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Sidewalks Ready to Roll Out

By Zaid Duwayri, president@candlerpark.org

I'm quite excited to share with you the latest on the sidewalk repair project. As we have been updating you over the past months (actually, years), we are very close to getting the actual construction started.

Before I provide a current status update, I would like to thank the following neighbors for leading and participating in this effort over the past several years: Eric Dusenbury, Randy Pimsler, Colin Heydt, Cliff Mack, and Lauren Welsh. Our gratitude also extends to the current Infrastructure Committee that has Dana Fowle (Chair), Brandon Jones, and John Maximuk as members. In addition, we thank Councilmember Kwanza Hall and his team for allocating funds from the RenewATL Infrastructure Bond specifically for our priority project of sidewalk repairs.

City surveyors, planners and assigned contractors have been walking through our neighborhood over the past couple of weeks to finalize the construction plan. As presented in previous Messenger articles, the City's repair project will focus on McLendon, Euclid and Oakdale. These are the arterial streets that run through our neighborhood and connects our commercial districts together with the public transit station. They also contain several sections that are in desperate need of repair.

Dana Fowle and the Infrastructure committee have been meeting with the city to collect information and finalize the details of a program that would be rolled out to the rest of the neighborhood. This would be a resident-funded program that would take advantage of negotiated city rates and the cost reduction achieved by multiple neighbors initiating repairs at the same time. Stay tuned for more information about this program.

A few neighbors expressed their desire to retain the hexagonal pavers on the sidewalk. Although we agree that

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the hex pavers add a special character to our sidewalks, they also present walkability issues for a segment of our neighborhood who use strollers, walking aids or wheelchairs; they are also more susceptible to damage due to environmental factors. The city-funded program (McLendon, Euclid and Oakdale), which will likely get started in the April-May timeframe, will replace sidewalks with a brushed concrete surface.



We are trying to work closely with the city to provide advance notice and keep Candler Park informed. I'm sure that there will be questions that come up and we'll do our best to provide a timely response. When this project is completed, we'll be even more proud of our neighborhood and its walkability.

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

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MEETINGS

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

Committee meetings take place at Epworth United Methodist 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 1 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at www.candlerpark.org.

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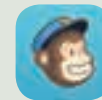
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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

- 1** CPNO Zoning Meeting, 7 pm, The New Church (formerly Epworth)
- 9** Community Meeting on Vision for The New Church, 7 pm, The New Church (formerly Epworth)
- 11** Town Meeting with Representative Stacey Abrams, 10 am - 12 pm, The Frazier Center
- 13** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The New Church (formerly Epworth)
- 15** BiRacial History Tour, 11 am – 1 pm, 1st Existentialist Church

Candler Park Conservancy Meeting, 7pm, Rush Center
- 18** BiRacial History Tour, 11 am – 12:30 pm and 1 pm – 3 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 20** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 25** CPNO Yard Sale, 9 am - 4 pm, New Church

In case of cancellations or changes, check CPNO's online Events at candlerpark.org. For meetings at Epworth, knock on door at street level to get in. All CPNO meetings are open to the public.



Daffodils from Mulberry Fields (Wylde Center) brightened the February CPNO Member's Meeting. Photo Credit: Lisa Morris

Welcome to New and Renewing Members

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

Thanks to new and renewing members for their contribution to CPNO:

Mary Schauer
Alexis Neill
Larry Compton

The Parker family

CPNO welcomes new members:

Anjie Woodworth
Elizabeth McPherson

UPCOMING EVENTS

APR 15
CPNO Easter Egg Hunt in Candler Park

APR 15
Candler Park Movie Night, featuring *The BFG*

MAY 6
Candler Park Movie Night, featuring *Sing*

MAY 26
APS Summer Vacation Begins

JUN 2 – 3
Candler Park Music and Food Festival

AUG 1
APS First Day of School

AUG 8
Candler Park Movie Night, featuring *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*

AUG 19
Candler Park Movie Night, featuring *The Jungle Book* (2016)

SEP 9
Candler Park Movie Night, featuring *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

SEP 30
OCT 1 – Candler Park Fall Fest

OCT 9 – OCT 13
APS Fall Break

If you have a Candler Park event that you would like added to this list, email editor@candlerpark.org

Declutter And Donate To The CPNO Yard Sale

By Chris Fitzgerald, fundraising@candlerpark.org

Do you have gently used items that are taking up space in your home and you aren't quite sure what to do with them? Well, look no further - you can donate them to the First Annual CPNO Yard Sale!

When: Sat March 25th, 9am to 4pm

Where: The New Church (formerly Epworth United Methodist Church) 1561 McLendon Ave. (across from Candler Park)

Yard Sale will take place along McLendon Ave, in front of the church (or inside if it rains). We will have a CPNO table on site so neighbors can purchase logo items and refreshments. Kids and dogs are welcome. Come hang out with your neighbors while helping us raise money for CPNO!

We are incredibly grateful to pastors Anjie and Andy Woodworth for allowing us to use the church for this neighborhood fundraiser. Anjie said, "We are happy to host this CPNO event and look forward to continue to get to know our neighbors throughout the process. In one of our prior churches, we had an annual yard sale so we have some experience in this area - it's a lot of work and a lot of fun!"

Please donate:

1. Clothes, shoes, purses, backpacks for all ages
2. Tools of any kind, especially power tools
3. Costume jewelry
4. Household items such as lamps, clocks, furniture, bedding
5. Electronics of any kind



6. Books
7. Bikes, roller-skates, sporting goods
8. Toys
9. Luggage
10. Kitchen items such as plates, bowls, utensils, appliances

Please do NOT donate:

1. Any clothes with stains or tears
 2. Any shoes with extreme wear
 3. Magazines
 4. Open, partially used items
 5. Anything that is very dirty or severely damaged
- ** While one person's trash is another person's treasure, some items are simply trash. Before donating an item, please ask yourself "Would I give this to a friend in need?"

Two ways to donate:

1. Drop off your items at the church, Thu 3/23 and Fri 3/24 8:00am - 3:00pm. Come to the door to the far left of the sanctuary facing McLendon Ave. (where voting takes place)
2. Leave a box or bag (or several) on your porch anytime Mon 3/20-Fri 3/24 and just send a quick email to fundraising@candlerpark.org and someone will come by and pick them up.

We also need some volunteers to help us make this event a success. Please look for an email so you can sign up for a volunteer slot or email fundraising@candlerpark.org.

Don't Miss the Easter Egg Hunt on April 15

By Chris Fitzgerald,
fundraising@candlerpark.org

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for the 11th Annual Candler Park Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 15th. Hunt starts at 1pm sharp, but please come early to play!

Kids of all ages can hunt for candy-filled eggs, guess the number of candies in the glass jar and enjoy King of Pops. And three lucky winners who find the golden egg will win a special prize.

If you are interested in helping out with this event, please email fundraising@candlerpark.org



Photo Credit: Bitu Honarvar

Understand Candler Park's BiRacial History With a Guided Tour

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

The Early Edgewood-Candler Park BiRacial History Project will host guided historic walking and bicycling tours of 1870s – 1980s African-American Legacy Sites in Candler Park and Edgewood in mid-March. These free tours are offered as a part of Phoenix Flies 2017, a project of the Atlanta Preservation Center's celebration of greater Atlanta historic sites.

The walking tours will focus on Candler Park and will occur on Wednesday, March 15 from 11am – 1 pm and Saturday, March 18 from 1pm – 3 pm. Led by Civil Bikes, the bike tour will include Candler Park and Edgewood sites and will be led on Saturday, March 18 from 11am – 12:30 pm. All tours will begin at the Old Stone Church, 470 Candler Park Drive. To reserve your place on the tour, which is limited to 20 guests per tour, call 404-222-0801.

The BiRacial History Project has the mission to support community-based education and restorative justice work in the Early Edgewood-Candler Park neighborhood, respectfully reconnecting descendent stakeholders and today's citizens to this historic African-American community. Additional project partners for the guided tours are Antioch East Baptist Church, First Existentialist Congregation, GA Humanities Council, CPNO, local schools and neighbors. For more information, please visit www.biracialhistoryproject.org, www.civilbikes.com,

and www.atlantapreservationcenter.com and click on Phoenix Flies for event program and reservation information.



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Mission Accomplished: Mary Lin Education Foundation Soars Past Fundraising Goal and Assures Students Reach New Heights

By Lindsay Hill, Fundraising Chair, Mary Lin Education Foundation

Mary Lin's mascot is "The Rockets," and the Mary Lin Education Foundation (MLEF) has been hard at work doing its part to make sure Lin students live up to that name this school year and beyond. On November 11th, the MLEF announced that its inaugural annual giving campaign, The Rocket Fuel Fund, raised over \$120,000 to support additional funding needs not covered by the APS budget and ensure every Mary Lin student can reach for the stars.

The majority of the money was raised from Mary Lin parents, but Mary Lin staff members, grandparents, neighbors, alumni families and local businesses also stepped up to help the MLEF surpass its galactic goal to raise \$85,000 (\$135 per student) in 100 days.

"On behalf of the Mary Lin staff, I would like to thank all of our families, staff members and community members who have donated to the Mary Lin Education Foundation," said Principal Sharyn Briscoe. "These additional funds give us flexibility to offer our teachers the best professional learning opportunities and the most cutting-edge tools to teach our students. We are so grateful for the support we receive as we work with the world's most precious natural resource, our children."

You may be wondering why a high performing school like Mary Lin needed to launch a major annual giving campaign. While we are fortunate to live where we do, high-performing APS schools operate with smaller budgets than lower performing schools in the district. Mary Lin is one of six APS schools that do not receive "Title 1 funding" – significant funds allocated to schools where 40% or more of students qualify as disadvantaged.

By combining its legendary parent involvement with a robust and fully supported foundation, Mary Lin Elementary will continue to offer a top-notch elementary education right here in our beloved community. We're off to a great start already – Mary Lin is currently the highest-performing school in the district after receiving a College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score of 98.9 this fall (a 5.7 point increase over our 2015 score).

The goal of the MLEF is to ensure every Mary Lin teacher has the tools to cultivate a classroom environment that celebrates creativity and differentiation, instills social-emotional learning and promotes academic success. Funds raised by the MLEF are prioritized and awarded based on a rigorous grant submission and approval process.

In addition to supporting the construction of a state-of-the-art Outdoor Classroom, the funds raised this year are being allocated to the following: a Scholastic Leveled Book Room (a sophisticated and efficient resource for classroom teachers to reach readers at every level); professional learning opportunities in various techniques and disciplines including science and math education, student engagement, gifted education, reading and phonics

and conscious discipline; invaluable teaching tools including document cameras, resources for students with special needs, a mobile aquarium and multiple popular online subscriptions such as Reflex Math, Flocabulary, Brain Pop, Silicon Valley Math and more.

While our major fundraising push ended this fall, the Mary Lin Foundation accepts donations year-round. Please visit our website to learn more about the work of the Foundation and the various ways you can help support our mission. www.marylinfooundation.org.



Callan Meyer, a 2nd grader at Mary Lin, gets his picture taken in the Rocket Photo Booth on Rocket Launch Day, a school wide event to celebrate the success of the campaign

CPNO Provides Financial Support for Block Parties in 2017

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

At the February 20th Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) meeting, the 2017 budget passed by the members included \$2,000 for block parties. The intent is to support efforts that serve Candler Park residents and build community.

If you would like to organize a block party this year, including seasonal events such as a Halloween Party, submit a proposal to CPNO by May 1, 2017. In order to qualify for a sponsorship by CPNO, we require that the event be open to the residents of a residential block of Candler Park and that the event is publicized in the Messenger and on CPNO's social media accounts.

Proposals should include the following:

- Description of event

- How the event will serve Candler Park residents and CPNO members

- Requested fund amount (up to \$250) and justification for request

- Name(s) of person(s) responsible for organizing the event

- Date that a post-event report, including receipts, will be submitted

Please submit proposals in writing via email to membership@candlerpark.org. The Membership Committee will review the proposals, attempt an equitable allocation of the funds available (up to \$250 per event), and provide a list of recommended proposals and proposed funds to the CPNO board for approval.

Respect the New Sidewalks, Please

By Eric Dusenbury, CPNO Infrastructure Committee

As you are hopefully aware, Candler Park will soon be receiving ~\$400,000 in new sidewalks. These sidewalks will be along McLendon, Oakdale, and Euclid with the goal of providing a much improved pedestrian and wheelchair experience along these connective streets. Thanks to the hard work of the Master Planning Committee, Candler Park will be the first neighborhood in the City of Atlanta to implement Renew Atlanta projects using council discretionary funds.

These sidewalks will be a large investment in the neighborhood, and the concrete being used on the sidewalks should last generations. The infrastructure committee is excited about these improvements and we want to make sure we get the best possible

results from this work. I am therefore writing to ask folks to refrain from disturbing the freshly poured concrete and to talk with younger family members about this request (I will be doing so with mine).

I realize it is a bit of a "tradition" for people to carve name or initials in concrete. While it is nice to immortalize yourself, these taggings take away from the aesthetics of the sidewalk, and in some cases, can negatively impact those in wheelchairs or pushing strollers. A lot of people have spent a lot of time and energy to get us to this point. Let's respect their hard work by helping them deliver the best product possible.



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CPNO 2017 Budget Allocates Discretionary Spending to Support and Improve Neighborhood

By Zaid Duwayri, president@candlerpark.org

Like it's been for many years now, our February meeting happened on Presidents' Day. Did you know that although it is often called Washington's Birthday, it can never coincide with George Washington's actual birthday, which is February 22nd? Well, now you know.

Our February meeting is usually one of our least attended meetings because it coincides with a school holiday and folks are usually out of town. This last meeting was well attended, however, and we discussed a healthy slew of topics, including our annual budget.

Our 2016 Fall Fest supplied our bank account with healthy funds that we wanted to turn around and spend on matters that are in line with the organization's mission and master plan. Per our bylaws, a membership vote is required for any expenditure exceeding \$500.

Traditionally, the budget presentation was limited to operational expenses that covered rent, insurance, meeting space, storage space, etc. This year, we added a number of discretionary expense categories to allow the board to authorize expenditures toward important projects and initiatives.

We are happy to announce that our membership voted to approve the budget and entrust the board with decisions to allocate these funds as appropriate, within the identified categories and up to the stated amounts.

I'll go over a number of these allocations below, focusing on the larger amounts (>\$500). The membership approved the following

- **Education:** A contribution of \$1,000 to each of the public schools that serve our students, Mary Lin, Inman and Grady, for a total of \$3,000. These funds will be directed to their relevant foundation accounts. Schools (education) is one of the items highly prioritized in our Master Plan; and with reduced federal funds allocated to our schools, CPNO is helping out, and we're hopeful that other civic organizations will follow suit.
- **The Candler Park Conservancy (CPC):** A \$5,000 matching grant contribution to the CPC to advance the projects of the field and amphitheater. This grant requires the conservancy to raise matching funds in 2017 to address these issues, which have been highly prioritized by the stakeholders. After all, we cannot have a Fall Fest if we don't have a great park!
- **Lake Claire Neighbors:** For their help during Fall Fest, volunteering their homes for the Tour of Homes and for being awesome neighbors, we allocated \$1,000 to be sent to LCN as a token of appreciation.
- **Movie Night:** This is not a new contribution as CPNO has always been a sponsor of Movie Night, and again in 2017, the membership approved the expenditure of up to \$2,800 to support

Movie Night at Candler Park. It's a very popular event that is run each year at the park and has, in many ways, expanded our name recognition within the City of Atlanta.

- **CPLC Patrol:** As Safety remains a top priority for our residents, and given the success of the CPLC last year in providing an additional level of security for our neighborhood, we are sponsoring the CPLC Patrol in 2017 with a contribution of \$1,000.
- **Porch Parties:** As part of our continuing efforts to strengthen community ties and have fun, we are reviving the porch party fund and supplying it with \$2,000 to sponsor block parties as well in Candler Park. Details about this item are provided in this issue of the Messenger.
- **Fall Fest Committee Dinner:** At the end of our Fall Fest activities – or shortly thereafter- CPNO would like to host a celebratory dinner for the Fall Fest committee to show appreciation for their tireless volunteerism, which -by the way- started in full force in January. Hopefully, they'll have another very successful event under their belt by then.
- **Other items:** We approved a number of items with amounts less than and equal to \$500, which included support for Mulberry Fields, the BiRacial History Project, L5P Mini-Precinct, and plantings around the neighborhood.

I would like to note that the membership approved the category of Others under community support. This was meant to authorize the board to support additional grants that require a short turnaround time. It is this board's full intention to respect the bylaws and not abuse the trust of the membership, and as such, we will still present funding applications that fall outside of the predefined categories to the membership for approval.

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Meet Your Neighbor: Published Author Brian Kirk

By Jyll Thomas, Candler Park Resident

After reading Brian Kirk's Bram Stoker award finalist novel, *We Are Monsters*, I would expect Brian to live in a crumbling castle with a secret laboratory in the basement. Instead, he and his wife live in a charming bungalow in Candler Park with their two adorable twin boys. I caught up with Brian as he was rushing out the door to pick up the boys from Mary Lin Elementary.

Brian's first book *We Are Monsters* is about a psychiatrist who creates a cure for schizophrenia, with a side effect that manifests the patient's inner turmoil as dangerous entities. The author states that he wrote the book because he feels mental health disorders are often misunderstood by society, which could prevent people from gaining access to proper treatment options. It's a thrilling read that has even inspired some professionals to re-think how they view mental illness.

I asked Brian if his kids knew about his book and he said yes, but when he took a turn as the class mystery reader, he selected a children's book he wrote called *Little Boy on the Beach*. This was a graphic novel he made for his nephew about a vacation the family took together—nothing scary. Yet, his children may be subtly influenced, as their favorite books are the *Goosebumps* series created by R.L. Stine as well as Roald Dahl's classic *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Currently, Brian has a book out that incorporates virtual reality with the story experience; he is shopping his third



novel around to various publishers and researching his next novel that will take place at a maximum-security prison. Also in the works are short fictions to be included in a few anthologies planned for release later this year.

When the author is not spinning spooky tales, you can often find him and his family at Fellini's, getting ice cream at Dr. Bombay's and enjoying an evening at The Land Trust, which Brian describes as one of his favorite places on the planet. He says his perfect day would include hanging out with family and friends at one of Candler Park's fantastic art and music festivals or simply spending time at the park with his children.

Stay awake with Brian Kirk's book, *We Are Monsters*, which is available for purchase on Amazon.

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Movie Night Returns With Newly Released Films

By Mark Clement, Friends of Candler Park

The Friends of Candler Park proudly announces the 11th annual Candler Park Flick-Nic movie series of five newly released features screened for free in picnic-friendly Candler Park for the whole family to enjoy on Saturday evenings in 2017!

The summer lineup is a variety of family movies including Star Wars: Episode VII -- The Force Awakens. In the past, that pesky George Lucas has not allowed his Star Wars movies to be shown in an outdoor venue. This year, Disney decided to break from that tradition and made available the Star Wars titles for outdoor screening.

The other great film features for 2017 are The BFG, Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, Sing, and The Jungle Book (2016 release).

Candler Park Movie Night festivities start one hour prior to dusk, and the feature presentation will begin promptly at sunset in front of the pool house. You will want to get there early to set up your lawn chair and blankets for the best spot! Bring your own picnic and coolers but no glass containers or bottles, which are strictly forbidden in city parks. Well-behaved dogs on a leash are welcome.

Thanks to our Candler Park Movie Night sponsors: Kroger, Candler Park Market, BOND Credit Union, Cynthia Baer Realtor, Atlanta Leasing, Fox Bros BBQ, Red-Level Renovations, Park Realty, Raging Burrito, Rival Entertainment, Great Clips, Front Page News, and Whisenant Estate. Also, thanks to Eden Foods for being our official popcorn provider. And, special thanks to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization for picking up the cost for movie licensing and insurance. Thanks also to all those wonderful unsung heroes that toil behind the sense to make it come together: Peter Bluestone, John "the Strongest Man in CP" Perantoni, Sam "Most Romantic Man in America According to Oprah Winfrey" Bacote, the debonair Joe Dennis, Amy "Pooky" Clement, the effervescent Kelly Joe Bluestone, and all the helpers from Clifton Sanctuary Ministries.

At this point, it might be good to give a quick run-down on how we operate. The Friends of Candler Park is a fiscal partner of Park Pride. All funds, sponsorships, donations go to an account managed by Park Pride. (BTW Thank you Park Pride!) From that account, we pay our expenses for movie night. With that said, we could still use some support. If you would like to help us keep this tradition going, please consider donating. To do so simply go to <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E195170&id=5>

and click the drop down menu and hit the 7th line titled Candler Park Movie Night. Or, you can join us on Facebook and there will be a link to Park Pride there. Like us on Facebook and keep up to date with any unforeseeable changes due to weather, Russian Hacking or anything else out of our control.



The poster for Candler Park Flick-Nic 2017 features a night sky background with stars and a full moon. At the top left is the Friends of Candler Park logo. The title 'Candler Park Flick-Nic' is in large, stylized letters. Below it, the '2017 Movie Schedule' is listed with five entries: April 15 - The BFG, May 6 - Fantastic Beasts & Where To Find Them, August 5 - Sing, August 19 - The Jungle Book (2016), and September 9 - Star Wars: The Force Awakens. A 'FREE MOVIE' sign is shown at the bottom right. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE UP TO DATE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT WWW.FRIENDSOFCANDLERPARK.ORG'.

Candler Park Flick-Nic

2017 Movie Schedule

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Help Preserve the Brown-headed Nuthatch in Candler Park

From Atlanta Audubon Society Press Release

February arrived and some bird species began preparing for spring. Brown-headed Nuthatches are one of Georgia's early-nesting species, and these small brown birds are already searching for cavities in which to build their nests. Atlanta Audubon is asking metro-Atlanta residents to help create habitat for this iconic southern bird by placing nest boxes in their yards.

In 2015, Atlanta Audubon launched a conservation program to build habitat for these birds, which make their homes in pine forests in the southeast. To date, more than 300 nest boxes have been placed in parks, schools, backyards, and other spaces around metro-Atlanta by Atlanta Audubon Society and by concerned citizens who enjoy seeing these birds in their yards.

Identified as a climate-endangered bird in the recent National Audubon Society Climate Report, the Brown-headed Nuthatch is in danger of disappearing from Georgia, one of the few states it calls home.

For the past three years, Atlanta Audubon Society has been working with parks, neighborhoods, and other community groups to place Brown-headed Nuthatch boxes across Atlanta and north Georgia.

"The Brown-headed Nuthatch is an indicator species for the health of southeastern pine woodlands. It is a high-priority species for conservation in the Piedmont," says Nikki Belmonte, Atlanta Audubon Society Executive Director. "This bird does not migrate, so if its habitat shrinks even more, it will have a tough time adapting. Unlike many songbirds, however, Brown-headed Nuthatches readily build nests, raise young, and roost in human-made nest boxes. This is an excellent opportunity for us to help reverse the downward spiral that we caused for this species over the years."

There are several ways you can get involved and help save Brown-headed Nuthatches:

- Purchase a nest boxes from Atlanta Audubon Society's online store at www.AtlantaAudubon.org. The boxes are hand-constructed by a Georgia builder using locally-sourced wood, and they have an easy-open front for easy monitoring and cleaning.
- Visit your nearest Bird Watchers Supply Company, Wild Birds Unlimited (WBU) store, or The Garden Enthusiast in Tucker. All of these stores carry nesting boxes with the smaller 1" opening or 1" excluders that may be used on nest boxes with larger openings, and many run late winter promotions on Brown-headed Nuthatch boxes.
- If you are handy or prefer do-it-yourself projects, you'll find plans for download at atlantaaudubon.org/brown-headed-nuthatch.
- After installing a box on your property, become a citizen scientist and help monitor and report on activity at your box through the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Nestwatch Program (www.nestwatch.org).



Brown-headed Nuthatch. Photo credit: Christy Cox

For more information on Atlanta Audubon Society's Brown-headed Nuthatch program, visit www.atlantaaudubon.org.

The mission of Atlanta Audubon Society is to protect Georgia's birds and their habitats through conservation, education, and advocacy.

An advertisement for Heirloom Design Build. The top section features the company logo, which consists of a stylized house icon with a blue roof and a white outline, followed by the text "HEIRLOOM DESIGN BUILD" in a serif font. Below the logo is a photograph of a two-story house with a red brick exterior, white trim, and a gabled roof with exposed rafters. The bottom section is a blue banner with white text that reads: "CANDLER PARK'S LOCAL CHOICE FOR: NEW HOMES • DESIGNS • RENOVATIONS". Below this, it says "CONTACT US FOR A FREE CONSULTATION (404) 537-1827" and "WWW.HEIRLOOMDESIGNBUILD.COM". In the bottom right corner, there is a small logo for "ALSTON ON HGTV".

Candler Park Crime Reports

Crime reports are provided by Atlanta Police Department Zone 6 and compiled by CPNO member David Bruce

1600 block McLendon Ave

Larceny from auto – 12/20 Tues Eve. Parking lot. Window busted. Work laptop, backpack, shoulder bag, notepad, clothing and government ID taken.

1300 block Iverson St

Larceny – 12/20 Tues Eve. Video shows 2 suspects pull up in front of the house in

a pickup. 1 suspect gets out, takes the leaf blower from the front of the house, place in the back of the pickup and flee. Suspect 1: W/M, stocky build, short hair wearing a camouflage coat. Suspect 2, driver not visible.

1200 block McLendon Ave

Larceny – 12/21 Wed Day. Package

containing a shirt and dress was removed from the porch. Victim said the empty box was located in the bushes near the driveway.

300 block Moreland Ave

12/24 Sat Eve. Listed under larceny but nothing written in report.

CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for February

These reports were submitted by officer and committee chairs prior to the February Members Meeting

Membership - Roger Bakeman

So far 8 new people have joined and 78 current members have renewed for 2017. Current-member renewal deadline for 2017 is April 30. Members who sign-in for meetings in January–April are automatically renewed.

Freedom Park Conservancy - Carol Gregory

Freedom Park Conservancy board welcomed 3 new board members: Nancy Boyd, Mark Brodbeck, and Harriett Lane. President, Steve Cushing, hosted a new board member orientation on Feb. 18. The board is immersed in visioning with Perkins and Will which includes learning more about the park's history and mapping the park with likes and dislikes. Sat., Feb. 25 at 2 PM, the Mayor's office of cultural affairs will dedicate the new artwork above and under the ice canopy, Journey to Freedom: Women of the Civil Rights Movement. Please join the celebration and enjoy the new public art. Contact carolagreg@gmail.com with questions or concerns about Freedom Park.

Amended Report (Submitted Jan 26, 2017, but Added after the adoption of the report at the Members Meeting 2/20/2017)

External Affairs Officer- Lindy Kerr

1. There were no variances or other zoning issues that directly affected CP at this month's meeting.
2. The NPU is looking for an officer

to be a representative for the Candler Park Conservancy (CPC). The rep does not have to be from Candler Park. If anyone is interested, please contact me at externalaffairs@candlerpark.org.

3. Updates from various cities departments present who provided information relevant to CP residents:

Police:

- We have a new Asst. Commander in Zone 6: Captain Neil Klotzer. nklotzer@atlantaga.gov
- Updates:
- No march-related arrests or injuries
- Overall crime is down but pedestrian robberies and car break-ins are primary focus
- To better combat robberies, the city has centralized a robbery unit, made up of 2 officers from each zone. This makes it easier to exchange information and investigate

Fire:

- There is a citizen's fire academy in March. To sign up, contact department directly at: stjohnson@atlantaga.gov

Solicitor and Code Enforcement:

- Andrew Hughes is the Solicitor that deals with code enforcement for housing as well as other municipal codes such as public works and noise.

ahughes@atlantaga.gov

- Eric Jones is the code enforcement officer for our zone. Contact him for housing violations

ecjones@atlantaga.gov (404) 546-3837

Watershed Management:

- We are still in a drought. Water only before 10am or after 4pm.

Even # houses = Wednesday and Saturday

Odd # houses = Thursday and Sunday

Parks:

- Tom Cullen at tcullen@atlantaga.gov

City Planning:

- Submissions for the Community Design Awards are running through 3/1/17. Per rules, "Buildings, public spaces, events, art, organizations, etc. nominated should be within the City...and no more than 5 years old." email Matthew Adams for further information mdadams@atlantaga.gov
- Public transportation hearing at City Hall on 2/16 at 6pm. www.atlantastransportationplan.com for more information or contact Julia Billings at jbillings@atlantaga.gov

Mayor's office:

- Submissions for neighborhood arts grant program through the Office of Cultural Affairs is open until 3/15. Grants up to \$2,400 to supports artist fees and materials for neighborhood art projects.

OCA@atlanta.com or Kia Jackson-Rogers at kjrogers@atlantaga.gov (404) 546-6895

Public Works:

- Contact Dennis Muma with issues DMuma@atlantaga.gov (I think 311 also works)

Peace of Mind in Retirement

By News USA

Planning for retirement -- and keeping that plan on track -- can be difficult. You have to make sure your money grows so that it lasts as long as you do. There's a product offered by life insurers that helps people with this challenge. It's called a variable annuity.

A variable annuity is like a 401(k) plan in certain ways. Your savings grow tax-deferred, and you can invest in accounts tied to the stock market or at guaranteed rates. Like a 401(k), a variable annuity works best as part of a long-term planning strategy. A key difference between a variable annuity and many 401(k)s is that a variable annuity offers a guaranteed stream of retirement income for life to supplement Social Security. Put another way, a variable annuity's guarantees provide two vital elements to any comprehensive retirement plan -- financial security and peace of mind.

Like all financial products, a variable annuity has fees associated with it. Fees are assessed for management of the annuity's funds -- similar to mutual funds. Fees also pay for the annuity's unique insurance elements such as guaranteed lifetime income in retirement, something that is not available in any other financial product.

Annuities can include other unique features to address your financial concerns. One such feature ensures that if you die before annuity payments begin, your designated beneficiary will receive a benefit from the annuity. The amount of the benefit is defined in the annuity's contract and is guaranteed, even if your accounts tied to the stock market perform poorly.

Since they are designed to be long-term planning products, early withdrawal from variable annuities can trigger additional charges. These are commonly referred to as withdrawal or surrender charges. Often, after a time specified in the contract, these charges are eliminated. Some annuities waive them under specific circumstances such as death, confinement to a nursing home or terminal illness.

Variable annuities are among the most regulated financial products in the marketplace. These regulations provide variable annuity owners with significant protections. From product development to advertising to sale, life insurers must comply with state and federal laws and rules that protect consumers' interests.

Variable annuities may not be for everyone. But for millions of retirees, the guarantees from variable annuities have been the difference between a secure retirement and an uncertain financial future.

More on variable annuities and how they may fit into a retirement plan is available at the American Council of Life Insurers' website, www.acli.com.



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Premier Indoor Comfort - 770-345-9707

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AKA Tree Removal - 404-496-5405

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Undercover Systems - 678-608-4384

February 20 CPNO Members Meeting – draft minutes

These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the March 20 CPNO Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Zaid Duwayri, President. Motion to adopt the agenda as displayed passed. Thank you to Cameli's for providing food.

Guest Speakers:

- Sgt. Hines and Lt. Patterson, APD Night Watch, spoke. Overall crime is down.
- Julie and Jed Roseman spoke about the renovation of the outdoor classroom at Mary Lin. Mary Lin Foundation has granted \$25,000 for the project which has been designed by Joan Piccolo of JP Design Studio, LLC. Donate your recycling points from the City of Atlanta.

Announcements:

- Andy Woodworth, Pastor of New Church, announced a community meeting at 7 pm on March 9. If unable to attend you can fill out a survey on the newatlantachurch.com website. The purpose of the meeting is to provide input into the renovation of the existing building.
- Candler Park Music and Food Festival is set for June 2nd and 3rd.
- Historical Designation- Emily Taff is seeking volunteers to help with obtaining local historic designation for Candler Park. This is not a CPNO initiative.
- Ken Edelstein, speaking for Chris Fitzgerald FallFest Treasurer, presented the 2017 FallFest budget. The dates for the festival are September 30 and October 1. Proposed budget is \$117,950 with a net income of \$41,800.
- Stacy Abrams is hosting a Town Meeting at the Fraser Center March 11 from 10 am to 12 pm.
- BiRacial History Project will be giving 3 free tours in March according to Edi Kelman.
- Open invitation to come by Mulberry Fields to enjoy the flowers that are blooming.
- Amy Stout, Candler Park Conservancy, announced a planting day at the Park entrance as March 18.
- Roger Bakeman- New Candler Park pennants are available for \$30/each.
- Neighborhood Yard Sale, first fund raising event, is March 25 at the New Church, 1561 McLendon Ave

Discussion and Votes:

- Zoning- 253 Josephine Street- Motion to support application V17 009 passed.

- Little5Alive grant- Motion to have CPNO apply for the Neighborhood Arts Grant through the City of Atlanta on behalf of Little5Alive, and transfer any awarded funds under this grant to Little5Alive for the use on a beautification project in Little Five Points. R.Land will create the art.
- 2017 CPNO Budget- Motion to approve the 2017 budget as presented passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Rohini Kukreja, Treasurer, reported no unexpected expenses this month. A film company which used Elmira Place donated \$1000 to CPNO.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by

Bonnie Palter, Secretary

February 20, 2017

CPNO Membership Application

All who live in Candler Park, or own property or a business in Candler Park, are eligible to join. Mail this application or visit our website to join www.candlerpark.org register or renew. www.candlerpark.org/renew

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Business applicants

Name of business: _____

Address of business: _____

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Optional contributions

Membership in CPNO is free, but we welcome optional contributions. To contribute, please visit our website www.candlerpark.org/contribute or mail a check with this application. Typical contributions range from \$10 to \$100.

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