

THE CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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Freedom Park Funding Request

As many of you are aware, the City of Atlanta has allocated one million dollars for improvements to Freedom Park. This money was provided contingent on one million dollars in matching funds being raised from other sources. The PATH foundation has graciously agreed to raise \$500,000 to match half of the allocation. This leaves \$500,000 to be raised from other sources.

To accomplish this goal, The Freedom Park Conservancy needs to prepare a detailed grading and landscaping plan that can be used to approach major foundations and other sources with requests for funding. The Conservancy is asking membership organizations for funds that will be used to prepare these drawings. At this month's CPNO meeting we will be asked to approve \$5,000 towards this goal.

Eric Dusenbury

First Friday Family Fun

First Friday Family Fun Night in Little Five Points seems to draw bigger crowds each month. I have enjoyed bumping into neighbors and friends who have wheeled their children up to the park for an evening of chalk drawing, bubble blowing, and other events targeting young children.

These evenings are the brainchild of a subcommittee of the Neighborhood Planning Unit. The subcommittee has representatives from Inman Park, Candler Park, and the Little Five Points Business Association and is headed by the energetic Ginger Lyons.

Ginger will be coming to this month's CPNO meeting with a request for volunteers to help plan events and with a request for funds to cover costs - primarily materials and safety. Please attend to learn more about First Friday Family Night and to see what we can do to help it grow.

Calendar

MON., 10/13 - 7:30 CPNO Monthly Mtg.
TUE., 10/21 - 7:30 CPNO Exec. Com. Mtg.
Fri., 10/24 - *Messenger* Deadline
Thurs., 10/23 - N.P.U. Monthly Meeting

CPNO Mtg., Oct 13th

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
	- Freedom Park funding
	- First Friday Family Fun funding

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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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 at 1414 McLendon Ave or send them via E-Mail (compuserv@105164,472). Please include your name and phone number. If your article is not run in the next issue, it may be due to space constraints, but please feel free to call me about it.

- Karin Dusenbury

Public Safety Report

For the latest five week period, there were four motor vehicle thefts, eight thefts from vehicles, five damage to vehicle reports, 17 burglaries, six other thefts and three robberies. This continues the high number of burglaries seen in the previous period. Break-ins have been through rear windows and through air conditioning units, primarily, mostly during the day. One scary exception was a midnight encounter of a suspect who had entered an open window of a house on Miller Avenue. Do call 911 if you see suspicious persons carrying big bags full of items down the street; at least one suspect might have been caught if such a call had been made in time.

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 - bertsellie@mindspring.com.

Crime Report for 8/15/97 - 9/18/97 (includes earlier dates recently reported):

Date	Approx. Time	Incident
10/96-8/97	?	Block Theft of telephone services (tapped into business) 300 Clifton Rd.
8/11-30	?	Property taken from house w/o forced entry 300 Clifton Rd. (suspect visited there; former prisoner)
8/16	8 p.m.	Lawnmower stolen 400 Sterling St.

8/16-17	1 p.m. - 1 p.m.	House entered, items taken 400 Candler Park Dr.
8/16-17	Overnight	Convertible top cut 400 Moreland Ave.
8/17-18	Overnight	Scratched vehicle 1600 DeKalb Ave.
8/19	3 p.m.	House entered, items taken (2 juvenile suspects) 500 Terrace Ave.
8/19	11 p.m.	Probation violation 200 Ferguson St.
8/19	8 a.m. - noon	Motor vehicle theft 1300 Iverson St.
8/20	9 p.m.	Man drinking in Candler Park 1500 McLendon Ave.
8/20	3 p.m. - 7	Vehicle top unzipped, coins taken 1500 Iverson St.
8/20	8 p.m.	Leaf blower stolen from yard; suspect observed 500 Oakdale Rd.
8/21	Midnight	House broken into, items taken; suspect observed 1400 Miller Ave. (entered through unlocked window)
8/21-22	Overnight	Motor vehicle theft 400 Candler St.
8/22	6 a.m. - noon	Theft from vehicle (coins & damage to top) 1500 Iverson St.
8/22	10 p.m.	Man in possession of marijuana at business 300 Mell Ave.
8/22	7 p.m.	Toolbox stolen 1400 Iverson St.
8/26	3 a.m.	Resident pointed gun at others (outside bar) 400 Moreland Ave.
8/26	11:30 p.m.	Theft from vehicle 400 Moreland Ave.
8/26-9/9	?	Stolen property (movers suspected) 1400 Miller Ave.
8/28	5:30 p.m.	Suspect drinking in Candler Park 1500 McLendon Ave.
8/28	7 p.m.	Stereo speaker found in bushes 300 Mell Ave.

