental memory; and Isaiah Scott, a high school nature artist, ecotourism entrepreneur, and naturalist.

Georgia Audubon is building places where birds and people thrive. We create bird-friendly communities through conservation, education, and community engagement.



"Olmsted 200" to Celebrate **Frederick Law Olmsted: Parks for All People**

Source: Druid Hills "Olmsted 200" Planning Committee

The year 2022 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, social reformer and founder of American landscape architecture. His legacy lives on in iconic spaces around America including in New York's Central Park, Boston's Emerald Necklace and in Atlanta's Druid Hills and its Olmsted Linear Park.

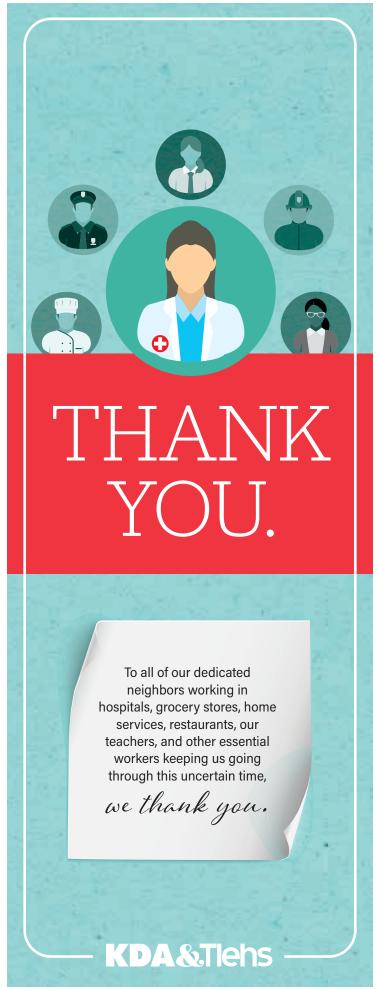
Olmsted used his landscape designs to promote harmony, health and social democracy and believed that parks and green spaces were places for people to come together, build community and connect on common ground. A national celebration of his life and legacy will be coordinated nationally by the National Association for Olmsted Parks (www.olmsted200.org) around his April birthdate in 2022.

In Atlanta, a weeklong celebration is being planned by the Druid Hills "Olmsted 200" Celebration Committee to commemorate Olmsted's vision and contributions to this community's quality of life. The local committee is composed of a diverse range of organizations in the historic Druid Hills area of Atlanta, whose purpose is to plan and coordinate a series of events as part of "Olmsted 200," focused on the week of April 26, 2022.

The local effort will highlight Olmsted's many contributions to the Atlanta community, including the design of the historic Druid Hills subdivision, including Olmsted Linear Park, near the turn of the 20th Century. The week-long celebration will include a Druid Hills Home & Garden Tour, an Olmsted 200 Birthday Celebration hosted by Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, Plein Air Painting exhibitions, outdoor markets, concerts and many more daily activities for all ages in Olmsted Linear Park, all intended to inspire the continuation of Olmsted's principles of beauty, preservation and sense of community.

A portion of the proceeds from the "Olmsted 200" commemoration week will be used to create an Olmsted Lasting Legacy project in the Druid Hills community.

For more information about "Olmsted 200" and how you can become involved, please contact Sue Sullivan at suesullivan721@gmail.com or Anne Wallace at awallace@tloffices.com.



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February 15 CPNO Members Meeting (Virtual) – Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Jerry Tillery, President. The motion to adopt the agenda passed. The motion to approve the January minutes passed.

Guest Speaker:

Lt. Desmond Floyd, Zone 6 Night Watch, reported a decrease in overall crime, vehicle theft, and theft of articles from vehicles in Beat 608. He emphasized "Clean Car Campaign" and "See Something, Say Something".

Amir Farokhi, District 2 Councilman, reported what the Council will focus on as follows: a) Tree Protection Act; b) Short Term Rental Ordinance; c) City Jail deposition; d) Participatory Budget has \$42,000 to spend on selected projects, e) Fence in Iverson Park.

Denise White, Policing Alternatives and Diversions Initiative, explained the program which is active in Little Five Points. It is available 7am-7pm by dialing 311. Her contact information is denise@atlantapad.org or 770-906-2333.

Michael Ross requested a letter of support for the Chimney Swift Tower at the corner of North and Oakdale Road. Motion that the CPNO Board write a letter of support for the Chimney Swift Tower passed.

Announcements:

Roger Bakeman, Membership Officer, reminded everyone to renew their membership.

Amy Stout, External Affairs Officer, announced upcoming NPU N votes:

a) Beltline Sub Area 5; b) Proposed overhaul of Zoning laws for housing; c) Extension of permit for Candler Music and Food Festival, September 11.

Treasurer Report

Karin Mack, Treasurer, reviewed the proposed 2021 Operational Budget. Motion to approve the 2021 Budget as proposed passed.

