

THE CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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From The President:

Spring is officially here and many of you are probably in the midst of cleaning up your yards, planting in the garden and hanging out on the deck. If you can find some extra free time on Saturday, April 24, there are two projects that could use your help. One is the clean-up in Freedom Park sponsored by Hands On Atlanta. (See Susan Grider's article in the Messenger.) The other one is on the same day and is sponsored by Cathy Woolard, District 6 City Councilmember, in observance of Earth Day. (Please see announcement about Wastewater Services Citizen Participation Program inside the Messenger.)

If outside work isn't your cup of tea, but you want to contribute something to the neighborhood, please consider volunteering to help organize the Tour of Homes. The tour has been scheduled to coincide the weekend of September 18-19 with the Candler Park Arts Festival. We still need houses on the Tour as well as people to help Will and David put the Tour together.

I also want to give you plenty of notice and ask you to mark your calendars for the June 14 meeting when the American Red Cross will give a 30-minute presentation on Y2K preparation. This will be the halfway point to the end of the year, and this group is reported to have an excellent presentation on how to be prepared for what may (or may not) occur on January 1, 2000.

A reminder about completing the Candler Park Directory form (inside the Messenger): it only takes a minute and you can mail it, fax it, or e-mail it. We are trying to publish this by June, so please submit the form now.

Finally, many thanks to all of you who came to last month's meeting. Attendance was up even though there wasn't a vote scheduled!

I look forward to seeing you on April 12.
- Debra Snell

MON., 4/12
Fri., 4/16

Wed., 4/21
Thur., 4/22

Calendar

- 7:30 CPNO Monthly Mtg.
- CPNO Exec. Com.
- 7:30 AM breakfast - 421 Callen Circle
- *Messenger* Deadline
- N.P.U. Monthly Meeting

CPNO Mtg., April 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 PM:	Refreshments
7:30 PM:	-Officers' Reports
	-Vote on proceeds from 5K
	- Status report on DOT land disposition
	-Vote on letter of support for Museum of Industry & Transportation (to be built in Kirkwood)

CPNO Officers

President:	Debra Snell
1st Vice President:	Bert Skellie
VP Finances:	Karen Hill
VP Special Events:	David Duggan & Will Shevlin
VP Communications:	Barbara Senftleber
VP Zoning:	John Rick
VP Environment:	Susan Grider
VP Safety:	Austin Wattles

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Freedom Park Volunteer Call

Need to get outside more? Need some exercise? Would you like to become involved in your community? If you answered "YES!" to any of these questions, then read on.

Hands On Atlanta is sponsoring volunteer projects in Freedom Park every third Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 1:00. Although HOA will provide many of the volunteers, residents from the community and surrounding neighborhoods are strongly encouraged to participate. The information that can be exchanged between neighborhood residents, volunteers, and the HOA project coordinators is invaluable for the development of the park and community.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about upcoming volunteer projects, please contact:

David Hardegree, HOA project coordinator
(o)404-573-5339
(h)404-294-7866

Messenger Article

Anyone can submit an article for publication in the *Messenger*. The deadline is always the third Wednesday of the month (two days after the executive board meeting). Please drop your submission off with me at 1414 McLendon Ave or send them E-Mail 105164.472@compuserve.com. Please include your name and phone number.

- Karin Dusenbury

5th Annual Candler Park 5K

Start training, the Annual Candler Park 5k is just around the corner on June 12th! Planning for this years event is underway and there are many volunteer opportunities, including securing sponsors, distributing race applications and of course helping on race day. Last year we had over 400 runners and raised \$3000. We are hoping to increase those numbers this year. If you are interested in helping, please call Eric & Karin Dusenbury at (404)522-7130.

Candler Park Tour of Homes Update

CPNO is cranking up for the Last Home Tour of the Century. The Tour will occur on the weekend of September 18 & 19 with the Candler Park Arts Festival. We need help! We need homes and volunteers. If you said that you would put your home on the tour before the Century is out.....this is your last chance. Please give Will Shevlin a call at 404-377-1803 with a home or volunteer.

Childcare at CPNO Meetings

Pam Revie Patterson is providing childcare to parents who would like to attend the monthly meetings. Thanks to Guy Kent, Epworth pastor, who is providing the Epworth daycare space. Please call Pam if you have any questions about the childcare (4/221-1938).