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8/29-9/01	?	Vehicle broken into, property taken 400 Clifton Rd.	9/10-11	9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Residence forcibly entered, property taken 1300 Hooper Ave.
8/29-30	10 p.m.-11 a.m.	Vandalism to vehicle (vent window broken) 1400 Benning Pl.	9/11	8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Residence forcibly entered, property taken 400 Callan Circle
8/29-30	11 p.m.-9 a.m.	Vehicle vandalized, items taken 400 Page Ave.	9/12	8 a.m.-6 p.m.	Residence forcibly entered, property taken 1400 McLendon Ave.
8/29-9/11	?	Barn entered, bicycle taken 1400 Miller Ave.	9/13-14	10 p.m.-4 p.m.	Motor vehicle theft North Ave at McLendon
8/30-31	11 p.m.-11 a.m.	Vehicle broken into, change taken 500 Page Ave.	9/14	12 p.m.-3 p.m.	Vehicle broken into Druid Place at Moreland
8/30	3 p.m.-10 p.m.	House broken into (thru basement), items taken 1300 McLendon Ave.	9/15	Noon-5 p.m.	Domestic violence (damage to property) 300 Josephine St.
8/30	midnight-9 a.m.	Vehicle vandalized, items taken 500 Clifton Rd.	9/15	4:45 p.m.	Suspect arrested on terroristic threat warrant 1500 DeKalb Ave.
8/30	3 a.m.-8 a.m.	Motor vehicle theft 1300 Euclid Ave.	9/15	7 a.m.-3 p.m.	Residence forcibly entered, property taken 1500 Marlbrook Ave.
8/30-9/1	?	Apartment forcibly entered, property taken 400 Oakdale Rd.	9/15	10 p.m.	Homeless man robbed physical force 400 Moreland Ave.
9/1-2	Overnight	Two ferns stolen from front porch 400 Candler St.	9/16	3:45 a.m.	Car entered, items taken 1300 Iverson St.
9/4	1-3 p.m.	Apartment forcibly entered, property taken 1300 McLendon Ave.	9/16	6 p.m.-8 p.m.	Vehicle damaged by errant golf ball 500 Candler Park Dr.
9/4	9 a.m.-7 p.m.	House forcibly entered, property taken 300 Oakdale Rd.	9/16	7 a.m.-5:45 p.m.	Residence forcibly entered, property taken 1300 Iverson St.
9/5	8 a.m.-6 p.m.	House forcibly entered, property taken 1400 McLendon Ave.	9/17	7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	Residence forcibly entered, property taken 500 Terrace Ave.
9/5-7	6 p.m.-11 p.m.	Broken vehicle window 500 Sterling St.	9/18	1:15 a.m.	Property taken with threat of a gun 1600 Iverson St.
9/8	9 a.m.-10 p.m.	Crawl space door removed, mower taken 1300 McLendon Ave.	9/18	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	Residence forcibly entered, property taken 400 Euclid Terrace
9/9	4 p.m.	Person drinking in Candler Park 1500 McLendon Ave.	9/18	11:20 p.m.	Suspect took victim's purse 1300 Benning Place
9/9	7-7:30 p.m.	Motor vehicle theft 500 Candler St.	9/18	6 p.m.-9 p.m.	Residence forcibly entered, property taken 1200 McLendon Ave.
9/9	11 p.m.-11 a.m.	Vehicle entered (nothing stolen or broken) 1500 Iverson St.			
9/10	6 p.m.	Person drinking in Candler Park 1500 McLendon Ave.			

- Bert Skellie, 378-5883

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Atlanta Co-op's Restaurant Raffle

The Atlanta Cooperative Preschool and Afterschool located at 1561 McLendon Ave. is holding a restaurant raffle to raise funds to replace the engine of the school's van. Over 20 restaurants including the Vortex, Fellini's, Houston's and Ray's on the River have donated gift certificates of \$20 or more for a complimentary meal. Donations of \$2.00 per raffle ticket are requested.

Expect students and parents from the Co-op to knock on your door or you can call 522-6951 to make your donation. Please show your support of Candler Park's very own Preschool and afterschool. Help get the school van running again! The raffle drawing will be held in late October and winners will be notified by telephone.

Octavine Swanson
Co-op Parent

Christmas at Callanwolde

The annual Christmas at Callanwolde begins this year on December 2nd and runs through December 17th. Every year the mansion is decorated in holiday splendor with exquisite furnishings, shimmering lights, majestic trees and innovative decorations by members of the American Society of Interior Designers. This year the theme is 'Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own' (Charles Dickens). Not only is the house decorated and open for tour, but cafe dining, daily performing artists, a Sweet 'n Thing Shop, an Art/Gift shop and the Collectibles Shop will also be available.

The funds raised are used for the continuing operation of Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, a non-profit organization enriching the lives of metropolitan Atlantans year round with classes, concerts, readings, art exhibits and other outstanding programs.

Callanwolde is located at 980 Briarcliff Rd. The times for Christmas at Callanwolde are MTWF 10AM-4PM, TH 10AM-9PM, SAT 10AM-4PM and SUN 1PM-9PM. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors (60+) and \$5 for children 4-12. Children under 3 are free. Group rates are available.

