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News for Candler Park

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October 2005

MEETINGS*EVENTS

CPNO MEETING OCTOBER 17 @ 7 PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is for all residents! We meet the third MONDAY of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Avenue. NEW ROOM -- Historical Room, 2nd Floor. Please use McLendon Avenue entrance. Membership is FREE -- for now!

OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA:

- Vote on Minutes/Meeting Record
- Financial Update
- Officer, Committee Chair and Rep Reports
- Nominating Committee Report
- Consideration and Vote on Proposed New Bylaws
- Vote on Matching Funds for Park Pride Micro Grant
- Zoning Variance Votes -- See back page
- Old Business
- New Business

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the November meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is October 26, 2005.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, October 10 * 7 PM

CPNO Executive Board Meeting

New Location --Home of Alonso & Heather Church - 1237 McLendon-- Open To All

Monday, October 17 * 7 PM

CPNO General Meeting

Epworth United Methodist Church

New Room -- Historical Room, 2nd Floor
1561 McLendon

Thursday, October 27 * 7 PM

NPU-N Meeting

NOTE: NEW LOCATION

L5P Community Center
Corner of Euclid & Austin Ave.

CPNO To Vote On Revised Bylaws

After more than eight months of hard work, the CPNO's Bylaws Revision Committee will present its final report at the October CPNO meeting. The report will recommend that the CPNO scrap its existing bylaws in favor of the Committee's proposed revisions. CPNO members will then have an opportunity to debate, amend and vote on the proposal.

A draft version of the report and proposed bylaws is available on the CPNO website: <http://www.candlerpark.org>. A limited number of hard copies will be available at Sevananda and other places where you can find The Messenger. Neighbors can also contact any CPNO officer to arrange for home delivery.

The report explains what bylaws are and why they need revising. It describes the revision process and gives brief biographical sketches of each committee member. Most importantly, the report explains the background and rationale for the revised bylaws in great detail. Neighbors are welcome to contact members of the Committee with additional questions and comments.

The existing bylaws, as the report demonstrates, are in urgent need of revision. They are out of date, inaccurate, and in many instances inconsistent with state law. The revised bylaws, which are the product not just of the Committee but of the many neighbors who contributed their insight and opinions during the revision process, comply with the law and reflect the best bylaws drafting practices.

The revised bylaws keep the basic form and structure of the CPNO intact and make changes only at the margins. Their primary effect is to clarify the rules

under which the CPNO already operates. They make a few changes designed to improve the CPNO's efficiency and effectiveness as an organization, and they make other changes as necessary to comply with the applicable law.

One of the most significant changes involves membership. The existing bylaws declare that anyone who resides or owns property in Candler Park is eligible for membership, but there is no process for actually becoming a member. In practice, the organization has treated virtually anyone and everyone who shows up at a CPNO meeting as a member. The revised bylaws expand the eligibility criteria slightly to include people who own businesses in Candler Park, and they set out an application process for becoming a member which includes, among other things, a modest annual dues requirement. The basic contours of this process are mandated by state law, which requires nonprofit corporations like the CPNO to keep a list of their members for various purposes. Under the current practice, compliance with those provisions of law is impossible.

The revised bylaws create a new officer position, the membership secretary, to keep track of membership as the law requires. The membership secretary will also chair the new membership committee, which will be responsible for recruiting and retaining members and is intended to replace the existing hospitality committee.

The revised bylaws also change the boundaries within which a person must live or own property in order to be eligible for membership in the CPNO. For reasons that remain unknown, the

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existing bylaws technically exclude some Candler Park residents from membership and include some Lake Claire residents within the membership area. The revised bylaws use the official neighborhood boundaries as set by the City of Atlanta to determine eligibility for membership.

Another significant change involves zoning issues. The revised bylaws create a zoning committee, chaired by the zoning officer (known as the vice president for zoning under the existing bylaws), which will handle the simplest of zoning issues (applications for variances and special exceptions related to single-family residential property) on behalf of the CPNO. These issues take up a disproportionate amount of time at CPNO meetings and are rarely controversial. The new zoning committee will be able to address such routine matters with greater speed and expertise than can the full CPNO, and it will retain the option of referring complicated or controversial applications within its limited scope of authority to the full CPNO for a vote. The revised bylaws do not change the process for handling more complicated or controversial zoning issues, such as those involving multifamily or commercial property.

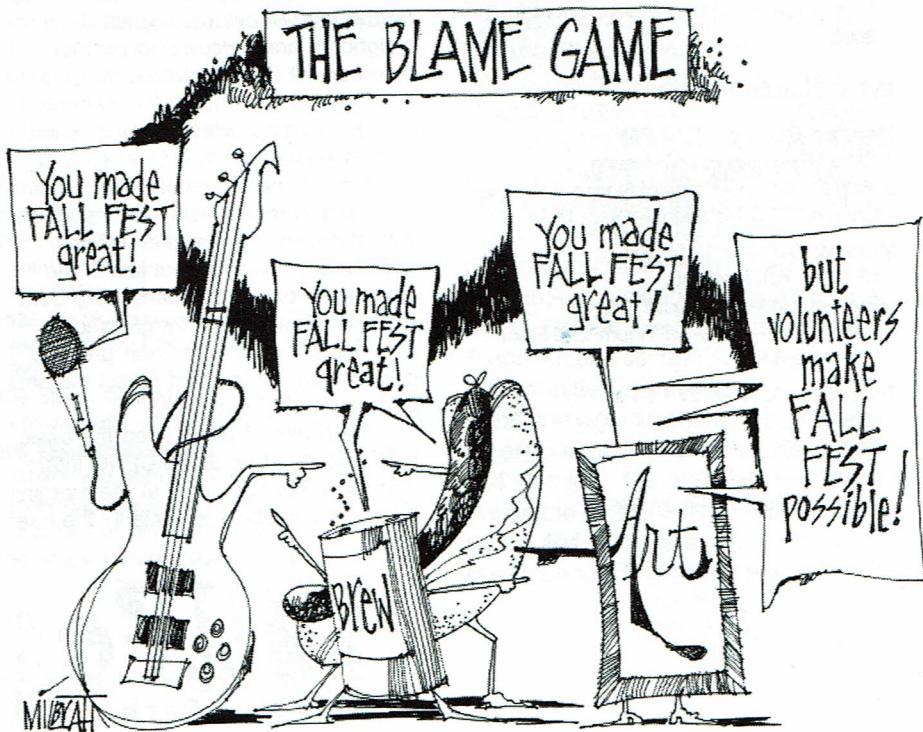
Another noteworthy change is the creation of a new committee to run the CPNO's annual festival. Following the model of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association, the revised bylaws create a relatively autonomous but ultimately accountable committee with the authority it needs to produce a successful event with the utmost efficiency.

Other new provisions in the revised bylaws include some basic rules of decorum, a nondiscrimination policy, a policy on conflicts of interest, and the adoption of an official parliamentary authority. Most provisions of the existing bylaws have found their way into the revised bylaws, albeit in somewhat different language.

As a whole, the revised bylaws adhere to best drafting practices much more so than do the existing bylaws. They are clearer and more precise. They reflect the wisdom and experience of the two drafting authorities and innumerable examples on which the Committee relied. They comply with the law. They provide the CPNO with a solid foundation upon which to move forward as a more effective and efficient neighborhood organization.

-- Bryan Sells, Stewart Alford,
Melissa Nelson

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath



FallFest! Candler Park 2005

9 October 15-16, 2005 @ Atlanta, Georgia

It's almost here... October 15th and 16th is FallFest! On Saturday we'll open at 10 am, on Sunday we'll start at 12 noon. This year's FallFest brings you many new additions plus your old favorites:

The Artists Market: More than 100 artists and business will display their wares. Whether you are interested in recycled art or astrological consultations, a post card or the next masterpiece, you'll find something in your price range.

Candler Park Merchandise: Pick up a set of Candler Park wine glasses or one of those sporty Euro CP stickers, a 30307 bumper sticker, or this year's gotta-have-one FallFest T-shirt. (Interested in saving 10%? Send an e mail to iwannahelp@cpfallfest.com and volunteer an hour or two of your time, and we'll give you a free T-shirt plus 10% off Candler Park merchandise.)

The Publix Kids Neighborhood: Thanks to Publix, kids will enjoy an Anything-But-A-Brush painting area, a tennis ball mural, festival crowns, Candler Park postcards, storytellers, and more. There will also be jumping rides and games – and proceeds from the Kids Neighborhood will benefit the Mary Lin PTA.

NEW! Movie in the Meadow: Saturday evening will be our first-ever "Movie in the Meadow." Please join us for a 7:15 pm start as we repair for adventure with **ROBOTS**. This animated film is great for kids and adults alike, with Robin Williams at his best. The snack bar will be open, with snacks for the kids and adult beverages too. There is no admission cost. Bring a blanket, a friend, and prepare for a wonderful evening in the meadow under a harvest moon.

Music For Everyone: Of course there will be music – and lots of it! Live music starts at noon on both days, running the gamut from alternative to zydeco and everything in between.

Here's the lineup:

Saturday

Noon	Barry Hutchinson
1 pm	Chris Ricker
2 pm	Hope for A Golden Summer
3 pm	Spies of Life
4 pm	The Mickey June Show
5 pm	Johnny Knox and Hi-Test

Sunday

Noon	Mathew Kahler
1 pm	Hair of the Dog
2pm	The Crafties
3 pm	Kevin, Morgan & da Crippa
4 pm	Casanova
5 pm	Kingsized

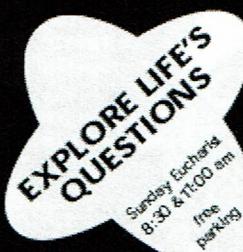
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Please plan on spending some time at FallFest. We have worked very hard to make this year's the best ever... we'll be looking for you there!

—Bert Bellinson

There's a 5K Race Also -- See pg. 5





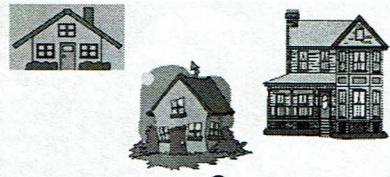
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Tour Of Homes

This year's Candler Park Tour of Homes is on Sunday, Oct. 16, from noon-6 p.m.. Tickets are \$12 in advance and are available for purchase from the Candler Park Market, 1642 McLendon Ave., or by calling 404-688-1299. Day of tour tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at any tour home and in front of The Gilded Angel, located on the corner of McLendon Avenue and Oakdale Road. All houses are within walking distance of The Gilded Angel. Tickets will also be available at Fall Fest all weekend at the CP merchandise booth. See the CP website for a tour map and information on this year's featured homes.

The tour will include a yard feature and nine homes, the majority of which were built between 1908-1915 in a post-Victorian style. These homes represent the style of houses that were being built in the emerging town of Edgewood, just off the Atlanta-Stone Mountain rail line, prior to Edgewood's annexation into the city of Atlanta. One of the homes was built in 1946, reflecting the building boom following World War II. The final home on the tour was recently built, in a superb example of in-fill housing in gentrified neighborhoods. The yard feature is a two-acre conservation easement with ponds and gardens that was secured by the current homeowners. This year's Tour Book contains articles by Rob Craig, Professor of Architectural History at Georgia Tech and Candler Park resident, including "The History of Candler Park" and "How to Research the History of Your Home".

We still need several volunteers for 3 hours of house sitting (noon to 3pm or 3pm to 6pm) during the tour. Each volunteer will receive a ticket to the tour as a thank you. Please contact Amy Alford at 404-610-5220/ amy.alford@emory.edu to volunteer.

-- Amy Alford and Fred Rossini



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In keeping with its identity as a community that welcomes diversity, we will share information regarding discussion/activity groups that neighbors are interested in starting up (some examples are study groups of various religions and faiths, gardening clubs, card playing clubs, etc). Such announcements are not endorsements, but simply reflect the interests of particular residents. Please contact the Hospitality Committee if you would like assistance organizing a group.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!

The November and December Exec board and general CPNO meetings will be on the 1st and 2nd Mondays of the month instead of the normal 2nd and 3rd of the month. 11/7, 14 and 12/5, 12.

October Porch Party!

Fall is here! Come meet some new neighbors and hang out with the old timers while enjoying the fall breeze on the Armstrong's porch. As always, please bring a snack to share and your beverage of choice.

Scott & Kerstin Armstrong's House
Friday, Oct. 21st @ 405 Clifton Road
7:00pm

Interested in hosting a party on your porch? Contact Deneta (denetahowland@earthlink.net) for info.

Candler Park Workday

Thanks to everyone who came out for the October workday sponsored by the CPNO and the Friends of Candler Park. We finished mulching the east side of the front gate and removed a fallen tree. Thanks to you, it was the best workday of the year!

Because of FallFest and the Columbus Day holiday, there will be no workday in Candler Park in October. Mark your calendars for the next workday on Saturday, November 12, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. It's planting season, and we will need all the help we can get!

-- Brian Sells

Bookclub Calendar

The Candler Park Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Light dessert will be served. Please join us for a lively discussion of the following books.

- **OCTOBER 13th**
Carter Beats the Devil
By Glen Gold
Hosted by Ann Dellinger
- **NOVEMBER 10th**
The Good German
By Joseph Kanon
- **DECEMBER 8th**
Holidays On Ice
By David Sedaris
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- **JANUARY 12th**
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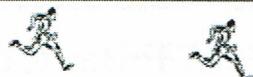
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bagels for all after the race. Well behaved dog on a leash? No problem! Jogging stroller? If you can handle it, more power to you! If you register before October 1 you pay only \$18. Or, register the day of the race and pay just \$23.

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Candler Park Running Club

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(404) 688-3299
2) Or you can download the application at www.rungeorgia.com.
3) Or sign up on www.active.com.
4) On site registration will take place starting at 8:00 AM at Epworth Methodist on the corner of Mel and McLendon. The race will start a block away on the corner of Page and McLendon (next to Fellini's) at 9:00.

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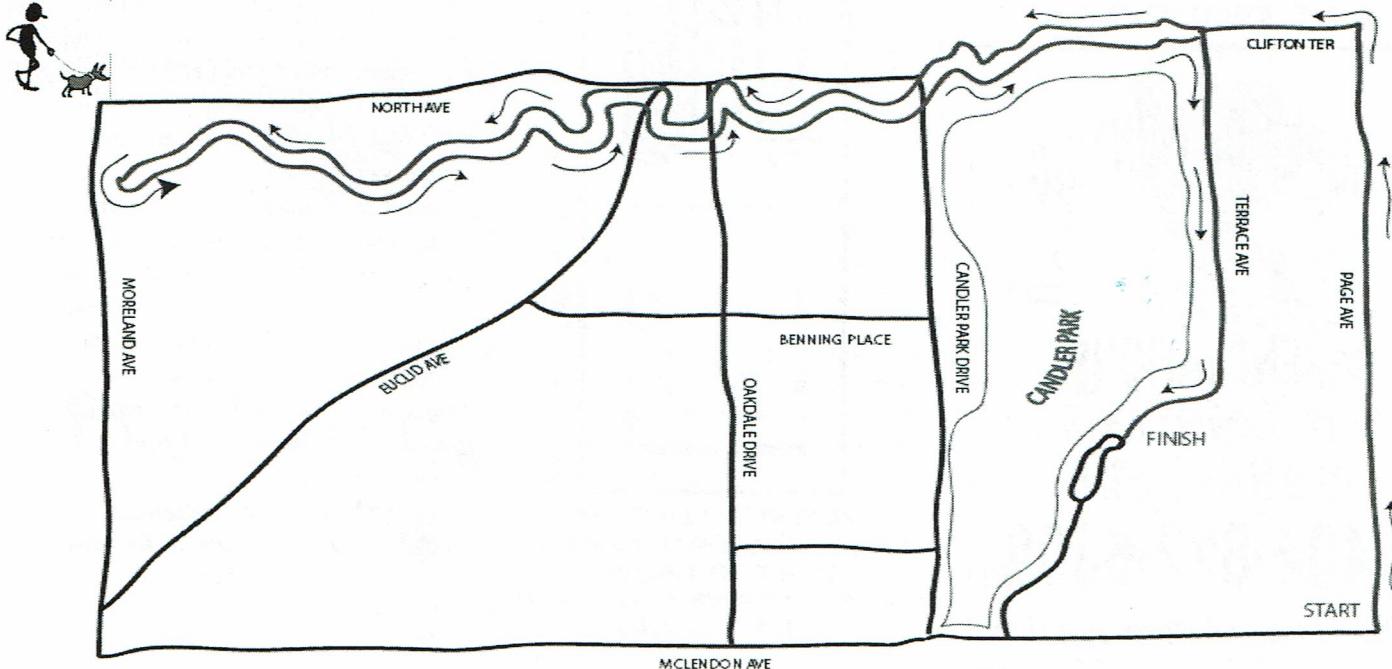
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Signature of Participant _____

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A Word From Our President (CPNO that is)

The months of October and November are the busiest time of the year for CPNO. This year we will be busier than usual. The weekend of October 15 and 16 will bring our annual Candler Park celebration, FallFest.WEEKEND. We will kick off Saturday morning with our 5K roadrace. This year's tee shirt has received consistent oohs and aahs. To get your own, sign up to run or volunteer to help. FallFest itself will be in the Park during the days. Here too volunteers are needed, and the unique FallFest tee shirt will be theirs. Our Tour of Homes is Sunday afternoon from noon to 6PM. Once again we need volunteers for 3 hour shifts to house sit. Their reward will be a free Tour ticket. With beautiful weather, this could be the best Fallfest weekend yet!

Moving beyond the fun and activities of FallFest, we have two major orders of business during this season. The Bylaws Committee has a proposed restatement of our Bylaws that will be voted on at the October meeting, the day after FallFest. If you wish to have input into how we are organized and operate, please read the proposed Bylaws on our web site or call to receive your own printed copy.

Then attend our October 17 meeting to participate in the revision process.

Finally our elections for officers for next year will be held at our November meeting. This year we will meet on the second Monday, November 14. Please get your input on officers for next year to Alonso Church, Chair of the Nominating Committee, or to one of the other members, Courtenay Dusenbury, Randy Pimsler, Amy Alford, Mark Carson, or Walt Weimar. Be sure to come to the November meeting where additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. The main requirement for office is that the member have attended at least four CPNO meetings during the year. Remember that the quality and dedication of CPNO is largely a function of the quality and dedication of its officers.

I'll see you at the October and November meetings.

-- Fred Rossini

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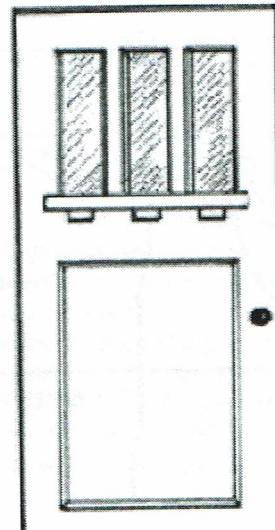
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As most Candler Park residents are likely aware, the City of Atlanta generally requires that owners of property must maintain sidewalks fronting their residential or commercial lots, even though the property is not legally "owned" as part of the adjacent parcel. Beside the potential liability for hazards to others caused by poorly-maintained sidewalks, lot owners have obvious incentives to maximize the "curb appeal" of their property by investing time (and occasionally money) in keeping their sidewalks clear of obstacles or debris, and reasonably passable for the many pedestrians in our neighborhood, including the elderly and very young.

To encourage greater responsibility in this regard, CPNO residents are asked to consider the condition of their sidewalks, and make repairs when appropriate. This can be done either through one's own efforts, using approved methods and materials; by hiring Public Works personnel; or by hiring private firms approved by the City of Atlanta. Please keep in mind that neither hexagonal pavers nor hexagonal surface design on poured concrete sidewalks are required any longer by Public Works. For chronically-neglected sidewalks, for which a neighborly appeal to the owner fails to lead to timely improvements, pedestrians have both a right and responsibility to assist Public Works officials in promoting responsible maintenance. Please contact Walt Weimar for more information how you can maintain (or encouraging others to maintain) our vital pedestrian corridors through both public or approved private service providers.

Last but not least - a plea on behalf of both safety and aesthetics along our sidewalks, which has frequently been mentioned by neighborhood leaders interested in Candler Park's streetscapes, public safety and even stormwater runoff - please refrain (and encourage others to refrain) from placing illegal signs or above-ground fixtures (planters, mailboxes, etc.)

within the planting strip between the curb and sidewalk. These not only interfere with access to legally-parked vehicles, but restrict drivers' or cyclists' ability to navigate in an emergency (sometimes called a "clear recovery zone"), or in other cases, hamper one's line-of-sight around corners. Signage attached to utility poles or on free-standing posts is not only illegal outside private property (without written permission of City of Atlanta transportation officials, and any utilities who obtained their own permits to occupy these public rights-of-way), but is unattractive, even when well-intentioned. We can all do more to help in controlling the growing problem of visual clutter along our streets, especially when for commercial purposes. Anyone interested in learning more about City of Atlanta regulations regulating private signs or improvements within the right-of-way may contact CPNO Zoning V/P Walt Weimar.

-- Walt Weimar

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Epworth's UMC Annual BBQ

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Yes Sir, it is time for Epworth's annual BBQ, Bazaar and Bake Sale. And we plan on a return visit from Eppie the moderately sized Alligator smoker/grill. All of the fun happens at Epworth UMC on the corner of McClendon and Mell Avenue Saturday, October 8th from 11 to 6 (or when we run out of BBQ). We will have BBQ, Bazaar, Bake Sale, live music and all the sweet tea you can drink. It is only \$7 for adults over 12, and \$3 for children. This year we plan on having pork and chicken bbq. You can buy your tickets ahead of time or you can buy them at the door. Whatever you do, you don't want to miss it!

-- Mark Clement

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October 8, 2005

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New Residents of Candler Park

In April, a pair of Red-tailed Hawks built their nest in a large pine on the 600 block of Page Avenue. Unfortunately, no sooner had their two chicks hatched than bulldozers and chain saws moved in all around the nest tree to clear for construction on both Page Avenue and Clifton Terrace. Entranced hawk watching neighbors waited anxiously to determine whether so many disturbances would cause the parents to abandon their downy nestlings. Day by day their persistence became more apparent; and indeed, the parents endured the surrounding chaos and continued to care for the young birds. The chicks soon grew large enough to take tentative trips out of the nest.

Then the rains came and construction was halted temporarily. Monsoon-like weather seemed to increase the difficulty of learning to fly for the young buteos. Between torrential rains, one of the fledglings, damp and bedraggled, landed on a ground floor window sill of 630 Page Avenue, just beside the front door. Apparently, it had perched there for a few hours, unable or unsure what to do next. It remained nonplussed when the patient homeowner finally decided to enter his front door. By morning the wayward twenty inch long juvenile had returned to the nest, now somewhat crowded by three birds with four-foot wing-spans.

Each day brought more antics by the fledglings at or near the nest. The most frequent activity involved sitting side by side on a pine limb, incessantly and loudly squawking for the chipmunks and other rodents the parents delivered. Finally lured from the nest tree for the daylight hours, the awkward juveniles alternated their somewhat comic hunting and flying attempts through the rain-sodden weeks of late May and early June. Circumstances that could have proven disastrous for the hawks now seemed to work to their advantage. Heavy rains stopped the noisy construction,

and the birds actually used the bulldozed lots on Clifton Terrace as a staging ground for their flying lessons.

Late in June, the Red-tails moved across Clifton Terrace to the grounds between the Path and Jackson Hill Baptist Church. At 7P.M on June 29, the entire family was present. One juvenile was perched on the church's steeple and the second in a large pine nearby. The parents were facing one another, perched on opposite arms of the cross, with their wings spread to catch the last rays of post-downpour sunlight.

In July, the hawks moved for a time westward to the Lutheran church steeple on Ponce de Leon. As of this writing on September 19th, the juveniles have returned to Jackson Hill church and even to the nest tree on Page Avenue. They can sometimes be seen in Candler Park golf course and in the Olmstead linear parks. Central Park with its famed "Pale Male" has nothing on Candler Park with its spectacular family of four Red-tails!

Attached photo is of one of the juvenile Red-tailed Hawks as it perched over a construction site on Clifton Terrace.

-- Paige Harvey

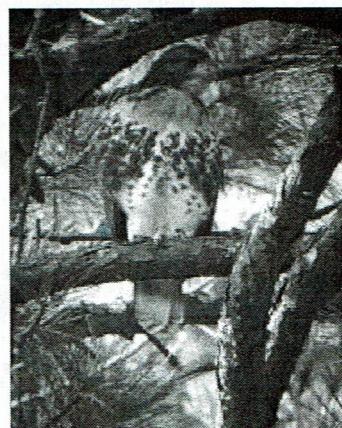


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Letter to the Editor: Hurricane Relief

All of us have been deeply affected by the tragedy along the Gulf Coast caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. So many are giving so much to the Red Cross to aid in disaster relief. But, I feel the urge to do more and I'm also concerned that, as time goes by and newer events cause the media attention to shift the disasters to the back of the newspaper and the end of the news reports, donations will drop off.

I want to propose that Candler Park, as a neighborhood, take the initiative of making a neighborhood donation to ease this national crisis. Specifically, I'm proposing that we donate at least half, if not more, of the money raised by Fallfest, the Candler Park Tour of Homes, and the Candler Park 5K race to one of the many charities helping in the relief and rebuilding in the affected areas of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

We, in Candler Park, are so very lucky to live in the neighborhood we have made for ourselves. It's unlikely that a disaster like the one in New Orleans will ever occur here (unless Lake Claire floods), but we do have our own tragedies and personal disasters. Hurricanes, tornadoes and high winds topple trees and destroy homes and properties. Fires displace our neighbors and, yes, the occasional horrible and violent act befalls our neighbors and friends. Those are the times that we, as a neighborhood, should pull together and help those who need our help here, in Candler Park. To that end, I propose that the neighborhood fund the safety committee with a minimum of \$1,000 from the CPNO budget (to be added to with, say, 10% of the funds raised, annually, and by individual donations) for local disaster relief. For example, last year a neighbor's home was destroyed by fire and she found it difficult to find affordable housing in the area so that her child could continue at Mary Lin. A

commitment of a small monthly stipend toward rent in the Mary Lin district would have helped her. This summer, a huge tree fell and crushed two neighbor's homes to the extent that they were uninhabitable and the residents had to find other housing—another opportunity for Candler Park to help. In Lake Claire, fire destroyed the church and night shelter.

Most of us cherish the diversity in Candler Park. Part of this is economic diversity. Not all our residents have insurance that will cover terrible personal crises. Just as we are all connected to the folks along the Gulf Coast, we are even more connected with one another at home. There is a need and an opportunity here for the neighborhood to do more than we are doing. Let's rise to this occasion.

-- Maya Hahn

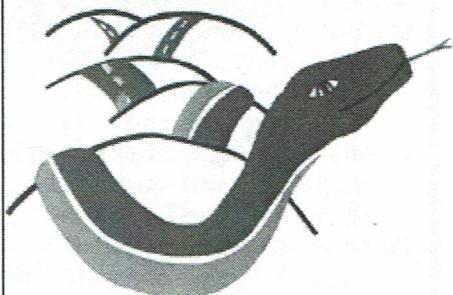
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Neighbors on Candler and Iverson streets held a yard sale to benefit the American Red Cross' disaster relief, Saturday, September 17, and raised more than \$1,000 in donations and purchases.

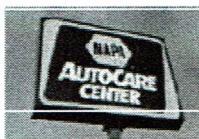
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Candler Park Brook Restoration Update

During their September 19th general meeting, CPNO members were afforded an opportunity to review the latest project design information for the upcoming Candler Park stormwater mitigation project. Representing the project steering committee (originally chaired by CPNO's former Peavine Watershed Alliance representative Nancy Boyd), Walt Weimar offered explanations on the recently-updated concept drawings displayed during the meeting, and residents viewed the most recent video prepared by Robert Wells, documenting the committee's continuing efforts to educate park patrons and surrounding neighborhoods about stream quality and best management practices. Interested audience members were also encouraged to visit the project's recently-launched website at www.parkpride.org, where the project plans and links to additional information are now available, along with forms to provide feedback on the design. A resolution by CPNO

members supporting the preliminary plan was also approved, reflecting the growing importance of this topic for intown neighborhoods concerned about environmental quality and habitat conservation.

On September 22nd, executive board members of NPU-N were also briefed on the project by Walt Weimar, and offered useful suggestions on specific aspects of the design. Some members sought appropriate assurances regarding the need to minimize construction impacts to park activities, for which the project's late winter implementation is key. In order to remain on schedule for permits, vendor selection and project construction in early 2006, a full presentation will be made at the October 27th NPU-N meeting, by which time project consultants and City of Atlanta officials hope to have finalized the construction design. Please contact Walt Weimar to learn more about this important project, and how you can help make a

difference in our urban watershed through participation in park clean-up or stream quality monitoring activities, as well as by encouraging and adopting best management practices for improving residential and commercial property stormwater management.

-- Walt Weimar

Frazer Center Fall Festival

The Frazer Center Fall Festival will be held on October 30, 2005, from 2pm - 6 pm, at Cator Woolford Gardens, 1815 Ponce De Leon Avenue. Everyone is invited to attend. The festival will be a Halloween party with games, a silent auction, food and music. Admission is \$10 for an adult, \$5 for a child, and \$20 for a family.

Candler Park Demolition/Infill Housing Standards Ad Hoc Committee Formation

Say that 3 times.

Formation of an ad hoc committee to study appropriate infill development standards, including review of demolition of existing structures, was announced at the September CPNO general meeting. An inaugural meeting held on September 21st in the upstairs meeting room at Epworth United Methodist Church was attended by CPNO residents Mark Carson, Randy Pimsler, Bryan Sells, Nancy Nethery, David Green, Mark Clement, Amy Stout, Alonzo Church and Walt Weimar, as well as by Lake Claire Neighborhood Association NPU-N representative Bill Hammam, and former City of Atlanta Planning Bureau chief John Bell. The group reviewed recent infill housing standards development, including Atlanta City Council legislation introduced by At-Large Councilmember Mary Norwood, and some alternative or supplemental initiatives that might focus more specifically on protecting architectural and aesthetic qualities unique to National Register-listed intown neighborhoods such as Candler Park. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 5th at the upstairs meeting room at Epworth, and all residents of Candler Park and surrounding neighborhoods are invited to participate by contacting Walt Weimar or Randy Pimsler for more information.



NPU-N ISSUES

NPU-N meetings are held at 7PM, on the 4th Thursday of every month at L5Pts Community Center(Crn Euclid and Austin Ave.) Candler Park residents are welcome to attend. Contact Amy Stout at 404-371-0505 regarding any regularly scheduled voting or agenda matters.

CPNO's Vice-President of the Environment, Bryan Sells, presented plans for a proposed McLendon Avenue Beautification Project and received the board's endorsement to apply for one of the \$500 micro grants that Park Pride makes available to each of Atlanta's twenty-four Neighborhood Planning Units to improve public parks and greenspaces. Candler Park will be able to use the funds to purchase plants and pine straw to revitalize the twenty-one bulbout gardens located along McLendon Avenue.

On September 16, 2005, the Board of Zoning Adjustment denied without prejudice an application for a variance to reduce the rear transitional yard combined with an application for a special exception to reduce the number of on-site parking spaces submitted by the owners of the Zesto's restaurant at 377 Moreland Ave. Unless the owners file another request, this renovation project will not be going forward as originally described.

Two variance applications that were unanimously approved at September's CPNO meeting (V-05-251, expansion of Radial Café at 1526 Dekalb Ave and V-05-268, addition of a 2nd story to a single family residence at 553 Candler St) were also approved by NPU-N.

A third variance application (V-05-256, reduction in side yard setback for construction of a new home at 1493 McLendon Ave) that sparked controversy but was ultimately approved at September's CPNO meeting by a vote of 13-10-2 also stimulated much debate at NPU-N. Several NPU-N board members suggested that the applicants voluntarily delay the vote by NPU-N and use the time to reach consensus with the neighborhood, but the applicants rejected this suggestion. The variance was approved by NPU-N by a vote of 5-0-4 and is scheduled to be heard by the BZA on October 7.

The NPU was informed of an ordinance to amend the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Code of the Atlanta City Code of Ordinances to increase permit fees to "better facilitate convenience and use through the online permitting system."

Green Space

Fall means rain, wind, and falling leaves. With falling leaves, come clogged city storm drains. The drains work just like a sink; when drains get plugged, they overflow and flooding results.

Street flooding can be hazardous not only to motorists, cyclists and pedestrian but also to the environment as the floodwater spreads pollutants across the floodplain.

Clogged drains can also harm the environment in another way. In Atlanta, storm drains flow directly into local streams and creeks with no pollution treatment. If rotting leaves build up in underground catch basins, they can create a poisonous gas (hydrogen sulfide) which can deplete the oxygen in creeks and streams where fish live. Hydrogen sulfide can also be dangerous to city workers who try to clean storm drains.

What can you do to prevent leaves from clogging storm drains?

- Use a mulching mower or a mulching blade to shred leaves and leave the clippings on your lawn as fertilizer.
- Use the leaves to start a compost pile.
- Put the leaves into an approved yard waste container or into paper leaf bags for the city to pick up.
- Don't blow or rake leaves from your yard into the street.
- Clean up fallen leaves that reach the street to keep them out of the storm drain system.

What can you do if you see a clogged storm drain?

- When the conditions are safe, use a garden rake, a shovel, or even your foot, to remove the leaves or debris from the top of the storm drain grate. Be sure to remove the debris from the street, or it will just come back during the next storm.
- Call the city's Bureau of Solid Waste: (404) 624-0751.
- Contact the deputy Commissioner in charge of the city's new Bureau of Stormwater: <jjbasista@atlantaga.gov>.
- Email me. I want to know when neighbors are having problems with their storm drains, and I can work with you to get the issue resolved.

-- Bryan Sells

LAND USE ISSUES

The following land use issues are scheduled to be heard and voted on at the October CPNO meeting. Land use issues to be voted on at the November meeting must be submitted prior to October 26.

1585, 1595 Clifton Terrace Ave. - (V-05-298)

- Rob Meyer and Mark Mechlowitz, owners of 1585 and 1595 Clifton Terrace (each zoned SPI-7/SA-2), respectively, seek a variance to eliminate the independent driveway entirely within boundaries and fully connected to a public street to allow for a shared driveway, for the construction of two previously-permitted single-family residences. Applicants have advised that they are seeking this variance to significantly reduce potential surface runoff from their previously-permitted design for construction of two independent driveways. This matter will be heard by NPU-N at 7Pm on Thursday, October 27th at Little 5 Points Community Center, near intersection of Euclid Avenue and Austin Avenue in Inman Park; and by Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment at 1PM on Friday, November 18th in 2nd Floor Council Chambers at Atlanta City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue, SW in downtown Atlanta.

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CRIME REPORT

Reported 8/21-9/19, 2005, Zone 6 police records. Compiled by Gregg Reinhardt.

1800 block McLendon Ave, 8/12-8/26, date uncertain, new box of checks stolen.

500 block Candler St, 8/18-8/27, date uncertain, stolen debit card used to make purchases.

1200 block Mansfield Ave, 8/21, Sun. 3pm, items stolen from basement. Suspect: B/M, age 25 - 35, 5'9", Av. Build, gap between his front teeth AKA: Man or Daryl. Suspect's vehicle: white truck.

400 block Sterling St, 8/22, Mon. morning, 1990 Subaru Legacy stolen, auto was unlocked due to malfunctioning lock.

300 block Brooks Ave, 8/24, Wed. overnight, auto broken into, items stolen.

300 block Candler Park Dr, 8/25, Thur. overnight, items stolen from apartment.

300 block Elmira Pl, 8/29, Tues. overnight, items stolen from basement.

1200 block McLendon Ave, 8/31, 4am, Wed. morning, victim walking home from the Star Bar when three black occupants pulled up in a compact red vehicle and pointed a gun at the victim and demanded him to drop the money on the ground. A black female then got out of the vehicle and picked up the money. There was no description of the subjects given.

300 block Glendale Ave, 9/1, Thur morning, attempted break-in to crawl space.

500 block Oakdale Rd, 9/6, Tues 1pm, residence broken into, items stolen.

300 block Mell Ave, 9/8, Thur. overnight, auto broken into, items stolen.

300 block Clifton Ave, 9/8-9/11, time unknown, lawn equipment stolen from shed.

1900 block McLendon Ave, 9/8-9/9, time unknown, mailbox stolen with mail in it.

1600 block McLendon Ave, 9/9, Fri overnight, home broken into, items stolen.

1100 block Euclid Ave, 9/9-9/10, time unknown, 1999 Saab 95 stolen.

500 block Candler Park Dr, 9/10, Sat near midnight, attempted house break-in.

300 block Elmira Pl, 9/13, early Mon. morning, mulching mower stolen off truck.

300 block Brooks Ave, 9/14, Wed daytime, shed broken into, mountain bike and gas trimmer stolen.

1500 block Iverson St, 9/15, Thur daytime, rear window of home broken into, items stolen.

400 block Oakdale Rd, 9/16-9/17, time unknown, 1995 Chevy Astro van stolen..

300 block Clifton Rd, 9/16, Fri midday, house broken into, items stolen.

1300 block Benning Pl, 9/16, Fri overnight, auto broken into, items stolen.

500 block Candler Park Dr, 9/16, Fri afternoon, auto broken into, items stolen.

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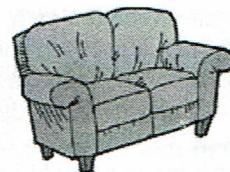
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HOUSE REPAIR -- Int/ext painting, sheet

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Free est. Lee Nicholson, 404-378-1343.



Get Up Off Of That Thing

This couch thing seemed to work last month so I'm going to use it again. Pretty much everyone on Glendale called or emailed to deliver their street. Only one lucky dialer won the honor so now the we are happy to offer other streets the chance to WIN.

We have the south half of Josephine, Clifton from McLendon to Dekalb Ave, Dekalb Ave from Clifton to Marta, Dekalb Ave from Oakdale to Ferguson and several Zone deliverer opportunities. If you live in an apartment and would rather this be dropped off at your mailbox or door give me a call. It's fun. It's exercise. It's enjoyable for the whole family. Call now -- 404-524-0634 or email to cpmessenger@comcast.net.