



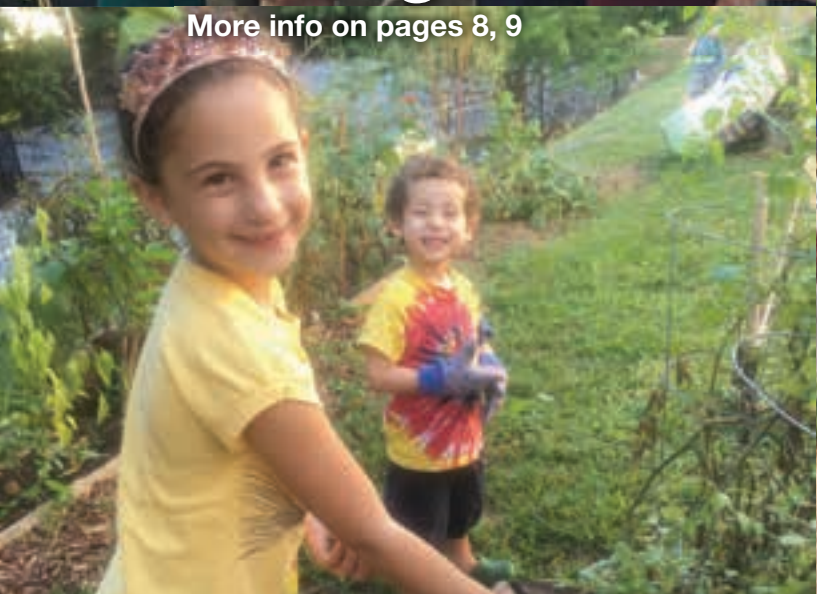
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To Be or Not to Be... A Historic District

By Zaid Duwayri, president@candlerpark.org

Quickly moving past the lame title and into the hot topic in Candler Park these days, which is the revived discussion on the historic designation of the neighborhood. I will admit that I'm not very knowledgeable on the merits or lack thereof of this potential designation and I've been attempting to read up on it. I've been hearing from many of the neighbors who are on both sides of the argument asking whether CPNO is advocating for the designation. I'll use the space here to explain.

In short, CPNO is neither in favor nor against the designation. Our positions stem from those of our membership, based on votes at our membership meetings. The effort you heard about on Nextdoor and in flyers was a project taken on by a neighbor who wanted to explore the possibility of the designation. The goal is to bring this issue for a vote to support the designation in a CPNO meeting later this year. The vote will be announced well in advanced and the opportunity will be given for neighbors to speak in favor or against the designation in the months leading up to it. As stated in every issue of The Messenger, articles - such as those discussing the historic designation

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topic - represent the views of their authors.

Discussions and presentations on this matter will start at the CPNO May meeting. The member leading the effort will arrange for a presentation to explain her findings and will be joined by City of Atlanta staff. Please start educating yourself or reinforcing your position by attending this first presentation and ask questions. The presenter mentioned that she would like to take a "pulse" vote at May meeting to support further exploration and dialog. Just to reassure you all, this will NOT be the Go/No-Go vote for the historic designation. I ask that we respect the rights of our members and guests to speak and I suggest that members reread the CPNO meeting guidelines at <http://candlerpark.org/cpno-meeting-rules-and-guidelines/>.

Our membership meetings have been very well attended recently. I expect this topic to drive additional attendance, which we welcome. Please remember that only CPNO members can vote at our meetings.



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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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CPNO membership is free to Candler Park residents, property owners and businesses. Membership must be renewed annually.

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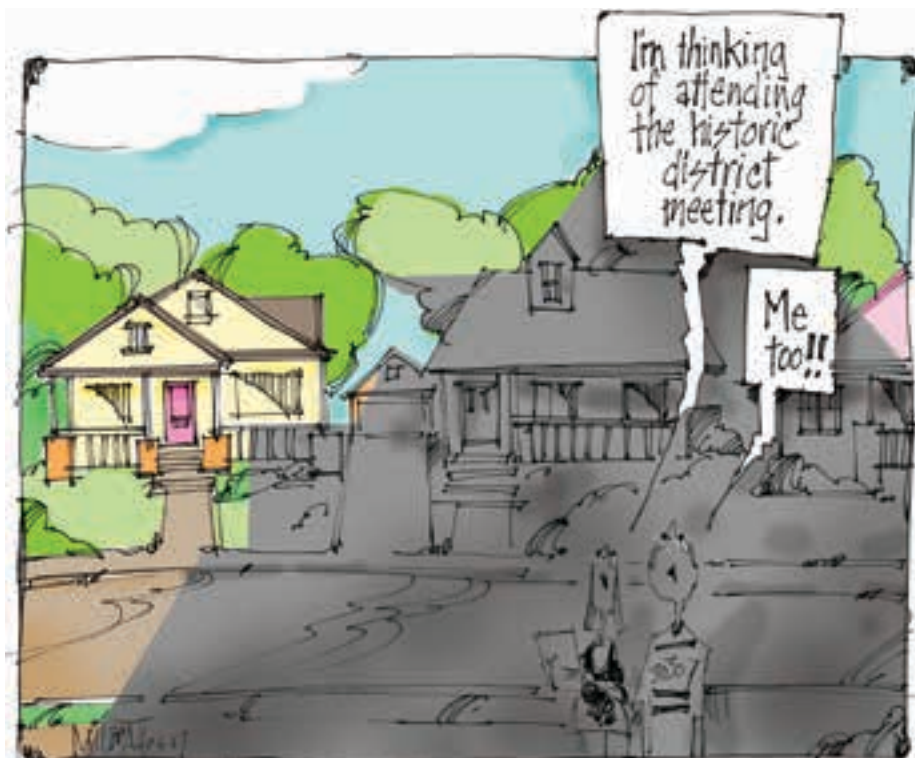
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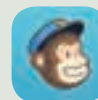
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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 3** CPNO Zoning Meeting, 7 pm, The New Church
- 6** Candler Park Movie Night, featuring Sing, at dusk
- 8** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The New Church
- 13** CPNO Porch Party, 6 pm, 474 Oakdale Road
- 15** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 17** Candler Park Conservancy Meeting, 7 pm, Rush Center Annex
- 20** Benning Place Bayou Bash Block Party, 4 pm, Rush Center Annex
- 26** APS Summer Vacation Begins

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.



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Porch Party Returns for 2017

By Amanda Bolster, CPNO membership committee

May is shaping up as a social month. Spring has sprung, and the pollen is waning (kind of, we hope). The first porch party (smaller scale than a full-blown block party) will be

- Saturday, May 13th
- 6pm-8pm
- 474 Oakdale Road (corner of Oakdale and Marion)
- Of course, kiddos are welcome!

So put May 13th on your calendar. Bring a snack and/or drinks (alcoholic or not) to share, and join the fun and conversation. And, if you'd like to host a porch party in June, July, August or September, let me know at amandaebolster@gmail.com

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SEP 30 – OCT 1
Candler Park Fall
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JUN 10 – 17
Atlanta Cycling
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AUG 19
Candler Park Movie
Night, featuring The
Jungle Book (2016)

OCT 9 – OCT 13
APS Fall Break

AUG 1
APS First Day of
School

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

NOV 20 – NOV 24
APS Thanksgiving
Break

AUG 8
Candler Park Movie
Night, featuring

DEC 25 – JAN 5
APS Holiday Break

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

First CPNO Block Party for 2017

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

The first CPNO-supported block party for 2017 is the Benning Bayou Bash—a crawfish boil and spring party—scheduled for Benning Place between Candler Park Drive and Oakdale Road May 20, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., organized by Peter & Kelly Jo Bluestone and Mark & Amy Clement.

This is not the first bash. Here is what the organizers say: "... We started with one bag of crawfish and ended up with a lot of leftovers... (the boil was a bit on the spicy side...) We've toned it down a bit and last year we almost finished up two full bags (80 pounds). We are at it again this year, so please join us ... on Saturday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m. ... at 1435 Benning Place in the back yard. We will supply the crawfish. We ask that you please bring a tasty side dish or drinks to share. Hope to see you there."

Will there be more block parties this year in Candler Park? That depends on you. As noted in the March Messenger, CPNO voted to support block parties. We asked for proposals by May 1, but

will accept later ones if submitted by the first of the previous month (e.g., by July 1 for an August event). In order to qualify for CPNO sponsorship, we require that the event be open to the residents of a residential block of Candler Park. Proposals should be submitted via email to membership@candlerpark.org and include the following:

- Description of event
- How the event will serve Candler Park residents and CPNO members
- Requested funded 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

We hope to announce other block parties for 2017. If you have one in mind, we encourage you to submit a proposal.

—CPNO Membership Committee

Welcome New Members and Thank You Contributors

By Roger Bakeman,
membership@candlerpark.org

CPNO welcomes new members:

Ellen Spears
The Barnes family
David Smith

Nancy Gonce
David Smith
...and others who wished to remain anonymous

CPNO thanks members for their contributions:

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Spotlight on Mary Lin's Outdoor Classroom

By Annsley Klehr, Education Chair for Lake Claire Neighbors and Mary Lin parent

What is an Outdoor Classroom?

An Outdoor Classroom, fondly referred to as an OC, is an outdoor learning space where cross-curricular, teachable moments happen. In order to nurture the whole child, we have to make learning accessible to all students besides inside a classroom. An outdoor classroom is ideal for when students might be studying bees and pollination, and making observations. Other students might be experimenting and testing soil, making predictions, and growing plants. Perhaps another group is writing poetry using their five senses, and yet another sculpting models of an animal they are observing. At the very least, they will learn that food is not just from the grocery store or Amazon. The OC is a place of creativity and endless tangible moments for students to learn and grow.

What does the research suggest?

Not only has research shown that children de-stress and learn better in outdoor environments, but also that academic performance increases as well as attention span. The Children and Nature Network (C&NN) have compiled several studies, one supporting that daily exposure to the outdoors increases their ability to focus (Nancy Wells, 2000). Another study compiled by C&NN showed being in the outdoors led to higher levels of concentration in Children ages 7-12 with ADHD (Faber Taylor & Kuo, 2008). American Institutes for Research (AIR) reported in their study that children in outdoor education programs rated higher in conflict resolution and cooperation skills. This same study also showed that students raised their science test scores by 26 points. Needless to say, outdoor education is of great benefit to our children.

What's the latest scoop on Mary Lin's Outdoor Classroom?

With over a year and a half of planning, Joan Piccalo with JP Designs has put together this video of what the first Phase of Mary Lin's Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden will look like. Check it out here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93IeUAFx9B8&feature=youtu.be>

OC tentative timeline:

1. March 17th- APS removed the trees
2. Week of April 10th – Mary Lin K-2nd grade planting in beds
3. Week of April 24th – Mary Lin 3-5th grade planting in beds
4. First day of Construction – April 24th
5. May 1st – work day with Captain Planet and Mary Lin to build raised garden beds
6. Middle to End of May - Last day of potential Construction. New Learning Garden is finished and turned over for the summer to the OC Maintenance Team.

The Outdoor Classroom has been getting a facelift with the hard work of Boy Scout Ben Shipp, who is working on his Eagle Scout Project under the supervision of Lake Claire neighbor and Eagle Scout Leader, Michael Baer. He organized two workdays and fixed up the old amphitheater and its benches by removing and replacing wood, and giving the chalkboard a good cleaning. Ben and a group of volunteers built four picnic tables for the habitat area and laid mulch. Thank you so much Ben and Troop 101!!

The Mary Lin Annual Spring Garden Clean-Up took place on Saturday, March 25. Our amazing volunteers cleaned up and cleaned out our Mary Lin Garden beds, which are now ready for students to plant Spring vegetables. The Garden Club planted a few vegetables and herbs to kick off the season.

How can I get involved in the Outdoor Classroom either up close or from afar?

If you are looking for ways to help our community, our environment, and/or Mary Lin Elementary, then you have arrived at the perfect place. You can be a hands-on volunteer, a volunteer from afar, or give a donation whether it be in-kind or monetary.

Hands-on Volunteering

- workdays
- garden club

Please contact Andy Woodworth, Garden Club Chair, at andy.woodworth@gmail.com or 404-759-3826. Parents and students welcome!

Volunteer from Afar

- grant writing
- volunteer coordinating
- mini-fundraisers

Please contact Julie Roseman, Outdoor Classroom Committee, julieroseman@yahoo.com

In-kind Donations and Contributions

We won't say no to whatever you have to offer! We have plenty of naming opportunities. We will be building everything from planters to cisterns, landscaping, seeds, garden tools, mulch, soil, benches, signage, etc. If you're interested in a monetary contribution, you can make a check payable to:

Mary Lin Education Foundation – ear-marked to the Outdoor Classroom

You can mail it to Annsley Klehr, 482 Hardendorf Ave., Atlanta, GA 30307.

If you are interested in an in-kind donation, please email Julie Roseman: julieroseman@yahoo.com

Who has helped to make this possible?

- The Mary Lin Outdoor Classroom Committee consisting of co-chairs Allison Turner and Tamara Jones, Julie Roseman, Annsley Klehr, and Mary Lin teacher, Gregg Rice.
- Landscape Architect, Joan Piccalo, without whom the OC could have never made it this far!
- Sam Heys, Mary Lin parent, who will build/assemble equipment
- Donors like Bill Gordon with Georgia Landscape Supply, Mary Lin Education Foundation, Lake Claire Neighborhood Association, Inman Park Neighborhood Association

Rent a Mary Lin Vegetable Bed For The Summer – Outdoor Classroom Fundraiser!

Need a community garden bed to tend to or plant? Rent one from the Mary Lin Outdoor Classroom!! We have planted beds and unplanted beds available.

We have garden vegetable beds to rent to families for the summer. Each bed is already planted with a bed that might

include: peppers, eggplant, basil, cucumbers, squash, zinnias, and cosmos. All vegetables will be started as seedlings, but the zinnias and cosmos will be seeded. This is a great way to have fresh organic veggies this summer and to have your children involved with the garden.

Don't worry if you will be away part of the summer. 'Garden families' are happy to water for each other. You can even share a bed with another family. Planted Bed rentals are \$75 and unplanted beds are \$60. We will use these funds to help our students learn and grow in the garden during the school year.

First come, first served! Make out your check to "Mary Lin Elementary", write "Summer Garden Bed" in the comment line, and place it in the P.T.A. mailbox marked "GREGG RICE" or deliver to teacher Gregg Rice.

Send questions to Gregg Rice at grice@atlanta.k12.ga.us OR Mary Lin Garden Club Chair, Andy Woodworth at andy.woodworth@gmail.com



Mary Lin families have been working hard to get the garden beds ready for summer rental to the community as fundraiser for Outdoor Classroom.



Daisy Troop Volunteers in Mulberry Fields

By Mary Jane Leach, Mulberry Fields Site Coordinator, Wylde Center

A local Candler Park Daisy Scout Troop #17097 celebrated Earth Day by working at Mulberry Fields Garden. The girls updated a flower garden to be more kid-friendly and make room for more of the Monarch butterfly's favorite plants, *Asclepias tuberosa*. Though our time was cut short by a downpour, the girls pulled weeds and laid a special path through the garden so children can get a closer look at the flowers and butterflies this summer! An additional Candler Park-based troop is coming to work in May. Thanks to our Girl Scouts!



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Excited Kids + 4,200 Pieces of Candy = Fun Easter Egg Hunt

By Chris Fitzgerald, fundraising@candlerpark.org

We hosted another super-fun, successful egg hunt thanks to beautiful weather, generous volunteers and lots of really excited kids! We even had an actual Easter Bunny for photo opps thanks to neighbor Laura Mullins. We couldn't have done it yet again without Kelly Jo Bluestone's leadership and everyone else (there are many) who helped stuff and hide eggs.

Congrats to Candler Park kindergartener Laith Duwayri who won the CPNO candy jar fundraiser at the egg hunt. He guessed 196 pieces of candy and there were 197 with entries ranging from

38 to 720! And, big brother Farris had the second closest entry with 188. Impressive! Thanks to everyone who played.

And last but not least - a HUGE thanks to Candler Park Market for donating 4,200 pieces of candy (wow!) and Andy and Anjie Woodworth of the New Church for hosting the new-this-year 12+ egg hunt (as in, the eggs were really hidden!)

Until next year...



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Thanks Easter Bunny (Laura Mullins)!
Photo Credit: Chris Fitzgerald



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Golden egg winner!
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CPNO Yard Sale A Huge Success and Helps Community Charities

By Chris Fitzgerald, fundraising@candlerpark.org

After weeks of collecting used items from Curb Alerts on nextdoor.com, picking up items from neighbors porches and collecting items at the New Church for two days straight, the CPNO held the First Annual CPNO Yard Sale and it was a smash success! The weather was beautiful and people came from near and far to buy housewares, clothing, jewelry, books, furniture, etc. and a few Candler Park logo items as well. The total amount raised was just under \$1,700!

Thanks to MVP volunteers Russell and Gigi Miller for providing much needed operational help all day starting with caution tape in the morning to keep out the "early birds" while we set up. Also, thanks to board members Zaid Duwayri and Roger Bakeman for volunteering their time during the sale. Lastly but not least, thanks to everyone who signed up to help before and during the sale and to everyone who donated their belongings - the list is too long but I am grateful to each and every one of you!

In addition to raising funds for our wonderful neighborhood, we also helped out many who live outside of Candler Park. Genora Crooke of Hands On Atlanta and her husband came by at the end of the sale and took everything they could fit in their two cars and boy, did they pack them tight! She sent us a heartfelt thank you letter in which she wrote:

"On behalf of Hands On Atlanta and the communities we serve, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership in spearheading the wonderful donation given to our



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organization. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents of Candler Park Neighborhood Organization that participated in this event. Your donations have gone to several non-profit agencies that provide services to low-income and no-income residents:


- Atlanta Shelter for Women & Children
- My Sister's House
- The Kidney Foundation
- (2) single mothers in need of help"

We have a long list of planned expenditures for the money raised that will benefit Candler Park, as I was able to discuss with several neighbors during the sale. Thanks again to everyone who made the sale such a huge success!

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Candler Park Music and Food Festival Is Free to CPNO members

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

The Candler Park Music and Food Festival is Friday June 2, from 4 to 11 pm, and Saturday June 3, from noon to 11 pm. As last year, the Festival will provide each CPNO member household two complimentary tickets. If you haven't renewed yet for 2017 (remember, membership is for the calendar year), in addition to supporting CPNO and being a voting member, here is one more good reason to renew at <http://candlerpark.org/renew-membership/> or to join at <http://candlerpark.org/register/>

Complimentary tickets will be available to all who are CPNO members as of May 14 and can be claimed online from May 16 to May 26, 2017. May 15 we will send members an email giving details (website, password).

Here are some other details, provided by the Rival Entertainment, the festival organizers:

- The festival website is: www.candlerparkmusicfestival.com/ / Hashtag is #CPMusicFoodFest.
- The Music line-up features Joe Russo's Almost Dead (a magnificent Grateful Dead tribute performance), Railroad Earth, Matisyahu, Lake Street Dive, The Motet, The Marcus King Band, Pigeons Playing Ping Pong, Ripe, Chelsea Shag, and festival veterans Webster.
- Tickets are required for all attendees 12 years or older; under 12 admitted free with adult ticket holder
- Complimentary bicycle valet is provided.
- The festival's philanthropy fund impacts Candler Park. In 2016, the festival allocated \$28,000 in improvement funds and donations to City of Atlanta Parks, Park Pride, CPNO, Candler Park Conservancy, Candler Park-Lake Claire Security Patrol, Candler Park Movie Night & the Mary Lin Foundation.
- The park driveway and fields will be closed Tuesday, May 30–Sunday, June 4



- The pool will be closed Thursday, June 1–Saturday, June 3.
- The playground will remain open.
- When the park driveway is closed, the pool and playground will be accessible from Callan Circle and Terrace Ave.



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Historic District Designation: A Blunt Solution To An Unarticulated Problem

By Charles Hooker, Candler Park Resident

I love a variety of architectural styles. I've lived in several Craftsman bungalows. In graduate school in Chicago, I volunteered as a docent at Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House. And I am a modern architecture enthusiast. In hopes that many of you share an appreciation for such diversity, I encourage our neighborhood not to pursue designating Candler Park a local historic district, as has been suggested recently. Historic designation is not necessary to preserve front porches, foster good design, or safeguard the neighborhood's character, and much more creative and nuanced solutions exist to address the concerns historic preservationists raise. Consistent with the neighborhood's Master Plan, we should not pursue historic district designation. Instead, we should take the time to study and identify what concerns are shared across the neighborhood. If there is a consensus of concerns, we should then address them through the most adaptive and inclusive means available.

Historic Designation Will Not Stop "In-Fill" Housing Or Give Voice To Residents

Recent Candler Park Messenger articles favoring historic designation do not clearly articulate the objectives that preservation is supposed to accomplish. In passing, they have referenced giving residents a voice, encouraging better quality design, promoting environmental friendliness, and maintaining front porches. These are worthy concerns. But historic designation does not uniquely achieve any of them and is likely antithetical to some of them.

To start, historic designations do not give voice to residents. They take it away by expressly ceding control to city administrators empowered to curb residents' freedom of aesthetic expression, stifle creativity, remove architectural choice, and increase costs. Through historic designation, a handful of individuals who live outside the neighborhood are handed power over the choices of those who live in our community. And property rights homeowners reasonably assumed were theirs are taken away.

To the extent this is promoted in the name of stopping "in-fill" housing, it is debatable whether the proverbial horse is already out of the barn. By that I mean, at this point in time, the number of houses in Candler Park for which a "tear down" is economically viable is small. But even if in-fill development is a prevailing concern, historic designation will not stop it. As repeat players, developers know how to navigate historic regulations. They have the means, time, and ability to navigate the red tape, attend hearings, and hire counsel to advocate on their behalf. Worse, they develop formulaic plans they know will pass "historic" muster, and historic neighborhoods become filled with neo-Craftsman, cookie-cutter homes. Historic designations have not ground developers to a halt in neighborhoods like Inman Park and Druid Hills, and they will not in Candler Park.

While historic designations are unable to stop developers,

they carry the unintended consequence of deterring individual residents from renovating and repairing their homes. As anyone who has renovated knows, planning, designing, and building are costly and time-consuming enough without the added expense and delay associated with historic district regulations. Individual novices to these rules are discouraged by the uncertainty of paying an architect or builder to start designing only then to be told by a city commission that they must pay even more money to go back to the drawing board, make alterations, or endure (and pay further for advocates in) hearings to push a plan through. Similar burdens are placed on home owners for repairs, where otherwise straight-forward maintenance may be made unduly complicated, time-consuming, and expensive. In short, whether renovating or repairing, homeowners in historically designated neighborhoods must pay their designers and builders more, endure delays for approvals, and face uncertainty at the mercy of city administrators all along the way. Such a scheme is not in individual residents' best interest, and we should undertake a careful study of these impositions on homeowners when forced to satisfy historic regulations.

Aesthetic Homogeneity Does Not A Strong Or Interesting Community Make

To claim that historic regulations "encourage better quality design," one must believe that "good design" ended at a certain point in history. That's not true. Indeed, the Craftsman bungalows and Frank Lloyd Wright designs that many historic preservationists admire would not exist had historic restrictions been in place at their time. We would be stuck with Georgian town homes and Queen Anne Victorian mansions. Freezing design alternatives to a particular set of historical architectural styles does not create greater vibrancy or interest, it only instills homogeneity.

It is also not true that historic designations necessarily promote environmental friendliness or are uniquely aligned with community values. Historic regulations often require outdated building materials for repairs and expensive, inefficient work-arounds for renovations, none of which is superior from an environmental standpoint. And this is not to mention other environmentally friendly materials disfavored by historic regulations: double-pane windows and metal roofs to name a couple. Well-designed new houses, conversely, can achieve much greater energy efficiency and environmental friendliness, often more cost-effectively.

More fundamentally, historic designation is not necessary to maintain front porches or foster a community who enjoys gathering together in those spaces. Front porches are not tethered exclusively to a particular historical architectural style. Nor are neighborhood values uniquely associated with Craftsman bungalows. To the contrary, cities and neighborhoods across this country and the rest of the world (with structures much older than those in Candler Park) appreciate the juxtaposition

of old and new as creating vitality and beauty. They celebrate the magnificence in a variety of architectural styles and find that a diversity of aesthetic expression—like diversity in other areas of our shared life—enriches the community.

Better, More Sophisticated Options Exist

The Candler Park Master Planning Committee already considered historic designation, but did not recommend it as part of the Master Plan—at least in part because many of us in the neighborhood passionately oppose it, as evidenced by the failure of several past attempts to impose historic designation. Instead, Master Plan Recommendation 7.3 commends “[c]reat[ing] a CPNO committee to study the merits of incorporating a limited number of additional controls into the zoning of the single family residential neighborhood” (emphasis added). The Plan then recommends these additional zoning elements for single-family homes: requiring front porches, street trees, sidewalks, and small front yard setbacks—many of the features advocates of historic designation seek. Accordingly, we should first understand what the neighborhood at large wants before engaging the city in exploring or pursuing historic designation—an option tacitly rejected by the Master Plan.

We do not know yet, but there may be a current consensus of concerns over maintaining front porches, minimizing the massing of developer-built homes, preserving certain truly

historic structures in Candler Park, or simply avoiding bad design. If those issues are shared widely across the neighborhood, they can be addressed in ways far better than historic designation. For example, consistent with the Master Plan, a much more tailored neighborhood zoning overlay can be crafted to address roof heights, massing, and front porches (beyond what is already contained in city ordinances). In fact, rumor has it the city is redrafting zoning regulations to offer neighborhoods more and better means of addressing these issues. We should work with the city, see what options develop, and take advantage of the best tools available.

If the neighborhood’s burning desire is for design review, then let’s explore creating a set of guidelines and a committee from the neighborhood, including perhaps a minimum number of licensed architects and contractors, to review proposed designs. But the aim should be to protect quality design and neighborhood character, not a particular architectural style. After all, there are poorly designed contemporary and historic houses alike.

Let’s not go down the uncreative path of historic designation. Forced homogeneity is not in the DNA of this neighborhood. Eclecticism, diversity, freedom of expression—these are some of the values I have witnessed most palpably in the 14 years I have lived in Candler Park. I hope they carry the day here.

Inman Golf Team Finishes Most Successful Season Ever

By David Johnson, Inman Golf Team Coach

The Inman Middle School Golf Team combined a heavy dose of 8th grade experience with young talent to complete its most successful season ever. The boys’ team finished the regular season undefeated with 7 wins and no losses, including a win over Westminster, who finished 2nd in the State Tournament. The girls’ team finished with a record of 3 wins and 3 losses and was competitive in every match.

Playing at Candler Park Golf Course as its home course, the team consisted of 12 boys and 6 girls.

The boys’ team consisted of 8th Graders Daniel Poss, Drew Bradshaw, Christian Renfroe, Sebastian Skinner, Stanley Bennett, Mac Walker, Sam Rose, Benton Shevlin, Oliver Kosar, 7th Grader Ethan Johnson and 6th Graders Riley Ruby and Pierce Hopkins.

With the girls’ team increasing in size from 2 players in 2016 to 6 players in 2017, it is a team on the rise. Players included 8th Grader Tess O’Donnell, 7th Graders Che Aycox and Amelia Sharp, and 6th Graders Simone Rogers, Bridget Stevens and Taya Grant.

Additional highlights from the boys’ team included Individual Victories in 2 Tournaments by 8th Grader, Daniel Poss and Individual Victories in 3 Tournaments by 6th Grader, Riley Ruby, which included a tournament score of 1-Under Par at Candler Park Golf Course on April 18th.



2017 Inman Middle School Golf Team with Coach David Johnson. Photo Credit: Eileen Poss

Additional highlights from the Girls Team included Individual Victories in Tournaments by 6th Graders Simone Rogers and Bridget Stevens.

Although the team struggled to an 11th Place finish in the State Tournament, it was a memorable season.

Get Your Flowers, Learn to Bellydance, & Walk to Work?

By Boyd Baker, Lake Claire Resident

Ever wonder what's behind that mysterious door next to the Bellydancing studio at Oakdale and McLendon across from Paper Ghost Studio? Well, it was a recording studio but is now home to WONDERSHOP - neighborhood co-working in Candler Park.

Co-working is the latest trend in business working geared to freelancers, contract workers, and startup businesses. Instead of professionals trying to perch at local coffee shops where space is limited and things can get noisy, they rent space at a co-working location. This allows them to have a reliable place to get work done, network, and avoid large overhead costs. Wondershop brings that concept deep into the neighborhood for those who prefer a closer, healthier walking/biking commute to work each day.

Different co-working spaces offer different amenities. Wondershop will have space for monthly dedicated desks, monthly hot desks (8 visits per month), and even virtual memberships for folks needing a mailing address and meeting space. Amenities of Wondershop include free wifi, printing, coffee/tea, conference room, and best of all - walk-to-work location.

Lake Claire resident Boyd Baker came up with this hyper local concept and hopes to use the common space after hours for private events, how-to classes, and whatever other creative activities the neighborhood desires, so don't hesitate to reach out with your ideas. "I want the space to connect neighbors professionally to network and also give folks a space where they can connect socially," says Baker. More info can be found at www.WondershopATL.com.



Behind the (recently painted) orange doors is the Wondershop coworking space. Photo Credit: Susan Rose

A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT ?

Neighbors interested in pursuing Local Historic District designation for Candler Park have invited a City of Atlanta staff person to give an introductory presentation and answer questions. Two *initial presentations* are planned. Plenty of further discussion will follow in the coming months:

Monday, May 15, 7pm

Featured Presentation at the CPNO Meeting
First Existentialist Church
470 Candler Park Dr.

Wednesday, June 21, 7pm

The New Church
1561 McLendon Ave.

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Little Five Arts Alive Returns to Bring Art & Community Development to L5P

From Little Five Arts Alive Press Release

Building upon the success of the 2016 program, Little Five Arts Alive, a free weekly series of outdoor arts events, returns to the heart of Little Five Points! Arts will enliven Findley and Davis Plazas (at the corner of Euclid and Moreland Avenues) every Saturday and Sunday from 5pm-8pm beginning April 22nd and running through November 5th.

This year's programming will again highlight a wide variety of artists -- music, dance, theatre, visual arts, crafts, circus, performance art and more. We are mixing it up with lots of surprises for our Little Five Points neighbors and visitors, including chances to be both spectators and participants. You might listen to a great band or duet, try your hand at a graffiti wall or chalk sidewalk art, or get an impromptu salsa lesson.

New this year, you can sit, watch, nosh and sip at tables on Findley Plaza with food and drink service provided by The Porter Beer Bar, 4-9pm on Saturday and Sunday. And the plazas are getting a facelift with some new plantings and yarn bombing through a beautification project courtesy of a Little Five Alive, a community organization made up of neighborhood representatives and members of the L5P Business Association.

Each month, we will feature one Spotlight Weekend with a theme that our artists and partners will use as their jumping off point. On the second Sunday of each month, Little Five Arts Alive will provide local artists the opportunity to sell their work through a curated creative Little Five Arts Alive Artist Market.

Background on Little Five Arts Alive:

Little Five Arts Alive is a project formed from a partnership between Horizon Theatre Company and the Little Five Points Community Improvement District (CID), and supported by a grant from ArtPlace America.

"We will focus on art that connects and celebrates our community, inspires hope and positive change and is accessible to diverse audiences," said Horizon co-artistic/producing director Lisa Adler, a Little Five Points CID board member. "Our goal is to bring positive artistic energy to the area that can draw pedestrian traffic and create a welcoming, attractive, engaging, walkable arts destination in which arts, entertainment, dining and shopping thrive."

Little Five Arts Alive is an example of a national trend in arts philanthropy and programming known as Creative Placemaking—where artists, designers, arts organizations and local leaders collaborate on innovative projects that help build stronger communities and improve the quality of life for residents. ArtPlace America defines creative placemaking as the use of the arts to "shape the social, physical and economic futures of communities."

For more information, visit www.littlefiveartsalive.com.



New plantings and yarn bombing beautify Findley Plaza, courtesy of a Little Five Alive, a community organization made up of neighborhood representatives and members of the L5P Business Association. Photo Credit: Elizabeth Sharp Broderick

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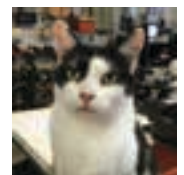
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New Development May Impact Clifton Terrace and Surrounding Candler Park Streets

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

Have you ever noticed the heavily wooded area behind the fence with the “No Trespassing” sign on the Northern side of Clifton Terrace between Page Avenue and Terrace Avenue? In November 2016, Phillip Clark Custom Builders purchased this property at 1609 South Ponce de Leon Avenue for \$2,275,000, according to public records on www.redfin.com. The 2.4 acre property is zoned multi-family. A group of Candler Park neighbors have joined Druid Hills neighbors in engaging Phillip Clark to influence his plans toward respecting historic preservation ordinances, protecting old-growth trees, and ensuring traffic safety on Clifton Terrace for pedestrians, cyclists, and neighbors.

According to Candler Park resident Jennie Richardson, the developer’s intent may be to subdivide the original historic home into two residences and build six additional homes in the rear of the property with a driveway onto Clifton Terrace.

“This property should never have been zoned multi-family,” said Richardson, who recently received a lifetime achievement award for her volunteer work with the Druid Hills Civic Association. She serves on the Druid Hills Landmark District Preservation Committee, as board member of Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, and is the current president of the Lullwater Garden Club

Because Druid Hills is a City of Atlanta Landmark District, the developer will be required to present detailed plans and obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) in order to make changes to the existing buildings and property.

According to the Municode Atlanta for the Druid Hills Landmark District, “the intent of establishing the regulations for the Druid Hills Landmark District is as follows:

(1) To recognize the masterpiece of design that is the 1893 plan for Druid Hills created for Joel Hurt’s “ideal residential

suburb” by Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American landscape architecture, a plan subsequently formalized by his sons, the Olmsted Brothers, and completed by the Druid Hills Corporation.

(2) To preserve the environmental character and physical appearance of the area, including parkways, houses and buildings created during the 1895 to 1941 period of development; existing general landscaping features; and existing spatial relationships between the buildings and streets and to ensure that any new development is compatible with the present architectural and spatial attributes that prevail.

(3) To preserve the residential character of the area except when nonresidential uses may be required to preserve houses and buildings built during the historically significant period of development and to ensure that redevelopment reflects and reinforces the exceptional features established in the original planning.

(4) To ensure that new construction observes the general setback and height restrictions of the original development and is in harmony with the historic character of the district.



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(5) To ascribe special recognition to the manner in which the several churches contribute so substantially to the beauty of the district.”

(https://www.municode.com/library/ga/atlanta/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOORANDECO_PT16ZO_CH20BDRHILADI see CHAPTER 20B. - DRUID HILLS LANDMARK DISTRICT, Sec. 16-20B.001. - Statement of intent)

Pringle and Smith architects designed the home at 1609 South Ponce de Leon in 1922, and it was built in 1929 for Samuel Jackson Pattillo. According to Richardson, Mr. Pattillo did not live in the house for very long and sold it to Thomas Guy Woolford, who was the brother of Cater Woolford. The brothers founded the Retail Credit Company (which is now Equifax) in 1898. The home was inherited by their children, Guy Woolford Jr. and Francis Lee Tremere. It served as headquarters for a foundation until Ms. Tremere’s death. Subsequent owners sought permission to subdivide the property to create a cul de sac of houses, but Landmark District regulations prevented that effort.

According to Candler Park resident Amy Erwin, a small group of neighbors will continue to work with the developer and share more information on possible next steps for community action on Next Door. In addition, she says that a large turnout from the community at the AUDC hearing can be influential.

Richardson says there is evidence that Phillip Clark Custom Builders is negotiating a contract to purchase the adjacent Pinebloom property, which includes the historic home built in 1915 and the dilapidated former sanctuary of the Jackson Hill



1609 South Ponce de Leon is zoned multi-family.

Baptist Church built in 1955. The Pinebloom property is owned by the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Richardson encourages neighbors to write Doug Young, the head of the AUDC, to express concerns about the development of 1609 South Ponce de Leon property. She also asks that neighbors engage the following community organizations: Druid Hills Landmark District Preservation Committee, Druid Hills Civic Association, CPNO, NPU-N, and Freedom Park Conservancy.

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CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for April

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

Freedom Park Conservancy - Carol Gregory

The Freedom Park Conservancy board met on April 14. New board member Jennifer R Riley was welcomed. The board now has a full roster of committee chairs that can be found on our refreshed web page <http://www.freedompark.org/fpc/>. Take a look and also see pictures of the beautiful art in Freedom Park.

Join the Park Improvement Committee and other volunteers for a park work day on April 22 at 10 AM. We will start in the Carter Center parking lot near the farmer's market and work for 2 hours. Bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Carol Gregory carolagreg@gmail.com

Membership - Roger Bakeman

A friendly reminder, current members need to renew by the end of April to keep voting privileges for 2017. As of now 115 of 485 have renewed and 22 new members have joined.

External Affairs- Lindy Kerr

The NPU-N meeting occurred on March 23, 2017.

Zoning Votes:

NPU-N voted on two zoning matters affecting Candler Park:

1. A vote to approve a variance to allow for a second story addition at 1575 McLendon.
2. A vote to approve an application for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for Primavera Day Care at 470 Candler Park Drive.

Both applications had been previously approved by CPNO membership.

Notices:

- If you see a crosswalk that needs repairing, please email sjrobinson@atlanta.ga.gov
- The city's bikeshare program is expanding. Expect to see several new bikeshare stations throughout NPU-N. The closest station to Candler Park will be on Euclid in the L5P business district. For more information visit www.relaybikeshare.com.
- The City of Atlanta Zoning Committee is proposing an Industrial Mixed District (I-MIX) to encourage the redevelopment of industrial properties and allow for industrial, commercial, and residential uses on the same parcel. The Zoning Review Board (ZRB) is scheduled to hold a public hearing in May or June 2017.
- The City of Atlanta is also introducing legislation to allow for micro-housing and to reduce parking for micro-housing. A public hearing was held on 4/16. For more information contact Mary Darby at mdarby@atlantaga.gov.

Zoning - Bill Morris

The Zoning Committee meeting was held on April 5, 2017 with two members in attendance. The applications on the agenda were

for variances: V-17-059 (531 Page Ave.) and V-17-068 (351 Brooks Ave.) and a city -wide ordinance Z-17-16 that bans storage facilities (such as a secured storage facility, mixed-use storage facility or self storage facility) within the BeltLine overlay district. Due to a lack of a quorum at the meeting, voting was conducted electronically with a total of 4 members voting.

V-17-59 is an application for the variance to reduce the north side yard set back from 7 ft. to 5 ft 9 in to allow for construction of a 2nd floor addition. Items on the checklist are complete and the owner provided documentation of support from the surrounding neighbors although the owner at 536 Clifton Rd. was contacted by mail because the house is vacant. The committee vote was 2 in support and 2 opposed to this variance. In general, support for the variance was due to consistency with similar variances previously approved by the neighborhood and support by the surrounding neighbors and votes opposed were due to concerns that the hardship is created by the project design rather than circumstances specific to the property.

V-17-68 is an application for a variance to allow for 53% impervious front yard coverage and to exceed the maximum driveway width of 20 ft (30 ft width proposed). Justification presented for the variance is the need to preserve two large mature trees on the rear north side of the property which limits siting the house any further back from the street and for safety to allow for a 3 point turn around when backing out the proposed street facing garage in order to avoid backing out of the driveway onto Brooks Ave. which is very narrow. It would also allow for greater off street parking for visitors. Nearby Brooks Avenue neighbors attended the meeting and expressed multiple concerns related to the proposed variance as well as issues specific to the size and design proposed new house. The neighbors indicated that all houses on Brooks have driveways to the side of the house and backing out of driveways onto Brooks is not that difficult. Also there are very few if any similar driveway/garage configurations in Candler Park. In addition, the proposed site plan does not show the location or width of the new driveway and curb cut. Following discussion with the committee and neighbors, the applicant requested a deferral of this application. The Committee voted 4 – 0 in support of the deferral.

Ordinance Z-17-16 will prohibit storage facilities on property zone I-O, I-1, I-2 and MRC within the BeltLine Overlay District. Committee voted 4 – 0 in support of this ordinance.

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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 May 15 CPNO Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Zaid Duwayri, President. New members were welcomed. Motion to adopt the agenda passed. Thank you to Radial Café and Maria for providing food.

Guest Speaker: Lt. Patterson, APD night watch Commander, answered questions. He suggested that perhaps the Safety Patrol could check on elderly living alone once or twice a week as part of their rounds. The city is developing an “aging in place” initiative.

Announcements:

- Yard Sale took in ~ \$1600. Hands on Atlanta took the unsold items and distributed to 3 different non-profit organizations.
- Easter Egg Hunt was a success.
- Movie Night showed first movie April 15.
- Emily Taff will lead a question/answer session regarding Local Historic Designation next meeting.
- Little 5 Alive needs volunteers for Clean Up Day Sunday April 23.
- International Montessori Academy has added an elementary class to their program. Weekly tours on Thursday @ 9:30am.
- Lauren Welsh will have a Campaign Kick-Off Sat. April 22 10-noon at the playground in the park.
- Zelda Jackson introduced herself as a candidate for City Council District 2.
- Amy Stout announced the Annual meeting of the Candler Park Conservancy Board as Wednesday April 26th at Rush Center.
- Moreland Corridor Meeting will be held Tuesday April 18, 6:30 pm, at Horizon Theater.

Special Presentation:

Anne Foote, CID Chair, explained the scope of the CID (Community Improvement District).

Ann Michaels, Architect, unveiled early redesign plans for Findley and Davis Plazas in Little Five Points.

Zoning:

- City Ordinance Z-17-161 prohibits the building of storage facilities within the Beltline Overlay area.
Motion to support Z-17-16 passed.
- Variance V-17-59 (531 Page Avenue): Motion to support the application V-17-59 with stipulation that it be built specific to the site plan filed with the City of Atlanta and that the

Applicant appear at NPU-N Meeting before appearing at the BZA date passed.

Community Design Award- Motion to approve Atlanta Streets Alive for the Community Design Award nomination from NPU-N passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Rohini Kukrega, Treasurer, reviewed expenses for the past month.

Motion to adopt the March minutes passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by

Bonnie Palter, Secretary

April 17, 2017

CPNO Membership Application

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