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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Anda Olsen

Okay, so you've just attended your first IPNA meeting, -- maybe even attended two -- and you're scratching your head: what was that all about!?! So this month I am going to do a guided exercise to help get a novice neighbor grounded in IPNA meetings 101.

We'll start with an analogy: an IPNA meeting is like a soap opera. There are a few 'families' around which all action revolves and plots work themselves out *slowly*. So, who are our starring families?

Planning, Zoning, Historical Preservation, and Public Safety. At any one time, the action will focus on just a single family. At other times, two families may be going head to head for star billing. *AND*, please remember, as in any good soap opera, there is a LOT of intermarrying and 'history' — everything is connected with a lot of overlap.

Your second tool: Each particular episode's action (agenda) is published on the back page of *The Advocate* so you will be able to tell who will be featured on a particular show. Consider it a teaser promo!

But let me give you a snapshot of each of our starring families.

Planning could be considered the first family of Inman Park and includes Land Use Development, Planning for Land Use, Transportation, and Community Infrastructure. It coordinates IPNA's efforts in these areas with governmental and other agencies and organizations. So, a current plot line involving the Planning family features its son, Traffic. How *do* we get him under control? The family matriarch is Beautification. Her brothers are TreeWatch and Sidewalks. All three are much respected and immensely successful after a tumultuous and hard-working youth.

The Zoning Family is perhaps the most colorful because it has those wild children, Variances and Liquor Licenses. The passion that these two can arouse!!! Here you'll get plots that feature hearings concerning real property and matters regarding zoning compliance or changes in zoning. The Zoning Family has a LOT of interaction with the featured guests on the show known collectively as "Immediate Neighbors" — these are the residents and owners of property within three hundred (300) feet of the property subject to review. In a location shot, the Immediate Neighbors are polled about how they feel about an issue. The next scene is back at the studio (aka the community room of the church) where we hear a report about the IN meeting, and then the IPNA membership votes on our support or opposition then sends it on to the Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU-N). *And YES, for you purists out there, I know that the better analogy here is to ancient Greek tragedies where all the decisive battle action takes place offstage!*

The Historic Preservation family's honcho is Compatibility, his consigliere is Type III Certificates of Appropriateness. The Immediate Neighbors guest stars are also prominent here. Back a few seasons ago, the HP family dominated every show as it campaigned for the votes for neighborhood control over design and preservation issues against the more free-wheeling 'Any Thing Goes' cartel. Future episodes could deal with what exact degree of control the City exercises on behalf of the HP Family.

The family currently at center stage is Public Safety. Security Patrol is the scrappy kid trying to gain respect and make a difference in the world. He's our liaison with the Atlanta Police Department and other law enforcement agencies. Anti Grafitti has been winning rave reviews and I think you're going to like some of the planned story lines with Code Enforcement.

With the above in mind, now do your homework: Read through our Secretary's minutes on Pages 4 and 5. Make more sense? **ALSO:** in the back of your membership book there is a list of abbreviations (UDC — urban design commission).

Finally, and the very best tool I can offer: If you don't understand something, ask. Those of us who have been following the show for a while **LIKE** to talk about our favorite episodes!

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

Things are heating up as we are only 2 ½ months away from our 37th Inman Park Festival. Everyone is invited to attend our next Festival Committee planning meeting on Thursday, March 13th at 7:30 at the Trolley Barn. Even if you are not a committee chair, this is a great way to check out the inner workings of how this event comes together each year. Even if you aren't chairing a committee, the meetings will give you some insight on how you can get involved next year and perhaps chair a committee.

If you want to volunteer before or during Festival, please sign up online **NOW** at inmanpark.org. If you have any questions about volunteering for Festival, you can contact our volunteer coordinator, **Judy Clements**, by email at judyclements@bell-south.net or call her at 404-523-9922. You can also contact me at danny@smallcar-penters.com or 404-521-1949. For more information contact our Festival hotline for general information at 770-242-4895.

TREE HUGGERS BALL

Dining, rain dancing, raffling and general mayhem

Saturday, February 23rd, 2008

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

at the

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

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

The Tree Watch Committee plants new trees, maintains existing public tree canopy,
and educates neighbors about the value of trees through the Inman Park Arboretum.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16th, 2008 IPNA MEETING

By Ellen McManus, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Anda Olsen welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for newcomers. There were several: **Doug Miller** on Dixie Ave, **Jack Stenger**, **Celia Pope** and **Bailey Pope**. Anda asked if there was a volunteer to come forward and turn in their membership. **Dr. Greg Graham** turned in his application and announced he has coupons for a free chiropractic adjustment.

Since there were police officers present, Anda deviated from the published agenda to allow them to speak next.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Lt. Pautsch introduced himself and asked for individual concerns. The lady whose house partially burned on Sinclair said people are breaking into her home. A neighbor who had seen someone at her house offered a description of the person. **Bill Hagan** asked him to e-mail the information to him so he can report it to Security Patrol. Anda pointed out we should always call 911 when you see anything suspicious. She also reminded everyone to lock their doors and not leave anything in cars. Bill stood up and asked everyone to remember the two Dekalb County police officers who were killed this morning. He reminded everyone it is a dangerous job our officers do and we really appreciate them.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

A motion to accept the Minutes from last month's meeting was made, second-ed, and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Oreon Mann** announced the next book club will be Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at 814 Virgil. The book is *Change Me Into Zeus' Daugh-ter* by **Barbara Robinette Moss**. Bring a covered dish.
2. **Judy Clements** announced she is in charge of volunteers for Festival. The website for volunteers is now up and running. Go to www.inmanpark.org and click on 'Volunteers'. Call her if you have any problems, she is in the neighborhood directory.
3. **Cathy Bradshaw** pointed out her article on Page 9 of this month's *Advocator*. A new fund is being set up for theater night in memory of **Ann Schnur**, who was a big supporter of theater night. The money donated to the fund will go to the theaters. Sign up for theater night will start in February/March.
4. **Diane Floyd** made an announcement for **Carolyn McLaughlin**: Good Moves will be having a Dance and Dessert on February 2nd at 3:00 p.m. Come and see what the Good Moves dancers are working on.
5. **Kris Dwyer** announced that on January 26th from 9:00 a.m. - noon, there will be a special program at IPUMC about women's health. There will be 3 speakers and 3 topics: The first will discuss western medicine and what women of different ages need to monitor. The second will discuss alternative therapies: eastern medicine, yoga, kinesiology, etc. The third will be a personal coach talking about tying physical needs and community together. Kris will pass out flyers or you can look on the church website for details. Anda asked if men can attend. Kris said yes. There is a \$15 suggested donation.
6. **Anda Olsen** said she met with **Shaun Doty** to talk about valet parking problems at Shaun's; they are working aggressively to solve it. She also spoke with some representatives of the Grape; they are making some changes.
7. **Marge Hays** announced the TreeHuggers Ball will be on February 23rd at the Trolley Barn; this is the TreeWatch Committee's annual party to kick off the season.
8. Anda said **George Gary** has polar bear t-shirts. If you already have a shirt and need to pay, please do so.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

1. **Anda Olsen** announced she had received an e-mail from **Jay Tribby**, from **Kwanza Hall's** office; he is at home ill tonight but asked anyone to e-mail him with their concerns.
2. **Warren Atkinson**, our new community prosecutor, announced there will be an open house next Thursday at the new community prosecutor's office. He said in the past 8 days two serial burglars have been taken off the street. **Jeremy Boyd** was sentenced to 8 years with 5 years to serve. **Willie Smith**, a known burglar, received a 20 year sentence, 5 to serve. Both have been banished for life from Zone 6. **Corey Williams** is still in jail; they are hoping he doesn't make bond. There is a hold on him in Dekalb County, which means even if he makes bond in Fulton he will immediately be taken to the Dekalb County jail to serve a sentence for a juvenile conviction.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Anda Olsen

Anda spoke at the beginning of the meeting.

PLANNING: V.P. Patrick Bradshaw

Patrick was not present.

ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans

1. NPU-N Report by **Jonathan Miller**, NPU-N Representative for IPNA:
 - A. Parish Restaurant – staff approval for proposal. Owners were going for final building permits and realized they are in the Beltline overlay district. Jonathan recommended we approve. A motion made to approve and it was seconded. All voted to support.
 - B. See the article on Page 17 of this month's *Advocator*: Toilet Retrofit Rebate Program was approved by **Mayor Franklin** on December 11th, 2007.
 - C. Last month at NPU-N: Clean Dog - special exception to reduce on site parking to nothing and allow 8 offsite parking spaces was approved after a lot of discussion.
 - D. NPU-N meets next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Jonathan is vice chair of NPU-N this year; they are still looking for a chair. **Anna Copello** has agreed to continue serving in the interim but Jonathan is looking for someone to replace her. Anda asked we show appreciation for everything Jonathan does for us. There was a big round of applause.
2. 715 Edgewood Ave (Clean Dog) – Going before Board of Zoning Adjustment on February 1st; due to a computer glitch the original version posted didn't include the requirement for 8 off-site parking spaces at 700 Edgewood; Drew made sure this was corrected.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke

Chuck announced he had a call last night from a neighbor reporting unauthorized work being done. One e-mail to the City and there was a stop work order this morning. He congratulated the City and reminded everyone to call him if they see anything suspicious.

