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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Anda Olsen

I've just had the most contented, enjoyable couple of weeks as the old year ended and the new one began. Usually I am urging you to take some kind of action – mind you, one which would be good for you AND the neighborhood! -- but today I'm just asking you to relax, kick back, and savor how wonderful it is to be a part of this particular neighborhood. Enjoy the fruits of our labors.

I hope you had the chance to:

- groove with **Francine Reed** at the flat out fancy Holiday Party we throw for all IPNA members and guests to celebrate all the work we've done all year.
- take the time to stroll up and down our (walkable!) tree-lined sidewalks and admire/ critique the decorations up and down our streets.
- amble by one of our parks and contemplate the energy of a small child on a swing or group of young adults playing Frisbee as the winter sun poured out pale warmth.
- be delighted to peek out your window on a rainy (!) evening and see our Patrol Car making its way through the neighborhood and feel just a little bit more secure and a bit proud that you helped make that happen.
- enjoy the bustle of family visits and parties with friends and neighbors.
- be impressed with the thoughtful, intelligent, respectful exchanges on important issues that take place on the yahoo group.

Okay. So over the years I have come to realize I am a bit of an energizer bunny and just in case you WANT some urging, I would recommend you hop on to our IPNA website (**Bill Hagan** is not the only one that can pun) and review my January 2007 report where I set out some very good measurable objectives for getting more involved in the neighborhood and the IPNA. It really is a good list!

I would also urge you do NOT miss the 2009 New Year's Day Polar Bear jump. This year was my first time to attend (as a spectator, not a jumper) and the sheer glee of the maniacs (of all ages and sexes) taking part was a wonder to behold. I just love you guys!

A LEGEND IS STEPPING DOWN

By Betty Ridderhoff

After twelve years of very devoted and caring service to The Trolley Barn, **Bob Eberwein** has decided to step down from his position as the Director of the Trolley Barn.

As of January 1st, 2008, **Linda Dunham** became the Director.

During his tenure as Director, Bob has worked hard to establish the Barn as a well known place in Atlanta to hold events, always with the integrity of the structure and grounds and the impact on neighbors at the forefront of his efforts.

Although he is stepping down as Director of the Barn, Bob will still be associated with the facility, lending his considerable expertise to grounds main-tenance and as a back-up for Linda.

The Board of Directors sincerely thanks Bob for his excellent work as Director of The Trolley Barn and for his devoted appreciation for the structure's role in the history of Inman Park.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

We are currently in the midst of planning another great Inman Park Festival and our committee would like to invite everyone to get involved. You can join us at our next planning committee meeting at the Trolley Barn on Thursday, February 14th, at 7:30 p.m. Our meetings are always lively and informative and it is a great way to get involved in the planning process as well as to meet your neighbors.

You can also contact our volunteer coordinator, **Judy Clements**, by e-mail at judyclements@bellsouth.net or call her at 404-523-9922 to sign up for a specific task during Festival or to get involved with the planning process. The volunteer sign-up website should also be up and running on the Inman Park website soon. Look for updates on this from Judy. Remember, don't wait until the last minute and miss out on the prime volunteer opportunities!

You can also contact me by phone at 404-521-1949 or by e-mail at: danny@smallcarpenters.com for more information, or you can contact our Festival hotline for general information at 770-242-4895.

FESTIVAL MEETING - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH - 7:30 p.m. At the TROLLEY BAR

INMAN PARK TREE WATCH



TREE HUGGERS BALL

Dining, rain dancing, raffling and general mayhem

Saturday, February 23rd, 2008

7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

The Trolley Barn

963 Edgewood Avenue

Join the Inman Park Tree Watch Committee
and friends from Trees Atlanta for the

Eighth Annual Tree Huggers Ball

as we celebrate our trees with a *RAIN DANCE* to the music of

Slim Chance and the Convicts

- Enjoy beer provided by: Sweetwater Brewing Company
- Wines provided by: Hall's of Fine Wines
- And – *NEW THIS YEAR* – lasagna dinner for \$10 offered by:
Highland Bakery
from 7:30 p.m. until the food runs out
- PLUS – raffle drawings for not-to-be-missed gift certificates!

Free Admission * Cash donations for beverages

The Tree Watch Committee advocates for new trees and
maintenance of the existing tree canopy in our neighborhood.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19th, 2007, IPNA MEETING

By Ellen McManus, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Anda Olsen welcomed everyone to the meeting. She announced the police officers were present and started with their portion of the meeting.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Investigator Peek introduced Warren Atkinson, Community Prosecutor for Zone 6, and another police lieutenant.

Inv. Peek said there has been a recent rash of car break-ins, including one on North Highland where the perpetrator left his Fulton County Jail bracelet in the car. There is a warrant out for his arrest.

He said the APD has set up several road blocks in the last month. He reminded everyone to take packages out of your car. He stated there were three burglaries in Inman Park last week. Security Patrol is upgrading to three shifts per day, 7 days a week.

He reminded everyone to let SP know if you are going to be out of town and if anyone will be coming to your house. Bill Hagan announced a form is posted on the IP website for Security Patrol members to request SP to pay extra attention to your house while you are out of town.

Warren Atkinson, Community Prosecutor for Zone 6, spoke up to address concerns about Cori Williams (the defendant in the Terry Williams murder case) being granted bond last Monday. There was much discussion about the late notice we received about when the hearing would be held. Warren said he is normally notified when a case is coming up. The information he received about this hearing was it would be for discovery only. He said Judge T. Jackson Bedford determined because of the defendant's age and lack of prior felony record and ties to community he was entitled to a bond, which was set at \$92,000. So far he has not been released. The thinking is he won't be able to make the bond. The judge has discretion, which he exercised. People have been asking Warren, how could this happen? He said he understands our concern completely and reminded everyone to keep in mind this is only one part of the process; there is a very good case and he believes we will get a conviction. If the defendant makes his bond, he is to stay out of Zone 6. Warren will forward us a photo. There was more discussion which, in the interest of time, Anda said we should wrap up, saying we need to move on from this as we cannot assume common sense will prevail. Bill reminded Warren we are constantly being promised photos so we can watch out for perps in our neighborhood and we never receive them. Warren said he will forward photos to us from now on. Warren also announced there will be an open house January 24th at the new Community Prosecutors office, 772 Edgewood Ave from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. This will be the grand opening of the office.

Anda announced we would return to the agenda; she welcomed everyone and asked for newcomers. Brian Coyle said he moved to Sinclair Ave. in April. Harry and Gwen Hoffman moved to Seminole Ave. Gwen shared her outrage at the Williams bond issue. Anda said we share her passion.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting was made, seconded, and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Danny Feig-Sandoval announced Dr. Amy Varner is having her official open house tomorrow from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. There will be lots of food.
2. Steve Hays announced Bob Eberwein will be stepping down as director of the Trolley Barn as of January 1st and Linda Dunham will be taking his place.
3. Judy Clements announced she is hoping to get the Festival volunteer sign-up website up and running soon. She reminded everyone the most exciting volunteer job is trash.
4. Danny announced the next Festival meeting will be January 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn. He reminded everyone to start thinking of their list of people to buy house tour tickets for. If you have a business, tickets make a great gift.
5. Oreon Mann announced the next Book Club meeting is January 22nd. The book is *Change Me Into Zeus' Daughter* by Barbara Robinette Moss. The meeting will be held at 814 Virgil St. at 7:00 p.m. You have one month and one week to read the book. Bring a covered dish to share.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Jay Tribby, representing Councilperson Kwanza Hall's office, said he is still working on the 670 Dekalb Ave. issue with Jonathan Miller, Tamara Jones, and others.

Atlanta BeltLine Inc. closed a big deal about a month ago [joint Venture with Barry Real Estate who purchased the northeast portion of the BeltLine right-of-way] and have been unable to meet. As soon as there is a meeting scheduled he will let everyone know.

He said we also have recently learned there have been preliminary plans to put a cell phone tower on the edge of Bass Field. We are working on that; the City has a couple of different routes to take. Jane Bradshaw asked what company? Chuck Clarke said it is T-Mobile. Anda Olsen expressed our main concern about Bass Field is it is an area we want to have a lot of flexibility

in for the future; plus we do not want a cell phone tower in a historic district.

