

THE CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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From The President:

Changes are underway for CAUTION as it shifts gears. Formed as a group whose original mission was to stop the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) from building the Presidential Parkway through our intown neighborhoods, it is now evolving into a group whose primary mission is as the conservancy of the Freedom Park. Before CAUTION can fully assume its new mission as a park conservancy, it must first finish its old business by overseeing the disposition of the land that GDOT acquired for the Freeway. By now, most of you are aware that the City of Atlanta and GDOT are entering into a 99 year lease for the land on which Freedom Park is located. Other parcels of land are slated to be auctioned by sealed bids for the development of single family houses. Other parcels of land will be sold or returned to their original owners.

As CAUTION changes into the Freedom Park Conservancy, its name and by-laws are changing to reflect its new goals. So that everyone has a chance to understand the proposed by-law changes, we are going to have an informational session at our July meeting. I encourage you to join us.

- Connie Weimer

CAUTION Clean-up Day

The CAUTION cleanup of the Presidential Parkway originally scheduled for June 14th has been re-scheduled for July 26th from 9AM - 12PM. Meet in the Carter Center parking lot at the far east corner near the bus entrance.

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Calendar

MON., 7/14- 7:30 CPNO Monthly Mtg.
TUE., 7/15 - 7:30 CPNO Exec. Com. Mtg.
Fri., 7/18 - *Messenger* Deadline
Thurs., 7/24- N.P.U. Monthly Meeting

CPNO Mtg. July 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
	- Information session on evolution of CAUTION
	- Update of Freedom Park Conservancy
	- Vote on representation on Freedom Park Conservancy board

CPNO Officers

President:	Connie Weimar
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Candler Park 5K

The 3rd Annual Candler Park 5K on June 14th was a huge success despite the stormy weather! With 360 runners, double the number from last year, many generous sponsors and faithful volunteers, the race raised approximately \$2500 for the neighborhood. It has not been decided how this money will be used.

Once again we received many comments on how good our race volunteers were at the registration table and along the race route. In fact, an Atlanta Track Club employee called Candler Park the 'friendliest road race'. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the race! A special thanks to Jack Hammond and Mark Carson.

If you were a volunteer and did not receive your T-shirt, please call Eric or Karin Dusenbury at 522-7130. If you were a runner and didn't receive your T-shirt we will be getting it to you very soon (more are being made).

- Karin Dusenbury

3rd Annual Lake Claire Candler Park Art Festival

Although the festival got off to a rainy start, by noon the sun was out and so were people - enjoying the artist booths and sitting on the grass listening to the bands. By all accounts, the move to the park was a success. Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who made the day possible! Festival T-shirts are still available at Donna Von Gogh's, so stop by.

- Beth Martin

Crime Report

This is a brief report, since I need to file it about 10 days before the deadline. More next month. Mark your calendar for August 5, "National Night Out," a picnic in the park that will take the place of our regular meeting. Please note the brazen morning robbery that took place on May 31 at the corner of Benning Place and Euclid. A woman waiting for a bus was approached by a man with a gun, and he took her purse after a struggle. He fled with a woman accomplice in a Toyota or Hundyai. The second robbery appears to have been committed by the "bubble gum gang" of young teens who hang out at Little Five Points. A man was knocked down from behind and robbed after being approached by three young teens.

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. 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 bertskellie@mindspring.com if you want to be notified of any unusual activity -

Crime Report for 5/17/97 - 6/1/97 (includes earlier dates recently reported):

