

# THE CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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## From The President:

If you take a look at the items on the agenda for the May meeting, you may not, at first glance, realize that two items are closely related. In fact, the Paideia School's plan to expand the Jackson Hill Baptist Church's parking lot for school use probably wouldn't cause much damage to the creeks of Atlanta except that the plan also calls for the building of a path from the parking lot to Fairview Road. It is the construction of this path that may pose a major threat to Lullwater Creek (and the other creeks into which it feeds).

The proposed path would consist of a steep set of stairs originating near the leg of the bike path that runs next to the Jackson Hill Baptist church, leading to a bridge that would traverse the creek, and finally a steep set of stairs that would rise to street level at Fairview Road (near it's intersection with Ponce de Leon).

I have several reasons why I think it would be in our best interest to defer or deny our blessing for this project. The first is that I have to question it's necessity. I don't question the school's need for more parking, but the construction of a path that would essentially make a pedestrian walk into a deep hole and back out of it, as opposed to taking a shorter or equivalent path around it's edge seems pointless to me. The second reason is the potential for severe damage to the environmental health of Lullwater Creek. The school's plan calls for removing all the underlying growth along the banks of the creek. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that if you take out the vegetation on a steep bank, the bank is going to erode. (of course the planners say that hydrology studies will be done to prevent the erosion, but they're using the same firm that was used for Freedom Park, and how many times did you see mudslides across North Ave while it was being built?)

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## Calendar

MON., 5/12- 7:30 CPNO Monthly Mtg.  
MON., 5/19 - 7:30 CPNO Exec. Com. Mtg.  
Mon., 5/19 - *Messenger* Deadline  
Thurs., 5/22- N.P.U. Monthly Meeting

## CPNO Mtg. May 12th

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  
- Watershed Protection  
Presentation - Barrett Walker  
-Zoning:  
Paideia School's parking expansion  
- Vote on CPNO Mission Statement  
(see pg. 3)

## 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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*(From the President continued)*

The third reason I feel we should oppose or defer a decision on this plan is that it is not our land. The land in question is in Druid Hills and is part of the Olmstead Parks. The members of the Olmstead Park Society have been working for years to restore the parks along Ponce de Leon to their original design. Until they (and the residents of Druid Hills) have a chance to review and comment on this plan, we should withhold our approval.

I encourage you to walk through the area in question and get a feel for what we'll be voting on in our upcoming meeting(s).

- Connie Weimar

## 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.

## Public Safety - Neighborhood Watch Meeting Set

If you are a block captain, or if you are interested in getting involved in neighborhood watch, please mark your calendar for June 3 at 7:00 p.m., at Epworth United Methodist at 1561 McLendon. Inspector Ruby Naylor of the Atlanta Police will fill us in on what we need to do to reactivate the neighborhood watch program, which involves getting to know our neighbors and watching out for each other.

We experienced four armed robberies in Candler Park in this reporting period. **A suspect has been arrested in at least one of these.** More items have been stolen from porches. There were seven burglaries or thefts from residences, four thefts from vehicles and two 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](mailto:bertskellie@mindspring.com).

## Crime Report for 3/22/97 - 4/17/97 (includes earlier dates recently reported):

Date	Approx. Time	Incident Block
2/24-3/24	?	Fire equipment stolen 1200 DeKalb Ave.
3/20	2 - 5 a.m.	Threat of bodily harm 400 Oakdale
3/25	4 p.m.	Suspect forced self on patrons & pedestrians 400 Moreland
3/26	6:45 a.m.	Suspect struck victim in face 1300 Euclid
3/27	8 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Residence forcibly entered, property taken 1400 Euclid
3/27	12-1:30 p.m.	Larceny/checks 400 Moreland
3/28	Midnight	Motor Vehicle Theft 1100 Euclid
*3/28-30	?	Attempted break-in of garage 500 CP Dr.
3/29	1:00 a.m.	Money taken at gunpoint 500 Goldsboro
3/30	3:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Screen cut, bicycle stolen 1200 McLendon
3/30	6:30 p.m.	Bike stolen 200 Elmira Pl.
3/31	Midnight-3 a.m.	Theft from vehicle 400 Moreland
3/31	9:00 a.m.	Theft from vehicle (\$4000) 300 Moreland
3/31	9:30 p.m.	Man refused to leave private property 400 Moreland
4/3	10 p.m.	Theft from vehicle 1400 McLendon

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Date	Approx. Time	Incident
4/4	7:30 p.m.	Block <i>Business robbed at knife point</i> 400 Moreland
4/5	6 p.m.	<i>Car entered, item taken</i> 300 Ferguson
4/6	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	<i>House entered, VCR taken</i> 300 Josephine
4/6-7	5 p.m.-1:00 a.m.	<i>Stolen auto</i> 1300 Iverson St.
4/7	10 p.m.	<i>Person held at gunpoint, forced to give up purse</i> 1300 Euclid
4/8	10 p.m.	<i>Robbery at gunpoint</i> Oakdale at Iverson
*4/8 (approx)		<i>Two chairs stolen from porch</i> 1400 McLendon
4/11	11 p.m.	<i>Window broken, attempted break-in</i> 400 CP Dr.
4/14	Midnight	<i>Fraudulent use of personal finance account (\$1800)</i> 1200 DeKalb
4/16	10:30 a.m.	<i>Ceramic sink stolen from back yard</i> 1100 Mansfield
*4/17	morning	<i>Black rocking chair stolen from porch</i> 200 Candler St.
*Supplement to Beat 602 police reports. - Bert Skellie, 378-5883		

## Please Obey the Lease Law

On March 27th a dog came into our yard on Candler St. and killed our little cat that we loved so much. Please , please obey the county leash law and keep your pet, as well as everyone else's, safe!

- Bill Murphy

## City Services

The City of Atlanta has recently created a new department to address neighborhood issues. The department is appropriately called the Bureau of Neighborhood Services. This department will handle complaints regarding Deteriorated Residential Building, Overgrown Lots and abandoned vehicles. The phone number of this new department is 404/330-6190. Complaints regarding sidewalks that are overgrown or in disrepair should be directed to the Department of Public Works. Their phone number is 404/330-6087.

As mentioned in a previous issue of the messenger, people interested in obtaining a speed hump on their street should contact Devonna Davidson with the Bureau of Traffic and Transportation at 404/330-6255.

If you are having problems getting your issues addressed you may want to contact our City Council representative. Mary Davis can be reached by calling 330-6049.

- Eric Dusenbury

## Mission Statement for CPNO

The members of the CPNO executive committee often wonder if we are pursuing issues that the neighborhood feels are important. This can be a frustrating process as we may spend a lot of time on a project only to have it fail due to a lack of interest. To address this problem, we have tried to define a mission statement.

The mission statement is: *"It is the mission of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Candler Park Neighborhood. We seek to accomplish this goal by focusing on zoning enforcement, public safety, education, and the maintenance and enhancement of our infrastructure and park space. At all times we seek to foster open communication and discussion, community involvement in the democratic process, and a spirit of cooperation."*

We will be discussing and voting on this statement at the May CPNO meeting. This will be an opportune time for you to voice your opinion as to what issues CPNO should be addressing. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

- Eric Dusenbury

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## Candler Park Cleanup

There will be a spring CLEANUP effort in Candler Park (focusing on the corner of McLendon and Callen Circle) on Saturday May 10th at 9AM. If you'd like to volunteer, please call me at 404/584-6138. As an added incentive, bagels and juice will be provided.

- Bob Rowley

## Freedom Park Conservancy Report

### Update

\* The Georgia Generally Assembly did in fact pass (reported as only proposed legislation in last month's BOND) a new law authorizing the D.O.T. to enter into a 99 year lease with the City of Atlanta for the purposes of creating and maintaining the former right of way land as a park and alternative transportation corridor (non-motorized of course!). Thanks to State Senator Mary Margaret Oliver for drafting legislation which, although substituted for a different bill by the D.O.T., was instrumental in achieving the legislation that ultimately passed. The 99 year lease saves the City of Atlanta between \$1 and \$10 million in land acquisition cost that would have otherwise been required to create the park.

