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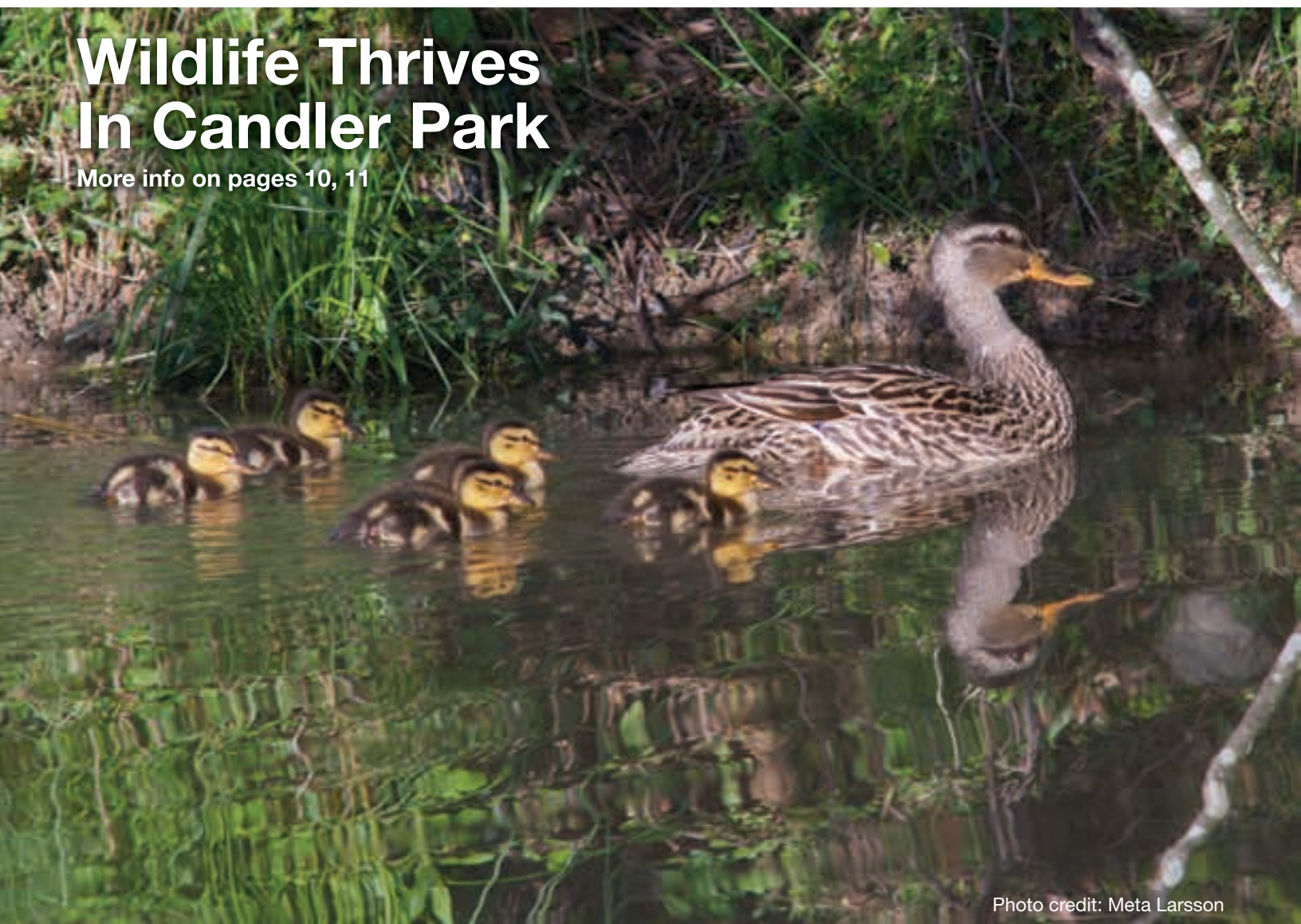


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We Can Make Little Five Points Better

By Zaid Duwayri, president@candlerpark.org

It's complicated! That's how I found myself describing Candler Park's relationship with Little Five Points in a recent meeting to discuss ideas for improving L5P initiated by District 2 Councilmember Kwana Hall on March 16th. The meeting included representatives of L5P Community Improvement District (CID), L5P Business Association, L5P Arts Alive and L5P Alive, as well as IPNA and CPNO. There were representatives from the city's Parks department and the Atlanta Police Department as well.

We spent 90 minutes listening to each other's perspectives and thoughts on how we describe the status quo at L5P, and our views on what we think has been holding back improvement initiatives. At several instances, it seemed that the obvious question was how come we're only getting together now to discuss this? These aren't new issues after all! Another question was why has the city been ignoring this one-of-a-kind location? The city is the common denominator that joins all the stakeholders. I don't have clear answers to those questions yet, and I don't think it matters much.

A neighbor once shared with me her view of Little Five: "it's like your old fun buddy from high school. Every now and then, you get together and have a great time. Next morning you wake up and find him or her lying on the couch, and you want nothing to do with them". I believe this is what ultimately hurt Little Five over the years... people getting tired of certain aspects of that life and giving up on attempting to fix it. Improving this unique and contributing area of our city is a tall order and is a burden that requires



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PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

the participation of a large group of residents, and the support of the City.

