

The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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August 2001

MEETINGS*EVENTS

CPNO MEETING AUG 13 @7 PM

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AUGUST MEETING AGENDA

- Officer Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the September meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is August 24, 2001.

EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2001

Monday, August 13 * 7 PM

CPNO General Meeting

Monday, August 20 * 7 PM

CPNO Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 23

NPU-N Meeting

August 9-12

Southface Homebuilding School

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FALL 2001

October 13-14, 2001

Candler Park FallFest

SURVEY RESULTS

*See the results of the
Traffic Calming Survey
on page 3*

Traffic Calming/Transportation Effort Continues

First, thanks to all the folks who took the time to fill out traffic-calming surveys. We have received 97 surveys to date, and the results are summarized below. I have provided this information to our Atlanta City Council Member, Cathy Woolard, and to the Atlanta Traffic and Transportation Department.

Unfortunately, the City has not been very responsive to our concerns. Traffic and Transportation personnel cite legal restrictions and lack of money as reasons they cannot help us.

McLendon, Oakdale, Clifton, Euclid and North are all designated as "collector" streets, which means that the city will not put speed humps or raised crosswalks on them. In addition, the City will not put 4-way stops at intersections unless the ratio of traffic on the intersecting streets is between one to one and two to three. Only an ordinance passed by the Atlanta City Council can overcome this restriction.

Other forms of traffic calming (pedestrian islands, medians, bulb outs, etc.) require funding which the city says it does not have.

We have learned that Cathy Woolard has already obtained funding to implement traffic-calming, repaving and pedestrian improvements on McLendon Avenue and possibly Clifton Road (These two thoroughfares happened to be the roads survey participants

identified as most in need of traffic calming). DeKalb County Commissioner Gale Walldorff also has indicated that she would be willing to direct county HOST funding toward the effort. While there is money to implement transportation improvements, there currently is no plan outlining what improvements should be made. Traffic engineering firms indicate that a good study would cost around \$40,000. *(continued on page 3)*

*There is money
to implement
improvements,
but no funds to
plan them*

Register To Vote! Use The Mail-In Form Included!

This November we will elect a new mayor, city council president, and city council representative. The direction of the city will be set for many years to come.

One reason we in Candler Park sometimes have a difficult time getting the city and the county to take our interests into account is that we are such a small part of the city and the county. To compensate, we

have to increase our voter turnout so political leaders in both the city and county will hear us loud and clear. With this *Messenger* is a voter registration form. If you are not registered to vote or have moved and not updated your address, all you have to do is fill it out and mail it in. It's that easy! Make your voice be heard. Register to vote today! —Greg Smith

The Messenger

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Let's Hear It For Pedestrian-Friendly Sidewalks!

Lots of us can improve our sidewalks by simply investing energy and good will. Walkability depends not only on the condition of the concrete, but on keeping walks clear and passable. Why not take a walking tour of your own sidewalk?

Here is a checklist of removable sidewalk hazards and obstructions:

- **Herbie time:** Can you shorten the time your Herbie sits on your sidewalk before and/or after being emptied? Your recycling bin?

- **Low hanging tree branches:** Are there limbs or leaves hanging down over your sidewalk? Do they require pedestrians to walk single file to avoid hitting their heads? You may not be aware that overhead obstacles are a serious danger for folks who are visually impaired. How

low do your overhead branches get when waterlogged after a big rain?

- **Sidewalk vegetation:** Is there vegetation growing over the surface of your walk, making it narrow and lumpy? Are there bushes or other plants on your lawn which are leaning into the path of pedestrians?

- **Leaves:** These are a problem almost year-round on some Candler Park streets. Wet leaves make walking slippery. Wet or dry, they obscure uneven pavement.

Good Sidewalk News

Recently, City employees have cleaned vegetation and leaves off the sidewalks around Mary Lin School on North Ave. and Candler Park Drive. Makes for some good walking and smooth rolling!

—Fred Rossini

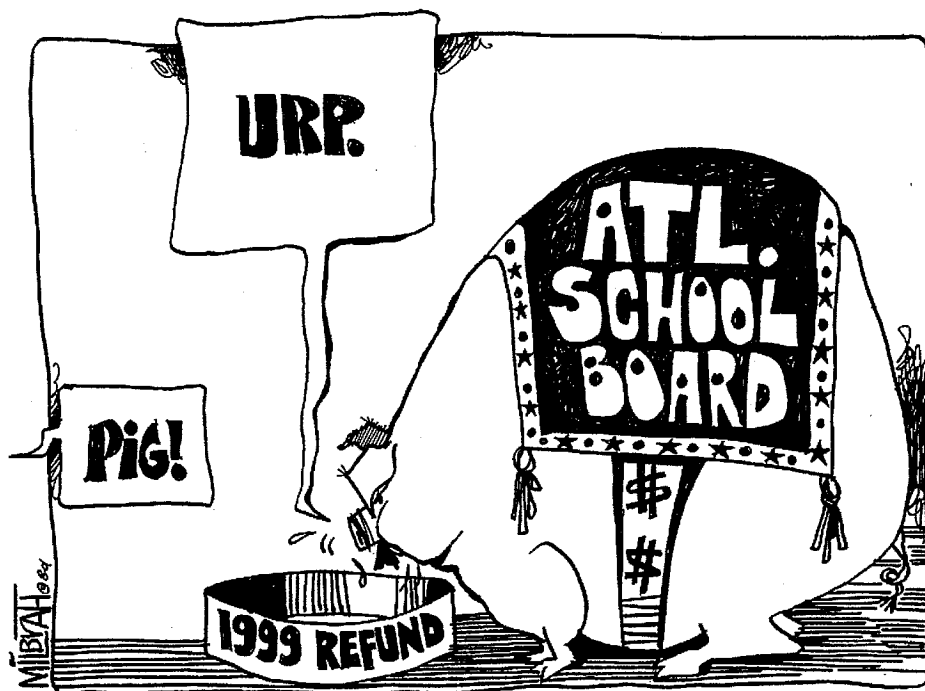
Charis Circle Yard Sale At Epworth A BIG Success!

The first annual Charis Circle Yard Sale held on July 14 was a huge success. The proceeds amounted to over \$3,500 (including the sale of a donated speed boat!). The money raised will help fund the educational and cultural programs of Charis Circle in Little Five Points.

We would like to thank the neighborhood for supporting its efforts and this event. A special thank you goes to Epworth Church and Pastor Guy Kent who donated the church basement for our use during the sale.

—Rita Weubbelier

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath

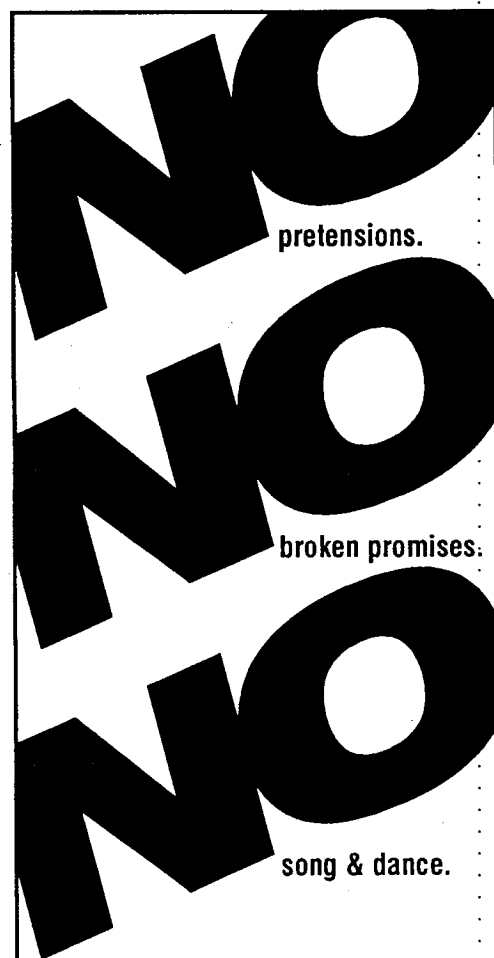


Candler Park Pool (cont'd.)

sponsors and perhaps a grant from CPNO. Although there are many other worthy groups in need of money, what better investment can you make than in your neighborhood pool?

We also need more volunteers. There are only a handful of us involved and our resources are limited. We need to form some committees, get fresh ideas and spread the workload out a little bit.

Our next meeting will be at the pool on Wednesday, August 15th at 8:30pm. We are planning a Labor Day bash, so come on out and give us a hand!
—Leslie Lowe



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Candler Park Pool Update: Summer's Going Swimmingly!

Have you been to the pool this year? It's great! The pool and deck are cleaner than ever, we have some great guards and we have had less down time (i.e. bodily fluid contaminations) than any time since we started neighborhood management.

The pool did have a rocky start due to the late opening caused by behind-schedule city repairs. On the plus side, I haven't seen water running down the parking lot this year, so it looks like the repairs did some good.

We also don't have a signed contract back from the city yet. The City Council overwhelmingly approved renewing the contract, but just barely passed removing an

amendment to limit subscriber hours to 6:30-8:30 pm. This loss of 1 ½ hours a day would have killed us financially. Fortunately, with Cathy Woolard's help I spoke to Mable Thomas (who introduced the amendment) and explained our position. She agreed to lobby the Council on our behalf to remove it. It was close, but it worked!

Our battle with the city is over for now, but unfortunately it diverted a lot of energy that would have otherwise been spent on membership drives and fundraising. Which brings me to my next point: WE NEED HELP! Our income is down this year and we need more memberships, donations, business

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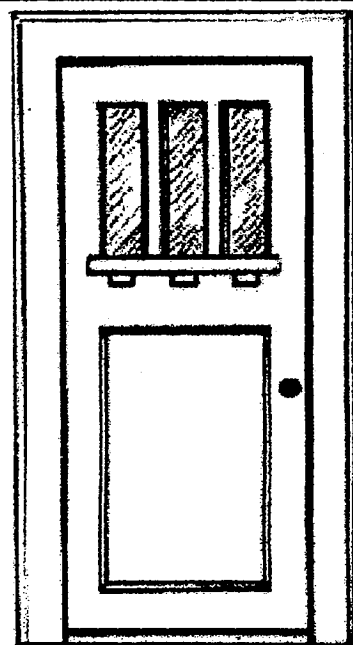
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Traffic Calming/Transportation Effort Continues (cont'd. from front page)

For this reason, CPNO has approached State Rep. Stephanie Stuckey and asked that she support our efforts to obtain funding for developing a traffic and transportation plan. Stephanie responded by submitting a \$25,000 grant request to Governor Barnes. CPNO, the Lake Claire Neighbors, State Senator Mike Polak and Cathy Woolard have written letters supporting Stephanie's grant request. Governor Barnes will announce which grants are funded in August.

In addition to Stephanie's grant request, we are searching other possible sources of

funding for the traffic and transportation plan. I have approached the businesses and property owners at the Clifton and McLendon Commercial district regarding their possibly contributing to the effort. Don Bender and Eric Dusenbury have been helpful in providing guidance and contacting business owners in Little Five Points regarding possible support for the project. In addition, CPNO and the Lake Claire Neighbors will consider contributing funding for the study.

I would like to form a traffic and transportation committee to further pursue

this effort. Responsibilities will include helping with fund raising and coordinating the creation of a comprehensive traffic and transportation plan. We will work with Lake Claire, the Candler Park Walkability Committee, local businesses and a transportation engineering firm. The committee would likely meet once every month or two for an hour or two. Anyone interested in participating in this effort should call me at 4-373-0428, or e-mail me at george.Dusenbury@mail.house.gov.

—George Dusenbury

Candler Park Traffic Calming: Results Of A Survey Of Residents

	People Speed...					Traffic Calming Devices Supported...									
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Brooks Ave.			2		3	1		2	2	1	3	2	2		1
Callan Circle	1														
Candler Street	1	1	2					2		2		1			
Candler Park Dr.			2	2	1	2	1	2		1	3	3	3	2	3
Clifton Road		1	3	10	16	11	6	5	17	9	17	10	7	23	6
Clifton Terrace			1		1				1	1				1	
DeKalb Avenue					1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
Druid Place			1					1				1	1	1	
Elmira				1				1	1	1	1				
Euclid					3	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	1
Euclid Terrace				1	1						2				
Ferguson				2.5	0.5					1	2	1	1	3	
Hillcrest	1														
Iverson	1			1	1		1		1	2	1	2	2	2	1
Josephine	1														
Mansfield			1	1		1	1	1		1	2	1	1	2	1
McLendon			1	3	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	7	4	2	5
Mell				2	1	1				1	2	1	1	2	1
North					2			1	1		2			1	
Oakdale	1	2	2	7		2	1	2	7	4	7	4	2	7	2
Page	2				1			1		1	2	1	2		2
Sterling	1			1	1				1		2				
Terrace			1	2		1		1	3	1	1			1	1
Neighborhood (98)	6	23	40	29		36	33	42	55	57	58	48	42	68	39

SPEED: A – Almost Never, B – Sometimes, C – Frequently, D – More often than not, E – Almost Always

TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES: A – Road narrowing, B – Median, C – Elevated crosswalk, D – Lower speed limit, E – Bike lanes, F – Speed humps, G – Bulb outs, H – Chicanes, I – 4-Way stop, J – Bottlenecks

Key Problem Sites Identified:

McLendon	52
Clifton	40
Oakdale	24
Euclid	21
Candler Park Drive	12
Candler Park & McLendon	10
North Ave	7
DeKalb Ave	6
Iverson	4
Moreland	4
Page	4
Mell, Crosswalks, Euclid&Oakdale, Ferguson&Iverson, Euclid Terrace	2 each
Moreland & Bike Path, Oakdale & McLendon, Clifton & Ponce, Clifton Terrace, Elmira, Benning & Oakdale, Brooks	1 each

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CRIME REPORT

Crimes reported June 21-July 12 in Zone 6 police records.

1600 block McLendon Av.

6/21, 9:55 am, window broken in auto.

1300 block North Av.,

6/20, auto broken into; items stolen.

1500 block McLendon Av.

6/20, 5:00 pm, vehicle stolen.

400 block Candler Park Dr.

6/22-6/23, vehicle stolen.

1400 block Inversion St.

6/29-7/1, window broken in auto.

1200 block Druid Pl.

7/2-7/3, items stolen from auto.

300 block Oakdale Rd.

7/3, 11:30 pm, assault; personal dispute.

500 block Goldsboro Rd.

7/3-7/4, residential burglary; forced entry; bike stolen.

1200 block Mansfield Av.

7/6, 11:00 pm, Aggressive dog reported.

400 block Moreland Av.

7/7, 8:15 pm, bike stolen; was not locked.

1400 block Iverson St., 7/9-7/10, window broken in auto.

1600 block McLendon Av.

7/11, residential burglary; forced entry; many items stolen.

1500 block McLendon Av.

7/8-7/11, burglary; cash stolen.

400 block Moreland Av.

7/11, 12:10 am, business window broken.

1300 block Euclid Av.

7/12, auto broken into; items stolen.

400 block Candler Park Dr.

7/12, auto broken into; attempted theft.

1400 block Miller Av.

7/11-7/12, vehicle stolen.

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