

The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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July 2003

MEETINGS*EVENTS

CPNO MEETING JULY 14 @ 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!

JULY MEETING AGENDA:

- Officer Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the August meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is July 18, 2003.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 2003

Monday, July 7 * 7 PM

CPNO Executive Board Meeting
Fellini's on McLendon
Open to all

Monday, Junly 14 * 7 PM

CPNO General Meeting



Board Proposes Change In CPNO Meeting Date

At the June 2003 general meeting, CPNO President Bert Bellinson discussed a suggestion for changing CPNO's general meeting date from the second to the third Monday of each month. As the CPNO zoning representative who assists in scheduling neighborhood land use matters that are referred to NPU-N and city agencies, I encourage residents to support this change.

By moving the CPNO meeting closer to the 4th Thursday cycle on which NPU-N meetings are held, Candler Park applicants will be better able to prepare and advertise their requests within the relatively short 7 to 8 week period before the municipal hearings are docketed. If residents have questions or concerns, please speak to a CPNO board member to learn more or to provide feedback on this proposed change.

I'd also like to recognize and thank Candler Park's alternate NPU-N delegate Randy Pimsler, who kindly and capably

Change would help applicants for variances and other land use issues

communicated CPNO's recommendations during the May NPU-N meeting, despite short notice of my vacation, and Randy's own busy schedule that included a professional appointment just beforehand that same evening. To understand how valuable their experience can be in effecting positive change in our neighborhood, CPNO members need look no further than the ongoing contributions of past leaders like Randy. I join with Bert Bellinson and CPNO's board in asking all our residents and businesses to consider how they can invest in

this community, as have those like Randy for many years. By actively participating in CPNO committees, projects or initiatives that help build on this tradition of volunteerism, we'll each find ways to better protect values and aesthetics that make this neighborhood special to all of us.

—Walt Weimar

Sign Toppers For Candler Park: Let's Join In

Have you ever admired those little signs that adorn the street signs in Druid Hills, Reynoldstown, and the majority of other Intown neighborhoods? We too could have these "sign toppers" in Candler Park! These signs would help add to the character of our already wonderful neighborhood.

What will it take to get them? Two things: money and enthusiasm. Both are fairly easy: if every household in the

neighborhood were to donate \$2.50, we'd raise the \$3,000 total we need. Checks may be made out to CPNO, with the phrase "sign toppers" on the memo line. Any amount will be welcomed. You can donate at a CPNO meeting, or mail to PO Box 5418, Atlanta, GA 31107.

If you are interested in rallying your block to contribute, please contact Robert Newman at 4/222-0306.

The Messenger

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DeKalb Corridor Study Update

Lake Claire and Candler Park representatives met on June 11th to kick off a renewed effort to study potential redevelopment along the DeKalb Avenue corridor, which forms the southern boundary of both neighborhoods.

Additional input will also be solicited from adjoining neighborhoods such as Inman Park, and from other members of NPU-N.

Considerations include adaptive re-use of existing structures and the costs/benefits of certain types of rezoning or development restrictions that best reflect the unique mix of residential, commercial or industrial uses appropriate to historic intown neighborhoods.

Participation is voluntary and interested individuals should contact Walt Weimar, Randy Pimsler, Victoria Guisinger, Mark Carson or Greg Luetscher to learn more about upcoming activities in this initiative.

Next Candler Park Cleanup August 2nd

Thanks to the help of about 2 dozen Candler Park residents, the May 31 Cleanup was a great success!

Many bags of trash were gathered, ground cover was planted on the hillside below the tennis court, weeds were pulled from walkways and the parking lot, and crush and run was placed above the stone wall in the playground.

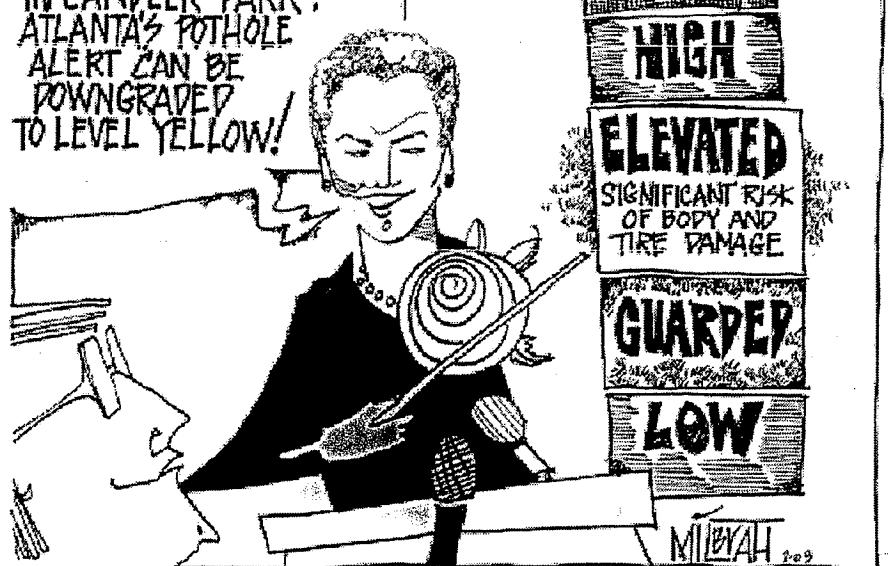
During the event, several residents suggested that we make this a more regular event. Therefore, we will be attempting to schedule these cleanups every other month.

