

# The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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July 2004

## MEETINGS\*EVENTS

### CPNO MEETING JULY 18 @ 7 PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is for all residents. We meet the 3rd 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 26, 2004.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### JULY 2004

#### Monday, July 12 \* 7 PM

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

#### Monday, July 18 \* 7 PM

CPNO General Meeting  
**.... AT THE CANDLER PARK POOL!!!!**

See Back Page for Details.

#### Thursday, July 22 \* 7 PM

NPU-N Meeting  
Epworth United Methodist Church  
1561 McLendon



## SEASON OF OPPORTUNITY

The Fallfest is scheduled October 16 and 17. We will be forming committees and there are plenty of volunteer opportunities. Along with the Fallfest there will be the Tout of Homes and the Candler Park 5K—all on the same weekend.

We need your help as we put our neighborhood on display for the rest of the world to see. This is really an opportunity to show everyone why 30307 isn't just a zip code—it is a lifestyle. We will be holding an organizational meeting on Thursday July 22 at Epworth in the parlor. Please plan on attending if you want to help. Most of our helpers will have an opportunity to drive in the golf cart during the festival. If you cannot make it to this meeting, but would like to help please email Bert Bellinson [bert@tangentindustries.com](mailto:bert@tangentindustries.com).

## POOL HAPPENINGS

July 10 Toga Party (adults only) 8:00 pm  
Animal House Dive In Movie 9:00

July 17 Shrimp Boil 6:00

July 24 Old Fashion Barbecue 6:00

July 31 Dive In Movie 8:30

August 7 Back to School Party 6:00

August 14 Luau 6:00

Everyone is welcome—so bring a friend.

Bert Bellinson

## SEASON OF HOPE (NOT DE-SPARE)

As many of you know, work on the neighborhood-approved traffic-calming plan for McLendon was halted in response to concerns about bicycle safety raised by the Atlanta Bicycle Campaign (ABC), as well as apparent inconsistencies between the neighborhood approved plan and what was being implemented. After several meetings that included members of ABC, CPNO, Anne Fauver and City of Atlanta transportation staff, the city has decided to proceed with the 10' bulbouts (consistent with the neighborhood plan). While it took a while for work to resume, the contractor was back on the job as of the week of June 21.

In addition to the bulbouts, the traffic-calming plan called for a median at the corner of Candler Park Drive and McLendon, a stoplight at that intersection, the addition of a left turn signal from east bound McLendon onto north bound Clifton, and a 3' extension of the curb in front of Fellini's, the Candler Park Market and Moon Brothers. All of these elements will be implemented, with the exception of the curb extension.

I understand that people in the neighborhood remain concerned about the size of the bulbouts. I believe the outcome will be a benefit to the neighborhood. I hope that we all can become more aware and involved in the future.

George Dusenbury

## The Messenger

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## Calling All Candler Park Gardeners

The traffic calming construction for McLendon Ave. will soon be completed and Candler Park neighbors can add our own 'finishing touches' to this project. Each of the 25 bulbouts will have space for a tree and plants along McLendon Ave.

The traffic calming plan and bulbout landscaping allows Candler Park to reclaim McLendon Ave. in grand style. The plan calls for adjacent neighbors to maintain the planting area of each bulbout. The neighborhood is securing trees from Trees Atlanta to be planted in the Fall. However, there's more to be done.....

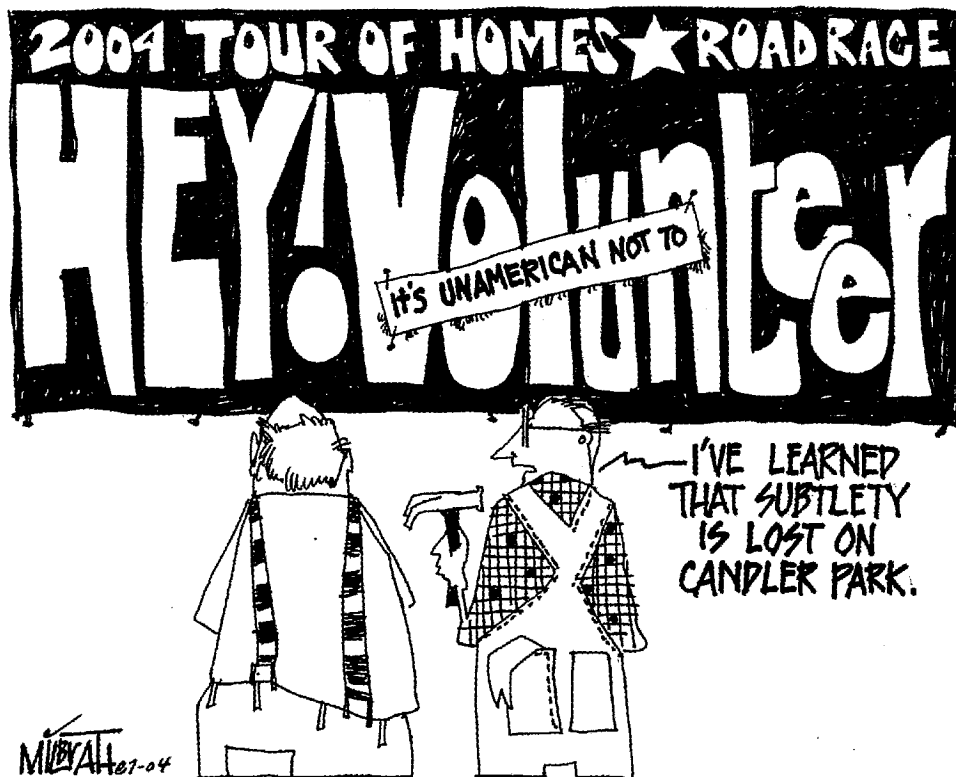
If you like flowers and gardening in small spaces, please consider joining neighbors on your street in the adoption of the nearest pair of bulbouts. Responsibilities are planting and maintenance — requir-

ing less than 5 hours a year. We will seek donations for plants and soil amendments.

Each street can plant and maintain their bulbouts in whatever style they choose. Creativity is encouraged. An emphasis on xeriscaping, minimal chemicals, and low maintenance is appreciated.

Join your neighbors in dressing up McLendon Ave. To volunteer, please provide, in an e-mail to [june@alaga.org](mailto:june@alaga.org), your name, address, email, phone, bulbout location and whether you can be in charge of organizing for your bulbout location. You can also write that information down and drop it in the mail slot at 1604 McLendon Ave.

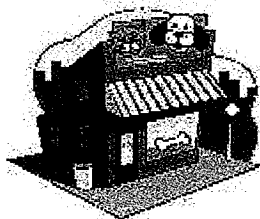
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## The Candler Park Webpage: A Great Neighborhood Resource

Most folks in Candler Park know we have a home on the internet at [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org), but many neighbors probably haven't spent much time exploring the site to see all of the different information we have put together. For this reason, I'll be writing some articles for the Messenger to help get out the word about what we have available.

We started the website seven years ago as a way to help communicate information to residents. It has grown substantially over the years and we now log about 2,000 visits a week, roughly half of those coming from non-residents interested in our neighborhood. We have added a large amount of content to try to help these folks learn about what Candler Park is all about. The site costs about \$170 annually, but it is more than offset by the \$600-800 in advertising revenue we get from our sponsors.

Did you know that in 1985 Ann Huston wrote her thesis on the development of Edgewood into a

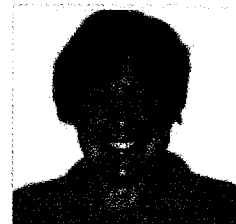
suburb of Atlanta (what we now call Candler Park)? We've got it on line – complete with the pictures! If you're interested in our history and the trolley, it's great reading. We've also got our application for the National Register of Historic Places from 1982 (and yes, we are a registered Historical District).

We also have some personal historical perspectives put together by Judith Gott, Holly Daly, and an investigative team of Mary Lin students in 1979. They interviewed the oldest residents in Candler Park some of whom lived in the area during its development, and published *Oh Mercy, I Remember*. It provides a lot of insight into how things have changed, both physically and culturally, over the years.

Our most recent history is documented in our on-line archive of Messengers going back to 1998. It's a great way to catch up on what you've missed if your spouse threw away your paper copy before you

could read it! Also – you can sign up on-line to receive an e-mail letting you know when the most recent Messenger is posted. This is a great way to make sure you have the latest info before the CPNO meeting.

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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. Land use issues to be voted on at the August meeting must be submitted prior to July 26.

**358 Sterling Street - (V-04-156)** - Karen Wegner, owner of property at 358 Sterling Street (zoned R-4), seeks a variance to reduce both side yard setbacks from 7' (required) to 3' to allow for a room addition to an existing single-family residence. This matter will be heard by Neighborhood Planning Unit-N on Thursday July 22nd at Epworth Methodist Church, and by the Board of Zoning Adjustment at 1PM Friday July 23rd at City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers.

## NPU-N ISSUES

NPU-N meetings are held at 7PM, on the 4th Thursday of every month at Epworth Methodist Church. Candler Park residents are welcome to attend. Contact NPU-N representative Walt Weimar regarding any regularly-scheduled voting or agenda matters.

**(Piedmont Park Parking Garage)** A detailed presentation from Doug Abramson of Friends of Piedmont Park was heard, regarding a requested resolution to oppose plans by the Atlanta Botanical Garden and Piedmont Park Conservancy to construct a 6-story, 800-car parking garage in a central location within the park. If/when submitted to the City of Atlanta for approval, all NPUs will be asked to make a formal recommendation. Prior to taking a vote on the resolution, NPU-N is encouraging its constituent neighborhood organizations to invite representatives from ABG, FPC and FPP to meetings in July to learn more about the merits of the proposal. All residents of Candler Park who have an interest in this matter should make an effort to attend the July CPNO general meeting.

**(City Hall East)** NPU-N Chair Judy Clements met with members of 3 adjacent NPUs to review the City's upcoming selection of one of three project proposals for sale and redevelopment of the former Sears offices on Ponce de Leon Avenue, now known as City Hall East. Because of the enormous impact the project is expected to have on quality of life issues for adjacent residents and businesses, and the unique opportunity afforded by the City's ownership, the multi-NPU advisory committee has formally recommended that the entire 6-acre parking area portion of the property, which lies immediately south of City Hall East, should be redeveloped as a municipal park. NPU-N was advised by City officials that, despite meeting with some of the developers and studying many important aspects of the proposals, no representative from the multi-NPU advisory committee will be allowed to participate in the City's final selection process, which is expected to be completed in July, after which detailed negotiations with the developer chosen (also closed to NPU input) are likely to last several months before a final agreement is reached. Given NPU-N's limited ability to influence this process, Candler Park residents interested in this project should contact City Council Member Anne Fauver directly to express comments or concerns.

## CRIME REPORT

There is no crime report this issue.

## CPNO July Meeting - - AT THE POOL!

Please plan on joining your neighbors and friends at the pool (weather permitting) at 6:30 for burgers/dogs/veggie treats. The meeting will start at 7. Please bring a side dish (no glass) and beverages. If the weather is bad we will move the meeting to the church. Please bring your side dishes and we will cook no matter what. If the weather is nice please bring family and friends and let them enjoy the pool. If the weather is nasty please bring them to the church and see what we do at CPNO.

## Flying Biscuit Fundraiser Nets \$1100 for Parks

Let me offer a belated thanks to the Flying Biscuit for once again hosting the annual Candler Park Dinner and Winetasting Fundraiser. It was another night of fine wine, good food and great company. I can think of no better way to raise money to benefit our neighborhood. Let me also thank all those who came out to support their neighborhood — we are all better off for your contribution.

The dinner raised \$1100 that will go to benefit Candler Park parks. Thanks again, Flying Biscuit, for making this event a reality.

George Dusenbury

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