

THE CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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From The President:

After being out of town for most of the past five months, it sure is great to be back in comfortable Candler Park. (And, many thanks to my fellow officers for keeping things together in my absence!) I've been lucky enough to make it back to town in time to see the dogwoods, daffodils, tulips and azaleas in bloom, and my compliments to those of you who've made the effort to create these fabulous displays.

Speaking of fabulous displays, CPNO is proudly nominating the PATH Foundation and EDAW for an Urban Design Award for their work on Freedom Park. We figure that since the got rid of a huge eyesore, spent millions and drove up our property values, that heck it was the least we could do! You can show your appreciation for their work as well by simply using the path. In fact, in meetings I've been to with members of the PATH Foundation, they stated that seeing so many people on the trail was the singular most gratifying part of their efforts.

Our happy trail fits in with our old houses in one big way: they both need maintenance. Debra Snell is organizing a trash pick-up for May, and Eric Dusenbury is organizing a kudzu removal for May as well. Watch the Messenger for details.

- Connie Wiemer .

Candler Park 5K

The 3rd Annual Candler Park 5K will be Saturday June 14th at 8:00AM. Planning for the event is already underway and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping with sponsorships (or if you'd like to be a sponsor) or with distributing race applications, please call Eric and Karin Dusenbury at 522-7130.

Calendar

MON., 4/14- 7:30 CPNO Monthly Mtg.
Tues., 4/22 - 7:30 CPNO Exec. Com. Mtg.
Mon., 4/22 - *Messenger* Deadline
Thurs., 4/31- N.P.U. Monthly Meeting

CPNO Mtg. April 14th

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

This month's agenda:

7:00- 7:30 - Refreshments
7:30 - Officers' Reports
- Zoning:
325 Glendale
- Presentation by
Trees Atlanta

CPNO Officers

President:	Connie Weimar
1st Vice President:	Debra Snell
VP Finances:	Jack Hammond
VP Special Events:	Dempsey Herlihy
VP Communications:	Larry Paul
VP Zoning:	Eric Dusenbury
VP Environment:	Bob Rowley
VP Safety:	Bert Skellie

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Public Safety

As warm weather returns, don't forget to lock up your lawn mowers and tools after use. Also, be aware that some of those offering to work in your yard are checking out your house as a site for burglary. Enjoy being outside, get reacquainted or meet your neighbors, and make it harder for burglars at the same time! Start or revive neighborhood watch on your block. In addition, another preventive option is available. By volunteering one Monday evening a month, you could help turn a first-offender youth in the right direction. Get details at the next CPNO meeting or give me a call.

While Candler Park was relatively safe during this reporting period, our neighbors in Lake Claire experienced the murder of a grocer on DeKalb Avenue and an armed robbery on McLendon. A neighbor on Mell Avenue surprised a suspected burglar returning the next day to pick up hidden items, resulting in the suspect's arrest. Two more Candler Park neighbors reported having been approached for cash by the woman who claimed to deliver the paper. More items have been stolen from porches. There were nine burglaries or thefts from residences, seven thefts from vehicles and four stolen vehicles.

Please let me know about any crimes I miss so I can report them in an update the next month. And do call me at 378-5883 after you make a police report so I will know about it before I go to the precinct. Please get in touch if you are interested in working together to make our neighborhood a safer place. Between Messenger reports, check the CPNO number (770-453-8255) for updates on crime. Or send me an e-mail note to notify me or if you want to be notified of any unusual activity - bertskellie@mindspring.com.

Crime Report for 2/18/97 - 3/21/97 (includes earlier dates recently reported):

Date	Approx. Time	Incident Block
12/96	?	Checks stolen, funds withdrawn 300 Mell
1/97	?	Checks stolen 400 Moreland
2/15-16	10 pm - 2am	Theft from vehicle 400 Moreland
2/17	3-11 p.m.	Motor vehicle theft 300 Josephine

2/19	8 p.m.	Phone/fax stolen from car 400 Moreland
2/19-26	?	Smoker stolen from backyard 500 Clifton Rd.
2./20	?	2 Rocking chairs stolen from porch 400 Euclid Terr.
2/22-3/1	?	Vehicle broken into, tools stolen 1500 Marlbrook
2/22-3	?	Vehicle vandalized 1200 McLendon
2/26	3 p.m.	Person broke in & took items 400 Moreland
2/26-7	10 p.m.-1 p.m.	Motor vehicle theft 1300 Iverson
2/26-3/-16	10 pm - 2am	Theft from car 400 Moreland
2/26-3/4	?	Basement entered, items taken 400 Candler Park Dr.
2/26-7	10 p.m.-3 p.m.	Residence forcibly entered, property taken 1600 McLendon
2/27	noon	Stalking 400 Moreland
2/27	9-11 p.m.	Car damaged & property taken 400 Moreland
2/28	3 p.m.	Bank card stolen from teller machine 400 Moreland
3/1-2	11 p.m.-3 a.m.	Theft from car 400 Moreland
3/2-3	?	Motor vehicle theft at shop site (keys in vehicle) 1600 DeKalb
3/3	2 a.m.-7 a.m.	Air conditioner stolen from screened porch 300 Brooks Ave.
3/7	9-11 a.m.	Residence unlawfully entered, water damage 1300 Euclid Ave. (by ex-boyfriend)
3/8	11 a.m.	Suspect tried to cut victim with knife 1600 DeKalb
3/8	11:30 p.m.	Side & rear window busted out of car 300 Candler St.

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(Crime Report continued)

3/10-13	?	<i>Stolen checkbook</i> 500 Goldsboro
3/12	9-10 a.m.	<i>Theft from auto</i> 400 Page Ave.
3/13	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	<i>Garage forcibly entered, property taken</i> 300 Mell Ave.
3/14	Noon	<i>Criminal trespass, attempted theft</i> 300 Mell Ave. (Owner caught burglar returning)
3/14	6-11 p.m.	<i>Theft from vehicle</i> 400 Moreland
3/17	8 p.m.	<i>Motor vehicle theft (cab stolen)</i> 400 Moreland
3/21	1:30 a.m.	<i>Suspect struck victim in face & leg with</i> 400 Page Ave.

- Bert Skellie, 378-5883

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Historic Preservation Workshop

A Workshop on the Benefits of Historic Preservation will be held from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at the Druid Hills Methodist Church at 1200 Ponce De Leon Ave on Saturday April 12th. The event is sponsored by the Ponce Corridor East Association (a neighborhood association).

Speakers will represent such organizations as the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Atlanta Preservation Center, the Atlanta Urban Design Commission and the Dekalb County Historic Preservation Commission.

Topics to be discussed will include the National Register of Historic Places, Tax incentives for Historic Preservation, Grants to Non-Profit Organizations, Facade Easements and Local Historic District Designation. There will be time for questions and discussion as well.

For more information about this event, please contact Jim Jackson at (404)373-1303.

- Jim Jackson

Zoning Issues For April

The neighborhood will hear Daphney Delaney's application for a variance to reduce the front setback at 325 Glendale in order to build a front porch. If you have any questions before the meeting, please call Eric Dusenbury at 522-7130.



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Environment Update

As your neighborhood environmental representative, there are several upcoming and on-going events that I want to let everyone know about.

- At our next CPNO meeting (April 14th), there will be a representative from Trees Atlanta joining us. He will be presenting information about who they are, what they do, and how to get actively involved. In the recent past they have planted a variety of trees around the MARTA rail, Candler/Inman parks, and along the bike path. There will be plenty of brochures and other related information available so please attend to find out how to get involved in a cause that truly beautifies our neighborhood.

- After hearing several concerns about the condition of Candler Park at the corner of McLendon and Callen Circle, I have decided to schedule a CLEANUP effort. The purpose is to cleanup the wooded area of litter and kudzu. I would like to schedule it for Saturday, May 10th at 9AM. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact me at 584-6138. As an added incentive, bagels and juice will be provided!

- I would like to remind everyone about the Enlightened Environment Program which was created by the previous VP of Environment, Jeff Gaines. This award is given once a quarter (Jan-March, Apr-June, July-Sept, Oct-Dec) to a CP resident who has made an improvement during the quarter to the public part of their property or home. The improvement can be anything from painting and repairing to landscaping. If you have a neighbor you'd like to elect, please provide me with the name/location and any before and after photos that are available. The winner will be announced in the next *Messenger*.

- Bob Rowley

Messenger Article

Anyone can submit an article for publication in the *Messenger*; Editorials, announcements of events, stories of interest, etc. are welcome. Please drop your submission off with me (1414 McLendon Ave) or send them via E-mail (compuserv@105164,472) Please include your name and phone number.

- Karin Dusenbury

Messenger Deliverers Needed

Zone deliverers are still needed for zones four and five. Zone deliverers are responsible for getting the bundles of Messengers and Bonds to the individual route deliverers. Individual route deliverers are also needed for the several routes. If you are interested please call Larry Paul at 377-0476.

Routes available:

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Thank you!

- Larry Paul

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for more information (404)523-6758

Entries Due May 30

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FREEDOM PARK CONSERVANCY REPORT *Update*

At the most recent Freedom Park Conservancy meeting on March 4th, the committee learned about a new bill before the General Assembly that would authorize the D.O.T. to enter into a 99 year lease with the City of Atlanta for the use of the former right of way lands as parkland and bicycle/pedestrian trails. The lease would cover all three legs of the park, excluding the Carter Presidential center. The lease should be ready for signing within the next four to six months.

April Johnson, the City of Atlanta's planner charged with furthering plans for Freedom Park, also reported on the Mayor's commitment to an annual maintenance budget of \$300,000 once the lease is in place. This step and the City's commitment to seek funding to complete the Freedom Park master plan are both necessary in order to permit the D.O.T. to execute the 99 year lease with the City.

We also learned that the Planning Department has proposed to earmark at least \$200,000 of impact fees for the park. While only a small sum, these funds could provide a catalyst for additional fund raising and move us toward the ultimate goal of raising the \$7 million dollars thought required to fully develop the EDAW/Altimira master plan. Already, the PATH Foundation has announced plans to build several additional trails in the park which would link the Inman Park MARTA station with Virginia Highlands at St. Charles. In addition, the PATH plan would also link Freedom Park to Centennial Park and Georgia Tech by taking a full lane off of Ralph McGill Boulevard and creating the only on-street, dedicated full lane width bikeway in Atlanta. (That'd do Ralph proud!) PATH's Ed McBrayer also stated at a previous Freedom Park meeting that PATH is willing to do any sidewalk or trail paving at about half the commercial cost. This offer could provide a source of leverage to attract other funding for the park. Strategies for fund raising will be an important topic at our next committee meeting.

Don Bender reported on progress being made toward our ultimate goal of consolidating CAUTION and the Freedom Park Conservancy. The new organization would become The Freedom Park Conservancy/CAUTION Inc. and would permit retention of CAUTION's current 501(c)(3) status (non-profit) and keep the neighborhoods' signatory to the parkway settlement agreement

largely intact. The proposed changes will require the adoption of new CAUTION bylaws that will shift the focus of the organization to the core neighborhoods that are contiguous with Freedom Park. Stay tuned for more on this important issue.

How to Get Involved

Freedom Park Conservancy meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Epworth Methodist Church across from Candler Park on McLendon Ave. The land use planning committee meets at 6:00 pm and the full group meets at 7:00. Please join us if you'd like to become involved or just to learn more.

Current Committees

Landscaping	Suzanne Pesterfield
Clean-up/Safety	Debra Snell
Public Art	Mary Alice Bray
Communications	Jack Hammond
Surplus Land	Eric Dusenbury
Planning	Walter Brown
Liaison/Coordination	Don Bender

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Print or type your ads. Deliver ad and check made out to C.P.N.O. to Jack Hammond, 1429 McLendon Ave. (ph. 688-2916) no later than the 18th of the month for publication in 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.

Display Ads (those in boxes or with art) are \$10/one inch in height. Ads should be camera ready (desktop laser printer is OK). Help with ad preparation is at additional cost. To purchase this type of ad, contact Jack Hammond, 688-2916. Ads must be ready by the 18th of the month for the following months edition.

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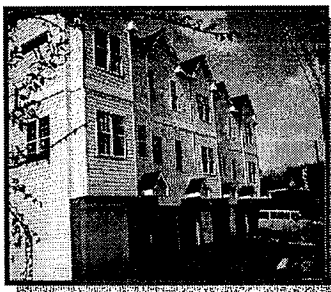
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