

The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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April 2001

MEETINGS*EVENTS

CPNO MEETING APR 9 @ 7 PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is for all residents! We meet the second MONDAY of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Avenue. Please use the Mell Avenue entrance. Membership is FREE!

APRIL MEETING AGENDA:

- Officer Reports
- Announcements
- VOTE on Candler Park Community Health Center Proposal (*see cover*)
- VOTE on Co-Housing Community proposal (*see cover*)
- VOTE on Park Benches proposal
- VOTE on variances (*see back cover*)

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the May meeting, contact any CPNO officer (*see list on page 2*). Deadline is April 20, 2001.

EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 2001

Monday, April 9 * 7 PM

CPNO General Meeting

Monday, April 16 * 7 PM

CPNO Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 26

NPU-N Meeting

MAY 2001

Saturday, May 19

Candler Park Playground Grand Reopening

Saturday, May 26

Candler Park Pool Opens - Subscribe Now!

FALL 2001

October 13-14, 2001

Candler Park FallFest

April Vote On Candler Park Community Health Center

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has developed a plan for public health priorities for the current decade. One primary objective is the elimination of disparities in health care, and healthcare access for U.S. minority populations. For the first time in this report, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) community has been identified as a group that is disproportionately impacted by health issues such as obesity, depression, violence, and some cancers.

The GLBT population in the Atlanta metropolitan area is estimated at 150,000 to 400,000 people. Though little information is available to talk about the impact of these issues on the GLBT community, a recent Columbia University white paper documents that many GLBT persons fail to access health care because they fear discrimination by health care providers, family members,

employers and others. In addition, experience has shown that many health care providers fail to understand GLBT health issues or how to address them.

The proposed center would provide health care without discrimination

To address the need for primary care services for under- and uninsured members of the Atlanta GLBT community, a group of local volunteers came together in February 2000 to form the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Health Initiative (AGLHI). The

group is working in collaboration with the Oakhurst Medical Center, a federally-funded community health center in Decatur. Together, they developed a plan to make primary care services available to un- and underinsured people in an environment that is comfortable and safe for GLBT persons.

On February 28, 2001 the AGLHI submitted a grant proposal to the Health

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Vote On Co-Housing Development At April Meeting

Kelly Jordan, owner of parcels of undeveloped land between Marion Avenue and Miller Avenue (west of Oakdale), currently zoned R-4 (single-family residential), seeks rezoning to PDH (Planned Development Housing) to allow development of a co-housing community, consisting of approximately thirteen closely-spaced single-family dwellings with a large adjacent open space held in common.

Jordan held an informal meeting at his residence at 420 Oakdale Road on Sunday, March 25th at 5:00 PM. Neighbors interested in his project for rezoning to a co-housing community were shown concept plans and given opportunities to express concerns and offer suggestions. In conjunction with this project, the applicant expressed his intention to minimize surface run-off from the clustering of residential

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The Messenger

The Messenger is published monthly by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Deadline for articles for the May issue is Apr. 20. Submit to:

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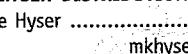
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New Discussion Procedure Set For April Meeting

Several people may want to speak regarding both the Co-Housing Community and the Candler Park Community Health Center issues that are on the CPNO agenda for April 9 (see related stories on the cover).

To allow everyone a chance to be heard, and at the same time ensure that we have the time to fully debate both issues and conduct other business, the Executive Committee has decided to try the following at the April meeting:

- 1) Each person wishing to speak on an issue will be allotted two minutes.
- 2) All persons wishing to speak on an issue will be allowed to do so before anyone can speak twice.

We will attempt to hold the discussion on each issue to 30 minutes. —Greg Smith

Candler Park 5K Returns On Saturday, June 16

Neighbors, the annual Candler Park 5K is coming right up! This year's race will begin at 8 am on Saturday, June 16. Race applications will be available soon, so look for them around the neighborhood and on the website (www.candlerpark.org). Please come out to run, walk, and have fun with your neighbors.