\* Mayor Campbell has proposed an annual Freedom Park maintenance budget of \$300,000 - critical proof of the City's seriousness as required by the D.O.T. before they will actually enter into the lease with the City for the Freedom Park land.

\* The Mayor is also proposing to commit \$1 million in transportation impact fees to go towards trails and sidewalks in Freedom Park. This is the most critical piece of funding since it will permit tremendous leveraging of additional private and other government funds necessary to reach our \$7 million total funding goal. The legislation necessary to obligate these funds will be presented to the City Utilities and Transportation Committee on Tuesday, April 29. The second reading will be on Tuesday, May 13.

\* Gail Waldorf proposed adding significant funding from the new H.O.S.T. tax to the Dekalb County portion of Freedom Park. Although she did not have a figure in mind at our meeting, Commissioner Waldorf has been asked by the group to seek an amount in excess of \$1 million in order to match or exceed the amount proposed by the City.

\* Don Bender reported progress toward changing the CAUTION by-laws in order to redirect its mission toward the development of Freedom Park. A vote on the by-law changes is expected at the next CAUTION meeting;

\* The Path Foundation is about to kick off its next capital campaign which will result in the completion of significant new trails in Inman Park and Poncey-Highlands as well as the Ralph McGill Trail to downtown Atlanta. Be sure to contribute to their campaign as soon as it begins.

\* The Mary Lin Trust is raising funds now which will be used to enhance the landscaping where Freedom Park trail intersects the elementary school property. Perhaps as a memorial to Mary Lin's principal Adelia Hall who died recently leaving a tremendous legacy at the school and many heavy hearts.

\* There was a clean-up of Freedom Park East organized by Debra Snell on March 8. Thanks to all who helped. The next clean will be on Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 am. Please meet at the Terrace Avenue entrance to the trail and bring gloves and plastic bags.

### How to get involved:

The next regularly scheduled Conservancy meeting will be Tuesday, May 6th at Epworth Methodist Church beginning at 6:00 pm for the planning committee with full board meeting at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

-Walter Brown (688-7951)

### Current Conservancy 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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## Georgia Organic Growers Association - Annual Garden Tour

The annual GOGA tours this year are on May 4th, May 11th and May 18th. The tour on May 11th may be of especial interest since it spotlights Intown organic gardening and includes three gardens from Candler Park and Lake Claire. The tour sites and times for this date are:

### 10AM- 1PM

1307 Iverson - Jesse Harris and Dick Bathrick.

303 Ferguson - Chip and Dagmar Epstein.

Arizona Ave. - Lake Claire Land Trust, a community garden

S. McDonough at Oakview Rd, Decatur

- The Garden, a community

### 1PM - 4PM

3144 Rainbow Dr., Decatur

- Wonderland Garden, former site of Mathis Dairy, pasture and gardens.

For more information on any of the tours, please call the GOGA hotline, 770/621-4642.

- Tom Nessmith

## Messenger Article

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

- Karin Dusenbury

## May Music Calendar

May 11 - SQUAT

May 12 - Apartment Project

May 18 - Tibbetts Street

May 25 - SQUAT

May 26 - Apartment Project



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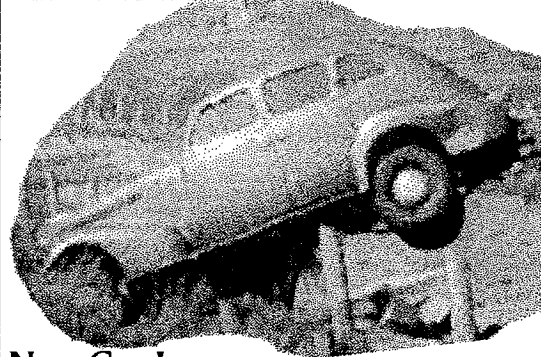
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