

The CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Calendar

Tues., 3/8 – 7:30 p.m. CPNO Monthly Mtg.
Tues., 3/15 – 7:30 p.m. CPNO Exec. Com. Mtg.
Tues., 3/21 *Messenger* Deadline
Thurs., 3/24 – 7:30 p.m. NPU–N Monthly Mtg.

CPNO Meeting March 8th

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

This month's agenda:

- 7:00 – 7:30 — Refreshments
- 7:30 – — Officer Reports
- Width of paths through Freedom Park
- Zoning variance at 433 Euclid Terrace to reduce coverage maximum for a garage for off-street parking.
- Zoning variance at 1649 McLendon Ave. to allow sit down restaurant without parking.
- Discussion of historic guidelines

CPNO Officers

President: Eric Dusenbury
1st Vice President: Tom Nichols
VP Finances: Christine Stanton
VP Special Events: James Culton
VP Communications: Matt Jordan
VP Zoning: Michael Bishop
VP Environment: Michael Lyman
VP Safety: Matt Williams

Candler Park Food Drive

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization will hold a food drive at the March CPNO meeting. All food collected will be donated to the Druid Hills Churches Community Center. Please bring any non-perishable goods including canned food, baby food and other staple items.

A New Symbol for Candler Park?

As reported in last month's Messenger, there is an effort underway to place signs at the major entrances to the Candler Park Neighborhood. These signs will include the Candler Park Symbol which currently consists of a large tree. Due to the permanence of these signs, the executive board has decided to review the symbol and is pleased to announce a contest to design a new symbol for the neighborhood. All entries, including the current symbol, will then be placed for review by the neighborhood. A vote will be taken at a future monthly meeting to select the symbol that will appear on the signs. Questions or concerns???? Please call Eric Dusenbury at 522-7130.

Energy Audits

For a limited time, The Atlanta Gas Light Company and Georgia Power are sponsoring home energy audits. These utilities will inspect your home and provide suggestions on how you can improve your home's energy efficiency. They may also commit money towards the implementation of their recommendations. Please call Georgia Power at 1-800-524-2421 or Atlanta Gas Light (if you heat your home with natural gas) at 522-1150 to arrange an energy audit for your home.

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President's Report

When my wife Karin and I first moved into the neighborhood we were surprised by the number of people knocking on our door asking for food or looking to earn money by doing odd jobs. We were glad to accommodate these requests believing that it was our responsibility to help those less fortunate than us.

Unfortunately, these visits became more frequent and even included people pounding on our door after midnight looking for money. Quite often we were told that the money was needed for so that the person could stay at a homeless shelter. I have talked to several of my neighbors and learned that all had experienced similar problems. I have also learned that homeless shelters do not charge people to stay there.

While less fortunate people do need our help, they do not need — nor should they expect — to show up at your door and receive a handout. In fact, these people would be much better off if they received a hand up, not a handout.

It took me a while to realize, but by giving people money, I was simply encouraging them to return more frequently. I even suspect that the generosity of Candler Park residents contributes to the high number of people going door to door looking for money.

The purpose of this letter is not to condemn the less fortunate. Rather, it is to suggest some things that we can do to truly help these people. I am sure you are aware that there are many organizations in town designed to help people in need. They are trained in this function and have the necessary resources to help less fortunate people turn their lives around. The following

are area organizations that are looking for volunteers. I have included the address and phone numbers so that you can contact them and so that you can pass this information to those in need of help.

Clifton Presbyterian Homeless Shelter

This shelter in Lake Claire provides food and shelter year round. They do not accept walk-ins. Instead, they run a shuttle service that picks people up at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in the evening and takes them back in the morning. Call Amy Nicholson at 688-2214 to volunteer.

Druid Hills Churches Community Center

Located on Seminole Ave., this group offers food, clothing, hygiene items, telephone and limited transportation to the needy. Their hours are 10 am to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 872-7644 for more information.

The Samaritan House

This group provides resources necessary to obtain employment such as clean clothes, voice mail, answering service and MARTA tokens. For more info, call Thomas Reuter at 572-9000 or write to: Samaritan House, PO Box 4867, Atlanta, GA. Those in need of their service should call to set up an appointment.

As I mentioned earlier, there are many other organizations of this kind. I mention these three because, taken together, they provide the resources to empower a homeless person to get off the street and find a job. Please consider taking time to support these organizations and remember that a hand up is much better than a handout.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

— *Eric Dusenbury*, President

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Send a Kid to Camp

Each of Zone 6's community-based organizations has been asked to participate in the precinct's "Child at Risk" program. The program has been established as a voluntary alternative and corrective approach designed to prevent criminal activity among children at risk of such behavior. The program focuses entirely on children living within Zone 6.

One of the program components is affording an "at risk" candidate the opportunity to attend YMCA Camp in northeast Georgia. This will give the candidate a chance to experience a more positive environment for a couple of weeks during the summer. The executive committee proposes matching donations made by Candler Park residents up to a maximum of \$350. We hope this will allow us to sponsor at least two youths from the Zone 6 area. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Matt Williams at 378-5564.

Classified Ads

DAWN AURA, CHILDCARE PROVIDER, offers holistic after-school small group care in her home in Lake Claire. Group rates. Pick up is possible. References on request. Summer care also available, full days or part days. (Also looking for a good used Volvo station wagon or mini-van). 378-6815

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Volunteers Appreciated & Needed

Thanks to all the volunteers who work so hard to deliver the *Candler Park Messenger* and the *BOND Community Star* every month. We have some new volunteers whom I would like to recognize:

Jo Loviska
Jerrey Donaldson
Mary Alice Bray

Also, I would like to point out that we still need volunteers for the following routes:

Clifton from Muriel to Harriet
McLendon from Elmira to Candler St.
Apartments at Goldsboro Rd.
Apartments at Euclid Ave. & Benning Pl.

Helping to deliver these papers is a great way to meet your neighbors. It is also the second best way of ensuring that you and your neighbors will stay informed. (The best way, of course, is to attend the monthly CPNO meetings.) If you would like to help out, please call Matt Jordan at 370-1538.

Olympics Rentals

First Notice: Oakwood House B&B, Inman Park's only commercial inn, already has a list of more people wanting to book rooms for the Olympics than the inn can hold. Judy Hotchkiss at Oakwood will help place these people in your home for a reasonable fee. We're setting up booking procedures, homeowner guidelines and contracts as well as writing a questionnaire which will help match guests, homes and homeowners. If you have rooms to spare during the Olympics or before, contact us today. 521-9320 Judy C.of A lic'd.

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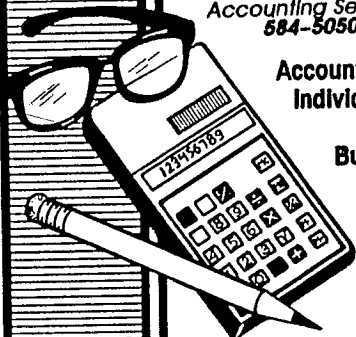
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