Zoning - Emily Taff. Zoning Officer

1241 Euclid Avenue- Motion to support the application and conditions for 1241 Euclid Avenue as filed with City passed.

Short Term Rental Substitute Ordinance-Motion to support the Short Term Rental Ordinance (20-0-1656) passed.

Pinebloom/Jackson Hill Baptist Church has been purchased by a developer who plans to demolish the Church and build Townhomes. This tract of land is technically in Druid Hills Neighborhood.

Peter Hicks expressed concern for the reopening of the MARTA fence in Iverson Park. Emily Taff, Zoning Officer, explained there was an error in January Minutes and there are no plans for this item at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary, February 15, 2021

CPNO Membership Application

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If sending by mail, please address to: CPNO Membership P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107



CPNO Officer and Committee Report for February

Freedom Park Conservancy -**Christina Moore**

Freedom Park Conservancy continues to work on the Master Plan for the park. Please go to https://freedompark.org/master-plan/ as we imagine the next generation of Freedom Park. Community input will be foundational to how the master plan evolves. We invite you to explore this website, to participate in the interactive activities, and to participate in our virtual public events.

Education - Dana Fowle

Atlanta Public Schools students returned to face-to-face instruction in 2021. Families still had the option to continue with virtual classes. Instructors are teaching to both at the same time.

The next Intent to Return Declaration for the final, nine-week quarter is Wednesday, Feb. 17th -Monday, March 8.

Enough students in APS left the system for other F2F options (private or other county schools) that teachers district-wide have begun to get notice that their contracts will not be renewed.

Fall outlook: APS schools will be open for F2F classes. Masks will likely still be worn, and Wednesday is looking like it will be virtual. Not asynchronous but virtual. All subject to change.

External Affairs - Amy Stout

There were no items on the agenda for the January 2021 NPU-N meeting that were specific for Candler Park. There was a presentation on the Policing Alternatives and Diversion (PAD) Initiative.

In Zones 5 and 6, residents now have the option to call 311 (instead of 911) to report concerns regarding individuals experiencing quality of life issues related to mental health, substance use, or extreme poverty.

This newly-renamed department's objective is to connect individuals with services. See www. atlantapad.org/311-community-referrals for more information. There was a presentation on the City's proposed changes to their food truck program. I shared the concerns brought up at the December CPNO meeting, and the NPU-N chair was to send a letter to the Planning Dept summarizing all concerns raised at the NPU-N meeting. There was a presentation on City's plans to overhaul the zoning code in order to remove exclusionary zoning categories in an effort to increase housing affordability in the City. See bit.ly/acdhousing for more information. You can email me at externalaffairs@candlerpark.org if you would like copies of either the food truck or zoning overhaul presentations. There was a also presentation with proposed updates to the BeltLine Subarea 5 Master Plan. See https:// beltline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/SA5_ MasterPlan_Report_DRAFT-191002_DRAFT.pdf for more details. NPU-N will vote on this at our February meeting.

Zoning - Emily Taff

The Zoning Committee met Feb. 3 via Zoom, it was attended by 6 (of 7) committee members, applicants and presenters for agenda items and around 8 additional neighbors.

1241 Euclid Ave (V-21-010) - First on the agenda was a variance request to reduce required side yard setback from 7 feet to 5.5 feet and reduce the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 11 feet in order to construct a new accessory dwelling unit. The reduction of the sideyard setback will enable the preservation of a mature sweetgum tree in the backyard. The committee found that this meets the conditions for a variance request most particularly the "Exception for preservation of mature trees: Variances to reduce required

setbacks may be granted for the sole purpose of preserving mature trees." -Committee voted unanimously to approve the variance on the condition that the applicant stick to the plans as presented to the City, appear before the CPNO and NPU-N this month, and finish notifying all neighbors within 300 feet before the CPNO meeting.

At the invitation of the Zoning Committee, Joel Reed presented plans for the development of 1585 South Ponce de Leon (Pinebloom/ Jackson Hill Baptist Church). This is in the Druid Hills Landmark Historic District and plans must be approved by the Atlanta Urban Design Commission (it will be on the Feb. 10 UDC agenda and likely deferred until Feb. 24). Property backs up to Clifton Terrace in CP.

Affidavit form for variance applicants has been updated so that a signature indicates one has seen plans for the variance rather than approves of plans. Committee voted unanimously to approve the new form and update on candlerpark.org.

Short Term Rental Substitute Ordinance (20-O-1656) - new legislation which provides for permitting/certification of STRs (such as Airbnbs) in Atlanta was reviewed. It will be voted on at the NPU-N meeting this month and Candler Park has the opportunity to weigh in with comments and a vote of support or not. No committee vote but it will be presented at the CPNO meeting.

At the end of the meeting a neighbor asked about the idea floating around of adding a gate in the fence between Iverson Park and MARTA, this item was not on the agenda but several opinions opposing the idea of a gate were expressed. This was not discussed further.

Finally, there is an opening on the Zoning Committee! - contact zoning@candlerpark.org



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