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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CPNO Meeting: June 19 @ 7PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization meetings are open to all. We meet the third Monday of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Ave. in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the Mell Ave. entrance.

June Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming Remarks
- Approval of the Agenda
- Vote on May Minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Vote on NPU-N Bylaws
- Vote on Zoning Committee Bylaws Amendment (see May Messenger)
- Vote on Freedom Park Conservancy Contribution
- Vote on 613 Terrace Variance
- New Business
- Announcements
- Open Forum

To Submit an Agenda Item for the July meeting contact any CPNO officer. The deadline for submitting an Agenda item is June 26, 2006.

JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 6 @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church, 3rd Floor Open to all

Monday, June 12, 2006 @ 7 pm

CPNO Board of Directors Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church, Open to all

Monday, June 19, 2006 @ 7pm

CPNO Regular Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 22, 2006 @ 7pm

NPU-N Meeting
L5P Community Center
Corner of Euclid & Austin Ave.

City to CPNO – Amend Your Bylaws !

Steve Cover, the Commissioner of the Dept of Planning and Community Development, notified all NPU Chairs May 2 that the City of Atlanta's Law Department had ruled: "**The City Code does not allow an NPU or constituent organizations to restrict a resident's ability to vote on matters concerning his/her NPU by requiring payment of a membership fee in order to exercise the right to vote.** Any NPU or any constituent organization that exercises representative voting on behalf of residents is precluded from requiring residents to pay fees in order to cast a vote."

Because NPU-N has a representative structure and only a single agent from each constituent organization is empowered to vote, the NPU-N Chair has instructed NPU-N's constituent organizations to review and revise their bylaws in order to comply with these instructions. The current bylaws of the CPNO do not comply.

While some debate whether the City Code truly addresses this issue, the intent of the legislation that established the NPU system is clear: to promote citizen participation in neighborhood planning by creating a formal structure for residents to provide input.

What does this mean for CPNO? First and foremost, it means that the neighborhood organization's bylaws must be amended for 2007 or NPU-N's authority to make recommendations on planning issues will likely be jeopardized. The Board expects to have draft

revisions to the bylaws ready by the August CPNO meeting, and members will be notified in advance of the proposed changes and of the date of the vote.

How will this affect CPNO voting procedures? That depends ultimately on how the organization's membership decides to amend the bylaws. Importantly, the City of Atlanta's Law Department ruling is specifically limited to matters concerning the NPU. That means, for example, that the ruling does **not** prevent CPNO from allowing only dues-paying members to vote on non-NPU matters (such as deciding how CPNO funds will be spent or electing officers other than the NPU Representative). The ruling also does not forbid CPNO from charging dues to be a member of the neighborhood organization, provided membership is not a requirement for voting on NPU matters.

Until the bylaws are revised, it seems appropriate to allow all Candler Park residents to vote in situations where our NPU representative is being instructed to take a position to NPU-N (such as rezonings and variances). This change should be easy to implement since the CPNO adopted a special rule of order in February, 2006 authorizing nonmembers who are otherwise eligible for membership in the neighborhood organization to make motions, speak in debate, and vote in meetings of the "committee of the whole."

Alonzo Church III and Amy Stout

The Messenger

The Messenger is published monthly by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Deadline for articles is the 26th of the preceding month. Submit articles to: cpmessenger@candlerpark.org

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Golf Course under New Management

American Golf Corporation has signed a management contract with the city of Atlanta to take over Candler Park Golf Course effective June 1, 2006. The new management is planning the renovation of the inside of the clubhouse (including new floors, new service counter, snack bar, and overall face lift) and renovation of the golf course fairways. Also coming is the installation of a brand new irrigation system and golf carts.

Bulbout Gardens Workday June 24th

CPNO recently approved funds for installation of professionally-designed landscape materials for the bulbout gardens along McLendon Avenue at the Josephine, Oakdale and Brooks intersections. Join a group of talented and committed volunteers on June 24th as we continue to beautify these highly visible planting areas. For more information please contact June Deen at june@alaga.org.

