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## **City of Atlanta Candler Park Named June Park of the Month**

ATLANTA, July 10, 2007 — Park Pride was pleased to name **Candler Park** the Park of the Month for **June 2007**. With approximately 55.3 acres of green space, Candler Park located at 1500 McClendon Ave. was judged against four other nominated parks, including Cyclorama at Grant Park, Emma Millican Park, English Park and Lions Gate at Oakland Cemetery.

Candler Park's crew had done a massive amount of work trimming trees, clearing undergrowth and spreading mulch in a very professional manner, with a good depth and clean edges. The lawns looked great, as did the planting beds. One thing that might have improved their score a bit is that there was no annual color in Candler Park at all. This is probably the first time that a crew's efforts were so noticeable that they won Park of the Month without the addition of annual color.

Each month, from April through October, the Office of Parks nominates five parks to be considered for Park of the Month. Park Pride then judges the parks using the Office of Parks' own criteria for park maintenance, which include the condition of the lawn and planting beds, annual color, cleanliness, hazards and graffiti. At the end of the year, Park Pride chooses one of the parks of the month as the park of the year; winning crew members receive bonuses from the City. Candler Park residents can help Candler Park receive this honor by doing their best to put trash in the receptacles and keep the park clear of litter.

"This is a wonderful program for all of us in Parks", said Ken Gillett, Director of Parks. "All the crews are motivated by the competition, the winners take great pride in their accomplishments, and the community gets the park they deserve."

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