Two promising points came up at the meeting. The first was that all the represented groups were completely aligned on the need to work fast to improve the area and agreed that the situation with the urban campers (for the lack of a better term) is one of the first issues that needs to be addressed.

The second point was that team representing the CID wants to be leading the efforts of improvement and will be reaching out to the adjacent neighborhoods for help. We will be featuring more about the mission and goals of the CID in future issues of the Messenger and, meanwhile, the CID team will be presenting at the April CPNO meeting to build a relationship with our members and listen to our concerns and ideas.

Little Five Points is a true gem in the rough. It came about because great efforts of residents in our neighborhood four decades ago and became a unique landmark of our city. It would be a terrible loss for our city and our neighborhoods if we abandon it. In my recent call for volunteers on NextDoor, I received the contact information of several of our members who would like to collaborate with the other stakeholders to improve Little Five, as well as liaison with city entities to push for support and sponsorship of these efforts. I thank you for volunteering and I call for more volunteers to join us.

Help us keep Little Five weird.... clean, welcoming and safe for all.

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

Committee meetings take place at 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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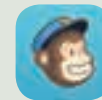
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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 5** CPNO Zoning Meeting, 7 pm, The New Church
- 10** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The New Church
- 15** CPNO Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm, Candler Park

Candler Park Movie Night, featuring The BFG, at dusk
- 17** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 19** Candler Park Conservancy Annual Members Meeting, 7 pm, Rush Center Annex
- 22** March for Science, 12 noon – 4 pm, rally in Candler Park and 2 – mile march through Candler Park and Little Five Points

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.



Show Off Your Home

By Lexa King, safety@candlerpark.org

The Candler Park Tour of Homes is in search of a few good properties! It's that time again. We are preparing to show off our neighborhood not only to those Intowners like us, but even to people from OTP who wonder how the heck anyone can live without garages! Two years ago we struck a nerve by featuring tree houses. Last year we delighted many by including some chicken coops. This year we're in search of a few good "cookers". Think people who do catering or own or operate restaurants. I'll share more about the vision for this as time progresses.



In the meantime, please make yourself known if you have a house you would like to show off (does NOT have to be magazine spread perfect, just interesting), have a neighbor whose house you would like to nominate, or if you know of a chef who might like to participate. Call me with any and all ideas 404-452-9898 or email me at lexaking@gmail.com.

Don't forget, this is not about designer perfect spaces. It's about letting those not fortunate enough to live here have a little glimpse into what makes us special! No place is too small, too large, too old or too new for consideration. Let's make this the most interesting tour yet - and make buckets full of money! Thanks in advance.

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

JUN 10 – 17
Atlanta Cycling 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

All Ages Are Welcome at Easter Egg Hunt on April 15

By Chris Fitzgerald, fundraising@candlerpark.org

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 and hang out with friends and neighbors!

Kids of all ages can hunt for candy-filled eggs, guess the number of candies in the glass jar and enjoy King of Pops. We will divide the kids into three age groups: 0-3 years, 4-7 years and 8-11 years. And three lucky winners who find the golden egg during each hunt will win a special prize. This year, we will have more "grown up" fun for the 12+ crowd.

Hunts will take place in Candler Park on the right side of the main driveway, near the pavilion. Please note that IAFC will be conducting soccer games at Candler Park during the hunt and we want them to have first dibs on parking so please consider walking, biking or parking at The New Church at 1561 McLendon Ave.

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



2016 Easter Egg Hunt was a thrill! Photo credit: Bitá Honarvar



Candler Park Day School Hosts Spring Fest

By Erin Aynes, Candler Park Resident

Candler Park Day School at the New Church is proud to invite you to our first parent-led fundraiser, Spring Fest! Join us on Saturday, May 6 from 2pm to 4pm. Atlanta's famous Mr. Michael of the Learning Groove will kick off this family event with an interactive music concert. Children, teachers and parents can sing, dance, laugh, and wiggle as Mr. Michael gets silly with his guitar! Following the concert, the fun continues outside with bouncy houses, yummy food, King of Pops, games and a raffle.

This is also a fabulous time to get to know your neighborhood pre-school! We will be giving school tours and answering questions. So, join us for Spring Fest – a fabulous way to support your neighborhood school, have a blast with the kids, and check out all that Candler Park Day School has to offer!

Tickets are available in advance at www.cpdsspringfest.eventbrite.com, or on May 6 at Candler Park Day School. We are located at the New Church, 1561 McLendon Ave, Atlanta, GA 30307 - Just across the street from Candler Park.



Mr. Michael will entertain at Spring Fest.

Mary Lin Elementary Student Advances to State Geography Bee

By Colin Heydt, Candler Park Resident

“Volcanic in origin, the Canary Islands are located in the Atlantic Ocean and administered by what country?”

“The easternmost point on the Horn of Africa is part of which country?”