The next Cleanup will be Saturday, August 2 from 9 am to 12 noon. In addition to general cleanup, other activities may include mulching and attempting to eradicate poison ivy in some of the wooded areas of the park.

We will meet in the parking lot by the playground. Refreshments and garbage bags will again be provided. For more information, contact Robert Newman at 4/222-0306.

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath

WITH THE RECENT LONG AWAITED STREET PAVING IN CANDLER PARK, ATLANTA'S POTHOLE ALERT CAN BE DOWNGRADED TO LEVEL YELLOW!



Identity Theft Part 2: Reduce Your Risk By Opting Out Of Mail And Phone Lists

In last month's *Messenger*, I wrote an article about identity theft and how thieves carry out this crime. At our most recent neighborhood meeting on June 9, Lt. Zunno from the Atlanta Police Department stated that identity theft is a widespread problem nationally. More than one person in the neighborhood reported that their mail has been tampered with or stolen. So what can you do to deter this growing crime?

As with much crime control, many prevention techniques are low-tech and common sense.

- Protect your mail. Don't mail letters, especially bill payments, from home. Deliver them from a USPS mailbox.
- Have a neighbor pick up your mail if you're going to be out of town. Or call the USPS at 1-800-275-8777 to request a vacation hold.
- Think about acquiring a locking mailbox. A quick search on the Internet found attractive locking mailboxes for under \$100.
- Pay attention to billing cycles and be aware if a bill is missing or late.
- Don't give your credit card number or other personal information to anyone but a reputable business. Never give your card number to someone who initiates a call to your house no matter how convincing they sound or how much they seem to know about you.
- Be careful about what you put in your garbage. Be particularly careful about throwing out bills or pre-approved credit offers. Even if you're not responsible for paying fraudulent charges, it can ruin your credit report. Get a paper shredder and destroy old bills and junk mail.

Ultimately, most all of us have to share personal information about ourselves with employers, vendors, and other institutions. There are several things you can do to minimize your exposure to identity thieves.

- Put passwords on your credit cards, bank, and phone accounts. Many credit card companies will also put your photo on

your credit card for free. It's very easy to do and can be completed on-line over the Internet. You can provide a digital photo on-line or go in to have your picture taken.

- Before you reveal personally identifying information, find out how it will be used and whether it will be shared with others. Ask if you have a choice about the use of your information. Ask if you can choose to have it kept confidential.
- Don't give out your social security number unless it's necessary. You don't have to provide your SSN to a business just because they ask for it. Ask if there are alternative pieces of identification that you can provide.

Here are some tips to reduce the possibility of your spreading your personal information via legitimate business means. As an added bonus, some of these hints could also reduce the amount of junk mail you receive.

- To opt out of receiving pre-screened credit card offers, call 1-888-5-OPTOUT (567-8688).
- One of the 3 major credit bureaus, Experion, allows consumers to have their name removed from lists that are used for marketing and promotions. The number to remove your name from Experion's marketing lists is 1-800-407-1088.
- To remove your name from many national direct mail lists write to: DMA Mail Preference Service, Preference Service Manager, 1120 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036-6700.
- To remove your e-mail address from many national direct e-mail lists, visit www.emps.org.
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- For more information, visit www.the-dma.org.

Next month, look for an article about what to do if you're the victim of identity theft.

Join The Candler Park Pool!

Pick up an application at the pool, or download it from www.candlerpark.org.

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2005 NPU-N CDP Steering Committee Formed

While you may not be familiar with the Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), its rules can make a big difference to our neighborhood.

Candler Park, Lake Claire and Reynoldstown representatives to NPU-N have agreed to serve to formulate more consistent guidelines for the 2005 City of Atlanta CDP. This plan will be adopted in early 2004 and implemented the following year.

Since the City of Atlanta will then shift to a five-year cycle for updating the CDP, this will be Candler Park's last and best opportunity to provide local input to long-range neighborhood planning and civic improvement priorities and budgets until 2009.

Please contact Walt Weimar if you would like more information on these efforts.

Emory Research Study Seeks Candler Park Participants

Jenny Higgins, an Emory doctoral student and former Candler Park resident, is leading a research project on contraceptive use and sexuality. The main goal of the project is to explore how women's and men's contraceptive use (or *lack* of contraceptive use, as it were) is influenced by certain factors, including sexuality and relationships.

The researcher is recruiting local women and men to interview as part of the study. Eligible participants must be 18 years of age or older and must live in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Each interviewee who agrees to participate will be interviewed privately 1-3 times over the course of a few weeks (for a total of 2-4 hours) and will be paid \$40 at the conclusion of the interviews for their time and efforts. All

information will be kept strictly confidential. Data from these interviews will be used to design better family planning programs for women and men.

Candler Park is one of the Atlanta communities from which Jenny hopes to recruit interview participants. The study sample would be greatly enriched by the inclusion of several CP residents.

If you have any interest in or questions about the study, please contact Jenny via email jhiggin@emory.edu or phone 404-273-5921. Feel free to distribute this information to others who may be interested. Thanks for your time.

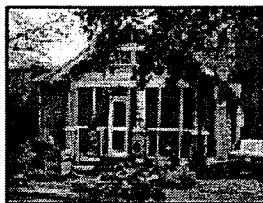
*—Jenny Higgins, Institute for Women's Studies & Dept. of International Health
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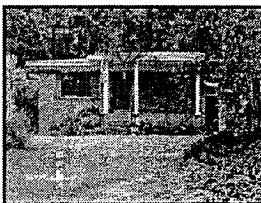
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Epworth Church Invites Children 3 And Older To VBS

The Epworth Church at Candler Park hosts Vacation Bible School, "Lighthouse Kids: Shining God's Light" for children 3 and older!

Held at The Epworth Church at Candler Park from July 14th through July 18th, Vacation Bible School will explore God's light through Bible and mission stories, fun crafts, recreation, music and much more.

Children will discover God's light in the most amazing ways. Each day will be filled with fun, time with others, light learning experiments and new songs.

Lighthouse Kids will be held each night July 14th through July 17th. Dinner will be served each night at 6:00 pm followed by bible school from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The week will conclude on Friday, July 18th at 6:00 pm with a closing celebration "Family Night" pizza and ice-cream party where the children will receive certificates, perform songs and enjoy pizza and ice-cream with their families. All activities including dinner each night are free!!

Come and discover God's light. For more information or to register, please call the church office at 404-525-4746. Online registration is available at www.epworthchurch.us. The Epworth Church at Candler Park is located at 1561 McLendon Avenue.



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CRIME REPORT

Reported 5/16-6/17, 2003, Zone 6 police records.

1200 block Euclid Ave, 5/18, basement broken into.

1400 block Miller Ave, 5/20, 1a, vehicle broken into, construction tools stolen.

1300 block Benning Pl, 5/21, Items stolen from apartment.

Moreland Ave & Euclid Ave, 5/24, 12a, victim's purse stolen.

200 block Candler St, 5/26, 3p, attempted break-in, damage to crawl space door.

300 block Moreland Ave, 5/27, 10p, damage to vehicle, aggravated assault with vehicle.

1500 block McLendon Ave, 5/27, 2p, bicycle stolen.

1500 block McLendon Ave, 5/29, 1p, two bicycles stolen, one was recovered.

300 block Clifton Rd, 6/2, 3p, item stolen, later recovered.

1300 block Euclid Ave, 6/3, vehicle broken into, bicycle stolen.

500 block Goldsboro Rd, 6/4, 7p, vehicle broken into, stereo system stolen.

400 block Clifton Rd, 6/6, vehicle broken into, tools stolen.

400 block Callan Cr, 6/6, 2a, residential burglary, suspect apprehended.

1400 block Dekalb Ave, 6/8, 3a, pedestrian robbery.

1400 block Euclid Ave, 6/11, vehicle stolen.

1300 block Hooper Ave, 6/11, vehicle broken into, stereo system stolen.

Euclid Ave & Euclid Tr, 6/12, theft from auto.

1200 block Euclid Ave, 6/12, theft from auto.

500 block Goldsboro Rd, 6/12, theft from auto.

1100 block Euclid Ave, 6/13, 10p, theft from auto.

400 block Moreland Ave, 6/15, 3p, residential burglary.

300 block Josephine St, 6/15, theft from auto.

300 block Moreland Ave, 6/16, 4p, larceny.

400 block Moreland Ave, 6/17, 1a, aggravated assault.

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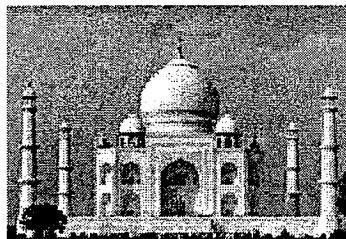
LAND USE ISSUES

The following land use issues are scheduled to be heard and voted on at the July CPNO meeting. Deadline for land use issues to be voted on at the August CPNO meeting must be submitted prior to July 18.

1387 AND 1391 IVERSON STREET – Rick Blanchard, principal of Watershed Development LLC, owner of property at 1387 and 1391 Iverson Street, each currently zoned R-5, has requested variances for each property to allow construction of a new 2-story wood-frame single-family residence on each lot. As to both lots, applicant seeks to reduce the front yard along Iverson Street from 30 feet (required) to 25 feet (proposed), and as to 1391 Iverson, to reduce the half-depth front-yard along Oakdale Road from 15 feet (required) to 11' 3" feet (proposed). Applicant also seeks special exception for a common driveway for access to both lots. Applicant has advised an existing single-family residential structure at 1391 Iverson will be demolished. This matter will be heard by Neighborhood Planning Unit "N" at 7PM Thursday July 24th at Epsilon United Methodist Church, and by Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment on or after August 8th, 2003 in Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta.

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