Attention Candler Park Businesses/Professionals - 1999 Candler Park Directory

We are assembling the 1999 Candler Park Directory. We want to include a listing of all Candler Park and Little Five Points businesses, both homebased and those located in the various neighborhood business districts. In addition to the listing, display advertisements are available. Please contact Greg Smith for more information (4/681-9945)

City of Atlanta's Wastewater Services Citizen Participation Program

In observance of Earth Day, the city is conducting a storm drain stenciling project to take place on April 24. The goal of the project is to educate citizens about how to protect our water quality by preventing pollutants from entering storm drains. Volunteers will spray paint a stenciled message, "Don't Litter, Don't Dump. Drains to Stream," near storm drains in district 6 communities. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Councilmember Cathy Woolard's office at (404) 330-6049.

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Crime Report

This past month, there were more violent crimes in our neighborhood:

1. 3/13 @3:51 pm & 2/21 @9AM, vehicle taken at gunpoint.
2. 3/5, a female victim was robbed at gunpoint by a large, muscular black male. This description also fits the person who robbed neighbors at gunpoint earlier this year. There is an alert out on this individual. (See our Web site at www.Candlerpark.com.) If you see anyone who fits this description and seems suspicious, please call 911. In addition, please call Officer Watson and me (but call 911 first and always in emergencies)
3. 3/15 at 10:09 am, a woman was assaulted on McLendon Avenue by white male, 20 to 30 years old, thin, wearing a baseball cap. Be wary of someone of this description coming up behind you.

If one of us is victimized often we feel helpless. The easiest thing to do is try to forget it and pick up our life as best we can. But reporting to 911, discussing with the officer who comes, and using other contacts, will build a pattern of a crime for those in the know, that may head off future problems - at least for someone else. Descriptions are very helpful if at all possible. Officer Watson is a good one to call during any weekday afternoon and night. And I like to hear as well as I am trying to figure out political ways our neighborhood can be more effective. If anything serious happens, I can help get in touch with Major Carlos Banda, Commander 6th Zone, as you can as well.

- Austin Wattles (4/577-1498)

Candler Park Neighborhood Organization Crime between 2/14/99 and 3/15/99

Date	Time	Incident Location
2/12	3:30am	Stolen vehicle recovered 1355 Euclid Ave.
2/13	10:20 PM	Bicycle suspect struck victim with fist - drinking 300 Oakdale Rd.
2/14	1:20 pm	Bicycle stolen from porch on 2nd floor 1600 Muriel
2/14	9:00 am	Driving under the influence 1288 North Ave.
2/20	5:17 pm	Domestic argument Josephine
2/21	9:00 am	Vehicle taken by gunpoint 300 Moreland Ave.

Date	Time	Description
2/27	12:38 AM	Taxi driver in dispute with customer - customer messed up taxis 1300 Iverson
3/01	5:00 pm	Residence forcibly entered, property taken V.C.R. tapes others. Witness had seen intruder 16-20 yrs old, dark skin, tall and thin Mell Ave.
3/4	??	Store robbed, window broken, key to cash drawer taken, store stock taken McLendon Ave.
3/5	7:45 pm	Victim robbed at gunpoint: victim stalked by a car, got out of car, came from behind and grabbed backpack, suspect is 6'2" to 6'4" black male, muscular matching the description of earlier Alert suspect. 1731 McLendon Ave.
3/9	7:30 pm	Fight over property - victim hospitalized 1200 Euclid Ave.
3/9	3:35 pm	Runaway person found Clifton Rd.
3/13	3:51 pm	Suspect took vehicle at gunpoint McLendon Ave.
3/13	6:45 am	Female assaulted by known male 1355 Euclid Ave.
3/15	10:09 AM	Woman walking dog in park assaulted, hit & tried to drag to car, suspect is white male, thin baseball cap. 1500 McLendon Ave.
* 2/21	2:03 pm	Vehicle broken into, went through junk stored in car Elmira St
*2/28	7:22 pm	House vandalized, red paint, furniture broken, window broken, planter destroyed. North Avenue.

* Means reported to me directly.

Zone 6 Police Names and Numbers

Telephone: 404-371-5002
Major Carlos Banda, Commander
Inspector Ruby Naylor, Prevention
Officer Bud Watson, Beat 602 Evening Watch
Pager 404-225-7085)
Officer Craig Cooper, Beat 602 Day Watch
Officer Grady James, Beat 602 Morning Watch

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Environmental Update

Upcoming Events

Ø Volunteer for Green Day - April 24! Meet Hands On Atlanta volunteers and help grow Freedom Park. Plant, mulch, build foliage beds. Sat. 4/24, 9am-1pm. Meet in Carter Center Lot near PATH. Bring gloves. Contact David Hardegree at dhardegree@lucent.com.