FallFest Volunteers Needed

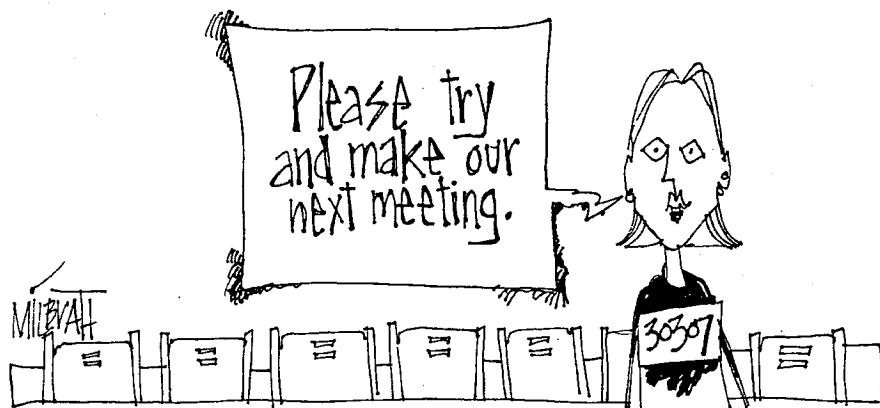
CPNO will present FallFest 2006 on October 14th and 15th. Special Events VP and newly-appointed FallFest committee chair Mark Clement is pulling together the key volunteers needed to help manage this signature event. Please help. For more info, e-mail 688mark@bellsouth.net or call 404-808-3635.

BeltLine Planning Documents Available

The Atlanta Development Authority is currently drafting the BeltLine Work Plan, a "budget plan for the first five years of the 25-year project." The first draft of the Work Plan is available for download at www.atlantada.com. In related news, Wayne Mason's NE Atlanta BeltLine group released their 111-page traffic study (available at www.neatlantabeltline.com/drireview.htm). This study is required by state law and will be reviewed by state and regional agencies.

— Amy Stout

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Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries Returning to Lake Claire – Thank You Candler Park!

It was simply hardship compounding hardship when fire gutted the principal office and group residential space of Clifton Sanctuaries Ministries in Lake Claire, 9 months ago. This program had existed in our adjoining neighborhood for nearly 25 years, with the endorsement of the Lake Claire neighborhood organization, going nearly unnoticed by those of us living west of Clifton Road. This faith-based program is an extension of the Presbyterian Church and utilized the building and land still owned by the denomination. However, fate stepped in late last summer in the form of a devastating fire to provide Candler Park an opportunity to show how open our arms can be.

The program at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries lives on today and continues to strictly be one of assisted housing and live-work. The thirty men rotate into the program after specific referral by other agencies (especially the VA) and careful screening prior to enrollment. These men are a sector of our working class, each one having employment during the day and returning to the program in the evening for their meal and housing. They all have ambition of finding a solution to their difficult situation and move onto more permanent housing arrangements and full-time work within a matter of a few months. Make no mistake – this is NOT a homeless shelter; and while the in-town communities certainly have a homeless problem, this is definitely one of the solutions.

The fire last summer that destroyed their building brought the Clifton Sanctuary Ministries program to find temporary quarters at Epworth United Methodist Church across from Candler Park. This was no means an ideal temporary solution, but Epworth believed that the compassion for these men and the program would provide the means to accommodate their hardship. Epworth hardly had the physical

space to take in the program, and could not undertake renovations for showers, laundry, and kitchen needs. Furthermore, at the time Epworth was providing space for a vibrant after-school program whose needs were also a matter of great concern. Although arrangements to accommodate both programs were in the works, Epworth took in the men's program and the director of the after-school program decided to halt operations. With every difficult decision comes an equally difficult consequence.


The presence of the men at Epworth has enriched the church life and the diversity of the surrounding neighborhood. The men regularly join in Sunday church service and several have joined the church. An additional Wednesday night Bible Study was initiated to offer a venue for the insights of men who are fresh from counseling (in touch with themselves and their spirituality), full of life experience, and well-versed in current events. The church has also benefited from the talents of skilled workers, painters, chefs, and singers. No instances of crime in or around the church have occurred due to the presence of this program; in fact, participants have protected the church from break-ins, vandalism, and trespassing on several occasions.