- Press release

Mary Lin Buddy Program

Mary Lin's Buddy program enters its 6th year of helping students this year! This program pairs volunteers with individual children whom they visit weekly at school. These 'buddies' act as special friends, mentors and tutors. A buddy can make a real difference in a child's life - both academically and behaviorally. Currently about 15 students have been paired with buddies. Many more could be used! If you are interested in becoming a buddy or learning more about the program, please contact Melinda Teel at 627-4722.

Free Trees for Candler Park

Tree planting season is approaching. *Trees Atlanta* is willing to provide shade trees in 10 gallon pots for Candler Park residents (no developers or in-fillers, please). These trees should be planted in an area visible from the street and in a place that can be watered regularly. If you want free trees this fall, please leave the following information on my answering machine: your name, your address, phone # and approximate location you want to plant your trees. My numbers are 577-8722 or 378-0365. The trees will be delivered by *Trees Atlanta* to a central location where they can be picked up this fall. If you need more information about tree planting in Candler Park and other intown neighborhoods, would like to join *Trees Atlanta*, would like to make a donation or volunteer for a *Trees Atlanta* project, please call Greg Levine at 522-4097.

- Paige Harvey

Messenger Deliverers Needed

Deliverers are still needed for the Parkside Townhomes and for Mell Ave. If you are interested in taking over these routes, please call Larry Paul at 377-0476.

The logo for 'turn' is written in a stylized, lowercase, outlined font. The letters are white with a black outline, set against a dark, textured background that looks like a halftone dot pattern.

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Happy Anniversary

On Friday, August 29th, I celebrated my one year anniversary as a homeowner and resident of Candler Park. I thought now would be an appropriate time to introduce myself to the community and share with you my thoughts and perceptions of my first year.

- First and foremost, I'd like to say thanks to my immediate neighbors for welcoming me to the street (Candler St.). It's so nice to come home from a frustrating day at work and have cerebral, positive, genuine people to talk to.
- The demographic diversity in the neighborhood is outstanding. I grew up in a very ethnic neighborhood in New York (yet another Yankee - sorry). The mix of Asians, African-Americans, Caucasians, hetero/homosexuals, young and old is so refreshing. Been to a party in an Alpharetta subdivision lately?
- The Candler Park Home Tour was great. I can't wait 'till I have lots of money. I especially liked the house where the owners served hot apple cider- it was a great touch.
- I enjoy reading the Messenger each month, although the police blotter scared my mother to death when she visited (lunch at the Flying Biscuit calmed her down tremendously). Speaking of the Messenger, I'd like to get on my soap box for moment. To date, the Messenger has been my only contact with the neighborhood association. Like many of you, I'd love to get more involved, but I'm simply too busy living life, doing chores, etc. Nonetheless, this is probably a little out of line since I've never been to a meeting, but here it goes:

From what I've read in the Messenger, I believe the neighborhood President consistently abuses her executive powers. Some of her editorials are inappropriate and unbecoming of a neighborhood association president. I believe the role of the president is to represent the wishes of the majority, and to ensure all sides of an issue are impartially presented prior to a vote. It appears her heart is in the right place and she has some intelligent ideas, but it sounds as though she has her own agenda and doesn't like it when the majority disagrees with her. I appreciate her energy and enthusiasm and honestly believe we need more people like her in the community, just not as president.

This week I read that I'll now receive a \$1000 fine, per sign, for having a friendly neighborhood yard sale. Ludicrous is the only word that comes to mind. I can understand cracking down on people who don't take their signs down after the sale, but no signs at all?

- The 5K was a much bigger event than I expected. My running shoes finally finished drying last week. Despite the rain and soggy bagels, it was tons of fun.

• The Arts and Music Festival was much smaller than I expected. I must admit that the modest festival is oozing with potential. You could tell that in five years the park will be rocking. I look forward to telling my friends in twenty years "I remember when they first moved the festival to the park..."

• One of the main reasons I chose to live in Candler Park was the park. I can't think of an intown neighborhood in any city that has it's own golf course (less than \$5!), tennis courts and swimming pool. That leads me to my next issue; the pool.

All I can say is don't believe the hype. I too was reluctant to give the pool a chance because of the negative things I'd heard and read. I'm so glad I gave it a try. What an unappreciated, under-utilized resource. The pool manager was super friendly, as were the lifeguards. The pool is huge and the water fairly clean, especially for a public pool. I recently took a good friend and long time Candler park resident to the pool for the first time. He and his wife now swim there every chance they get. I've heard about all the planned improvements and they all sound positive. Ironically, the friend I mentioned is not in favor of the improvements because he thinks it will cause the pool to become too crowded - he wants to keep the secret to himself. I respect his opinion, but I'm for progress.

The tennis courts are phenomenal. One thing I'd like to see are lights on the remaining two courts. It sucked last fall when I had to end my game because we ran out of daylight and weren't fortunate enough to be on one of the lighted courts. I plan on becoming involved in the pool/park committees. To be redundant, the park is such an invaluable neighborhood resource.

In closing, it's been a great year.

- Jonathan Berger

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Classified Ads

-Advertising - How To -

Classified ads are \$2/line. One line equals 35 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 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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