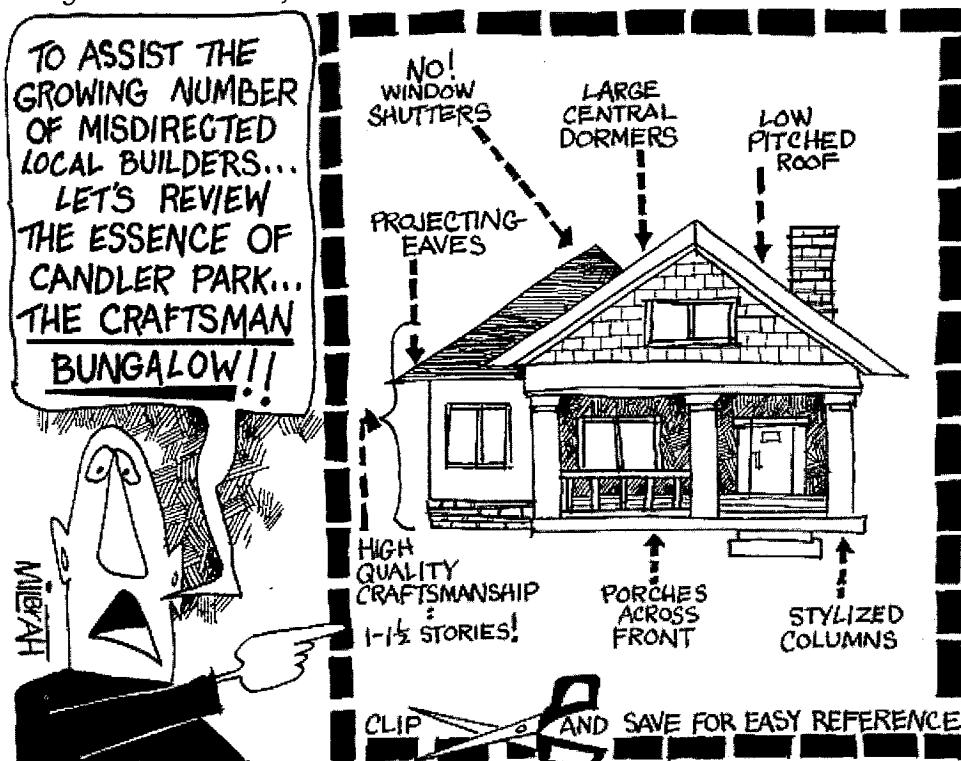
Race registration fee is \$13.00 before June 9, \$15.00 if postmarked after 6/9 and on race day. There will be prizes for all, and special rewards for the top finishers in various age groups. Pre-registered applicants will be guaranteed a T-shirt.

In addition to runners, we of course need volunteers to staff the race. All volunteers will receive a complimentary race shirt. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Michael Hyser at 404-228-6698 or email mkhyser@mediaone.net.

Also, coming this year to Candler Park: The First Annual Candler Park Moon Shot Night Golf Tournament, Candler Park FallFest, and The Candler Park Tour of Homes. Stay tuned for details, and thank you for your participation!

—Mike Hyser

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath



Co-Housing (continued from pg 1)

structures and through cooperation with municipal authorities to relieve paving requirements along Miller and Marion Avenues. A large open space of land to the west (bordering the rear of homes on the east side of Sterling Street) will be held in common by owners of each property in the co-housing development, and may also be subjected to conservation easements. A proposed nature trail may also link this property with other open spaces adjoining McLendon Avenue. Separately, the applicant has another undeveloped parcel of land, currently zoned R-4, located north of McLendon Avenue (west of Oakdale Road, east of Sterling Street, adjacent to an existing two-story apartment building), which he indicated will be developed as three single-family detached residences with a central open space to be utilized as a community garden. In both matters, it was observed that existing zoning will allow for construction of detached dwellings on both parcels, but in a manner that would not preserve the single large open space preserved by the applicant's plan. A vote to approve the project, based on final site plans and architectural details, will be taken at the April CPNO general meeting, following which the applicant anticipates seeking approval of NPU-N board members in late April, and approval of the City of Atlanta Zoning Review Board in early June. Please plan to attend these meetings to show your support or to express any concerns you may have regarding this project. For more information, please contact the applicant Kelly Jordan (404-522-8629), CPNO Zoning VP Walt Weimar (404-377-1411) or NPU delegate Lexa King at (404-584-5050).

