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Planning 2021 for Candler Park

By Jerry Tillery, president@candlerpark.org

It is budget time again. Hopefully, by the time you receive the Messenger, you will have had a chance to review the draft CPNO budget for 2021. The budget is one of our most important activities for the year, and we will be voting on the budget at the February membership meeting.

The challenges we all faced during the past year have had an effect on all of us, but our commitments as an organization haven't changed. We are still focused on our sense of community and the programs that draw us together. The proposed budget presented by the board shows our continued community support through the Little 5 Points alliance, the Candler Park/Lake Claire Patrol, and our donations to the local schools. Just as we did last year, we are careful to account for our fixed operational and professional expenses. Due to the COVID-19 guidelines and social distancing, some of the costs from last year weren't spent. But we will continue to add them to this year's budget and at some point, we will be able to begin to have more face-to-face social interaction.

In the 2020 budget, money was set aside for the Candler Park Conservancy, but due to the COVID-19 restrictions this money wasn't spent. The money is still committed to the Conservancy, but since it is already approved it won't show as

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a new item in the 2021 budget. We feel this is a very important initiative for the community, and we want to show our continued support for the improvement of the park.

At this point in time, we don't have a status of the Fall Fest or the Easter Egg Hunt. I don't think the social distancing rules will be lifted by Easter, so we are looking at an alternative "Socially Distanced Virtual" Easter Egg Hunt. We have a suggestion and volunteer from the board so hopefully, we will be able to share details soon. We are moving forward with the assumption that things will be normal enough to have Fall Fest, and we will begin planning for it very soon.

Since I mentioned the Easter Egg Hunt and Fall Fest, I will add that we are always looking for volunteers from the community for the various committees. If you have a passion or interest the following is a non-exclusive list: the Easter Egg Hunt, Zoning, Infrastructure, Education, Fall Fest, the Little 5 Points Alliance, Zoning, and the Freedom Park Conservancy. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Board Members or the specific Committee Chair for more information on any committee or representative opportunity.

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

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MEETINGS

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

Committee meetings take place at The Neighborhood 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 6 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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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

3 CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor

8 CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor

15 Deadline to submit content for March Messenger!

15 CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church

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8 CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church, 2nd floor

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Although usual meeting places are listed, COVID-19 pandemic may require meetings to be held by video to abide by social distancing protocols. In case of cancellations or changes, check CPNO's Upcoming Events list at candlerpark.org and watch for membership email notices. All CPNO meetings are open to the public.



The HAWK has Landed in L5P

By Christina Hodgen, CPNO Representative to L5P Alliance

Little Five Points celebrated the HAWK Signal that will make crossing Moreland Avenue easier. Craig Pendergrast, Little 5 Points CID Chair, welcomed a small group of folks at a December 14th ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new crossing. Attendees, including City Councilman Amir Farokhi, Al Caproni, Little 5 Points Alliance, ADOT Commissioner, Josh Rowan, Stacey Key, GDOT State Transportation Board and Scott Pendergrast, Little 5 Points Business Association and many others. Once the ribbon was cut the all-percussion Seed and Feed Stampede hit the drums and played everyone across. Krampus, a folklore character who scares misbehaving children during Christmas, followed.

A H.A.W.K. Signal, (High-Intensity Activated crossWalK beacon), is a traffic control device that stops traffic for pedestrians to cross on-demand. Once pedestrians push the crossing button, lights will flash red alerting drivers to stop. Once traffic has come to a stop, pedestrians can cross safely. If you haven't seen it in person, head down to L5P. The HAWK signal can be found in front of Junkman's Daughter.

Little 5 Points is long known as Atlanta's home for eclectic vibes and independent mindset. L5P is home to several art and music venues, locally owned restaurants, and sustainable fashion. To learn more about the Little Five Points Alliance go to l5pa.com.



A New Candler Park History Webpage

The history page on our web site has been updated—<https://candlerpark.org/history/>. Check it out. If you see any errors or have other suggestions, please let me know by emailing roger.bakeman.CPNO@gmail.com.



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Holiday Decorating Contest Ends 2020 on a Bright Note

By Matt Hanson, fundraising@candlerpark.org

Candler Park closed out the 2020 with a successful inaugural Holiday House Decorating Contest. The first year of the contest involved 4 categories: Grinchiest, Winter Wonderland, The Honorary Clark Griswold Award, and of course, Best Overall. We had some great participation in our first year. And based on the number of votes tallied, a great number of our neighbors were able to make the tour of decorations around the neighborhood and submitted their votes. Here are the winners, and some photos from the inaugural event.

WINNERS

- Grinchiest - 492 Page (something for everybody)
- Winter Wonderland - Joe's Gingerbread House (1219 McLendon)
- Best Overall - 302 Ferguson
- Clark Griswold - merry and bright (446 candler street)



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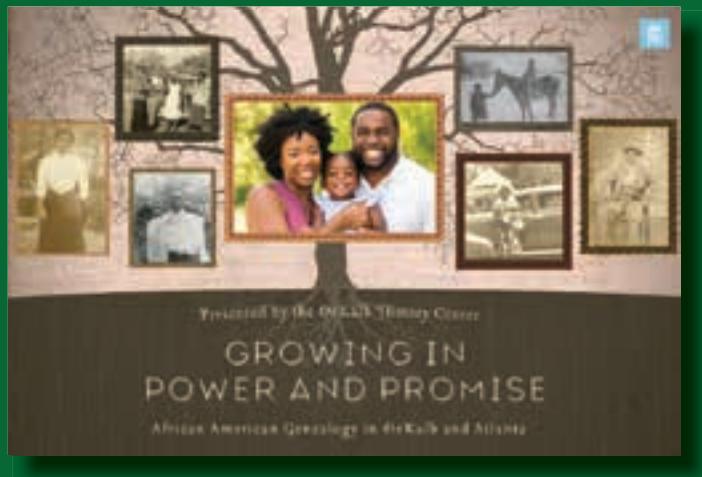
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13th Annual Black History Month Celebration

Source: DeKalb History Center press release

Alex Haley, author of Roots, said, "In all of us, there is a hunger to know our heritage and where we come from."

If you have a burning desire to discover your family heritage, then join the DeKalb History Center for their exciting 13th Annual Black History Month program. The celebration will center around the power of African American genealogy. The program will start with a musical selection that will set the celebratory mood. Then, presenters will engage the audience with interactive genealogy presentations, and breakout sessions, including riveting stories about some of DeKalb and Atlanta's oldest African American families.

PRESENTERS:

Tamika Strong,
reference archivist of the Georgia Archives

Winifred Hemphill,
president of South-View Cemetery Association

Johnny Waites,
director and curator of the Flat Rock Archives

Laurel Wilson,
historian of Decatur's African American heritage.

Sponsorships are still available and start at \$100. Please contact Melissa Forgey at 404-373-1088, extension 22, for more information on how to support the DeKalb History Center's Thirteenth Annual Black History Month Celebration.

Thursday, February 11, 2021

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

The event will be LIVE via Zoom.

Ticket Link: <https://dekalb-history-center.square.site>

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Achieve Big Goals this Year by Practicing Small Habits Every Day

By Gail Turner-Cooper, Candler Park Resident and Certified Health Coach

It's an understatement for many of us at this point to say that 2020 was a difficult year. From sicknesses, to layoffs, to stay-at-home orders, and a bevy of other challenges, you deserve a pat on the back just for making it this far.

As we put behind us that strenuous year and begin this new one, many of us have been setting goals and making plans to achieve them. With the weariness of 2020 behind us, it can feel daunting to hope for big wins in a new year. But the secret to accomplishing your grandest plans lies in the smallest details — the actions you practice every single day. Here's a few small steps and tips you can practice each day to help you realize your resolutions in 2021.

▪ Bookend your days with consistent routines

We say it a lot, but it bears repeating! Routine is the secret to success. If you start your days with a morning routine and end them with a bedtime routine, your body and mind will find peace in your daily habits and can channel productivity out of that peace. As humans, we are creatures of habit. As we begin the year, find morning and bedtime routines that work for you and focus on maintaining them throughout the year.

▪ Practice accountability by involving others

If the past year taught us anything, it's how crucial our social relationships really are. When we're in our homes every day, we rely more than ever on our communications and bonds with friends and family to keep us going. As you work towards goals in 2021, whether they're goals related to health, spirituality, or just reading more books, check in with a trusted friend or sibling to stay accountable towards your progress. When we involve others, we feel more responsible towards them and we feel more motivation as well.