Ø Southface Earth Day Presentation - April 28! Learn the Top 10 things you can do to save the earth. Wed. 4/28, 6:30-8pm, Southface. Reservations 4/872-3549 x0.

Ø Southface Presents - May 1999 CPNO Mtg!

Southface is the environmental resource center for Atlanta. Walter Brown to introduce you to programs and provide energy conservation and other tips.

Ø Peavine Watershed Alliance Presents - June 1999 CPNO Mtg! PWA is dedicated to restoring/preserving ecological balance in Peavine Creek. Connie Weimar to share info about sustainability, membership and volunteering.

Ø Peavine Creek Clean-up, July 10! Join PWA in a creek clean-up. Bring boots and gloves. Sat. 7/10, 9am-1pm. Rain date TBA. Call 4/508-7603 for information and to inquire about Adopt-a-Stream Workshops.

In the Pipeline?

Ø Bikepath along McLendon? Candler Park and Lake Claire with Cathy Woolard's leadership are looking into the feasibility of streetscaping McLendon. Stay tuned for your opportunity to participate.

Ø Playground Repairs in Candler Park? Park Dept to make minor safety repairs on Candler Park playscape. Contact Liz Carroll for info or to discuss longer-term options.

Ø Facelift for Little Five? Candler Park, Inman Park and Little Five Points Bus. Assoc. continue efforts to enhance Little Five as walkable center. First step is makeover for Findley Plaza. Contact Don Bender or Susan Grider for more info.

Ongoing Funding Efforts

Ø Iced Tea? Water Please! Freedom Park Conservancy is pursuing DOT monies for watershed planning/restoration. Monies to supplement existing ISTEA funds secured by the Conservancy and designated for Candler Park. Contact Eric Dusenbury for more info.

Ø EMPACT grant in process. CPNO is partnering with the City, DeKalb County and select watersheds for EPA funding. Funds to be dedicated to watershed information management and access. Contact Susan Grider for more info.

Contact Susan Grider at avenir@mindspring.com for entries to 'Environmental Update.'

- Susan Grider - VP Environment

There is a lot to buying a lot!

The long awaited release of the DOT lots in Candler Park has now begun. Take a number!

In general, it is more complicated to buy a lot than a house. Most conventional lenders will not loan money on unimproved land; they like loaning money on houses that can easily be resold should you decide to quit paying them. Lenders will, however, give you a loan if you are planning on building right away. Lenders call these loans construction/permanent loans.

To get one of these loans you'll need to have a house plan, a licensed builder, and have a lot picked out. Here's an example: The builder puts his costs together for your new house, at approximately \$150,000, and you're able to get a lot for \$150,000. Next you call your lender and secure a loan for \$300,000. The loan is an interest-only loan during the construction phase; when your house is complete the loan becomes a normal conventional mortgage.

Now we get to the fun part - the DOT. To buy one of their lots you have two options. The first option is to pay all cash. The second option is to get a loan. Either way you will need to get a bid package (their contract) from the DOT for a particular lot, fill out their forms with your best offer, and include a certified check payable to the DOT for 10% of the offer price. Get this sealed bid to them before their deadline. At 2:00PM on the bid opening day the DOT will open all bids and select the best offer. If your offer is not selected, the DOT will give your check back. You must close on these contracts within a 60-day period. During this time you will be working with your builder, the City of Atlanta for permits and plans approval, and meeting with your banker.

This is only a brief overview of this process. If you have any other questions please call the DOT at (404)657-8493, or me at (404)659-0439.

- David Schenck
REALTOR

Editors note: David Schenck was asked to write this article by Eric Dusenbury, CPNO representative to Freedom Park Conservancy.

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www.CandlerPark.org

If you haven't heard yet, Candler Park has a presence on the world-wide-web and the address is www.CandlerPark.org.

If you're a Candler Park resident, you may want to get on our e-mailing list to be notified when we publish the on-line version of the Candler Park Messenger. We typically get the on-line version published before the Messenger gets delivered to your door. Now you can be the first on your block to get the scoop! We also carry Messenger back issues from September 1998 through last month, so now you'll always be able to go back and read the article that generated all of this month's heated editorials! The web page has up-to-date web links to many area businesses and organizations (check out who's in there, you might be surprised). Last but not least, we have a listing of local, state, and federal elected officials representing Candler Park residents. The listing includes names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and web links. We even have your Atlanta City School Board Representative listed (can you name him?) Now you can spend your time thinking about how you will word your letter to them, not how you will find out who they are!

We are also providing "public relations" services for people who live outside of Candler Park. We have areas on the web page detailing the history of Candler Park, maps and directions on where we are and how to get to us, "e-tours" with photos of Candler Park and Little Five Points, and links to Candler Park businesses and other Atlanta neighborhoods.

The web site is now receiving 100-150 visits per week. I assume most of the hits are from Candler Park residents, but we also receive several inquiries a week from people thinking about moving to Atlanta and possibly Candler Park. The most interesting e-mail thus far was from a couple in Buenos Aires, Argentina asking for more information about our neighborhood because they were going to be relocating to Atlanta! The world is indeed becoming a smaller place (and a lot of people seem to like what they see in Candler Park).

Our future plans for the web site are to continue our advertising drive to help pay for a permanent home (what us nerds call a "web hosting account"). This costs about \$360 /yr., so we'll have to sell 6 advertisements at \$60/yr. Please call Roger Johnson at (404) 524-3202 or send an e-mail to RogJohnson@mindspring.com if your business would be interested in having an

ad on our web page. We are also going to provide more "community service space". For example, we are working with Mary Lin Elementary to display some of their art work.

Remember to bookmark us and come by to see what's new!

- Roger Johnson

DOT Land Disposition Has Begun

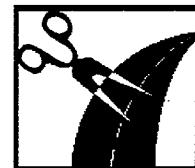
Many of you have noticed the for sale signs along North Avenue as the DOT begins the disposition of right of way that is to become housing. Over the next year the DOT will dispose of the lots in Candler Park that they no longer need. Each lot will be posted approximately 30 days prior to the date that bids are due.

I have received some calls from people who were not expecting contiguous lots to be placed on the market at the same time. I have spoken with DOT representatives and while they agreed that not all lots would be sold at the same time and that each lot would be bid individually (instead of in blocks) they did not see a need to avoid selling contiguous lots. This appears to be a miscommunication that could affect Inman Park as well as Candler Park.

I will pursue this item with the DOT to see if we can get them to change their policy. Please look for updates in next month's messenger and at this month's CPNO meeting.

- Eric Dusenbury

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- Advertising - How To -

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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/column 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.

Tutoring...



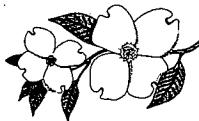
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Dive In To Candler Park Pool

The Water's Great And The Pool's Getting Better...

The Candler Park Pool Association (CPPA) is offering subscriptions for the 1999 summer swimming season. As a City of Atlanta pool under neighborhood management,* you will see lots of improvements: A fresh look with new paint, more patio furniture and spruced-up locker rooms. You'll also see a new emphasis on safety, fresh landscaping, better parking and long-term infrastructure investments. Future plans include a kiddie pool, more deck space, a separate lap pool and a snack bar.

Show your support and make an investment in the future of Candler Park Pool. Your subscription will help to create a fun and safe recreation area the entire community can enjoy. Meet your friends, get some exercise, teach your kids to swim and have a blast!

The CPPA has been busy drafting a proposal to manage the pool and make much needed improvements. With your support this dream will happen for everyone. Join the pool and watch it transform into a central gathering area we can all be proud of!

*[Subject to approval. The CPPA proposal must be submitted to the City of Atlanta by December 30, 1998.]

SUBSCRIPTION BENEFITS: Atlanta, Dekalb and Fulton County residents can buy season subscriptions that provide access to the pool at any time during public operating hours plus additional "subscriber only" hours. We operate as a non-profit association working to improve the facility. Your subscription is an investment in the neighborhood.

No children under 12 will be admitted without a parent or a guardian 16 years or older.

REFUND POLICY: If you request a refund of your subscription fee before opening day you will receive your payment less a \$25.00 processing fee. If you request a refund after opening day you will receive a refund less \$25.00 for every week after opening day.

Contact Leslie Lowe with any questions at (404) 659-4161.

The water's great...Yes, I want to dive in to Candler Park Pool!

my check is enclosed based on household members.

Rates

Youth (ages 12-18)	\$50	Household (2 adults)	\$150
w/ permission of legal guardian			
Senior (65 & over)	\$50	Additional household members	\$25
Individual	\$100	Maximum per household	\$200

Last name _____ First name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

List each additional member name _____

Total members _____ Amount enclosed _____

The undersigned agrees to abide by the rules and regulations governing the pool and understands that violators will be asked to leave.

Signature _____

Signature of legal guardian _____

Please make your check payable to CPPA and mail to: P.O. Box 5343, Atlanta, GA 31107