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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*By Anda Olsen*

I think most of you know I am in my last three months serving as President of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association.

Before this, I served for two years as Secretary during the time the neighborhood was debating whether or not we would have the historic district designation. WOW... that first time was tense. Passions ran high, neighbor against neighbor... both sides with the best intentions of the 'hood at heart. Meetings routinely went past 11:00 p.m.

So I served that time and didn't attend another IPNA meeting until people I could not say "no" to asked if I would run for President. Until then I stayed away from meetings because I felt confident everything would be handled just fine -- even though I wasn't at the meetings, I could always read up on what was happening in the minutes in *The Advocate*. NB: I was volunteering for other things!

In contrast to the tumultuous Secretary years, these last two years serving as President have been much more focused and calm as we've been tackling the quality-of-life issues that get broad community support. Plus, we've had a generous budget to work with because of all the good work that Festival does to fund our activities.

But in both Board positions, I have been concerned that we make sure the Newcomers to the neighborhood know that --really and truly-- everyone is a part of Inman Park. By one count we've added over 1,400 dwelling units to Inman Park over the last couple of years. Compare that with our 202 Public Safety current members, the 337 households signed up as IPNA members, and the 521 residents signed on the IPNA mailing list. I believe there are about 350 or more members in the Yahoo group.

I know there are always chuckles about my Reach Out and Touch Someone campaign, but it is important. First-time attendees to an IPNA meeting *may* feel bothered and bewitched because of the breadth of topics that are covered. That's why I devoted last month's report to my soap opera analogy. (Zoning! Historic Prez! Planning! Security!) There is a lot going on that can impact Inman Park.

IPNA meeting discussions *do* assume a depth of knowledge and experience on *some* of the issues being discussed. While we can't stop and explain everything — the meetings would run on *much* too long --- but ask me or any Board member after the meeting -- or the person sitting next to you during the meeting if you want more info.

Come back to the meeting a second time and things will start falling in place. By the third meeting, well, I'll offer up my new Rule of Three: Three IPNA meetings transform a newbie into an old hand!

Or attend just one porch party in the warm months and you'll be able to start putting faces to the names in the Membership Book. Attend two porch parties and you'll know people from six streets away from your home block. Attend *three* porch parties and you will be hooked and you'll start planning to spend your last Friday of the month on catching up with everyone. *Everyone* is welcome and a part of Inman Park.

I would welcome any advice from new neighbors about what would make it easier for all of you to get involved. It's just so much *fun* and I really want to share that with you.

## SILENCE IS GOLDEN

*By Betty Ridderhoff*

Several hundred people attend the Oscar Awards which the rest of us watch on TV. Did you ever notice how silent it is when the presentations are made? A great tribute, respect, and honor is shown for the winners of the awards by the silence surrounding the presentations.

This year, the Joel Awards Committee has decided to make the presentations at the Butterfly Ball. As Chair of the Joel Awards for 2008, and spokesperson for the Committee, we would appreciate this type of silence when the Joel Awards are being presented. We promise it won't be a long program, but your silence during the presentations will show your appreciation and respect to the recipients for the time and effort they have so generously given of themselves to help make Inman Park the 'paradise on earth' that we live in.

It was not easy for the Committee to select the nominees for the awards this year. There are so many who have volunteered all year long, without thinking of an award for themselves. We had so many nominees who deserved to earn a Joel Award, but we could not give it to all of them.

Please help us honor the nominees with a golden silence when **Danny Feig-Sandoval** takes the microphone to make the presentations of this coveted award.

The Joel Committee itself does not receive an award (after all it is made up of recipients from the last two years), however, I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to each and every person who served on it this year.

Your Joel Committee was: **Rick Bizot, Lisa Burnette, Ruth Caproni, Angela Carrington, Danny Feig-Sandoval, Aimee Frantz, Nick Frantz, William Sanders, Karen Tabor,** and me.

Thanks for a job well done.

It was my honor to serve as the Chair of this wonderful group of people.

### ***STREET CLOSINGS FESTIVAL 2008***

It's that time of the year again. Festival will be here on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be closing the streets this year as we did last year in order to accommodate the Festival Vendors, the Festival Tour Bus route, and to make life safer for participants.

***Please note there are changes from previous years street closings. One lane of DeKalb Avenue will be closed from Delta Place to Hurt Street on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until at 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until at 6:00 p.m.***

***The following streets (as marked on the map) will be closed 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, until Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 p.m. for the convenience of the tents and food vendors:***

**Euclid Avenue:** from Elizabeth Street west to Waverly Way.

**Waverly Way:** at Poplar Circle and Euclid Avenue to the bend.

**Delta Place:** along the East side of Delta Park to Edgewood Avenue.

Residents with vehicles parked on these streets will need to move their vehicles prior to the street closings. Failure to do so could result in the vehicle being towed.

***The following streets will close Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.:***

**Euclid Avenue:** between Alta Avenue and Edgewood Avenue.

**Edgewood Avenue:** between Hurt Street and Waddell Street.

**Elizabeth Street:** between DeKalb Avenue and Lake Avenue.

**Waverly Way:** between DeKalb Avenue and Euclid Avenue, past Euclid Avenue to Elizabeth Street, past Elizabeth Street and back to Euclid Avenue.

**Delta Place:** between DeKalb Avenue and Edgewood Avenue.

**Hurt Street:** between DeKalb Avenue and Waverly Way.

***For the parade:***

***Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:*** From 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, to stage the Parade, Edgewood Avenue will be closed at Krog Street, and Waddell Street will be closed to all traffic, except for the Shuttle Bus, from Lake Avenue to Edgewood Avenue.

**Limited access will only be available at night, after Festival hours, to streets that are indicated on the map as “INACCESSIBLE”. However, streets with vendors and marked “CLOSED” on the map will be closed to all traffic during all of Saturday and Sunday (until 7:00 p.m.). If you have a car on one of the streets with tents or food vendors, PLEASE RELOCATE YOUR VEHICLE OFF OF THESE STREETS PRIOR TO FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. OR YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE TOWED.**

**If you have a car on one of the “CLOSED” streets and will need the vehicle during festival hours, please relocate your vehicle off of these streets prior to Saturday at 6:00 a.m. The Festival Committee and staff are very conscious of the effort residents put forth to accommodate these closings and we appreciate your enduring the inconvenience to help make this weekend a great success.**

# MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008, IPNA MEETING

By Ellen McManus, Secretary

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

President **Anda Olsen** introduced herself and welcomed everyone. She referred everyone to the agenda on the back of the *Advocator*. She asked for newcomers. The following newcomers introduced themselves: **Molly Gunn and Nick Rutherford**, who have lived on Degress since 2006, introduced themselves. **Barry Elves-Brown** is here from Inman Lofts Homeowners Association. **Amber O'Neil** is representing the Wellness Center, which just opened in the neighborhood.

Anda reminded newcomers of the porch parties held during the warm months. She also reminded everyone of the many volunteer opportunities in the neighborhood, which are a great way to meet people and become involved.

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Pat Westrick** announced that the porch party this month will be on February 29<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Melissa Miller** and **Thom Abelew** at 211 Hurt St. The party starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and something to drink. Call Pat if you want to volunteer your porch.
2. **Richard Westrick** announced that the 8<sup>th</sup> annual TreeHuggers Ball will be held at the Trolley Barn at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday. Highland Bakery is providing lasagna for \$10 a plate until it runs out. *Slim Chance and the Convicts* will be playing.
3. **Oreon Mann** announced that the Book Club meeting this month will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at **Linda Dunham's** house at 12 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Kirkwood. The book is *Where Peachtree Meets Sweet Auburn* by **Gary Pomerantz**. Bring a covered dish.
4. **Amber O'Neil** announced the opening of the Atlanta Chiropractic and Wellness Center, offering personal training, nutrition counseling, massage therapy, and chiropractic services. There will be a family event this Saturday with free screenings and chair massages, drinks, and snacks. Please come by from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
5. **James Johnson** announced that the ING marathon will be held this year on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The marathon will run the same route as last year, but will start a little differently. Inman Park is 5.1 miles from the starting line at CNN Center. The schedule will come out later this week to let us know when the runners will be coming through, but it will probably start between 7:25 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Our cheer zone is at Euclid Ave. and Hurt St. Once again, there will be \$10,000/ \$5,000/ \$2,500 prizes awarded for the best cheer zone. **Anda Olsen** promised to provide donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate at our cheer zone once again. Bring flashlights and come out. They have more than 10,000 runners registered already. Anda said there were complaints last year from churches that the route interfered with Sunday services, so there have been some route changes. Also, they ran out of water last year. That won't happen this year.
6. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced our need for a lot of volunteers for Festival. Sign up on [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org). Check out [www.inmanparkfestival.org](http://www.inmanparkfestival.org) for information about Festival. Currently, the Tour de Georgia Bike Race is scheduled to come through Inman Park on the Saturday of Festival. He is trying to change that. He will have tour tickets next month.

## POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

**Warren Atkinson**, our Community Prosecutor for Zone 6, was here. He thanked everyone who came to the recent open house. He came to the meeting tonight to let us know the defendant **Cory Williams** is due in court on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of **Judge Bedford Jackson**. Please be there and show we support keeping this defendant behind bars. There has been a motion to include the defendant's record from Dekalb County in the Fulton trial. The Defendant was charged with robbery and aggravated assault in Dekalb County, and convicted as a juvenile. The prosecutor wants to use this information as "similar transaction evidence" to show a pattern of actions. It is not definite that a bond hearing will take place, but that can be brought up at any time. He is asking everyone to come if you are available.

Also, he had a brochure for a Courtwatch program to be held from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon on March 8<sup>th</sup> by **Mr. Howard** at Fulton County Courthouse. This program is intended to give citizens some idea of how the court process works. There will be 3 judges available to answer questions. They will go through the process from arrest to trial. Mr. Howard's contact information is:

E-mail: [woatkinson@comcast.net](mailto:woatkinson@comcast.net).

Phone number: 404-431-6682.

Please let him know if you are coming to the Courtwatch program. They would like to have some idea of how many to expect.

**Major Propes** was here tonight. She had 2 brochures: "How Not to be a Fraud Victim," and "How to Make Your Home Safer". (See copies on Pages 35-38 in this issue of the *Advocator*.) She said new houses are usually easy to break into because the locks are in the molding. There is a continuing problem in our area with car break-ins. **Do not** leave valuables in cars.

These are the current hot ticket items: Police arrested **John Wesley Clark** last week for attempting to enter an automobile. (His lookout didn't yell loud enough when the police came). He has 4 entering auto convictions, 2 burglary convictions, and 3 drug convictions. He told the police he was out "shopping" for GPS's. The cord was visible in the car he was trying to enter; so he figured the GPS was in the car somewhere. Don't leave your cord showing. **Lance Redding** was arrested yesterday [Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>]; he frequents the neighborhood.

