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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Jerry Tillery, President@CandlerPark.org

Welcome to the December issue of the Messenger. In this last address for myself, I want to thank everyone that has made serving as the CPNO President a success. It has been a pleasure to work closely with all of you. I hope we will continue to see each other as neighbors throughout the upcoming new year of 2022.

I want to extend my personal thanks to Emily Taff for filling in for me during some of the meetings under extenuating circumstances that kept me from these duties unexpectedly. It is her capabilities with team support that executed the tasks seamlessly. The best part of being a part of a neighborhood is to know that you are not alone. Let us welcome Emily as the new CPNO president of 2022. Emily will do a great job! CONGRATULATIONS!!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many additional thanks to all newly elected & returning officers of the board. I appreciate the time and efforts that go into the tasks of representing the neighborhood of Candler Park immensely. It is the execution and dedication of these works that invite others to participate. The personal time volunteered in behalf of others is the greatest gift you can give yourself as somebody.

For those taking a little break from volunteering time, like myself; I Thank You! As Lily Tomlin said, "I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that, then I realized I am somebody." Thank you for taking the time to be somebody! Happy New Year!

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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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

DECEMBER

- CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, Location ZOOM
- 2021 World Peace Pyramid building event @ the First Existentialist on Candler Park
- CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, Location
- Deadline to submit content for The Messenger!
- 20-31 CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, ZOOM 20 thru 31~APS Winter Break ~ HAPPY **NEW YEAR!**

JANUARY

- APS Teacher's Only Day 3
- APS First Instructional Day of Semester 2
 - Midtown HS Bell 8:45a 3:45p
 - Howard MS Bell 9:15a 4:15p
 - Mary Lin ES Bell 7:45a 2:45p
- CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, Location ZOOM
- CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, 13 Location TBD
- Deadline to submit content for The Messenger!
- APS Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, Location ZOOM
- Free National Parks Day in Observance of MLK

FEBRUARY

- Happy Chinese New Year of the Water
- CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, Location ZOOM
- CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, Location
- Deadline to submit content for The
- APS Break and President's Day Holiday 17-21
 - CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, Location

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.



December Update on 2021 World Peace Pyramid in Candler Park

By Bill Read, Candler Park Resident and First E Member

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of World Peace Day on September 21, 1981 by the United Nations, a 2021 World Peace Pyramid is being assembled in the R. Lanier Clance Memorial Woodland Sanctuary at the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta on Candler Park

Assembly of the pyramid base of 40 x 40 = 1,600 balls occurred on September 21, 2021. Then on October 17th the first of three public events was held so that Candler Park neighbors and First E members and friends could participate in the pyramid-building process. On that day 10 people gathered to peacefully place several thousand more balls on the pyramid. Before long, the pyramid had grown to seven levels totaling over 8,000 balls. Then on November 14th the second public event was held, and 21 people came by to participate in the pyramid-building. Enthusiasm was high and soon the pyramid had grown to 16 levels totaling over 16,000 balls. It was a wonderful fun day in every way.

The third public event occurs on December 12th when the final 24 levels will add appx. 5,000 more balls to the pyramid core. This will include placement of multi-color golf balls at the pyramid peak, with a special ball at the apex. Since each successive level is smaller, the progress will be rapid. Later on, the final step will occur during the holiday season when a few First Existentialist folks add more multi-color balls on each of the four pyramid sides to create artistic arrays that depict words or symbols of peace.

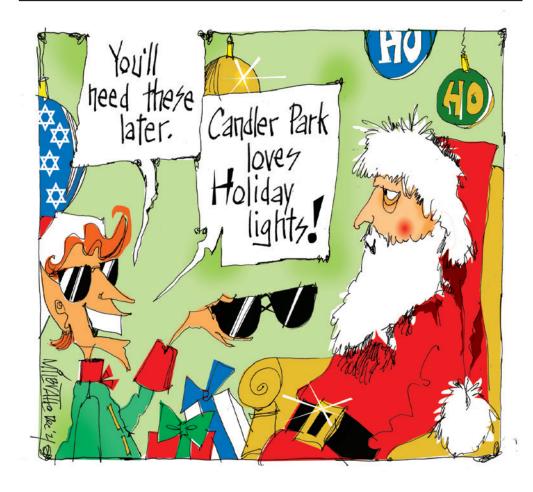
Once the pyramid of 22,140 golf balls is finished, the peace pyramid will be 5' 6" tall/wide and it will weigh 2,242 pounds. And upon completion, the 2021 World Peace Pyramid will be a new Guinness World Record for number of balls used in a pyramid. The current pyramid record of 16,206 golf balls was set in 2014 by a school in Tyler, Texas...using new and donated balls.

Thus, it is noteworthy that all of the 22,140 golf balls in the 2021 World Peace Pyramid were actually played at Candler Park golf course over the years before being lost and then eventually being found. Hence a special thanks to the golfers and neighbors in Candler Park who have made the 2021 World Peace Pyramid possible.

If you'd like to observe or participate in the 2021 World Peace Pyramid process, then plan to come by First Existentialist Congregation on Sunday afternoon on December 12 between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. This date is reserved for Candler Park Neighbors as well as First E Members and Friends. Then just follow the Pyramid signs up into the Memorial Woodland. For community safety, masks will be available at the Pyramid if you forget to bring your own.

And May There Be Peace on Earth...





Welcome and Thanks!

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

CPNO welcomes new member:

David Manders and Olivia Moser

Carolina Ibarra

...and three others who wished to remain anonymous

CPNO thanks members for their donation:

Ashley and Jack Reed

...and three other who wished to remain anonymous



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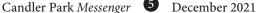
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Thank You CPNO Fall Festival Committee 2021

Last fall, for the first time in 20 years, Covid prevented Candler Park from spending a weekend convening artists, musicians, and friends, and we missed the annual celebration. Over the past few months, a dedicated team of volunteers worked to reignite the community spirit of Fall Fest, held October 2nd and 3rd.

For all the necessary considerations of our "new normal," Fall Fest 2021 felt like the familiar events of the past two decades. More than 90 artists and local sponsors hosted booths throughout the park, including a new loop at the top of the driveway. Children from the neighborhood played soccer and dragon ball led by the Contact Point team in the Kidlandia field, and more than a dozen food trucks served up everything from corn dogs to gourmet sandwiches and chocolate-filled pastries.

Friends from Candler Park and throughout Atlanta reunited on the beloved hill in front of the Fall Fest stage, listening to an eclectic mix of local bands like the bluegrass-tinged Dusty Roads, funk-infused Gurufish, and a special live cover of the album Tommy by I'm Free. Add a few cold cans of Sweetwater, and everyone felt the weekend signaled a return to what makes Candler Park stand out in Atlanta--relaxing family fun, a welcoming atmosphere, and an abundance of talent and creativity.

If you missed a band or didn't grab that piece of art that caught your eye, visit candlerpark. org/fallfest for the full line-up of all vendors, performers, and food options.

Businesses throughout Atlanta contributed to Fall Fest, allowing us to reinvest proceeds into Candler Park projects like sidewalk restoration. A special thanks to our generous sponsors: Sweetwater Brewing Company, Park Realty, Edgewood Retail District, Keller Knapp Realty, Morningside Pediatric Dentistry, Perspire Sauna Studio, Beryl Firestone Design, Candler Park Market, Cynthia Baer Realty, Fried Bonder White LLC, Pure Barre, Intown Lutheran Church, Fresh Harvest, and Small Business Solutions. Show your gratitude to our sponsors for supporting their community.

Dozens of volunteers donated their weekend time to make Fall Fest a success. They sold t-shirts, refilled water, distributed masks and hand sanitizer, and showed up in the middle of a pop-up thunderstorm to close down the festival on Sunday night. If you haven't yet volunteered during a Fall Fest, be sure to sign up next year! It's a terrific way to spend time with neighbors, meet new friends, and grab a t-shirt in your size and color before it sells out!

The all-volunteer Fall Fest planning committee, led by Matt Hanson, spent many Zoom hours and evenings planning every detail of the festival. Thank you to

- Maya Abboushi,
- Rachel Bowser,
- Mark Clement,
- Kerry Dobson,
- Beryl Firestone,
- Holly Goldberg,
- Lee Lindsey,
- Jason Lindsey,
- Marcie Morse,
- Dima Nazzal, and
- Amy Wheeler

Before the end of winter, the committee will start focusing on next year's fall, and we are hoping to make the 2022 festival the biggest event ever. Contact fallfest@candlerpark.org or any of the committee members to be part of Fall Fest.

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Fall Festival Musician Tom Gray

Requested by Mark Clement; Photos by Robert V. Giersch

It is with great sorrow we join the family & friends of Tom Gray's passing after playing his Grammy Award winning song(s) for 2021 Candler Park Fall Festival on the corner of Iverson and Candler in a house they were renting.

A celebration of Tom's life was held at the Park Tavern near Piedmont Park on November 3rd after a beautiful article on his life's accomplishments was posted in the Atlanta Journal Constitution by Bo Emerson on October 19th. As reported, Tom collapsed on his way to the recording studio doing what he loved most; writing music and lyrics to perform. From the emergency room bed Tom posted to his social media accounts of "his eagerness to be back home." Musical partner Mark Johnson, announced the following Sunday that Gray had died "with his boots on" in light of the sayings from older

The indelible impact Tom Gray's artistry had on Atlanta's music scene and relentless determination to let two bouts of cancer or any befallen accidents stop the show weaves permanently into the fabric of Georgia's resurgent tapestry. We will always miss the sense of Tom Gray, but every Fall Festival into the future celebrates alongside his widow, Janet Gray, who stated, his was a "philosophy [of living] a full life until the very end."





Memories of Fall Festival

Mark Clement, who was born in Candler Park in the early 1960s and witnessed the origins of Fall Fest from his home on Benning Place, continues to lead the Fall Fest music program from the early line-up decisions to the last t-shirt cannon on Sunday night. He shared some of his memories with fellow volunteer Lee Lindsey.

Growing up, neighborhood events and festivals were very important to us. Most surrounding neighborhoods had their own events, which I thought was due to civic pride, but later learned had an economic reason. Because of the widespread practice of redlining in Atlanta, banks would not readily issue mortgages in certain areas, leaving those communities with abandoned houses and depressed home values. To demonstrate that the areas could be vital communities and valid investments for banks and homeowners, intown neighborhoods started holding parades and festivals.

I think 1975 was the last Candler Park Halloween parade, festival, and Great Pumpkin Race. I remember this because I was 14 and won the teenage division at the Great Pumpkin 5K. My trophy was an old sneaker spray painted gold and nailed to a piece of wood. It was something I treasured for quite a while!

Through the 70s and 80s, there was a dramatic decrease in the number of school-aged children in Candler Park. During that time, it seemed like festivals in Lake Claire, Candler Park, and Little Five Points kind of faded away.

In 1997, a group of us got together and decided to revive the Candler Park Halloween tradition. Our plan was to do a one-day festival, parade, and road race with arts, music, and food. As we started working through the permitting process, we learned that Little Five Points had the exact idea and was starting their own Halloween parade. We regrouped, and the fall festival was born. We got so busy planning the first festival that we never landed on a name, so we simply became the fall festival. It started small (the neighborhood organization had an average balance of around \$300) but grew consistently through the years.

Eventually, our fall festival became the largest financial engine for CPNO--and the envy of other

neighborhoods. We've provided funding for the Clifton Men's Shelter and the Little Five Points police precinct, improved sidewalks, and funded projects for Mary Lin Elementary and Midtown (formerly Grady) High School.

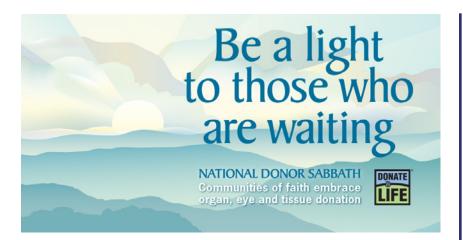
Music is so important to the success of Fall Fest. It's the best way to bring people together and get them out of their houses. We have a very aggressive music program at Fall Fest, and no other neighborhood festival has the production resources that we do. We have extremely diverse music, and I'm always on the lookout for something new and interesting. When booking bands, I listen to what people in our community are interested in, take suggestions from the community, and share programming ideas with our planning committee. It's a team effort, but when a music selection becomes a huge hit, of course I take full credit for it.:-)

One of the special music moments at Fall Fest has been seeing the Legends of the Blues year after year. This is where we select senior members of our blues-performing community and award them with a city council proclamation naming them one of the Atlanta Legends of the Blues. Many of these people have been keeping the blues alive without receiving recognition, and Fall Fest has been able to acknowledge their work.

For me personally, the Fall Fest brings a flood of special moments. I love the idea of getting the community together for this shared experience, but the biggest kick is meeting the challenge of putting on 12 bands over a weekend. The changeover between bands requires perfect planning and quick thinking--it's a mad dash to get one band off stage while setting up the next. I almost feel like I'm in an action movie, when the star walks in slow motion into the camera while everything explodes behind them. That's how I feel when I'm walking off the stage as the next band plays their first note.

I'm still here to participate in Fall Fest thanks to my anonymous organ donor who made it possible for me to be alive and healthy. Receiving the lifesaving gift of a new liver in 2019 was a reminder not to take any year for granted, and I'm grateful we were able to return to the festival in 2021.









Bird Cams ~ **TheCornellLab**

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Fall begins the great migration of our feathered friends as the weather turns fowl. Our mother who passed unexpectedly this month after losing my brother and her husband of 37 years loved to watch and feed all the wild visitors here in Atlanta. We continue the tradition with comforting memories of her care for wild life and the eco system many in this neighborhood share.

I have noted a few wise residents who have the ability to grow and maintain wild life stability, unlike myself and perhaps most of us who struggle to find the equilibrium. Diligently I have tried to create a safe space for any plant (even my Las Vegas desert cacti) from the acrobatic circus of "flying rats" known as native squirrels until giving into their demands with dried corn on the cob and sunflower seeds. After our fourth maybe fifth generation of frustration, they quickly became as cute as a bunch of newborn kittens to observe chasing each other.

Like my tour through most cities I have resided, these squirrels are the ones here in Atlanta who have attracted what my adult children call my totem, the peregrine falcon. The Peregrine on the stump by Candler Park Pool was taken our first year in this neighborhood. The other is a fledgling learning how to fly starting from the top of our 40 story domicile we resided in Chicago. Chicago maintenance crews always provided status that the roof top went from one nest to seven after we moved in tossing the cat's left over bits of food over the balcony several times a day. Friends told me this little buddy got a visit to the spa at the bird rescue shelter soon after I left. Don't tell the others, but the food is more frequent there... just not forever.

Another little buddy who sits with me as I toil in the soils of our backyard is known as the Caroline Chickadee. Among all the cardinals, blue jays, woodpeckers, robins and morning doves; this little chickadee stands out fearless of the human risk in me. None get closer than the little chickadees for the worms I uncover. In Las Vegas we had a family of hummingbirds by day and mocking birds by night that frequented our residence.

If you find that you are missing the frequency of bird wild life or wish to share an excessive amount with others; please consider surfing down to the Cornell Lab Bird Cams (https:// www.allaboutbirds.org/cams/). At the very least the visit will expand personal ideas for 2022.

Independent Pharmacist of the Year

Requested by Jesse & Richard Bathrick; Published 11122021 in the Atlanta Jewish Times by Fran Putney

For Ira Katz, owner of the Little Five Points Pharmacy, it's all about community. That's why being the 2021 recipient of the National Community Pharmacists Association's (NCPA) highest honor, the Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year Award, means so much to him.

"I was really shocked by it. It's the highest, most coveted award from colleagues at a national level," said Katz. "I was really bowled over."

Raised in the Bronx, Katz, 67, attended Emory University as an undergraduate, returned to New York to earn his pharmacy degree at St. John's University, and came back to Atlanta with his wife, Dr. Mindy Wertheimer, to begin his career. He first worked with the Reed drugstore chain at several stores; but all along, Katz said, he knew he wanted to open his own pharmacy.

He and Mindy would drive around various suburban areas in search of a location. Nothing seemed right until about two years later, in 1980, when he connected with Kelly Jordan, who, along with his business partner, was redeveloping a retail center on Moreland Avenue as part of the Little Five Points revitalization plan. According to Jordan, local pharmacies were part of the neighborhood's history since the 1920s. "We knew if the neighborhood was to be revitalized, we needed an independent pharmacy," Jordan said. He and Katz met in the back room of the old L5P Pub and discussed plans.

Little Five Points is a small business district known for its bars and pubs, small theaters, music venues, tattoo parlors, and other offbeat establishments. It's surrounded by historic intown neighborhoods like Candler Park, Inman Park, Druid Hills and Edgewood, whose demographics range from students to families.

Katz says his upbringing in the Bronx gave him a real appreciation of the value of community and that he immediately saw a fit with the neighborhood. "When I got home, I said to my wife, 'I think I found what I want to do.' I knew that this



Katz made headlines in June 2018 after he saved a young man from a drug overdose.



Pharmacist Ira Katz holds a box of Narcan (naloxone), a nasal spray that reverses opioid overdose.

is a community and a neighborhood unlike anything else I was looking at."

Now 42 years later, the busy pharmacy employs a staff of eight, including some who have been with Katz for more than 20 years.

"I love the diversity and have pretty much seen everything," said Katz, who made headlines in June 2018 after he used Narcan to revive a man overdosing in the parking lot. (Narcan is a popular brand of naloxone, a medicine used to quickly reverse opioid overdose.) Since then, Katz has rescued others and become a champion of combatting opioid abuse. He works with Atlanta Harm Reduction to train people to administer Narcan and gives it out free of charge in hopes of saving more lives.

As a community pharmacist, Katz says interacting directly with his clients and doing advocacy is gratifying. In keeping with the changes of his profession, Katz administers immunizations, works with patients on medication therapy management, and attends classes so he can counsel his clients on health and wellness issues such as diet and nutrition.

"We really love and appreciate him," said Kelly Stocks, president of the Little Five Points Business Association. "Ira is a great asset to our neighborhood. The pharmacy is one of those legacy businesses we have in Little Five Points that we cherish that other neighborhoods don't have."

As an essential business, Katz managed to keep the pharmacy open during the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. For 14 months, staff would allow one person in the store at a time or bring

medicine and orders to customers outside. Now the pharmacy is fully open again, although masks are mandatory in the store.



Katz received the coveted Independent Pharmacist of the Year award in Charlotte last month.

Among his many honors and awards, Katz was recognized with a resolution at the Georgia Senate after he saved the young man's life in the parking lot. In a show of affection from the community in 2013, Katz was asked to be the Grand Marshal of the Inman Park Festival parade, that year riding in front of his friend, Congressman John Lewis.

Katz and Wertheimer live in East Cobb, where they raised their two now-adult daughters, both of whom attended Jewish day schools. Wertheimer is a past president of JF&CS and recently retired after 30 distinguished years on the faculty of the Georgia State University School of Social Work. For his part, Katz, who is also an adjunct professor at Mercer University, often speaks to local media, and serves in leadership roles in professional organizations, says he has no plans to retire.

"I love my profession," says Katz, an active member of Congregation B'nai Torah. "Not too many people can say that. Every day I make a difference. That's what sets independent pharmacies apart."

Katz received the award at the NCPA's annual convention in Charlotte, N.C. on Oct. 11. "Ira's leadership, dedication and commitment to community make him a deserving recipient of this year's Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year Award," said NCPA CEO B. Douglas

"Ira's service to his community has saved lives and is unwavering. He is a prime example of the importance of community pharmacies to people in cities and towns across America."



Rocket Fuel Fund Takes Off!

By Shari Gunnin

Have you noticed the "Proud Supporter of the Mary Lin Education Foundation" signs around the neighborhood? If you don't have a child in elementary school, you may not be aware of what exactly the Mary Lin Education Foundation is. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides funding for professional development, curriculum enrichment, new technology and environmental upgrades not covered by the district budget.

The Foundation is in the midst of its Annual Rocket Fuel Fund giving campaign. Mary Lin is one of six schools in APS that does not receive Title 1 funding (federal funds allocated to districts that qualify as disadvantaged). Mary Lin is fortunate to be in this position, but still needs to fill the sizeable gap between the resources needed to reach every student and the budget allocated by the district. At non-Title 1 schools, such budget deficits must be filled by parents, relatives and/or the local business community. To meet that need, the Mary Lin Education Foundation (MLEF) started the Rocket Fuel Fund, a traditional "check-writing" style annual fundraising campaign, in 2016.

This year, the Foundation is holding a competition within each grade level to see which teacher's class has the most participation. (Amount doesn't matter for the participation contest!) Many local businesses have donated to our "teacher prize packages," and we have six packages, one for a winning teacher in each grade, all valued at approximately \$300. Some of the local merchants donating to the prize packages are Align Heath, AKT Fitness, Aurora Coffee, Candler Park Market, Honey Next Door, Monk's Mead, and Revolution Doughnuts. Thank you so much for supporting our teachers!

Mary Lin is a hub for the Candler Park community. Many of the Mary Lin teachers, staff, and administrators live in Candler Park! Please consider making a tax-free donation to the Mary Lin Education Foundation. What better way to support your local community? Donate at www.marylinfoundation.org.

CPNO Member Meetings:The Reality of Voting Remotely

Roger Bakeman (Membership) and Ryan Anderson (Communications)

The October CPNO meeting brought a few realities to light about the merits and pitfalls of Zoom poll voting. As most of you know, only current CPNO members are allowed to vote; membership is free and easy to update online at candlerpark.org. If you've attended in-person meetings you know that we kept a list of members at the meeting each month and if your name was on the list, you would get a slip of paper to signal your vote. During Zoom meetings, a membership officer keeps that list handy and marks off attendees at each meeting.

Most CPNO members—even those who share a street address and often a last name with another member—are listed individually in our membership file, each with a unique email address. Some members, however, provide a compound name (e.g., Chris and Pat Jones) with a single email address. In the days of in-person meetings, each member who signed in was given a ticket to display when voting. If both members included in a compound name attended, each was given a voting ticket.

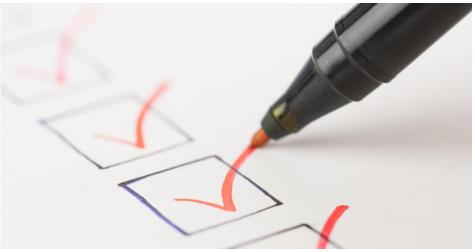
Anyone, members and nonmembers alike, could attend in-person meetings. The same is true for online meetings: anyone who has the Zoom link can join the meeting. But voting online still presents some challenges.

For online Zoom polls we rely on an honor system, reminding attendees that only those who were members as of the first day of the month are eligible to vote. However, there is no easy way to check this and if more than one member is attending the Zoom meeting on one device (i.e., one Zoom square) they will get only one tally and one vote in a Zoom poll. If this matters to them, each should sign in separately

on separate devices. This system—one tally for attendance per sign-in and honor-system voting—works well enough as long as the poll results aren't close.

In the event that Zoom poll results are close, we have had to come up with a new system, which we tried for the first time in October. We disregard the Zoom poll results and, to get an accurate count, vote instead using the CPNO website. To record their votes, members login to our website (just as they do when renewing) using a unique URL we provide specifically for that vote. For their vote to count, members must vote before the deadline we give (usually by 6 pm the next day) and—just as with in-person meetings—must have attended the meeting.

Because the membership committee keeps a list of who attends Zoom meetings, we are able to check that those who voted online were present at the Zoom meeting and are current members. For members with a compound name, with a single email and thus only one login, we will count your vote double IF both of you attended the meeting. (This assumes you both agree on your votes, if not, let us know by email and we will make adjustments.) All this explains why it is important to let the membership officer know via the chat your actual name and who is on the call if there is more than one member attending via one device. (There is always a reminder about this at the beginning of Zoom meetings.) As you can imagine, this is a fair bit of work for our CPNO volunteers, so please keep this in mind and be respectful of the process. If you have any questions, please email membership@candlerpark.org.



SAVE THE DATE

Nov 27, Small Business Saturday

Wear your most festive holiday sweater for discounts and prizes on Small Biz Saturday! Look for our SBS video on social media.

Dec 4, at L5P Community Center

A Special Bizarre Bazaar Kids Vendor Market, kids apply at BizBazL5P@gmail.com

Dec 4, L5P Krampus Krawl with **Wreck the Halls**

Dec 5, Family Portrait with Krampus at Junkman's Daughter, 1-4pm

Waiting for an answer from SantaCon. It would usually be December 18.

Dec 22, Last Minute Holiday Street Market on Euclid with Bizarre Razaar

Vendors apply at https://forms.gle/ T2QzAFpXHE9cuEmD6

January

the L5P Business Association will be selling hearts with messages to go on a mural in L5P. Email hello@l5pba.com if interestedJan 8, ELVIS and BOWIE Birthday celebration

Jan 17 - Clean up-- Service Day

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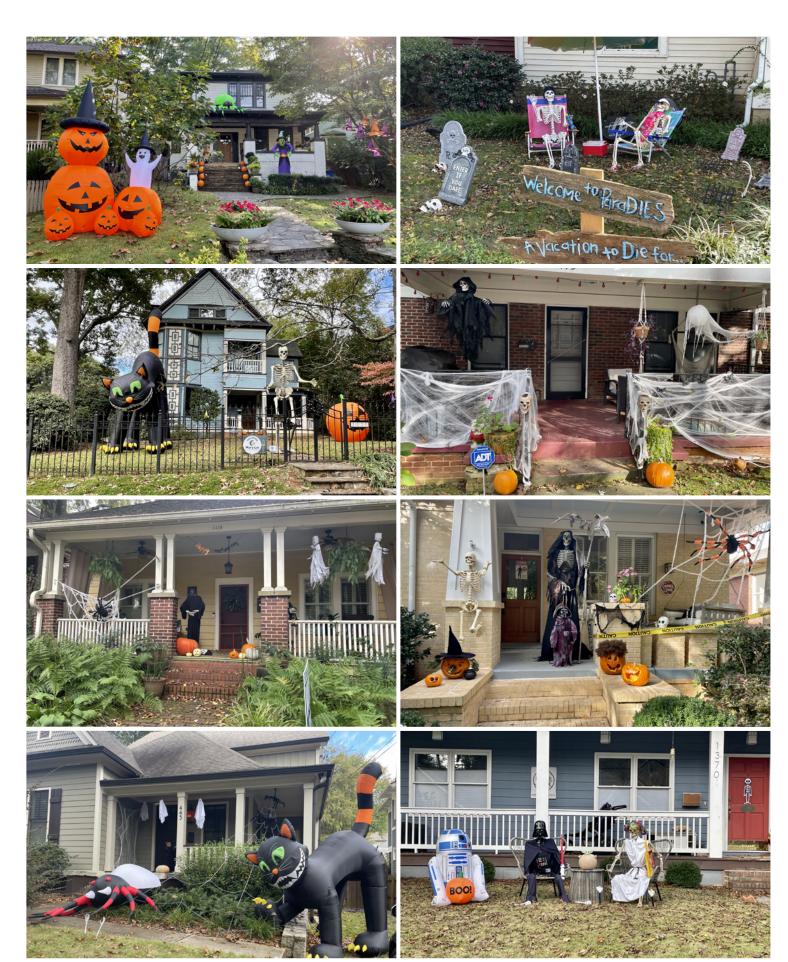
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OUR ALIGN GUIDE TO GROCERIES

Though it's something most of us do several times per month, going to the grocery store can still be pretty intimidating for many people trying to improve their well-being through healthier food choices. That's why we've created our Align Guide to Groceries! With these tips on your side, you can shop stress-free.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Meal planning and making a grocery list ahead of your trip will help ensure your shopping stays on track. Whether you go analog and write your list down on paper, or prefer to use your phone to keep track of needs, plan everything in advance to avoid snack aisle temptations or impulse buys.

FIRST UP - PRODUCE, PRODUCE, PRODUCE

Did you know the key element missing in most diets today is fresh fruits and vegetables? Eating plenty of produce guarantees your body is getting all the phytochemicals, nutrients, and vitamins it needs to be healthy. Here are our favorite tips for navigating the produce aisle:

Shop SLO

Whenever you can, choose fruits and vegetables that are seasonal, local, and organic. Food that's in season will always taste better, and is more likely to be fresh. Shopping local means there is less time between your produce being harvested and you eating it. That means you can get more nutrients out of every bite. We've talked about the importance of eating organic before, but choosing certifiedorganic groceries means you can make sure you're getting the proper levels of phytonutrients.

Eat your rainbow

The secret to getting all the nutrients you can out of your produce is making sure your fruits and veggies are made of colors as possible. Deep greens, like kale or collards, will help strengthen your immune system, nourish your nervous system, and ward off depression or anxiety. Red fruits and veggies, like pomegranate or radishes support heart and brain function, especially memory. Orange fruits and vegetables are full of beta carotene and vitamin C-great for improving eye health. Yellow fruits and vegetables improve circulation. White fruits and vegetables reduce blood pressure and



LDL cholesterol. Blue and purple foods are rich in antioxidants and can prevent early signs of aging and heart disease.

Get your flavors naturally

Rather than loading up on salts or artificial flavorings, opt for rich flavors that come from whole foods. Garlic, ginger, and onions are known for their anti-viral and antibacterial properties and they are often used as natural antibiotics. Keep fresh herbs, garlic, onions, and ginger in your kitchen year-round. In addition to offering a wide variety of nutritional benefits, these staples can take a healthy dish from bland to bravo.

Switch up your sweets

There are few things more tempting than the aisles of candy and cookies in any American grocery store. While the occasional sugary sweet is well-deserved... the key word there is occasional. Instead of artificially sweetened treats, get your sweet craving fix through sweets from the earth. Eating sweet vegetables helps reduce sweet cravings. Sweets like cookies, cakes, and ice cream can be crowded out by naturally sweet cooked vegetables like delicata squash, butternut squash, carrots, yams, sweet potatoes, and onions.

GET YOUR PROTEIN ON

We all need protein in our diets from some form. Whether you get your protein from animal or plant sources, it's crucial for building cells, maintaining

tissue integrity, and producing critical enzymes and

Getting protein from animals

Be sure to check the dates when buying fresh animal products, and look for the terms organic, pasture-raised, and certified humane on labels. Animal products and byproducts that are certified-organic come from animals raised on organic feed without antibiotics or hormones. Pastureraised means that the animals are allowed to roam freely and eat what is natural to them. Certified humane typically means the animals are free to behave naturally, have sufficient access to the outdoors, and slaughterers are held to higher standards, minimizing the animals' pain.

Getting protein from plants

It's easy to resort to highly processed imitation meat products when cutting down on animal protein. These products may seem helpful for someone transitioning from a meat-heavy diet, but it's important to focus on natural, whole products. If you're looking to decrease the amount of animal protein in your diet, quinoa or chia seeds may be what you're looking for. Lentils also pack a punch of protein, standing in at 18 grams of protein per cooked cup. Chickpeas and other beans are an easy way to add protein to salads and soups. Oatmeal is a great way to start your day with a plant-based protein.

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Getting protein from seafood

Seafood is another important source of protein. It's a great source of omega-3 fatty acids, which keep our heart and brain healthy. You might want to experiment with fresh fish and seafood like salmon, cod, sardines, and mackerel. There are a few things to keep in mind though when buying and eating seafood. First, smaller fish are a better bet usually. They tend to swim closer to the surface of the water, which means they typically carry less mercury. When buying whole fish take a good look at the eyes and the gills—the eyes should be clear (not glazed over) and the gills should be red. Fish should also have tight skin and a clean smell. Fish fillets and steaks should be bright and clean in color-not murky. Always ask when the fish came into your store. If it's been sitting on display for more than a day don't buy it. And most importantly, buy wild caught and not farm raised fish.

Getting protein from eggs

Eggs boast a great balance of protein and fat. They're a complete protein, which means they provide all the essential dietary amino acids the body needs. They also contain healthy amounts of vitamin D. Eggs are a great, quick, and easy way to add protein to a meal of grains and vegetables, especially if you're on a budget! When buying eggs, look for the terms certifiedorganic and pasture-raised. When it comes to white eggs versus brown eggs, there's no real difference in the quality or nutritional value. So eat the ones you like!

LET'S TALK ABOUT DAIRY

Dairy is a topic that provokes a lot of conversation. Many people argue that dairy can lead to digestive issues, allergies, and/or mucus, while others enjoy dairy symptom free. The truth of it is that some people react badly to dairy, while some people can it eat with no problems at all. Some people can't eat any dairy whatsoever, while some of you might realize you can only eat certain kinds or need to watch your consumption levels.

If you can eat dairy, there are some guidelines to follow.

Once more with feeling-opt for pasture-raised, certified-organic, and

Choose dairy that's high-quality and follows our golden rule for shopping. Healthy cows,

and other dairy producing animals, produce healthy dairy. A cow that's pasture-raised and grass-fed will get ample time outdoors, which gives them lots of time to absorb the sunshine—a source of Vitamin D.

Ghee whiz—ghee is delicious!

Ghee is clarified butter. It can add a delicious nutty flavor to vegetables, and you can also add it to grains after they've been cooked.

If dairy isn't a friend of yours or your digestive system, you still have plenty of options!

Dairy-free milk has never been better

We are living in the boom-times of alternative milks. Nut milks are all the rage. At most grocery stores, you can find almond milk but consider trying more nut milks too like hazelnut milk or pistachio. You can also find and enjoy milk from rice, oat, or coconut. When looking for non-dairy milk, choose one that has certified organic ingredients, has the fewest number of ingredients on the label, and make sure it's unsweetened - sweeteners can add up to 25 grams of sugar per cup!

WE HAVE MUCH TO GAIN FROM GRAINS

Most supermarkets carry a variety of grain options, including gluten-free and/ or wheat-free items. Grains get tricky though (like most things) when it comes to marketing. Many products boast that they're chock-full of whole grains, but a quick glance at the label reveals that very minimal grains were included in the food product. This is where your detective skills come into play! The key is finding products made from whole grains.

What are whole grains? They're grain products where all parts of the grain are left intact.

Here are a few more tips:

Take a grain-first approach

When you're checking your grain's ingredient list, you want to make sure a whole grain is the first ingredient. If the ingredients listed first look like, wheat, enriched wheat, or enriched flour-they're trying to trick you! Check the ingredient list on a product

claiming to be whole grain. A whole grain should be listed first in the ingredients - not "wheat" or "enriched wheat" or "enriched flour."

Know the whole story on whole grains

To identify a whole grain as the first ingredient in your grain, you need to

know your grains! Wheat grains include bulgur, cracked wheat, spelt, and wheat berries. Wheat-free and gluten-free grains include amaranth, buckwheat, corn, millet, rice and quinoa - which is technically a seed. Oats are inherently gluten-free, but cross-contamination during growing and processing is common so check the label if you have gluten sensitivity.

FATS ARE GOOD FOR YOU - HEALTHY FATS, THAT IS

Healthy fats are essential to good health. Fats are needed for everything from brain function to vitamin absorption. You can get great healthy fats from oils, nuts, seeds, coconut, and avocados.

When choosing oils at the store, there are a few things to keep in mind. Avoid hydrogenated and bleached oils. Select olive oil with an expiration date, olives are sourced from one country, and has a lot number. Look for brands that are cold pressed and unrefined.

Don't be afraid to switch it up! Olive oil is delicious drizzled directly onto salads and grains. Sesame oil lends a unique, nutty flavor - you can get hot sesame oil or toasted sesame oil to mix it up and suit your taste. Coconut oil lends a smooth coconut taste. There's also almond, avocado, and hazelnut.

Heat and light speeds up the rancidity of oils, so you never want to keep them near a window or hot stove. Keep them in a cupboard that stays cool and doesn't get light. Also, look for oils in dark bottles when possible. Oils are great natural body moisturizers too. You can use coconut oil to prevent stretch marks and smooth the skin, avocado oil to revive dry, brittle hair, and sesame oil for a healthy massage.

GET ON TOP OF CONDIMENTS

Who doesn't love condiments? The condiment aisle is your go-to source for whatever you need to make your food taste exactly how you want. Stocking up on condiments is a great way to make sure you can always host a memorable dinner part. When cooking for a group, let guests personalize their plate by adding flavors from all the condiments you have. Condiments can be adjusted so easily, and they keep well in the fridge so you don't have to constantly replace them. Win-win!

We do have a few suggestions, though, for shopping condiments.

Tamari

Tamari is a gluten-free soy sauce that can be



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used on grains, soups, vegetables, and pretty much any recipe that calls for salt.

• Seaweed flakes

Salt is delicious, but not particularly great for you. Seaweed flakes, however, are a great salt alternative.

• Apple cider vinegar

Try apple cider vinegar for a sour, tangy flavor, or balsamic if you want something a little sweeter.

Nutritional yeast

Nutritional yeast is a great condiment that adds a cheesy flavor to foods and contains a lot of protein and B vitamins.

• Looking for spice or nutty flavors?

Hot peppers, sesame oil, or cayenne pepper sauce are great options for adding heat. If you're looking for a nutty flavor, try sesame salt, tahini, or nut butters.

FLAVOR TOWN: HERBS, SPICES, AND SWEETENERS

Let's get into flavors.

Herbs and spices taste great and have many powerful health benefits. Well, they have powerful health benefits when they're unprocessed and

organic. Experiment with spices and seasonings to determine which ones you prefer. Here are our tips:

Herbs like basil, oregano, thyme, and bay

leaves complement everything from lighter fish and chicken to meats like steak and lamb. They're also great on whole grain bread with garlic and olive oil.

- Coriander, cumin, and ginger help to reduce gas caused by beans.
- Cinnamon, cloves, coriander, ginger, cardamom, and nutmeg enhance the flavors of sweet vegetables and make them more digestible. They can also improve the digestion of dairy, fruit dishes, and desserts.
- What about salt? When shopping for salt, look for naturally harvested sea salt, which has a gray-ish tint and looks almost damp because it hasn't been bleached and therefore retains many of its important natural qualities.

What about sweetening? We recommend that you get whole, naturally sweet foods in your diet – this way you can satisfy a sweet tooth without deprivation. There are tons of all-natural sweeteners that can add a sweet, nutritious touch without all the chemicals. Honey is delicious, and is a great way to combat seasonal allergies, especially if you buy the local raw, unrefined type.

Maple syrup is a great way to add minerals to your diet, and can add a unique flavor to more than just pancakes and waffles. Many people enjoy baking with maple syrup. Keep in mind to keep your sugar consumption to under 20 grams of sugar a day.

FEEL EMPOWERED TO EXPLORE YOUR STORE

As you investigate the products your store has to offer, keep an open mind, experiment, and don't be afraid to try new things. Each time you visit the supermarket, act as if it's your first time and try something new. Check out what other people have in their carts. If it looks interesting, ask them about it – what it is, what it tastes like, and how to prepare it.

The organic and natural food industry is growing so rapidly, it's likely you'll find a new product every time you step into the store. We hope you've enjoyed our top tips for exploring the supermarket. Now it's your turn! We challenge you to take your very own supermarket tour and develop a list of your favorite tips and tricks to share with your classmates, family members, friends, and of course your future clients. by Gail@AlignHealthCoaching.com



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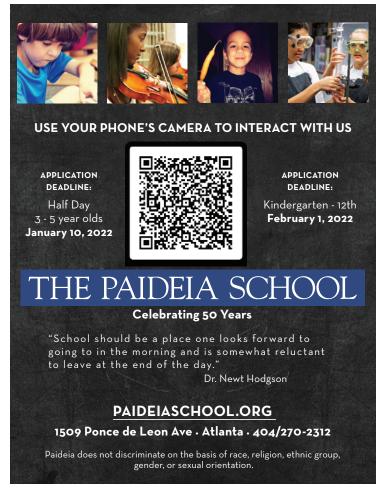


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October Neighborhood Crime Reports

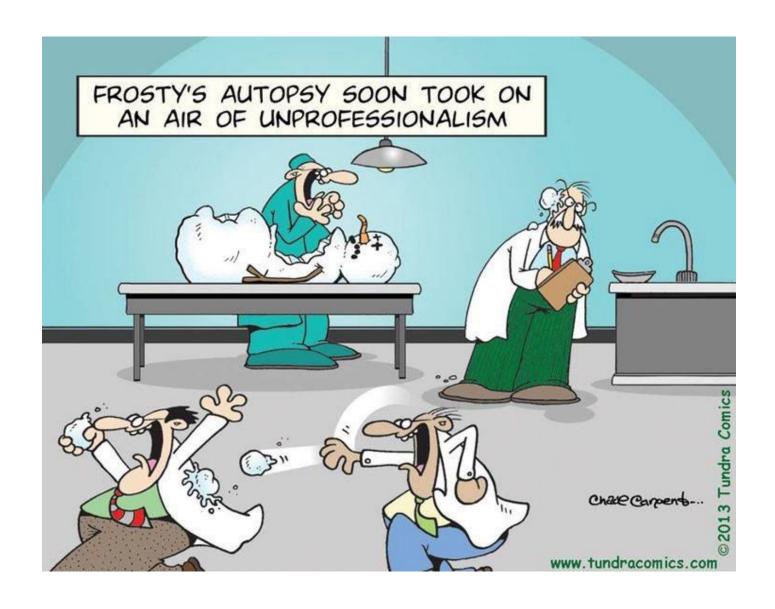
By Kerry Dobson (safety@candlerpark.org)

A long-time and popular feature in the Messenger was the neighborhood crime reports. They were discontinued in May 2017 when the Atlanta Police Department (APD) stopped providing us the information. Now they are back and available on-line. Here's the link: https://www.atlantapd.org/community/ apd-zones/zone-6-542/-folder-48

The information for Candler Park for July and August, extracted from this file, is below. Look for similar reports in future issues of the Messenger.

It's worth noting that most crimes are larceny from vehicles, a reminder to maintain a clean car—leave nothing visible—and that neighbors should tell guests and visitors to do the same.

SEPTEMBER CRIME REPORT, CANDLER PARK							
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description			
10/2/2021	Saturday	18:49	Josephine/Dekalb Ave	larceny-from vehicle			
10/7/2021	Thursday	15:32	1200 block of Dekalb Ave	larceny-from vehicle			
10/9/2021	Saturday	17:00	400 block of Page Ave	larceny-from vehicle			
10/12/2021	Tuesday	17:30	400 block of Moreland Ave	larceny-from vehicle			
10/13/2021	Wednesday	13:02	400 block of Moreland Ave	larceny-from vehicle			
10/16/2021	Saturday	18:45	1600 block of McLendon Ave	larceny-from vehicle			



Novembr 15 CPNO Members meeting (Virtual) - Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Emily Taff, Vice President. The motion to adopt the corrected agenda passed. The motion to approve the October minutes passed.

Guest Speakers:

- Zone 6 Officer-not present
- Lauren Welsh-Executive Director of CID and Little Five Point Alliance Lauren shared the accomplishments of these organizations over the past two years. She is requesting a \$2500 donation
- Christine Hodgen-Infrastructure Committee
 - 1. The 25mph speed limit on McLendon Avenue will be implemented by the end of the year.
 - The DeKalb Avenue construction will take a year; it will remain open to traffic; the middle lane will be removed.

Announcements:

Kelly Stocks announced the dates

for events in Little Five Points- Nov 27-Christmas Bizaar ;Dec 4 Children's Bizaar; Dec 5- Family Photo Day; Dec 22last minute Christmas shopping.

- Erica Gonzalez announced the Paideia Annual Field Day will be April 15, 2022. Motion to support the Paideia Field Day on 4/15/2022 passed.
- Freedom Park Conservancy will have a day of planting around the Chimney Swift Tower at the corner of Oakdale and North on November 20th at 1 pm.
- Amy Stout, External Affairs Officer, announced the results of the NPU N voting on Z-21-74 and Z-21-85. NPU did not support either ordinance.

Election of Officers

Motion to elect the 2022 Slate of Officers passed.

The Officers for 2022 are:

President-Emily Taff;

Treasurer - Amy Wheeler;

Secretary - Bonnie Palter (incumbent);

Membership - Roger Bakeman (incumbent);

Fundraising - Hallie Meushaw;

Zoning - DJ Roedger;

Public Safety - Kerry Dobson (incumbent);

Communications - Ryan Anderson (incumbent);

External Affairs - Amy Stout (incumbent)

Treasurer Report: Karin Mack

There was \$780 in donations in October. \$4,000 was paid out to the Little Five Points

Fundraising and FallFest Update: Matt Hanson and Amy Wheeler

The Festival lost \$15,000 due to fewer sponsorships, smaller artist market, increase expenses for security and sanitation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm. Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary

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CPNO Officer and Committee Report for November

Zoning-Emily Taff

Due to a lack of agenda items, the Zoning Committee did not meet for the regularly scheduled meeting on November 3. A revised variance request for 1312 McLendon (V-21-202) was received too late for the Zoning Committee to review and will be deferred to the December 8 Zoning Committee meeting.

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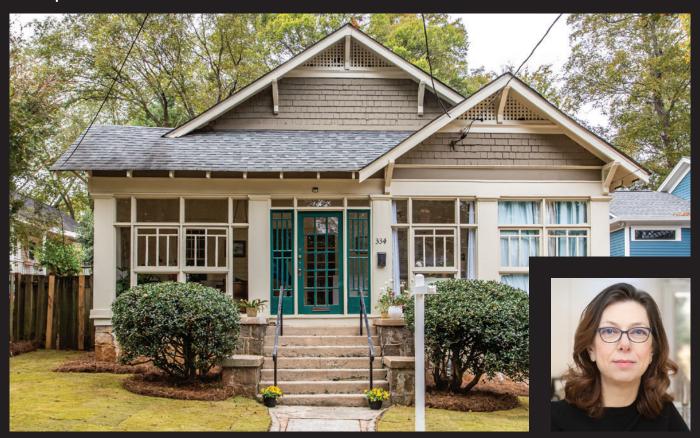
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