“Archaeologists have begun excavating an ancient lost city in the region of Mosquitia in which country north of Nicaragua?”

If you guessed Spain, Somalia, and Honduras, perhaps you are ready to compete against the fourth graders at Mary Lin Elementary. After in-class tests to narrow down the field, ten finalists met on stage to compete in the inaugural Mary Lin geography bee.

Students in grades 4-8 from over 10,000 schools nationwide compete in annual geography bees. School winners take qualifying tests in order to advance to the state bees. The fifty state champions go on to compete in the National Championship, with the chance to win a \$50,000 scholarship. The National Geographic Society administers the program, which began in 1989.

By knowing that “Liberia” was the answer to “The Vai script is a unique indigenous writing system found in Sierra Leone and what country to its southeast?”, Charles Heydt became Mary Lin’s first geography champion after a tense round of tiebreakers. Charles prepared for the bee “by reading geography textbooks and memorizing countries, capitals, and other information like GDP.”

He went on to become the only fourth grader in Georgia to qualify for the state bee, which will be held on March 31st at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville.

Kate Sandhaus, a parent, worked with the school’s administration and 4th grade teachers Charisse Barnes-Ferraro, Nancy Bates and Clay Barnhart to bring the geography bee to Mary Lin. Sandhaus says, “Knowing places on a map is important, but geography covers so much more: climate, landforms, economies, political systems, human cultures, current events and more. Geography brings a map to life and helps you understand the world.”

Sharyn Briscoe, Mary Lin’s principal, says, “We are so proud of Charles and all of the other students who made it into the school-wide geography bee. They say the world is getting smaller and we have access to so many places due to technology and internet access. It is our hope that we can inspire our students to learn as much as they can about the world, learn respect for our differences, and learn to take care of it. The Geo Bee is a great step in this direction!”



Charles Heydt, the Mary Lin Geo Bee winner, advances to the Georgia State Bee.



The ten finalists in the Mary Lin school-wide Geo Bee. Charles Heydt, the winner, is in orange with the medal.

March for Science in Candler Park Could Be Huge

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

According to March for Science Atlanta organizers, an estimated 5,000 to 15,000 people may show up for the rally and march in Candler Park from 12 pm – 5 pm on Earth Day, April 22. The City of Atlanta approved the permit on March 10, and organizers spoke to CPNO members at the March 20th CPNO meeting.

Organized as a sister march to the DC March for Science and others being held simultaneously around the nation on Earth Day, the March for Science Atlanta event intends to communicate a message of standing up for science-based policy-making in matters of public and environmental health. The rally in Candler Park will feature a diverse speaker's list, science fair, vendor tables and other 'celebration of science' activities.

The official march will begin at 1 pm at the corner of Candler Park Drive and McClendon Drive, taking a 2.2 mile route through the Little Five Points area. Marchers will head north on Candler Park Drive toward North Avenue, then turn west on North Ave toward Moreland Avenue. Marchers will then head south on Moreland Ave toward McClendon Avenue, before heading east on McClendon Ave to conclude back in Candler Park at approximately 4pm. The event in the park will end at 5 pm.

Laura Martin, one of the March for Science organizers, told CPNO members that there will be rolling closures of streets along the March route. She also said there will be 400 volunteers on the ground managing the event.

For additional information and to provide input as a Candler Park resident, visit www.marchforscienceatlanta.org or follow on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/ScienceMarchATL](https://twitter.com/ScienceMarchATL),

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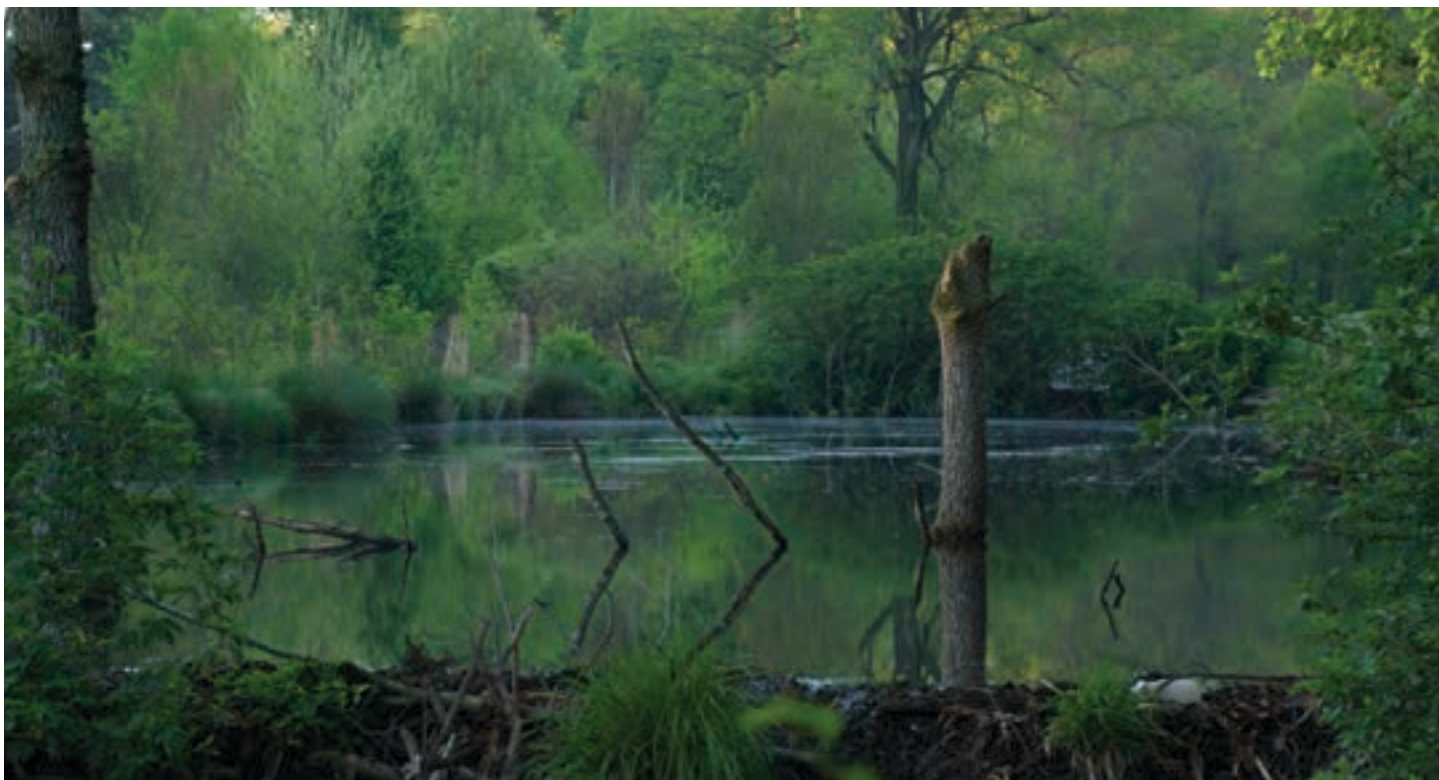
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Candler Park wetlands. Photo Credit: Meta Larsson

Flora and Fauna Thrive in Candler Park

By Meta Larsson, Candler Park Resident

The Candler Park wetlands, nestled in the middle of the golf course, is a perfect example of how members of a keystone species, beavers in this case, can create a healthy habitat for native flora and fauna.

After the concrete culverts (an ill-conceived storm water management project from the 1950s) were removed from the Candler Park golf course about ten years ago, and the little creek was re-naturalized with rocks and native plants, *Castor Canadensis*--the American beaver--took up residence. The beavers soon created a series of ponds along the creek, which runs from McLendon Avenue through the middle of the golf course and joins another branch of Peavine Creek at the northern end of the course.

The ponds in turn have attracted a myriad of animals: turtles, frogs, fish, and snakes inhabit the water; and in the air the ecosystem teems with butterflies, bats, dragonflies, and numerous species of birds, including nesting green herons, mallards, flickers and occasional sandpipers and kingfishers. Bluebirds and brown-headed nuthatches (the latter in decline because of loss of habitat) nest in tree cavities, and red-tailed hawks, who nest in a tall pine tree close by, are often seen perched by the largest pond.

In fact, over 50 species of birds have been recorded by the student birding club at the Paidea School, who have surveyed the wetlands for the past several years. And a rare Virginia rail was spotted by members of the Audubon Society, which includes the wetlands on their annual Christmas Bird Count. The diversity speaks to the importance of the habitat to both resident and migratory birds

Since beaver lodges provide housing for other animals, muskrats and otters spotted in and around the ponds, most likely reside with the beavers in their underground residence hidden from view. Tracks of fox, deer, raccoon, rabbit, and possum have also been seen along the creek banks.

The beaver pond habitat also hosts lovely native plants. Hibiscus, lobelia, morning glory, monkey flower, goldenrod and others bloom throughout spring and summer and into late fall; in and around the ponds sedges and rushes, duckweed, cattail, dog fennel and many others offer food and shelter for wildlife. A survey of the area's plant community, conducted by Steve Bowling and Leslie Edwards, author of *The Natural Communities of Georgia*, includes 175 plant species, of which 75% are native. Non-native plants including privet, porcelain berry, kudzu, and English ivy are indeed invasive, and Edwards suggests they be removed to minimize impact on native plants.

This healthy urban oasis has been peacefully thriving since 2006 thanks to a spirit of coexistence. In other places, dawn and dusk beaver walks have become tourist attractions for urbanities; we are fortunate to have our own wildlife habitat right in the middle of our neighborhood.

Background: The restoration project was funded by a US EPA grant administered by the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. It was led and supported by a consortium of groups that also included the City of Atlanta Parks Department, Park Pride, CPNO, Paidea, and others.

Flora and Fauna Thrive in Candler Park Continued



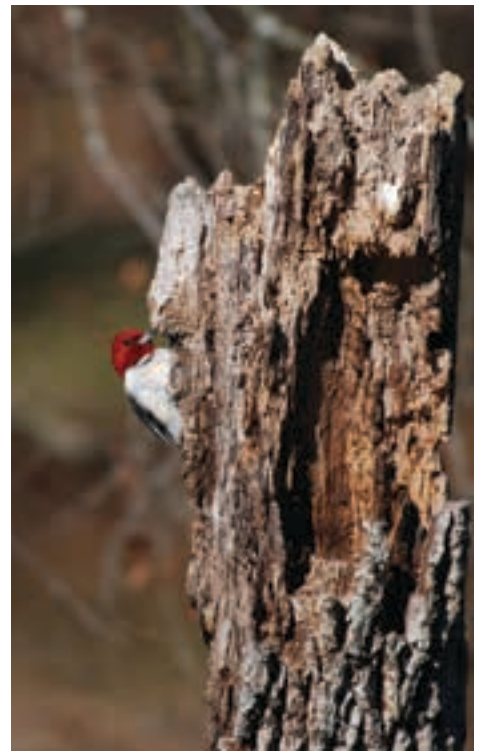
Turtles (yellow-bellied sliders) sunning themselves. Photo Credit: Meta Larsson



Blue birds, male and female in nest.
Photo Credit: Meta Larsson



Brown headed nuthatch by nest.
Photo Credit: Meta Larsson



Red-headed woodpecker.
Photo Credit: Meta Larsson

Lights Out Atlanta Aims to Reduce Bird Deaths and Power Bills

From Atlanta Audubon Society Press Release

The Atlanta Audubon Society is launching Lights Out Atlanta this spring to help reduce bird deaths caused by building collisions. Each year, an estimated 350 million to 1 billion birds die in the United States after colliding with buildings. The problem is particularly bad during spring and fall migration. This spring, Atlanta Audubon Society will partner with programs such as the Atlanta Better Buildings Challenge (ABBC), to launch Lights Out Atlanta to make Atlanta a more bird-friendly community.

Lights Out Atlanta is a voluntary program encouraging building owners and residential homeowners to turn off or reduce lighting from midnight to dawn during the peak bird migration periods. Participants pledge to reduce non-essential lighting during peak migration periods of March 15 to May 31 (spring) and August 15 to November 15 (fall). The pledge is available on the Atlanta Audubon website at www.AtlantaAudubon.org/lightsoutatlanta.

Partnering with the ABBC for outreach was a natural fit since the Program's goal to reduce energy and water use in commercial buildings by 20% by 2020 already encourages participants to turn off any unnecessary nighttime lighting.

Atlanta Audubon Society has been studying collision-related bird deaths through its Project Safe Flight Atlanta Program for the past two years. Project Safe Flight volunteers patrol selected routes during peak bird migration periods collecting birds that have died or been injured after colliding with buildings. Since the program launch in fall 2015, more than 500 birds of 70 different species have been collected.

Modeled after other successful programs in Toronto, New York City, and Minneapolis, Lights Out Atlanta is working with building owners, property management companies, tenants, local governments, and homeowners to make Atlanta safe for passing birds. Studies have shown that bird deaths during peak migration periods can be dramatically reduced when exterior architectural

and unnecessary lighting is turned off. Lights Out Atlanta has an additional benefit of reducing energy usage and cost to help properties achieve their sustainability goals.

"Birds tend to migrate at night in order to avoid predators and to take advantage of the cooler temperatures. Artificial nighttime lighting can be a major obstacle for migrating birds since they use the moon, stars, and magnetism from the earth for guidance," says Adam Betuel, Conservation Director for Atlanta Audubon Society. "The nighttime lighting from houses and buildings can disorient birds, who then crash into buildings or become trapped in beams of lights causing them to die of exhaustion. Atlanta Audubon encourages building and homeowner to join this effort to make Atlanta a more bird-friendly community."

Why Participate in Lights Out Atlanta?

- Minimize unnecessary bird deaths
- Save money by reducing energy usage
- Satisfy your building's sustainability goals
- Receive recognition for sustainable, bird-friendly practices
- Be recognized as a regional and national leader in sustainability and bird conservation
- Make Atlanta a bird-safe community

How to participate:

- Sign the pledge at <http://www.atlantaaudubon.org/lights-out-atlanta>
- Turn off exterior decorative lighting during peak migration season
- Extinguish spot and flood-lights
- Substitute strobe lighting where possible
- Reduce lobby and atrium lighting where possible
- Turn off interior lighting, especially on upper floors
- Substitute task and area lighting for workers staying late
- Down-shield exterior lighting or limit to ground level

While all unnecessary lighting should be reduced, exterior decorative lights and lighted upper stories should be prioritized as they are most harmful to migrating birds.

For more information or to participate in Lights Out Atlanta, please visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/lights-out-atlanta

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



Local Historic District Designation - Exploring the Possibility

By Emily Taff, Candler Park Resident

Some residents are currently exploring the possibility of Candler Park becoming a Local Historic District. We are working to educate property owners in the potential district and facilitate a conversation with the whole neighborhood about what it could mean for Candler Park.

WHY would we want to be a Local Historic District?

The City of Atlanta's Historic Preservation Ordinance provides for the designation of Local Historic Districts which give residents a real voice in the alteration of their neighborhood's built environment through the establishment of design regulations and a design review process.

Local Historic Districts offer guidance for future development. Take Inman Park for instance. There is no shortage of development there, but years ago the neighborhood became a Local Historic District writing design regulations for new construction that would harmonize with the neighborhood but also allow for changes. Most interestingly, they also established Subareas within the District with different sets of guidelines, anticipating significant future growth in these portions of the neighborhood. Keeping those areas within the Historic District boundaries allowed there to be some review of development plans by the Urban Design Commission and an opportunity for neighbors to have meaningful voice, without creating a serious impediment to development. Meanwhile, in the historic residential core of Inman Park, where more restrictive covenants protect properties from the development boom at the edges, the neighborhood has maintained its authenticity.

In Candler Park's recent Master Plan, similar desires for some developmental and even design control in the neighborhood were expressed. It was recognized by residents at that time that architectural features, such as front porches, help maintain a certain ambiance that was seen as valuable to this neighborhood. Unfortunately, the Master Plan itself, while valuable in many aspects, does not have the teeth in and of itself to enforce these desires.

Yes, it means design regulations.

The big thing about living in a Local Historic District is that there are design regulations and review. There's no way around it. Historic District regulations are written to protect the historic architectural integrity of the neighborhood and in doing so, they encourage better quality design. Better design leads to a greater sense of cohesiveness, more innovative use of materials, and greater public appeal. By protecting the historic integrity of a district, Local Historic District designation protects the aesthetics and amenities that attracted us here in the first place.



Design regulations should not be onerous, however, or prevent property owners from repairing, upgrading and renovating their homes so that they enjoy living there. Regulations apply to what is visible from the street and, since the neighborhood proposes their own regulations, they are tailored to target design issues that property owners feel are important in their district. By writing meaningful regulations, we can have a say in what our neighborhood will look like in the future and, further down the road, the design review process provides an avenue for neighbors to have a meaningful voice in new construction projects.

Historic Preservation at its best should not deny change but should provide a plan for accommodating necessary change and growth in a manner that is sensitive to its surroundings. This is exactly what Local Historic Districts set out to do.

There are other benefits of course: technical and design assistance from the city; the steady rise of property values in the face of volatile market forces; environmental friendliness by promoting reuse rather than demolition and new construction; and, of course, historic districts are educational, providing a tangible link to the past and a way to bring meaning to history and people's lives.

Ultimately though, Candler Park is a place where people live. For myself, without the ambiance of this neighborhood, my house would have very little value to me. Without our bungalows marching up McLendon, or the front porches with an eye on the street, and backyards for partying, Candler Park would lose much more than its historic architecture.

Candler Park is at a point where we need to seriously consider how much control we want over the future of our neighborhood. Will market forces decide what our neighborhood will be like or will we take control now so that we ourselves can have a say in what happens down the street or next door? Stay tuned for public meetings and find out more: whyhistoricdistrict.wordpress.com.

BiRacial History Project Walking and Bike Tours



March "Phoenix Files" BiRacial History Project walking and bike tours highlighted research on African American historic sites in Candler Park. Thanks to partners at Civil Bikes, Atlanta Preservation Center, and CPNO.

Candler Park Crime Reports

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

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CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for March

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

Membership - Roger Bakeman

As Membership Officer, I would like to thank and express my gratitude to Amanda Bolster, Lisa Morris and Jennifer Wilds, who served on the membership committee last year and who have agreed to serve again this year, and to welcome Michele Feeney as a new member of the committee for 2017. I would also like to thank all those CPNO members who have renewed their membership for 2017.

Zoning - Bill Morris

The Zoning meeting was held on March 1, 2017 with four members in attendance. The applications on the agenda were V-17-018 (1575 Mclendon Ave.) and U-16-037 (470 Candler Park Dr.).

V-17-018 is an application for a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 35 ft to 32.2 ft and to reduce the half depth front yard setback from 17.5 ft to 5.1 ft. in order to allow the build out and expansion of the attic space within the existing footprint of the structure. After presentation of the project, which will provide for two bedrooms, one bathroom and loft space underneath a new roofline, by the applicant (Robert Ross), the committee voted 4 – 0 in support of the variance. The vote is conditional upon obtaining support from neighbors at 395 Callan Circle and 1576, 1584 and 1594 Mclendon Ave. or providing mail receipts that application materials were provided to the neighbors for review; the project is built in accordance with the site plan filed with the City dated 1/19/17 and that the applicant appear before the March 23 NPU meeting.

U-16-037 is an application for a special use permit for the operation of a preschool and aftercare program by the Primavera School at the First Existentialist Church which was deferred from the Feb. 1 zoning meeting. The program will provide a preschool program from 9:00am – 1:00 pm for ages 18 months to 5 years and aftercare for children age 2 – 12 from 1-5:30pm. The school currently operates a preschool for children 18 months to 5 yrs from 9am – 1 pm. Since the deferral, the applicant has made a number of program changes to address questions and concerns from nearby neighbors primarily related to potential noise and traffic issues. Changes made to address noise issues

include: maintaining quiet hours from 1-3pm daily, starting 18 month old children indoors to help with separation anxiety, maintaining a policy to bring crying children indoors to calm down and moving any noisy game activities to the park. In addition, a fence and evergreen screen will be installed on the north property line to serve as a buffer and screen and an additional evergreen screen will be installed along the outside of the playground area as a noise buffer. To minimize traffic related issues early drop off time will begin at 8:10 am to avoid Mary Lin's 7:30-8:00am drop off period and afternoon pick up will take place hourly beginning at 3:00pm. Since the initial zoning meeting, the applicant conducted additional outreach to the neighbors to gauge support for the application. Of those contacted, 10 of 14 neighbors on Candler Park Drive support the application (2 properties vacant and 2 opposed) and 3 of 4 on Miller Avenue support the application (1 not contacted). The two opposed are the adjacent neighbors on the north side of 470 Candler Park Dr. (484 & 486). After in depth discussion thru two meetings, the adjoining neighbor at 484 CP Drive remains basically opposed to the revised aftercare program. Aside from the issues with the School's aftercare program, there are separate issues related to noise from other church related activities as well as water run-off from the church property. Houses on the north side also lack off street parking. Although opposed to the aftercare program, the adjoining neighbor (484) stated a preference that if a fence is constructed on the north property line that the height not exceed 4 ft. to block less light and the view from the house. Following discussion, the ZC committee voted 3 -0 to support the U-16-037 (with 1 abstention). Basically the committee believed the aftercare program is a reasonable use of the property, similar programs have been shown not to impact property values and it is consistent with the SUP previously approved for the applicant in 2013. The vote in support of the application is conditional on the following provisions: Installation of a 4 ft privacy fence on the north property line, establishment of a written policy by the school to bring crying children indoors, the permit duration will be 3 years (rather than 5) and there will be

no summer program. Applicant will appear before the March 23 NPU meeting.

External Affairs Officer - Lindy Kerr

External Affairs report from 2/23/17 NPU-N meeting:

Updates from City Department Representatives:

1. Police: Car break-ins continue to be the number one crime for our zone. Please remember to keep your car clean. Do not leave valuables, bags or backpacks, pocket change or any other items of any value in sight.
2. Oakdale Cemetery is working on creating a Master Plan. Visit www.Oaklandaliveatl.com for input.

Votes on Zoning Matters:

Druid Hills United Methodist Preschool's application for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to move their daycare to 502 Seminole Ave NE (at the end of Mansfield Ave) came before the NPU for a vote. This application has sparked strong emotions on both sides – there are many families in Inman Park and Candler Park whose children attend the preschool. They are supportive of the move. There are also many Inman Park residents that are concerned about the increased traffic and how it will affect the ability of police and fire to reach homes quickly in an emergency. Many residents also expressed concern that the traffic surrounding the pre-school would negatively impact property values. The Inman Park Neighborhood Association voted against the SUP as did the residents immediately surrounding the property. As a result, the all nine member organizations in NPU-N voted against the SUP. The Permit still goes before the Zoning Review Board and the City for a vote.

Freedom Park Conservancy - Carol Gregory

The FPC board met on March 14. John Rose and Harriett Lane are now co-chairs of the Park Improvement committee and already have plans for a work day in April. The board will continue the visioning that they started with Mark Bombeck and spend Saturday, March, 25, with Perkins and Will mapping the park. Carol Gregory carolagreg@gmail.com.

March 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 April 17 CPNO Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Zaid Duwayri, President. New neighbors were welcomed. Motion to adopt the agenda passed. Thank you to Candler Park Market for the food provided.

Announcements:

1. Rachel Parish announced Little Five Point Arts Alive will be every Saturday and Sunday, 5- 8 pm, April 22 to November 1.
2. Atlanta Cycling Festival will be held June 10-17, 2017.
3. Zelda Jackson announced her intention to run for District 2 Council seat.
4. Jay Tribby, assistant to Kwanza Hall, announced the second Renew Atl meeting Thursday, March 30 from 6-8 pm at Liberty Baptist Church.
5. Little Five Points Business Association is working on improving conditions of the area specifically Findley Plaza.
6. Greg Wallach announced the start up of a new landscape architecture firm.
7. Lindy Kerr announced that the NPU N Bylaws will be coming up for re-affirmation. There are no changes anticipated.
8. Susan Rose announced the availability of the Messenger on the back table.
9. Carolyn Murphy sent a thank you note and check for the CPNO tree ornaments she sold.
10. Yard sale Saturday, March 25, 8 am-4 pm at The New Church on McLendon Ave.

Presentation:

Laura Martin, Logistic Manager, presented the details of the March for Science to be held April 22, 2017 12-4 pm in Candler Park.

Zoning:

1. The motion to approve the application for V-17-018(1575 McLendon Ave.) passed.
2. The motion to support the application U-16-037 (470 Candler Park Drive) was amended by adding the three conditions-“Installation of a 4 ft privacy fence on the north property line, establishment of a written policy by the school to bring crying children indoors, the permit duration will be 3 years (rather than 5) and there will be no summer program” passed.

Fall Fest Budget:

Chris Fitzgerald presented the budget for the vote. Motion to approve the 2017 FallFest budget passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Zaid Duwayri substituted for Rohini Kukreja. Cash on hand \$93,696.70 with some checks cut for logo merchandise.

Motion to approve the February minutes passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by

Bonne Palter, Secretary

March 20, 2017

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How Ethanol Can Impact Your Engine

By News USA



When consumers fill their tanks at the gas station, they will see signs reading "may contain 10 percent Ethanol." However, many don't know what this means or how it can affect their engine performance. Ethanol-blended fuel has become standard in the United States, and the Environmental Protection Agency recently mandated an increase in the amount of ethanol added to fuel; meaning, it is even more important that consumers understand the pros and cons of Ethanol.

Ethanol is a biofuel distilled from corn and sugar that has many benefits, including reducing greenhouse emissions and lowering the cost of fuel at the pump.

However, ethanol-blended fuel can also have negative side effects on your car, boat and small engines, such as lawnmowers and snowblowers, over time. Some signs that ethanol is affecting your engine's performance include:

- * **Efficiency:** Ethanol-blended fuel's lower energy efficiency may reduce fuel economy of your engine.

- * **Stalling:** Ethanol can cause engine stalling if the water in the ethanol separates from the gasoline and floods the engine. This problem is most likely in engines that sit unused for long periods of time.

- * **Corrosion:** Ethanol can contribute to corrosion of fuel tanks and other components, and the risk is even greater with small engines with aluminum parts.

- * **Clogging:** Ethanol can loosen debris in the fuel line that leads to clogs.

Fortunately, there are several easy things you can do to

help protect your engine from ethanol-related side effects.

Treatment: Using a non-alcohol based fuel stabilizer and treatment product, such as STA-BIL 360 Performance, can help protect gas-powered engines. A stabilizer may be especially beneficial for engines that sit for long periods without starting. Stabilizers are designed to absorb the excess water that may be present if ethanol begins to separate from gasoline and protect the insides of the fuel tank and parts.

Turn it on: Start up your stored classic car, boat and seasonal equipment, such as lawn mowers or snow blowers a few times during the off-season months to make sure they are running smoothly.

Tank it up: Cars, lawn mowers, snow blowers, boats, and other gasoline-powered tools and vehicles should keep their tanks at 95 percent full with fuel, and add a fuel stabilizer if they are to sit unused for a long time. This strategy helps prevent condensation while allowing room for expansion in warmer weather.

Trust your source: Buy fuel from a reputable gas station. A station with a quick turnover of their products helps ensure that the gasoline is fresh.

Test the lines: Rubber fuel lines dating from before the mid-1980's should be inspected. These lines may not be compatible with ethanol-blended fuel, and may need to be replaced.

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Stop Pests This Spring With These Safe, Simple Steps

By News USA

Spring is here, and that means not only getting a jump on your cleaning, but also having a reason to check all areas of your house and garage for signs of pests that might have made themselves at home over the winter.

Take a tour through your house and try these simple steps suggested by Kari Warberg Block, pest prevention expert and founder of EarthKind and Stay Away natural pest-prevention products for a few pest-proofing techniques for each room of your house

- **Outside:** The best defense is a good offense when it comes to protecting the outside of your home from pests. Inspect the exterior of your house and patch any cracks or other openings that may have developed over the winter.

- **Living room:** Keep ants from becoming unwanted guests in your living room by vacuuming the entry/living room areas thoroughly to get rid of any crumbs, and clean up any sweet, sugary spills which are the number one culprit for attracting ants in this area. Also, try a non-toxic ant repellent such as Stay Away Ants pouches. All Stay Away products are made in the USA from essential oils and plant fibers, so they are eco-friendly and have no known risks associated with use in the home.

- **Kitchen:** Use natural ingredients to keep your kitchen clean and repel rodents and other pests. Be sure to clean under

refrigerators, stoves, and sinks because these are the areas where rodents frequently make their nests. Dog food is the number one attractant to hungry rodents. Try using a plant-based Stay Away Rodent repellent pouch, and you may avoid becoming one of the 21 million American homes invaded by rodents each winter (according to the National Pest Management Association). After pest-proofing your kitchen, proceed to the pantry, where moths might try to make themselves at home. Prevent problems by storing food in airtight glass, metal, or plastic containers; cleaning and checking packages for signs of holes; and placing a non-toxic Stay Away Moths pouch nearby.

- **Bedroom and Closet:** Moths also can consider closets a place to call home, but a Stay Away Moths pouch can keep them at bay. In the bedroom, the non-toxic Stay Away Spiders repellent offers a similar strategy. After vacuuming to remove any existing webs, use the repellent to prevent additional infestations.

- **Garage and Basement:** These areas can harbor a variety of pests. To keep them out, avoid storing items in cardboard boxes, which can attract rodents (they use cardboard to build their nests) as well as cockroaches (they like to feast on the glue). Also, repair any leaky pipes to prevent the development of mold and moisture.

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