

# The Candler Park Messenger

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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## From the President...

For those of you who missed the February meeting, we had a chance to meet the new Captain of Zone 6, Captain Solomon. He seemed very excited about his new job and said that he looked forward to working with the neighborhoods to address crime. He then explained what the neighborhood could do to help address crime.

Get to know your neighbors. Candler Park is a friendly neighborhood, and I assume that most of you know at least some of your neighbors. To meet the rest maybe you might host a block party. Block parties are a good way to meet people and require little effort to organize. Knowing your neighbors makes it easier to identify strangers who may be up to no good. It also provides you with someone to watch your house and pick up your mail when you are out of town.

Another suggestion is to form neighborhood watch groups. Once your group has formed and certain criteria are met, the police will provide you with neighborhood watch signs which have been shown to reduce crime. These signs let criminals know that your block is organized. My neighbors and I were very excited when we got our sign last month.

The third point that he made was to not set yourself up to be a victim. Most crimes in our neighborhood are opportunity crimes. A criminal is walking down the street and sees a radio or gym bag in the back of your car. He smashes a window and grabs the item. The same is true of leaving a window open or a door unlocked.

Finally and perhaps most importantly call 911 whenever you see a suspicious or somebody breaking the law. 911 is not restricted to life threatening emergencies. In fact, the City of Atlanta uses the 911 system to dispatch all of its officers. They are set up to receive your call, prioritize it and send an officer to investigate.

The bottom line is that it is up to you to take responsibility. Not just in crime but in all areas. If you see someone littering in the park, ask them to clean it up. If you see garbage on the sidewalk, pick it up yourself. Don't put up with people parking on the sidewalk. In a perfect world we wouldn't have to address these issues. As much as I love Candler Park, it is not perfect so let's do what we can to make it better.

- Eric Dusenbury

## CPNO Meeting - Tuesday March 14

### Calendar

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Messenger Deadline     | March 22            |
| CPNO Meeting           | March 14, 7:30 p.m. |
| CPNO Executive Meeting | March 21, 7:30 p.m. |
| NPU-N Meeting          | March 23, 7:30 p.m. |

### CPNO Meeting Agenda

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| 7:00 | Refreshments    |
| 7:30 | Officer Reports |

The CPNO meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave.

## CPNO Officers

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| President        | Eric Dusenbury    |
| Vice Presidents: |                   |
| Executive        | Clifton Mack      |
| Finance          | Christine Stanton |
| Environment      | Michael Lyman     |
| Special Projects | Greg Smith        |
| Communications   | Mark Carson       |
| Safety           | Connie Weimar     |
| Zoning           | Michael Bishop    |

## Messenger Deliverers Needed

The production and distribution of the Messenger involves over 50 volunteers who give a little of their time each month to ensure that each household in the neighborhood is delivered a Messenger. Some of these volunteers have been assuming this responsibility for many years. It is time for someone else to step up and give them some relief. Just because the Messenger is currently being delivered on your street does not mean you are not needed to volunteer. In addition to giving these long timers a break there are several streets that are not being delivered to at all or that need to be split up into smaller routes to make the task less demanding. In particular, Euclid Ave., Page Ave., Oakdale St. and McLendon east of Oakdale need deliverers now. It only takes about 10 to 20 minutes one day a month during the first week of the month. Call Mark at 524-0634 or relay the message through the Candler Park voice mail to volunteer.

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### Park Land Clearing

The CPNO is looking for volunteers to help clear the D.O.T. land east of Moreland Avenue on Saturday March 18. Volunteers should meet at the corner of Druid Place and Moreland at 9:00 am (feel free to come later if you can't make it by 9:00). The purpose of the project is to remove kudzu and any obstacles that would prevent the D.O.T. maintenance personnel from mowing the land. The Little Five Points Business Association has agreed to support our effort by renting a tractor for the day. The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization will provide lunch (with drinks) to all volunteers. Volunteers are asked to bring any equipment that would be useful in removing kudzu and other impediments such as rocks, logs, or old retaining walls. Please bring gloves to protect your hands and friends/neighbors to help with the effort. We will be there all day, but any amount of time that you can spare to help us will be appreciated.

We realize that we will not be able to clear all of the land in one day so we will have a defined set of goals that we feel can be accomplished in one day. We also realize that this is not a long term solution. We will continue to work with the city to make Freedom Park a reality. We will also work with the D.O.T. to ensure that the land is properly maintained.



### Candler Park Safety Patrol Survey

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is currently studying the feasibility of starting a security patrol. The patrol would consist of eight to 12 hours per week of patrol by off-duty police officers, as well as volunteers. Volunteers would be asked to patrol in pairs for two hour shifts using their own vehicles. Magnetic signs for their cars and cellular phones would be provided.

Please take a moment to answer the following questions. Thank you for your time.

1. Would you be interested in having a security patrol in Candler Park?  
yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_
2. If yes, how much are you willing to pay *per quarter* for a patrol?  
\$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you willing to volunteer to patrol for two hour shifts about once a month?
4. Comments:

Name and Address (Optional):

Responses can be dropped off at the Dusenbury's at 1414 McIlendon or mailed to the Messenger address. If you prefer, call our voice mail at 453-8255 and answer the above questions by phone.

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**Classified ads** are \$2/line. One line equals 40 characters or spaces per line. The first two or three words will be capitalized and bold faced. Bold or all caps elsewhere in the ad are \$1 each place.

Print or type your ad, accompany it with a check made out to "Judy Hotchkiss" and deliver it to 951 Edgewood Ave. Atlanta, GA 30307 no later than the 18th of the month for publication the next edition. Include your name and phone number in case there are any questions.

Classified ads may NOT be phoned in or bought on credit. For multiple months, pay in advance or pay before each deadline.

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