—Walt Weimar

Ad Rate Increase Notice

Effective with the June 2001 issue, ad rates for *The Messenger* will increase to \$4 per line for classified ads, \$14 per column inch for display ads. All prepaid ad contracts in place prior to May 19, 2001 will "lock in" the old rate for the life of the contract.

Health Center (continued from pg. 1)

Resources and Services Administration to establish a primary care clinic in the Atlanta area that will be open to all, but focused on providing care that is appropriate for and respectful of GLBT persons, particularly people who have difficulty accessing health care. Services that will be provided at the clinic include routine physical exams, immunizations, screening and treatment for chronic conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes and asthma, age-appropriate cancer screening, and a variety of other primary care services. A referral network of GLBT-friendly providers will be established to provide follow-up care and services which are not offered at the clinic. Although health insurance will be billed and a sliding fee scale will be established, no one will be refused services.

In order for the clinic to be successful, it is essential that it be located in a neighborhood that is central, diverse, accessible by public transportation, safe, and GLBT-friendly. The Epworth United Methodist Church has tentatively agreed to host the clinic in its space. Representatives of AGLHI will attend the CPNO meeting on Monday, April 9 to provide additional information and respond to questions and concerns. Community input is critical to the successful development and operation of the clinic so Candler Park residents are encouraged to attend.

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Thursday, April 12, 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday, April 13, 10:30 am: Stations of the Cross Service with Neighbor Churches

Easter Sunday, April 15, 9:00 am: Garden Communion Service

11:00 am: Traditional Easter Service

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A Resident's Opinion: Illegal Signs Are Out Of Control

Is it just me or is anyone else sick of seeing these illegal signs posted on telephone poles and other right-of-ways?

You know the signs I mean, that read "buy houses" or announcing some wonderful job where you work from home and can make a million dollars. Or better yet, the ones that will give you any amount of money you want. Of course they don't tell you that your interest rate on these loans are often 25% and that if you are even a day late they will come and take your home.

And that's much the same with all these illegal signs: they all advertise some kind of scam. These signs litter our streets and are an insult not only with the visual pollution but with the actual content as well.

So, who falls for these scams? Obviously people do or they would have given up placing the signs. Their target audience is the elderly with little or no income, or people that have got themselves into such a situation that they are willing to believe anyone with a plan to save them. These scam artists take advantage of these people with the end result that many of them lose their homes.

So why is it that these signs that are placed in the right-of-way, in complete disregard to city ordinances that could fine them up to \$1,000 plus 6 months in jail, still hang from telephone poles in our neighborhoods?

I believe it starts with the inaction of our wonderfully useless city officials. These officials themselves come election time will be disobeying their own ordinances and placing signs in the right-of-way. It is now at the point where these political signs are placed on the freeways. How long will it be before someone is killed on a freeway trying to put up a sign? Calls to the police or city officials are met with anything from "don't waste my time" to "oh, there's nothing we can do." The police are frustrated because any attempt to bring the owners of the signs to court results in a slap on the wrist by the

judge. Again there are plenty of judges that place their signs illegally too.

So what's to be done?

A few of us have made attempts to pull these signs down. This is a time consuming and often fruitless experience, as it seems they can put them up a lot faster than we can take them down. We also put ourselves at risk from the owners of these signs, who are under the impression that they have the right to litter our streets.

I myself had a ReMax Realtor (Jeff Weisberger) see me taking out his signs that were not even anywhere near the house he had for sale, and make a false report to the police that I had crashed into his car and left the scene. This caused me to have to appear to the police and prove my innocence, whereas he would not even report to the police station and make his statement. The police found no evidence that I had hit his car in any way in the manner he described, and they were considering charging him with making a false statement. Of course he continued to ignore them and nothing was done.

Then once again I caught two characters nailing up signs that they "buy houses" right in the neighborhood of our own Major. And yet again I'm being falsely charged with assault and robbery. And yet it seems nothing is done about the signs they put up.

We as neighbors are the only ones that can solve this problem, by standing together and raising one voice to tell the city to take notice, that these signs must stop. That a slap-on-the-wrist \$50 fine is not enough to stop repeat offenders, and that we want the police to pursue sign owners and bring them to court.

In the next few weeks I will be putting together petitions to deliver to our Major, police chief and code enforcement officers. I hope when these are ready you will join me in signing and delivering them.

—Roger Brancher, Candler Park Resident

Get Back In The Pool!

Summer is just around the corner — time to join the Candler Park Pool! You'll enjoy the most affordable and fun recreational opportunity available to intown residents!

As a subscriber, you do not pay to use the pool at any time. And the sooner you subscribe, the better the value. Early bird rates are just \$200 for a family of 3 or more, \$150 for a household of 2, \$100 for an individual, and \$50 for seniors and individual youths under 18. Subscription forms must be postmarked by April 15th to qualify.

For forms received postmarked by April 30, the rates are \$215 per family, \$165 household, and \$115 for individuals. For the rest of the season, rates are \$230 family, \$175 household, and \$130 individual. (Senior and individual youth rates are fixed at \$50. Youths must have a guardian sign permission.)

The pool will be open this year from May 25 to September 3. Hours will be from 10 am to 8:30 pm Monday-Saturday, and 12 noon to 8:30 pm on Sundays. Subscribers-only hours are from 5 to 8:30 pm daily. If you haven't gotten a postcard in the mail yet, you can find subscription forms around the neighborhood or under Candler Park Pool Association at www.candlerpark.org.

Salute2America 4th of July Parade Seeks Entrants

Want to be on TV? Consider forming a unit in the Salute2America parade! Groups of all kinds (including neighborhoods) are encouraged to enter. Interested? Contact Hobie Pileski at WSB, 404-897-7385.

Messenger Seeks Ad Rep

Are you looking for some part time work? Do you know an enterprising young adult looking for some extra money? *The Messenger* is looking for someone to sell ads to local merchants in and around our neighborhood. Responsibilities also include account maintenance and collection. Please send your qualifications *via email only*: Michael Hyser at mkhysen@mediaone.net.

Don't Miss Lake Claire's Easter Parade

On Sunday, April 15, 2001, rain or shine, friends and neighbors are invited to participate in Lake Claire's First Annual Easter Parade and Hat-Judging Contest.

The parade begins at 1 pm at the Clifton Presbyterian Church at the corner of Connecticut and McLendon Avenues and will meander through the side streets of Lake Claire, with a quick stroll past the brunch bunches at Clifton and McLendon. The Hat-Judging contest will follow immediately after the parade. Categories for kids under 12 include "Cutest" and "Cleverest;" for adults, "Best Easter," "Best Lake Claire," "Most Outrageous," and "Best Group Effort." Questions? Call Pat Marsh, Special Events Chair, at 404-373-8982.

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which revealed to me the truth about my back pain and the best proven way to get rid of it forever! I admit, I didn't believe it at all, but I ordered the free report and I haven't had one attack of pain in 6 months! If you're even remotely curious about how to end your suffering, call toll-free 1-888-825-3720 and listen to the 24 hr. recorded message to order your own copy of this remarkable report.

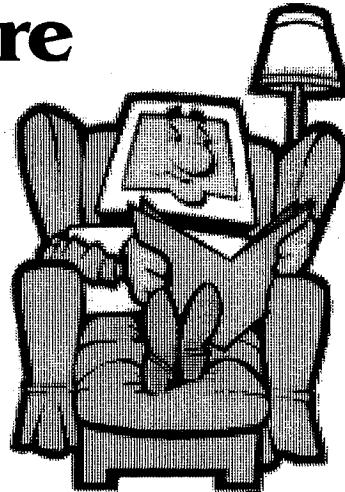
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Are The Kids Ready To Play?