He has previous entering auto convictions, and was caught coming out of a parking structure.

Two individuals were arrested for selling marijuana to one of Major Propes's undercover officers. Please let her know when you see suspicious drug activity. **Bill Hagan** passed the information to her in this case, and they were able to make the arrest.

As for burglaries, police recently arrested the "flat screen bandits," and are hoping to get more information on them and on their past crimes. A lot of information was given to them by ex-girlfriends. The Major said to keep your blinds closed during the day (and at night while watching TV). Think about what you can see from outside, because these guys drive around looking for signs of flat screens.

She also said to keep a watch on behalf of your neighbors. There was a question about how well alarms work. Loud ones work very well and the perpetrators run. Also, neighbors call 911 more quickly than the alarm company. Hidden cameras in boutiques in L5P showed it took 27 seconds for criminals to get in and then out with lots of merchandise. Also, there is another group knocking on doors in the neighborhood to see if anyone is home. If there is no answer, they go around the back and kick in a door.

Anda asked about **Lt. Boyce's** activities in flushing out homeless encampments. Major Propes said to send information to [tboyce@atlantaga.gov](mailto:tboyce@atlantaga.gov). The police do bring social service workers with them. Please keep police informed about these areas.

**Richard Shapiro** asked if Major Propes could provide information about trials to Warren Atkinson so he can keep us posted. She said he is provided with a list of repeat offenders every week. Richard also mentioned noise complaints that seem to have been resolved recently and thanked her for that.

Anda pointed out the need for some monetary support for the Mini-Precinct. We don't want it to close down. **Officer Larosa** is there every day from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Anda further pointed out that we cannot go into the background of every issue discussed at the meetings, but it is okay to quietly ask your neighbor.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

1. **Brenda Muhammed** from the Atlanta School Board was here. Please call her with any concerns. Her cell number is 404-226-5484.
2. **Will Sellers** was present from Councilman **Lamar Willis's** office. The councilman is sponsoring "Swing into Spring" during Spring Break. Call 404-330-6041 for more information.
3. **Jay Tribby**, representing Councilman **Kwanza Hall's** office, arrived at the meeting late (see Note in the Public Safety section below) because he splits time between the IPNA and Poncey Highland meetings, which are held on the same night.

### IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

#### **PRESIDENT: Anda Olsen**

Anda asked how many people have reached out and touched someone this last month. Lots of hands went up. Anda was pleased.

#### **ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans**

Drew was not present.

1. NPU-N Report by **Jonathan Miller**, NPU-N Representative for IPNA:
  - A. Toilets – The City Council has passed an ordinance offering a rebate if you replace your old toilet with a new water-saving one. See Page 8 in this month's [Feb.] *Advocator*.
  - B. Water – The City has decided there is still a watering ban, but we will be able to open our pool.
  - C. Garbage – Your trash day is probably changing; you should get something in the mail. The City will be picking everything up the same day every week, including trash, recycling, and yard waste.
  - D. A recently introduced ordinance added a step to becoming a historic or landmark district. There must be a majority vote of support from the affected properties. This ordinance grew out of Midtown trying to become a historic district. If you are interested, let Jonathan know. We are not affected by the new ordinance.
  - E. IPNA Websiter – **Dennis Mobley** and **Jonathan Miller** are putting together a group to modify our website and database. There will be a meeting soon. Let Jonathan know if you are interested in attending the meeting.
  - F. NPU updates:
    - i. Clean Dog was granted their special exception for offsite parking.
    - ii. Zaya's liquor license was approved last month.
    - iii. The Chevron station in Little Five Points - ownership has changed.
2. Parish Restaurant, 240 North Highland, Bldg 4 – **Tom Bowman** and **Bob Amick** were here to present information only. This was not on the agenda. They are asking for a liquor license and are trying to get through the City cycle in March. The building was the original depot for a factory, built in 1890. They have been renovating the building to its original splendor of 5,000 square feet with a New Orleans flavor. The upstairs will only be open for dinner. The downstairs will serve breakfast, juice, espresso, fresh bread, and a little bit of gourmet market, plus sandwiches. They want a small package license to sell beer and wine. They want to open in April, but are behind schedule. Jonathan said he would try to get an immediate neighbors meeting together. Someone asked about parking. They are in a mixed-use building and have plenty of parking. There will be no outdoor music, although they have 2 outdoor patios. Anda pointed out that we cannot take an official vote tonight, but we can get a sense of the meeting and then vote to support the immediate neighbors. Membership was in general agreement. There was a question about variances. None are needed; they are in full compliance. **Oreon Mann** moved to support the immediate neighbors in their decision on the liquor license. The motion was seconded and passed, but it was not unanimous. Anda asked that this be posted widely on the Yahoo group.
3. Jonathan announced he needs an alternate at the NPU-N level to fill in for him in case he is ill or out of town. Also, NPU-N needs

a president. If you are interested or know someone who could serve, please let him know. NPU-N meets next Thursday.

4. **Richard Shapiro** asked about the restaurant on Moreland that applied for a special exception to reduce parking. NPU-N voted against it, but BZA approved it. In doing so, they went completely against the wishes of the neighborhood and L5P.

#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke**

1. 331 Sinclair Ave – This was a Type III application for a home renovation. Architect **Adam Stillman** presented for the new owners. The house has been vacant for a year. It was recently purchased and the new owners want to renovate it. There was an immediate neighbors meeting last Sunday; 10 attended and all voted to support the applicant. The new buyer wants to do a small addition in the back and add a garage with alley access. He also wants to reopen the existing porch to be a screened porch. The current floor plan is 3/1. The owner wants to expand toward the back and finish out some attic space. He is proposing a new fence in back, which would affect visibility in the alley, so they might install mirrors. No variances were requested. One neighbor stood up and said he has some concerns about visibility in the alley as there are about 30 cars using it. He asked if the owners would consider moving the fence into the property, or perhaps installing mirrors before the fence is installed to ensure that they would work. Adam said they would consider it. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to support the immediate neighbors.
2. 756 West Ashland Ave. – Did not present.
3. 329 North Highland Ave. – Did not present.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan**

Bill was not present.

1. Security Patrol Initiatives – **Bob Sandage** referred everyone to his article on Pages 12 and 13 of this month's [Feb.] *Advocator*. He summarized it, saying we need more money to improve security. Some goals are to have the patrol car do two 4-hour shifts per day, for the car to have a cell phone so SP members can call the officer in the car, and to collaborate with security companies to call the SP car when an alarm is triggered. It has been suggested the car could give SP members a ride home if they are unable to drive their car home, and to have the officer escort ladies to or from their cars to the building.

We are trying to come up with incentives for businesses and multiple dwellings to become members of the Security Patrol.

2. Dedicated Bank Account – **Anda Olsen** said the Board would like to propose opening a dedicated checking account for the Security Patrol. It would be helpful in handling Security Patrol purchases like signs and gas in a quick and efficient fashion, and will also make it easy to track potential monies from outside the neighborhood. Historically, every committee had its own checking account. We are not proposing this, but would like to open a dedicated administrative account run by the Security Patrol with oversight by and reporting to the IPNA Treasurer. There was a motion to support this proposal; it was seconded and passed.

**Note:** At this time, **Jay Tribby** (for councilman Kwanza Hall) arrived at the meeting and Anda gave him the floor. Jay announced that **Chief Pennington** will be giving 3-hour briefings this month to members of the City Council on the status of crime in Atlanta. He will try to summarize what the City is working on. Jay brought copies of Kwanza's newsletter.

(Return to regular agenda.)

**Richard Shapiro** commented that the repeat offender problem is out of control, particularly in L5P. He said that here are people who have been arrested over 100 times who are still on the street, and asked if there is any proposed legislation to deal with this problem. Anda pointed out that the Mini-Precinct can help with this problem, and said many people may not know they need to contribute funds to help support the Mini-Precinct. Jay pointed out that part of **Warren Atkinson's** job is to track the repeat offenders.

#### **PLANNING: V.P. Patrick Bradshaw**

1. Beltline – The Georgia Supreme Court ruled against Tax Allocation Districts (TADs) that use a portion of property taxes as unconstitutional. There are several state senators who have looked at introducing an amendment to the Georgia Constitution to allow this, but it will be difficult to pass. The current ruling cuts the local funding mechanism for the Beltline in half. Watch the Inman Park Yahoo site for more details.
2. 280 Elizabeth Street (Peter Hand property) – Sale has fallen through. The environmental remediation and engineering requirements were deemed too great by the potential buyer.
3. **Jonathan Miller** pointed out the Beltline Subarea 4 meetings are starting soon. This is another volunteer opportunity for someone as we need people to attend these meetings.

#### **TREASURER: Leslie Ward**

Leslie was not here tonight. She will have a full report next month.

#### **SECRETARY: Ellen McManus**

Please get your membership applications and dues in. **Betty Ridderhoff** is trying to get the Membership Directory ready early so

there will be more time to proofread it.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced that the Traffic Committee has submitted drawings to the City for the proposed traffic calming measures. Now we wait.

## NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

There was no new or old business.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

## INMAN PARK FESTIVAL- JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!

*By Danny Feig-Sandoval*

It's hard to believe, but the 2008 Inman Park Spring Festival and Tour of Homes is just a month and half away. The official dates are April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>). I know many of you are waiting until the last minute to sign up to volunteer, but when you do that, you miss out on those prize jobs you have been thinking about since last year as well as risking losing those specific time slots you are looking for. So please, don't wait another minute.

Just go to the website at: [inmanpark.org](http://inmanpark.org) or [inmanparkfestival.org](http://inmanparkfestival.org) and sign up after you finish reading this and the other festival related articles. Any questions related to volunteering can be directed to **Judy Clements** at: [judyclements@bellsouth.net](mailto:judyclements@bellsouth.net).

The Festival committee has been hard at work since September putting together another fun-filled weekend with something for everyone to enjoy. This year, our Festival 'Green' committee has come up with a plan to reduce our carbon footprint with a major focus on our recycling efforts in order to minimize waste ending up in the landfill. Butterfly Ball will have a great band, King-sized, and will be serving food that is primarily locally grown with an emphasis on organic produce and wine so get your tickets early.

Once again, our dance and music performances will be superb and as always, our juried art will be spectacular.

This year, our Children's area has been relocated yet again to the Lizzie Chapel parking lot at the corner of Druid Circle and Euclid Ave. Due to the City's "drought relief plan," we had to move it out of Springvale Park.

We plan to have house tour tickets available at the March IPNA meeting so start developing your gift or tour ticket purchaser lists as we will have some great prizes for selling tickets this year.

On the security and traffic front, please remember that **DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT FESTIVAL AT ALL**. This is a City ordinance and the City has already warned us it will be strictly enforced- dogs will be turned away or ejected from the Festival area. In this light, we have chosen not to have any dogs at all in our parade. We know many will be unhappy with this decision, but it is in the interest primarily of public safety as well as the health of the dogs. If you live in the neighborhood and have a dog that needs to be taken for a walk during Festival hours (12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.), please avoid the main Festival area.

On Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, North Highland Avenue will be closed between Jackson Parkway and Glen Iris between 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. due to the Tour de Georgia Bike Race. This should not impact us too seriously, but if you know people coming to Festival from that direction, be sure to guide them on a different route. Each year we have less and less parking and the traffic seems to get worse so please encourage anyone you know to take MARTA.

On a fun note, this year we will be serving Margaritas at three of our beer tents.

Our next full Festival Committee meeting will be Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn. All meetings are open to everyone so please come if you are interested in the inner workings of Festival and looking for something else to add to your plate!

Questions, feel free to contact me at: [danny@smallcarpenters.com](mailto:danny@smallcarpenters.com) or 404-791-8497.

Most of all, we need *VOLUNTEERS!*

## SIX IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*By Jan Keith*

For those of you who are “list makers,” here are six reminders for you to put on your “to do list”:

1. Festival has nearly 1,000 volunteer slots/opportunities needing your help. Have you signed up yet? It’s easy and you’ll have an incredible time volunteering. You’ll also have the satisfaction of knowing that you’re contributing to making the best festival in the world happen in our Small Town Downtown. Remember, if you sign up to house sit during the Saturday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. time slot, you’ll receive a free Tour of Homes ticket after you complete your shift. Go to [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org) to volunteer.
2. Have you arranged to go on tour Friday? All houses are open for the short tour from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Friday’s tour will have no lines, no closed

streets, and lots of time to visit with other neighbors and, of course, with our wonderful tour homeowners. Saturday and Sunday our hours are from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m.

3. Have you bought your discount tour tickets yet? They will be available at the March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> IPNA meetings for **\$12 for members of the neighborhood**. You must be a member in good standing (i.e., paid your membership dues) to get the deep discount. Tickets will also be available at 889 Edgewood Ave. and at 177 Elizabeth St. until Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Have you encouraged your friends and neighbors to buy tour tickets? Advance tickets are \$15 for non-members and \$20 during Festival. There are some great prizes if you sell the most tickets! Also, tickets are available online from the IPNA website. Plus many local merchants will have tickets at the discount price before Festival.
  5. Have you cleaned up the unsightly trash and leaves from your neighbor’s sidewalk (knowing that you’ve already taken care of your own long ago!)? Festival is the time when we want our neighborhood to look its best. Take a few minutes to pick up and spruce up areas that need it. Be especially mindful to areas where the street vendors and entertainment occurs, and near and around houses on tour.
  6. Have you marked your calendar for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>? Fun is going to happen and we want you to join us. *Volunteer!* Buy tickets! Spend money! Have fun!
- ☺ See you on tour and at Festival!

THE INMAN PARK SPRING FESTIVAL  
INVITES YOU TO KICK OFF FESTIVAL  
WEEKEND AT THE

### CATERPILLAR COSTUME BALL

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

THURSDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Held at the “Outdoor Classroom” of the

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool

760 Edgewood Avenue.

Hayride by friend Bo Bradshaw

Face Painting - - - Fun Activities

Hot Dogs, Veggie Dogs, Popcorn, & Cupcakes!

Be sure to wear your favorite costume!

Tickets at the gate - \$2.00 per person (grownups and kids alike!)

For more information contact: Laura Lancaster Archer

[archer@mindspring.com](mailto:archer@mindspring.com)

For volunteer opportunities contact: Alex Coffman [acpff@cp.cast/met](mailto:acpff@cp.cast/met)

## 2008 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

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

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**April**

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

**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Thirteen Moons* by **Thomas Frazier**  
Hosted by **Sarah Kirk**  
61 Waddell St.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**August 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**For Information: 404-688-7330**

## **BUTTERFLY BALL 2008: ECO-LOGICAL (OR: A BUTTERFLY BALL REFRESHER COURSE)**

*By Karin Mebius*

The Butterfly Ball is organized by the IPNA Festival Committee and all neighbors are invited to attend. If your IPNA membership is current, you will receive a printed invitation.

To stay in keeping with the overall "green" theme of Festival this year, the Butterfly Ball theme will be Eco-Logical.

This means we paid extra attention to the environment, for instance in the form of recycling. The cups are bio-degradable. The foods will be locally grown and we'll have a list for you at the Ball with addresses of farms so you can order from them if you like what they have to offer. The wines are mostly organic and the decorations... uhm, well that's a surprise.

A neat detail is your utensils will be made of Georgia-grown sugar! When thrown out, they will completely disintegrate within days. Do not try to eat them, however, that would be dangerous.

The band this year is super cool: *Kingsized*. I hear many of you are already familiar with the band and I have to say: **Mike Geier** is a great performer so I'm sure we'll have a blast dancing, dancing, dancing!

**BUTTERFLY BALL: ECO-LOGICAL!  
APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
IN THE BIG TENT ON EUCLID AVENUE  
8:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT**

We'll have a complimentary food buffet and two cash bars. Non-alcoholic drinks are complimentary as well. The dress code could be called "Formal with a wink". Sure, go all out with that tux or that gorgeous gown if you want to. But also feel free to bring your funny hat, mask, or shocking pink feather boa, you'll steal the show!

Soooo... order your tickets now! It's first-come, first-serve, and the tickets go very fast so it's up to you to react quickly. You can do that by filling out the Ticket Request Form on the next page. Also we are now working on something new this year: **on-line ticketing**. Go to the website at web [www.inmanpark.org/butterflyball](http://www.inmanpark.org/butterflyball) to do so. The reservation date for IPNA members starts on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note that reservations are accepted for tables of eight only and only one table per household. If you do not reserve a table, seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.**

## 2008 BUTTERFLY BALL TICKET REQUEST FORM

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - 8 p.m. to midnight In the big tent on Euclid Avenue

### I: TICKET PRICES:

Early Member-----IPNA Members on sale March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup> ..... \$40/ticket  
Later Member-----IPNA Members on sale March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 18<sup>th</sup> ..... \$50/ticket  
Non-Members-----On sale March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 18 ..... \$50/ticket

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STREET \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### II: INDIVIDUAL TICKET REQUEST - First Come, First Served Seating:

Do you qualify for Early Member pricing? Check one: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\$40 each)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50 each)

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### III: TABLE REQUEST - LIMITED to 1 TABLE of 8 per HOUSEHOLD:

Does each person qualify for Early Member pricing? Check one: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\$40 each)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50 each)

# of Early Member Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 each = AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Later or Non-Member Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 each = AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We will start accepting Ticket Requests beginning MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> for members and MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> for later members/non-members. Reservations and payment for Early Members must be received by midnight on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We CANNOT honor late requests. Ticket sales are limited and end when sold out. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Seating reservations will be made for tables of 8 only; individual seating will be first come, first served. Tickets will be delivered to the address listed above by April 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions about your request, please e-mail Laura Salazar at: [lfsalaz@sph.emory.edu](mailto:lfsalaz@sph.emory.edu). Those without email access may call 404-681-0370.

You can order your tickets on-line at: [www.inmanpark.org/butterflyball](http://www.inmanpark.org/butterflyball), OR if you prefer to pay by check, please make your check payable to Inman Park Festival and mail or drop it off (in the designated mailbox on porch) with your completed Ticket Request form to:

Laura Salazar  
201 Hurt Street  
Atlanta, GA 30307

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TICKETS TO THE BALL!**

# THEATER AL FRESCO - SRO

By David Hudson

The Theater Night committee is busily preparing for this year's evening of montage performances by our neighborhood theaters. As happened last year, we expect this year will sell out by the end of March. If you haven't made your reservations yet, it's time to call **Marie Wooldridge**, reserve your table, and *send her your check*.

Many of our PRODUCING, PATRON, and ANGEL -level sponsors are returning to support this worthwhile cause again. We are also delighted to welcome several new sponsors at these levels this year. Their contributions, and yours, make it possible for our local theaters to continue to provide the stellar performances seen throughout the year. Last year, because of your generous support, we raised in excess of \$15,000, all of which goes directly to our neighborhood theaters.

If you haven't already responded to this year's call for sponsorship, please consider doing so now. There are four levels of sponsorship available. We hope you will select the one that best suits you and join us for this wonderful evening.

Sponsorship levels available are:

1. PRODUCING sponsors, are those contributing \$1,000 or more. The benefits of this level of sponsorship include having your name prominently displayed on a banner hung above the stage and in the program, one complimentary table seating six close to the stage, and recognition from the stage the night of the event.
2. PATRON level sponsors are those contributing \$500 or more. Sponsors at this level will also have their names on a banner above the stage and in the program, and receive one complimentary table seating six.
3. ANGEL sponsors are those contributing \$200 or more. Sponsors at this level will be recognized from the stage and in the program. This level of sponsorship does not include a complimentary table, but does entitle you to priority table assignment for any tables you purchase. Tables, seating six, may be purchased for \$100.
4. STAR patrons are those contributing \$100 or more. These sponsors will receive recognition in the program as well as priority table assignment for tables purchased at a cost of \$100 per table.

© Your sponsorship contributions are tax deductible, your support of our neighborhood theaters invaluable. All three of our theaters will be returning this year, showcasing works that will entertain and delight you. We also have a new participant this year, Synchronicity Performance Group.

So please join us for an evening with your friends and neighbors graced with great performances, fine food, and laughter without ever having to leave the neighborhood. Doesn't get much better than that, does it?

To make your reservations, please call Marie at 404-880-9065. Please remember that table assignments are made only after we receive your check, so be sure to send it early.

The cost for this exceptional evening is \$100 for a table seating six. This event sells out every year, so be sure to gather your group, plan your menu, send in your check, and come to the tent at 7:30 p.m., Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Be ready to sit back, relax, and enjoy the show all in the company of the best neighbors in the city.

If you have questions, feel free to contact any one of us on the committee. If you have some free time and want to volunteer the day of the event, just let one of us know. We will be sure to put you to work. See you there.

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

## DOGS AND DEKALB: FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY CHAIR OF FESTIVAL

By Kristine Sandage

Festival is right around the corner and as the Public Safety Chair of Festival; I have a couple of announcements to make.

