

The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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September 2002

MEETINGS * EVENTS

CPNO MEETING SEP 9 @ 7 PM

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING AGENDA

- Officer Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the October meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is Sept. 18, 2002.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2002

Monday, September 9 * 7 PM
CPNO General Meeting

OCTOBER 2002

Saturday, October 12
Candler Park 5K Road Race*

Saturday, October 12
Candler Park Tour of Homes

Saturday/Sunday, October 12-13
Candler Park FallFest

*or maybe not... see story on page 2

Ready For Fun? Candler Park FallFest Is Shaping Up!

The Candler Park FallFest is back and bigger than ever. The two-day festival will feature live entertainment, an artists market, a kid's area featuring rides and amusement, a professional and business area, and a food court.

The festival will be located inside Candler Park and will run from October 12 through the 13. The hours will be Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

This year's music venue will be even better than last. We're relocating the stage area closer to the pool, creating a natural amphitheater space, and creating a picnic area to let everyone enjoy the music as they dine. As for the music itself, FallFest will once again feature an eclectic mix of musical talent,

including a wide range of acts from the wide-ranging musical roster of Amy Ray's Daemon Records label. No matter what your taste in music, we think you'll find something you love at FallFest! The final lineup is still being arranged. When available, it will be posted on the FallFest website (www.cpfallfest.org), along with biographies and photos of the performers.

This year's Artists Market will feature approximately 90 artists, presenting creations ranging from jewelry and crafts to ceramics, photography, and fine art. If you love to browse for art, FallFest will have something for you across a wide range of price ranges!

Our FallFest Kid's area will once again feature bouncing rides, pony rides, games and activities for children of all ages. Once again, part of the proceeds from this area will be donated to benefit the Mary Lin PTA, so come on out and support the school!

The 2002 FallFest professional neighborhood will feature a wide-ranging mix of businesses and organizations. From political

candidates to hot fudge confectioners, there will be something to satisfy the interests of all who attend.

And let's not forget the food! Our food court will feature local vendors, with delights ranging from burritos to funnel cakes... there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Stop by and have a bite for lunch or an early dinner!

A festival in October also guarantees one thing: Oktoberfest equals beer! At the bottom of the park's parking lot, the Sweetwater Beer Garden will feature the delightful ales of Atlanta's Sweetwater Brewery.

There are still booth spaces available for artists and businesses. If you would like to find out more, or get an application, you'll find everything you need to know on our website at www.cpfallfest.org.

And yes — you guessed it... we need volunteers! To volunteer yourself, your spouse, or a group of your friends, please call Bert Bellinson at 404-522-8951, or email bert@tangentindustries.com immediately!

—Bert Bellinson

*FallFest will be
better than ever,
with lots of new
artists, vendors,
and performers!*

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On Your Mark... Get Set.... NO? Candler Park 5K Run Iffy

You've heard of the Candler Park 5K run... maybe even participated. But did you know we may not be able to have it at all this year?

It's true. And the reason is abominable. It's because we don't have anyone who has volunteered to work on it. Yep — even now, when we have so many folks talking about how important it is to work together as neighbors to make our little intown

hometown a better place to live — nobody wants to step up and help with the race. And it's not that tough a job!

So, consider this a call to action. If we don't have somebody step forward by the neighborhood meeting on September 9, we're going to have to cancel it. So if you'd like to see the 5K happen this year, get together with a bunch of your friends and volunteer — email bert@tangentindustries.com!

CPNO Elections In November

Nominations are now being taken for CPNO officers for 2003. Elections will be held at the November CPNO meeting; those elected will hold office from January to December 2003. If you are interested in running or nominating someone for office, please contact VP Public Safety Gregg Reinhardt (*see sidebar at left*).

Nominations will also be taken from the floor in September and October. The offices are: President, First Vice President, and VPs of: Zoning, Finance/Treasurer, Communications/Secretary, Public Safety, Environmental, and Special Projects.

