

THE CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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National Night Out - Aug. 9th at the Park

We have exciting plans for the next neighborhood meeting. As in years passed Candler Park will participate in National Night Out. In order to properly celebrate such an event we need to be outside with, fun and food. So instead of meeting in the church we will meet in Candler park under the pavilion near the pool. Please bring a dish, salad, or dessert for a communal Pot Luck. CPNO will provide drinks, plates, utensils and napkins. The meeting starts at the normal 7:00PM time but come by the pool earlier in the afternoon as well. The CPNO business meeting will begin at 7:30 in the park.

See you at the park!

CPNO Officers

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

Calendar

MON., 8/9	- 7:30 CPNO Monthly Mtg. IN CANDLER PARK
Mon., 8/23	- CPNO Exec. Com. 7:30 PM ad Epworth United Methodist Church
Mon., 8/23	- <i>Messenger</i> Deadline
Thur., 8/26	- N.P.U. Monthly Meeting

CPNO Mtg., August 9th

The Candler Park Neighborhood Org. will meet on the second Monday of August IN CANDLER PARK FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.

This month's agenda

7:00 PM:	Pot Luck in the Park
7:30 PM:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officers' Reports• Vote on bonus money for Pool Employees• Vote for supplementary spending for Neighborhood Directory• Vote for neighborhood contribution to Fire Department• Vote on how Tour Homes money will be allocated• Vote to install Greg Smith as Vice President of CPNO• Vote to allocate money for attorneys to fight property tax issue• Variances: (see article)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1530 Dekalb Ave- 1265 McLendon Ave- 320 Ferguson

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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).

Candler Park Tour of Homes

Candler Park will host the Annual Home Tour the weekend of September 18 & 19. This is the same weekend as the Candler Park Arts & Crafts Festival. We are well on our way to a great tour but still need more volunteers. We especially need volunteers to help with ticket sales and home sitting. Please call Will Shevlin 404-377-1803 if you would like to volunteer.

Will Shevlin

Variance Requests for July

Jason Dove (4/521-3642) has requested an Amusement Game license and a Beer & Wine license. He is planning on opening an arcade in the building at 1530 Dekalb Ave. behind the Candler Park Cafe. This request was heard at the June CPNO meeting and deferred until August.

Mary Shaltis and John Skach, 1265 McLendon, are requesting a variance for the rear and side setback to build a garage on the property.

Variance requested for side setback at 320 Ferguson.

Messenger Article

Anyone can submit an article for publication in the *Messenger*. The deadline is always the week after the CPNO monthly meeting (Friday of that week). Please drop your submission off with me at 1414 McLendon Ave or better yet, send them E-Mail 105164.472@compuserve.com. Please include your name and phone number.

- Karin Dusenbury

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In Search of Fresh Blood

No, this is not the title of the next Anne Rice vampire thriller, but rather a request for new faces and fresh ideas in developing Candler Park's Community Plan. Please drop by our table on August 8th during the Art in the Park event (2-7pm in Candler Park - see flyer) to sign up (no blood required).

To date, we have organized into three teams. These teams will work 1) to cohere existing plans (DeKalb Avenue, Little Five Points) and initiatives (Pool, Freedom Park/Moreland Gateway, Watershed Restoration) toward a unified plan and 2) prioritize new initiatives. A neighborhood-wide survey and team discussions will establish priorities and new directions. Expected outputs are a 5-10 page written plan and a critical mass of committed, warm bodies to help carry initiatives forward into 2000.

Teams include:

- Creating a Pedestrian Friendly Walkable Community: may include streetscaping McLendon, sidewalks, bikeways, linkages to Freedom Park and commercial districts.
- Creating an Economically Balanced and Socially Vibrant Community: may include updating DeKalb and Little 5 plans, zoning changes, incenting local proprietor development.
- Preserving and Enhancing Quality of Life: may include Pool, Watershed Restoration efforts with PWA, Park upgrades including Playground.