First, **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR DOGS TO FESTIVAL!** I know I will not get any popularity points with this request, but it is a very large issue with the city of Atlanta from a legal perspective, and it is not safe for both people and dogs. On the legal side of things: pets are prohibited at the Festival by Atlanta City Ordinance Sec. 142-63(e), which means you will receive a citation from the Atlanta Police. Often you will see dogs at other smaller festivals; however, due to our "Class B" status, which is an anticipated attendance between 20,000 and 49,000 people, we are not allowed to have pets at all.

The size of the crowd may cause anxiety for some dogs. Additionally, some children may unknowingly provoke dogs as well. If you live within the perimeter of the Festival and need to walk your dog during Festival hours, please be sure keep them away from the main Festival areas or you will be cited.

There will be no dogs in this year's parade! Sad as this may be, the Festival committee has made this decision based on the fact when others saw dogs from the parade at the Festival, they felt they were justified in bringing their own dogs.

The second item on my agenda is we will be closing one lane of DeKalb Avenue between Delta Place and Hurt Street during Festival hours. DeKalb Avenue is a 3-lane road with the middle lane being reversible, so during that time traffic will still be able to go in both

directions with the reversible lane being utilized for Southbound traffic.

The closing of DeKalb Avenue is to provide a safer route for volunteers when collecting trash and for general navigation around Festival. Residents on Hurt Street, Elizabeth Street, Waverly Way, and Delta Place between Edgewood Avenue and DeKalb Avenue will have access by car by presenting an ID with their address on it (just like prior years).

Lastly, I am looking for volunteers to help with the Command Center during Festival. The Command Center is a new concept to Festival and will be staffed with representatives from police, fire, EMS and Inman Park with the goal of efficiently responding to public safety issues. No special training or qualifications are required, just the desire to help. Please contact me if you have any questions about the Command Center. I can be reached at 678-521-4329 or neechykat@yahoo.com.

You can sign up at the Volunteer website [www.inmanpark.org/festival/volunteer/](http://www.inmanpark.org/festival/volunteer/); the area is "Traffic and Security". At this time, 3-hour time slots are available on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. There is one 3-hour time slot available on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

I am looking forward to a fun-filled and safe Festival!  
See you there!!!

***OUR FIRST STOP IN ASIA:  
TURKEY***  
*By Diane Floyd*

Turkey is truly a bridge between the continents of Europe and Asia. The city of Istanbul actually straddles the dividing line, the Bosphorus, the world's narrowest strait used for international navigation, connecting the Sea of Marmara and the Black Sea. Istanbul also manages to be both European and Asian simultaneously. The menu in March will be:

- Kabaklama*** (Autumn Lamb Stew with Squash, Lemon, and Mint)
- Mottled Beans with Collard Greens, Black Sea Style*** (vegetarian)
- Ic Pilaz*** (Rice Pilaf)
- Corban Salatasi*** (Chopped Salad)
- Baklava, Gaziantep Style***
- Iced Apple Tea***

Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on March 19<sup>th</sup> 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!"

**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](mailto:historic.preservation@inmanpark.org) so that neighborhood meeting(s) can be set up. Thanks!

UPCOMING AUDC DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	<b><i>APPLICATIONS DUE</i></b>	
		<b>Type II</b>	<b>Type III/IV</b>
	<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>
	<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>

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

- 346 Sinclair Ave – *approved* - 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 – *approved with conditions* - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-012) to allow the construction of a single-family residence.
- 350 Sinclair Ave – *approved with conditions* - 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.
- 836 Euclid Ave – *deferred* - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-042) to allow the construction of a two-family dwelling with a detached garage.

- 840 Euclid Ave – *deferred* - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-040) to allow the construction of a two-family dwelling with a detached garage.

**Applications Scheduled for This Month :**

- 230 & 236 Elizabeth – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-044) for a variance to allow parking between the principal structure and a public street and a deck that will not be to the rear of the principle structure; and a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-045) to allow the installation of a fence and other site alterations.
- 836 Euclid Ave – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-042) to allow the construction of a two-family dwelling with a detached garage.
- 840 Euclid Ave – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-040) to allow the construction of a two-family dwelling with a detached garage.
- 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.

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

- None.

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

## TREE HUGGERS BALL

*By Sally E. McClintock*

The Inman Park Tree Watch Committee was pleased to host its Eighth Annual Tree Huggers Ball on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Funds were raised through our raffle drawings to continue our efforts on the third round of pruning and mulching existing trees. We appreciate the many friends and neighbors who attended this fun event, as well as our sponsors and contributors. Please join us in thanking the individuals and companies who helped to make the event a success:

**The Trolley Barn, our host**  
**Hall's of Fine Wines, wine sponsor**  
**Sweetwater Brewing Company, beer sponsor**  
**Andy Rhodes, centerpieces**

**Our band:**  
**Slim Chance and the Convicts**

**Our dinner:**  
**Highland Bakery**

**Raffle item donations:**  
**Bo Bradshaw**  
**Café of Life Chiropractic Studio**  
**Cathy Bradshaw**  
**Condition Kettlebell Gym**  
**Curves for Women**  
**Good Moves**  
**Highland Bakery**  
**Kelli Paul Salon**  
**Pacific Kitchen**  
**Redfish: a Creole Bistro**  
**Savage Pizza**  
**Shaun's**  
**Soge Hair Salon**  
**Sotto Sotto/Fritti**

**Stone Soup Kitchen**  
**Studio 655**  
**The Albert**  
**The Clean Dog**  
**Urban Body Fitness & Studios**  
**Wisteria**

## **MOST WANTED: VOLUNTEERS**

*By Judy Clements*

We have added a Volunteer Sign Up link to our website. Please go to:  
[www.inmanparkfestival.org](http://www.inmanparkfestival.org) website.

You can volunteer on both this website and [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org). Sign Up is going very slowly, except for beer, so tell everyone they can sign up on either website.

Most important, please volunteer. Ask family, friends, and co-workers to join you by volunteering also.

## **CHEAP ALARM:**

*Car keys beside your bed at night*

*Submitted by Cathy Bradshaw*

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone is trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: it's a security alarm system that you already have and it needs no installation. Test it. It will go off from everywhere inside your house

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there, and sure enough, the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

This is also useful for any emergency where you can't reach a phone, such as a fall or a heart attack.

## **INMAN PARK COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL SUMMER OFFERINGS**

*By Julie Johnson*

This summer, children can have fun while engaging in educational activities at IPCP's Summer Camp 2008. Four two-week sessions will be offered beginning June 9<sup>th</sup> and running until August 1<sup>st</sup>.

All sessions last from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and include award-winning children's literature-themed activities, art and science projects, music, movement, cooking, water play, and outdoor play.

Enroll now for one or more two-week sessions. The enrollment fee is \$35 per child and the cost per session runs from \$120- \$300 depending on how many days your child attends. Two-year-olds can attend either T/TH or M/W/F sessions, and ages three to five can attend either three or five days a week.

Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis and is open to children who do not attend the preschool during the regular school year. Applications are available at IPCP or online at [www.ipcp.org](http://www.ipcp.org).

## **IPCP'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL YARD SALE**

*By Julie Johnson*

On Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., the Inman Park Cooperative Preschool will be collecting items for the second annual IPCP Yard Sale. Please take this opportunity to clean out your basement, attic, or storage bin and donate items.

The sale will be held across from the school, located at 760 Edgewood Avenue. It begins on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. All proceeds will go to the preschool. Hope to see you there!

## "EMERGENCY IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE"

By Bill Hagan

So, here I sit, writing this little column in the AMC ER, while my mother, **Carmen Hagan**, is tested for some post-flu event that gave her (and our own) physician, Inman Parker **Dr. Amy Varner**, cause for concern. If you are unfamiliar with the joys (and I say that without sarcasm) of eldercare, ask me sometime. On the other hand, the irony is interesting. My mom is happily bantering with the ER staff; I grin to cover my grimaces from severe back pain I managed to get just as the flu (or some pox) got better; **Kathi** is home in bed. Kathi and I just got back from Virginia. She came along on a business trip. We had a great room and spent more time in bed than honeymooners. True enough, but that was in miserable half-sleep between sprints to the bathroom to hug the commode, i.e., we were sick the whole time, and have almost recovered, with me about a day ahead of poor Kathi.

But that little story of life and reality is a reminder to me that I need to retire sometime in this century so I can have time to do all the things I want to do. And, I don't only mean a month motorcycling in the Dolomites. I have to have more time for public-safety chores. This may be a volunteer position, but, based on my experience so far this term, one needs either to be fully retired or one heck of a lot better able to manage time than I am to do what needs to be done for Inman Park public safety these days. But, while I still believe that even the most compulsive time-management adherent would have trouble attaining perfection in the job, my failing to get more done has been a good dose of humility for me.

I'll start with thanks to folks who have gone the extra kilometer (sorry; I'm on a metric kick just now) for public safety. If I save that for the end, I'll either forget (see preceding paragraph) or wax on until only Kathi would finish the whole column. This month I single out **Mr. Anonymous** and **Leigh Ann and Ryan Guthrie** for special kudos. The former decided, after seeing that we were in a budget crunch with the Security Patrol, that he would personally pick up the cost of the tracker plus the monthly (required up-front, by the way) monitoring fee. And, **Leigh Ann and Ryan**, parents of two young boys, decided, after seeing the Security Patrol car make its rounds, that they wanted to give, spontaneously, in appreciation of the service, a surprise gift "just because." So, as you may see, it is not only I, but all of us who owe thanks to these generous supporters.

You know, of course, that my mention of money just now was the camel's nose; here comes the hump and more! **Bob Sandage** and his public-safety development team have come up with a fundraising plan that he outlined in the February *Advocator* and IPNA meeting and has now launched. As of this writing, we have a few wrinkles left with the "e-commerce" side of the house, but I am very pleased and proud of Bob and his group's work. Now it's your turn. I won't use this space to make the case or give a detailed sales pitch. I've done that before and will likely do it again, but at this point, you are either sold or not. If not, call me. I anticipate some free time in 2013.

The tracker will be installed and working by the time you read this column. I intend to post the results in some sort of fashion for all to see. I'll let the "geeks" help me find the most effective means of getting the information out, e.g., posting on the inmanparkga yahoo board, but I see this as an effective tool of demonstrating to you (and, heck, any tech-savvy perp) that the patrol car is almost literally ubiquitous. We will continue, of course, to have actual patrol shifts secure, i.e., not publicize the times "in the clear," in the (rather unlikely) event that the level of criminal we have here is actually able to discern patterns. The tracker will nonetheless ensure that we are covering all our ground in a smart way and allow us to prove that to the "tax-payers," i.e., those who contribute to the Security Patrol.