Epworth Church: A 9/11 Service Of Remembrance

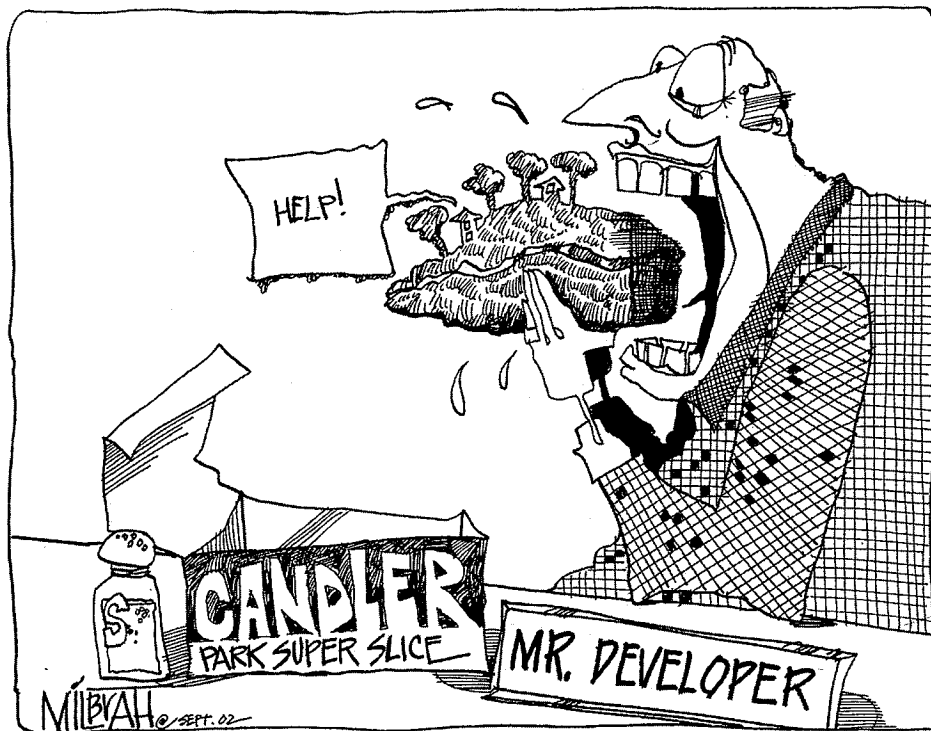
The Epworth Church will host a community-wide Service of Remembrance on Wednesday, September 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

The service will include special music, readings, and prayers of remembrance for those who died in the tragedies of last year and their families.

This ecumenical service is open to everyone. Take a moment to remember your blessings by attending this special service.

—Guy Kent, Epworth Church

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath



Paint A Tile, And Beautify Candler Park Pool!

Here's a great way for you and your kids to have some fun, help out the neighborhood, and maybe even come up with a present for grandma and grandpa. The Candler Park Pool Association (CPPA) will sponsor a booth at this year's FallFest (Oct. 12-13) where you will be able to design and paint your own 6" x 6" ceramic tile. The kids in the neighborhood and the kids inside of each of us will be able to express themselves in colorful ways – and will have the chance to have their art on display before the entire neighborhood.

You will have your choice of taking your tiles home (they would make great presents for grandparents – or that favorite aunt or uncle) or having your tiles be part of a mural mosaic on the pool bathhouse. If you choose to keep your tiles, you will be able to pick them up at Donna Van Gogh's after they have been fired in the kiln. Otherwise, CPPA will use your tiles to compose a colorful mosaic to help beautify the pool and show off the artistic talents of you and your neighbors. The mosaic will be prominently displayed on the bathhouse wall near the deep end of Candler Park Pool.

The tiles will cost \$20 each, with all proceeds going for capital improvements at Candler Park Pool. In addition to renovating the pool bathrooms (thanks again to Mike Polak for making this possible), CPPA is exploring other exciting ways to make the Candler Park Pool the best little pool in Atlanta. Purchasing a tile will help pay for new planters, pool furniture, a shelter, or other great amenities.

So make a tile for the pool mosaic – or Grandma – or both! And help improve our pool, our park, and the Candler Park Community. For more information, contact George Dusenbury (404-373-0428) or Beth Martin at Donna Van Gogh's (404-370-1003).

—George Dusenbury

One Neighbor's Lament: Let's Work Together

It's a shame when neighbors come to question other neighbor's character. That sort of thing unfortunately happens when issues become heated and opinions become entrenched. Motives were questioned of certain people's actions regarding the recent zoning issue, I believe, because of the lack of expression of reasoning for opinions and actions.

Although everyone is not required to express opinion, if an officer takes action as an individual counter to the progress of the organization that officer should give their argument on the issue to the organization. An officer should not express an opinion as an officer to anyone unless that opinion has been adopted by the organization. When an opinion has been adopted by the organization, that opinion should be supported by the organization and its officers in order to give that opinion and the neighborhood validity.

The organization bylaws state explicitly that proxy voting is not allowed. Although a person may cite apprehension to expressing their opinion within the organization's forums that is the only way it should be considered without changing the bylaws. NPU representation should be defined in the bylaws. That definition should state simply that the person appointed to be the NPU-N representative should carry the opinion of the neighborhood to the NPU and sponsor its adoption by the NPU-N as a whole.

Not all rules are good and that has always been the attractive part of our neighborhood – that we always tended to make, bend, break, ignore or enforce them as we saw fit. But, some rules are standards that everyone should try to abide by – civility, respect and honesty. Each of these is interrelated and essential. They each allow the other and allow neighbors to continue as such afterwards. Abiding by these rules would allow meetings to proceed smoothly to an effective outcome. It would allow for someone to be able to speak to conclusion without interruption. It would allow each neighbor's opinion equal weight

and it would allow for collective decisions to be reached with the knowledge that those decisions were reached fairly. The strength of our neighborhood has always been our ability to present an opinion as a whole. Our collective opinion has influenced not only what the neighborhood has become but has influenced many aspects of the City as a whole – and that is a pretty great thing.

—Mark Carson

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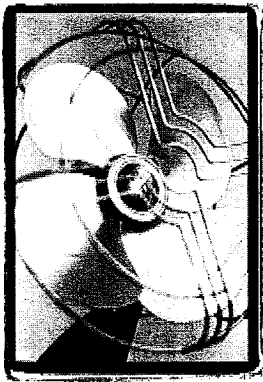
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They got off the school bus the first day of school saying, "I had a good day at school," or "I love my school," or "I have new friends." Thank you for helping the children succeed in school. We appreciate your tremendous generosity.

—Ginger Cashin, Children's Programs
Atl Urban Ministries/Epworth Church

Plant Your Garden In Piedmont Park

The Community Garden at Piedmont Park is opening twenty-five new plots for the Fall season.

If you are interested in applying for a plot, please email Carla Phillips at the Piedmont Park Conservancy, cphillips@piedmontpark.org.

The deadline for applying for a plot is September 30th.

—Piedmont Park Conservancy

Trees Atlanta's Third Annual Tree Sale, October 19

Help clean Atlanta's air... buy a tree at the 3rd Annual Trees Atlanta Tree Sale!

Trees Atlanta will host its third annual Tree Sale on Saturday, October 19, 2002 at the Education Complex in Piedmont Park, from 8 am to 2 pm.

The sale will feature more than one hundred varieties of unusual and hard to find trees, concentrating on varieties native to the South and Georgia.

Featured trees include two-winged silver bell, beech, paw paw, pignut hickory, sassafras, yellowwood and 9 varieties of native oaks. Other varieties available include dogwoods, white oaks, American Hollies, needle palm, American Elm and tulip poplars.

Trees Atlanta has also combed the Southeast to find non-invasive exotics such as china fir, flame, Fantasy Crepe Myrtle,

parrotia, fragrant snowbell and yellow-flowering magnolias. For a complete list of the tree varieties, visit www.treesatlanta.org.

Trees and plants are available at discounted prices and all proceeds will benefit Atlanta neighborhood tree planting projects. Representatives from Trees Atlanta will be available to answer questions about the organization, volunteering, and tree care and placement.

Trees Atlanta is dedicated to protecting and improving our metropolitan environment by planting and conserving trees. Each year, Trees Atlanta volunteers and contractors plant over 2,000 trees.

The Education Center complex in Piedmont Park is located just west of Monroe Drive off of Park Drive. Follow Park Drive into the park and bear right to the Education Center.

—Trees Atlanta



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The Clothing Sale will be held at the Glenn Memorial Youth and Activities Building, located at 1669 North Decatur Road, NE (near Emory). Sale times are Friday, September 20th from 9:30am - 7pm (PLEASE, NO children or babies, even in carriers, before noon!!!) and Saturday, September 21st from 9am - 2pm (Half-Price Day!).

For more information, call 404-634-6494, or visit the website at <http://glennclothingsale.tripod.com>.

Get Ready For L5P Halloween

Here's one more reminder... to get your act in the L5P Halloween parade, act now!

Any individual or group of neighbors is welcome to enter a float or other unit for the parade, which will be held on Saturday, October 26, at 5 pm.

Like the infamous Inman Park Festival parade, this event features the strange, the wacky, and the weird. Whether you'd like to enter a group of skateboarding rugrats or your own personal umbrella brigade, no float entry is too unusual!

At this point, we're still looking for someone or group of someones to step forward and create an official Candler Park neighborhood float. Any takers?

October is right around the corner, so for you folks who want to help Candler Park take home the grand prize, it's time to get a move on.

For more details, or to register for the parade, call 404-378-4306 or visit www.L5PHalloween.com.

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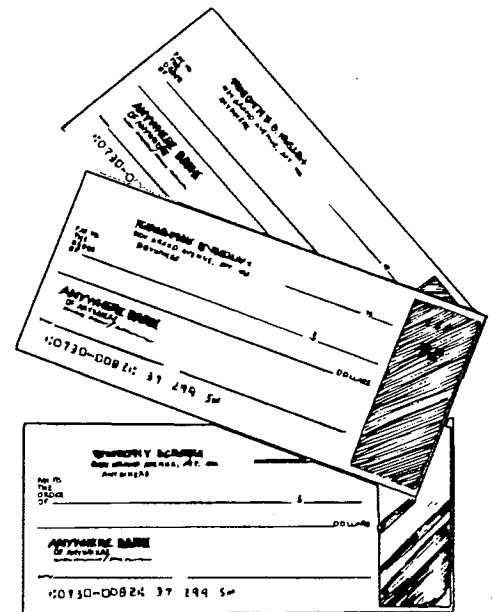
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Neighborhood Kids Still Waiting For Recess: A Mary Lin Playground Update

School is back in, but unfortunately the Mary Lin Playground is not. Atlanta Public Schools (APS) removed the original playground in June, as part of a project to improve drainage on the school site. The equipment has been securely stored. The Mary Lin PTA is working hard on finalizing designs for the new and improved play areas as well as raising the necessary money for the installation.

The Playground Plan

The new playground plans call for two separate areas to allow for safer play with multiple age-groups. These areas will be located along the eastern side of the school's playing field. A series of sidewalks will connect the play areas and act as a barrier for the surfacing material. This no-curb approach will allow for easier handicapped access to the play areas.

The PTA was disappointed to discover this summer that we are not eligible for the Nike Air to Earth grant for recycled rubber surface. This is because APS does not carry liability insurance for playgrounds, nor will they indemnify the playground, both of which are Nike requirements. Instead, the playground will use wood carpet surfacing, which is approved by ADA for handicapped access.

In addition to the upgraded and reconfigured play equipment, the plan calls for the addition of several game-oriented pieces such as tether ball, funnel ball and four square; several pieces from Kompan's new galaxy line (the equipment used in Inman Park's Christine Sibley Playground); and a new four-bay swing set. This new swing set will include a handicapped swing.

Finally, the plan calls for two new walls to help with erosion, to be located along the eastern side of the play areas. The goal is that these walls will become a part of the school's Legend Project, with class mosaics being added yearly.

Working With AYSA

The PTA has entered into a partnership with Atlanta Youth Soccer Association for the irrigation and reseeded of the school's soccer fields. AYSA is providing half the money for the project. The PTA is currently talking with APS about the possibility of the school district joining the partnership and providing a portion of the remaining money.

November 2002 Installation Goal

Fundraising for the playground project has been ongoing since the spring. Approximately \$50,000 has been raised toward the

\$85,000 goal – so we are more than halfway there. Originally we had hoped for an early fall installation date. Unfortunately, the APS drainage project has not been completed yet due to some permitting delays, and we are not at the funding level needed to install. A new installation goal of November 2002 has been set, and we think this is one that can be realistically met.

Fundraising... You Can Help!

BUT... we still need help raising the funds. New grants are being submitted (although the pool of grant money is not what it has been in previous years). Corporate donations from small and larger businesses in the community are being solicited. Finally, we are still looking for individual and family donations – it is not too late to get your brick in the new playground!

If you have any questions, please call or email Karin Dusenbury, 404-522-7130, ericandkarin@msn.com.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with time and money so far – there are many of you! With your help Mary Lin's kids will once again have a great playground!

—Karin Dusenbury

Help us raise \$83,000 to reinstall, upgrade and add to Mary Lin's Playground. APS will remove the existing equipment in June because of drainage issues and they will NOT reinstall it. Donations of any size are joyfully and gratefully accepted. All are tax-deductible and eligible for employer matching programs. (We will send you a receipt for your records.)

MESSAGE BRICK DONATION: As a special thanks for your donations of \$75 (individuals/families) or \$150 (businesses), you may have the message of your choice engraved on a brick that will be incorporated into the playground design. Donations of \$125 (individual/families) are eligible for two bricks. Additional options for business donations are available.

Make checks payable to Mary Lin PTA/Playground and mail to Mary Lin PTA/Playground, 586 Candler Park Dr., Atlanta, GA 30307.

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MARTA Says No To Altering #6 Bus Route In Neighborhood

Candler Park Neighbors—

I regret to inform you that the MARTA Board of Directors has decided not to alter the #6 bus route.

I spoke with John McMath at MARTA who said that, among other things, the board was concerned with children using the bus to get to Mary Lin, and with the handicapped residents of the apartment complexes. I'm sure there were other reasons, but frankly I was too disappointed to discuss the details further.

Like many of you, I thought the loop option was a good compromise for the neighborhood. Given MARTA's decision, I don't know what other route changes would even be worth pursuing.



Non-Profit Resettlement Shop Seeks Donations

The International Rescue Committee is currently in need of household items, clothes, and other items to help stock its Resettlement Shop. The Resettlement Shop is a non-profit facility that allows newly arrived refugees to shop for necessary items for their resettlement.

Each family is provided with vouchers to shop when they arrive. The shop also serves as a training facility, allowing some of our women refugees to gain retail experience.

IRC is in great need of household items (plates, pots, pans, utensils) and toys.

Donations are tax-deductible and may be dropped off at the IRC, 4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 106E, Mon.-Fri., 10 am-1 pm.

If you have questions or would like additional information, call 404.292.4152, or email to Lauren Gold, our resource developer, at lauren@atl.intrescom.org.

We are extremely appreciative of your support!

—Sara Mrljak

There still may be a possibility of getting the somewhat smaller buses that are being used now on the weekends to be used on weekdays. They are quieter and cause less vibration, but in my opinion travel even faster than the large buses. I plan on speaking to the police about ticketing the buses for speeding, as my numerous calls and emails to MARTA customer service do not help at all.

I encourage each of you to voice your opinion regarding this decision to John McMath at jmcmath@itsmarta.com. Please note, John is the Director of Operations and not a board member, hence this was not his decision. He was responsible for getting the smaller buses on the weekend and may be helpful in getting them on the weekdays as well. I think even those who opposed the reroute would see the smaller buses as a benefit.

Thanks to all who supported this effort.

—Charlie Moore

McLendon Traffic Calming Plan Presented

On Wednesday, August 28, the Candler Park Traffic Calming Committee met at Epworth Church to present and discuss its McLendon Traffic Calming Plan to the residents of McLendon Avenue.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain the proposal, answer questions and hopefully obtain approval to implement the plan.

The plan was formed with the assistance of a traffic engineering firm (URS), city council representatives Cathy Woolard and Anne Fauver, and city personnel from the traffic and transportation department. The committee is hopeful that the neighborhood will embrace the plan and that we will be able to implement it in the coming months.

This meeting was held after this issue of The Messenger had gone to press. For details on the results, and for any questions or comments, please contact George Dusenbury at 404-373-0428.

—George Dusenbury

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CRIME REPORT

Reported 7/17-8/15, 2002 in Zone 6 police records.

Crime is still up for the summer – this period there were FOUR stolen cars – but auto related larceny does appear to have decreased due to the arrests in July. The disturbing house burglaries have continued and underscore the need for neighborhood watch groups.

200 block Candler St, 7/2, reported 7/17, storage burglarized, bicycle stolen.

300 block Moreland Ave, 7/20, 10pm, bicycle knocked over & damaged.

300 block Candler St, 7/4, 11pm, stalker, victim felt threatened.

350 Ferguson St, 7/18, 2:30-5am, car stolen from driveway when resident was awake and with lights on; car found completely stripped in MLK area on 7/22.

500 block Sterling Ave, 7/22, 8pm, porch forcibly entered, bicycle stolen.

500 block Candler St, 7/23, 5pm, alarm call, front door unlocked.

200 block Elmira St, 7/23, 4pm, residential burglary, entered through unlocked rear door.

300 block Candler St, 7/24, 5pm, same stalker as 7/4 fired shotgun at victim's bedroom, no one was hurt.

500 block Oakdale Rd, 7/25, residential burglary between 8am – 5pm. Rear door forcibly entered.

1300 block Hooper Ave, 7/25, forced entry into tool shed, items stolen.

Brooks Ave & Dekalb Ave, 7/25, motor vehicle theft.

500 block Goldsboro Rd, 7/25, residential burglary, bicycles stolen.

300 block Candler St, 7/25, residential burglary, house was ransacked, many items stolen, back door may have been unlocked.

North Ave & Moreland Ave, 7/27, 8am, theft from auto.

200 block Josephine St, 7/27, 2pm, residential burglary.

300 block Moreland Ave, 7/28, verbal argument at place of business.

1200 Mansfield Ave, 7/29, 10am, motor vehicle theft.

600 block Clifton Rd, 7/29, new home under construction vandalized.

400 block Oakdale Rd, 7/31, motor vehicle theft.

1300 block North Av, 8/1, 7pm, theft from vehicle.

400 block Page Ave, 8/2, 5pm, suspect pointed pistol at another, suspect apprehended.

300 block Moreland Ave, 8/3, 10pm, male arrested for trespassing.

300 block Mell Ave, 8/3, residential burglary.

Euclid Ave & Moreland Ave, 8/9, motor vehicle theft.

Moreland Ave & Euclid Ave, 8/12, 10pm, damage to vehicle & contents.

1200 block McLendon Ave, 8/13, larceny suspect apprehended after theft from auto.

300 block Mell Ave, 8/15, vehicle break-in, items stolen (2 incidents).

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