Ways you can participate:

- 1) Join a team as a core member (Aug99-Feb00).
- 2) Be a spot team participant; come to a meeting or two.
- 3) Download your ideas via phone or e-mail to a team member.
- 4) Help develop the survey to be distributed to all Candler Park residents.
- 5) Answer the survey to arrive in your *Messenger* early fall.
- 6) Help tally survey results.
- 7) Develop Candler Park History/Statement of Need.
- 8) Write grants to secure funding.
- 9) Suggest contacts at funding organizations.

Please come to Art in the Park on August 8th and sign up for an activity, or contact Susan Grider at avenir@mindspring.com. In September's *Messenger*, we'll publish team leaders for you to contact with your ideas and meeting dates.

- Susan Grider

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Thanks to Peavine Creek Clean-up Crew!

We had an excellent turn-out on Saturday, July 10 for the Peavine Watershed Alliance creek clean-up. Candler Park neighbors buddied and muddled up to extract debris from the creekbed and surrounding banks. Not only did we have great representation from Candler Park residents, we had excellent collaborative participation from surrounding neighborhoods including Lake Claire and Druid Hills and from friends at Paideia and Outward Bound's Eco-Watch.

Thanks again Candler Park! For cleaning up the Lullwater Creek Fork! For collaborating across neighborhood bounds!

-Susan Grider
PWA representative for
Candler Park

Environmental Update

Upcoming Events

Ø Southface Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable!

Monthly meeting. August focus on air quality, power plant & smog. \$5/per. Fri. 8/6 7:30-9am. RSVP/details @www.southface.org.

Ø Southface Homebuilding School! Three day crash course on energy efficient building design for homeowners. \$295 indiv/\$395 couples. 8/12-15. Contact Southface @4/872-3549 or www.southface.org.

Ø Adopt-a-Stream Workshops! Back to school workshops for teachers and all parties interested in Adopt-a-Stream certification. Sponsored by Peavine Watershed Alliance. 8/19 & 8/20 10am-3pm. Contact PWA at 4/508-7603 for more info.

Ø Peavine Creek Clean-up! PWA Clean-up sponsored by Druid Hills is open to all volunteers. Sat. 10/16 9am-1pm. Contact PWA at 4/508-7603 for more info.

Ø Southface Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable! Monthly meeting. September focus on the Role of Education in Restoring the Core City. \$5/per. Fri. 9/3 7:30-9am. RSVP/details @ www.southface.org.

In the Pipeline?

Ø Interested in the Greening of Candler Park and neighboring businesses? See front page article. Provide green input in Candler Park's Community Plan.

Contact Sgrider at avenir@mindspring.com for entries to Environmental Update, or questions.

- Susan Grider - VP Environment

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

Crime Report

Crime between 6/18/99 and 7/18/99

All addresses are approximate for privacy.

Assaults upon people - 1

Near Little Five Points - 7/17, 8:00 pm., man assaulted women, had gun, suspect arrested.

Burglary - 14

300 Candler St - 11:40 am., bike stolen from garage, Moreland Ave. 6/21, 4:50 am., store broken into - items thrown around the area, 1200 DeKalb Ave. 6/26, 2:15 am. two men forced him into his apartment, 400 Oakdale, 6/27, 12:30 pm man stopped while he was pushing away a lawnmower, 1100 McLendon Ave. , 5:40 pm. broke in and took tools, electrical equipment and camera, Moreland Ave. 6/29, 4:20 am., business forcibly entered cash and property taken. Candler Park Pool, 7/11, 4:45 pm., suspect took bicycle. Candler Park Drive, 7/14, 11:00 am storage shop broken into, plumbing, carpentry items taken. 300 Elmira Place 7/5 1:25 pm. unknown person entered property took cellphone & computer. Candler Park. 7/6, 6:00 pm. business - radio and cash taken, key were missing earlier. 400 Candler Park Drive 7/7, 4:00 pm abandoned apartment burglarized - tools taken. Josephine St. 7/9, 8:00 pm apartment robbed while occupant slept - money. 1500 Iverson St. 7/9, 11:40 am., air conditioner taken while occupant slept. 1200 McLendon Ave. 7/9, 12:00 am apartment robbed while occupant slept - wallet, pager.

Theft from Auto - 0

Fights - 2

Knife thrown at one victim

Vehicle Damaged - 1

400 Page Ave. 7/18, 6:40 pm. Damage to door panel and bumper by unknown.

Miscellaneous - 2

1400 Euclid Ave. 6/28, 4:50 am., subject caused disturbance while drunk, Oakdale Ave. 7/13, 6:00 pm children left unattended

Comments- There were three cat burglaries on one day on 7/9, possibly by the same person. Also Candler Park having more burglaries instead of car break-ins which is unusual.

- Austin Wattles

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PROPERTY TAX EMERGENCY!!!!!!

There, now we've got your attention. Many of us in Candler Park saw our Atlanta property taxes greatly increase this year without warning. What you may not be aware of is that things may be even worse than they appear. The situation is complicated and those of us working on this issue learn more every day. This is what seems to be the case at the time this article is being written.

For many years, Fulton County appraised property in all of Atlanta, including that part of Atlanta in DeKalb County. Those of us in Candler Park are used to getting an appraisal and tax bill from Fulton County for the City of Atlanta and an appraisal and tax bill from DeKalb County for DeKalb County. Fulton County decided to no longer make appraisals in Atlanta/DeKalb beginning in tax year 1999. Atlanta then contacted DeKalb County who agreed to make appraisals for Atlanta/DeKalb. This has worked out badly for Atlanta/DeKalb residents. First, we were not notified by anyone about this new arrangement. Many of us received notices of an increase of the appraisal of our homes by DeKalb County. Most of us did not appeal the DeKalb reappraisal because DeKalb taxes are relatively small compared to Atlanta taxes, especially with the new HOST tax cut. It was not until the tax bill arrived (long after the deadline for appeals of the increase in appraisal had passed) that we were informed that it was the DeKalb appraisal that would count for both DeKalb and Atlanta. This appraisal in many cases is 40-60% higher than the 1998 Fulton appraisal. This is largely due to the second problem: DeKalb reappraises property every year whereas Fulton systematically reappraises only every three years. (Fulton may reappraise property more frequently in specific instances but there is no county-wide reappraisal as in DeKalb.) In a rapidly rising housing market, this quickly results in huge inequalities: in 1999 a house in Candler Park may be appraised for 50% more than a similar house in Inman Park because DeKalb reappraised in 1999 and Fulton did not.

That those of us living in Atlanta/DeKalb had no notice of a large tax increase this year and that homes in Atlanta/DeKalb of the same market value as homes in Atlanta/Fulton pay different amounts of taxes seems obviously unfair to many of us.

As of the time this article is being submitted, Atlanta is showing no signs of making any adjustments for this problem. A concerted outcry by residents of Atlanta may change their mind.

Since, by the time you read this, some aspects of the situation may have changed, please

check the Candler Park website at www.candlerpark.org for updated information or call Leslie Lowe at 404-659-4161, David Osborn at 404-688-3219, Greg Smith at 404-681-9945, or Cynthia Zauner at 404-577-8621. Remember, the deadline for payment of property taxes is August 15. Time is short.

We will have a vote at the August CPNO meeting to allocate money for an attorney to fight on behalf of the neighborhood in regards to this issue.

- Greg Smith

CANDLER PARK / LAKE CLAIRE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL SEPT. 18 & 19

Plans are underway for this yearly festival. We are looking for volunteers. Volunteers would work for 4 hours and receive a festival tee shirt and 2 beer or soda tickets... If you are interested please call or drop by Donna Van Goghs Market 1651 McLendon Ave. 404/370-1003.

The weekend festivities will include the Candler Park Tour of Homes, Festival 5K Run, 22 bands, Art and Crafts, Children's, food and drink (Dogwood Beer), Trivia Hunt, Non-profit Groups... Earth Challenge, Habitat For Humanity, Trees Atlanta.