This story has a happy ending. The Presbyterian Church has decided to maintain the original Lake Claire location as the headquarters for the Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. The building is undergoing repair and renovation and it is now anticipated that the program and the men will return to more comfortable arrangements by mid-summer. While their presence will be missed, the friendships and relationships between this program and our neighborhood will persist. As good neighbors, Candler Park has again reached deep to provide and accommodate those in need – that's what makes Candler Park great!

- Sal Butera

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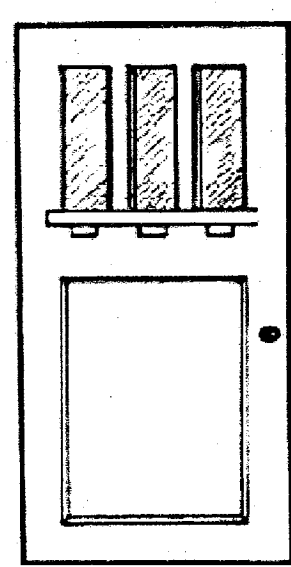
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Minutes of the May 15, 2006 CPNO Meeting

Meeting was started but not officially called to order due to lack of a quorum. Announcements: CPNO now has over 200 members. 200th member to join received a \$20 gift certificate for The Flying Biscuit.

NPU-N Report by Amy Stout: Citizens can go to www.beltlinecommunity.org to fill out surveys as part of phase one of community input on the future BeltLine. City hosted a public forum on May 6th for the sole purpose of allowing citizen input on the proposed zoning ordinance overhaul (see Pg. 7 for details on how to submit feedback). At its May meeting, NPU-N voted: 1) to support a substitute ordinance by Councilmember Anne Fauver that would allow for participation of a wider area of neighbors when petitions for traffic calming devices are submitted; 2) to oppose a substitute ordinance by Councilmember Natalyn Archibong that would require the posting of demolition permits for residential structures, because NPU-N deemed it meaningless in not providing a means to appeal or stop a demolition; 3) to approve a liquor license application for the new Pacific Kitchen restaurant moving into the former Lush site; and 4) to approve a request to reduce

the number of required parking spaces for a new steakhouse (Rathbones) being opened by Kevin Rathbun on Krog Street. Reminder: City of Atlanta has a new integrity hotline (800-884-0911) to anonymously report unethical, fraudulent or illegal acts by City of Atlanta officials, employees and contractors.

Announcements from Walt Weimar: the Baptist Church building on Candler Park Drive is for sale, and residents should consider what future use is appropriate. Moreland Avenue property occupied by Video Store and adjacent laundry is for sale. Traffic calming measures for Mell

Avenue are being discussed. Bert Bellinson cannot continue as Fall Festival Committee Chair, as he is moving out of the neighborhood.

Report from recent Freedom Park Conservancy meeting by Walt Weimar: contract is being finalized for construction of walkway improvements and pedestrian islands on Moreland Avenue. DOT says Conservancy will be responsible for their maintenance. FPC will soon be soliciting money from CPNO, probably \$1000.

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If It's A Crime Call The Police First

People often report to me incidents that happen to them through direct e-mail or cpsafetylist. Other times folks tell me about something that happened to a neighbor or just about a crime they heard about.

I try to confirm these reports by calling zone 6 precinct, checking the crime reports I receive from zone 6, or simply asking one of our beat officers about the report.

Most of the time these reports cannot be verified. I am sure many of these incidents are true, but some are just rumors.

The most important action we can do to ensure that a crime is reported is to call 911. The police department cannot investigate a crime unless it is told about it.

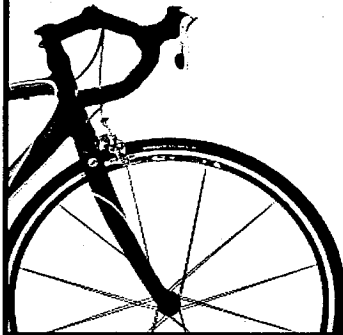
I know it's frustrating to go through the process of reporting a crime. But, if the police department is not informed of a crime, for their purposes and ours, that crime didn't happen.

- David Bruce

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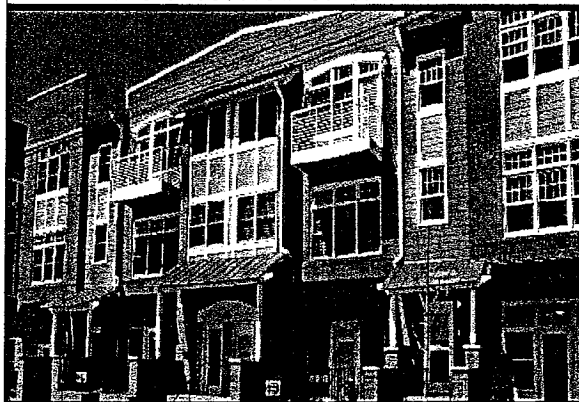
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Minutes of the May 15, 2006 CPNO Meeting

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Zoning Committee member Tom Painter strongly encouraged neighbors to let the City know their views on infill regulations and the zoning ordinance, in light of the proposed overhaul.

The meeting was called to order at ~7:20 PM, when a quorum was obtained. The proposed agenda was adopted, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

CPNO approved a motion stating that it had no amendments to offer NPU-N regarding NPU-N bylaws as preparation for the upcoming annual vote to approve or reject the representative voting structure of the NPU.

There was a motion and a second to

approve the proposed CPNO bylaws change that would redefine the authority of the Zoning Committee. There was concern that while proper notice of the motion had been provided, separate notice of the meeting had not. The motion was withdrawn.

Officer Davidson from the APD reminded residents to always call 911 with a problem.

CPNO voted to authorize payment of \$475 to Epworth Church to cover rental of meeting space for January 1 through June 1.

The complete minutes are available online or by contacting the recording secretary.

- Amy Stout

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Earthlink and Park Pride Team with Friends of Candler Park

Over fifty volunteers from Earthlink's Access Products team, Park Pride and Friends of Candler Park met on Friday May 19th in a major effort to improve several of the park's amenities. Lots of landscaping and mulching, pool facility restoration and painting, as well as other important initiatives were coordinated by Curt Flaherty of FOCP, Cassandra Belin of Earthlink and Nicholas Williams of Park Pride. Photos below (courtesy of Amy H. of Earthlink) show just a few of the many community-minded folks who

participated in this important service project on behalf of our neighborhood. For all those Candler Park residents and park patrons who benefit from the tireless contributions of volunteers like these, please consider showing your own appreciation toward these generous organizations and dedicated individuals. To join a future project to help maintain and protect our park, please contact a CPNO board member.

— Walt Weimar



Update on Candler Park Brook – Major Construction is Underway!

Walt Ray of Park Pride updated the Candler Park Brook project steering committee and all neighborhood stakeholders on construction progress for the week ending May 23rd.

Walt reported that the Contractor (Heavy Constructors) started to add stone to the stream channel between the site of the detention pond and the existing concrete flume. Pipes were laid near the playground. The trench by the swimming pool parking lot was filled with concrete. Parking should be back to normal.

Walt also advised that upcoming activities will include the Contractor closing the playground, pavilions and cul-de-sac for a period ending June 15th to ensure the safety of all park patrons and workers during construction of a very deep drainage pipe between the cul-de-sac/parking area, playground/pavilion area and the tennis courts. Everyone should take precautions and avoid crossing any area marked by orange fencing or entering the construction zone.

For further information on the status of the project, please contact Park Pride Director of Park Visioning Walt Ray at 404-817-7965, or via e-mail at walt@parkpride.org.

— Walt Weimar



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Zoning Ordinance Input Sought by City Planners

The City of Atlanta plans to overhaul the entire **zoning ordinance**. The public is encouraged to provide input. In addition to future public forums, citizens can submit input to Charletta Wilson-Jacks in the Dept. of Planning and Community Development, via fax (404-330-6670), mail (55 Trinity Ave SW, Suite 3350, Atlanta, GA, 30303), or e-mail (bopzoning@atlantaga.gov).

— Amy Stout

Candler Park Book Club

The Candler Park Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Light dessert will be served. Contact Nicole Forde (luckysevens@comcast.net) for RSVP and meeting location.

June: *Saturday* by Ian McEwan

July: *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls

August: *Alternatives to Sex: A Novel* by Stephen McCauley

September: *My Life in France* by Julia Child

Join CPNO!

Joining CPNO is an easy way to support your neighborhood. If you haven't joined, please consider supporting your neighborhood in this way.

Amy Alford, Membership Secretary
404-610-5220 / alford.amy@gmail.com

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Annual Dues

Annual dues are \$15 for each adult 18 years or older, \$5 for each adult age 65 or older. Make checks payable to Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO). We want to ensure that no one is unable to join due to financial hardship. If unable to contribute dues, please check the appropriate box below or contact the membership secretary to apply for funds to cover your dues.

Please indicate:

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☐ I would like to apply for the financial hardship fund to cover my annual dues

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☐ Candler Park/Environment ☐ 5K/Road Races ☐ Land Use / Zoning

☐ Tour of Homes ☐ Flyer Distribution ☐ Fall Fest

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Crime Report

300 block Moreland Ave. 4/22 Auto theft
Sat morning - victim stated she went to work and when she returned her vehicle was no longer there; vehicle had not been impounded by Zone 6 towing service; was not listed as towed on ACIC

300 block Moreland Ave 4/17 Larceny from auto in parking lot Mon evening - the front passenger window had been broken; items taken

500 block Goldsboro Rd 4/20 Larceny from auto afternoon - victim stated he heard noise and saw suspect breaking into his vehicle and taking his briefcase; suspect fled west on Euclid in black minivan; suspect B/M, 20-25 YOA

1600 block McLendon Ave 4/29 Auto theft Sat morning

200 block Moreland Ave 4/28 Larceny from auto Fri evening - window broken; items taken

300 block Moreland Ave 4/22 - 4/26 Larceny from auto - items taken

1200 block McLendon Ave 4/26 - 4/27 Larceny from auto

500 block Sterling St 4/27 Larceny from residence Thurs morning - items taken

McLendon Ave @ Ferguson Ave 4/29 1:30 am Robbery - victim W/M, 25 YOA lives on Clifton Ave, reports suspect walked up behind him; when victim turned around, suspect pointed pistol in his face and stated "get down @%%\$ *&@#^, give me your money"; suspect took victim's money, got in a vehicle and fled south on Ferguson Ave; suspect B/M, 20-30 YOA, 5'10"-6'00", 180-200lbs; suspect vehicle: 1991 Lexus

400 block Candler Park Dr 4/28- 4/30 Auto damage - victim reports someone damaged his steering column and driver-side keyhole while his vehicle was parked on the street

200 block Moreland Ave Larceny from auto in parking lot (no date given) Sunday evening - victims both parked their vehicles in the listed parking lot and went to a nearby restaurant to eat; when they returned to their vehicles, which were parked next to each other, they found passenger-side window of one car and rear passenger-side window of other car were smashed; both victims stated it looked as though suspect just reached in and grabbed items from within the vehicles.

600 block Terrace Ave 5/3 - 5/4 Larceny from auto on street - the passenger-side window was broken; nothing taken

200 block Moreland Ave 5/4 Larceny from auto in parking lot Thursday evening - broken window; items taken

Dekalb Ave @ Southerland Ter 5/3 Robbery Wed morning - victim reports that they were approached by suspect armed with a box cutter; suspect slashed victims, then demanded money; victim gave suspect \$200 from his wallet; suspect B/M, 25-30 YOA, 6'00"-6'01", 175-195 lbs

300 block Mell Ave 5/19 Larceny from auto Fri morning - window broken; items taken

300 block Moreland Ave. 5/14 Larceny Sun evening - victim stated she placed her purse in cabinet where the register is, and when she went to get her purse it was gone

1500 block Dekalb Ave 5/8 - 5/14 Larceny from apt - victim reports someone entered his apartment through a rear window and took property; witness saw suspect leaving suspect's apartment; they recently divorced and she had just moved out

300 block Elmira Pl 5/10 - 5/16 Larceny - victim reports someone removed property from her deck

1600 block Dekalb Ave 5/16 Robbery Tue evening - victim reports he was washing his car when suspect approached him carrying handgun and demanded money; suspect fled on foot west on Dekalb Ave; money taken; suspect B/M, 15-17 YOA, 5'06"-5'07", 130-140 lbs

- David Bruce

NPU Report - May 22 Meeting

The NPU-N board voted to defer consideration of application V-06-127 by Susan Renno of 613 Terrace Ave NE seeking a variance to increase the maximum lot coverage to 53.2% to allow for an addition to an existing driveway. Applicant had not yet met with the CPNO zoning committee, nor presented to CPNO membership for approval.

Representatives from Southeast Capital Partners, Inc., the company redeveloping the former Excelsior Mill/current Masquerade site, made a presentation. They have now acquired adjacent property from Wayne Mason's NE Atlanta BeltLine group and are revising their plans for the development at 695 North Avenue in NPU-M. They are proposing to adhere to all the stipulations previously agreed to when this property was rezoned from I-1 (Light Industrial) to MRC-3C (Mixed Residential Commercial with Conditions) in December 2005, except for one (minimum porches of 6 ft depth and 8 ft width).

According to the new plan, the combined property would be rezoned PD-MU (Planned Development - Mixed Use), and the additional acreage would allow creation of 125 additional parking spaces, which the developers feel is critical to making the converted mill building viable for commercial use (tentative plans call for a restaurant tenant and perhaps others). The NPU-N board voted to support the application, although technically only NPU-M's input is required. In the near future, legislation transferring the development rights to the Mason NE BeltLine group (for the portion of the property that will be preserved with landmark status) will be considered by Atlanta City Council.

Attorney Hakim Hilliard of McKenna Long & Aldridge and planner Alycen Whiddon of HDR appeared on behalf of NE Atlanta BeltLine group to show their redevelopment plans for the two parcels of BeltLine property located within NPU-N. The developers have submitted applications requesting rezoning from I-1 and I-2 (Industrial) to MRC-3C to allow small commercial uses on the ground floor. Two nodes of development are proposed for Parcel 4, located in Poncey-Highland and Old Fourth Ward. Plans for Site 1 in Parcel 4 (bounded north by North Avenue) call for four buildings of 8, 15, 15, and 12 stories respectively, with a total of 757 units. This site, to be located east of the proposed transit line, could be accessed via Angier Springs Rd (the dead end road that terminates at Barking Hound Lounge). The plans for Site 2 in Parcel 4 (bounded north by Ralph McGill Blvd, and south by Freedom Parkway where East Freedom Parkway splits off) include two 5-story buildings of 70 units each that would

be accessed via Ensley St. These would be across the tracks from Freedom Lofts. The only proposed development for Parcel 5 (located in Inman Park and bounded north by Freedom Parkway and south by Highland Ave) would be a 4-unit, 3-story townhouse development located on the opposite side of the tracks near redevelopment taking place at the former Mead Paper site.

The City of Atlanta is updating its maps of neighborhood boundaries in preparation for development of official electronic maps. This may be of importance to residents on the north side of North Avenue, and the east side of Clifton Road. While CPNO's bylaws recognize these citizens as Candler Park residents, the City considers the center line of these roads as the dividing line between neighborhoods. Hence, according to City officials, these residents live in Druid Hills and Lake Claire, respectively. Our neighborhood may wish to request changes to the map, though no procedure for this has yet been announced.

- Amy Stout

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Summer Day Camp at Piedmont Park

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