As of press deadline, the Bureau of Parks had committed to finishing the walkways around the Candler Park Playground and adding the mulch under the playground equipment by the end of March. We hope by the time you're reading this that these things have been completed and neighborhood kids are already enjoying their new playground!

If the schedule has been delayed due to weather, we'll be looking for quick completion shortly after. If you have any questions or concerns and would like to speak with the Bureau of Parks directly, their phone number is 404.817.6740.

The last details for the new playground will be finished during April. These include stripping and painting the few pieces of old equipment that were kept, adding some type of stone pillars or benches with plaques to recognize our large donors, and laying the engraved bricks that so many of you purchased to help obtain all the fabulous new equipment.

Although the kids won't have to wait for it, we will be having an official Grand Re-Opening Celebration to introduce the new playground and honor all of our donors. The date has been set for Saturday, May 19, barring any unforeseen delays. We're planning all kinds of fun stuff, so mark your calendars now, and look for more details in the May issue of *The Messenger!*

—Stacy Williams

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Answer These Five Questions And Help Stop Traffic Mayhem In Candler Park

CPNO is asking neighborhood residents to complete and return the traffic calming survey enclosed in this month's newsletter. For the more electronically inclined, the survey can be found on the web at www.candlerpark.org, including a Word version you can return via e-mail. The surveys will provide a database for

developing a comprehensive traffic calming plan for the entire neighborhood.

The more surveys we get, the stronger our argument for implementing these measures.

Please take the time to fill out and return the survey, and encourage your neighbors to do the same! When you fill

out your form, please consider streets other than your own that face heavy traffic and speeding. For more information regarding this effort, please contact Gary Brown (gmartinbrown@mindspring.com or 404-378-6247) or George Dusenbury (dc_Dusenbury@yahoo.com or 404-373-0428).

CPNO Traffic Calming Survey – Spring 2001

This survey is also available online at the CPNO website (www.candlerpark.org)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

1. Drivers exceed the speed limit on your street...
 - a. almost never
 - b. sometimes
 - c. frequently
 - d. more often than not
 - e. almost always

2. Do you support the placement/enactment of traffic-calming measures **on your road**? If so, which measures would you support? *(choose as many as you like)*
 - a. road-narrowing
 - b. creation of a median
 - c. elevated cross-walks
 - d. lower speed limit
 - e. bike lanes
 - f. speed humps
 - g. bulb outs*
 - h. chicanes*
 - i. 4-way stops
 - j. bottlenecks
 - k. other _____

3. Drivers exceed the speed limit on other Candler Park streets...
 - a. almost never
 - b. sometimes
 - c. frequently
 - d. more often than not
 - e. almost always

4. Do you support the placement/enactment of traffic-calming measures **on other Candler Park streets**? If so, which measures would you support? *(choose as many as you like)*
 - a. road-narrowing
 - b. creation of a median
 - c. elevated cross-walks
 - d. lower speed limit
 - e. bike lanes
 - f. speed humps
 - g. bulb outs*
 - h. chicanes*
 - i. 4-way stops
 - j. bottlenecks
 - k. other _____

5. Please list any particular streets/sites where you believe traffic calming measures are needed.

**Bulb-outs, chicanes and bottlenecks* occur where the green space between the sidewalk and the road is extended 8-12 feet into the road. Bulb-outs occur at corners, chicanes in the middle of the block, and bottlenecks opposite each other. They slow traffic by narrowing the road. Trees, benches, artwork, plants and other items can be placed on bulb-outs.

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CRIME REPORT

Crimes reported Feb. 14 - Mar. 17, '01 in Zone 6 police records. (Block numbers rounded to closest hundred.)

RAPE ALERT: Woman raped while getting off bus at night at Edgewood/Candler Park MARTA station, on the Edgewood side. Earlier there was the same incident to another woman. Major Banda suggests women take care in that area.

400 Callan Circle, 2/28, 5:37 pm, alarm - door closed but unlocked, nothing could be seen out of order.

Candler Park, 2/17, 0:05 am, smoking drugs.

400 Clifton Rd., 3/10, 12:45 am, vehicle blocking driveway - towed away.

Mary Lin School, 5:30 am, attempted burglary, damage to property, trespassers ran away were chased some distance by the police, one suspect caught, suspected drinking.

400 Clifton Rd., 1:36 pm, door was left open - it did not look as if it was forced open or house broken into.

DeKalb & Oakdale, 2/22, 8:20 pm, arrestee was driving without a license, went through red light.

Dekalb Ave., 2/2, 1:00 pm, auto stopped for running red light - marijuana found.

Euclid Ave., 2/17, 10:30 pm, burglary suspect captured inside a church. Workman were there, heard noise and called police.

Euclid Ave., 2/18, 6:34 am, person pushed downstairs, punched in eye, intoxicated people arrested.

1400 Euclid Ave., 2/21, 1:40 am, driving while license revoked, ran red light, cocaine in car.

1400 Euclid Ave., 2/21, 6:30 am, suspect trespassing and threatened property owner, argument over rent.

Euclid and Candler St., 2/23, 5:43 pm, suspect hit victim in face and took items, argument over signs.

1200 Euclid Ave., 3/2, 9:00 pm, men involved in a fight, injuries, two suspects charged with fighting.

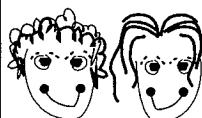
Oakdale Rd. & North Ave., 3/3, 4:20 am, person ran from police on foot, police caught him - police couldn't understand why he ran.

500 Oakdale Rd., 2/26, 1:45 pm, coin machine change unit damaged.

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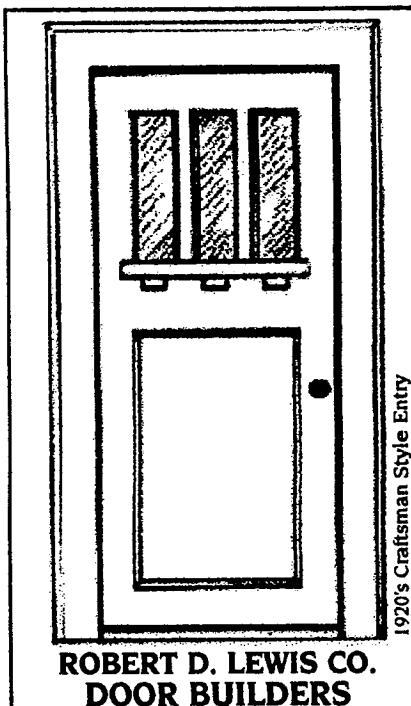
VARIANCE REQUESTS

Discussion and voting on the following issues will be held at the April CPNO meeting.

OAKDALE/MCLENDON - Kelly Jordan, owner of property located near the northwest corner of Oakdale Road and McLendon Avenue, seeks a rezoning of multiple parcels from existing single-family or multi-family residential zoning classifications (R-4, R-5 or similar) to a proposed combined zoning of PDH (Planned Development Housing). See separate article in this issue in regard to this project.

630 OAKDALE ROAD - Worth Lee Sides and James Daryl Atkins, owners of an existing single-family residence at 630 Oakdale Road (a triangular lot at the intersection with Euclid Avenue), currently zoned R-3, seek a variance for construction of a 2.5-foot retaining wall (replacing an existing 4-foot brick-and-concrete retaining wall) and construction of a 6-foot vinyl fence along the southerly portion of the Euclid Avenue frontage of the property (half-depth side-yard opposite the one-story residential structure).

1287 MCLENDON AVENUE - Adam Maloney (for Quinnco Companies LLC), owner of property at 1287 McLendon Avenue (currently zoned R-4), seeks approval of a variance to reduce the required 17.5-foot half-depth front yard along Candler Street to the 8-foot depth of an existing single-family residential structure, due to the proposed enclosure of a porch. The applicant has stated that the proposed improvements will not alter the existing structure's roofline or "footprint", except that an outdoor deck of equal 8-foot depth variance is also proposed, adjacent to the proposed porch enclosure.



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