Anda said both Jay and Kwanza have been very helpful on several code enforcement issues around the neighborhood. Jay said he is also working a lot on watershed issues. Billing issues and strange leaks are popping up on properties. If you have an issue let Kwanza's office know. (404-330-6038 or khall@atlantaga.gov)

Jay also said last Saturday two homes in the MLK Historic District burned to the ground. One family lost their home as it completely burned to the ground. The head of the house is a war veteran. On Saturday, Kwanza will announce the establishment of a fund to support the displaced family: it will be the Billingsly Family Restoration Fund.

Anda expressed her appreciation to Kwanza for his recent organization of the community cleanup in Old Fourth Ward. Plenty of volunteers picked up lots of trash. Jay thanked IPNA for sending a representative to the master planning sessions for the Old Fourth Ward.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Anda Olsen

Anda asked how many people reached out to neighbors and newcomers during this month? There was a good show of hands. Anda also gave a big thank you to Ray Harbour and Karen Heim for the fantastic holiday party this year.

ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans

1. NPU-N Report by Jonathan Miller, NPU-N Representative for IPNA:
 - A. 299 Moreland Ave – the former laundromat building next to the paint store. Owner wants to put in a restaurant. The owner wants a variance as there is not enough parking. Candler Park said no. Jonathan has heard the owner is now considering a smaller restaurant. There will be a presentation later.
 - B. 757 Edgewood Ave – NPU-N vote tomorrow; he will vote yes tomorrow night with conditions.
 - C. Proposed ordinance to modify requirements for Edgewood Retail District – want to take control of traffic calming and green space money away from Sembler and give to it to the City. No response has been received yet. More to report next month.
 - D. Proposed ordinance to regulate valet parking (07-0-2418) – A report will be made next month.
 - E. Jonathan said he has enjoyed being IPNA's NPU-N rep and would like to do it again. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
2. 715 Edgewood Ave – ZRB Board did meet and approved rezoning to C1. They also approved the inclusion of a condition prohibiting a liquor store.
3. 299 Moreland Ave – An informational presentation was scheduled for tonight but the applicant is not here.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke

1. 957 Austin Ave - demolition was approved.
2. 350 Sinclair Ave - Adam Stillman is owner/architect. This home burned down two months ago. It was 1½ stories at 24 feet high. He proposes to build a two story house at 29 feet high. He is asking for a Certificate of Appropriateness and height variance. Height restriction is 19 feet because of the contributing homes along the block-face. There was an immediate neighbors' meeting last Sunday. Both votes were split. On CoA the vote was 6 for and 3 against. On height variance the vote was 5 for and 4 against. The owner spoke and thanked everyone in the neighborhood who helped out the night of the fire and later with contributions of clothing, etc. He summarized as follows: There are four contributing structures on his block; the others are all one story. The house which burned had a flat roof slope which is no longer allowed. As the roof had to be made steeper it makes the house taller. He proposes to build the house 30'10" wide, which is narrower than before to increase distance between houses. He wants to put the garage under the house in the basement to free up more of the backyard and reduce lot coverage. He pointed out the houses across the street are 30 and 31 feet tall.

Allen Travis, a neighbor, spoke up and said the tax records show the previous house was only 25' wide and pointed out that the façade width at the street is the most important for compatibility. His protest was a two story house will overwhelm the other houses on the street and pointed out even the two SPI-5 houses on the block are 1 ½ stories, not 2. He pointed out that if this variance is granted it will be harder to deny a similar variance to adjacent houses and would change the character of the street. Another immediate neighbor said she wishes he had made more of an effort to blend into the block by minimizing the scale at the street; since he is an architect he could do it for himself.

Another immediate neighbor also spoke up. He and several others support the application. He said Adam has taken their concerns and opinions into account, and is trying to rebuild something which will give him what he had before. The floor plan is the same as what was there before but he cannot make the roof as flat. This neighbor reiterated the support of neighbors and pointed out there were 6 in support and 3 against.

Rick Bizot stood up to clarify the differences between the house before and what is proposed. The proposed house is a full two story with the full width at the street and this is what the neighborhood needs to take into account. A motion was made and seconded to deny the variance.

Jonathan Miller stated the Historic Regulations came into effect on his watch and the intent was to maintain the character of each block-face in the neighborhood, not just the neighborhood as a whole or even each street.

Anda Olsen asked for a vote in support of the motion to deny. 19 voted to deny. She then asked for those against the motion (which are voting to support the variance). 13 voted against the motion to deny. The motion to deny passed. Another motion was made to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion was seconded. 19 voted to deny and 13 voted to support. The motion to deny passed.

3. Bill Barnett of Homebuilders came to make a presentation for informational purposes only. He referred to the first house

of three to be built on the Lizzie Chapel property. He presented drawings showing the front and side appearance of the three homes and answered questions. What about the large tree between the church and the first house? His intention is to keep the tree. How deep are the front porches? They are ten feet deep. Are any of the houses sold yet? No, the first house will be to specifications and they hope to presell the other two. What is the square footage? First one is 3,200 ft. Chuck will ask for deferment at UDC since this was not on the agenda and we did not vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan

1. The Inman Park Security Patrol car is outside; go take a look.
2. Bill reminded everyone: *Do not leave stuff in your car.*
3. There was an operational meeting for Security Patrol last week. There is a lot of room for help. There will be a meeting to work on development, fund raising, etc., tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at Betty Ridderhoff's house. If you are interested, please attend. Let Bill know if you will attend.
4. Anda Olsen said if anyone has experience setting up Paypal we need help with this; we are trying to make SP dues really easy to pay.

Bill pointed out there are 3 constituents: residents, small commercial, and large residential

Anda gave a big thank you to Bill for all of the work he has done getting the car and expanding Security Patrol.

PLANNING: V.P. Patrick Bradshaw

1. Tomorrow is the Beltline steering Committee meeting. It will cover the North Avenue park and go over the master plan and construction. Last week Patrick and Jonathan Miller attended Atlanta Connects – emphasized traffic calming, maintenance of the existing road system, and more transit. These meetings will be held throughout the year. If you have any concerns, issues, etc., contact Patrick. Jonathan said tomorrow's meeting is open to the public. Atlanta Connects says jobs follow people. As we are getting more residents, more jobs are coming our way. A transit plan is way overdue.
2. 280 Elizabeth Street (Dad's Garage property) – there will be a meeting the first week of January. Watch the Yahoo board and e-mail him if you are interested in attending.

TREASURER: Leslie Ward, Treasurer

1. Recurring Budget Expenditures
 - a. September and October *Advocator*: \$3,359
 - b. Beautification: \$940
 - c. Security Patrol: \$2,460 – in December we increased the patrol hours. The monthly amount is going to go up. Half of the SP budget is slated to come from development (fundraising other than dues). Help us come up with ideas for funding. She will talk to Bond next week about ways they can facilitate the payment process and streamline it.
2. Traffic Calming – we need to vote on an additional \$5,000 for design work. This money was already budgeted. Danny Feig-Sandoval presented the plans and had added a couple of features. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

SECRETARY: Ellen McManus, Secretary

Anda pointed out we are trying to get the membership renewals in early to give Betty more time to put together the directory. Jonathan Miller asked if one check is okay. Leslie Ward said yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Traffic Calming – Danny Feig-Sandoval said he will post the most recent drawings on the Yahoo group and website. We need to turn the drawings in to the City before February 1st so the money will remain allocated. There was much discussion of various spots. Judy Clements made a motion to eliminate the Elizabeth/ Edgewood option, and to have Danny hold meeting(s) in January to decide which options to submit and then to move forward based on that decision. Motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

New Business: Anda Olsen asked Rick Bizot and Steve Hays to head up the Nominating Committee for the next IPNA Board. Steve said he will be traveling too much to be effective but recommended Bill McMurry. Rick said he would assist if someone who had been on the Committee before would be the head.

Old business: There was no old business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By *Chuck Clarke, Vice-President for Historic Preservation*

Please note: If you wish to do any construction work (beyond routine maintenance) on the exterior or site of a home or building in the Inman Park Historic District, **you must contact AUDC** to begin their review/approval process. Once a project is submitted to AUDC, please contact me (at historic.preservation@inmanpark.org) so that neighborhood meeting(s) can be set up. Thanks!

UPCOMING AUDC DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	APPLICATIONS DUE	
		Type II	Type III/IV
	February 13 th	TBD	TBD
	February 27 th	TBD	TBD
	March 12 th	TBD	TBD

Recent AUDC Actions on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness (CoAs):

- 957 Austin Ave – *approved* - Application for a Type IV Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-07-344) to allow the demolition of a single-family dwelling due to a threat of public health and safety .
- 88 Druid Circle – *approved with conditions* - Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness: (HD-07-361) for a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 7' (required) to 1.5' (proposed); and (HD-07-362) to allow construction of an attached garage and expansion of a sunroom.
- 325 Elizabeth St. – *approved* - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-07-421) to allow alterations to and signage at an existing building.

Applications Scheduled for This Month :

- 350 Sinclair Ave – Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-07-436) for a variance to increase the building height from 21'-4" (required) to 29'-7" (proposed); and (HD-07-437) to allow the new construction of a single-family dwelling.
- 846 Euclid Ave – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-07-438) to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling and detached garage.
- 469 Sinclair Ave - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (LD-07-452) to allow for the installation of windows.

Applications Expected But Not Yet Scheduled (as of press deadline):

- None

AUDC CONTACT INFORMATION			
Website:	http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx		
Address:	Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) 55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 3400 Atlanta, Georgia 30335-0331		
Phone:	404-330-6200	Fax:	404-658-6734

ANN'S FANS

By *Cathy Bradshaw*

Ann Schnur was an enthusiastic, loyal supporter of Inman Park Theatre Night and the local theaters that benefit from this event during Spring Festival. For many years, Ann was the Theatre Night Mistress of Ceremonies, on stage with her sparkly wit and infectious laugh. This year, the Theatre Night Committee wants to honor Ann for her leadership and her devoted work. We have created 'Ann's Fans', a special fund to honor Ann's memory. We invite all of you to become a member of Ann's Fans.

If you would like to be a member of Ann's Fans, send a check in any amount (please mark in memo line 'for Ann's Fans) made payable to Inman Park Festival to:

Marie Wooldridge
1082 Austin Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30307

We will recognize all of Ann's Fans at Theatre Night, with a special banner behind the stage and a listing in the program. The Ann's Fans funds will be added to the sponsor donations which go to our theatres. This year, Theatre Night will be raising money for 7 Stages, Horizon, Dad's Garage, and Synchronicity.

The Theatre Night Committee* thanks you for your donations to Ann's Fans.

***Committee**

Cathy Bradshaw
Judy Clements
David Hudson
Wendy Patterson
Terry Sagedy
Margie Veneziale
Marie Wooldridge

2008 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

The Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.
All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish

January 22nd

Change Me Into Zeus' Daughter by **Barbara Robinette Moss**
Hosted by **Patty McGuigan**
814 Virgil St.

February 27th

Where Peachtree Meets Sweet Auburn by **Gary Pomerantz**
Hosted by **Linda Dunham**
12 1st Avenue (Kirkwood)

March 25th

Water for Elephants by **Sara Gruen**
Hosted by **Jean Shank**
68 B Waddell St.

April

**NO BOOK CLUB MEETING WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER
FOR FESTIVAL!**

May 27th

Thirteen Moons by **Thomas Frazier**
Hosted by **Naomi Grishman**
462 N. Highland Ave.

June 24th

A Thousand Splendid Suns by **Khaled Hosseini**
Hosted by **Jan Keith**
889 Edgewood Ave.

July 22nd

Animal, Vegetable, Miner by **Barbara Kingsolver**
Hosted by **Ruth Caproni**
1065 Washita Ave.

August 26th

The Summer We Got Saved by **Pat Cunningham Devoto**
Hosted by **Oreon Mann**
877 Edgewood Ave.

For Information: 404-688-7330

LET'S GO TO: "TCFKA"* THE SOVIET UNION

By Diane Floyd

The last time we went around the world I skipped the "Soviet Union" so I decided to correct that this time.

I've put together a menu that will reflect a little of the variety of that (formerly) huge country. I didn't have much time to plan so you'll forgive me if I have to end up making a few changes when I actually try out the recipes! The menu (tentatively) will be:

Bitokes (meatballs in a creamy sauce)

Garlic and Onion Mashed Potatoes

Mushroom Gratin (vegetarian)

Green Salad with "Russian Dressing" Salat Iz Krasnoi I Beloi Rediski (red and white radish salad)

(I know you don't think you like radishes but the last time I made a radish salad people loved it!)

Belarussian Carrot Salad

Yabluchnyk (Ukrainian Apple Cake)

Iced Tea

Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on January 16th before the IPNA meeting. The cost is \$7.50 per adult, \$3 per child 5 years old and older, and \$20 for a family. Bring the whole family and "chow down!"

* "The Country Formerly Known As" !!!

INFO ON THE BOND GRANTED IN THE TERRY WILLIAMS MURDER CASE

By Richard Shapiro, D.D.S.

On Monday Dec. 17th, 2007, Judge **T. Jackson Bedford** heard a request for bail for 19-year-old **Cori Williams**, charged in the murder of **Terry Williams** [no relationship] in front of Terry's In-man Park home on May 22nd, 2007. This defendant has been indicted on 6 counts: 2 counts of aggravated assault with attempt to rob and 1 count each of felony murder, criminal attempt to commit armed robbery, murder, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. Terry was shot in the head during the course of an armed robbery and died of that wound. It was a sudden, random, stranger on stranger crime. Unexpectedly, Judge Bedford granted bond (we were told he did not release murder suspects)--he set bond at \$92,500 with several conditions.

Since the bond hearing, I have been gathering a lot of information from a variety of sources. I will try to convey the information here and address many of the concerns and questions raised about what I believe is a terrible and unwarranted ruling. Terry's family, friends, neighbors, the local business and residential communities, and the District Attorney's Office have all expressed outrage at this decision.

Since there has been much discussion over numerous e-mails, e-mail lists, and personal conversations, there may be some repetition here of information you already know. Also, as this will be quite lengthy, I have opted for complete over succinct.

First, here is my non-lawyer understanding of bond (feel free to send any corrections).

There are a number of considerations for a judge to rely on in setting bond--his function being to insure that the accused shows up for trial and that releasing the accused poses no significant risks to the community. He is NOT to consider any of the facts or evidence regarding the guilt or innocence of the accused for the underlying crime. Factors to be considered include: the seriousness of the offense, the accused's ability to pay, penalty, the accused's character and reputation, health, probability of the defendant appearing to serve sentence, forfeiture of other bonds, is defendant a fugitive, prior criminal record, length and character of residence in the community, employment status and history, past history of responding to legal process, roots in the community, and that the defendant does not pose a significant risk of fleeing, threatening the community, committing another crime, or intimidating a witness.

There are no crimes without eligibility for bail. Anyone accused of a crime is presumed innocent until they are convicted of that crime in a trial. There is a right to bail under the 8th Amendment to the Constitution and the Georgia Constitution: "*his traditional right to freedom before conviction permits the unhampered preparation of a defense, and serves to prevent the infliction of punishment prior to conviction. . . . Unless this right to bail before trial is preserved, the presumption of innocence, secured only after centuries of struggle, would lose its meaning.*" *Stack v. Boyle*, 342 U.S. 1, 4 (1951)

Now all of that makes some sense but here are some facts that make no sense. In Georgia bond hearings the juvenile criminal record of the accused cannot be brought up or considered! In Fulton County there is such a severe shortage of jail space that judges are releasing many, many more, and more dangerous, defendants than they ever did in the past (this despite the fact that Fulton is spending \$35 million a year out-sourcing jail space from other counties), the jail has been so overcrowded there have been several Federal suits brought against it, and this is all multiplied by a dramatic increase in Atlanta crime rate. In the first 6 months of this year [2007] compared to the first 6 months of last year [2006]: homicide is up 48%, robbery is up 25 %, home burglary is up 17 %, and auto theft is up 18%! Fulton County District Attorney **Paul Howard** reports about 40 percent of murder defendants are released on bond, with 17 bond forfeitures currently of murder defendants who failed to appear at trial!

Also, there seem to be no real rules judges have to follow in determining bond, I have heard it often seems to be by whim, yet there is little recourse against that de-termination!

“The amount of bail to be assessed in each criminal case is left to the sound discretion of the trial judge, and in the absence of clear abuse of such discretionary power, his action will not be controlled.” Reid v. Perkerson, 207 Ga. 27 (4), supra; Sanders v. Paschal, 186 Ga. 837 (2) (199 SE 153).

“The granting or denial of bail will not be set aside unless there is a manifest and flagrant abuse of discretion.” Jernagin v. State, 118 Ga. 307, 308 (45 SE 411) (1903).

After the bond hearing for the suspect in the Terry Williams murder, many people attending the hearing were disappointed in the way the prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney **Eric Dunaway**, performed. They reported he seemed to be lackluster, disorganized, unconvincing, and unconvincing. The defense attorney (I’m told a family member of the defendant may be paying for this private counsel) was quite the opposite--on the attack against the witnesses, emotionally making the case for release, etc. Another problem was the community received very little advance notice of this bond hearing (late Friday afternoon for the Monday morning hearing), although assurances were given to me when I spoke with and met with the District Attorney, that we would be kept in the loop. A larger turnout from the community may have had an additional influence on the judge, but some miscommunication definitely caused the DA’s office to drop the ball here since we have been told over and over again that community turnout at hearings and trials can have a vital affect.

I spoke with Eric Dunaway after the bond hearing and several times since. He was straight-forward answering my questions and seemed knowledgeable about the case, but I did not see his court performance which, as I have said, was reported to be inadequate. He did clear up several issues for me, like the impression that no one in court responded to the judge’s question whether releasing the defendant would be a threat to the Little 5 Points area. Actually the Judge asked whether anyone had any other specific evidence of why Cori Williams would be a threat to the neighborhood, that is other than the obvious concerns that this crime brings up. For instance any history of criminal activity, fights, threats, drugs, etc. Since this may have been one of the defendant’s first times in this area, no one had such evidence.

Fulton DA Paul Howard gave this powerful written statement to Creative Loafing about the bond being granted:

“The fact that a bond has been set in this case is a disgrace. My office strenuously opposed it; the people who live and work in the Little Five Points community were pre-sent in court, along with the victim's family, and they all opposed it. Why a judge would allow a defendant who murders a citizen by shooting him in the face while attempting to rob him, to be released from jail, defies reason and spits in the face of justice.”

The Creative Loafing article and some responses to it can found at:

<http://blogs.creativeleafing.com/freshloaf/2007/12/19/accused-l5p-killer-granted-bail/>

I also contacted and spoke at length with a number of people I know and trust (including two current and one former Fulton County Assistant DAs who have worked with Mr. Dunaway, two criminal defense attorneys, an Assistant Senior State Attorney General, a former Federal Prosecutor and an Atlanta Deputy Chief of Police) to get their opinions about what happened. All of those familiar with Assistant DA Dunaway had high praise for him and reported he is an excellent, highly competent, and thorough attorney who consistently gets convictions. He is part of the DA’s elite Serious Crimes Section. They also gave me some education on some realities of the system. Without exception, they all said it is very early in the process and not to be discouraged since this was not a setback to the case itself. It seems granting bond in a case like this, while not typical, is also not extremely unusual. The amount set is considered pretty high and most felt it would be unlikely the defendant could raise the funds (either by spending, and thus losing, over \$11,000 or having a large property asset to put at risk). Also, there are several conditions on the release if bail is raised, including no use of drugs or alcohol, being employed within two weeks, living at his parent’s home, being home everyday between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., no contact with any of the witnesses, and staying out of the L5P area. **However, one condition set by Judge Bedford defies common sense and credulity: although there are 4 GUNS in the house, the accused can live there if he is bailed out since his father is supposed to keep the guns under lock and key.**

You can check on the status of whether Cori Williams is still in jail by going to <http://www.fultonsheriff.org/>. Click on "Jail", scroll down, enter the booking number 0719194, and click "Search". However, the site reports the data is only updated once a day. The jail telephone number is listed as 404-853-2001, I don't know if there is more accurate information available by phone. As we are getting ready to publish this article (01/05/08) he is listed as still in jail.

If Cori Williams is released from jail, I’ll transmit that with his photo and description so the community can be on the look out for him violating the terms of his bond (if you’d like a photo now, request it at L5PPublicSafety@bellsouth.net).

There may be a motion filed by the prosecution to reconsider bond. While the reported poor performance by Mr. Dunaway at the bond hearing may have been just that, it may just be his low key style combined with the reality that prosecutors are constantly appearing before the same few judges (who are constantly hearing these types of cases) and get to know what judges want, usually just the relevant facts and without a whole lot of bombast. On the other hand the private defense attorney may have been playing to his constituency (those who’ve hired him to work for them) with more drama, despite arguing much that was irrelevant to a bond hearing. I’ve also heard from attorneys familiar with Judge Bedford who say he is considered a reasonably good judge.

Given all of this I completely disagree with Bedford’s ruling. On the night of the crime Cori Williams went to some friends looking for money to get out of town, which certainly sounds like he is a flight risk. However, the judge considers the facts that he did not in fact leave, nor resist arrest, and has strong ties to his community with perhaps nowhere else to go and hide, as evidence to the contrary. Maybe so, but then he didn’t know he would be caught, now he knows he is the suspect, some of the evidence against him, and the likely sentence he’s facing, and thus it’s reasonable to assume that get-out-of-town instinct will kick in again. Also, since his juvenile record (I’ve heard there is a fairly extensive one) isn’t considered, the judge does not have information available on many of the factors he is supposed to consider. Additionally, sending this defendant to stay in a home with 4 guns present is simply unconscionable. Finally, and most importantly, the judge is to consider the seriousness of the offense. If this wanton, heinous, depraved act, of suddenly and un-hesitantly pointing a gun at a stranger’s head and effortlessly murder him without provocation, is not evidence of someone who is a danger to the community, having a total lack of conscience or regard for human life, then what is? There is no doubt letting this individual back on the streets would produce a high level of fear in the community, similar to what was felt during the period between this crime and his capture.

INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 2007

By Greg Scott

Below is a summary of December criminal activity in our neighborhood. If you are thinking of moving to Inman Park and are reading this report, don't despair ... we are an active and proactive neighborhood and a wonderful place to live. We take our safety seriously and work in partnership with neighbors and the police to

keep our neighborhood safe. If you already live here, be aware and use this information to change your behavior so we can all be safe.

Burglary is down. However, auto theft and theft from autos are *WAY* up. Unfortunately, it looks like some of our local criminals are going retro and stealing in-dash stereos again. A lot of these perps are looking for something to take up to Parkway Drive for a quick rock or two – *don't give them the opportunity!*

As usual, if you have something of value, don't leave it in the car. If you see anyone suspicious, call 911. Let's stop making the auto glass guy rich!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
11/16 - 11/30	Two weeks	Burglary	700 Dixie	Apartment entered and appliances stolen. Victim reported several brokers have keys.
11/18 - 11/29	Two weeks	Burglary	700 Lake	House under construction broken into. Copper taken.
330	7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Auto Theft	100 Montag	Locked motorcycle stolen.
39777	9:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	100 Elizabeth	Drivers window smashed and denim jacket taken while car was parked in street.
39778	1:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Auto Theft	900 Euclid	Victim parked car at location and came back to find it missing.
39778	10:30 p.m. – midnight	Auto Theft	100 Krog	Victim had car parked in valet lot. Returned to find passenger window smashed and steering column damaged.
39778	Evening	Auto Theft	700 Lake	Victim reported car broken into. Surveillance video showed two suspects on a dirt bike using rock to pry open rear window of truck.
39781	1:00 a.m.	Robbery	500 North Highland	Victim was outside smoking when suspect approached and asked for a cigarette. Victim declined and suspect pulled out black semi-auto pistol and demanded "everything". Purse stolen. Suspect is B/M, 5'08", 25-30 with grey zip up hoodie and jeans.
39781	9:00 p.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Auto Theft	Sinclair at Colquitt	Victim reported Jeep stolen.
39782	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1000 Alta	GPS taken from vehicle. No sign of forced entry.
39783	6:50 p.m.- 7:20 p.m.	Auto Theft	400 North Highland	Car stolen from street. Broken glass found at site.
39784	12:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Auto Theft	400 North Highland	Car stolen from street.
39784	Overnight	Auto Theft	400 North Highland	Car stolen from parking lot.
39787	1:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	100 Montag	Suspect found in vehicle by officers on patrol with stolen items. Cell phone/ head set were recovered.
39788	5:30 p.m.	Burglary	Spruce St.	Officers responding to alarm call found rear and side doors open and window pushed in. Pliers not belonging to victim found on chair. Key taken.
39789	Noon	Theft from Auto	700 Edgewood	Suspect found asleep in truck after witnesses reported seeing him removing tires from said truck. MENSA notified. Suspect not a member. Suspect was arrested.
39790	Overnight	Theft from Auto	440 North Highland	Window smashed. In-dash stereo taken.
39790	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1100 Dekalb	Window smashed. CD player stolen.
39791	12:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Austin	Window smashed ,CD player and cash taken while vehicle was parked in alley.
12/10	5:00 a.m.	Burglary	900 Dekalb Ave.	Victim reported seeing suspect vehicle leaving driveway. Basement door was found open - not determined if anything was taken.

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39792	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 North Highland	Window smashed. In-dash stereo, satellite radio, and Ipod adapter stolen.
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39793	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Brickworks Circle at Lake	Window smashed with cinderblock. \$1 stolen. Cinderblock and blood found in vehicle.
39794	10:00 a.m.	Burglary	1000 Colquitt	Officers responded to a burglary in progress call to find a side window of apartment was smashed. Two TV's and lap top missing.

To receive more in-depth crime reports for the whole of Zone 6, subscribe to the Inman Park Yahoo! Group or the inmanpark.org mailing list:

1. To subscribe to the Yahoo! Group: go to www.yahoo.com, click on "Groups" and type "inmanparkga" in the "search groups box. After you click on the group URL just click on "join this group" and follow the instructions.
2. To subscribe to the inmanpark.org mailing list: go to www.inmanpark.org and click on "Subscribe". Fill out the form and click on "subscribe."

CRIME, COMPASSION, AND URBAN CAMPERS

By Bill Hagan, V.P. Public Safety

BLUF: Here's news about how to reduce the first by using the second to help the third.

Recently, a poster on the Yahoo group said this about the dangers and frustrations of homeless people camping in the neighborhood.

"I understand why they are doing this (we have a homeless camp behind our house on and off and they are always burning fires) but it is depressing that instead of being able to address the issue we are forced to barricade ourselves. The police seem severely handicapped when dealing with the homeless in our district."

There is good news on this front. Our Zone 6 is lucky to have a new addition, Lt. **Trudy Boyce**, who is skilled in working these issues. And, by skilled, for those of you who get anxious about such things, I don't mean planning truncheon-swinging raids!

Instead, Lt. Boyce will have APD go to these locations to inform people of available services, shelters, mental health services, etc. APD officers will also work with property owners to issue criminal-trespass warnings and coordinate clean-up activities.

This is an excellent opportunity to protect these unauthorized campers from the coming cold weather, and to protect ourselves and our neighbors from the crime, fire, and unsanitary conditions associated with these encampments.

Here's what you can do to help. Send me an e-mail (wrhagan@earthlink.net) which identifies known locations of unauthorized overnight campers. Lt. Boyce will act on this as described above and all of us ---residents of the legal and illegal kind--- will be better off.

☺☺☺☺ Happy New Year! ☺☺☺☺

"A SECURITY PATROL, IF YOU CAN KEEP IT."

By Bill Hagan

Franklinophiles and dilettante historians will recognize my theft in this column's title. As he emerged from the just-concluded Constitutional Convention in 1787, **Benjamin Franklin** is reputed to have responded to questions from citizens, anxious to know the form of government created, "A republic, if you can keep it." Similar sentiments come to my mind about our Security Patrol. Don't worry, I have no delusions of grandeur in comparing the two subjects, but the state of our Security Patrol is, in my opinion, the best it has ever been, thanks to the energy and efforts of a number of neighbors. But that state is not static, and, arguably, without a better financial basis, is even unstable.

I will address the details of that and other public-safety matters below, but let me start with some thank-you's that I'll say for all who read this to those I mention here. No wait, I feel an ADD attack coming on. This is going to be a long column. Some of you will not have the stamina (I'll be kind to myself) to finish this at one sitting, unless sitting someplace ... erm ... special. So, I'll help by separating it into installments (no, I did not intend that pun and only caught it on proofing this, a process many of you likely do not believe occurs). When you come to the end of a section, you can quit there (or even sooner, of course), or screw up your courage and just drive on. Let's test the system. [to be continued]

Chapter II

Welcome back. Here are some neighbors we all owe thanks for improving public safety in Inman Park and for making the Security Patrol car happen: **Anda Olsen**, for pushing hard for public safety and quality-of-life-improvements, and for being a great supporter of the patrol car purchase; **Brett Lauter**, who really started, on his watch as public-safety VP, the effort to make the car happen; **Frank Neely**, chair, who, with **John Barmeyer** and **Richard Westrick**, volunteered to find and get the car, and did a magnificent job; **Leslie Ward**, who made all sorts of money magic in a hurry when money had to be laundered ... erm ... I mean transferred quickly to seal the deal; **Lou Arcangeli**, who flew with me to Tampa to pick up the car and drive it back to Inman Park [Break Break—great fun, by the way; not a single car passed us from the Tampa city limits to I-285; I drove Lou nuts by getting off at every exit to let the ever-so-law-abiding cars get by, leading, at Lake City, to three Florida State Troopers busting the drag-racers who blew by us; I'm sure the victims suspected a set-up—now back to your regularly scheduled run-on paragraph]; **Wayne Smith**, aka **Santa Claus**, who formally delivered the car to the neighborhood by giving the keys to **Anda** at the Trolley Barn during the Christmas Party; **Dennis Mobley** and **Betty Ridderhoff**; for their wonderful work in maintaining the database (now that's several columns of even unprettier prose than this I'll spare you now); **Greg Scott**

and **Kris Dwyer** for compiling the Beat 604 crime report every month; **Cynthia Knapp**, for her astonishing progress in ridding us of graffiti; **Dr. Richard Shapiro** for personifying “tireless” in keeping up with “court watch” and so much more; and, of course, my ever-indulgent wife, **Kathi Hagan**, who has put up with lots since she threw in her lot with me, but she just smiles ... and rolls her eyes. Thanks, Kath. I am, no doubt, missing several folks; please forgive me; come visit and have a beer (or several) for my oversight. And, there will be more to thank soon. **Betty Ridderhoff** (yes, again and again and again) and **Roger Jordan Garage**, for two, as they will be hosting, securing, and maintaining the car during the course of the year. [to be continued]

Chapter III

As a public admission of failure, I am simply incapable of handling, alone, all of the public-safety work. So, in the past few weeks, I have had several small security-oriented meetings. The first, at our home, was for the “operators,” i.e., those who want to be involved in (or I drafted to help with!) security-patrol operations, e.g., car use and regulating the patrol with rules that ensure the car and officers are doing what we, Inman Parkers, want them to do, in a safe and effective way. I mentioned in a previous column, that **Bill Goodman** had taken pity on me and is going to take on the direct operation of the patrol, with oversight of the car’s use and care. As part of that transition, he and I intend to meet soon with all of our Patrol officers to discuss our expectations. Gathering those guppies into one bowl will be impossible, so we’ll have to have several meetings. One point we intend to stress is that we view this as an opportunity for these jaded APD officers to make that trite catch-phrase “community policing” a reality. So, when you see “**Chief**” **Carlo Peek** or any of the other officers in the patrol car ... wave at 'em. Seriously, cops aren't used to that and we will ask them to go out of the way to be friendly to you—the taxpayers and supporters of the Inman Park Patrol. Let us know how they are doing. Be an informer and snitch when they don't wave back! [to be continued]

Chapter IV

I entitled this month’s column, “A Security Patrol, If You Can Keep It.” Can we? I think so. I’m betting on it. But it is up to us. More accurately, *it's up to you.*

Just before Christmas, another small public-safety group met at Betty Ridderhoff’s home to talk about what is euphemistically called “development,” i.e., that tax-dry topic, money, and how to get it. **Bob Sandage** agreed (actually, I think “relented under threats of public shaming” might be more accurate) to take on the most critical task facing us: fundraising. We have had various pushes for membership and renewals over the years, but have not had a formal campaign to get us firmly established or a program to sustain the growth. Bob is working on a plan to do just that, and will announce it in the February Advocate. Not inclined to help? Better hide your money now, because Bob is good.

In the meantime, “*your*” car is on “*your*” streets, but only “*you*” can keep it there, instead of it being parked when we run out of money. As I have stated in previous columns, at IPNA, and other meetings, and on that great brainchild of **Kris-tine Sandage**, the Inman Park Yahoo discussion board <<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/inmanparkga/>> (from where I crib some of this column), we are going to use the car and actively patrol. That means that the Crown Vic will be moving twice a day most days, with a morning four-hour shift from about 7:00 a.m. to about 11:00 a.m., and another four-hour shift at night, usually from about 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Those times will vary, of course, depending on officer availability and assessment of current crime patterns. But, when we run out of money, we’ll park it. And that will be

too bad, because, as I said in last month’s column, “a highly visible law-enforcement presence deters crime ... this car is visible and sends an immediate, unmistakable message that it is here to thwart thugs.”

I trust that many of you have already seen the car on its rounds or, as we try to do between shifts, parked at various locations throughout the neighborhood. We are especially trying to target the high-speed corridors, e.g., Lake, Edgewood, etc. The other day, two sport bikes (tastefully and throaty Euros, of course, with none of that Nipponese whine) coming from L5P on Euclid. They lunged onto Edgewood and began building that unmistakable rising roar I love—but not on residential streets—of an Italian twin and British triple lighting up the wick: “non è il rumore, è la musica.” But, in the middle of their testosterone rush, the guys spotted the Crown Vic, and almost pulled stoppies in their haste to go slow. I waved as they idled by. Oh, one last point about the Crown Vic coming to a street near you. One way to keep the car from reappearing in front of your house is to use a leaf-blower next to it. It won’t be at that spot again in this glacial epoch. [to be continued]

Chapter V

At the last two IPNA meetings I said I would ask the Atlanta Fire Department about the cause of the three-house fire that started at 350 Sinclair in late October. Put simply, I forgot. I finally recalled my promise and asked AFD about the results of its investigation, and got this back from AFD **Captain May**:

“The Fire Investigators ... believe it was started as a result of vagrant activity. However, due to the massive destruction of the house, it will be practically impossible to determine any further information. I know this is not as helpful as you would like but it is about all we can do. Hopefully, this will provide some closure.”

Captain May is right; that is not as helpful as we would like, but it does reinforce in my mind how important it is that we continue to look out for each other. When you see activity next door or across the street that doesn't look right, it probably isn't. That's what 911 is all about. If “visitors” are innocent, the responding APD and/or Security Patrol officer can sort that out appropriately. For gentle readers, that isn't code for tazing folks, it means asking nicely, because there may be a legitimate explanation. But, sometimes there isn't. Squatters and urban campers risk life and property when they play house in our neighborhood, so when I see them, I call 911 or run 'em off myself (something Kathi discourages by asking, after such events, if she can review my life-insurance policies!). [to be continued]

Chapter VI

OK, let’s get one thing out of the way. **David Simpson** and **Karen Goeckel** were the first to notice (and trumpet) this gaff, but someone would eventually have caught it, so I suppose I should thank them, and will as soon as I stop sulking. For those of you who have not realized it yet, we seem to have insufficiently vetted that acronym for “Inman Park Patrol,” IPP, before we emblazoned it on the Crown

Vic—in yellow livery, no less. We wanted to reduce the private security appearance, and just missed the urinary result that smarter folks like David and Karen immediately spotted. *Yikes!* [to be continued]

Chapter VII

The other morning I was disturbed to hear from our Security Patrol that a home on Lake Avenue had been burgled. **Chief Peek** was the patrol officer that night and, while checking on vacation-patrol requests nearby, noted that this house, otherwise dark, had its front door wide open, not a usual event about 2 a.m. on a December morning. He investigated and found that someone had apparently entered through a pet door and stolen computers and other valuables, leaving through the front. **Inv. Peek** was puzzled because the home had a Security Patrol sign in the front, but was not on the list. Let me say several things about all of that.

First, when you leave town, even for a day or so, you may, as a Security Patrol member, request a “vacation check,” using the form on the Inman Park website. That means the Crown Vic visits your home at least once every shift and the patrol officer will do a physical check of the premises. Eligible members may make that happen here: http://www.inmanpark.org/public_safety_vacationpatrol.php

In addition, Zone 6 provides “directed patrols” to residents who request that. You can obtain that form here: www.npufatlanta.org. In the February *Advocator*, I will provide an e-mail address to send those to Zone 6, but for any absences until then, you may fax or deliver the form to Zone 6, using the number/address on the form. The residents of this burgled home had not asked for a Security Patrol check, and they had left the welcome mat out for the thugs who stole from them by having several days of newspaper deliveries in the front yard. *Duh.*

Second, this may seem a bit strong, though I feel strongly about it. In my opinion, it is a form of larceny to have a Security Patrol sign on your property without being a current member. Yes, of course, I know that many of us (including, as long as I am being critical, yours truly) have let that and any number of things miss a renewal suspense. But I am not really talking about that. I am talking about folks who, through long inattention or, worse, design, keep the sign in their yards and give the impression they are members without paying the price. That is not right. The Security Patrol, as an arm of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association, owes all residents general coverage, but those who keep the sign without keeping up dues are stealing from those who bear the burden. [to be continued]

Chapter VIII

Alibi Rounds. That intro will bring memories for nearly all veterans, but draw a blank (finally, an intended pun!) for others. All I am doing here is gathering some last-minute thoughts and tossing them out at once. There may be a nugget among the clods, so if you made it this far, keep on slogging.

I will not go into detail here about the **Terry Williams** murder case and the judge’s granting of bond to his accused killer. I will, instead, refer those interested—which should be every Inman Parker—to the considerable discussion of the issue on the Yahoo board or to **Richard Shapiro’s** article on Pages 10/11 in this issue. The level of debate there is pretty high, as are passions, and I encourage all to read through the several threads. **Bill Sanders’s** piece on the distinction between bail and bond is a great primer on the subject for lay folks (and this lawyer).

I will spell out more in another column, but for those interested in the patrol-car, we will soon have a tracking device installed that will record where the car goes. As I have told the officers, this is not an integrity-checker, but a way of accounting to the membership, and selling to prospective members, that the car gets around. Right now, the car is averaging between 20-30 miles per four-hour shift. And, it ain’t no Prius at the pump! In addition to recording routes, the device will text me when it exceeds X mph and when it leaves the neighborhood.

Please look for the separate piece on Page 13 in this same issue about how you can help with the problem of homeless people camping in the neighborhood.

Finally (a beautiful word, is it not?), we are working hard in the Public-Safety Committee, but we are not, Kathi assures me, perfect. So, if you have concerns, comments, suggestions, kudos for officers, blah, blah, blah, call me, tell me in person, or (given the state of my memory!) send me an e-mail, inmanparkpublicsafety@yahoo.com. [to be continued]

Chapter IX

So, bottom line at the bottom?

“Let’s Keep It!”

Thank you for doing your part.

IPNA TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN UPDATE

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

The preliminary drawings for the neighborhood traffic-calming plan have been submitted to the City of Atlanta for a preliminary approval process. Once the City has reviewed these and either approved or denied them, we will then go through a preliminary estimating phase to see what the cost of these projects will be. Once we have determined our costs, we will have a better idea of which projects can actually get built. Depending on the budgets, we will then have to decide which projects get prioritized- that will be a fun process!!

After we have a final list of projects, we will go through a formal petitioning process, whereby we will need to get approval / signatures of a certain percentage of effected neighbors for each project. Once approved by the neighbors, we will begin the final design / engineering phase to determine the details of each specific project. This is a very slow process, so don’t expect to see crews working on these projects anytime soon. I wish I had more information with regards to schedule, but it is very difficult at this time to predict when work could begin. I will be posting notices / drawings as I get them on both the IPNA Yahoo Groups and the IPNA neighborhood websites.

If you would like more information, please contact me at:

danny@smallcarpenters.com or Phone me at 404-688-7665.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANN CRAMER

What a great honor for you to be on the cover of the January issue of "WOMAN". You have worked hard developing literacy programs for the disabled and job training for the disadvantaged. You deserve the title of "Power Woman of the Year"!

MARY LIN ELEMENTARY INVITES YOU TO A TOUR FOR PROSPECTIVE KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

By Laura Lancaster Archer

Thursday, February 7th, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Do you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten in the 2008-09 school year? If so, we'd love to have you come meet with us in the Mary Lin Auditorium for an introduction to our school.

Our Principal, Mr. **Brian Mitchell**, will give a brief presentation about Mary Lin, with time for Q & A. This will be followed by a tour of the school building and grounds.

Since this is a regularly scheduled school day, we ask that you not bring your child on the tour, so as not to disrupt the instruction of our Mary Lin students. (However, we will be having a special morning, just for your rising Kindergartner, in the Spring...)

Can't make this tour? We hold tours every month - the next tours are scheduled for:

Tuesday, February 12th - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 6th - 9:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you at a Mary Lin Tour!

Questions? Contact: Laura Lancaster Archer (a Mary Lin parent)

archer@mindspring.com

Phone: 404.524.4564

THANKS TO ALL MY INMAN PARK NEIGHBORS

By Betty Ridderhoff

Thank You to all you wonderful and caring neighbors who make living in Inman Park a loving and caring experience. Bob and I were always amazed by the way all the neighbors in Inman Park joined together to bring meals to the family if someone was sick, had a new baby, or just needed some caregiving. "Thank you" is such a small thing to say for all the compassion you give. And, a special thanks to:

Joyce and **Bill Sayles** who do a marvelous job proofreading the *Advocator*.

Diane Floyd who not only cooks those luscious meals before the IPNA meetings, but makes the time to take the *Advocator* to the printer every month.

Josie Starnes who drops off a dinner to me when Diane cooks at the Church.

Next, I did not climb the roof to put up the Christmas decorations. They were put up by some wonderful neighbors who donated their time and energy to make my house look festive. This great crew of roof climbers were: **Rick Bunt**, **George Gary**, **John Dwyer**, and **Mike Mongeon**. Rick also set up the snow-globe on the front porch and **Kevin Kornder** put up the trees on the front porch.

Karen Heim who proofreads the Membership Directory and helps with so many neighborhood events.

Bob Eberwein and **Linda Dunham** who make my job as Treasurer of the Trolley Barn easier.

NPU-N UPDATE – JANUARY 2008

By Jonathan R. Miller, IPNA's Representative to NPU-N

Thank you for allowing me to continue to represent you at NPU-N this year. As it turns out, I was elected by the NPU-N Executive Board to serve as Vice-Chairman. My primary duties (aside from filling in for the Chair should they not be able to preside at a meeting) include time-keeping to meetings and chairing the nominating committee. (Yeah, I know; all those years

of school and everything I needed to know I learned in Kindergarten!) Ordinarily the nominating committee does its job in November and December. However, we were not able to find a Chair to replace Anna Copello. She has agreed to fill the role for another few months while we keep searching. I have asked some of the “usual suspects” from Inman Park, but their plates are

full too. So, if you have any ideas, please let me know. Consider asking someone from another neighborhood within NPU-N as it has been pointed out that Inman Park and Poncey-Highlands have provided many of the past Chairs. They might say yes! Or they might suggest someone. Any ideas would be appreciated. And thanks again for letting me represent you.

ORDINANCE NO. (ZRB NO.)	DESCRIPTION	COMM. *	STATUS (AS OF JAN. 2, 2008)
06-O-0017 (Z-05-104)	define and regulate Infill Residential Development	ZN	Pending before ZRB (but probably dead due to 07-O-0642)
06-O-0262	require automatic sprinkler protection systems for all newly constructed single-family dwellings	CD	Held in Committee.
06-O-2697 (Z-06-144)	Affordable Housing ordinance	ZN	<i>Pending before ZRB</i>
07-O-0078	allow License Review Board to not meet in December	PS	revised by C.C. in Jan 2007; held in committee
07-O-0611	limit the height of retaining walls	ZN	Pending before ZRB
07-O-0621	create Code Section 16-28.023(a) titled Transfer of Development Rights in the BeltLine Planning Area	ZN	Pending before ZRB (may have to be rewritten)
07-O-0673	“Owner and Tenant Responsibility for Cleanliness of Property”	CD	Held in committee - under discussion with Planning Dept.
07-O-1087	Water and Wastewater City Service Credit Card, On-line Payment, Electronic Check User Convenience Fee {\$4.50 per use}	FE	Held in Committee for comment from Finance Dep't
07-O-1521	outdoor dining areas regulations	UT	<i>Held in committee</i>
07-O-1522	revise dog restraint requirements	PS	Held 7/31/07 at the request of the author for further review
07-O-1795	Regulate the transportation of hazardous materials through he City	PS	Held in Committee
<i>07-O-1908</i>	<i>Revise fees for licensing Taxis and other Vehicles-For-Hire</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>Held in Committee</i>
07-O-1946	Amend 2008 Atlanta Strategic Action Plan (ASAP) to incorporate comments	CD	Held in Committee for comments from ARC and DCA
07-O-1953	Raise fees for permits for some activities in public right-of-way, encroachments and easements	UT	<i>Adopted by C.C. on 3 Dec.; APPROVED by Mayor on 11 Dec.</i>
07-O-2418	Establish procedures for the permitting and regulations of Valet Parking Services	TR	Held in committee
07-O-2426	Transfer responsibility for traffic calming funds for Edgewood Retail District	ZN	Pending before ZRB
07-O-2522	Toilet Retrofit Rebate Program	UT	<i>Adopted by C.C. on 3 Dec.; APPROVED by Mayor on 11 Dec.</i>

* City Council Committee code:

CC=Committee on Council;

CD=Community Development/Human Resources;

FE=Finance/Executive;

PS=Public Safety & Legal;

TR=Transportation;

UT=Utilities;

ZN=Zoning

Note:

Bolded italics indicates newly-listed or revised since last month

“HAPPY, HEALTHY WOMEN!” --- JOIN US, LEARN, AND GET INSPIRED

By Kris Dwyer

Start your 2008 in the very best way! Join us for a real-life, real-information, inspiring morning workshop about being a healthier and happier woman in 2008.

Saturday, January 26th, 2008

Fee: \$15.00 per person

Inman Park United Methodist Church

1015 Edgewood Avenue

(1/2 block west of the Inman Park/Reynoldstown MARTA station)

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

We will have three speakers and spend about an hour on each topic.

The first speaker will teach us about how to realistically boost our physical health by getting the most out of our exercise time, learning about and monitoring our most life-threatening enemy (which is actually heart disease --- surprising?), and about what small and big changes really pay off in good health now and later on.

Our second speaker, Dr. **Gurusahay Khalsa**, D.C., Dipl.Ac., will teach us about alternative health therapies like eastern medicine, thoughtful nutrition, acupuncture, kinesiology, meditation and more. Our fellow women across the world benefit from these areas we consider non-traditional; so can we!

Our third speaker, personal coach **Laura Biering**, MM, CPCC, will tie our physical, mental, and emotional health together as she inspires and challenges us to thoughtfully get the most out of our lives. We'll learn how health and happiness is directly tied to our sense of community and strong relationships in our lives.

We promise you'll enjoy the time, the talk, and your fellow women. Plus, you'll leave with real, practical, enjoyable ways to live your best life! For more information, check the church website at: www.inmanparkumc.org or call **Kris Dwyer** at 404-423-4239.

A REAL PET PEEVE

By Thom Gonyeau

As I was about to whip off a letter to the editor of the AJC, I realized that my concern was closer to home and *The Advocate* was a better venue.

My issue is our inconsiderate neighbors who don't clean up after their dogs on other peoples' property. While a "dog is man's best friend," dog poop on the other hand... *well, not so much.*

(Disclaimer: I have a dog. I walk my dog in Inman Park twice a day. I carry bags so that when my dog does her business, I can pick it up. And then I dispose of those bags in my trash receptacle.)

I think the equation is pretty simple: If you have a dog, you are responsible for that dog. Cleaning up after your puppy is just part of the package like feeding, vaccinating, spay/neutering and general care. Where's the confusion?

I really can't imagine why a dog owner would think that leaving excrement on a neighbor's sidewalk or lawn is considered anything but rude and disrespectful. And yet, it happens all the time in our nice little neighborhood. I don't think we can blame this infraction too much on visitors or those passing through.

After all, we live in a residential walking area. It's not a natural refuge, a forest, or a farm. The waste left behind, stays behind. It's a nuisance, unhealthy for other pets, and a little - or a lot - unsightly.

A related pet peeve is those dog owners and walkers who dispose of their bags of waste in bags of leaves. While I applaud the pick-up action, I don't think that plastics bags of animal waste decompose at the same rate of leaves. Those paper bags are for yard trimmings and such. Find a trash can.

It's a New Year. Courteous behavior begins at home... and Inman Park is a great place to call home. Make a resolution to treat your neighbors' property with respect, take pride in the way our streets and yards look, and pick up after your pet. *(Plus, you get the added benefit with the exercise of bending down at the same time.)*

See you and your dog in the 'hood.

FitWit FITNESS CAMP

By Josh Guerrieri

Get the new year started right by joining Grant Park's original community fitness camp. Our 6-week program is for EVERY-ONE, and it will get you in the best shape of your life.

FitWit is a Grant Park company focused on building a community of fitness. One of our most successful programs is the Grant Park fitness boot camps for adults. We meet 4 days/week in a group exercise setting to push, pull, jump, lunge, sprint, swing, and squat our way into the best shape of our lives.

Our camp is unique - We believe in using a variety of equipment (medicine balls, exercise bands, kettle bells, barbells). We believe in assessing daily performances (counting reps, scoring rounds, timing runs). And perhaps most importantly, we believe in strengthening our community. Our camps are more than about reaching elite levels of fitness - they're about bringing together a diverse group of people to motivate, encourage, laugh, cry, and bond with the people who live in your neighborhood. Life is meant to be enjoyed *TOGETHER*, and after enrolling in our camp, people find themselves surrounded by their new best friends.

Building stronger communities is so important to us that we donate 10% of our camp proceeds to The FitWit Foundation - a non-profit organization that provides after-school fitness & tutoring programs for low-income children in our neighborhoods. This community building is further cemented by the sponsorships of several local businesses who contribute fantastic incentives for our campers.

Please visit our website for a full description of our program, a list of our community partners, and information on how you can join our family - www.fitwit.net.

STUNNING PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AT CARTER LIBRARY

By Tony Clark"

President **Jimmy Carter's** legacy of preserving some of the most beautiful and fragile land in the United States is on display at the Carter Presidential Library. The images in the stunning, new exhibit "Southwest Alaska: A World of National Parks and Wildlife Refuges, the Photographs of **Robert Glenn Ketchum**" will take your breath away.

Twenty-seven years ago, President Jimmy Carter helped preserve this beautiful landscape for generations to come. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, signed into law on December 2nd, 1980, provided for the creation or revision of 15 National Park Service properties, and set aside other public lands for the United States Forest Service and United States Fish and Wildlife Service. In all, the act provided for the designation of 79.54 million acres (124,281 square miles) of public lands, fully a third of which was set aside as wilderness area.

World-famous photographer Robert Glenn Ketchum has captured the beauty and the fragility of this land in more than three dozen large format images. The photographs in this exhibit have been selected from his comprehensive 2-book Aperture release, *Rivers of Life: Southwest Alaska, The Last Great Salmon Fishery and Wood-Tikchik: Alaska's Largest State Park* the most complete photographic archive ever created of this area.

Photographers will appreciate Ketchum's skill. He and master-printer, **Michael Wilder**, were among the first Americans to work with Ciba-Ilfochrome print materials, and with this current exhibit, Ketchum has moved to new technologies and increasing print size. Some images in this exhibit are larger than life, and their startling clarity gives the boreal landscape a surreal quality. The richness and subtlety of these 30"x 40", 48"x 66" photographic prints are the incomparable results of someone that has been pioneering the exploration of color and scale for nearly 35 years.

The exhibition, which will be on display until April 13th, also features free lectures by Ketchum (January 24th), the Nature Conservancy's **Tim Toll** (February 21st) and bear expert **Chris Morgan** (March 20th). For more information, call 404-865-7100 or visit: www.jimmycarterlibrary.go v.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM JANUARY 15 TH , 2008, TO APRIL 25 TH , 2008 🎉🎉🎉			100 DAYS
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Jan. 16	Wed. 7:30 P.M.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Jan. 21	Mon.	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.	
Jan. 22	Tues.	Book Club	814 Virgil 404-688-7330
Feb. 01	Fri. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Feb. 02	Sat.	GROUND HOG DAY	
Feb. 05	Tues.	MARDI GRAS	
Feb. 06	Wed.	ASH WEDNESDAY	

TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR		
		
DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
01/08/08	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details.	404-523-4801
02/23/08	Eighth Annual Tree Huggers' Ball RAIN DANCE at the Trolley Barn	404-522-5394

AGENDA	
I.	Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers
II.	Minutes of Last Meeting
III.	Announcements
IV.	Police Officers' Reports
V.	Elected Officials' Reports
VI.	IPNA Officers' Reports:
	A. President.
	B. Planning.
	C. Zoning:
	1. NPU-N Report.
	2. 715 Edgewood Ave.
	D. Historic Preservation:
	1. 346 Sinclair Ave.
	2. 350 Sinclair Ave.
	3. 836 Euclid Ave.
	4. 840 Euclid Ave.
	5. 846 Euclid Ave.
	6. 240 North Highland (Zaya)
	7. 470 North Highland
	E. Public Safety:
	1. Security Patrol Initiatives.
	F. Treasurer:
	1. Recurring Budget Expenses.
	G. Secretary
VII.	Committee Reports
	A. Traffic Calming Update.
VIII.	New Business
IX.	Old Business
X.	Adjournment

POST OFFICE LOCKS

IT DOORS AT NIGHT

Submitted by Patrick Bradshaw

INMAN PARK DINERS 2008

STILL TIME TO JOIN US

By Karen Mebius

In case you haven't seen the notices on the windows, the L5P Post Office will start locking the doors to the lobby area, starting in 2008, at 7:30 PM every night.

I talked with a clerk who said the change was due to fires being started in the lobby area and to increase overall security.

Just keep that in mind if you are in the habit of checking your P.O. boxes in the evening, as I have been.

*(Note: Submitted by Richard Shapiro:
It's worse, the notices say 6:30 p.m.)*

will meet for dinner 5 times over the course of the year, once every two months, starting in March. We prefer to mix the people in different groups each year so you will get to meet more of your neighbors.

A Kick-Off Party will be held on January 26th to announce the makeup of each group. At that time the group will decide who will host which dinner. We typically have the dinners on the last Saturday of March, May, July, September, and November, but the group can decide

Dinners are held at the host's home. The host picks the menu. Some people like to do a theme, like Mexican for instance, but that is not necessary. By the way, singles are welcome to join.

In short, if you are interested and want to know more, please contact me at:
karinmebius@gmail.com
we live at 860 Euclid Avenue (Sally Dorn's old house) and our phone number is: 404- 584-0355.

I'd love to hear from you!

There is still time to join the Inman Park Diners for 2008. After people sign up, they are divided into groups. Each group

on any other date if they like. Each group will decide how they want to share the costs of the meals during the year and if it's going to be BYOB---yes or no.

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BED AND BREAKFAST

INMAN PARK BED & BREAKFAST: Robert Woodruff's first home! Two bedrooms, private baths, continental breakfast, antique furnishings. Walking distance to the MARTA station. Contact Eleanor Matthews at 404-688-9498 or go to: www.inmanparkbandb.com

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FOR RENT/WANTED

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For more information go to www.jcknightproperties.com or call Judi Knight 770-714-8618.

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