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OPINION Thumb on the Scales

By Donna Palmer

A few days ago I ran into a neighbor who I hadn't seen in quite a while...they live on the other side of the park and since our beloved old dog "went to live on a farm in the country" I haven't ventured onto their street. During our chat the neighbor mentioned a previous piece I had submitted to the Messenger and wanted to know what was happening with the historic mandates struggle. She noted that they haven't been paying much attention but figured sooner or later they'd vote against it.

After the disastrous October CPNO meeting when the initial vote to continue spending time and treasure on this endeavor was canceled due to a lack of zoom bandwidth to accommodate the over 100 people who wanted their voices to be heard, many expected the board to reschedule the vote for the next meeting. However, for some inexplicable reason the previous board postponed the vote for four more months.

Also during this time, I noticed that when neighbors who oppose the historic district mandates submitted articles to the Messenger, they were for some inexplicable reason labeled "opinion" while articles from the committee literally shouted "FAKENEWS!" and twice used the "book burning" dog whistle.

I don't know if members of the previous board put

their thumb on the scale in support of the Historic Designation Committee, but I do know that a fair assessment of this highly contentious debate will be difficult to obtain unless someone who doesn't share the utopian vision that the committee espouses does a little digging.

During the April CPNO zoom meeting I mentioned that a group of us are forming a committee to try to balance the rhetoric coming from those who want to control the style of our homes. Immediately, five people sent me direct messages asking how they could help.

We held our first get together on Sunday, April 16 and decided that our mission was to seek and share real life evidence of what it means to live under historic designation. For example, it was noted by one attendee that all the efforts of the historic committee would do absolutely nothing to help the neighbors on Josephine fight the eight story development on Moreland Avenue. Here is a real wolf at our door situation that threatens majestic trees and quality of life for existing home owners. Why are we being told we have only one path to maintain our neighborhood's aesthetics?

If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to KeepCandlerParkWeird@yahoo.com. If you don't have time to join us, please keep an eye on the process so that you can vote when it counts.

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

- 15** Deadline to submit content for next month's Messenger
- 19** CPNO Membership Meeting, 7-9 pm, Zoom and in-person at First Existentialist Church

JULY

- 15** Deadline to submit content for next month's Messenger
- 17** CPNO Membership Meeting, 7-9 pm, Zoom and in-person at First Existentialist Church

AUGUST

- 15** Deadline to submit content for next month's Messenger
- 21** CPNO Membership Meeting, 7-9 pm, Zoom and in-person at First Existentialist Church

SEPTEMBER

- 15** Deadline to submit content for next month's Messenger
- 18** CPNO Membership Meeting, 7-9 pm, Zoom and in-person at First Existentialist Church
- 23** 2nd Annual Fall Ball, Hudson Grill

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.





Welcome and Thanks!

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

CPNO welcomes new members:

- Will Briganti and Thomas Edwards
 - Sarah and Theo Cusick
 - Aaron Fowler
 - Erica Greenblatt and Matthew Borenstein
 - Kristen and Nick Jackson
 - Malcolm and Sloane McMillan
 - Crystal Osner
 - Max and Abby Schwatz
- ... and 3 others who wished to remain anonymous.

CPNO thanks members for their donation:

- The Barnes Family
 - Will Briganti and Thomas Edwards
 - Erica Greenblatt and Matthew Borenstein
 - The Lahiri family
 - Mike Martinez
 - Chelsea Mueller
 - Patrick and Janice Pence
 - Ashley & Jack Reed
 - Jennifer Riley
 - Stacey White
 - Shana and Tim Wood
- ... and 17 others who wished to remain anonymous.

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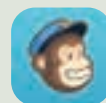
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Little Candler has a Big Idea

By John Fleming

Where Oakdale meets McLendon sits a cluster of shops that practically oozes charm. Yet, some might say it also drifts along a little sleepy, especially when compared to the happy swirl of Little Five Points and the bustle of Candler Park's commercial area a few blocks east.

On a recent Saturday, though, the place was banging with customers, neighbors inside and outside of the area, moving door to door, snapping up free drinks, chocolates and other stuff on offer.

The fun afternoon was the lift-off of what you could call a branding effort by the shop owners here. Dubbed "Little Candler Spring Fling," it was not only an event, but the establishment of a name to bring identity to this tiny commercial district until now a waystation to the area's other attractions.

You might say, it's a note to Atlanta that reads: Little Candler, let it be known, is right here, at Oakdale and McLendon and it's here to stay.

"We are that no-name place between Little Five and Candler Park Market," said Apollo Gott, owner of The Gilded Angle. "We wanted a name, and now we have it."

Spring Fling and the ushering in of "Little Candler" is the culmination of about eight months of work, says Sean Germain, the owner of Sean's, a coffee and sandwich shop across the way. "We got together months ago and we had a vote, and the name Little Candler won," he said.

It was a business decision, but it was also done very much with the neighborhood in mind, he and other shop owners said. "We saw [Little Candler] as a way to help activate the village."

To Germain and the others, giving name to the intersection of shops is handing



it identity, but it is also helping to pull the immediate area closer together.

Across McLendon at Candler Park Flowers, owner Dawn Kee couldn't agree more. Pausing from the pre-Mother's Day run on her shop, she said, "this is exciting." It's good for business, of course, but also, it just has a good neighborhood feel.

"I love this kind of community," she said.

Next door, at Presmanes Interiors, and across the street at Marie Marie Salon, people were grabbing free food and drinks and... communing.

Adjacent to the salon, Matt Hunt, the owner of BiblioTech book store, has brought a youthful energy to the area, hosting poetry slams and improv, when he's not selling books. He's been a supporter of the Little Candler idea since its inception. But he also sees it as much about community building than as a boost to business.

Next door, relative newcomer Rebecca Hanna, co-owner of the Young Blood jewelry shop, says she loves

the vibe in this corner of Candler Park. That's true, she says, not only during the Little Candler Spring Fling, but just about all the time.

"'Little Candler,' it's a super cute name," she said. But this neighborhood, she explained, is already special. Noting that her shop was previously located in the Highlands, she said, "everyone here is so kind, and so sweet." Looking around at her full shop, she added, "you know, we get more traffic here than when we were there."

She, like most everyone else here, is already seeing big things happen in this little corner of Candler Park.

John Fleming is the Communications officer for the CPNO.

New Art at CPM



By Mark Clement

Step right up, folks, and feast your eyes on a remarkable new art installation at the Candler Park Market! Featuring Fall Fest Panorama pictures taken in 2008 and 2009, these stunning images were captured using a 120-year-old camera. The process of taking a large panorama photo of festivalgoers was no easy feat, with the camera's 60-second revolution making it impossible for anyone to move without appearing as a blurry ghost. But some folks went the extra mile and even managed to appear twice in the picture by darting behind the camera. Also known as the Ted Pettus maneuver. The photographer responsible for these unique and captivating images, known as "Smack," carries on the legacy of Atlanta's own "Panorama Ray" Herbert and his iconic use of the 1904 Kodak Cirkut camera. So come on down and experience the excitement and energy of the festival for yourself, frozen in time and waiting to be discovered.

Author Stephen Wing's "Wild Atlanta," Documents Atlanta's Urban Forests

A decade in the making, this new book features original poetry by Wing and photographs by Luz Wright. Slated to launch June 3, "Wild Atlanta" offers readers a devotional experience of the beauty and diversity of protected wild spaces across metro Atlanta

ATLANTA - Now, outdoor and armchair adventurers can explore the wonder of Atlanta's natural settings, thanks to a new book, "Wild Atlanta: Greenspaces and Nature Preserves of 'The City In The Forest,'" by author Stephen Wing and photographer Luz Wright (ISBN: 978-0-9793907-2-2). A launch party, reading and celebration will be at A Capella Books, 501 Haralson Ave., N.E., on Saturday, June 3, at 3 p.m.

"Wild Atlanta" is a 2023 recipient of the "Artist's Project" award from the City of Atlanta's Office of Cultural Affairs. The book breaks new ground as the first book combining eco-poetry and photography to document the beauty and diversity of protected wild spaces across metro-Atlanta.

The 100-page, full-color book introduces Atlanta residents and visitors to the rich natural heritage that has been preserved for present and future generations to enjoy and explore. The book contains a one-page prose introduction, 39 poems and more than 100 photographs from 23 locations across Atlanta, plus Stone Mountain, Arabia Mountain, and Rock Eagle Mound.

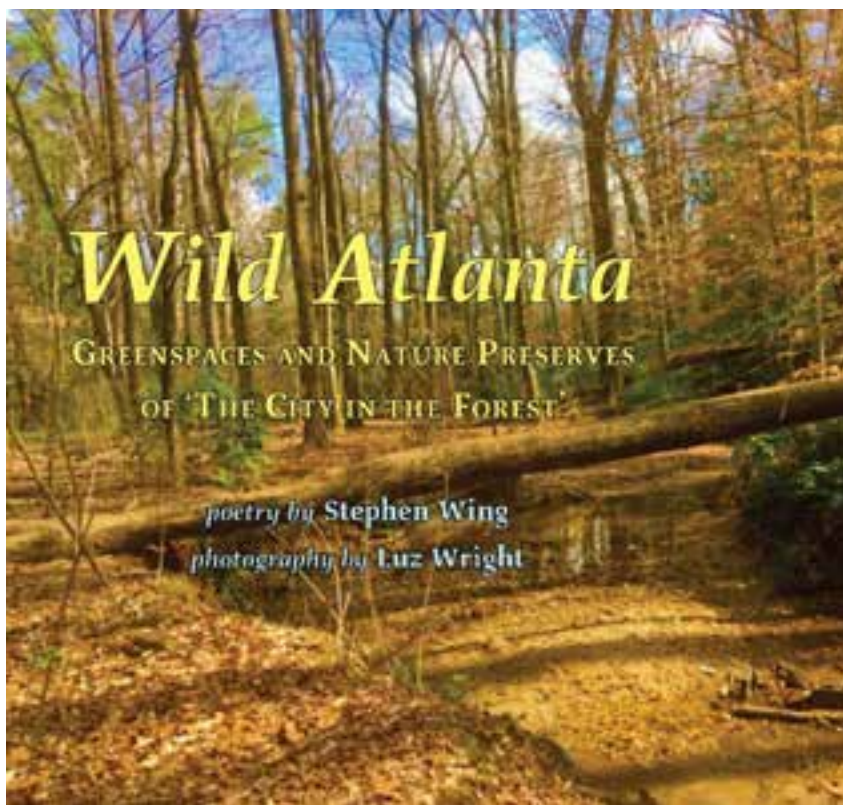
"These urban forests are worth preserving as the city expands its footprint of concrete and power lines," Wing says.

"Wild Atlanta" is available for pre-order until June 3 at www.wildatlanta.net.

Wing draws upon the poetic inspiration of more than a decade of exploration of the city's hidden pocket of wild nature with a group of fellow poets. Wright captures magical portraits of the places depicted in Wing's poems.

The result is a luminous collaboration of poetic and visual imagery.

"Since prehistoric times, poets have acted as intermediaries between humans and nature," says Wing. "Unfortunately, our escalating environmental crisis is fueled by a habitual sense of separation from our natural surroundings."



Restoring this connection is the core of Wing's work as a poet. His writings favor concrete imagery and everyday language that evoke a personal response. Wright's images also invite the reader to step into their relationship with nature, its open sunlight and shade of the trees.

"Finally, Atlanta's urban forests receive the tribute they deserve," says Mark Yates, Ph.D., a high school biology teacher in Decatur.

About the Author

For over a decade, Atlanta poet Stephen Wing has been exploring the city's many hidden pockets of wild nature with a group of fellow poets. These poems offer a sampling of the riches he has found

there— treasures worth preserving as the city expands its footprint of concrete and powerlines.

About the Photographer

Photographer Luz Wright has captured portraits of the magical places depicted in Wing's poems through the unique perspective of her lens. The result is a luminous collaboration of word and image, imagery and vision, natural beauty and human imagination.

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Available online at www.wildatlanta.net

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A Conversation with the Historic Committee Chair

By John Fleming

In March, the CPNO membership voted to continue with the historic designation conversation by moving forward with what the Historic Committee is calling “Phase 2,” a 10-14 month inclusive process to engage Candler Park residents and work with a consultant to define and draft proposed regulations for a potential Candler Park Historic District.

I recently caught up with Committee Chair Emily Taff to ask a few questions and to get an update on the committee’s work so far. (Responses were edited for brevity.)

JF How did we get here? / Why are we talking about this?

ET Candler Park residents have been asking for ages about what we can do to have some control over the teardowns, development and how our neighborhood will grow in the future, but I don’t think we have had a real complete conversation about it since at least the 1990s, if even then. Right now, there are big reactions to every teardown and new development. There is frustration that we, as neighbors, have little to no say over what is built and that it often does not “fit” with its neighbors, etc. In 2020, the Zoning Committee wrote the R-5-C (two-family zoning “with Conditions”) in Candler Park to try and solve some of these concerns through zoning. However, the proposal to rezone to MR-MU (Multi-Residential Multi-Unit) in 2021, would have overwritten R-5-C right after we’d approved it. I guess that is really when people realized that a historic district was worth a serious discussion again. We saw that Candler Park could be dramatically affected by development pressure if it was rezoned while an MR-MU rezone in Inman Park, a historic district, would simply make increases in density possible within the existing framework of their historic district regulations which protected the look and feel of the neighborhood streetscapes.

A historic district is a proactive way for us, as residents of Candler Park, to design our own future by writing regulations that will enable Candler Park to grow with the City while protecting what makes the neighborhood Candler Park and what we love about it.



JF Have there been efforts in the past to create a historic district?

ET Yes, so I wasn’t here at the time, but there was an effort in the 1990s that almost passed. Around 2008, another conversation was brought up, but it appears to have been so hampered by misinformation that the discussion was soon tabled.

JF What are some other historic districts in Atlanta and how has it benefited those neighborhoods?

ET Cabbagetown and Inman Park would not be what they are today if they were not historic districts especially now with the Beltline. In contrast to Cabbagetown, Reynoldstown, which is not a historic district, has lost so many of historic homes and lower income residents in just the last 10 years.

JF And what problems have come up in Cabbagetown and Inman Park and others?

ET In older and often stricter historic districts replacement of siding with a new material (like concrete composite for wood) and window replacement have been severely restricted. Some districts, like Inman Park or Poncey Highland, have revised or written their regulations to be more flexible about material and window replacement.

JF What has been happening since the Vote in March?

ET For this phase, what we call Phase 2, we have established a rough schedule for community meetings, which will start in August (look for the official HDC info in this Messenger). We are posting all updates on our website: HistoricCandlerPark.org. We’ve organized the committee with tasks, have new members and are dedicated to making sure we are facilitating this conversation as thoughtfully and thoroughly as possible. The Committee really wants to make sure everyone has a chance to join in this discussion. We want everyone to understand what a historic district could mean, to share their thoughts and input, so that we can write regulations that define the best possible personalized historic district. Once we know what a potential Candler Park-specific historic district would actually look like THEN we can vote on whether we want that historic district or not.

JF Could you give us an idea of what the Committee will be doing over the next year?

ET See the Committee update in this issue of the Messenger and our website: HistoricCandlerPark.org

JF Who else is on the committee?

ET Check HistoricCandlerPark.org for the most up-to-date list!

JF When and where do you meet and are the meetings open to the public?

ET Regular Committee meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month, via Zoom. Anyone can come--email me for info--however these are working meetings for project management/planning and are not opportunities for public input. There will be plenty of other meetings and ways for public engagement and input. I think those dates are elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger.

JF There will be expenses associated with this effort, including hiring a consultant. Any idea what the cost of this work will be and where will that money come from?

ET Yes, of course! The committee could not do this without the expertise and leadership of planning consultant Aaron Fortner, an experienced urban planner who did CP's master plan in 2013. He will be drafting the regulations while the committee manages the project, public engagement, and helps him make sure Candler Park's desires are met. He is not free! and we are reaching out to individuals and organizations with an interest in Candler Park for donations to cover the costs. That means you! Make a specified tax-deductible donation to this project at candlerpark.org/hdwg

**You can reach the committee
and learn more about the initiative at**

HistoricCandlerPark@gmail.com and

HistoricCandlerPark.org

John Fleming is the CPNO communications officer. Emily Taff is Chair of the Historic Committee and CPNO's past president.

Save the Date for Community Meetings!

By the Historic Designation Committee

Following up on March's vote, the committee will host a series of "deep dive" Community Meetings on essential topics that will be covered by the draft regulations for a potential Candler Park Historic District. Gathering community input and creating these draft regulations has also been referred to as Phase 2. These educational meetings will also be an opportunity for input and discussion. These hybrid meetings will be held in-person at the First Existentialist Church and via Zoom.

Thursday, August 24, 7pm

Community Meeting 1

Underlying Zoning Regulations, General Regulations and Procedures

Thursday, September 7, 7pm

Community Meeting 2

Regulations for Contributing Structures

Thursday, October 5, 7pm

Community Meeting 3

Regulations for Non-Contributing Structures

Thursday, October 19, 7pm

Community Meeting 4

Development Controls, Parking, Driveways, Curb Cuts, Sidewalks

COMMUNITY CALENDAR LISTING: *FIDDLER'S GREEN*

Fiddler's Green Coffeehouse presents The Atlanta Mandolin Orchestra and Kathy Reed & Lonesome Redwing Saturday, June 17, 7:00 pm, at First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta, 470 Candler Park Dr. NE. The Atlanta Mandolin Orchestra is the performing unit of the Atlanta Mandolin Society, Inc., established in 1994. AMS has been organized to perpetuate knowledge and appreciation of music written for the mandolin and related instruments. Conductor Robb Smith has been a life-long musician and is a graduate of the Geneva Conservatory of Music. The Atlanta band Lonesome Redwing features bluegrass and old-time fiddle classics, as well as fresh original material. Kathy Reed, Russell Weeks and Ellen Rapier are all Georgia natives and are multi-instrumentalists as well as songwriters. Lonesome Redwing has opened for many legendary performers including Tony Rice, Peter Rowan, Claire Lynch, Patty Loveless, and the Steep Canyon Rangers. 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.

(AAFFM is a non-profit organization.)



Atlanta Mandolin Orchestra



Kathy Reed & Lonesome Redwing

A Josephinian Responds to Moreland Development

By Matt Johnson, Technology Consultant and 18-year resident of Josephine Street.

Josephine Street, or J-street, is a family. We gather across porches, have impromptu dinners, and help each other daily. We are close; for some of us we are closer than blood. During COVID we became even closer. When we couldn't go out into the world, we brought the world to Josephine with internationally-themed parties.

Then and now we hold outdoor movie nights. We watch each other's kids. This is the only place I've ever lived where I feel like I belong. THIS is my family.

We do have some concerns about how the proposed development adjacent to Josephine along Moreland will affect this family.

Developing the surface lot and the former Cameli's restaurant property on Moreland is welcomed by Josephine Street residents. We endure the empty lot and the drag racing, drug use, "stereo parties," and other anti-social activities that occur in these lots regularly.

Also, we fully agree with Mr. Thad Sheely's statement in the Atlanta Business Journal, "I think neighborhoods are what make Atlanta special, and there's a lot of opportunity to build and bring them together."

With changes we believe this project can fulfill that vision. The developer addressed some of our issues in the letter published here on the CPNO website, citing trees, restaurant exhaust, odor, and height. We appreciate the thought given to odor and restaurant exhaust, but our true top three issues remain trees, building height, and the sewer location.

Trees

Like many residents we love that Atlanta is a city of trees. Our issues pertaining to our trees are:

The developers did not include a tree plan in their application.

There are five impacted trees on Josephine and one in the buffer.

One of these trees is the largest water oak in the city, a magnificent tree. It stands without rods or cables – truly a wonder.

We are working with the developer on this subject. Our trees must be saved.

Building Height



We oppose the proposed 81' height of this building. Plans and studies commissioned by neighborhood organizations support height restrictions in the area.

The purpose of Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning is to ensure development is compatible "with the scale [and] character... of the adjacent neighborhood." East Atlanta Village and Inman Park have height limits.

The 2013 Candler Park Master Plan recommended limiting buildings to 35' or 60' in Candler Park.

The more recent L5P Mobility Study mirrors this sentiment, calling for height restrictions and "multiple smaller buildings."

Why was NC-1 not updated to include these restrictions on towering structures next to residential homes near L5P?

Sewer Location

The current plans reroute the sewer lines that connect from Josephine to Moreland into the required 20' greenspace buffer between the building and adjoining properties.

Zoning ordinance, 16-32-009, does not allow for the greenspace buffer to be used for "any other purpose" than greenspace and private alleys.

Routing the sewer through this area creates a hazard to the border trees as Atlanta Watershed can be expected to dig using heavy equipment if there is ever an issue with the sewer line – this negates any mitigation efforts to preserve the previously mentioned trees.

Josephine is a family, we love our community, and we want the best for it. We just want what is best for Little 5 and to ensure that any development is consistent with the character, charm and spirit we all love.

Although we had no visibility to this project prior to the published agenda for the April CPNO meeting. We look forward to working with the developers and the neighborhood to guide this project to something that everyone can approve of, or at least accept. We can all win, this does not have to be a zero-sum game. I hope we can all remember that diversity of opinion is valuable and usually creates a better solution to our problems.

Raising Your Energy Every Day



By Gail Turner-Cooper, Candler Park Resident and Founder, Align Health

Everyone has days when they feel invigorated and full of energy. Those days make our lives feel easy. Then there are the days when we feel run down and just can't get it going. Let's explore how we can make more of our days abundant with energy. Energy is our most valuable resource and governs almost every aspect of our day.

The first step to finding energy every day is to recognize that you have the ability to live an energy-abundant life. There may be barriers. There may be doubts. There may be just plain old bad days. Our habits and choices have a direct impact on our energy levels.

To have good energy, we can choose activities that build our energy. You can choose people who energize you rather than drain you. You can choose foods that fuel you or leave you exhausted. Learning what gives you energy will improve all areas of your life.

A realistic self-assessment can be helpful to understand your individual needs. Evaluate yourself on how the following categories create or drain your energy on a scale from 1 to 7: Spirituality, Creativity, Career, Health, Physical Activity, Social Life, Relationships, Joy, Home Cooking, Education, Finances, and Home Environment. From here we can make a plan for increasing your daily energy.

Here is a list of potential habits and activities to increase your energy across the above categories:

Nourishing Relationships

- Supportive friendships
- Work relationships
- Physical Contact
- Compliments (self too!)
- Hugs and Kisses

Career Fulfillment

- Work you enjoy
- Work serving others
- Praise & Recognition
- Challenging tasks
- Tasks you're good at
- Work/life balance

Exercise Routines

- Balanced activity level
- Consistency
- Challenging not taxing
- Exercise that's fun
- Group or solo (fit it to you)

Spiritual Practice

- Meditation
- Breathing exercises
- Religion or prayer
- Yoga
- Calming practices

Food = Energy

Food is a major aspect of controlling our energy levels. Choosing food that increases our energy is critical. The higher the quality of food you can acquire such as organic, local, grass-fed, or sustainable gives your body more nutrients and energy. Pay attention to when you feel run down and see if ate something before that did not serve you. It is easy to seek short-term pleasure with food that leaves you feeling worse in the long run.

Foods that increase energy: vegetables, fruit, wild-caught fish, grass-fed/pasture-raised meat, nuts, seeds, beans, and filtered water.

Foods to avoid: junk food, processed food, soft drinks, sugar, and artificial sweeteners.

Extra Credit Tips:

Take one day a week where you do self-care. The goal is to relax and recharge. Get plenty of sleep, read, go to a spa, and cook. Do the things that give you joy and recharge your body and mind.

Make every meal a ritual where you slow down both in preparation for the meal and while you eat. Slowing down will help your digestion and increase your connection to food and those you share the meal with.

Last, find people for support. Get support from a Health Coach, a therapist, or a friend with a kind ear. Give yourself the opportunity to have regular sessions at least once every two weeks to talk about yourself and your needs to an unbiased person.



Candler Park Residents in the Parade



Brittany Schwartzwald in her Inman Park Fest artist booth



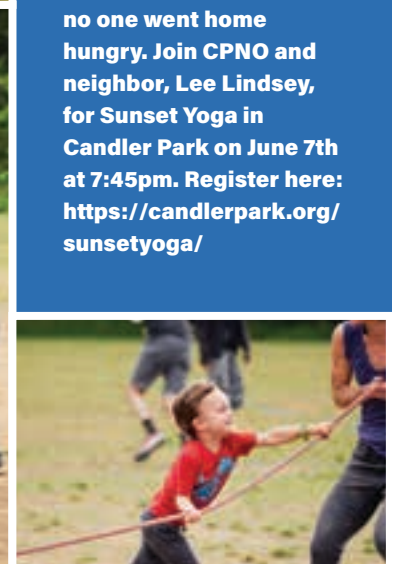
Candler Park (and one Lake Claire) residents on their way to the Janet Jackson Concert



BUSY WEEKEND!

The last weekend in April was a busy one in Atlanta, with the Taylor Swift concert, Janet Jackson Concert, and the Inman Park Festival. We had Candler Park residents representing our neighborhood at all three events. Here are just a few of the pictures submitted!

Photos were taken by Christina Hodgen, CPNO President



FIELD DAY

Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and ContactPoint sponsored a family field day in Candler Park on Saturday, May 6th. Our neighborhood social chairs Brittany Schwartzwald, Lauren Pendleton, and Stephanie Smith planned this event to be reminiscent of simpler times, outdoors with no screens in sight. Kids and adults alike had a blast playing games and hanging out with neighbors. El Refugio de los Tacos was slingng delicious tacos ensuring no one went home hungry. Join CPNO and neighbor, Lee Lindsey, for Sunset Yoga in Candler Park on June 7th at 7:45pm. Register here: <https://candlerpark.org/sunsetyoga/>

CPNO Officer and Committee Report for May 8, 2023

Membership-Roger Bakeman

- Renewals were strong this year. Current membership is 714. Only 69 members did not renew for 2023 by the bylaws-specified April 30 deadline.

External Affairs- DJ Roedger

- Three items addressed at the April 27, 2023, NPU-N meeting were pertinent to Candler Park
- L5P Summer Patio Parties - NPU-N voted to support.
- Pizza Verdura Sincerra Alcohol License Application - NPU-N voted to support.
- Z-23-15 - zoning ordinance amendment to prohibit warehousing, self storage facilities, and distribution centers within 500 feet of the BeltLink Corridor - NPU-N voted to support.

Historic Designation- Emily Taff

- The Historic Designation Committee met on April 26, at 7pm via Zoom. Future regular meetings have been set for the 4th Wednesday of the month, please check the CPNO calendar for any changes.
- The committee welcomed new members and discussed the potential schedule with Aaron Fortner which will basically consist of

- 4 Topical Public Meetings that are deep dives on specific topics that will be covered by the regulations. We will also gather input and comments at these sessions.
- Initial draft of regulations created based on discussions and input from Phase 1 as well as the ongoing input gathering and discussions (above)
- Workshop draft regulations in public meetings to revise!

Because summer is coming up, the first public meetings (Topical Public meetings) will likely start up in August. We hope to do them as hybrid meetings but we will be watching and learning from CPNO on that! Otherwise via Zoom to make the meetings accessible to the most neighbors.

Public Safety- Larry Compton

- The reporting period of 16 April to 15 May was relatively quiet for safety incidents. However, two vehicle thefts were reported in the neighborhood. These seemed to occur during the overnight or early morning hours. Thefts from vehicles were reduced and localized to a specific area instead of widespread reports. Any 911 calls from Candler Park should be routed to the City of Atlanta 911 instead of DeKalb County. However, it appears there could still be routing problems in Candler Park. If you have a routing issue please let me know so I can report it to Zone 6.

May 15, 2023 CPNO Members Meeting - Draft Minutes (Hybrid)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Christina Hodgen, President. The motion to adopt the agenda was by unanimous consent. The motion to approve the corrected April Minutes was by unanimous consent.

Guest Speakers:

1. Zone 6 Police Officer- not present.
2. Switchyards- Indra Sofian
Work spaces available with free coffee.
3. Lauren Welsh- Little Five Points Alliance
Motion to support a 'letter of support' for a stoplight near the new Moreland Ave. development passed.
4. People make the Place- August 13, 2023
 - Legacy Award- Charis Books and More
 - Uplift Award- Danny Harris Moods Music
 - In Memoriam-Pam Majors, Junkman's Daughter
 - Thomas Taylor-Stratosphere Skateboard
 - John Sweet- Inman Park and City Council
5. Safer McLendon- Motion to support the Safer McLendon Plan passed.
6. Fall Fest- Brian Kyle, Chairman
September 30-October 1; Fall Ball-9/23;TOH-9/24;5k-10/1
7. Historic Designation Committee- Emily Taff
Meetings are the fourth Wednesday evening of each month
8. Zoning- Jason Key- administrative update of Ordinance Z23-29
Committee voted to support update.
9. Treasurer- Amy Wheeler
\$9,000 donations from Membership renewals over the year; Historic

Designation-\$1,000 donations; Fall Fest \$3695 in donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary

May 15, 2023

CPNO Membership Application

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JUNE CRIME REPORT, CANDLER PARK

Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
Stolen Vehicle	4/24/2023	Sunday	0100	1300 Block McClendon Ave NE
Larceny	5/3/2023	Tuesday	0205	300 Block Mell Ave NE
Theft From Motor Vehicle	5/4/2023	Wednesday	0134	1500 Block Dekalb Ave NE
Stolen Vehicle	5/7/2023	Sunday	2000	400 Block Candler St NE
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5/12/2023	Friday	1900	1500 Block Dekalb Ave NE
Larceny	5/12/2023	Friday	2100	1300 Block Dekalb Ave NE
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5/15/2023	Monday	0800	1300 Block Axis Cir NE
SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY ROLLUP			SAFETY OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
THEFT FROM VEHICLE - 3 STOLEN VEHICLE - 2 LARCENY (THEFT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY) - 2			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two stolen vehicles over reporting period Vehicle thefts happened overnight/early morning Theft from vehicles reduced- - both instances in same general area 	



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Scouting for Summer Pests!

Warmer temperatures mean summer fun, but they also bring pests to the garden and landscape. Fortunately, gardeners and homeowners spend more time outside tending to things this time of year and are able to spot some of these common pests before they become a major issue! Here are just a few to defend against.

Nothing is more heart breaking than tending to summer vegetable plants and then having them ravaged in just a matter of days. While humidity in the South is inviting for many diseases, especially on tomato plants, one thing gardeners can control is the **tomato hornworm**. This fat, green worm looks like something out of Alice in Wonderland, and it is anything but cute. Just one or two per tomato plant can strip it of its leaves in a matter of days. Rather than using a chemical, these guys can be plucked right off the plant by hand and then left for the birds to enjoy. Other than humans, some natural enemies to tomato hornworm are wasps and praying mantis, so you can often depend on nature to take its course.

To prevent damage by tomato hornworm, gardeners must scout plants carefully every few days, as the pest's green color blends right in with leaves. A full sized tomato hornworm is typically an inch and a half to two inches long. If infestations are great, *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) sprays are acceptable for organic control.



A favorite plant for **Japanese beetles** are roses, but this pest will feed on many ornamental plants and even trees throughout the summer. They're easily identified by their iridescent green color, and the damage they cause is hard to ignore. They eat leaves down to just the veins, leaving them looking skeletonized. The effectiveness of using the yellow Japanese beetle traps is debated because, while trapping some, it may also draw a large, unwanted population to the landscape. Place the traps away from susceptible plants, and remove the trap once it's got activity on it. Chemical control is possible to suppress them, but elimination is difficult. Read and follow pesticide labels for application amounts and timing to mitigate the risk to other, desirable insects.

Noticing yellow or browning in spots of the lawn, or perhaps soft, spongy spots? This can be damage by chipmunks, birds, and especially moles, which feed on earthworms underground. Most creatures dig up spots in the grass, but moles tunneling underneath certainly affect larger areas in the lawn by pushing soil up! Their tunnels can span an entire yard. Reducing watering and stomping the tunnels down to redirect moles are often effective methods, but are ones that need constant attention. Traps are available to stop them from tunneling, but caution must be used and the homeowner educated so as to not harm or injure the wrong animal.

April and May brought thousands of questions into county extension offices statewide about strange, toothpick-like growths coming out of the trunks of many trees- commonly figs, crape myrtles and maples. **Ambrosia beetle** bores into unhealthy, often weakened and thin-barked trees around the turn of spring, and what is seen along the trunk is the sawdust kicked out of the holes they've bored. Over the summer, a second generation will emerge from affected tree trunks to scout out more trees to continue their lifecycle. Once this damage is spotted, it is important to cut away the affected limbs or trunks and remove and either bag or burn them. Proper tree care, health, and maintenance are the best defenses against problems like this. Certified arborists can also be consulted about preventative sprays for vulnerable trees.

And finally, there's not a person on this planet who cares **formosquitoes** as they try and enjoy summer fun! Keys to reducing mosquitoes are eliminating standing water in common areas and in clogged gutters and using Mosquito Dunks in desired water, like ponds and birdbaths. They're deemed safe for birds and fish. Consider an oscillating fan while relaxing outdoors. And rather than treating your entire outdoor area, treat yourself with repellents like Off, Deet or Skin So Soft. Lastly, make some adjustments to how you get dressed! Avoid dark clothing and strongly scented soaps. Apparently that's what they're most attracted to. Who knew?!



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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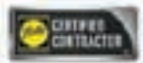
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Afternoon “pop up” thunderstorms are common this time of year, courtesy of our area’s warm and humid conditions. But sometimes, these pop up storms can be strong enough to produce wind damage -- including downed trees and powerlines. Some of the worst weather of the year can occur in the late spring and summer months as these storms produce torrential downpours as well as frequent lightning, and winds strong enough to topple trees.

But what makes a storm strong enough to be considered “severe”?

SEVERE STORM CRITERIA

A “bad storm” can be rather intense to drive through, and the thunder can be rather loud, but a thunderstorm is considered “severe” if it produces any of the following:

- ▶ Wind gusts 58 mph or greater (Why 58 mph? Because the traditional wind speed unit is knots, and 50 knots converts to 58 mph.)
- ▶ Hail that is 1 inch in diameter or greater (the size of a U.S. quarter)
- ▶ Tornado(es)

What are the main impacts from severe thunderstorms?

Lightning: While lightning is not a criterion for classifying a storm as severe, a “lightning jump” or large increase of lightning strikes in a short amount of time can signify a rapidly strengthening thunderstorm. These thunderstorms contain strong updrafts, or upward moving winds, that push water droplets and ice crystals higher in the atmosphere. Along the way, friction between the rain drops and ice crystals produce different static charges in the cloud, and lightning discharges the static electrical build up within the storm cloud. The more lightning strikes within a storm, the stronger the updrafts and more than likely the stronger the winds associated with the storm.

Wind Damage: High winds are the main impacts from severe thunderstorms. Wind gusts as high as 58 mph or greater have the potential to knock down and uproot trees, down power lines, and cause structural damage to homes and buildings.

Often, in the late spring and summer, damaging winds within a thunderstorm are due to downbursts, which are rapidly-moving downward columns of rain-cooled air.



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We've agreed to let you decide. Help!

John in Lithia Springs

So, first of all – this is what I really love, the entire sanctity of a marriage hinging on my word.

Sorry wife, I'm on John's side on this one and here's why.

Your a/c unit needs to be able to breathe. It takes fresh air in on the sides and exhausts hot air out of the top. It also needs room to be serviced and washed.

Therefore your unit should be clear of any obstructions, from plants to more permanent structures like a fence or your house for at least 18" on every side.

Not only that, but in case someone thinks you should build a deck over the unit, there should be at least 5 ft. of clearance on the top of the unit as well.

So John, keep the area around your a/c unit clean and clear of debris. If you want to make your wife happy, feel free to plant and maintain some nice shrubbery about 3 ft. away from the unit.

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