Date	Approx. Time	Incident
5/1-6/1	?	Block Items missing from storage shed (Golf Course) 500 Candler Park Dr.
5/21	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Items taken from tool shed 200 Josephine St.
5/21	overnight	Vehicle damaged (handicapped steering) 1600 Clifton Terr.
5/21	7-9 p.m.	Harassing phone calls 1300 McLendon Ave.
5/21	11:30 p.m.	Man threatened another man 400 Moreland Ave.
5/22-3	Overnight	Vehicle vandalized (door window slashed) 500 Terrace Ave.
5/23	10:40 p.m.	Man & woman robbed at gun point (in park) 1500 McLendon Ave.
5/26-27	10 p.m.-7 a.m.	Motor vehicle theft 400 Oakdale Rd.
5/28	7 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Vandalism (front window broken, near golf course) 500 Terrace Ave.
5/30	10 p.m.-2 a.m.	Vehicle broken into 300 Sterling St.
5/30	2:30 p.m.	Subject took power drill from business 400 Moreland Ave.
5/31	5:30 a.m.	Arrest made after 5 cars broken into 1100 Josephine St.
5/31	7 a.m.	Pedestrian armed robbery 1300 Benning Place
5/31	11:20 p.m.	Disorderly WUI (intoxicated, uncooperative) 1300 DeKalb Ave.
5/31-6/1	11 p.m.-7 a.m.	Motor vehicle theft (unauthorized use) Oakdale & DeKalb
6/1	7 p.m.	Suspects strike and rob victim 1200 Euclid Ave.

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- 6/2 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Residence forcibly entered, property taken*
300 Mell Ave.
- 6/2 3:45 p.m. *Stolen check presented for cashing (bank)*
300 Moreland Ave.

*Supplement to Beat 602 police reports.

- Bert Skellie, 378-5883

Help A Child Go To Summer Camp

The Zone 6 Police have asked if the CPNO, or individual residents of Candler Park, are interested in helping 'at-risk' children go to camp this summer. For \$250, a child can go for the whole summer. The money is needed by early July. If you'd like to make a personal donation, checks should be made out to the Southeast YMCA and sent to Ruby Naylor at the Zone 6 station. If you have any questions please call me at 378-5883.

- Bert Skellie

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

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A deliverer is needed for the following route: Page Avenue from Harriet to Clifton Terrace AND Clifton Terrace. If you are interested, please call Larry Paul at 377-0476. If deliverers anticipate problems with delivering the newsletters during any given month, e.g. emergencies, vacations or plans to move out of the neighborhood, please make arrangements with me to have someone else deliver your route. Thanks.

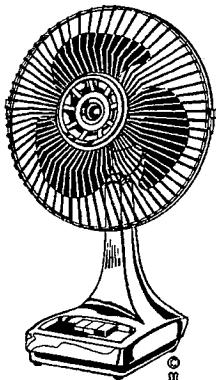
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Open Letter to Our Fellow Neighbors

My wife, Sarah, and I are long term residents of the Little Five Points area: specifically we live in Candler Park and own two businesses and property in Inman Park. We are deeply concerned with the outcome of a recent decision of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association. We feel a dangerous precedent may have been set without a complete understanding of the changing dynamics of our neighborhood business district.

A brief summary of the events are: Mr. David Heany and Mr. Marty Nolan, present owners of the Star Bar in Little Five Points, requested a special use permit for the former location of the Little Five Points Post Office for the purpose of operating a billiards parlor and to obtain a liquor license for the same location. Mr. Heany and Nolan appeared before the IPNA in April and were approved for the special use. Mr. Heany and Nolan again appeared before the IPNA in May and were soundly, thoroughly and completely turned down.

The sequence of events and the performance of some of our neighbors have caused us to write this letter. We think that the people of Little Five Points must study what we have and realize just what we want in a neighborhood business district. We are concerned that hysteria and innuendo have already made a statement on what the future of the L5P business district will be.

L5P has not been this vibrant in over thirty years, yet the neighborhood shopping district is still struggling for identity and for definition. We feel that an open discussion of the nature and evolution of the district is in order. We can no longer rely on small Mom and Pop shops to solely populate and enliven our shopping district. The Kroger Super-City store/mall, et al. have put the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker out of business. The very nature of neighborhood business districts have evolved and redefined themselves. In this restructuring, entertainment (restaurants, bars, musical venues, arcades, galleries, theaters, miniature golf, batting cages and even pool halls) has become an important factor in the business district equation and this fact of life must be understood. Entertainment based businesses have become a cornerstone for shopping district survival. This kind of business is absolutely vital for attracting the cash spending traffic that provides collateral support for less attractive but equally necessary purveyors of groceries, hardware, and other daily necessities. Only after one accepts this fact will one be able to make rational decisions on the development of a sustainable neighborhood business district.

Sarah and I have made a conscious decision to live 'in-town'. We realize that to live in the heart of a diverse neighborhood, we will have to take the good with the bad and we will constantly be weighing the benefits and the liabilities of our decisions. We do not care for the glorified head shops, tattoo parlors and body piercing parlors in L5P, so we do not shop there. But we do get our bikes fixed, buy gifts, buy groceries, see excellent (national level) musicians, go dancing, get cars repaired, eat a diverse selection of food, and enjoy all of these amenities just blocks from our front door. We feel that anyone that lives in L5P area must have known what an eclectic neighborhood this area was before they made the conscious decision to move here. We find it unbelievable that at this point in time, some of our fellow neighbors feel that it is their duty to blindly oversee and to haphazardly dictate the who, what and where of commercial development in the existing L5P businesses.

Long ago, we made the decision to stay in Little Five Points, to invest in Little Five Points and to financially guarantee our businesses in Little Five Points. For those of you who do not understand what it takes to be a small business owner, our house, home to two adults and three children is on the line. Hard as it is to believe, we employ close to fifty individuals in this neighborhood. We are their sole source of income. Sarah and I represent only two of the businesses that are in this area. Collectively, the L5P businesses employ and sustain a thriving economy in our neighborhood. We feel that to say no to Mr. Heany and Mr. Nolan's Billiard Parlor is a slap in the face to many of the individuals who are willing to operate family oriented, neighborhood businesses in L5P. (Yes we said 'family oriented', and we believe that a billiard parlor can be family oriented.)

We regularly chose to shop and spend our time and money in the L5P Business District. We challenge you, the people of L5P, and especially the people who are so anxious to say 'no', to start using the neighborhood shopping district and come and meet the many fine individuals who are willing to operate businesses in your neighborhood.

- Sarah and John Rick (581-9944)

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Candler Park Pool Information

Greeting from the Candler Park Pool Association: we are not defunct but we are in limbo. The City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department will once again be operating the Candler Park swimming pool this summer.

The pool facility is slated to open on Monday, June 16th. The hours of operation are to be 10AM to 7:45PM Monday through Friday and 11AM to 7:45PM Saturday and Sunday. The swimming pool facility will be operating seven days a week until Monday August 25th when it will close for the season.

Admission will once again be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. City of Atlanta Aquatic passes may also be purchased at the Candler Park Pool for \$22.30 per person and are good for the entire season at all City of Atlanta swimming pools.

Mr. Karl McCray, Director of Recreation for the City of Atlanta, has once again assured us that the Candler Park swimming pool will be managed and operated safely and professionally. Mr. McCray has stated that he personally wants to hear from anyone who has an unpleasant experience at the Candler Park pool. He has told us he will correct any problems immediately but he must know about a situation while it is still a problem in order that it be effectively corrected. Mr. McCray's office number is 817-6764.

The 1996 season at Candler Park pool got off to a rocky start due to numerous problems, but by July the operation had been turned around and in August the pool was the best kept secret in the neighborhood. We think the secret is out, and if you have not heard, just come on down to the pool and see for yourself.

- John R. Rick

Pool Review

The Candler Park pool is up and running and so far to mixed reviews. The pool is clean and the water nice, but many of the kids are rowdy and try to intimidate other swimmers. There is a lot of swearing, pushing, running and cigarette smoking on deck and nothing is being done to stop these behaviors. The pool has already closed early one day because things got too wild.

The presence of an armed security guard does not affect the kid's behavior and does nothing to improve the atmosphere. If we have gotten to the point where we needed armed guards to swim, something is very wrong.

Children as young as six are allowed to swim at the pool unchaperoned. I asked Karl McCray at the Parks and Recreation Department about this and he said that many of these kids are unsupervised anyway and we may as well get them off the streets and in the pools. I say the city is condoning, and facilitating, child neglect. I think the minimum age for unchaperoned kids should be twelve. This wouldn't alleviate all the problems caused by teens, but it would get more parents in there, who may keep the older kids in check and make the pool more of a family facility.

The most important thing we need to do is use the pool. It's a shame that many Candler Park residents don't because they don't feel welcome or safe or there's no chairs or shade. There are answers to all these problems but not unless we use the pool and put our collective heads together to change things.

- Leslie Lowe



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