Also, we now have a cell phone for the Security Patrol car. Want the number? Say "please." Nah, read on. Many of us have been troubled by the 911 system. Somehow, it just doesn't seem right to call a central dispatcher for what seems to be a real, but rather minor, problem. Instead, we wondered why we could not have an "admin" number to call with such concerns. And, sometime, we like to have a police officer present when we arrive home in the wee hours or walk us from our car in the parking garage to the lobby entrance of the condo. In Atlanta, and many other cities, the only way to access police services is to call 911. It works. Yes, there are horror stories; I have a few such annoying experiences in my repertoire. But, overall, it works, and works pretty well. But triage tends to make minor matters ... well, minor. That is as it should be, but leaves legitimate concerns unanswered, and leaves us feeling a bit less safe or, at least, uneasy.

Well, if you belong to the Security Patrol, you just got upgraded to the concierge level. If you don't belong, you can still have it ... for a price. Details to follow as we develop the right way ahead, but my plan is for everyone to call 911 in any emergency. But anyone will also be able—for lesser concerns—to call the patrol car's cell phone number for these non-emergency quality-of-life issues within Inman Park.

*Now, of course, there is some fine print:*

Let it be crystal clear that we are experimenting with the optimal way to use this new phone. What you see now may not be what we ultimately decide upon. So, stay flexible, not limp. If the patrol officer is on duty, the officer will respond—unless, obviously, engaged in a 911 event. If the phone defaults to voice mail, no officer is on duty, and the caller will be advised to call 911. We will have more such coverage as we can afford it, but right now that is two, four-hour shifts, one in the day, the other at night. It is making a difference. As stated, this protection and cell-phone access directly to the Security Patrol off-duty police officer comes with Security Patrol membership. If you choose not to belong, shame on you. *Ooops*, I mean you may still call, but you will be billed a to-be-specified amount for any response calls, a bill that you may apply to membership if you join promptly. Want that number? Keep reading.

**Major Propes** and **Lt. Boyce** at Zone 6 continue to be exceedingly supportive of our public-safety concerns, as has been our indefatigable (a word that I've liked ever since reading it in the *Hornblower* series while a teen) Zone 6 Community Prosecutor, Mr. **Warren Atkinson**. Help me help this trio cut down on crime by eliminating urban camping. If you know where these folks sleep—not where they vagrantly spend their daytime hours—tell me at [inmanparkpublicsafety@yahoo.com](mailto:inmanparkpublicsafety@yahoo.com).

Inman Park ain't no KOA.

Well, I've just praised the system a bit, so let me add some balance by criticizing on another frustrating aspect of it. **John Wolffinger**, my equally busy Virginia-Highland counterpart, pointed out what I had missed in my own look at our blotter: police arrested the same homeless slug twice—on February 17<sup>th</sup> and again on February 19<sup>th</sup>—for breaking into cars! But that example of wasting police resources and taxpayers absorbing cost of crime by a revolving jailhouse door pales besides the oxymoronic "juvenile justice system". Consider the chase and capture of the three young thugs off Monroe Drive late last month. Two officers involved in those important arrests are still recovering from their injuries. Those brave folks will wear the scars or follow-on results forever, something quite unlikely for the perps. Anyone care to wager on these hoodlums straightening out and leading exemplary lives? I frequently ridicule the sweet naiveté of those who wring their hands over the societal role in this over the individual accountability of the criminal. That said, I must also say the system is at fault when our juvenile courts are a joke. They are, and that isn't funny at all.

An APD official I will not name here said the following: "The majority of our violent crimes are usually committed by juveniles - and the system has failed time and time again for our juveniles. Until the laws and rules change, they will continue to commit violent crimes and only receive a 'slap on the wrist.'" As a community, you [this officer is talking about **YOU**, *Advocator* reader!] have a voice that needs to be heard. We as law enforcement officers really have our hands tied in the disciplinary aspect of these offenders. Together, maybe we can put into action a change." John Wolffinger — see above — is soliciting the assistance of persons experienced in working to work with local legislators to see what can be done. It sure is clear that the present system is broken.

Well, I'm done. Mom's being admitted, but should be out in a day or so and be fine. As she was being wheeled up to her room, she shouted out, "Tell them I said to join the Security Patrol!" Oh, and she added that if you did join, you might find this useful: 404.844.1004.

## BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

*By Richard B. Shapiro, DDS  
L5P Business Association*

Unfortunately, the increase in Atlanta's crime rate has been staggering: according to Atlanta Magazine, in the first 6 months of 2007, compared to the first 6 months of 2006, homicide is up 48%, robbery up 25%, home burglary up 17%, and auto theft up 18%. (While there have been several high profile incidents, in Zone 6 the numbers are not quite that high.) It is critically important to do everything we can to both reverse those increases and protect ourselves.

Now beginning its 10th year of existence, the Little 5 Points Atlanta Police Mini-Precinct continues to be a cornerstone in our multi-prong approach to reduce crime in our community. While there is no magic bullet, each step we take helps incrementally. The Mini-Precinct continues to provide a crucial increased police presence in our community. Crime has not risen here as much as it has in the rest of Atlanta. We are particularly pleased that **Officer Dino LaRosa**, an aggressive officer with over 18 years of familiarity with the L5P area, including many years as our local bicycle officer, has just been assigned to the L5P Mini-Precinct.

The L5P Mini-Precinct is a public/private partnership between the City of Atlanta and our community. The community provided the funds to renovate the space and continues to pay for rent, utilities, and other operating costs. The Police Dept. provides the officers, equipment, supplies, and video surveillance, etc. The bulk of this satellite police station's funding comes from L5P Business Association members. There are also substantial contributions from the Inman Park Neighborhood Association and the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. The rest of the funding is provided by contributions from individual households in the area.

Yes we pay taxes, yes there should be enough cops on the streets, yes we should be fighting mad and fighting hard to improve that, and yes in a perfect world we wouldn't have to pay extra for better police coverage, but the reality is there are about 1,750 police officers in Atlanta.

This number is way short of the 2,000 we have been promised since **Bill Campbell** ran for Mayor, and frankly, 2,000 officers is also way short of what we should have. Crime continues to be a major problem and we have to face reality. Having a Mini-Precinct here is a great opportunity for us to get a lot of police presence bang for our private bucks.

Having said that, it is important to know what the function and mission of the Mini-Precinct is and isn't. The officers assigned to the Mini-precinct **are not assigned to be patrol officers for our area**, nor to be at the beck and call of citizens. While officers in the Mini-precinct should respond to very dangerous situations (for instance, when they saved the lives of the Golden brothers during a brutal racially motivated attack a few years ago), they are either in the Mini-Precinct doing another job or taking a much-deserved break. **Anyone who wishes a police response to any concern still must call 911!!**

The 911 system is a triage system, set up to best allocate police resources based on the severity of the problem, the availability of officers, the location, and the other problems being dealt with at the time. **The value of this satellite police station is that it brings more police in and through our community** than would otherwise be here. Again, since there are not enough officers to effectively patrol citywide, this is a way to get more officers into our area. Having the Mini-Precinct also sends a strong message of support and appreciation to the police.

Since it opened, the increased presence and visibility of Atlanta Police officers that the Mini-Precinct brings to our community has made a significant difference in the conduct of those hanging out in L5P and the surrounding community. Thus our area is far less dangerous than it used to be, when shootings, stabbings, armed robberies, and vicious assaults, with some fatalities, were practically routine. However, these types of incidents have become relatively rare since the advent of the L5P Mini-Precinct, in conjunction with several other anti-crime initiatives. It's really a no-brainer, having more cops around makes criminals and problematic elements tend to stay away or watch their behavior. This protects people, possessions and property values.

So be part of the solution, we need your help. Closing the Mini-Precinct would be irreversible. That will make the criminals happy, but we would suffer the consequences. Please send your contribution now. If you haven't contributed to the Mini-Precinct Fund in the past, now is a good time to consider joining the hundreds of your neighbors who have been supporting this worthwhile endeavor. It's the right thing to do for your community, your neighbors, and yourself. A yearly contribution of \$40 or more is suggested. It's a small price to pay to insure this valuable project continues to serve our area.

Please invest in your community and send your check to:

**L5PBA Mini-Precinct Fund  
P.O. Box 5733  
Atlanta, GA 31107**

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number. These contributions should be tax-deductible —check with your tax professional.

## INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 2008

*By Greg Scott*

Below is a summary of February's 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 pro-active 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 good news is that burglary is down – way down. The bad news is that the criminals are having a field day taking our GPS systems, Ipods, and laptops out of our cars. Once again – don't leave your expensive electronic equipment in plain sight in your car's passenger area. At the very least – put it in the trunk. Better yet, take it inside.

The other troubling statistic is the number of Jeep Cherokees stolen. Burglars like to steal these vehicles as they are apparently easy to hotwire and provide the crook with a handy way to transport big items like plasma TVs. If you spot a strange Cherokee in your neighbor's driveway, or if you see one cruising around with a broken window, don't hesitate to call 911 and report it. If you own an older model Cherokee, law enforcement suggests you go retro and invest in "The Club®" or an alarm system. Anything you can do to make your vehicle less enticing to a bad guy may help prevent further crimes down the road.

Finally, continue to report any and all suspicious characters to 911. It's not in the report below, but a resident of Inman Village called about a person loitering around a parking garage, and the investigating officer found evidence linking the suspect to thefts in another neighborhood. Keep your eyes open and remember that if it looks suspicious, it probably is.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
1/22	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Montag Circle	Window smashed and GPS stolen.
1/25	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Auto Theft	1100 Euclid	Jeep Grand Cherokee stolen from parking lot.
1/25	8:00 p.m.	Auto Theft	200 North Highland	Witness saw suspect under the vehicle (Jeep Cherokee) and noticed rear window and steering column were damaged. Five juvenile suspects seen at location.
1/25	8:30 p.m.-Midnight	Auto Theft	400 Seminole	Jeep Cherokee stolen from parking lot.
1/26	4:45 p.m.	Assault	Colquitt @ Euclid	Victim was working in parking lot when suspect struck him in head with a pool cue during an argument over a car being towed. Suspect arrested.
1/27	5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Burglary	200 North Highland	Front door of apartment kicked in and apple laptop taken.
1/29	3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Auto Theft	300 Moreland	Jeep Cherokee stolen.
2/1	8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	Theft from auto	200 Elizabeth	Window smashed. GPS and Bluetooth taken.
2/1	9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Theft from auto	800 Inman Village Pkwy.	Window smashed. Victim not sure if entry was made.
2/2	10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Freedom Pkwy	Window smashed. GPS stolen while car parked at Carter Center.
2/1-2/2	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Montag Circle	Windows smashed on 3 Honda Accords. Ipod, leather jacket, duffle bag and clothing taken.
2/1-2/2	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Montag Circle	SS card and Al. driver's license taken from car.
2/2	Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	200 North Highland.	Window smashed. GPS taken.
2/8	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Euclid	Window smashed. Lap top, check book, driver's license, Dept. of Aviation badge taken.
2/9-2/10	22 hour period	Theft from Auto	900 Waverly Way.	Cloth shopping bags taken from unsecured vehicle.
2/10	8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Auto Theft	1100 Colquitt	Jeep Cherokee stolen from parking lot. Broken glass found at location.
2/11	7:00 a.m.	Assault	1000 Edgewood	Victim was taking out trash at business when suspect walked up to fence and fired 2-3 rounds at victim with a handgun, missing the victim. Suspect then fled.
2/11	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	300 North Highland	Window smashed. Lap top, digital camera, and wallet taken.
2/13	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	700 Lake	Victim responded to his car alarm. Driver's side door damaged. Ipod, \$150 cash, and gym bag taken.