▪ Keep track of your successes in a daily journal

A gratitude journal can be a powerful

way to improve your mentality and shift your energy towards positivity. When you're trying to achieve big life goals, keeping a journal where you document your victories—however big or small—can also help you maintain positivity and motivation. Whether you write in your journal every morning or at night before bed, incorporate a journaling habit into your daily routine. It can just involve writing a couple sentences! Don't worry about making them sound elegant and beautiful. This is just for you. Writing down your successes and victories will help make your progress feel more tangible, and you'll feel more momentum to keep going.

▪ Identify your boundaries and triggers, and eliminate them ahead of time

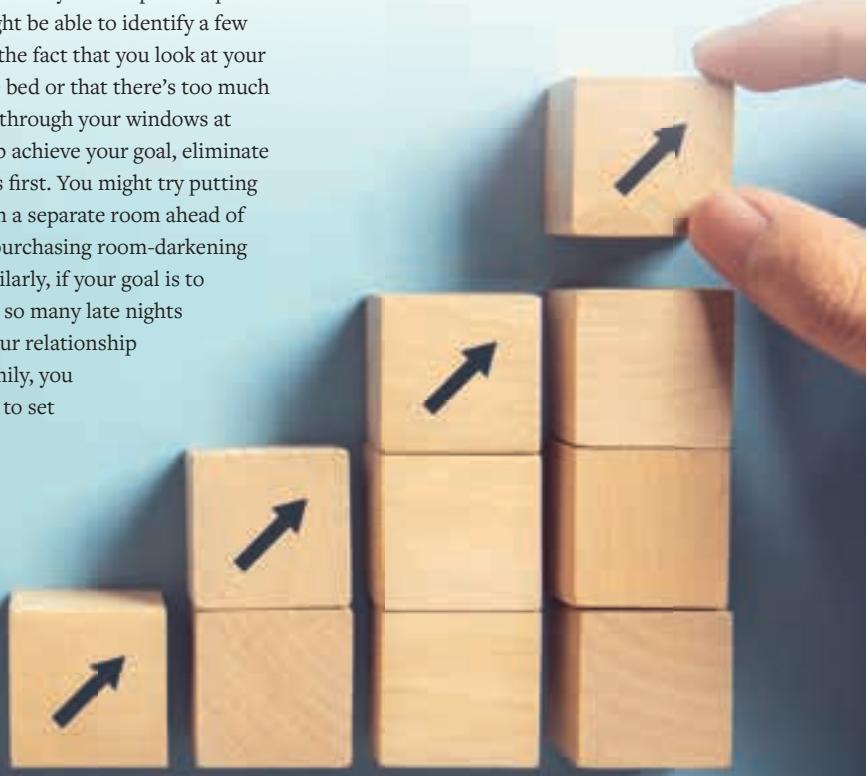
Spend some time reflecting on what your goals are, and what's stopped you from achieving them in the past. For example, if your goal is to get better sleep this year, you might consider the factors that have negatively affected your sleep in the past year. You might be able to identify a few triggers, like the fact that you look at your phone before bed or that there's too much light coming through your windows at night. To help achieve your goal, eliminate these triggers first. You might try putting your phone in a separate room ahead of bedtime, or purchasing room-darkening curtains. Similarly, if your goal is to stop working so many late nights that affect your relationship with your family, you might decide to set a boundary first. You

could talk to your coworkers about a "sign-off time" that you are unavailable after on weeknights, and hold yourself to it.

▪ Practice patience with yourself when you make mistakes

Shame is not an efficient way to reward others, and it's definitely not an efficient way to motivate yourself. If you slip up on the way to achieving your goal, don't beat yourself up. Instead, practice patience with yourself. Remind yourself that you are working hard towards a goal, but that you are also worthy of generous time. You aren't on anyone's schedule but your own. If you feel downtrodden, go back and read the entries in your success journal and remind yourself of all the progress you've made.

Gail Turner-Cooper is a certified health coach and the founder of Align Health Coaching based in Atlanta. You can learn more about her and Align Health at www.alignhealthcoaching.com.





300 Blooming Trees: A Tree Tribute to Civil Rights Leader John Lewis

Source: *Freedom Park Conservancy email*

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Honoring a life-long legacy of public service, a living tree tribute is being created in memorial to the late Congressman John Lewis in Freedom Park. Hundreds of blooming plants, including over 300 blooming trees, colorful flowering shrubs, and fields of daffodils will be planted in the first phase of a multi-year project. A 3-day volunteer planting project is scheduled for February 19, 20, and 21, ending on Sunday, which would have been John Lewis's 81st birthday.

The trees and flowering plants have been selected for their early blooming in late winter (specifically around February) to celebrate the civil rights icon's birthday with a spectacular blooming event each year. The desire to honor John Lewis' life and legacy inspired the Freedom Park Conservancy, Trees Atlanta, and The National Center for Civil and Human Rights to bring together their commitments to community stewardship, urban tree cover, and civic storytelling.

Harriett Lane, Freedom Park Conservancy Chair acknowledges "Freedom Park has an important legacy in the areas of art, activism and nature, and this tree installation will honor John Lewis and allow us to reinforce his legacy for future generations. Today John Lewis Plaza within Freedom Park is anchored by the The Bridge, a work of sculptor Thornton Dial, which represents Congressman Lewis' lifelong quest for the advancement of civil and human rights."

The John Lewis Plaza is a space committed to celebrating his life. The park area around the Plaza provides the perfect venue for the initial planting of hundreds of flowering trees that will bring color into the space as a continuing celebration of his legacy. The "Flowering Forest – A Tree Tribute" planting project takes place in February allowing the public to honor Lewis' birthday on February 21 as well as celebrate Black History Month and Georgia Arbor Day (February 19, 2021).

Over a five-year period, the Freedom Park Conservancy will lead the effort to extend the Flowering Forest with additional hundreds of blooming trees through Freedom Park, the largest linear park in the City of Atlanta, along the length of John Lewis Freedom Parkway to Boulevard. A

stunning landmark corridor of blooming trees will link John Lewis Plaza, The Carter Center, and The King Center. Tree selections will include mostly native varieties of redbuds, magnolias, dogwoods, yellowwoods, buckeyes, fringe trees, and other flowering species.

Greg Levine, Co-Executive Director of Trees Atlanta noted, "This February's planting will create a natural annual blooming event that celebrates a great man who represented Atlanta for nearly four decades. Our tree tribute will continue growing for generations to honor his impact on social justice."

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights' Head of Programs & Exhibitions, Dr. Calinda Lee explained, "Congressman Lewis sowed seeds of hope and equity. His life's work was an undaunted fight for civil and human rights — without prejudice or exception. The National Center for Civil and Human Rights is honored to join this partnership to celebrate John L. Lewis's legacy and to serve as a tangible reminder of the beauty that can grow from a commitment to stay in good trouble. We look forward to sharing the Congressman's story to inspire the changemaker in each of us."

Mulberry Fields Garden 101

By Jules Davis and Jesse Bathrick, Candler Park Residents

*"Sunny day
Sweeping the clouds away
Can you tell me how to get
How to get to Mulberry Fields"
(thanks Sesame Street)*

People have been on the move during this pandemic, and Candler Park seems a choice place to land. We have met so many new neighbors as they visit Mulberry Fields garden for the first time. Maybe you are one of the new neighbors we have met! Our neighbors are moving to Candler Park from other Atlanta neighborhoods, California, New York, Texas, Ohio and even Paris, France. All are welcome, and of course, you have many great questions about Mulberry Fields which we answer at the end of this article.

First, a history lesson:

Mulberry Fields was a dairy farm in the late 1800's and early into the next century. The tall pecan trees and old rock wall date back even earlier. Until the 1980's, there was an old milking shed still standing.

1992: The original family, the Talbots, who owned the land that is now Mulberry Fields, put it up for sale for development to convert the big open sunny space to condos. Realizing the impact this decision would have on the neighborhood and the many children who played on this open lot, neighbors mobilized.

Ultimately, Mr. Talbot was persuaded by the idea that the land should continue to be used for growing healthy food and raising farm animals.

Neighbors Jesse and Richard Bathrick, Betsy Abrams and Matt Crowther invested their own funds to save this intown acre. Soon, two goats, Alice and Iris were recruited to clear the

tangle of privet, blackberry and kudzu.

1999: The garden starts opening up for community use including vegetable plots. Jesse and Richard went from door to door with flyers to recruit the first six families to form a community garden. The first plots were funded through Fred Conrad at the Atlanta Community Food Bank who secured a United Way grant to build the community plots. The garden was also named in this year after Mulberry, a beloved goat. Mulberry Fields was born.

2007: Mulberry Fields will never be developed as a result of being placed under a conservation easement in partnership with the Georgia Piedmont Open Land Trust.

2016: Mulberry Fields moves from being managed by volunteers to being officially under the helm of Wylde Center, an Atlanta non-profit that already managed four other gardens in the area and whose mission is to connect people to nature. The volunteers, gardeners, and stakeholders form Friends of Mulberry Fields to officially look out for the interests of the garden as a community greenspace. In keeping with tradition, we now host an annual party and fundraiser to support improvements and maintenance of this beautiful neighborhood garden.



Now To Answer Your Questions:

Is this a park? Is this a dog park?

We are like a park in that we are open to the community at no charge. We are not a dog park. You are welcome to bring your dog as long as you use a leash.

Is this someone's backyard?

Backyards back up to Mulberry Fields, but the actual garden is not anyone's yard.

Does the City of Atlanta own this garden?

No. The land is privately owned and liability is provided by Wylde Center.

Is it ok to have a picnic in the garden?

Yes! We have picnic tables. Please take all of your trash with you and respect Covid-19 gathering protocol (masks, social distancing, pods). Note: our outdoor toilet is temporarily closed due to the pandemic.

Can I have a party for my child's birthday here?

Mulberry Fields is available for private rental including birthday parties. <https://www.wyldecenter.org/general-rentals/>

How can we help?

You can volunteer. You can make a tax-deductible donation. You can become a plot holder. Please go to www.wyldecenter.org to make a donation and to find out more information about getting involved. We are on Facebook at Wylde Center - Mulberry Fields Greenspace and Garden.

May we feed the animals?

Yes, you can feed the goats and chickens. Please read the list of safe options posted on the fence.

We are so glad you have found us. Come see us! We are located down the alley at 1301 Iverson Street and are open every day during daylight hours.

It Takes a Village, and More

By Lexa King, Candler Park Resident and Founder of Candler Park Forever

Can you believe we are approaching almost a year since the beginning of the Covid Experience? I pride myself with staying informed and, just like my dad did, I seldom miss the national nightly news on TV. But lately, I have resisted the non-stop nightly play by play of daily and total deaths. The stories of refrigeration trucks to accommodate the corpses. The funeral homes and their inability to manage the need.

Up until now, we have had a year of non-stop politics and elections. For me, it was a major distraction. But now, the elections are ALL behind and even the Inauguration and swearing in ceremonies have taken place. What's left? Dank, dreary days with little to look forward to in delightful anticipation. No calls to make, no post cards to write and send. There are a few weekly or monthly Zoom calls. Grandmothers for Peace has a monthly meeting, although it falls short of our usual lunches at Manuel's that occur in better days. Atlanta Woman's Club also Zooms monthly, but I long for the dress-up lunch meetings at the Wimbish House, one of the few remaining mansions on Peachtree. Our monthly sessions of playing Bridge have not happened since last February. For years I have also scheduled a monthly Board meeting and Membership meeting of CPNO. In better times, while these things were happening with regularity, I had no idea how huge of a part they played in my mental health.

To most people, I think I present an appearance of kind of having "my act" together. In general, that is the impression I have of myself! But lately, I have had the sensation of the wheels falling off the bus. I have a wonderful, comfortable home in the best neighborhood on the planet. I am feeling somewhat safer from having received my first Covid shot with the second one scheduled in a couple of weeks. The days are slowly, gradually, getting longer. Daily temps are slowly increasing. Soon it will be lovely enough to spend chunks of my days on my front porch. The dozens of Jonquils that I had planted last fall will soon poke their little heads out of the front flower bed, to be shortly followed by the Azaleas in bloom and the perennials will emerge! My favorite time of the year!

But there are times when none of those things, not even all of those things, matter. My body, whether it makes sense or not, is filled with a feeling of impending doom. My chest and gut tighten. At times I am on the verge of tears due to nothing, or everything. I'm sharing this for a reason. It is not a comfortable thing for me to do. But I have a suspicion that I am not unique. And I want you to know that you are not alone. This is a time like none other that we have experienced despite having spent significant years on the planet. I have always had a stable of tricks to manage my way out of times when depression comes calling. Getting present to the many blessings in my life and into a mindset of gratitude works wonders. Getting in action and creating, organizing or cleaning can clear up a clogged mental space. Going out to eat and a movie has jerked me out of the doldrums more times than I can count, but we all realize that is out of reach right now.

So what is left? COMMUNITY!!! Certainly not in many of the ways we love, but in newly presented ways. We in Candler Park have an asset that many communities lack. FRONT PORCHES! Get ready, Folks. By the time this is published, we will be close to prime porch sittin' weather! I am especially blessed with a large porch that can easily accommodate at least 4 people, socially distanced, at a time. For at least a few months, I plan to be on my porch on Wednesday afternoons and will be happy to have company. I'm in a green house on the South side of Euclid Ave. midway between Euclid Terrace and Candler Street. I plan to keep some sparkling water on hand and usually have snacks of some sort. If you want to guarantee that I'll be there, email me at CPforever@candlerpark.org a few days ahead of time to confirm and I'll



provide the exact address. Perhaps others will be open to welcoming people on their porches on various days. We have also formed a phone tree with daily wellness check-ins if you are interested in participating in that. Also, don't forget that you can join us on our weekly Zoom meetings on Wednesday evenings. Use the same email to let me know to add you to that distribution list. Until it gets safe for us to gather in restaurants, etc. we shall keep inventing ways to support each other and reach out to one another. It takes a village, and more, but we're up to it!

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▲ A view of the Point Center Building in Little Five Points, circa 1935

Arthur Mahs' Candler Park Memories: 1920s - 1980s

By Jennifer J. Richardson, Candler Park Resident

In January of 1987, I interviewed Arthur Mahs for the old BOND Community Star newspaper. A life-long resident of Candler Park, Mahs was then a resident of Josephine Street. Born on Oakdale Road in 1916, Mr. Mahs was 70 at the time of the interview. I have updated the current locations of some of the places he recalls.

Below are some excerpts from the article:

Growing up in Edgewood / Candler Park

During his 70 years in the community, Mr. Mahs has many memories of how the community has changed. He remembers when Oakdale Road was a narrow cobblestone street, just wide enough for two automobiles to pass each other. His family's home, located across the street from the Smith-Benning house, is gone now—a victim of a house fire some years ago. Condominiums now stand on the site where he was born.

Mr. Mahs attended the old Edgewood Elementary School, a three-story red brick schoolhouse. Edgewood School, now

demolished, sat where Iverson Park is today. When the "new" school—Mary Lin—was opened, Mahs attended the 6th grade there and was in the first class to graduate from Lin.

Mr. Mahs has early memories of playing around his home on Oakdale and in Candler Park. He remembers being a small lad and exploring the shopping district at Oakdale and McLendon, and in Little Five Points. He also remembers being allowed to play inside the Smith-Benning house, "with a whole bunch of kids" Mrs. Benning didn't seem to mind children going up into the attic to play. "I remember climbing up the tower and standing on tip toe to look out the window," said Mahs. "In winter, with no leaves on the trees, you could see Stone Mountain in the distance."

Dedication of Candler Park Golf Course

Mahs recalls when Atlanta Mayor Ian Ragsdale came out to Candler Park to dedicate the golf course in the 1920s. During the Civil War, soldiers had camped on that property, and later still it was an African American

neighborhood which was demolished to build the golf course. When he was older, Mahs earned money by acting as a caddy on the course.

Streetcars through the neighborhood

Mahs has a vivid memory of the noise made by the streetcars rumbling down McLendon Avenue from Atlanta via Edgewood Ave and into Little Five Points. Clifton Road was the last stop for the streetcar. After that, you had to take another car into downtown Decatur via DeKalb Avenue.

Mahs recalled when there were "very few homes" on Lullwater Road. He and his friends used to walk down the road to the "Wash hole"—now the Lullwater Conservation Garden—where they would swim in the creek

Mr. Mahs recalls other parts of Candler Park history. His father once owned the "Woco Pep Gas Station" at the corner of Oakdale and McLendon (now Candler Park Corner.) The building was later the "Three Points Market" grocery store and later still Candler Park Gallery.

Arthur Mahs' Candler Park Memories Continued

At the corner of McLendon Avenue and Ferguson Street, Mr. Mahs recalls a popular football field where neighborhood boys played, some of these same neighborhood boys were fascinated by the Smith-Benning home and the radio shack built next door by Mr. Broughton Benning. He owned the only radio in the community with a speaker. Other people had crystal sets with headphones. Mr. Benning owned a fancy "Atwater Camp" radio and let the other boys listen to it. "He was messing with radios all the time" recalls Mr. Mahs.

Little Five Points in the old days

He remembers many details about people and businesses which have come and gone in Little Five Points. Mr. Kinnely, an attorney, lived on Whitefoord Avenue, as did a streetcar conductor. A family doctor Dr. Linton Smith, lived on Candler Park Drive and had an office near where Junkman's Daughter is today.

In the old days, Little Five Points had three movie theatres: The Palace, The Euclid, and

the Little Five Points. It had a lock and key store, a beauty shop, two shoe repair shops, a King Hardware, and a café known as the Inman Park Deli. (Located where Sweetwater brewing is now.) It had two drugstores—Lane's at the corner of Euclid and Moreland, and Marshall and Pendergrass [where the Vortex is now.] The post office was on McLendon at Moreland across from where Zesto's is now.

Down on Moreland, [near Savage Pizza], stood a Kroger store that was very close to the street. On Seminole, Mr. Rainey, a man with one leg, ran a bicycle shop. The General Shoe Manufacturing Company and the Colonial Bakery were down where [Edgewood] shopping center is now.

In the old days, there were two or three good restaurants, according to Mahs. The Inman Park Deli was owned by two Greek brothers and served good food. It was also a neighborhood hang-out. The Point Center Building had a big drapery store run by Mr. Davis on its ground floor. There was a Citizens and Southern Bank on the main floor of that building, as well as a print shop.

Mahs has enjoyed eating at Rogers' Restaurant through the years. It was first called Kidder's and was run by Mr. Hurt and Mr. Bill Hendrix. Later it became the "Rainbow" and later still Sweetwater Brewing. On Euclid Avenue, "Doc DeCoff" ran the Euclid Pharmacy. Mahs has enjoyed "many a milkshake" from "Doc."

A cab stand was still there in 1987, in the parking lot of Rogers' Restaurant. It was called Colonial Cab and was started in the 1940s by three men: L.C. Bray, Al Cook and "Smitty." Smitty had been driving a cab in Little Five Points for forty years. Throughout the years, there has been at least 10 cab companies in Little Five Points.

Mr. Arthur J. Mahs died at the age of 83 in 1999. He had lived his entire life in Candler Park and Little Five Points. A memorial service was held at the Salvation Army headquarters, and Mr. Mahs donated his body to Emory University School of Medicine. But though gone, his memories of our community live on.



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January 18 CPNO Members Meeting (Virtual) – Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Jerry Tillman, President. The motion to adopt the agenda passed. The motion to approve the corrected minutes passed.

Guest Speaker:

An officer from the night watch was present to answer questions. Fire Works are legal in Georgia. A citation can be issued if the fireworks violate the "Noise Ordinance".

Old Business:

Chimney Swift Tower: Permission to erect The Tower is going through the City process.

New Business:

Treasurer Report: Karin Mack, Treasurer, present the year end P and L. The proposed 2021 Budget was reviewed and will be voted on next month.

Zoning: Emily Taff, Zoning Officer

Changes to the Food Truck Ordinance will go before the NPU next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter,
Secretary

January 18, 2021

CPNO Officer and Committee Report for January

Zoning - Emily Taff

The Zoning Committee met on Wed, Jan 6, via Zoom. The entire committee was present. There were no voting items on the agenda.

The committee discussed the Food Truck substitute ordinance 20-O-1696, which is on the NPU agenda for Review and Comment this month. There was general support for the changes proposed and noted that this most appears to affect Little Five Points businesses and may allow for food trucks to park in the MARTA parking lot and in the park more easily. Will present the ordinance to CPNO Membership for comment.

Amy Stout reported on potential development plans of the property known as "Pinebloom" (1585 South Ponce). The property is in Druid Hills but abuts Candler Park Neighborhood on the rear where development is proposed and is also adjacent to the Freedom Park Trail between Candler Park and South Ponce. Zoning Committee agreed to invite the developer to the next CPNO Zoning Committee meeting.

Membership - Roger Bakeman

A new year begins. Remember, membership in CPNO is for the calendar year so now is the time to renew for 2021. Just go online to candlerpark.org and click the RENEW for 2021 button. If there are any problems, please let me know at membership@candlerpark.org

External Affairs - Amy Stout

There were no items on the agenda for the December 2020 NPU-N meeting that were specific for Candler Park.

The City Planner again noted that residents can report illegal construction activity to 404.865.8550 or CodeBustersDCP@atlantaga.gov.

She also announced that the 2021 meeting schedules for the Board of Zoning Adjustment, the Zoning Review Board, the Tree Conservation Commission, and the Urban Design Commission for next year are posted at <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning>

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