Thanks to all our neighborhood sponsors who help make the festival possible, the following are just a few of the businesses participating in the festival...

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Special thanks to Southern Recycling/Eco Events who donate their services every year. Thanks for helping us keep the park in good shape during the Festival!

Interested in volunteering, please call 404-370-1003. Thanks!

- Beth Martin

Vote on Pool Employee Bonuses

The CPNO will vote on whether to donate money to the Candler Park Pool Association to provide bonuses for the pool's employees. Proposed is \$100 for full-time guards and managers, \$50 for part-time guards, concession workers and manager subs.

- CPPA

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Notice about Sanitation Fees

If your sanitation fees seem high (more than \$250 for a single kitchen home with 50 foot street frontage), call the Sanitation Department to get a field check. They will re-bill you at the correct rate, and you may be due a reimbursement for past years' overpayment. Call K.C. Marks at 404-330-6293.

Thanks to Pool Volunteers!

Thanks to the many volunteers and supporters of the Candler Park Pool. Also thanks to the following people who have donated money or materials for plants, lawn chairs and other equipment.

Yong & Sandra Pak
Rik & Leslie Lowe
Margaret Thompson & Walter Brown
Shawn & Bob Foley
Jack Hammond & Donna Taylor
Janna Irvin
Karen Lucarelli
Sam & Nancy Shober
Sara Haga & Darrion Strub
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Cathy Bonik & Michael De Give
Pam Revie Patterson
Molly & Shannon Croft
Cathy Woolard & Karen Geney
Tim & Cathy McCann
The Greens
Steve & Cathy Powers
Bert Bellinson

Thanks to all!

- CPPA

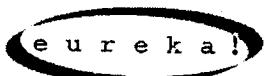
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Do you enjoy using Iverson Park?

Iverson Park, although small, is well used by families, soccer players, and people with their four-legged friends. There have been a number of problems in the park related to people sleeping in it and the resulting litter and illegal activities.

We will be meeting on Thursday August 12th to form the 'Friends of Iverson Park'. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss ways to improve the park. A representative of Park Pride will also be attending. If we as a group 'adopt' Iverson Park, then Park Pride could serve as a liaison to the City in requests for improvements and other maintenance issues. We are looking for input from people who use the park. So, if you are someone who frequents Iverson Park and cares about keeping it a clean, enjoyable, safe place to be that has only a positive impact on the neighborhood, please join us. See you there!!

Date: Thursday August 12th

Place: Iverson Park (Iverson Street, between Oakdale and Candler Park Drive)

***Rain location: 340 Candler Park Drive**

Time: 7pm

- Neighbors on Iverson

Neighborhood Artists To Create Mural For Candler Park Pool

A colorful new mural is planned for the front wall of Candler Park Pool, and no one will know what it looks like until it's completed. That's because 200 people (or more) will contribute their own art on tiles that will be put together in a colorful mosaic. Everyone attending the annual Candler Park / Lake Claire Music & Arts Festival this fall will have an opportunity to paint a tile for just \$10. All materials (paint, glazes, brushes, firing) will be provided, and proceeds will help fund the Candler Park Pool Association.

The mural project is the brainchild of Beth Martin, curator of Donna Van Gogh gallery in Candler Park. You may paint your tile at the art festival on September 18th and 19th or at Donna Van Gogh gallery. It's a fun way to immortalize your creativity, add colorful art to a plain brick public wall, and support your neighborhood pool.

- Jack Kiely, CPPA

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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.

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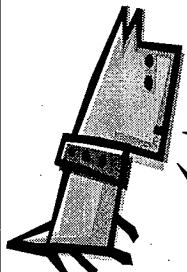


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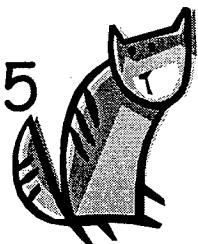


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