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DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
2/14	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	200 Block North Highland	Window smashed while car was parked in deck. Lap top stolen.
2/14	5:00 p.m. -	Theft from Auto	200 North Highland	Victim found suspect in his unsecured car. Suspect asked "what are you doing near my car?" Victim asked suspect to walk away, which he did. Empty black wallet taken.
2/16	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	300 Elizabeth	Window smashed. Ipod taken.

2/15-2/17	36 hour period	Theft from Auto	1000 Euclid	Vehicle entered. Ipod, Cd's, cadaver dissection kit, clothing, glasses, jewelry, watch, stethoscope, Bluetooth and medical bag taken.
2/16	Overnight	Theft from Auto	900 Inman Village Pkwy.	Windows smashed on two Volvos. Items taken.
2/16	7:15	Theft from Auto	100 Montag Circle	Window smashed. Lap top, software, Ipod, and wireless card taken.
2/16	8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	200 North Highland	Window smashed with spark plug. Ipod, clothing taken.
2/15-2/16	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 North Highland	Ipod and sunglasses taken from vehicle. No signs of forced entry.
2/18-2/19	Overnight	Theft from Auto	700 Dixie	GPS, coat, knitting supplies, books taken from vehicle. No sign of forced entry.
2/18	12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	100 Montag Circle	Window smashed. GPS taken.
2/23	7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Theft	1100 Alta	Two scooters (red/silver) taken.

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

-To subscribe to the Yahoo! Group, go to [www.yahoo.com](http://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.

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## HOMELESSNESS IN ATLANTA WHAT IS BEING DONE AND IS PROGRESS BEING MADE?

*By Debi Starnes*

We see them everyday – the homeless persons that walk our streets, lives under the bridges and camp out in the parks. And, most of us struggle with what to do – do we ignore them; should we take a tough stand and call the police; or, should we be grateful for what we have and offer to share?

Homelessness is not a one-cause, one-answer-fits-all issue. The problems that lead a person to the point of having no place to call home are very complex and each homeless individual's story is as varied as the stories of each of us who have homes. But, in Atlanta, we are trying hard to address the complexity and to establish real-world solutions that are sustainable – both for the persons with very difficult challenges and for the overall systems that bear the cost for these solutions.

When **Mayor Franklin** took office in 2002, she established homelessness as one of her top priorities – she wanted an in-depth analysis of all the parameters involved and specific recommendations for what the City government should do. She established the Regional Commission on Homelessness, which includes representatives from various segments of our community – Federal, State, County, and City governments, business, academia and service providers. More importantly, for the first time in our history, the Commission has *seven* surrounding counties working on this issue with the City – since one of the main recommendations was that the City could NOT make progress on this issue without a regional approach.

In 2003, The Regional Commission developed a 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness in Atlanta, focusing on the folks who actually live under the bridges, behind vacant buildings, sleep in the parks – and who have been homeless for more than a year (most have been for several years). From our assessments, we believe the chronically homeless make up about 10-20% of the homeless in Atlanta, but use more than half of all the resources – typically because they have serious physical or mental health issues and/or have severe addiction. So, they have bounced between Grady Hospital, to the jails, to the streets and shelters, back to Grady and jail, etc. This dysfunctional approach is inhumane and ineffective for the person in need and is enormously expensive for the community.

The premise on which the Commission's 10-year Plan is based, is that if we make progress on the "back-log" of chronically homeless that have not been properly attended to, for decades, then our current services will be able to keep up with the episodically homeless that we will have in the future – which increasingly includes single women with children and intact families.

So, how are we doing this and how is it going? We have been and are continuing to develop a full continuum of care – so that a homeless person can be reached and offered a tailored package of services that will help them get back to self-sufficiency. We have been emphasizing to our service providers that we want to do more than "serve the homeless". Instead, we must focus on the *much more difficult* task of getting them "out of homelessness". For too long, we have had good-hearted, well-intentioned persons and agencies who have worked diligently to ease the burden of being homeless, by providing a "cot and a hot" – a bed and a meal. But, much more is necessary, to make a difference.

Our continuum begins with Outreach workers going out on a daily basis, establishing relationships and working to get a homeless person to take the next step. We have some of the best of the best in these roles. When they are successful at getting a person to agree to try the next steps, they are typically brought to The Gateway – our central intake, assessment, and placement facility.

The Gateway, established in 2005, is at **275 Pryor St**, and is a clean and decent place with a committed staff and multiple partner agencies on-site. It has 270 beds for men, divided into various specialty programs – basic stabilization, health recovery/respite, mental health, pre-treatment (getting ready for longer-term addiction treatment program), training and employment and specific beds for Veterans. There are also 40 beds for women and women with children, but these beds are more temporary while the staff works to get women placed in more suitable locations.

In addition to The Gateway, we work with various other shelter partners like the Atlanta Union Mission, the Salvation Army, and City of Refuge. But, these agencies are also working to make the shift to providing additional engagement services to better focus on the larger goal of getting persons OUT of homelessness.

To facilitate progress from the streets and the shelters, we are developing hundreds of supportive housing units – housing that has wrap-around services and staff that can work, specifically, with the underlying needs of the residents. By the end of 2008, we will have over 1,700 such units in place...and will continue to raise resources to build and staff more. A large part of these housing-based services help the residents find employment and/or connected to mainstream services for which they are qualified. For example, many of the mentally ill homeless are qualified for Social Security Disability income, and could have been receiving that income for years – but they are completely unable to navigate that application process without assistance. Once they get that income, it is much easier to find existing housing that will help them function at their highest ability.

All of these efforts cost money – the City issued \$22 million in Homeless Opportunity Bond money and the Regional Commission has raised over \$30 million in private funds. Most of this money has paid for the development of The Gateway, the supportive housing units and the attached services. In addition, there are millions more of Federal and State funds that come into the metro-Atlanta area, each year, to pay for needed facilities and services.

Ongoing assessment and evaluation of all the above efforts also occur. Each year, we do a full count of our sheltered and unsheltered homeless – utilizing hundreds of volunteers and police officers who actually go out in the middle of the night each January – census tract by census tract. This has been done for several years in Fulton county, DeKalb county and the City of Atlanta. In the past couple of years, several other surrounding counties have begun doing an official count. So far, we have had modest reductions in the overall count, but that is at the same time we had an influx of 100,000 Katrina victims. And, Atlanta continues to be the place that everyone wants to move to for “a fresh start” – including millionaires and homeless people.

What should you do, as a citizen, when you encounter the homeless? In our opinion, you *should not* give money. There is no guarantee they will use that money for a useful, life-sustaining purpose, and the odds are they will use it for the opposite. And, as cold as it may initially sound, we don't recommend giving food either – getting food by begging or panhandling is not a normal way of life for functioning human beings in an urban setting...so we need to assist everyone in doing better than that. There are plenty of agencies that will provide a meal, in a dignified manner and setting, *and* offer the additional array of services that person really needs. So, we ask that you help us with the larger and more difficult task of getting them to real help – not just temporary relief from a sandwich.

Refer them or, if you have a relationship with the person, take them to The Gateway, so that we can get them connected to specific agencies and services that address their particular needs and issues. Encourage the person to pursue a path out of homelessness; insist that such a way of life is not acceptable and emphasize there is help for them.

If you don't have direct contact, but know of a homeless person(s) in need, call **Lt. Trudy Boyce** in Zone 6 (**404-371-5002**), who is specially trained in Crisis Intervention and will summon our Outreach Teams to assist her. Give her as much information, as possible, regarding the person, their location and any details you know about their specific situation or needs.

And, if you need further advice or try to assist someone and you find The Gateway or other agencies unresponsive or the process too complicated, please call me, **Debi Starnes**, at **404-558-1750**. It is my job to put this solution puzzle together, and to make it work as effectively as possible

Together, we ARE making progress. Since 2003, more than 5,400 homeless people have been reunited with family and other support systems. More than 900 chronically homeless persons (really tough cases) are in supportive housing. Over 500 homeless persons have been assisted and connected with employment, and are provided support so they can sustain that employment and get back to self-sufficiency. Between 20-40, per month, are being connected with addiction treatment programs. And, The Gateway has helped over 18,000 homeless persons with a wide variety of services.

I hope you can see certain areas where there used to be large numbers of homeless and now there are not. But, we are keenly aware of other spots where the homeless persist and have even increased – but with all of us working toward the same goal of ending chronic homelessness, we will continue to make a real, sustainable difference. So, keep the faith and join in this difficult but enormously important journey!!

## **HOMELESS PEOPLE OR STREET PEOPLE**

*By Betty Ridderhoff*

Editor's Note: The homeless situation in and around Inman Park is growing. This is a great concern for our public safety and health, and we should all be aware of the growing problem. In the last few weeks, neighbors joined together, called 911, and were persistent. These efforts led to the arrest of five drug dealers in Little 5 Points. After a series of e-mails, mainly about **Copper John**, regarding the homeless camping out behind, in, and under buildings, we wanted to spread the news to other neighbors who do not have e-mail and may not be aware of a growing problem. Following are three of the e-mails from concerned neighbors regarding the homeless situation in Little 5 Points and our neighborhood. After reading these, you will understand we need to take back our neighborhood. There are many resources providing help for the homeless. The homeless belong in these shelters and not on our streets. To help clarify some terminology please note:

**Homeless:** People who have been displaced from their homes because of disaster, loss of their job, etc., and will accept help from the various resources available to them. They try to get back on their feet to lead a productive life.

**Street People:** People who are vagrants who rob, steal, break-in homes, beg for money, sell drugs, etc. They also have bad health habits and use our yards as their toilets, which is a health hazard to us. Street people will not accept the help available to them as they have no desire to clean themselves or their lives up. This is the life they choose to live.

## **HOMELESS (NOT: HARMLESS)**

*By Sharon Jones*

Regarding the homeless, I think the answer to the question is "education". Maybe we need a series of *Advocator* articles addressing the helping- the-home- less issue. It would be great to read about individuals' experiences with the chronic homeless and to read what our police officers think we should do - or not do - as residents of IP. Should we feed them? Can I yell at dudes in my trash? Exactly when should we call 911? How aggressive should we be with our favorite absentee landlord--Inman Park Properties? Does turning the hose on a homeless camp violate the watering ban? (just kidding!) So many of our issues in this group have beginnings with the homeless, and we need to all react to them in the same way and present a united front.

The IP residents who are being kind are good people, but they are not helping this man or our community. Here's an example. Years ago at our first IP house, we had WWII with our neighbors about a homeless man who was living in my next door neighbor's basement. The kind neighbors fed him and "employed" him. Once he was removed from the basement after two years of my hounding the City and the absentee landlord (the backyard was his restroom, among other things), it turned out he had been working on building explosives in that basement. The place was set up like Eric Rudolph lived there. His sitting around L5P reading used chemistry books wasn't so adorably eccentric after all. The whole block could have been blown to smithereens by this "pet" human being. Grown men aren't pets!



*By John Floyd*

Autism is a neurological disorder and, contrary to popular belief, it is not rare. It usually strikes in the first two years of life and can cause severe impairment in communication, cognition, and social interaction. While many autistic children make great progress through early intervention, many will never learn to speak. Occurring in one in every 150 births, autism is the second most common developmental disability. In Georgia, the numbers are even worse, 1 in every 138 births. Autism is a national crisis affecting over 1,500,000 Americans and costing the nation over \$90 billion a year, yet it receives less than 15% of the federal funding of other childhood disorders.

**On April 12<sup>th</sup>, Georgians concerned about autism will be gathering for a walk, festival, and information fair. Last year 18,000 people joined the efforts and raised \$1.3 million.** These funds supported treatment at the **Marcus Institute** here in Atlanta, where I am the Director of Development, and awareness building through a national organization called Autism Speaks.

Log on to [www.walknowforautism.org](http://www.walknowforautism.org) and "Support a Walker" (preferably ME!!!) or "Donate Now". I'll be there on the Marcus Team and hope that you will be too! **OUR TEAM IS TRYING TO RAISE \$25,000 SO WE'RE GOING TO NEED LOTS OF HELP!**

### **About The Marcus Institute**

Since joining The Marcus Institute I've been asked often what it does. We serve Atlanta, Georgia, the Southeast, and the international community in the diagnosis and treatment of developmental disorders. Specializing in Autism, ADHD, Pervasive Development Disorders, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and Feeding Disorders, The Marcus Institute offers unique, leading edge treatment, diagnosis and assistance to children and their families living with developmental disabilities. By offering a comprehensive list of services under one roof, families can receive diagnosis, treatment and support in a single location. Treating patients across Georgia and the Southeast, The Marcus Institute is the comprehensive resource for children with developmental disorders. The Marcus Institute, dedicated to serving the developmentally disabled community, turns disabilities into possibilities. To learn more about The Marcus Institute, please visit: [www.marcus.org](http://www.marcus.org).

## NPU-N UPDATE – MARCH 2008

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

We are not that far away from the Midtown neighborhood, although it is on the “wrong” side of the tracks. However, we are years ahead of Midtown with respect to preserving historic properties. Midtown is in the midst of the political campaign to get the same sort of protections that Inman Park now enjoys. It seems like just yesterday that our historic district regulations went into effect, but it has been almost six years. And that was after about two years of writing and negotiating. Midtown’s effort has produced an interesting development, one that I mentioned at the February IPNA meeting. Midtown’s councilperson, **Anne Fauver**, has introduced legislation that would add a step to the process. After a neighborhood has petitioned for the process to start, the new step would require a vote to determine whether at least 50% of residents were in favor. As I recall our vote was upwards of 80% in favor so this would not have been a problem for Inman Park. (Midtown is a different story; my sense is they face an uphill battle from both forces within and without.) The proposed legislation (08-O-0302) will be making its way to NPU-N in the next month or so on its way to ZRB and City Council. For Inman Park, it is purely academic. For other neighborhoods, including perhaps Candler Park, it could be very important. I have not made up my mind about this issue and I am curious as to what you think. Please bring your thoughts to the March IPNA meeting. And, thanks again for letting me represent you.

ORDINANCE NO. (ZRB NO.)	DESCRIPTION	COMM. *	STATUS (AS OF MAR. 1, 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; work session & public hearing held 15 Jan 2008
06-O-0262	require automatic sprinkler protection systems for all newly constructed single-family dwellings	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. on 4 Feb.; APPROVED by Mayor on 12 Feb.</i>
06-O-2697 (Z-06-144)	Affordable Housing ordinance	ZN	<i>Held in Committee</i>
07-O-0078	allow License Review Board to not meet in December	PS	revised by C.C. in Jan 2007; held in committee; <i>sent back to NPUs</i>
07-O-0611 (Z-07-52)	limit the height of retaining walls	ZN	Pending before ZRB
07-O-0621 (Z-07-54)	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	<i>Adopted by C.C. on 4 Feb.; APPROVED on 13 Feb.</i>
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 the 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 ( <i>public hearing-1/30/08; work session-1/1/08</i> )
07-O-2426	Transfer responsibility for traffic calming funds for Edgewood Retail District	ZN	<i>Adopted by C.C. on 4 Feb.; APPROVED on 13 Feb.</i>
08-O-0196 (Z-08-010)	<i>regulations re: appearance of public decks</i>	ZN	<i>To NPUs for comment</i>
08-O-0302	<i>Require residents to vote to pursue historic district status</i>	ZN	<i>To NPUs for comment</i>

\* City Council Committee code:

C=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

*Sincere Condolences to*

**Sandy Evans and Carson Pease,**

their family and friends,  
on the death of Sandy's Mother  
**Dorothy Elizabeth Evans**  
August 23, 1920 - February 27, 2008

Dorothy died at Hospice Atlanta after a long two year period of illness. She was born in Everett, MA, and raised in West Medford, MA. Dorothy attended Boston University before marrying **Richard Low Evans** in New York City in 1942.

They lived at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, for a brief period. Dorothy then returned to Boston and worked for the British Consulate during WWII. In 1948, Dorothy and her husband moved to Wakefield, Maine where they built a house. In 1965, his work brought them to Atlanta.

She worked many years here at the Tullie Smith House at the Atlanta History Center. She worked there planning and executing tours for History Center volunteers until she was 85. She was a very intelligent, dynamic individual whose interests included history, reading, travel, gardening, and, most of all, spending weekends and holidays with her family and friends at "the Farm" in Mineral Springs, Georgia.

A toast was held in Dorothy's honor on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in the Members Room of the Atlanta History Center.

Donations may be made in the name of Dorothy Evans to:

Dorothy and Richard Low Evans Scholarship Fund

Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association

P.O. Box 1016

Blue ridge, GA 30513

or to the

Atlanta History Center

130 West Paces Ferry Road

Atlanta, GA 30305-1366

## SAVE GRANMAW GORDON

*By Janea Boyles*

In the Lake Claire neighborhood, just down the street from The Mercantile, is a small parcel of land for sale. On that land is a 150-year-old pecan tree the residents of the area have named Granmaw Gordon. That tree was recently slated to be cut down in order to make room for potential development of townhomes.

**Teri Stewart**, a master lifetime gardener, business owner in the area, and local resident, started a gallant effort to save this tree. Going before a tree removal hearing last week, she convinced them to give her 30 days to raise the money to purchase this property.

Ordinarily, my personal take on this sort of matter is if you have to cut down a tree, simply make sure you plant two or three more in its place. However, I had an opportunity to hear Teri speak clearly and passionately on this matter and she won me over completely. It seems this pecan tree is resistant to pecan scab. Pecan scab is a deadly disease that is eviscerating the pecan industry not only in Georgia, but all over the southeast.

Very few scab resistant trees are known to exist. Because of Granmaw Gordon's size and strength, it would be possible to take up to 1,000 cuttings per year from this tree to spawn scab resistant seedlings. Learning about this potential seized my support of this issue. In our work to bring The Mercantile to fruition, I have learned of Georgia's great agricultural heritage and of its potential to supply healthy agricultural products to us all. However, we live in a time of rapid development where technology, urban growth, and mass consumerism makes it easy for us to forget that our food sources must be protected, nurtured, and revered.

The task force that is working to save this tree and the green space where it exists has a very clear vision. They wish to make this half acre spot into a pocket park to serve the residents of the area. The Department of Agriculture would then have the opportunity to come and take cuttings from Granmaw Gordon and use her age and strength to help revolutionize the pecan tree industry of Georgia.

I invite you to go to [www.parkpride.org](http://www.parkpride.org) and make a donation. Please earmark the donation for the Granmaw Gordon/Dekalb Avenue Greenspace Project. My donation was small-- only \$25-- but if I can convince only a few of my friends and colleagues to do the same, then we'll all be working toward not only an environmentally sound decision, but one that supports our state's agriculture as well.

## MARY LIN EVENTS

*By Laura Lancaster Archer*

### March 18<sup>th</sup>:

Mary Lin Elementary will be hosting a Pre-K Open House on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium from 9:00 a.m - 10:30 a.m. Parents can direct any questions they may have to the Pre-K office at: 404-802-3638.

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MARY LIN TOURS

Mary Lin Elementary invites you to  
“A Tour for Prospective Kindergarten Parents”

We hold tours every month. The next tour is scheduled for:

Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you at Lin!

Questions? Contact

**Laura Lancaster Archer** (a Mary Lin parent)

archer@mindspring.com or 404-524-4564

### KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

It's time for Mary Lin's annual  
“KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP”

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

in the Mary Lin Auditorium

Our Kindergarten Round-Up is an opportunity for you \*and\* your rising Kindergartner to come visit Mary Lin together.

Your child will have the opportunity to experience an interactive session in a Kindergarten classroom, while you will have a chance to talk with Lin principal Brian Mitchell, Curriculum Specialist Robin Robbins, and members of Lin's Kindergarten team.

Registration packets will be distributed, and members of our Front Office Staff will be on hand to accept registration for your up-and-coming Kindergartner!