1. 346 Sinclair Ave – Home was damaged in recent fire. Owner **Schell Scott** was present. Neighbor and architect **Adam Stillman** did some plans for her. He will do a presentation. Type IV Application to demolish the house and a Type III to rebuild are needed. Immediate neighbors met Monday. Eight voted in support of both applications; none were against. Building inspectors came in October and November and issued a report saying less than 50% was destroyed (if more than 50% you don't need Type IV). She had a structural engineer examine the house; he said the damage to the foundation and structure of the house was extensive and would not recommend trying to repair the damage, but recommended demolition and rebuilding. Type IV Application was submitted to UDC on Monday; Type III Application: current house is 2 bedroom 2 bath w/3rd room. Proposing 2 bedroom 2 bath. No variances required. A motion was made to support the immediate neighbors on both Type IV and Type III Applications. **Anda Olsen** asked if this is a neighborhood matter or NPU-N matter. **Jonathan Miller** thought NPU-N. Anda pointed out the difference in voting requirements. Anda first took a vote as if this was a neighborhood matter. All were in favor. From NPU-N all were in favor. Anda proposed another motion: we should vote to take the hex off Schell's property. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. 350 Sinclair Ave. – **Adam Stillman's** residence; he came last month as well. There was some opposition last month. He took his plan to UDC and was asked to make revisions. He did so and the immediate neighbors were 7 in favor and 0 opposed. He is still asking for height variance. The house was 22 feet high, he is now proposing 25 feet. Adam said UDC had concerns about height and about some of the details. UDC said it is more typical for Sinclair to have a full front porch instead of half. They also wanted no more square footage than before. The second floor was changed to give the appearance of 1 ½ stories. The roof is steeper as required. Steps up off of grade are also required. There will still be a garage under the back of the house. There was a question about alley access; none at this time but the owner might try to purchase a parcel which would give him access. A motion to approve the immediate neighbors vote was made and seconded. **Jonathan Miller** pointed out the new height is only 3 feet taller than the old house instead of 8 feet taller as was the previous design; this is much better. The motion passed.

The next 3 are properties adjoining Lizzie Chapel. **Bill Bartlett** was here to present all of them.

3. 846 Euclid Ave. – Eight were present at the immediate neighbors' meeting and all approved the plan. Bill showed what all 3 houses will look like, since they are basically creating a new block. He used Edgewood as a model for setbacks, heights, lot coverage, etc. This home will be a craftsman bungalow with a full second story. This is a Type III application. The porch will be built on piers to save the tree. A motion made and seconded to support the immediate neighbors. It passed unanimously.
4. 840 Euclid Ave. – Ten neighbors were present; all voted in favor of a Type III application. The house will be a four square style, approximately 3,600 sq. ft. A motion to support was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
5. 836 Euclid Ave. – This is the corner lot. Ten neighbors were present, all voted in favor of a Type III Application. The house is craftsman with 2 brick fireplaces and a wrap-around porch. **Jonathan Miller** asked if windows are the same as 846 Euclid. Bill said yes but he might vary them. Jonathan made a motion to approve on condition window details be modified slightly to differ from 846 Euclid. The applicant agreed. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced Bill has offered the use of his parking lot (provided all insurance, etc. can be worked out) for elements of the kids' area for Festival.
6. 240 North Highland (Zaya) – The owner has to go to UDC for signs and expansion of outdoor patio space. UDC has already approved expansion; he just wants our approval. He wants to add canopies along the front and side to provide shade for seating on the sidewalk. There will be new signs also. Question whether they will be applying for a liquor license. Yes. Motion made to approve signs. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to approve expanded canopy for the outdoor seating area. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
7. 470 North Highland – **Jeff Gordon** presented as architect. Owner **Steve Hambrich** is proposing to add a front porch. Four neighbors showed up at the immediate neighbors' meeting and voted in favor of the application. Owner wants to add a 2- story

porch which covers the width of the house and echoes the other houses on the street. There will be a central stair and widows' walk deck on the roof. There was a motion to approve the immediate neighbors vote. A motion was made and seconded. Jeff confirmed windows on the second floor will be changed to line up with first floor windows. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan

Bill announced the Security Patrol is now doing 2 four-hour shifts per day; one in the morning and one in the evening. Bill is getting ready to put a tracker in the car, this will allow us to see where it has been.

There is a \$30/month fee. Thank you to **Roger Jordan's** garage who fixed the car when the check engine light came on. Bill said we are including a bit of Old Fourth Ward as a trial to expand the range of the Security Patrol a bit. If you know of any homeless encampments, the City is planning an initiative to try to relocate these folks, so let Bill know.

Bob Sandage is working on development and will be writing an article for next month's *Advocator*. If you have any ideas please contact Bill or Bob. We want to get to where IPNA is not providing such a large percentage of financial support; there always will be some, but security membership should carry more of the cost.

Anda Olsen pointed out the graffiti removal effort is working very well. She encouraged everyone to talk to business owners and thank them for taking care of their walls. Also if you see some graffiti that is not being removed let the graffiti committee know.

Regarding graffiti on the CSX fence, Bill sent an e-mail to them about it and found out it belongs to Norfolk Southern. He is going to ask them to remove the slats unless anyone has a strong objection.

TREASURER: Leslie Ward

1. Recurring Budget Expenditures:
 - a. *Advocator*: \$3,359 for November and December.
 - b. Security Patrol: \$6,620 – note this is an increase from before because we have added many hours of patrol; Leslie put in another plug for the development plan.
 - c. Beautification: \$940.
2. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced the traffic calming committee needs approval for up to \$3,300. The money is already budgeted. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed.
3. Patrol Car – we have insurance. Leslie wants to pay the full annual premium of \$1,900 rather than write a check every month. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed.

SECRETARY: Ellen McManus

Ellen reminded everyone to please get your IPNA and Security membership renewals in early so Betty has time to put the membership directory together.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Traffic Calming: **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced there was a traffic calming meeting last week; focus was narrowed to 5 areas. Fifteen people attended and we went through all the projects, eliminated a couple and approved the rest. All this is very preliminary and is primarily to secure our money for the quality of life fund. Drawings will be submitted by February 1st which is the deadline. Danny will post the drawings on the Yahoo group and neighborhood website when he gets revised ones. **Judy Clements** noted Lake Avenue has a speed limit of 35 mph on a portion of it; she wants it reduced. She talked to **Jay Tribby** and he said **Kwanza Hall** can introduce legislation to lower the speed limit to 30. Sense of the meeting is we are in agreement.
2. Festival: **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced Festival planning is going great so far. He thanked **Lisa Burnette** for putting together the Festival permit application package; it was over 100 pages. He said we are looking for ideas of where to put the children's area as it cannot be put in Springvale Park like last year because of the City initiative on drought.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

New Business:

Bill McMurry has agreed to be on the Nominating Committee for the IPNA Board.

Old business:

There was no old business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

TOUR OF HOMES
APRIL 25th, 26th, & 27th

By Jan Keith

This year’s Tour of Homes features a spectacular array of homes and lofts, plus the Inman Park United Methodist Church. We’ve got new and old houses, big and small ones—something for everyone! There will be lots of “adaptive re-use” in keeping with the “green” theme of Festival. Most of the homes have never been on tour before! A sneak preview of the homes will shortly be posted on the Inman Park website (www.inmanpark.org).

And, while online, be sure to sign up to be a house sitter. Those volunteering for the Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. shift are eligible for free tour tickets, which you will receive after you complete your shift. We are also planning some other “surprises” for house tour sitters. Remember—your tour tickets are good all three days.

All of the houses are open on Friday for the “short” tour from noon to 4:00 p.m. Make plans now to tour on Friday when you can avoid the lines and tour at a more leisurely pace. You can drive right up to the houses without the Festival crowds and blocked streets. It’s a great time to see the houses “up close” and visit with the homeowners and other neighbors. Tickets will be available to IPNA members for \$12 at the IPNA meetings in March and April, as well as at 889 Edgewood Ave. and 177 Elizabeth St. until April 24th, the Thursday before Festival. Advance tour tickets are \$15 for non- IPNA members and \$20 the days of Festival. Tickets are available at a number of venues, but remind your friends that they can use PayPal and purchase online tickets right off the IPNA website. And, as in the past, there are great prizes for those selling the most tickets.

See you on tour!

OUR LAST STOP IN EUROPE:
GREECE

By Diane Floyd

Continuing on our trip around the world, we have more stop in Europe - Greece. This time I’ll serve “winter” food rather than the grilled meats better suited to summer cooking. Next month we will head into the incredibly diverse continent of Asia! The menu in February will be:

Mousakka (Two versions: vegetarian and meat-lover’s versions)

Greek Salad

Pine Nut and Honey Tart with Fig Syrup

Iced Mint Tea

Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on February 20th 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!”

CALLING ALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS!!

By Judy Clements

The 2008 Inman Park Festival, the only all volunteer Festival in Atlanta (perhaps in the World!) will be April 25th, 26th, and 27th. You can participate by signing up now. It’s fun, it’s healthy, and it will make you a better person.

Please volunteer to fill one OR MORE of these 2-3 hour shifts:

Trash & Recycling	63 shifts available
House Sitting	160 shifts available
Beer Sales	195 shifts available
Clean Up	40 shifts available

Or, volunteer to help with the Entertainment, Sales Booth, Dance Festival, Butterfly Ball, Caterpillar Ball, and more.

Go to www.inmanpark.org and click on Festival Volunteer. You can select the assignment, the day and the shift that you want.

Call me if you need help or want advice:

My contact information is:

Judy Clements

404-523-9922

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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

February 27th

Where Peachtree Meets Sweet Auburn

by **Gary Pomerantz**

Hosted by **Linda Dunham**

12 1st Avenue (Kirkwood)

March 26th

Water for Elephants

by **Sara Gruen**

Hosted by **Jean Shank**

68 B Waddell St.

April

**NO BOOK CLUB MEETING
VOLUNTEER FOR FESTIVAL!**

May 28th

Thirteen Moons

by **Thomas Frazier**

Hosted by **Saarah Kirk**

61 Waddell St.

June 25th

A Thousand Splendid Suns

by **Khaled Hosseini**

Hosted by **Jan Keith**

889 Edgewood Ave.

July 23rd

Animal, Vegetable, Mineral

by **Barbara Kingsolver**

Hosted by **Ruth Caproni**

1065 Washita Ave.

August 27th

The Summer We Got Saved

by **Pat Cunningham Devoto**

Hosted by **Oreon Mann**

877 Edgewood Ave.

For Information: 404-688-7330



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NEWS RELEASE

City announces details of \$1 Million Toilet Rebate program for Atlanta Residents

January 22, 2008 – Mayor Shirley Franklin proposed and the Atlanta City Council approved an allocation of \$1 million rebate program for Atlanta residents to replace older, water-wasting toilets with new, low-flow models. Today, the Council authorized the City to participate in a metro-wide toilet rebate program to be administered by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (the District). The money authorized by the individual jurisdictions will be offered as rebates to the customers of each jurisdiction. The City's \$1 million contribution could fund as many as 12,000 rebates to Atlanta residents.

“Atlanta is making a major commitment to this project,” said Mayor Franklin. “We are putting our money on the line for a program that we believe will ultimately prove beneficial not just for our City, but for all of North Georgia. This program, along with the MOST which is up for reauthorization by the voters on February 5th, will enable residents to conserve water and save money on their water bills.”

“Toilets are the largest water users and water wasters in the average home,” DWM Commissioner Robert Hunter said. “Through this program, we hope to encourage our customers to replace their inefficient toilets with new water-saving models. Doing so will not only lower their water/sewer bills, it will also help Atlanta conserve water in this serious, ongoing drought.”

To receive a rebate, Atlanta water/sewer customers must:

- 1. Live in or rent a residence that was built prior to 1993 and have fixtures not currently in compliance with current water efficiency plumbing code standards;**
- 2. Have a water account in good standing with one of the participating utilities;**
- 3. Purchase and install a toilet from an approved list of 1.6- or 1.28-gallon-per-flush (gpf) toilets ;**
- 4. Provide the District with their most recent water/sewer bill; and**
- 5. Provide the District with proof of purchase (showing make, model, flow rate and installation.)**

Customers who replace their old toilets with 1.6-gpf toilets can receive a \$50 rebate, and those who install 1.28-gpf toilets can receive a \$100 rebate. There is a limit of two rebates per household. Only toilets purchased after September 27, 2007, are eligible.

Toilets purchased prior to 1993 use between 3.5 and seven gpf. There are an estimated 46,000 structures within Atlanta's service area with pre-1993 toilets. Replacing a 3.5-gpf toilet with a 1.6-gpf model saves about two gallons a flush or 54 percent of an average household's water use. Replacing a 7-gpf toilet with a 1.6-gpf model saves 5.4 gallons a flush or 77 percent of an average household's use.

Information on the rebates is available at www.atlantawatershed.org and at www.northgeorgiawater.com/html/315.htm.

THEATER AL FRESCO - A HIT!

By David Hudson

Theater Al Fresco returns for its eighteenth year, once again presenting great theater under the Festival tent. So mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26th and come prepared to enjoy remarkable vignettes from our local theater companies. In addition to Dad's Garage Theatre Company, Horizon Theatre Company, and 7 Stages, Synchronicity Performance Group will be joining us this year. If you are new to the neighborhood this is a great way to become familiar with our local theaters and the great work they do throughout the year right in our own backyard. Here's how it all works. (For those of you who have been around awhile just skip to the part where we ask for sponsorship money.)

Dinner under the Festival tent begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday April 26th, you bring dinner, drink, and festive table décor (please remember **NO CANDLES** are permitted under the tent) a group of six to fill your table and whatever else suits your dining fancy. We provide the tables, chairs, and fabulous theater for your viewing pleasure. Starting around 8:30 p.m. each of our neighborhood theaters will take the stage and present a bit of their repertoire for you to enjoy and the evening generally wraps up around 10:30 p.m. All this in the company of neighbors and friends. Doesn't get much better, really.

Reservations for sponsorship will be accepted until March 21st at which time any remaining tables will become available.

Sponsorship is easy, provides priority table assignments and, of course, greatly benefits our neighborhood theaters, who add so much to the quality of life in our neighborhood, and it is tax deductible. Sponsorship is available on four levels. Please choose the one that works best for you.

Also, this year we are doing something special to honor **Ann Schnur**. Ann was an enthusiastic, loyal supporter of Inman Park

Theatre Night, and the local theaters, in addition to being a long time member of the committee that organizes this event. For many years, Ann was the Theatre Night Mistress of Ceremonies, on stage with her sparkly wit and infectious laugh. This year, in memory of Ann and to honor her for her leadership and devoted work, we have created Ann's Fans, a special fund to honor Ann's memory. We invite you to become a member of Ann's Fans by sending a check in any amount made payable to Inman Park Festival. 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 sponsorship donations and go to our theatres.

Sponsor levels are:

PRODUCING SPONSORS: Sponsors of \$1000.00 or more. These sponsors will have their names or business names prominently displayed on a banner behind the stage and in the program and will receive one table, seating six, close to the stage as a part of their sponsorship benefits.

PATRON SPONSORS: Sponsors of \$500 to \$1,000. These sponsors will have their names listed in the program and on a banner and receive one table seating six.

ANGEL SPONSORS: at the \$200 to \$500 level, are our ANGELS. They will have their names listed in the program and receive priority seating. Please note that this level of sponsorship does not include the cost of a table. Tables seating six may be reserved for an additional \$100.00 at the time of your sponsorship commitment.

Finally sponsorship of \$100.00 or more, are our **STAR SPONSORS**. They will have their names listed in the program and receive priority seating. This level also does not include the cost of the table. A table seating six may be reserved for an additional cost of \$100.00 at the time of your sponsorship commitment.

This is a critical time in the lives of many theaters as funding continues to disappear from both public and private sources. We hope that each of you will consider increasing the amount of money you contribute to this very worthwhile cause and allow us to make a larger contribution to our neighborhood theaters.

Tables not already reserved by sponsors as of March 1st will be available for a cost of \$100.00 per table. Reservations and sponsorship commitments may be made by telephone. **Marie Wooldridge** will once again manage this part of our production. As always she will keep up with the phone calls, the money, and the number of remaining tables without ever once losing her cool. She can be reached at 404 880-9065. Please remember that actual table assignments are not made until we RECEIVE YOUR CHECK. So the sooner you send in your money, the better your seats will be.

This event sells out every year, so we urge you to decide on your level of sponsorship, call Marie and send in your check (made out to Inman Park Festival) as quickly as possible.

Once again we thank you for your continuing support of both this event and of the theaters that we are so lucky to have within walking distance of our very own "hood". Come join us for an evening of laughter, great food, lovely tables and fabulous theater all in the company of neighbors who also are friends.

Feel free to call with any questions you might have or if you would like to volunteer your time to help set up or clean up after the event.

THEATER NIGHT COMMITTEE

Cathy Bradshaw	404 524-4190
Judy Clements	404 523-9922
David Hudson	404 688-7231
Wendy Patterson	404 584-7503
Terry Sagedy	404 525-9019
Margie Venezia	404 688-1247
Marie Wooldridge	404 880-9065

LOOKING FOR FUN???

By Jan Keith

One of the best volunteer jobs you can have during Festival is a 2-hour shift as a house sitter. You immediately become an

Ambassador for our Small Town Down Town—greeting our touring guests and sharing our wonderful homes with them.

If you have never volunteered for Festival, this is a great way for you to start. And as a bonus, you get to meet a lot of fun folks as well. Just go online to sign up (www.inmanpark.org and click on 'Volunteers). Choose your house and choose your shift.

It could not be easier, and you'll be glad you did.

A LOVING REMEMBRANCE

By Betty Ridderhoff

WILLIAM ERVEN SAYLE II

September 30th, 1941 - February 2nd, 2008

It is with a very heavy heart that we Inman Park neighbors express our condolences to **Joyce Sayle** and her family.

When Bill passed away, he was surrounded by his loving wife, his daughter **Amy**, and his two step-daughters, **Emily** and **Julie**. In reading the Obituary notice (February 7th, 2008) and the great article in the Sunday AJC (February 10th, 2008), we all learned a lot about Bill and his professional accomplishments through his association with the University of Georgia.

Then, there is the quiet and demure Bill whom we knew and loved. For those of you who never had the opportunity of meeting him, you have missed knowing a very wonderful man.

We shall miss seeing his slender frame running by as he did his exercise runs through the neighborhood, and his participation in the Peachtree Road Race on the fourth of July. And, what about all the great things he did for the neighborhood in general. He never hesitated to join in to do his share of work on the many projects in the neighborhood. No matter what the job was, Festival, helping a neighbor, etc., he was always there with a smile on his face. Did you ever see him angry? I never did.

We rubbed elbows with him at porch parties, private parties, and the various other activities we hold annually. He would liven up a conversation in talking with you, whether it was in a group or on a one-on-one basis. Being born in Texas, he spoke softly, but walked very tall.

Among his many accomplishments of doing something for the neighborhood, he and Joyce were proofreaders for the *Advocator* for several years. Although they traveled a good deal of the time, they still managed to find the time to do this for us. When they were in France, where Bill was teaching during the summer months for the University of Georgia, they did the proofreading from there. This gave us the honor of possibly being the only internationally proofread neighborhood newsletter in the United States and probably in the World!

Bill traveled around the State of Georgia visiting high schools as he was trying to encourage students to develop a feel for the field of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE). Being a great leader, his enthusiasm spurred many high school students to get better educations and have fun doing it. He tried to put spice in their lives and take the dullness out of learning.

In spite of his illness, he kept up with all these activities in between his cancer treatments. If you asked him how he felt, he would never speak of the downside of his illness, he would just say 'I'm fine'.

We shall dearly miss seeing him, but will always remember him. It is an honor to have known such a wonderful and great man who has given so much to us.

Contributions may be made to:

Georgia Tech Foundation (*)

Georgia Tech School of ECE

Attn.: Marci Reed, MS 0250

Atlanta, GA 3032-0250

(*specify for the "Bill Sayle Fellowship Fund")

or to the:

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

www.pancan.org.

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	<i>APPLICATIONS DUE</i>	
		Type II	Type III/IV
		March 12 th	February 25 th
	March 26 th	March 10 th	March 3 rd
	April 9 th	March 24 th	March 17 th

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

- **240 North Highland Ave. – approved** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-005) to allow the installation of a canvas awning and signage to the front and side facades .
- **350 Sinclair Ave. – deferred** - 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. – deferred** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-07-438) to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling and detached garage.

Applications Scheduled for This Month:

- **346 Sinclair Ave. –** Application for a Type IV Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-011) to allow the demolition of a structure due to a threat to public health and safety at 346 Sinclair Avenue.
- **346 Sinclair Ave. –** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-012) to allow the construction of a single-family residence.
- **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.
- **329 North Highland Ave. -** Applications for: a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-021) for a variance from the requirement that garage doors may not be located on the front façade of a principal structure; and a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-020) to allow the revisions to plans.
- **470 North Highland Ave. -** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-022) to allow the addition of a two-level front porch, replacement of arched window and other alterations.

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

- **331 Sinclair Ave.**
- **836 Euclid Ave.**
- **840 Euclid Ave.**
- **756 W. Ashland Ave.**

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

INMAN PARK SECURITY – DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

By Bob Sandage

By now, many of you have probably seen the new Inman Park Patrol car cruising the streets of our fine neighborhood. The patrol car is just one feature of the exciting new Inman Park Security Plan initiative.

You may ask: Why the new Security Plan? As I discussed in my September 2007 *Advocator* article, whether or not crime is on the rise in in-town Atlanta and in our neighborhood, a couple of recent high-profile crime incidents have made it clear that the community must step up its efforts for public safety. It is also clear that the current level of funding (from the IPNA budget) of the Inman Park Security Plan is not sufficient to take security in our neighborhood to a higher level.

As Chair of the Development Committee for Public Safety, I would like to have your opinion on some of the initiatives we are working on. Our goal is to develop a plan which is acceptable to everyone in the neighborhood, and to increase the much needed funding to make the plan work. “Membership” is the key word here, and we need to increase the number of members we have. Every home owner, business, and or complex (condos, lofts, etc.) should be willing to sign up as a member so we have the funds to have more off-duty officers cruising our neighborhood and also to maintain our Inman Park Patrol car.

Here are some key features and benefits we are proposing. The benefits will only be available for dues paying members of the new Security Plan:

Bronze Level features:

1. The Inman Park Patrol car is staffed with uniformed off-duty Atlanta Police officers. We would like to expand the patrol hours and the potential ability to track patrol routes via GPS.
2. Increase volunteer Court Watch and interaction with City officials, with a goal being to ensure that criminals acting in our neighborhood are punished to the full extent of the law.
3. Graffiti removal and traffic calming committees (volunteers also).
4. Easier methods for payment of Security Plan membership fees. This will possibly be some form of e-commerce such as the ability to pay via credit card with your application, at: www.inmanpark.org or through a separately establish-ed secure website.
5. Member discounts at participating businesses in the neighborhood; which will bring additional income to local business members and lower cost of goods and services for the resident members.
6. A members-only function to be held annually each fall at the Trolley Barn.

Silver Level features (includes all the Bronze Level features plus):

1. Vacation patrol – by notifying the patrol of vacation plans, the officers would take special note of any suspicious activity at a member’s residence or business.
2. Assistance from patrol if a member is unable to drive or needs an escort from street to residence.

Gold Level features (includes all the Bronze and Silver Level features plus):

1. Members will have access to a cell phone number of the patrolling officer.
2. We are also considering the possibility for this number to be one of the numbers called when a security monitoring company receives an alarm from a member’s residence or business. This could greatly reduce response time to crime incidents that trigger an alarm.

Resident members will receive a yard sign and a laminated ID card signifying their membership in the Security Plan and their level of membership. Business members will receive a certificate to display so resident members know of their participation.

So, of the “who, what, where, why, and how” questions, we still need to discuss “Who and How”. First, the entities who can contribute to the Security Plan are:

- (a) single-family households,
- (b) multi-family households of 4 or more families,
- (c) commercially-managed properties like apartments, condos, lofts, and townhomes, and
- (d) businesses that are in or border our neighborhood.

The Development Committee will strive to increase the percent participation from the residential side. We currently have about 30% of the residents of Inman Park who are paying members, which is a good number, but it could be much better. Also, we will reach out to managed properties to encourage them to commit to the safety of their residents by signing up as members.

And, last but not least, area business participation has traditionally been very low since membership typically doesn’t help their bottom line. This new plan will focus on increasing sales and profitability as a benefit of business membership.

Currently, the IPNA funds the Security Plan through Security Patrol membership fees and funds from sources such as Inman Park Festival. The typical annual budget is about \$40K, and this level of funding is not adequate to sustain a higher level of security. To have a patrol car doing two 4-hour shifts per day will cost over \$100K per year. Is this coverage enough? Obviously, we don’t need 24-hour patrol by armed Humvees, but we could benefit by having more shifts per day. Crime doesn’t take a break during certain parts of the day. Therefore, our goal is to achieve \$200K in funding and here is how we propose to do this:

Residents – Goal is to raise participation above 60%. Annual dues would be increased as follows:

1. Bronze Level to \$200,

2. Silver Level to \$250, and
3. Gold Level to \$300 or more.

This estimation would produce an average contribution of \$225 and increase resident participation to 350. This will contribute almost \$79K to the plan. *NOTE:* these fees, even at increased levels over 2007, are lower than Security Patrol fees in 1990. Also, these are proposed pricing levels and subject to IPNA membership approval.

Managed Properties – we estimate there are about 800 residential units. This is purely an educated guess at this point and will be researched. By allowing a “volume” discount for these properties we estimate a 60% participation which would mean approximately a \$72K contribution.

Businesses – the plan will have three tiers of commitment that vary based on the size of the business. The dividing lines will be businesses with 5 or fewer employees, 6 to 15 employees, and greater than 15 employees. At the lowest level, membership fees will actually reduce from their current level and at the highest level will likely increase by 2-3x from the current levels. The goal is to obtain contributions of \$49K from local businesses, but give incentives that can possibly bring them additional business to offset the cost or even profit from being in the plan.

On the flip side, you, the customers of this plan, will want quantifiable results. It is often difficult to measure improvement in this area, but we will likely use 2007 crime statistics from our Atlanta Police Precinct as a baseline. Progress for 2008 and successive years would likely be measured using a combination of reported and prosecuted crimes and neighborhood safety surveys. Tangible goals will be developed and communicated at a later date, but rest assured that supplementing the stretched resources of the City of Atlanta and thwarting even one senseless act of violence in Inman Park are the results we all want.

You will likely be seeing “thermometer charts” in future *Advocator* issues and at key access points to the neighborhood. We will use these charts as a means of letting residents and businesses know how well we are achieving our goals in dollars contributed to the plan and reduction in crime. With the introduction of new portions of the Inman Park website and electronic payment methods, public informational meetings, and a Security Plan booth at Festival, there will be a great deal of activity upcoming in this area in a short time span. We want to talk to and hear from you in regards to this plan, and there is much work to be done for which volunteers

would gladly be welcomed!

Above all, a primary goal of the new Inman Park Security Plan is to let criminals know that crime will not be tolerated in our neighborhood and that they will be caught in their attempts and prosecuted. We look forward to talking to all of you further and to improving the safety and security of our neighborhood. We would appreciate your input regarding the initiative plan we are working on.

There is a Security Patrol/IPNA Membership Application in this issue (and every issue) of the *Advocator*, sign up now. You can also find an application on-line at inmanpark.org.

If you are in doubt about whether or not you are current, please contact **Betty Ridderhoff** at 404-880-9400 or e-mail to bridderhoff@bellsouth.net, and she will be able to tell you your status.

Please submit your suggestions and/or opinions to:

Bob Sandage

Development Committee Leader

Inman Park Security Plan

bobsandage@yahoo.com

"SUBLIMINAL SECURITY"

By Bill Hagan

The following sentence contains a special subliminal message. Only those specially gifted with extraordinary intelligence levels are able to see this message, so it is not unlikely that you may only see several blank lines below:

Join—or renew your membership in—the Inman Park Security Patrol. Do it now, not later, now! Thank you. [Remember, too, to be kind to those lesser mortals who could not read this message. It is OK to share this information with them now, but be sensitive to their feelings about being unable to read what you could. God was good to you; it is your job to be modest about your gift.]

Do not be disappointed if you could not see the message in the paragraph just above. To be merely “above average” as you may be is nothing to be ashamed about. Besides, you might discover other hidden messages if you read this entire column backwards!

On the merits, most of you will be pleased to learn that this column will be a bit shorter than my usual tidal wave of thoughts and observations. I write that—somewhat hopefully—before beginning; let’s see if I can keep my promise.

My main, recurring message is, as you may have guessed, Security Patrol funding. The Patrol is, in my opinion, a major key to success in reducing crime in Inman Park. I am heartened by other improvements—e.g., the Community Prosecutor and Zone 6’s increased emphasis on preventing urban camping—but the active, frequent, visible, and yes, even somewhat intimidating presence of a Crown Vic with an armed, uniformed peace officer aboard has an undeniable salutary effect. The message to perps is “Fear this!”

But, without your help in the form of greenbacks, we won’t get the “blue suits” in our patrol car. So, when you hear the appeal, do your part.

My almost pathetic whining for help last month bore fruit; heck, I got a whole harvest. **John Barmeyer, Bill Goodman, and Greg Scott** agreed to find the best cell-phone plan and vehicle-tracking options for the patrol car. Then **Dan Rupnow** called to volunteer in

setting up a “ride-along” program. And, as important as those efforts are, everything hangs on fundraising. Thankfully, **Bob Sandage** has taken that bull by the horns (and other body parts) and—as you may see from his detailed article on Pages 12 and 13 of this *Advocator*—has a plan and is going to make it happen. I frequently tell these public-safety people how grateful I am to them, but please pat them on the back, too, as we all “owe ‘em.”

Some of you attended the formal opening of the Zone 6 Community Prosecutor’s Office in late January. It was quite an event. City Council President **Lisa Borders** presented Inman Park’s **Liz Lapidus** with a plaque thanking her for her generous donation of space for the office in the Bradley Building. Our representative on the Council, **Kwanza Hall**, commented that the office is another example of communities coming together to fight crime. And, of course, District Attorney **Paul Howard**, City Solicitor **Raines Carter**, and our new Zone 6 Community Prosecutor himself, **Warren Atkinson**, spoke about hope and, more important, method, to gird hope beyond mere wishes. Warren declined to wear the “Rocky” cape, but did grab the boxing gloves and promise to use them in punching perps. [Note to the sensitive: Spare me the emails; OF COURSE, he only meant that figuratively, and in accordance with applicable constitutional principles and law!] **Maj. Propes** and **Lt. Boyce**, along with a large group of Zone 6 police showed up, too, and got deserved applause for their work on the front lines.

You can keep up with crime and crime-fighting by reading this and other columns in the *Advocator* and by attending IPNA meetings. However, the most effective way to stay abreast and involved is via the (**Kristine Sandage**-moderated) Inman Park Yahoo discussion board at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/inmanparkga/>. As with all such websites, the noise-to-sound ratio can be high ... and my contributions can fall on the noisy side, too. But, by and large, the information on inmanparkga is temperate and timely. I also lurk on similar boards of some adjacent neighborhoods. That can be fascinating, especially when they make fun of us, e.g., when our patrol car got tagged by graffiti scumsters! You will certainly feel better about our own crime concerns when you read what others are enduring.

On graffiti, **Cynthia Knapp** and her “Off the Wall” Gang are keeping the pressure up and the tags off in an almost-amazing manner. The “block captain” approach is working well, and probably because the “Block Admiral”—Cynthia—is on the quarterdeck. It takes stamina. For example, I have been trying for awhile to get CSX to remove those slats in the chain-link fence along Dekalb Avenue. After all, the slats don’t hide much; with double-decked container cars, it’s not as if it’s a secret what is going on in the intermodal yard! The slats invite graffiti, and many slimies have accepted the invitation. I finally got an answer: “Not our fence,” said the nice CSR from CSX, “It belongs to Norfolk Southern.” OK. So I contact NSRR. Yup. You guessed it: “Not ours ... have you asked CSX?” Hmhmhmhm. Mebbe I should just annex the place since no one claims it. Before I planted the Inman Park flag, thought I’d try one last time. Finally got to the CSX security section. The response? “Great! Yeah, that’s ours. I’ve been trying to get the company to take those down for years. This is just the boost I needed.”

Finally, I would be remiss not to note the extraordinary work of Zone 6’s Lt. **Trudy Boyce** in spearheading an (anti) urban-camping campaign. Aside from the squatter fires, mess, risk of disease, illegal drug and alcohol use, most of these folks make their “living” by handouts, begging, and—put bluntly—stealing from us.

The police effort, which Lt. Boyce has led, makes these people unwelcome here ... but also offers them information about the Gateway Center: “... the centerpiece of the Regional Commission on Homelessness’ effort to impact chronic homelessness ... The Gateway Center is the point of entry – the gateway – to the community’s continuum of care created to help homeless individuals move out of dependency ... Ultimately, the vision of the Gateway Center is to help eliminate chronic homelessness in our community.” See more about that here: <http://www.gatewayctr.org/>

Well, I’ll be darned. I did keep this (sorta) short.

So, here’s one last chance to see if you can read beneath a limen. If nothing appears after this, you could ask your annoyingly smart neighbor what this says:

Join—or renew your membership in—the Inman Park Security Patrol. Do it now, not later, now, because when we run out of money, we’ll park the Crown Vic. Thank you.

GASOLINE FUMES ALERT

By Curt Westley

We have owned and lived in the Academy for about 25 years. Intermittently over the past 10 months, we have on occasion smelled very strong gasoline fumes that seem to be backing up through certain storm drains in the neighborhood.

The city Fire Marshall’s office, city’s Bureau of Watershed Protection, & Department of Natural Resources EPD are all involved in trying to identify the source of this ongoing problem that only seems to be evident just after very heavy rains. We think that the recent drought years contribute to the problem being evident.

The reason I advise you of this is because the EPD is concerned that it is a potential threat to the neighborhood due to the complexity of network of storm sewers in the area.

I jog through the neighborhoods in the area with my dog three or four times a week and never smell gasoline odors, but this morning {Feb. 1st}, I smelled gasoline fumes coming from two storm sewer drains, one in front of the BP station on Moreland and the other at the west corner of Austin and Euclid at the Horizon Theater building. While there is an ongoing investigation, I wonder whether there might be others in the neighborhoods, particularly shopkeepers, restaurant owners, etc., who may have noticed the odor from time to time. Again, it typically takes a heavy prolonged rain to stimulate the source. Once the EPD can identify the source, correction can occur. Our concern, as well as theirs, is that gasoline is extremely volatile. We alone, in our apartment kitchen, have an old Garland stove with eleven pilot lights. With so many restaurant kitchens in the neighborhood, the opportunity for a terrible accident is real.

If anyone detects, or has detected, the odor of gasoline fumes, please call all of the following contacts:

1. Call the fire department 911.
2. Call Captain **Kenneth Thomas**, Fire Marshall at 404-853-7000 (office) or 404-557-5055 (cell)
3. Call **Lisa Lewis** with Ga Dept of Natural Resources, EPD Corrective Action Department. Lisa is way into this case and has pushed for action. Her contact numbers are: 404-362-2596 office number 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. or 770-842-7031 cell 7:00 p.m. - midnight.

Lisa suggests that the caller tell AFD, that the EPD has suggested they use a vapor meter and also pull the suspect man hole cover to determine fumes at the time. She has alerted the fire marshal to help enlist their assistance. She believes the fire department will be responsive as they do have full police authority in an emergency or perceived emergency situation.

Lisa has personally spoken with Captain Thomas so use her name and agency and explain the location of the odor.

While this may take a while due to the precarious nature of our heavy rain frequency, it might not take as long if everyone in the neighborhood is aware of the problem.

Thanks for any thing you can do to spread the alert.

INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR JANUARY, 2008

By Kris Dwyer

Below is a summary of crime from about December 20th to January 20th. 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.

The first thing you'll notice is the report is, well, long. We had lots of car break-ins (all those Christmas presents!), more burglaries and car thefts than usual and a couple of really frightening incidents. The criminals were definitely shopping for stuff in our cars. One car theft ended in a police chase and crash with the criminals escorted to their new home – Jail.

It makes sense to me that it might be the stuff in our cars that lures criminals to our neighborhood. Then, if the criminals don't see a shiny new laptop or cell phone to steal from a car, they "graduate" to burglary and worse. Look down through the list below and check how much of our crime is "LARCENY VEHICLE". Twenty-three of our thirty-nine incidents were Larceny Vehicle! Come on, neighbors, let's get that stuff OUT OF YOUR CARS!

We had one robbery and one attempted robbery or car-jacking. Both of these frightening incidents involved victims getting into or already in their cars. Usually, when we're getting in the car, we're a little distracted...take a minute to look around, use your intuition, and notice anyone headed your direction.

With the new year upon us, make a resolution to fight crime – keep the stuff out of you car and keep a watch out for our neighborhood. Look out for your neighbor, be aware of your surroundings and call 911 early! Calling 911 can help us prevent a crime rather than add another incident to our monthly list. Be safe out there.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
12/21	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	400 North Highland Ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen - stereo, backpack.
12/21	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	900 Bernina Ave.	Car window smashed . Property stolen – clothes, wedding band.
12/22	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	600 North Highland Ave.	Car window smashed. Pproperty stolen – CDs.
12/22	Overnight.	Larceny Vehicle	900 Washita Ave.	Car window smashed. Pproperty stolen – Ipod and head-phones.
12/23	Morning	Larceny Vehicle	400 North Highland Ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen – laptop.
12/23	Morning	Larceny Vehicle	800 Edgewood Ave.	Car window smashed.
12/23	Mid-day	Larceny Vehicle	700 Dixie Ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen – stereo.
12/27	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	1000 Euclid Ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen – Ipod.
12/28	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	400 North Highland Ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen – printer, clothes.
12/29	3:00 a.m.	Larceny Vehicle	700 Edgewood Ave.	Suspect removed from car by police – escaped from officer.
12/29	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	1100 Colquit Ave.	Car window smashed .Property stolen – stereo.
12/29	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	Spruce Street	Scooter Stolen.
12/30	morning	Larceny Vehicle	1100 Colquitt Ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen – stereo.

12/30	6:30 p.m. - Midnight	Burglary	400 Seminole Ave.	Rear window smashed – no entry.
12/30	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	1100 Colquitt ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen – stereo.
12/31	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	800 Virgil St.	Car window smashed. Property stolen – I Pod.
1/1	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	700 W. Ashland Ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen – keys, ashtray .
1/1	Overnight	Larceny	200 North Highland Ave.	Stolen bicycles
1/5	2:00 a.m.	Larceny Vehicle	700 Lake Ave.	Car owner chased suspect out of and away from vehicle.
1/5	7:00 p.m.	Auto Theft	400 North Highland Ave.	Vehicle Stolen.
1/5	Overnight	Burglary	400 Seminole Ave.	Break in at back door. Laptop and bag stolen.
1/6	10:00 a.m.	Burglary	400 Seminole Ave.	Break in. Laptop and cash stolen.
1/6	12:00 noon	Burglary	1000 Colquitt Ave.	Break in at back door. Computer and credit cards stolen.
1/7	8:00 am	Burglary	1700 Dekalb Ave.	Break in at unknown point in home. PSP, laptop, IPod, and jackets stolen.
1/9	10:30 am	Burglary	400 North Highland	Attempted break in – suspect apprehended..
1/9	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	600 North Highland Ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen.
1/9	11:00 pm	Auto Theft	600 North Highland Ave.	Vehicle Stolen – no evidence of forced entry.
1/9	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	1100 Colquitt Ave.	Vehicle break in – victim confronted suspect was pushed down and suspect fled in champagne colored Volvo.
1/11	Overnight	Auto Theft	400 Euclid Ave.	Vehicle Stolen – drag marks on street.
1/12	2:00 am	Auto Theft	Colquitt Ave. and Euclid Ave.	Vehicle stolen from tow zone.
1/12	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	200 North Highland Ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen.
1/13	3:20 pm	Assault	Euclid Ave	Two males confronted homeowner as she attempted to leave driveway – suspects fled.
1/15	6:45	Larceny	800 Inman Village	Purse snatching from office – suspect fled in white compact car.
1/18	6:45 pm	Robbery	794 Dixie Ave.	Suspect pointed gun at victim, two accomplices climbed in car and all three escaped – later captured after a police chase.
1/18	7:45	Larceny Vehicle	North Highland Ave. at Blue Ridge	Car window smashed. Property stolen – laptop
1/19	Overnight	Auto Theft	400 Seminole Ave.	Vehicle Stolen – broken glass found.
1/19	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	800 Inman Village	Car window smashed. Property stolen – clothes, hair dryer, flat irons.
1/20	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	600 North Highland Ave.	Car window smashed. Property stolen – laptop, head phones.

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

- 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.
- 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.”

GOOD MOVES NEWS

By Carolyn McLaughlin

Ed Source has started its second semester of the season. We have welcomed several new students this semester and would love to welcome more. We continue to offer classes for ages three and up in Music & Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet and Athletic Movement for Boys.

We are pleased to announce that the Consort has been invited to perform at the Modern Atlanta Dance Festival. The MAD Festival will be Saturday, March 1st at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Marcus Jewish Community Center. The Consort will perform Michelle Mola's "Fish Out of Water" with Atlanta's best modern companies. Full Radius Dance hosts this wonderful event and can be contacted for tickets at 404-724-9663. The show is worth the trip OTP.

The following weekend, we invite you to attend a free performance here in the neighborhood. Dance & Dessert will take place Saturday, March 8th, at 3:00 p.m. in the same place we hold neighborhood meetings. We will have complimentary beverages, a bake sale, great dancing by the Consort, demonstrations by our younger students of Ed Source and opportunities for you to move, too! As another way to entice you to this event, we will have a door prize of a homemade Hummingbird Cake!

To dance is to be out of yourself. Larger, more beautiful, more powerful. - **Agnes De Mille**

Hope you will take the opportunities we offer to experience this for yourself. We are available to you by phone, 404-518-1646, goodmoves@minspring.com, or via the web at www.goodmoves.org.

Please mark you calendars for these future Good Moves events:

Modern Atlanta Dance Festival
Sat., March 1st , 8:30 p.m.
Sun., March 2nd, 7:30 p.m
Marcus Jewish Community Center

5342 Tilly Mill Road
Dunwoody GA
Atlanta's Best Modern, including the Consort

Dance & Dessert - Free Admission
Sat., March 8th, 3:00 p.m.
The Dance Space
1015 Edgewood Avenue
Featuring the Students of Ed Source

Dance & Dessert - Free Admission
Sat., April 19th, 3:00 p.m.
Harvest Christian Church
231 Harvest Church Road
Clarkesville, GA
Morsels & Movement in the Mountains

Inman Park Dance Festival - Free Admission
Sat., April 26th & Sun., April 27th, 4:00 p.m.
The Trolley Barn
963 Edgewood Avenue, Atlanta GA
Ballet & Modern from Around the State



Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!

February Porch Party

At the home of

Thom Abelew & Melissa Miller

211 Hurt Street

Friday, February 29th, 7:30 P.M.

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NPU-N UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2008

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

NPU-N starts its “year” in January. Prior to the January NPU-N meeting, the Executive Board met to discuss the year to come. A primary topic was getting new people involved. As a prime example of the need, NPU-N was not able to find a new Chairperson. Our chair for the last several years, **Anna Copello** from Poncey-Highlands, has agreed to stay on for six months while we keep looking. Personally I like the Inman Park way; if you want to step down you have to find your own successor! We will keep looking, but if anyone has any ideas about a potential chair, I would appreciate a call or an email.

As for City Council, not a whole lot has been done since last month as indicated by the very few changes to the proposed ordinances below. The Toilet Retrofit Rebate Program Ordinance (07-O-2522) (see Page 8) did pass and was signed by the Mayor on December 11th. I mentioned this at last month's IPNA meeting, mostly in jest. Shortly thereafter, the City announced the initiative to provide rebates for replacing inefficient toilets in older homes (see Page 8). More information is available on the City's website (www.atlantaga.gov).

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-1908	Revise fees for licensing Taxis and other Vehicles-For-Hire	PS	Held in Committee; <i>work session & public hearing held 15 Jan 2008</i>
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>Recommendation to File</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 re-written)
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	Held in committee
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
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-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	<i>Approved by ZRB</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
italics indicates newly-listed or revised since last month

L5P VAGRANCY

By Katie Robinson

I want to make it very clear that – with tiny exceptions – the business owners in L5P are equally outraged by the vagrant population. The dirt and trash they leave, the destructiveness, and scaring away of customers has been a problem for a long time. As a business association, we’re supporting a movement to inform our tourists/shoppers that giving cash and food is not the thing to do and that – if they want to contribute toward the good – they should put money in the collection jars for Samaritan House that will go toward providing useful services such as medical intervention. Outrage is a VERY USEFUL TOOL.

We’ve asked the Sunday preacher directly to move and offered to get him permission to set up elsewhere, and asked him to make sure people clean up after themselves but to no avail. He told us to buzz off. A suggestion is to get a sizeable group together to attend the services, swell the numbers to over 75, then make sure the police site him for holding a large gathering without a permit. If he applies for and is granted a permit, he’ll be subject to rules that don’t apply to a small group. We were successful in shutting down the amplification. That’s illegal without special permission. If there’s one thing we’re good at it’s organizing. Consider picketing (and get a permit). Business owners and other aggrieved parties could join together and sue the church for diminishing our quality of living and harming business.

Panhandling has been made illegal in the tourist triangle, and we are outside that area. Panhandling is therefore legal in L5P but is subject to law: they aren’t allowed to ask more than once, to follow you, to say anything ugly to you, to touch you, or to panhandle on store property including parking lots. Findley Plaza is a public park and they are part of the public. However, when they wander on to private property they’re trespassing. I feel that people think that enforcement of decent behavior doesn’t apply to these guys, that it’s anti-compassionate or mean. They’re the ones who are being mean and are getting away with hateful, unhealthy, unlawful behavior. Make it inhospitable for them.

Officer LaRosa is our new safety officer for the Mini-Precinct. Stop by and say hello and tell him your concerns. He knows all the regular bums and can be very helpful. If somebody’s going through your trash or relieving themselves in public or

WHATEVER, call 911 and, during the week, put a call in to Officer LaRosa at 404-658-6782. If he’s available, he can see about it personally. CALL CALL CALL. Demand attention. Be nice to the police but insist they come and, if we don’t get the attention we need, start kicking the issues upstairs. Make noise. Enforce the law. Stand up for your rights as property owners. What else can I say? Make it uncomfortable. Gather in the Plaza and take up all the benches. Take pictures. If they haven’t already, the security patrol needs to coordinate with the Mini-Precinct. Both are supported by business and homeowner donations.

People have mixed opinions of LSP. We see it as a haven of small, independent businesses owned by local people (for the most part) who are trying to make a living doing what they love. It's part of what makes our area special and diverse and the vagrants and other criminals are making it harder and harder to survive.

We are on the same side of this issue. If nobody says anything to the police, they think we don't care and put their attention elsewhere. Never apologize for asking them to do their job.

Inman Park United Methodist Church

Services for the Lent and Easter Season

Palm Sunday, March 16th, 10:45 A.M.:

Join us to commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem with the dancers of the Good Moves Dance Consort leading us in a procession as we wave our Palm fronds.

Maundy Thursday, March 20th, 6:00 P.M.:

We will share a meal of soup and salad at 6:00 P.M. and experience the very moving Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows) at 7:00 P.M..

Easter, March 23rd, 10:45 A.M.:

Join us to celebrate the Resurrection with the help of special music and the dancers of the Good Moves Dance Consort.

Immediately following worship the children will enjoy an Easter Egg hunt.

CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

By Karen Kelly

The circus is coming to Atlanta! *Imagine It* is partnering with Ringling Brothers to raise money for the museum for our summer exhibition "Under the Big Top!" about children's health, physical activity, and nutrition -- and I wanted my friends to get first chance at this great deal!

You can now buy discounted tickets at *Imagine It!* for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's Bellobration at Philips Arena on Monday, February 18th (President's Day) at 3:00 p.m. By purchasing your ticket through *Imagine It!* not only will you save money, you will also be supporting the Museum. Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's will donate a portion of all proceeds back to *Imagine It!* and you'll save over \$6 per ticket!

Tickets are \$26 (plus tax). To purchase your discount tickets through *Imagine It!*, call 404-527-3693 or visit *Imagine It!* To Go, our Museum store. We are only selling a limited number of tickets at this discounted rate, so buy yours today!

REPORTING STREETLIGHT PROBLEMS

Submitted by Cathy Bradshaw

Problems with streetlights can be reported on Georgia Power's website at: www.georgiapower.com.

Click on Residential/Report an Outage/ Streetlight.

You can report if a light is not working or even if it is just too dim. The website asks that you tie a ribbon or bag around the pole so they can clearly see which one has the problem during the daylight when they come out to make the repair.

Editor's Note:

If you prefer to call, please note:
Metal light pole - City of Atlanta - 404-659-6757 Press #3; Wooden light pole - Georgia Power - 1-888-896-0938.)

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RENEWED, TURN IN YOUR IPNA/SECURITY APPLICATION TODAY

THE REAL STATE OF THE UNION

Submitted by Bobbie Paul

This will be the sixth annual REAL State of the Union given by **Jay Bookman** and presented by the Atlanta chapter of WAND (Women's Action for New Directions). Jay's first REAL State of the Union was held at Horizon Theatre (2003) and attracted a standing room only crowd. The next year Jay spoke to 400 folks at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation (2004). In 2005 he went to Emory's Cannon Chapel and reached about 450 folks. In 2006 he and the **Rev. Dr Joseph E. Lowery** and **Mike Luckovich** joined forces at historic Ebenezer and spoke to a packed house. Last year Jay again joined Dr Lowery and the two spoke at 1st Iconium Baptist on Moreland Ave., South.

This year we are venturing out to Cascade Road SW and Benjamin E Mays Drive. (2295 Benjamin E Mays Dr SW 30311) Dr Lowery will again respond to Jay's talk and the audience will be able to engage both of them in a Q & A.

Georgia for Democracy will offer a 6:00 p.m. reception for guests in the Fellowship Hall prior to the 7:00 p.m. presentation.

As I said above, this event is free and open to the public. Atlanta WAND (Women's Action for New Directions) is presenting this for the sixth year. WAND is a non-partisan 501 c 3 organization and does not endorse political candidates or parties.

Jay is currently Deputy Editorial Editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and writes a column twice a week for the paper. He is also author of the book entitled '*Caught in the Current: Searching for Simplicity in the Technical Age*'.

Reverend Lowery is a legendary champion of the civil rights movement, convener of the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, and president of the Lowery Institute at the Clark Atlanta University.

This is the sixth annual event presented by Atlanta WAND (Women's Action for New Directions)

Event details:

Tuesday, February 19th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

The REAL State of the Union

Featuring Jay Bookman, AJC Deputy Editorial Editor and the Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery

Location: Providence Missionary Baptist Church

2295 Benjamin E Mays Dr SW

Atlanta 30311

Free and open to the public.

There will be a reception at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Georgia for Democracy.

For information: Call 404 524-5999 or wandatlanta@wand..org

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ATLANTA, INC. TOUR OF KITCHENS COOKS UP 11 YEARS OF MAGIC

Press Release from Jennifer Rugerio

Discover once again 14 spectacular kitchens created by Atlanta's most renowned and celebrated designers at The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc.'s 2008 Tour of Kitchens. The event will be held **Saturday, March 29th, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 30th, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** This Tour promises to be the most impressive to date with special appearances by several of Atlanta's most legendary chefs, as well as other entertaining special events and demonstrations.

This distinctive self-guided tour features kitchens located in some of Atlanta's most esteemed neighborhoods including Buckhead, Ansley Park, Morningside, Midtown, Vinings, Sandy Springs and parts of Dunwoody. The two-day event is the perfect resource for anyone looking to renovate, rejuvenate, or simply dream about a fabulous designer kitchen.

"The Tour is an easy way to talk directly with designers in a casual and accessible setting, collect remodeling ideas, and check

out the latest must-have kitchen appliances. With your ticket, you're also supporting the worthwhile programs of the Junior League while having fun and seeing some beautiful homes", comments **Karen Doolittle**, the 2008 Tour of Kitchens Chairman.

Participating designers in the 2008 Tour are Brooks Kitchens and Baths, Bulthaup, Cornerstone Design, Inc., Distinctive Remodeling Solutions, Inc., Home ReBuilders, Living Spaces, LLC, Residential Construction Specialties, Thelen Design Build, HammerSmith, Design Galleria Kitchen & Bath Studio, Fusion Design Group, LLC, CSI Kitchen & Bath Studio, Schuon and Diversified Cabinets.

Tour events will include special appearances and demonstrations by Chef **Ron Eyester** of Food 101, Chef **Joe Truex** of Repast, Chef **Jesse Perez** of Nava, Chef **Shaun Doty** of Shaun's, Pastry Chef **Kirk Parks** of Rathbun's, Chef **Richard Roettgen** of VIA, Chef **Drew Belline** (Chef **Annie Quatrano**)- Floataway Café, Chef **Brent McIntire**- Fresh 'n Fit, and Chef **Daryl Gassmann** of Chops. My Girlfriend's Kitchen, in connection with 'Kids in the Kitchen' will be doing a special "kid-friendly" meal preparation, while Chocolate Pink will demonstrate a delectable dessert preparation. Other events and appearances include **Pierre Deux**, Frosted Ladybug, HoneyBaked Ham, **Tony Brewer**, **Charles Willis**, and cookbook authors **Virginia Willis** and **Helen Bost** who will be on hand to autograph copies of their books.

The public is also invited to attend the popular **Toast of the Tour** event, an annual kick-off party to be held **Thursday, March 13th, 2008 at Residential Construction Specialties in Miami Circle**. This memorable evening features delectable food, creative cocktails, live music and a first-rate silent auction.

The Tour of Kitchens is the Junior League of Atlanta's largest annual special event fundraiser attracting more than 1,200 attendees. Last year's Tour raised more than \$135,000 which helped train and educate the League's membership and supported the Junior League of Atlanta's more than 98 community partner organizations that promote empowering women and children to become self-reliant. At the culmination of the 2008 Tour, the event will exceed \$1 million dollars raised over its eleven year history.

2008 Tour of Kitchens Sponsors include: Platinum: Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles magazine, Residential Construction Specialties, Inc., **Gold:** Publix Supermarkets, **Silver:** Electrolux, Traditions in Tile & Stone, **Bronze:** Ferguson Bath, Light & Kitchen Gallery, Jenny Pruitt & Associates, Realtors, Outdoor Expressions, LLC, HoneyBaked Ham, and My Girlfriend's Kitchen.

Advance purchase tickets to the event are \$25, per person, good for both days of the Tour and a limited number of tickets will be available the day of the Tour for \$35. Tickets to the "Toast" party are \$45 and can only be reserved in advance. For tickets or additional information, visit www.jlatlanta.org/tok or call 678-916-3100.

About The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc.

The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. (JLA) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

For more information on The Junior League of Atlanta, visit www.jlatlanta.org or call 678-916-3100.

ATLANTA MEDICAL CENTER AND TENET HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION AWARD GRANTS

*Submitted by Kendra Gerlach
Public Relations/Marketing Director*

Sixteen local charities receive funds

Atlanta Medical Center announced that 16 local organizations have received a total of \$136,500 in charitable donations in 2007. The grants were made in conjunction with the Tenet Healthcare Foundation. The awards were presented at a luncheon honoring the organizations.

Atlanta Medical Center's community advisory board helped select the organizations that received funds. "Each year we receive requests from a number of local organizations that need funds," said **William Moore**, chief executive officer of Atlanta Medical Center. "We work with our community advisory board to determine which organizations we will be able to help. The input from the volunteers on our advisory board is an invaluable help with this process."

The recipients for 2007 were:

- **AID Atlanta:** Helps AID Atlanta serve its clients through a vision care program that is conducted in partnership with Prevent Blindness Georgia.
- **AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta:** Works with the Metro Atlanta Women of Color Initiative (MAW-OCI) to provide HIV/AIDS programs for African-American women.
- **Beacon of Hope:** Supports "Teen Talk", an abstinence education program in the inner city.
- **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta:** Funding will be used to create and sustain matches between mentors and at-risk children in the community.
- **Center for Positive Aging:** Establish and maintain Positive Aging Lifestyles (PALS), a program that will build or reclaim a skill base for people as they age.
- **Families First:** Grant will help support two highly respected initiatives – Weaver Gardens and Second Chance Homes – to help

young mothers manage the responsibilities of motherhood.

- **Family Health Enterprise:** Provides no cost mammograms and recommended follow up for underserved women in the community.
- **Fulton County CASA:** Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) ensures that child advocate volunteers are professionally screened and trained to assist with children's issues as they move through the judicial system. The advocates speak for abused and neglected children who cannot defend themselves.
- **Fulton County District Attorney's Office, Safe Night Out:** Provides a community activity that connects the residential neighborhoods with the business community. Safe Night Out is an evening event held in a community park across from Atlanta Medical Center.
- **Good Samaritan Health Center:** Provides comprehensive medical, dental, mental health, health education and social services to uninsured and under-insured members of the community.
- **MedShare International:** MedShare takes used medical equipment that is donated by hospitals and sends it to third-world countries.
- **St. Jude's Recovery Center:** Provides detoxification, residential and outpatient programs to about 1,625 men and women who suffer from the disease of addiction.
- **Students Without Mothers:** SWM helps college-bound students from households with an annual income of \$50,000 or less and whose mother is absent due to death or other unfortunate circumstances.
- **Surviving, Inc.:** Assists underserved women during their first month of breast cancer treatment.
- **Atlanta Police Foundation:** Provides educational grants to three cadets.

About Tenet Healthcare Foundation

Tenet Healthcare Foundation seeks to improve the lives of people in the communities served by Tenet hospitals by funding primarily local charities that address unmet healthcare needs. Endowed by Tenet, the Foundation also administers programs designed to promote grant-giving and volunteerism among Tenet employees in areas where they have a strong personal interest. The Foundation also provides grants to various educational, social services, civic, and humanities-supporting organizations nationwide.

Atlanta Medical Center, part of Tenet Georgia, is a 460-bed tertiary care hospital located at 303 Parkway Drive in Atlanta. Atlanta Medical Center has been serving the medical needs of the community and region since its founding in 1901. Specialties include advanced surgery, bariatric (weight loss) surgery, cardiology, neurology, oncology, women's health, orthopedics, trauma, and rehabilitation. The Level II trauma center is supported by aeromedical services providing immediate transportation to critical patients throughout the state. The hospital campus also includes a comprehensive cancer center; The Specialty Clinic, which treats diabetes and Hepatitis C; Sheffield HealthCare, a neighborhood community health center; as well as the Wellness Center, which houses the Highland Athletic Club, Atlanta Weight Loss Center, and outpatient rehabilitation program.

Atlanta Medical Center is accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. To learn more about Atlanta Medical Center, visit the website at: www.atlantamedcenter.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM FEBRUARY 15 TH , 2008, TO APRIL 25 TH , 2008 			71 DAYS
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Feb. 14	Thurs.	VALENTINE'S DAY	
Feb. 18	Mon.	PRESIDENT'S DAY OBSERVED	
Feb. 20	Wed. 10:00 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Feb. 22	Fri.	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	
Feb. 27	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club	12 1 st Ave. (Kirkwood) 404-688-7330
Feb. 29	Fri. 7:30 P.M.	PORCH PARTY	211 Hurt St. 404-523-4801
		LEAP DAY	
Mar. 01	Sat. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net



TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR

DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
02/12/08	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details.	404-523-4801
02/23/08	Eighth Annual Tree Huggers' Ball RAIN DANCE at the Trolley Barn (See Pg. 3.)	404-522-5394
03/11/08	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details.	404-523-4801

AGENDA

- I. Welcome, Introduction of New Comers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. INPA Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Zoning
 - 1. NPU-N Report
 - C. Historic Preservation
 - 1. 331 Sinclair Ave.
 - 2. 756 West Ashland Ave.
 - 3. 328 North Highland Ave.
 - D. Public Safety
 - 1. Security Patrol Initiatives (See Pgs.)
 - 2. Dedicated Bank Account
 - E. Planning
 - F. Treasurer
 - 1. Recurring Budgeting Expense
 - G. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment