



The CANDLER PARK MESSENGER



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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

From the President

The other day I opened the newspaper to find yet another article regarding crime in Candler Park. In fact the crimes referred to actually occurred in Lake Claire, but we got the credit for the reporters lack of research. Lucky us. And, true, the headline did read "Candler Park's Quiet Since Burglars Caught." but, if you ask me, that's like saying "Wife happier since husband's stopped beating her."

This story was just the latest of many articles connecting our neighborhood and crime. I'm sure you've read them all and maybe you are as sick of them as I am.

There is no reason that Candler Park should be so closely identified with crime by the Atlanta Journal and Constitution or anyone else. Could it be that we're stuck with this identification with crime because we lack a strong identity in some other area? Inman park has its Victoriana, Virginia Highland its trendy shops and eateries, Druid Hills its mansions. But what is our focus?

Maybe we need to become less defensive about crime and go on the offensive by taking it upon ourselves to promote a new identity for Candler Park. This will provide a focus for us and divert the media's attention from our so called crime factor.

We probably have more working artists, both visual and performing, living in Candler Park than all the other areas combined. With that in mind the CPNO executive committee has decided to promote that aspect of our neighborhood in many ways. One way is putting together the arts directory mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Another way is to tie the theme in with our tour of homes. We are soliciting other ideas along these lines from all members of the

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CPNO Meeting Changed to Wednesday February 12

CPNO Activities Calendar

February

Wednesday - 2/12	CPNO Monthly Mtg.
Tuesday - 2/18	CPNO Exec. Com.
Monday - 2/24 - 9:00 am	Recycle Day
Thursday - 2/27 - 7:30 pm	NPU-N Monthly Mtg.

March

Tuesday - 1/14 - 7:00 pm	CPNO Monthly Mtg.
Tuesday - 1/21 - 7:30 pm	CPNO Exec. Com.

Neighborhood Organization Meeting February 12th

The Candler Park Neighborhood Org. meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave.

This Month's Agenda:

7:00 - 7:30	Refreshments
7:30 - 9:00	Regular Business

- Treasurer's Report
 - Special Projects Report
 - Crime Report
 - Historic preservation Update
 - "East Of Moreland -- What next?"
Leon Eplan & Alycen Whiddon
City of Atlanta, Bureau of Planning
- 9:00 Open Forum

Child care will be provided

The Candler Park Messenger is a publication of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. C.P.N.O 1992 officers are: President- Maya Hahn; 1st Vice-President- Gary George; V.P. of Finance- Anita Teel-Villar; V.P. of Communications- Mike King; V.P. of Public Safety- Bob Stanton; Vice-President Neighborhood Facilities- Dagmar Epsten; V.P. of Special Projects- Chip Miller; V.P. of Zoning- Walter Brown.

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community, especially the artists themselves. Please give me a call or drop a line to the CPNO P.O. Box with your suggestions.

Yours in Community,

Maya Hahn
CPNO President

Eplan to attend Feb. Meeting

Our February meeting should be very exciting. Leon Eplan and Alycen Whiddon from the City of Atlanta, Bureau of Planning will be here to discuss the disposition of the former Presidential Parkway land in our neighborhood.

This will be an information sharing session dealing with the process and the disposition. **It will NOT be a discussion of specific design recommendations**, which we will be working on later, using the previously announced results of the survey we took in December, 1991.

Due to scheduling problems, our February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at the Epworth Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave. We will be meeting in the large room which may be entered from the Mell Avenue entrance or the McLendon Avenue entrance. There will be signs directing you to the meeting. Babysitting will be available at the church, and you may call 522-0011 if you are elderly or disabled and need a ride.

Treasurers Report

Thanks to the hard work of a handful of people (You know who you are) the CPNO started it's fiscal year with over \$3000.00 in its coffers. While this may sound like a lot, there is overhead to running a neighborhood organization that many people don't realize. We have to pay rent to the Epworth Church so that we may hold our meetings there. We also have to pay for printing costs, postage costs, Mail box rental and start up costs. New Block captain booklets will have to be printed. We still have to purchase the signs to identify the boundaries of the Candler Park community. We have a neighborhood directory to print. Recycling is costing us more to pick up than those who are signed up are paying. The CPNO wants to continue to donate money to the Mary Lin school, to Caution, and

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to pay for plantings in the park.

What all this means is that the CPNO will be discussing whether to charge membership dues like most of the other Intown neighborhood associations do. This will take a great amount of pressure off the few individuals who each year have borne the burden of our fund raising. The simple fact is, if we don't raise enough money from our yard sale and tour of homes, we will go broke. I guess that's easy to understand. This is an issue that will be brought up for a vote at a later meeting. As it is, and even if we do decide to charge dues, we will still need volunteers to work on our fund raisers—so please give of your time as well as your money.

Crime Report - - Good News

People get tired of hearing about how bad the crime is in our neighborhood. Here is some good news for the burglary victims. On January 16, 1992 Arrests were made concerning recent burglaries in the Candler Park Community. A large amount of stolen goods were recovered. Hopefully, all burglary victims have been notified by now, but if you were a victim of a recent burglary, and have not been notified you can call Zone 6 to see if any of the merchandise belongs to you. For information call Zone 6 at 658-7745, 658-7746 or 658-7747.

We will be having a meeting of all Neighborhood Watch block captains soon. If your street does not have a block captain or if you would just like to help out by volunteering, call Bob Stanton, Vice President for Public Safety at 584-7878.

Projected Projects For 1992

With all the issues facing Candler Park we have a great deal to be thankful for and need to take time to celebrate what makes Candler Park such a great place to work and live. We have wonderful homes, a diverse community, **No Parkway**, a neighborhood with beautiful old trees, and much more.

This year as Vice President for Special Projects, I would like to see some projects emphasizing these aspects. First on the agenda is the annual yard sale. A donation of 50% of the profits to CAUTION would be a great way to say thank you and to help them pay their legal bills. We will have to vote on this at the next meeting. Lets support CAUTION; they have supported us! So, clean out those basements, attics, and garages

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and contribute to a worthwhile cause in early April.

Second on the agenda is an Artists Directory. We have a great number of artists, craftspersons, jewelry makers, performers and others that we would like to celebrate. This directory would provide a vehicle for communication, sharing work space, group purchasing and a chance for art loving customers to know who is in the neighborhood.

The third project on the agenda combines the Arts with the tour of homes. This would give people a chance to see some of the beautiful homes in the area and a way to meet view and hopefully purchase some of the art being produced in the neighborhood. We want homes, homes of artists, and studios to be on the tour in the Fall.

Another project we hope to get into the ground is a neighborhood wide emphasis on planting trees and ornamental shrubbery. The drought's of the 1980's have really taken a toll on our oak trees, some of which were planted when the neighborhood was developed. We need to replant some oak trees in the area and also some ornamental plants to add some color during the spring and fall. Lets take the next step on the renovation path and beautify the neighborhood with plants.

Of course we need volunteers for these projects. You can call me, Chip Miller at 827-9135.

For more specific information on the Yard Sale call Judy Bowman at 584-7543.

For more specific information on the Tour of Homes call Karen Bishop at 373-1928.

The CPNO is also looking for someone who would be interested in putting together a directory of Artists and Craftspersons living or working in the Candler Park Community. Ideally this directory would be done on a computer, cross referenced by location, name, and media. It should include artists, potters, musicians, photographers, film makers, furniture makers, sculptors, jewelers, writers, actors and the like. If you are interested in taking on this project please call Chip Miller at 827-9135.

Tour of Homes

"Works in Progress" is the theme of this year's Candler Park Tour of Homes and Studios. The fall tour is one of the CPNO's biggest fundraisers, and we need your help. We are looking for homes that are "in progress" or already renovated, Artists willing to open their studios for tours and demonstrations, and

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volunteers to publicize and organize the event.

Show Atlanta what Candler Park has to offer by volunteering your home, your studio, or your time. Contact Karen Bishop at 373-1928 or sign up at the next CPNO meeting.

City Recycling Possible for 1992

Please lobby for city organized recycling!

We actually could be included this year in the city organized recycling program, but **we will need to lobby for it.** The sanitation department recommends that we lobby both the mayor and our councilperson.

The city is discussing a weekly curb-side pickup with no pre-sorting (just one container for recycling). The current pilot program is free, free but the expanded city program may cost \$2 to \$3 per month household.

The Candler Park Executive Committee has sent formal letters to the city but you can increase our chances to be included in the program by lobbying the city. Please express your desire to have convenient, reliable, comprehensive curb side pickup organized by the city. As the city's decision is going to be made soon, please act before March 1 by calling or writing:

Councilperson Mary Davis, City hall, 68 Mitchell St, Atlanta, GA 30335, (404) 330-6030.

The Honorable Mayor Maynard Jackson, City Hall, 68 Mitchell St., Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA 30335, (404) 330-6100.

If you want to know more about recycling in the Candler Park or could spend a little time in helping us improving it, please call Dagmar Epsten at 577-0370 (days).

Buy a Home and Help the CPNO

For the past nineteen years Fourteen West Realty has been actively involved in Candler Park. This year they are showing their appreciation for the support of the Candler Park community. Fourteen West will be donating \$100.00 to the CPNO for every house Fourteen West sells in Candler Park. For more information on this program contact David Schenck, or Jo Giraud, your local Fourteen West Realtors.

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