In order to pre-register your Kindergartner for the 2008-09 school year, you will need the following items:

- Official birth certificate (NOT hospital certificate of live birth).
- Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231).
- Georgia Certificate of Ear, Eye, and Dental Exam (Form 3300).
- Social Security card.
- Notarized statement of residence affidavit (attached to registration packet).
- Deed, Current Mortgage Statement, or Lease.
- Current Georgia power bill.
- Driver's license or voided check with the in-zone address of residence.
- APS Registration Form (which will be in the registration packet).

Want to get a jump on things?

Registration packets are available in Lin's Front Office!

Questions? Please contact **T'wana Huff** in the Mary Lin Front Office at: [tw Huff@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:tw Huff@atlanta.k12.ga.us) or 404-371-7158

## HOUSING NEEDED FOR YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS

*Press Release by Horizon Theatre*

Horizon Theatre Company is seeking housing for several high school and college-age playwrights for the week of June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> for our New South Young Playwrights Festival.

The New South Young Playwright's Festival supports the development of the next generation of American dramatists. This festival features 20 young playwrights from all over the South, some needing a welcoming home for the week. They will leave for the theatre in the morning and return that night, meaning that their needs are small: a place to sleep and a friendly smile!

These young playwrights do not pay to attend this festival; it is absolutely free to them. This non-profit theatre needs your help to keep our Festival costs down! For more information, please call **Nicole** at: 404-523-1477 ext. 113, or e-mail to: [ypf@horizontheatre.com](mailto:ypf@horizontheatre.com).

## KID SAVE MIRACLE WALK/ RUN

*By Ed Williams*

The second annual KidSave Miracle Walk/Run will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. We expect as many as 100 runners. We will use the lot at the corner of Waverly Way and Euclid Ave as a staging/start/finish location. I have advised **John Barmeyer** and **Anda Olsen** with the neighborhood association, my friend **Bill Thomas**, who lives at 991 Waverly Way, and a couple of other running friends who live in Inman Park. We have permits with the City of Atlanta and have hired several Atlanta Police Officers. We are trying to advise as many neighbors as possible, and plan to hand out flyers several days before the run.

The route is as follows:

Start at Waverly Way and Euclid Ave (991 Waverly Way).

Go West on Waverly Way to Elizabeth St.

Turn Left on Elizabeth St.

Turn Right on Edgewood Ave.

Turn Right on Waddell St.

Turn Right on Lake Ave.

Turn Right on Hale St.

Turn Right on Virgil St.

Turn Left on Ashland Ave.

Turn Left on Hale St.

Turn Left on Lake Ave.

Turn Left on Waddell St.

Turn Left on Edgewood Ave.

Turn Left on Elizabeth St. (Cross Euclid Ave.)

Turn Right on Waverly Way

Proceed to finish line clocks

on left when you round the curve.

For information:

**Ed Williams**

Race Director

404 -327-7738

## PLEASE HELP US FIX ATLANTA'S TRAFFIC

*Submitted by*

*Councilwoman Mary Norwood*

The City of Atlanta wants YOUR input. Please drop by at the sessions listed below to give us your suggestions and/or concerns:

**March 24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> Northeast & Eastside** (NPU's E, F, M, N, O, W)

**Location:** City Hall East

675 Ponce de Leon Avenue, NE

**Kickoff:** Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Recap:** Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Workshops:** Open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Directions:** MARTA Bus #2 (Ponce de Leon/Avondale Estates) from North Avenue Station.

**Parking:** Available in first level of parking deck from Ponce de Leon entrance.

For questions or to stay up to date with the Connect Atlanta Plan, please visit the plan's website at:

[www.connectatlantaplan.com](http://www.connectatlantaplan.com) or contact our helpline at 404-330-6800.



## APC OFFERS FREE, SPECIAL TOURS OF DOWNTOWN, INMAN PARK, & DRUID HILLS IN MARCH & MAY

This spring the Atlanta Preservation Center (APC) is offering free, special guided walking tours developed by our guides in addition to continuing its monthly guided Twilight Tours.

The three special tours feature historic Downtown, Inman Park, and Druid Hills.

Downtown guides **Mike Canfield** and **Dan Knapp** have researched Atlanta's earliest central business district along the railroad tracks and will lead this new tour, "Historic Downtown: The Prequel," on Saturday, March 29<sup>TH</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The tour starts at the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau outlet at Underground Atlanta at the corner of Upper Alabama and Pryor Streets.

"Our Historic Downtown tour normally covers the city's early skyscrapers from the 1890s to the 1930s," explained **Rebecca Roberts**, APC director of programs. "This tour begins 60 years earlier and 3 blocks south of its regular start point.

"A short distance from the heart of what many think of as downtown Atlanta there once was a town that was predicted to be little more than a railroad juncture with the need for only a blacksmith shop, a grocery store, a tavern, and nothing more. This tour shows how the railroad transformed a plot of land from a stake in the ground, to a street underground, to streets of commerce."

Inman Park guide **Jan Keith** will begin her special tour of Inman Park on Sunday, May 4<sup>TH</sup> at 2:00 p.m. with a tour of her house, the c1890 King-Keith Bed and Breakfast, and its garden. The house, located at 889 Edgewood Ave., is not open for the regularly scheduled Inman Park tours.

Built for King Hardware Company owner, **George King**, this turreted house is one of the oldest in Inman Park. The interiors have been beautifully restored and filled with period furniture.

Druid Hills guide **Barbara Vogel** will repeat her special tour of the Neel Reid designed houses on Fairview Road in Druid Hills on Friday, May 9<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The tour meets at St. John's Lutheran Church at the corner of Ponce de Leon Ave. and Oakdale Road.

Atlanta classical architect **Neel Reid** (1885-1926) has been nationally recognized for his contributions to the "American Renaissance" in architecture. From 1911 to 1919 he designed 26 homes in Druid Hills, which had been planned by **Frederick Law Olmsted** in 1893 and developed by **Joel Hurt** and **Asa Candler**.

Reservations for these special tours are required. Please call 404-688-3353, ext. 10 for a reservation.

In April and May the APC is again offering Twilight Tours of four historic neighborhoods on the dates below. All tours begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Historic Midtown** -- Starting at the Peters House, built by **Edward C. Peters** in 1883, the tour passes by other residences belonging to famous Atlantans such as Pulitzer Prize winner **Ralph McGill**, editor of *The Atlanta Constitution*, and well known city historians, **Wilbur Kurtz** and **Franklin Garrett**. Meet on the sidewalk in front of the Peters House on Piedmont Avenue between North and Ponce de Leon Avenues.

- Thursday, April 3<sup>RD</sup>
- Thursday, May 1<sup>ST</sup>

**Druid Hills** – Planned in 1893 by world-renowned designer Frederick Law Olmsted, Druid Hills is noted for its landscape and diverse architectural styles designed by Atlanta's top architects.

Meet at St. John's Lutheran Church, corner of Ponce de Leon Avenue and Oakdale Road

- Friday, April 11<sup>TH</sup>
- Friday, May 4<sup>TH</sup> (Barbara Vogel's special tour of the Neel Reid designed homes on Fairview Road in Druid Hills)

**Margaret Mitchell's Ansley Park** -- Developed beginning in 1904, Ansley Park is Atlanta's first driving suburb and home to **Margaret Mitchell** for most of her life. Meet on the steps of First Church of Christ Scientist at Peachtree and 15<sup>th</sup> street

- Saturday, April 12<sup>TH</sup>
- Saturday, May 10<sup>TH</sup>

**Inman Park** – Dating from 1889, Inman Park is a show place of elegant Victorian homes, whose owners include Coca-Cola magnates Asa Candler and **Ernest Woodruff**. Meet at King-Keith Bed and Breakfast, 889 Edgewood Avenue

- Thursday, April 17<sup>TH</sup>

- Thursday, May 15<sup>TH</sup>

Tours are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors and free for APC members. Tours last about 1 ½ hours. Please call 404-688-3353, x10 for reservations.

The Atlanta Preservation Center is non-profit, 1300-member organization that serves as the agency for coordination, knowledge, research and advocacy for preservation in the city. Founded in 1980, the center has worked to preserve more than 175 endangered residential and commercial structures, neighborhoods and landscapes. The center's seven walking tours of historic neighborhoods and sites, school programs, workshops and The Phoenix Flies: A Citywide Celebration of Living Landmarks educate 10,500 students, residents and visitors a year about the value of protecting and reusing Atlanta's landmark buildings. For more information, visit our website at:

www.preserveatlanta.com  
 or call Midge Yearly at  
 404-688-3353 ext. 14

## NEW SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROCESS

*From: Councilwoman Mary Norwood*

Department of Public Works Prepares to Launch New Solid Waste Collection Process

Beginning March 3, 2008, the Office of Solid Waste Services will implement a new solid waste collection process.

The most noticeable changes in the new solid waste collection process include:

1. New collection days for most customers.
2. Weekly collection of waste materials (garbage, recycling and yard waste).
3. Yard waste will not be collected in plastic bags. It must be placed in paper yard waste (kraft) bags or a container clearly labeled "yard trimmings."
4. Only 5 additional bags of garbage are allowed in addition to the contents of your Herbie Curbie for garbage collection.

> For additional information and to obtain your new collection day, customers may call the DPW Customer Service Division at 404.330.6333 or visit: [atlantaga.gov/government/publicworks/swsi\\_013008.aspx](http://atlantaga.gov/government/publicworks/swsi_013008.aspx)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM MARCH 19 <sup>TH</sup> , 2008, TO APRIL 25 <sup>TH</sup> , 2008			38 DAYS
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Mar. 16	Sun.	PALM SUNDAY	
Mar. 17	Mon.	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	
Mar. 19	Wed. 10:00 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Mar. 20	Thurs.	1 <sup>st</sup> DAY OF SPRING	
Mar. 21	Fri.	GOOD FRIDAY	
Mar. 23	Sun.	EASTER	
Mar. 26	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club	68 B Waddell St. 404-688-7330
Mar. 28	Fri. 7:30 p.m.	Porch Party	814 Virgil St. 404-523-4801
Apr. 01	Tues.	APRIL FOOL'S DAY	
	Tues. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: <a href="mailto:theadvocator@bellsouth.net">theadvocator@bellsouth.net</a>

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### TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR

DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
03/11/08	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details.	404-523-4801
04/08/08	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. Planning
  - C. Zoning
    - 1. Chevron convenience Store, 372 Moreland Ave., application of Grade, Inc. Change of Ownership. Application for Liquor License.
    - 2. Parish Liquor License – North Highland Avenue.
    - 3. NPU-N Report.
  - D. Historic Preservation
  - E. Public Safety
    - 1. Security Patrol Initiatives
  - F. Treasurer
    - 1. Recurring Budgeting Expense
  - G. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment