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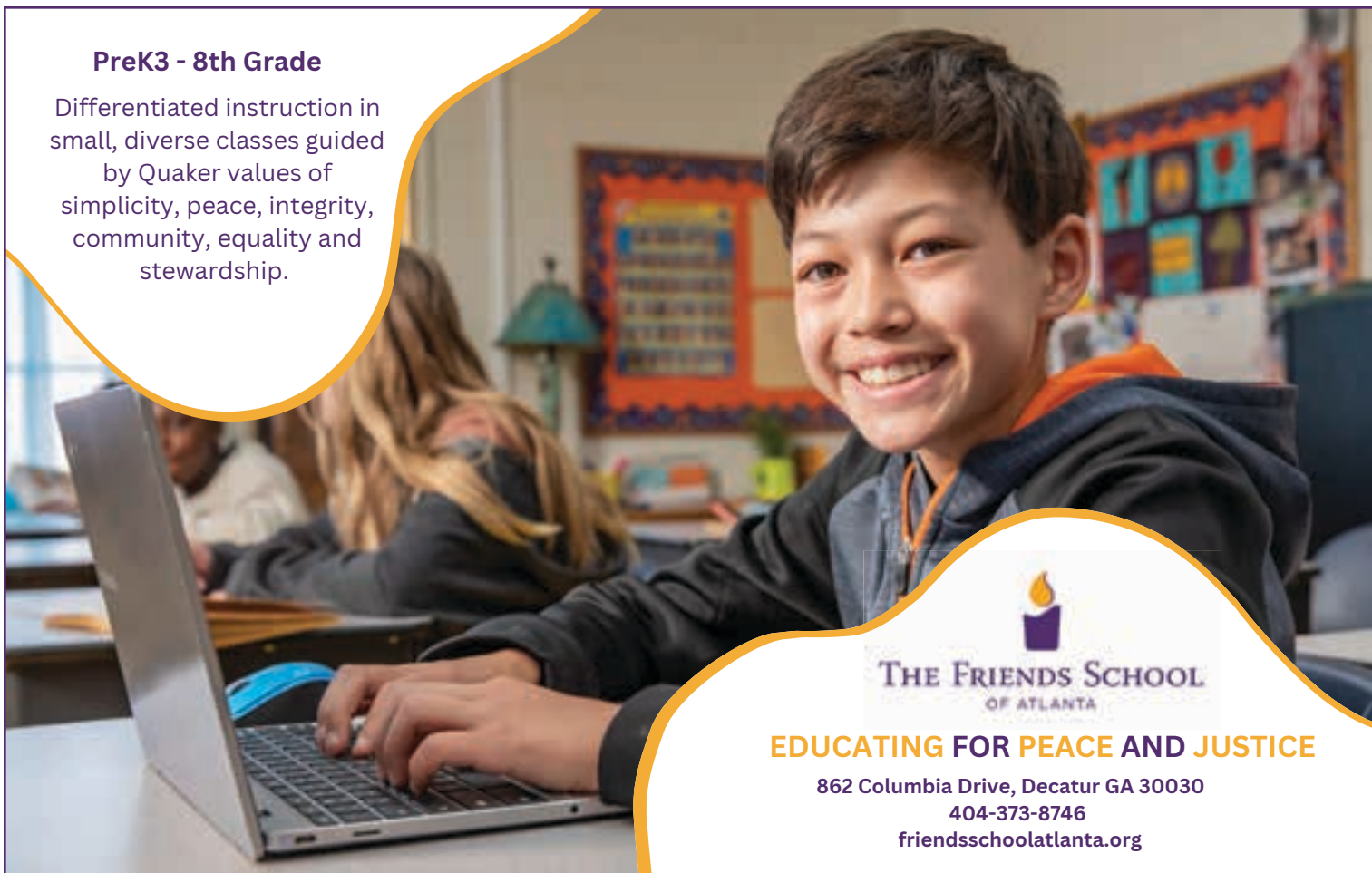
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A New Start

By Christina Hodgen , president@candlerpark.org

Every year in January, we have a new start. Even though most things actually stay the same from December 31st to January 1st, something feels different. It's a good time to re-evaluate priorities and think about the future.

My name is Christina Hodgen and I am joining the CPNO board as President this year. I have lived on Elmira Pl. with my husband, Aaron, since 2008. Our house is now full with Kiwi (dog), Oscar (human child), John (human child), and my lovely mother, Maria.

I came to CPNO by way of the L5P Alliance. The people I have met through Little 5 Points have taught me so much about community organizing

FROM THE PRESIDENT

and learning from the past. Borrowing from our event this past year, the people really do make the place.

My hope for Candler Park in the New Year is that more neighbors will get involved by joining as a member, serving on a committee, or volunteering. Our neighborhood will always be evolving and change is inevitable so why not participate. We can learn from the perspectives of ALL our different neighbors.

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 via Zoom.

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

Committee meetings typically take place at The Neighborhood Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., unless otherwise announced. Check online calendar or with committee chair for changes.

Find specific meeting information on page 4 and up-to-date meeting and event information 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

JANUARY

- 15** Deadline to submit content for The Messenger!
- 16** CPNO Membership Meeting, 7-9 pm, Zoom
- 21** Book Club Meeting, Light From Uncommon Stars, by Ryka Aoki

FEBRUARY

- 15** Deadline to submit content for The Messenger!
- 16** Book Club Meeting, The Class of '65, by Jim Auchmuty
- 25** CPNO Membership Meeting, 7-9 pm, Zoom

Many CPNO meetings are still held via Zoom. Please check CPNO's Upcoming Events list at candlerpark.org and watch for membership email notices for location and cancellation information. All CPNO meetings are open to the public.



Congratulations to the Board of Directors for 2023!

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Biographies of your CPNO representatives coming in February!



CJ Jones and the Spirit Bones

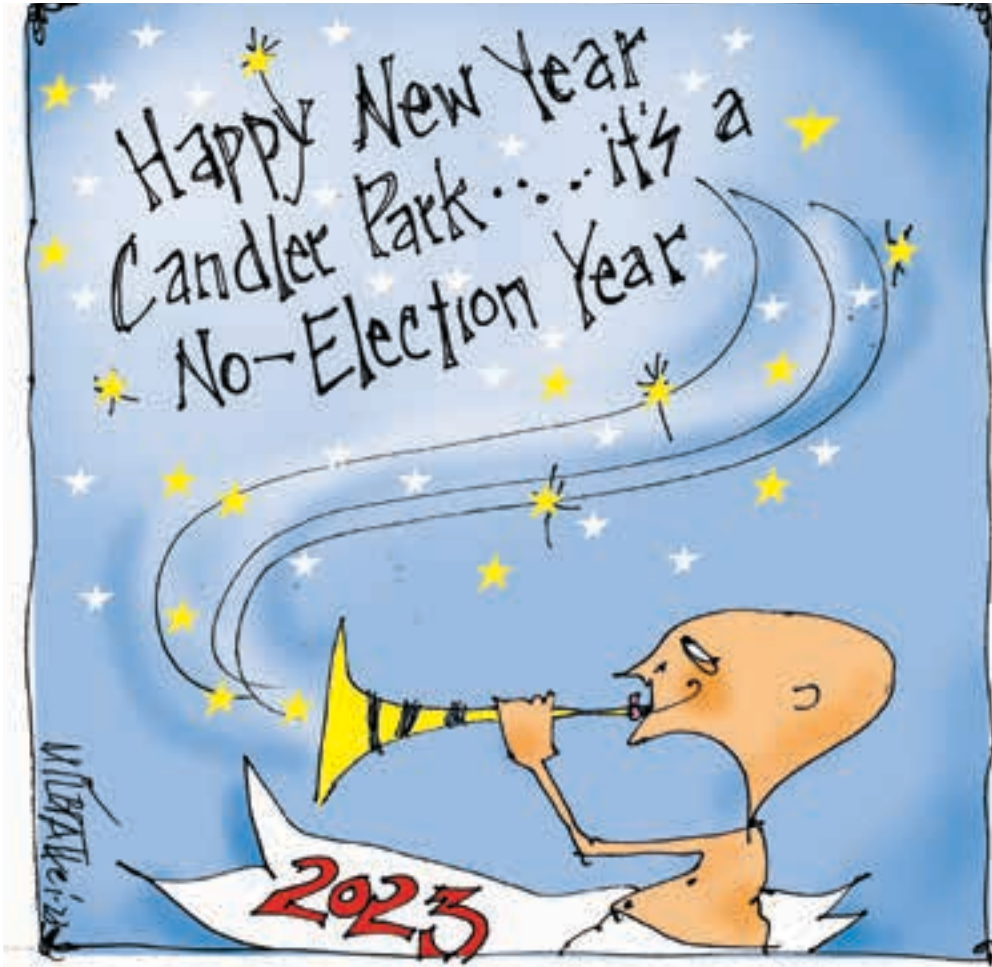


Mockingbird's Wing

Fiddler's Green at First E

Fiddler's Green Coffeehouse presents Mockingbird's Wing and CJ Jones and the Spirit Bones Saturday, January 21, 7:00 pm, at First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta, 470 Candler Park Dr. NE. Mockingbird's Wing is an organically grown acoustic band made up of four diverse musicians: Barbara Hotz, Jonathan McBee, Paul Pendery and Suzy Schultz. Like the mockingbird herself, all the different voices and styles come together for a unique, inimitable sound that has gained Mockingbird's Wing a strong following at local coffeehouses and festivals. CJ Jones & The Spirit Bones play original songs that sound like Commander Cody, Mojo Nixon and Hunter S Thompson had a three-way mutant love child. Band Leader and songwriter Ted Pettus plays with some of Atlanta's finest musicians who bring these songs to a new level of funkabilly at notable venues such as Clermont Lounge, Red Light Café, The Earl, Inman Park Festival and Lake Claire Land Trust. Presented by Atlanta Area Friends of Folk Music (AAFFM). Admission: Minimum Admission (cash or check): \$10 general, \$8 AAFFM and 1st E. Cong. members; additional contributions appreciated. Masks are encouraged. More information: www.aaffm.org (go to AAFFM Events) or 404-444-2334.





Welcome and Thanks!

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

CPNO welcomes new members:

- Sally van Beuningen and Rob Quick
- Daniel DeBonis
- Kerry Remlinger
- Scott & Sophie Struletz
- Patrick Vance

... and 8 others who wished to remain anonymous

CPNO thanks members for their donation:

3 who wished to remain anonymous



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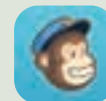
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SAFER McLendon

Come see the first draft of the Safer McLendon Plan. Local residents along McLendon and many others in Lake Claire and Candler Park have weighed in.

Please stop by and give us feedback on our design concepts addressing traffic-calming, pedestrian safety, bike facilities and placemaking.

Thursday, January 19th
(5:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

—and—

Saturday, January 21st
(9:00 am to 12:00 pm)

Neighborhood Church
1561 McLendon Avenue NE
(across from Candler Park)

www.safermclendon.org



Join us by the fire

Submitted by Jesse Bathrick

Bring your family to roast a s'more or two by the fire while exploring the Mulberry Fields. Wylde Center is providing all of the ingredients, you bring the fun! S'mores in the Garden is a free event. We do love our members! Join or renew today.

Date: Saturday, January 14th

Time: 4-6PM

Address: 1301 Iverson St NE Atlanta, GA 30307

Support Mary Lin's Rocket Fuel Fund!

By Jeannie Beckett, Candler Park Resident

Did you know that your neighborhood school has been ranked as the NUMBER ONE school in all of Atlanta Public Schools? How about that it is also ranked in the top 1% of all Georgia public schools? How did Mary Lin Elementary School become the best, you ask? It's because of all the resources we at Mary Lin Education Foundation are able to provide the teachers, students and overall facility - and that is because of all of your generous and loving support.

OUR ANNUAL ROCKET FUEL FUNDRAISER NEEDS YOUR HELP TO KEEP THE GOOD STUFF GOING! EVERY AMOUNT COUNTS!

Our goal is to raise \$130,000 by January 2023 with as much community participation as possible = Galactic Giving!

This is THE fund that fills the gap between the budget allotted by the district and the budget we need to continue to provide the first-rate educational experience our children deserve and our parents have come to expect. The Mary Lin Education Foundation [MLEF] is trying to bounce back from three years of NO fundraising events, coupled with drastic losses in business sponsors. As an Atlanta Public School, 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]. That means there is a sizable gap between the resources the school needs 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. The Foundation funds curriculum enrichment, professional development, enhanced technology and environmental upgrades not covered by the district budget. We are 501c3 certified and are able to provide the necessary forms for tax exemption purposes.

The Rocket Fuel Fund is the ONE BIG ASK this school year. Teachers depend on resources and materials paid by the Foundation, such as the \$2,500 of STEAM lab supplies and ten new microscopes that the Board just approved for the upcoming semester. Our kids are going to LOVE this next semester of learning, and the families are not burdened to buy any of the items used.

All donations are welcome and appreciated. Every amount counts! PLEASE consider donating to this great cause that keeps our neighborhood amazing and special.

Want to know more about the Rocket Fuel Fund?

Read through these fun facts or visit www.marylinfooundation.org to discover more and/or donate today!

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Help Keep Our Unhoused Neighbors Warm This Winter!

Join the Land Trust Coat Drive to Support "Blessing Bags of Warmth"

By Amber Corbett

Can you help? The Lake Claire Community Land Trust is joining forces with our fellow nonprofit Blessing Bags of Warmth to collect coats, scarves, hats, gloves, sleeping bags and throw-blankets for our unhoused neighbors. You may drop off your donated items, either new or used, on Miriam's porch at 300 Arizona Ave. or Elizabeth's two doors down at 290 Arizona Ave., from Sunday, January 8 through Saturday, Jan. 14.

On Thanksgiving weekend in 2020, Blessing Bags of Warmth founder Sherri McCoy and her then 8-year-old daughter Rose were delivering meals to a homeless encampment in Atlanta when Rose exclaimed, "It's so cold. I just want to help them, Mommy!" The people were asking for coats and blankets, and Sherri and Rose had none to give. With tears in her eyes, Rose begged her mom to get some and come back.



Sherri McCoy and Rose

They headed to a nearby thrift store with the money saved up for Christmas and bought what they could. They got some backpacks, blankets and a few coats. Then they stocked up on some food and hygiene items and created informational packets full of local resources. The "bags of warmth" were filled not only with necessities but also with hope. After passing out the bags that weekend, Rose asked if they could do it again the next weekend, and a mission was born.

Blessing Bags of Warmth is both grassroots and 100% community funded. According to Sherri, they are "only able to serve through the generosity of our neighbors." To date, they have served over 3,000 unhoused individuals in the Atlanta area, and the goal is to continue to do so with our continued support. Their mission statement reads: "We have a desire to encourage self-worth within our unhoused population through personal, face to face contact . . . Building a dialogue of understanding and offering the simplest of basic necessities, from personal hygiene to clothing, is beginning to show that a little human to human compassion is immense in bridging the gap between us."

Last winter, Blessing Bags of Warmth distributed an astonishing 763 blankets and sleeping bags, 519 coats, over 1,000 winter accessories, and hundreds of pounds of food. The goal this year is to do even more and be prepared ahead of cold weather instead of scrambling at the last minute.

According to Partners for Home (PartnersForHome.org), of Atlanta's approximately 3,200 homeless individuals, about 1,000 of them are unsheltered, living either on the streets or in vehicles. Two out of three are dealing with a serious mental illness and/or addiction, and one out of ten are either veterans or survivors of domestic abuse. A staggering 63% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, which is a near historic high. An unexpected expense such as a medical bill or a car repair can cause a family to lose their home.

So let's do our part to help, Lake Claire. Let's start our spring cleaning a little early and prioritize those closets! And keep your eyes peeled for deals when out shopping. If you prefer to make a monetary donation directly to Blessing Bags of Warmth, every dollar helps, and it's tax deductible. Please visit www.BlessingBagsOfWarmth.com or www.LCCLT.org/new-events for more information.

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Sustainability, Density, Affordable Housing, and Redevelopment: *Specifying Candler Park's Future*

By Robert M. Craig, Ph.D., Candler Park Resident

Candler Park residents wish to respond to the City of Atlanta's request that in-town neighborhoods, including Candler Park, articulate neighborhood values and aspirations for neighborhood growth and development, including our hopes for the neighborhood's conservation of our physical patrimony.

The City of Atlanta's 2021 Comprehensive Development Plan (Plan A) already identifies Candler Park as a conservation area, a characterization that recognizes its historic architecture, landscape, and character. Moreover, Candler Park is also already listed as an historic district on the National Register of Historic Places, a national recognition based on a level of integrity of our preserved architecture and landscape. The current consideration of whether or not we should establish historic district status at the local level of the City of Atlanta goes beyond traditional views of preserving old houses and maintaining historic architecture by seeking, as well, to address a wide range of current attitudes with respect to, for instance, sustainability, density, affordable housing, and redevelopment.

Candler Park residents recognize that the preservation and continued use of existing historic buildings is itself an act of sustainability avoiding the energy waste of tear downs, disposal of debris, regrading and replanting of landscape, loss/replacement of building materials, and the inherent energy consumption implicit in manufacturing new mechanical equipment, materials, and the very act of new construction. Preservation is inherently "green." In addition, as we preserve and maintain our historic architecture, there are also actions compatible with the building's integrity that can contribute to an improved and balanced energy use. Thus, an enlightened set of guidelines would support such "green" architecture by allowing, for instance, for an appropriate installation of solar panels.

We recognize Candler Park's high inventory of historic properties as well as our neighborhood's existing affordable housing and compatible, although higher-end, in-fill residences. We also recognize the interests of individual homeowners to make modifications and alterations to their homes. Property owners face the inevitable choice between potentially intrusive alterations vs adopting equally workable compatible modifications, but in either case homeowners are already required, under current zoning and permit regulations, to conform to city-wide requirements: set back regulations, height restrictions, lot coverage limitations, tree ordinances, etc. On the other hand, we have an opportunity to amend generic, city-wide permitting restrictions, especially with respect to home modifications, because the creation of a Candler Park Historic District at the city level would specify architectural guidelines that we write for ourselves.

Is it not appropriate to revisit those Candler Park qualities (the character of your historic house, the ambiance of your streetscape and neighborhood) that prompted you to move here in the first place? Are these features not worth conserving? Most of our neighbors did not actually build the house they inhabit, and so we might consider ourselves temporary stewards of what I earlier called a patrimony. As Ruskin wrote, let us be guardians of an architectural heritage that "our descendants will thank us for."

Herein lies the opportunity of both the recent historic designation committee's preliminary work, as well as the City's current request of us as a conservation area, to consider formalizing an Atlanta historic district and to define our own guidelines that would sustain such a district's integrity. Carefully articulated guidelines become the metric against which the city, through the Urban Design Commission, measures its future approvals/denials of new development, tear-downs, infill, parking exceptions and other variances. Without the requested input from the neighborhood itself, as can be imbedded in specific allowances and recommendations that WE write into our historic district guidelines, Candler Park is at the mercy of commercial investors (working within generic city-wide ordinances) whose developer interests (often primarily pecuniary), may not relate to the values that Candler Park holds dear. We can all cite regrettable instances of over-development next door, as well as (by contrast) compatible (even model) in-fill housing and home restoration in our neighborhood. Guidelines we write for ourselves encourage more of the latter.

Your neighbors on the historic designation committee seek your approval of continuing the effort to define our own future. Unfortunately, there is much misinformation that accompanies such efforts regarding what guidelines might be recommended. We trust, as a colleague recently said, we restrain from burning the book before we've read it. The reality, as other neighborhoods have realized, is that we are ourselves the authors of such guidelines, defining our own destiny. Indeed, local guidelines can serve as a buffer against government-imposed, city-wide regulation: Atlanta historic districts are "over-laid" on zoning maps applying exceptions and neighborhood-defined guidelines applicable only to the relevant recognized Atlanta historic district. It is for this reason that the City of Atlanta distinguished between development areas and conservation areas and invites citizens of the latter to communicate to the city the community's aspirations and strategic goals for the future. In responding with articulated historic district guidelines, Candler Park's committee has no agenda other than to reflect our historic neighborhood's values and concerns. By articulating guidelines that would conserve those values, essentially architectural, Candler Park can simultaneously address issues of density, sustainability, traffic, affordable housing, and compatible development. Whatever dos and don'ts may emerge in approved guidelines for a Candler Park Historic District would be written uniquely by and for ourselves. We invite all interested to participate.

The critical thing to understand is that we, as residents of Candler Park, have the opportunity to design our own future and to write our own guidelines, constructing safeguards that protect what we most cherish in our neighborhood. Otherwise, "higher-ups" in city government will define for us what is to govern and characterize our neighborhood's future.

Robert M. Craig, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus, Georgia Tech

Former chair, Atlanta Urban Design Commission

Owner, Smith-Benning House (520 Oakdale Road)

Cynthia Baer Gingerbread Decorating Event *December 10*



Winners of the Giant Gingerbread House with their new property!



Sylvia Medrano-Edelstein carries the giant gingerbread house, which, due to humidity, needed some renovations.



Loaded Baked Potato Soup

Submitted by Kerry Dobson

My daughter asked me to make this soup the other day. I probably had not had it in 10 years. And I don't think I had ever made it myself from scratch. I instantly started researching different recipes and landed on the one below. It was the perfect comforting bowl that everyone needs now and again. I highly recommend topping it with lots of bacon and cheese and definitely eating it while wearing sweatpants!



INGREDIENTS

- 8 strips uncooked bacon cut into small pieces
- 3 tbsp butter
- 1 medium yellow onion chopped
- 1 leek white and light green parts only thinly sliced (can omit if you like)
- 3 large cloves garlic minced
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 lbs gold potatoes, peeled and diced into 1" pieces
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups milk
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground pepper
- 1/2 tsp ancho chili powder
- 2/3 cup sour cream
- shredded cheddar cheese, green onions or chives, and sour cream for serving

INSTRUCTIONS

Place bacon pieces in a large Dutch Oven or soup pot over medium heat and cook until bacon is crisp and browned. Remove bacon pieces and set aside, leaving the fat in the pot. Add butter and chopped onion and leeks and cook over medium heat until tender (3-5 minutes). Add garlic and cook until fragrant (about 30 seconds). Sprinkle the flour over the ingredients in the pot and stir until smooth (use whisk if needed). Add diced potatoes to the pot along with chicken broth, milk, heavy cream, salt, pepper, and ancho chili powder. Stir well. Bring to a boil and cook until potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork (about 10 minutes). Reduce heat to simmer and remove approximately half of the soup to a blender (be careful, it will be hot!) and puree until smooth (half is about 5 cups of soup, but just eyeballing the amount will be fine). You could also use an immersion blender if you have one. Return the pureed soup to the pot and add sour cream and reserved bacon pieces, stir well. Allow soup to simmer for 15 minutes before serving. Top with additional sour cream, bacon, cheddar cheese, or chives. Enjoy!

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What are Xenoestrogens and How to Avoid Them

Our endocrine system, which manages our body's hormones, is susceptible to being put out of balance by everyday exposure to different chemicals. One of the largest influences is a class of chemicals called xenoestrogens.

WHAT ARE XENOESTROGENS?

Xenoestrogens are man-made chemicals that disrupt the endocrine system by sending false signals. These synthetic chemicals can be up to 1,000 times more powerful than our naturally made estrogens and are stored in our fat cells and are hard to detoxify. Xenoestrogens mimic estrogen in the body and can out-compete the estrogen we make, potentially leading to estrogen dominance.

Estrogen dominance can impact our bodies in many ways, from sugar metabolism, fat build up and break down, energy level, and neurotransmitter production leading to anxiety and depression. It can also put you at higher risk of thyroid dysfunction, breast cancer, uterine fibroids, and autoimmune disease.

WHERE ARE XENOESTROGENS FOUND?

- Plastics (toys, water bottles, disposable cups, plastic wrap, food containers)
- Pesticides/Herbicides/Insecticides (on non-organic fruits and vegetables and even tampons)
- Tap Water (chlorine and other chemical treatments, runoff byproducts)
- Chemicals in cosmetics, lotions, shampoos, sunscreen, hair dye, nail polish, nail polish remover, and other body care products
- Cleaning products (home and industrial)

- Canned foods
- Receipts
- Laundry products (detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, etc.)
- Perfume/Air Fresheners
- Birth control pills
- Building materials & Home furnishings (including furniture, carpets, window drapes, mattresses/foams, and bedding)
- Photocopiers and printers
- Artificial food dyes

While this list may seem overwhelming, the good news is there are ways we can reduce our daily exposure.

WAYS TO REDUCE XENOESTROGEN EXPOSURE:

- Eliminate as much plastic from your home as possible
- Buy or make natural skincare and beauty products
- Buy or make natural cleaning products
- Get a water filter (for your shower as well)
- Replace plastic water bottles with glass or metal (NOT aluminum)
- Avoid synthetic perfumes or air fresheners
- Ditch the non-stick pans
- Choose organic, preservative-free food
- Use glass containers for food instead of plastic
- Purchase air filtering plants
- Say No to Receipts

December 19, 2022 CPNO Members Meeting - Draft Minutes Virtual

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Emily Taff, President. The motion to adopt the agenda passed. The motion to approve the November minutes passed.

Guest Speakers:

The APD representative was not present.

Announcements: There will be two meetings for the Safe Street Initiative. They are January 19 and 21 at The Neighborhood Church on McClendon Avenue.

Election of Officers:

Motion to place Larry Compton’s name on the 2023 Slate of Officers as Public Safety Officer passed.

Motion to elect the 2023 Slate of Board Nominees by acclamation passed.

The Board of Directors for 2023:

- President-Christina Hodgen
- Treasurer- Amy Wheeler
- Secretary- Bonnie Palter
- Membership- Roger Bakeman
- Fundraising- Hallie Meushaw
- Zoning- Jason Key
- Public Safety- Larry Compton
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Treasurer Report- Amy Wheeler

There was \$170 in donations this month. FallFest made \$10,000; Fall Ball made \$4,000; Tour of Homes made \$10,000.

Zoning- DJ Roedger

The motion to support the application for V-22-179 with the condition that the site plan is followed and attend the NPU N passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary

December 19, 2022

CPNO Officer and Committee Report for December 19, 2022

Freedom Parkway Conservancy- Mary Cox

Freedom Park Master Plan update:

Freedom Park Conservancy currently believes the City of Atlanta will file the ordinance to adopt the Freedom Park Master Plan in January and that it will be at NPU in February.

The Plensa sculpture near North Highland and East John Lewis Freedom Pkwy will soon be sited.

Freedom Park Conservancy is pleased to announce that Stan Herd has installed “And Still - I Rise” portrait earthwork of Maya Angelou in Freedom Park at the Meadow near Moreland and North Avenue. This project was approved by the City Park Department and the Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs.

The installation will remain for about two weeks. So, plan a walk soon to visit the installation honoring Maya Angelou.

External Affairs-Amy Stout

There was one voting item on the agenda for the November 2022 NPU-N meeting that was relevant to Candler Park.

Under Special Events Applications, the Paideia School’s application for their annual Field Day at Candler Park to be held was added to the fast track and approved without discussion by a unanimous vote.

JANUARY CRIME REPORT, CANDLER PARK				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
11/10/22	Thursday	22:00	300 BLOCK MORELAND AVE NE	LARCENY-FROM VEHICLE
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Welcome to January, the coldest month of the year!

Winter in Atlanta is usually mild, and it's not out of the question to experience afternoon temperatures in the upper 60s to low 70s during the month of January.

In fact, the warmest January day in Atlanta occurred on January 11, 1949 when the thermometer reached 79 degrees.

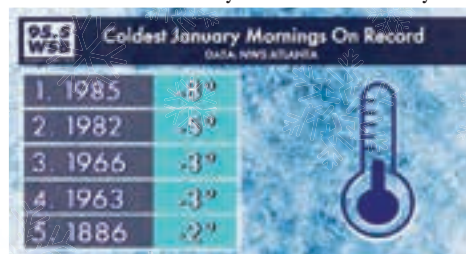
But temperatures in January can be very cold -- well below freezing and even below zero!

Averaging out all the highs and lows in the month of January, the average monthly temperature is 44.8 degrees, the coldest average monthly temperature of the year for Atlanta.

The coldest morning in January occurred on January 21, 1985 when the thermometer dropped to minus 8 degrees Fahrenheit. January 1982 was also bone-chilling cold, as the thermometer dropped to minus 5 degrees.

Another note about January 1982: Long-time Atlanta residents will remember the Snow Jam of January 12-14 1982, when 4 inches of

snow, sleet and freezing rain fell throughout Metro Atlanta, paralyzing the city. A total 7 inches of snow fell that January, marking the third snowiest January in Atlanta's history.



Other notable winter weather events in the month of January include January 23, 2000, when an ice storm struck Atlanta one week before the city was set to host the NFL's Super Bowl. As many as 500,000 people were without power that day as freezing rain accumulated on trees and powerlines.



Snow Jam History repeated again in 2014 when 2.6 inches of snow fell during the morning and early afternoon of January 28. The city was paralyzed in melted snow that turned to ice under car tires. Thousands of people were stranded on the interstates and surface streets, and many spent the night freezing in their cars or walking home in non-walking shoes. Many more spent the night in grocery stores.

This storm was a stark reminder of the importance in keeping a weather-ready emergency kit in our vehicles. Always keep an extra blanket, jacket, pair of walking shoes, water, and non-perishable snacks in your vehicle in case weather leaves you stranded on the road for numerous hours.



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ATLANTA'S NEWS & TALK

January in Atlanta

DATA: NWS ATLANTA, 1991-2020

- Monthly Avg High: 54°
- Monthly Avg Low: 36°
- Jan 1 Sunrise: 7:42 am ET
Jan 1 Sunset: 5:39 pm ET
- Jan 31 Sunrise: 7:34 am ET
Jan 31 Sunset: 6:07 pm ET
- Jan Avg Rain: 4.59"



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A properly maintained home is important, and all it takes in most cases is a phone call.

With our New Year's resolutions still fresh in our minds here are some things you absolutely need to have serviced this year...

HVAC SYSTEM.

Get a service contract and have your air conditioner inspected by a pro this spring and your furnace inspected by a pro this fall. Your systems will run more efficiently, your filters will be changed, and you will save money on your home energy bills.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.

Your electrical system wears down over time. Get a whole house electrical inspection and make sure it includes your smoke and CO detectors.

GARAGE DOOR.

What? My garage door? You bet. It's the largest moving piece of equipment in your

home and you rely on it every single day. The once over will do it a world of good.

SEPTIC TANK.

When's the last time you had your septic tank cleaned out? While it's not an every year job, it's something that you need to have done every 3 years. Think of it this way - when your a/c goes out you are hot, when your electrical goes out it's dark. What adjective best describes a bad septic situation? Exactly...

WATER HEATER.

You know the average life span of a water heater in this area is 7 years. How old is yours again? Right. Have a professional come out and check it out. Make sure they check the T&P valve and that you have an expansion tank.

While they are there have them check your home's water pressure. High pressure is the evil villain to the inner workings of your faucets and commodes.

DUCTS.

Your ducts work every day carrying the cool or warm air to the rooms in your house and return air and dirt back to your unit. Do yourself a favor have them professionally cleaned.

A good, professional cleaning will have you breathing better and can possibly cut down on the amount of dusting you have to do around the house. It will also increase the life and efficiency of your hvac system.

Extra good news - barring unforeseen circumstances you won't have to have them cleaned for another 5-7 years.

ROOF.

How long has it been since you had a roofing pro inspect your roof? Most quality roofing companies offer a free roof analysis which will let you know the exact shape of your roof.

Plus, having a qualified roofer inspect your roof gives you the ability to tell the storm chaser roof guy "No thanks - I already have a professional inspection".

Sweet.



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Green & Growing

Welcome to 2023! Yes, January is traditionally one of the coldest months here in Georgia, but a little chill shouldn't stop you from getting things done in the landscape. December saw unusually warm temperatures, so maybe the first month of the new year will surprise us too!

The colder months are the best time to plant new trees and shrubs, so get to digging! Most plants' growth is halted by cooler temperatures, meaning they are less demanding for nutrients, so this time of year the focus is on root establishment and growth. When installing something new, it's always best to surround the base of the plant with mulch, but never up against the trunk or main stem.

Light pruning can be done on trees now. Do corrective and 'clean up' pruning on trees while you can see the branch structure, before they leaf back out. Start by pruning dead or diseased limbs, then ones that are crossing. And while some vegetative growth on the ground has died back, now is a good

time to chop bamboo, English ivy and kudzu back while you can get to the main stems of the plant.

Plant things with winter blooms, like pansies and hellebores! Pop them in garden beds, sprinkle a little Osmocote fertilizer around each one, and then cover each with a handful of mulch before watering them in. And there's still time to plant bulbs, like daffodils and irises.

This is the month we're likely to see our first "hard freeze" of the year. But what's the difference between a frost and a freeze? Frost is visible on plants, windshields, etc. and can occur when temps are ABOVE freezing, and it all depends on dew point as well. If the dew point is below freezing, a frost is more likely. Freezing is when the air temperature is literally below 32 degrees. And a freeze can come without a frost. A "hard freeze" is when the temperature drops further, below 28 degrees, for a longer time. It will kill the top growth of most perennials and root crops, BUT a hard frost doesn't mean plants are dead



though. Even after your plants have died back to the ground, the soil may be warm enough, so the roots are still growing.

And finally, what to do with that live Christmas tree? I am fortunate to be able to throw ours in the woods behind our house, and I am delighted to see birds and deer nesting by it. Some local parks and usually Home Depot stores offer to chip your tree, producing usable mulch.

Cheers to many new garden opportunities in the coming year!



Ashley Frasca is host of the radio show *Green and Growing*, heard on 95.5 WSB Radio every Saturday from 6-9:00 a.m. For gardening tips, information, and advice, follow her Facebook page: [Facebook.com/greenandgrowingwsb](https://www.facebook.com/greenandgrowingwsb)

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