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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Anda Olsen

If this report has a theme, then it is one of celebration. I am celebrating the beauty of spring and of our neighborhood. I am celebrating the anticipation of a party. And I am celebrating the folk of our neighborhood and their generous support of others. This is a wonderful place to live.

Spring

I'm typing this up the afternoon of the first day of April. (Many of you will realize I am working right up to *The Advocate's* deadline!) A soft rainy morning has turned into a beautiful sunny afternoon with the birds singing on the big trees along Hurt Street. My pansies are showing yellow faces to the world and the very first of my iris are starting to bloom. In two weeks -- mid-April -- you will be receiving this edition. In two *more* weeks, we will all be getting ready to celebrate Festival. I think Inman Park must be one of the prettiest places in the whole world to be in April. I don't know who chose the last week of April for Festival but I do think it was an inspired pick!

Party

It is true that if you want to get something done in your house, throw a party. And just like any other host, Inman Park will be cleaning and spiffing in anticipation of our guests. Frankly, I think throwing this party for the last thirty-some years is a core reason the neighborhood has the spirit it does. It gives us a reason (and a deadline!) to make things better year after year. But here is a piece of good advice: make sure you enjoy the party, too! Take time on Friday to do the Preview Tour of Homes. Stroll around the vendors' booths. Enjoy the music. Revel in the Parade and the people. Grab a volunteer opportunity and meet some new neighborhood folk. **John** and I will be doing our traditional pre-parade open house on Saturday, swing by!

Support: trouble

And that's trouble with a capital "T" and that spells "Tornado." The places where my son and his girlfriend and John's niece were both right in the storm's path. I am deeply grateful that there were so few injuries. Thanks to everyone who has reached out to our neighbors on either side in Cabbagetown and Old Fourth Ward. The donations which enabled us to add hours to the Security Patrol to help keep those areas secure during the clean-up after the tornado have been much appreciated. I also know that many of you have physically helped with clean up efforts, too.

Support: good times

And, while we are talking about neighborhood folk, I want to thank **everyone** who came out early on a very cold, drizzly Sunday morning to cheer on the ING Georgia Marathon runners on their way through Inman Park. **Steve** and **Karin Stern** were there even before we got the coffee and hot chocolate set up! Ours is the first cheer zone and it is still dark when the first runners (and the cheer judges) come by so we might not have been very visible but we did make *NOISE*. I've heard back that the runners again cite this marathon as a favorite because of all the crowd support and encouragement. Maybe next year we can win the prize!

And The Winner Is....

By Betty Ridderhoff

Lights are up and tension grows as **Danny Feig-Sandoval** approaches the stage to announce the winners of the Joel Awards. What an important moment this is to honor neighbors who have done so much for our neighborhood. To show your appreciation of their work, please turn the volume down and listen to the award presentations.

FESTIVAL 2008!!! TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

Here it is folks--- *the two-week countdown to Festival #37!* Everything is on track for another great Festival. Our Festival Committee has once again done an incredible job of putting together all the pieces that make this event so much fun for all. This is an incredible group of neighbors who put in many, many hours to make everything happen. We all owe them a huge THANK YOU!! Please take a minute to thank every one of them for all their hard work when you see them (see the Committee below). As you look at this list and consider all the energy that goes into this weekend, please also consider where your talents might be useful so that next year, you may be inspired to join the committee and get involved on the front end of the planning process.

There are several volunteer slots still available. Please read **Judy Clements'** article to see the list of specific tasks that are still open, or go to the www.inmanparkfestival.org or ww.inmanpark.org websites and sign up now for one or more of the open positions.

Please remember to keep your dogs at home and remind everyone you know to take MARTA.
HAPPY FESTIVAL- ENJOY!!

FESTIVAL 2008 - COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS

COMMITTEE	CHAIR
Festival 2008 - Chair: Danny Feig-Sandoval	
MARKETING	
Marketing	Terry Sagedy
Advertising	Keith Burnette
Public Relations	Chris & Carol McEntee
Hotline	Lisa Burnette
Website	Doug McLaughlin
	Steve Stern
SALES	
Sponsors	Kassi Buchitnec
	Susan Capelouto
Friends of Festival	Nan Rigby
	Amy Varner
Beer	Tom Baldwin
Sales	Yvonne Merkel
	Ivy Claire Eldridge
BOOTHS	
Food Vendors	Marnie McMurry
	Bill McMurry
Arts & Crafts/Street	Christel Sundin
	Rob Craig
ENTERTAINMENT	
Butterfly Ball	Karin Mebius
Caterpillar Ball	Laura Archer

Children's Activities	Diana Floyd
Dance Festival	Carolyn McLaughlin
Entertainment	Steve Ellison
	Pam Brooks
Parade	Holly Mull
Theater Night	Cathy Bradshaw
Home Tour	Jan Keith
	Pat Westrick
PLANNING	
Green Festival	Karen Taber
Volunteers	Judy Clements
FINANCE	
Treasurer	Barbara Leach
ATM	Sandy Hoke
OPERATIONS	
Busses	Randy Bailey
Clean Up	Chuck Reece
Communications	George Gary
Electronics	Bob Bodimer
Fire Ants	Richard Westrick
Golf Carts	Dan Fossitt
	Richard Westrick
Joel Awards	Betty Ridderhoff
Permits	Lisa Burnette
Photography & Tech	James McManus
Rentals	Melissa Miller
Security & Traffic	Kristine Sandage
	Dennis Mullen
	Dan Wade
Signs	Faye & Drew Evans
Trash & Recycling	Jane Bradshaw
Water	Oreon Mann

FREE TOUR OF HOMES TICKETS

By Jan Keith

You can volunteer online at www.inmanpark.org for the Saturday, April 26th, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. housesitting shift and receive FREE Tour of Homes tickets after you complete your shift. *What a deal!!!* Tell your friends and neighbors!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

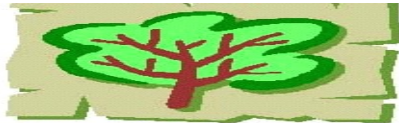
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM April 11TH, 2008, TO APRIL 25th, 2008 🕒🕒🕒

14 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Apr. 16	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Apr. 24	Thurs. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Caterpillar Costume Ball at the Inman Park Cooperative Preschool	
Apr. 25	Fri. Noon to 4:00 p.m.	Tour of Homes	8:00 p.m. to Midnight Butterfly Ball
Apr. 26	Sat. Noon to 6:00 p.m.	Tour of Homes	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parade
Apr. 27	Sun. Noon to 6:00 p.m.	Tour of Homes	
May 01	Thurs. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
		MAY DAY	
May 05	Mon.	CINCO DE MAYO	

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TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
04/19/08	Work Day: Mulching & Arboretum Markers. Meet: 9:00 a.m. at 177 Elizabeth St.	404-523-4801
05/13/08	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details	404-523-4801

STREET CLOSINGS FESTIVAL 2008

It's that time of the year again. Festival will be here on April 25th, 26th, and 27th. 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 the previous years street closings. One lane of DeKalb Avenue will be closed from Delta Place to Hurt Street on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. until at 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 27th 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 25th, until Sunday, April 27th 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 26th, at 5:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 27th, 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 26th:

From 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26th, 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 indicated on the map as “INACCESSIBLE”. However, streets with vendors and marked “CLOSED” on the map will be closed to ALL traffic all day 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 MARCH 19th, 2008, IPNA MEETING

By Ellen McManus, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Anda Olsen was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. In her stead, **Chuck Clarke** welcomed everyone and asked for newcomers to introduce themselves. There were a lot of newcomers. Among them were **Matthew Dodge** from Edgewood, **Jennifer and Jamie Henderson** from Waddell and Dixie, **Melissa Brinson** from Edgewood, and **Sara Turner** with Sanctuary Real Estate

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Kelly Campbell** announced a new small development off of North Highland: Grinnell Lofts. She has brochures with floor plans for anyone who is interested.
2. **Pat Westrick** announced that this month’s porch party will be at the home of **Patty McGuigan** and **Michael Robinson** at 814 Virgil Street on Friday, March 28th. The party starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. This is a great way to meet your neighbors.
3. **Judy Clements** announced that another great way to meet neighbors is to volunteer for Festival. Sign up online or see her and she can tell you all the options.
4. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced that he has tour tickets for sale tonight. There are 9 houses on tour along with the church (IPUMC). Advance tickets are \$12 each for IPNA members and \$15 for non-members. Tickets will be \$20 the weekend of the Festival. Danny announced that we have our permit, which is very exciting. **Pat Westrick** announced she will have tickets at her house. **Jan Keith** will also have tickets at her house. Sara Turner at Sanctuary Real Estate (located on North Highland next to the Grape) will also have tickets available. **Yvonne Merkel** has tickets also, and they will be out in the outlets in a few days: L5P Pharmacy, Hall’s of Fine Wines, and others listed on the website.
5. **Oreon Mann** announced the Book Club will meet this month at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26th, at the home of **Jean Shank**, 68-B Waddell Street. The book is *Water for Elephants* by **Sara Gruen**. Bring a covered dish.

POLICE OFFICERS’ REPORTS

Lt. Pautch said our neighborhood has had a lot of car break-ins recently. He showed photos of three individuals who were arrested; all had priors. Our community prosecutor worked to get a \$22,000 bond for one of them so he will be in jail for awhile. Last night [March 18th] an individual in a white Town Car which had been noticed in the area was arrested; they found GPSs in his vehicle and connected him to previous break-ins. The Lieutenant said we need to get to know our neighbors and watch out for each other. He told a story of something that happened in Cabbagetown after the tornado: neighbors stole a refrigerator and stove out of a damaged house. Other neighbors saw them and called the police; they were arrested.

Community Prosecutor **Warren Atkinson** gave an update on the status of **Cori Williams**. At a hearing three weeks ago, the judge revoked his bond partly due to public outcry. Because he also had a record as a juvenile, the prosecutor asked the judge to allow the evidence from that case to be presented. The judge issued an order to allowing the evidence to come in. Again, this was in part due to public outcry. Typically, in a case like this, a witness from the prior crime must come in and testify. Prosecutor Atkinson intends to subpoena a witness from the previous trial. He hopes he will be able to get him/her into court.

Also, the accused in several robberies in Buckhead are currently on trial. Prosecutor Atkinson encouraged anyone who is interested to come out and observe the trial.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

1. **William Sellers** from Councilman **Lamar Willis'** office was present. He mentioned two issues:
 - a. Grady Emergency Health Services: Fulton County has decided to no longer fund ambulance services for Grady as of the end of July. Please call your elected officials at the City and Fulton County level and tell them we want ambulance services funded here in Fulton County.
 - b. The second concern is water: We are in a Level 4 drought. There is a community meeting tonight at City Hall to discuss creating a surcharge for households that use over 3 ccs of water per month. (1 ccs=750 gallons). Conservation efforts have caused revenue to decrease and the City needs to make up the shortfall. Call 404-330-6041 and let Councilman Willis know how you feel about this issue. All usage above 3 ccs/month would have a 15% surcharge. This ordinance was written so it will end when the drought ends.
2. **Brenda Muhammad** was present from the Atlanta School Board. She announced the dates for applying for administrative transfers (May 3rd - June 6th) and left flyers with more information on them. She reminded everyone that transfers will only be granted if there is space in the target school. The student record center has temporarily relocated to the Instructional Services Center at 433 People St.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Anda Olsen

Anda was not at the meeting.

PLANNING: V.P. Patrick Bradshaw

Patrick was not at the meeting.

ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans

1. Chevron convenience store, 372 Moreland Ave., application of Grade, Inc., for change of ownership and application for liquor license. The new owners were here. One partner said he has heard that there has been a problem with this location in the past. The second partner stated they have recently purchased the property and want to modernize the site by painting inside and out, putting up new signs, removing graffiti, and cleaning up. They also just opened a new store on Northside Drive, just one block south of the Georgia Dome. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** asked about the liquor license. They want to sell high end beer and wine, and also want to sell better groceries and juices. **Judy Clements** asked about single beer sales. The partners said they took over Dec. 27th, 2007, and they still sell single beer but not in barrels. They only sell singles of high end beer (\$14/bottle). They will not be selling roses or drug paraphernalia which previously had been sold there. They stated the biggest difference they could make with these stores is to change to better products to encourages a better clientele.

Danny asked about the phone store. They own the building but there is a lease for the phone store (run by the previous owners' daughter). Any illegal activity in the parking lot will be discouraged. They have put a new surveillance system on the property.

Danny asked if they could do some better landscaping as it is not a very pretty corner. Their intentions for the next phase are to tear down and build something nicer like a coffee shop. **Jonathan Miller** asked if they have been in touch with the L5P Business Association. They said they have called but not made contact. Someone asked how often the partners will be on site. Alex is the manager on site and he will be there six days a week. The partners own 12 stores; the second partner will be by 3-4 times a week. He said he will give out his cell phone number so people can call if they see problems.

Drew read an e-mail from **Anna Copello**, President of NPU-N, with her recommendations based on past experience: stop single grab and go barrels near the door, clear front windows, etc.

The owner said he won't sell 12 oz. or less as singles. Drew recommended they eliminate barrels and clean out the windows. The owner said that new pumps have been ordered. **Pat Westrick** moved to approve with condition that no singles 12 oz. or less will be sold. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

2. Parish Liquor License – North Highland Ave. This was discussed at last month's meeting and the consensus was to support the

immediate neighbors. An immediate neighbors meeting was then held; 10 attended and all voted to support the application for a liquor license. NPU-N did approve based on our discussions last month.

3. **Margie Venezia** asked if anyone knows what is happening to the condos on the east side of Dixie (the Gatsby). She saw surveyors on the property. **Jonathan Miller** said the lot is deep; there is room to build behind the building but he doesn't recall the details of what has been approved. He will go back to his records and check. He said the zoning is RG-2.
4. Drew said there have been noise complaints about Tyler Perry Studios related to a new compressor they recently installed; Drew met with them and they are going to fix it or build some kind of audio buffer.
5. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** offered a quick update on the **Peter Hand** property (corner of Elizabeth and Lake/Austin). The owner has decided to hold onto the property. There will be art galleries on one side, a Jamaican restaurant, and a marketing firm. Dad's Garage is also staying.
6. **Jonathan Miller**, NPU-N Representative from IPNA, gave the following report:
Upcoming:
 - a. Church on Euclid rezoned from R4 to MR4A, which is multi-family residential. This is very controversial.
 - b. Councilman **Howard Shook**, who proposed an amendment to the zoning code for parking decks; will be voting this month.
 - c. Chevron change of agent – will be voting this month and he will take our conditions
 - d. Moreland Ave – old Laundromat – obtained a special exception to reduce parking. They are now coming back for a liquor license. He does not know anything else at this time, but is trying to get in touch with Candler Park people.
 - e. NPU-N will be voting on the ordinance for the water surcharge. Attend the meeting next Thursday [March 27th] night if you feel strongly.
 - f. Beltline: last month the Georgia Supreme Court struck down the TAD ordinance which allowed the school board to fund the TAD. This cut the Beltline money in half. They are still trying to figure out how to deal with that. A lot of meetings have been postponed, but there will be two meetings next week: The first is for Connect Atlanta – a comprehensive transportation plan – at City Hall East Monday through Thursday in the evenings next week. The second is a MARTA meeting next week sometime. He'll put a message on the Yahoo group.
 - g. Graffiti – an ordinance has been introduced to the City Council to strengthen the existing graffiti ordinance. Currently, it is illegal to do graffiti, but the property owner doesn't have to be clean it up. In some cases the City will help with the clean up. He will keep us posted on details. **Bill Hagan** asked if this will change the fact that we cannot use our pressure washer due to the water ordinance. Jonathan didn't know.
 - h. Meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the L5P Community Center.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke

230 Elizabeth/236 Elizabeth – only information was given tonight since this did not make the meeting agenda. **Judy Clements** announced that she and **Tamara Jones** are applying for three variances, all of which arise from having two street frontages. Their houses face onto Elizabeth but back onto Lake so all rules that apply to their front yards also apply to the back. They are applying to move a four foot fence three feet, to build a deck that will extend beyond the edge of the house, and also for a Certificate of Appropriateness. They are trying to clean up their joint back yards and reorganize so parking will be better. UDC will most likely vote this month. Immediate neighbors have already voted and approved. There was a motion to support the immediate neighbors. It was seconded and passed.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan

Bill announced that he gets points for reaching out and touching his daughter and son-in-law whom he invited to the meeting tonight.

Bill showed a photograph of **Kenneth Lamb**, an aggressive panhandler who has been seen lately in Virginia Highlands. He said the photo has been posted on the Yahoo site. If you see Kenneth Lamb doing anything suspicious, call 911.

Bill pointed out there are some prominent people in the neighborhood who are not members of Security Patrol; he is tempted to oust them.

He also said our car insurance premium went way up. One officer has a blemished record. The article in this month's *Advocator* includes the Security Patrol cell phone number. You can call them rather than 911 if you have a non-emergency or are uneasy about something. A tracker has also been installed in the Security Patrol vehicle. The cost was \$400 and the monthly monitoring fee is \$40/month. This has already been paid for by an anonymous donor.

Security Patrol has been patrolling a small piece of Old Fourth Ward. After the tornado in Cabbagetown, Bill talked to **Jay Tribby** and collected \$1,250 in donations to pay for shifts in Cabbagetown (please see the Yahoo board for more information).

TREASURER: Leslie Ward

Recurring Budget Expenditures

January:

- A. Security Patrol: \$6,183 for patrol, \$173 for signs, \$2,824 for car expenses and a full year of insurance.
- B. Beautification: \$940

February:

- A. Security Patrol: \$6,445 for patrol, \$259 for signs
- B. Beautification: \$900
- C. Advocator: \$1,301

Leslie has started to look at how we are doing with respect to our budget. She will put a mid-year report in the April *Advocator* showing where our expenditures are compared to the budget. Security Patrol has spent over \$25,000 just on patrols through the middle of March. SP is launching a big fundraising and development drive. There have been lots of new memberships and renewals since the last meeting.

(Editor's Note: The mid-year Budget report will be given at the April IPNA meeting and published in *Advocator* in May.)

SECRETARY: Ellen McManus

Please get your membership applications in early to give Betty time to prepare the directory.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Danny Feig-Sandoval**, Traffic Calming: the City has established a new design team and they are in the process of reviewing our drawings and hopefully will approve the money to do the work.
2. Danny announced that next month's Festival meeting will be on April 3rd.
3. Danny announced the Little Five Points Community Center is under-taking a fundraising effort. **Danny and Lori** will have a fundraising party for the Center on Sunday, March 30th, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at their home at 1130 Alta Ave.
4. **Marge Hays** thanked everyone who came to the Tree Huggers Ball last month. The Tree Watch committee will have a work day on April 19th; watch for details. It will probably start at 9 a.m., meeting at 177 Elizabeth St. Strong backs are welcome; weak minds too!

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CHEAP TIX

By Jan Keith

Tour of Homes tickets will be available to members of the neighborhood for \$12 at the IPNA meeting on April 16th, as well as at 889 Edgewood Ave. and 177 Elizabeth St. until Thursday, April 24th. Don't delay! *Get your tickets NOW.*

Advance tickets are \$15 for non-members and \$20 during Festival.

Tickets are available at a number of venues, but remind your friends they can use PayPal and purchase online tickets right off the IPNA website at: www.inmanpark.org

And speaking of friends, the easiest time to see the homes is Friday, April 25th, during the short tour from noon to 4:00 p.m. Not only can you drive right up to the houses without the Festival crowds and blocked streets, but you have a more leisurely tour with time to visit with the homeowners and other neighbors also out touring. Saturday and Sunday tour hours are noon to 6:00 p.m.

See you on tour! And remember to encourage your non-Inman Park friends to use Marta.

COLLECTOR'S EDITION T-SHIRTS

By Jan Keith

Love those Inman Park T-shirts? How old is your oldest one? How many do you have? Add to your collection (or start a collection!) by volunteering as a house tour sitter (www.inmanpark.org). Opportunities are still available.

For the first time, house tour sitters will receive an Inman Park house sitter tee shirt! These are slightly different from the regular Volunteer shirts. So be the first on your block to get one. Volunteer! You'll have a blast!

We ask that volunteers working multiple shifts in multiple areas be mindful of folks working the later shifts so that we will have enough shirts for everyone. And don't forget to thank our sponsors and street vendors for their support of Festival. It takes a village to put this on—and we need *YOU* to help us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By Judy Clements

Festival is an all volunteer event. Without you, there would be no Festival. So sign up now for any of the following volunteer

positions.

On this Monday morning, March 24th, I count the following vacant slots for volunteers:

Arts & Crafts and Street Market 16

Butterfly Ball 24

Caterpillar Ball 12

House Sitting 89

Dance Festival 2

Entertainment 13

Final Clean Up 22

Parade 6

Ticket Sales Booth 28

Traffic & Security 3

Trash & Recycling 43

Beer Sales are FULL.

But, as you can see, we really need you! Sign up NOW at: www.inmanpark.org and click on Festival Volunteer. It is easy and fast. If you have questions, please get in touch with me.

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

**CATERPILLAR COSTUME BALL
FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!
THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH**

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

For volunteer opportunities:

contact: Alex Coffman..... acpff@cp,cast/met

THE DRILL TEAM WALKS AGAIN!

By Richard Westrick

Yes, the renowned Inman Park Precision Attaché Drill Team will once again appear in the Festival Parade. We welcome all to join us – put on a suit, grab an attaché case and an umbrella, and meet us at the corner of Edgewood and Spruce St. around 1:45 p.m. on Saturday afternoon (April 27th). We'll have our traditional 30-second rehearsal and then walk down the street and astound our visitors with our grace and precision!

A REMINDER FROM BEAUTIFICATION ABOUT FESTIVAL SPRING CLEANING

By Mille Astin

Festival is around the corner and, as always, we want to make the neighborhood beautiful for our guests. We will be tending to public areas. Here's what you can do to help:

- Clean up your yard and sidewalk (and help neighbors who are unable to do physical work).
- Place yard waste out at the appropriate time----

Yard Waste is now collected on the same day that your garbage and recycling is collected. ***PLEASE DO NOT PUT YARD WASTE OUT UNLESS YOU ARE SURE IT WILL BE PICKED UP BEFORE FESTIVAL!***

If you are not sure when your scheduled day for garbage pickup is, go to http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/publicworks/swsi_013008.aspx to check out the schedule for your street.

- For bulky rubbish pickup, call 404-330-6333. This takes 2-3 weeks, so do your spring cleaning early! Remember, there is NO neighborhood-wide bulky trash pickup.
- Notify Millie Astin (404-589-9012) of public areas that need cleaning or sprucing up asap.
- Allow street sweeping on your street the week of Festival by keeping your car off of the street as much as possible during daylight hours.

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By Chuck Clarke, Vice-President for Historic Preservation

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

UPCOMING AUDC DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	APPLICATIONS DUE	
		Type II	Type III/IV
		May 14 th	April 28 th
	May 28 th	May 12 th	May 5 th
	June 11 th	May 26 th	May 19 th

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

- **230 & 236 Elizabeth St.** -- *approved with conditions* - 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.** -- *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:

- **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.

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

- **846 Euclid Ave.**
- **507 N. Highland Ave.**
- **670 Dekalb Ave. (Gunby)**
- **1037 Euclid Ave.**

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

BRING UP THE LIGHTS

By David Hudson

Once again the lights will be coming up on Theater Al Fresco. Our thanks to all of you who have supported our neighborhood theaters by giving so generously again this year.

As we go to print, we are delighted to have returning sponsors at the PRODUCER level. **Brunning and Stang** once again leading this group which also includes **Bass Lofts/Winter Properties, Margie and George Veneziale** in conjunction with **Federated Department Stores, Credit Union Financial Services, Andre and Bobbi DeWinter, Anda and John Bar-meyer** and the **Trolley Barn**.

At the DIRECTORS level are **Pat and Richard Westrick /Remax** and **Sally Dorn with Otis-Ferguson Realty**. By the time you read this, there will of course be additions to those listed above so you'll have to come the night of the show to give them your thanks. We thank all who have made such significant contributions in support of this wonderful event. We are so grateful to each of them for enhancing the quality of our lives through their financial gifts to our theaters.

Thank you to our many STAR and ANGEL level sponsors, without whom this event would not be the financial success it has become. We thank all in the neighborhood who make this event successful by helping to raise much-needed funds for our local theaters and who also make it so much fun to attend.

Finally, the committee wants to thank so many of our wonderful neighbors for their generous contributions to Ann's Fans. I personally have been overwhelmed by the support shown by my wonderful neighbors.

Now get your checks sent to **Marie Wooldridge** if you haven't done so already. Table assignments aren't made until we have your check in hand. If you have questions about reservations, please call Marie 404-880-9065. Plan your menu and arrive at the tent at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26th.

It would be a great help to the committee if **no one arrived before 7:30** to set up their tables. It is difficult to clean up the tent area, move and set up tables while attendees are trying to arrange their place settings at the same time. So please, please plan to arrive at 7:30 p.m. and no earlier. Also remember the FIRE MARSHALL has mandated, and it is included in our permit, that there be **NO CANDLES OF ANY KIND, SIZE, or COLOR**, you get the idea, PERMITTED UNDER THE TENT. So please don't bring any or the police will be in a position to shut us down, and that would certainly put a damper on the fun.

Again, our thanks to all for making this such an incredible neighborhood event, great theater, great food, great company, and we don't even have to leave the 'hood. Our thanks to all of the volunteers who sweep, blow, haul, wipe in preparation for this event and to all who clean up after we're through. And, of course, our thanks to all of you who come and laugh and cry and eat and cheer both at Theater Al Fresco and throughout the year at our local theater performances.

House lights down, Curtain up!

OVERVIEW OF FESTIVAL TOUR OF HOMES

By Pat Westrick

Here's an overview of which homes are on tour, from this year's Inman Park House Tour Ticket. Remember Tour Tickets can be obtained at the "neighbor rate" of \$12.00 until Friday, April 25th. Tickets are available at: Jan & Windell Keith's house (889 Edgewood, 404-688-7330), Pat and Richard Westrick's house (177 Elizabeth, 404-523-4801), and at the April IPNA meeting Wednesday, April 16th, 7:30 p.m. at the Inman Park United Methodist Church. Talk it up, sell tickets to your friends and co-workers, and take some time to go on tour yourselves. You've earned it! (and if you find yourself with some spare volunteer time, house sitting is incredibly rewarding!)

Welcome to the 2008 Inman Park Tour of Homes! We are a diverse neighborhood, not only in our residents but also in our residences. This tour is one which illustrates that diversity beautifully.

Where else could one find, let alone see, a former stable for a hotel with a less-than-respectable clientele which has become the home and studio of two artists?

Or a former motor repair shop which is now home to photographers, complete with a nostalgic 1940s California feel?

How about a triplex with a homeowner who seized the opportunity to down-size and now lives in a unique space with plenty of room for treasured collections as well as treasured guests? The exterior gives no hint of the bright open and airy home inside, but it is not to be missed.

Many of our residents are apartment dwellers. We value their contribution to our neighborhood fabric, and one of them has agreed to let us in to see her gem of an apartment, filled with the products of her creativity. We also treasure the residents who live in the most recently built parts of Inman Park. They are a welcome addition; and a new town home, built to blend with the older structures, is another of the homes you will see and enjoy.

Those of our guests who are frequent visitors to the Inman Park house tour may remember the days when every home was in some phase of restoration – sometimes just unfinished sheetrock proudly pointed to as "our future kitchen." It often seems as though those days are gone forever, that every house has been renovated, and the pioneer spirit has faded. Not so! This year's tour features the transformation of a house with five one-bedroom apartments into a spacious single-family home. It's a work-in-progress, so don't get

too close to the wet paint.

Tradition is honored as well this year, with three vintage late nineteenth and early twentieth century two-story homes more typical of what is thought of as "Inman Park." You will see some lovely renovations and the adaptation of hundred-year-old homes to the lives we live in the twenty-first century. But each is unique in how those adaptations have been accomplished, and all are illustrative of our differences as well as the love we share for this very special neighborhood.

And finally, the heart of our neighborhood, the Inman Park United Methodist Church invites you in to view its Victorian interior and to feel just a bit of the Spirit of Inman Park.

INMAN PARK SECURITY – DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES UPDATE

By Bob Sandage, Development Committee Leader

Many of you have likely seen articles in recent Inman Park *Advocator* issues in which Security Plan development initiatives have been outlined. This article will serve as an update for some exciting new features of this development plan.

To reiterate past messages, the key goals of the new security plan are to:

1. reduce criminal activity and increase security in our neighborhood, and
2. be more responsive when our security is threatened.

This update primarily addresses the latter.

Gold Level membership in the Inman Park Security Plan provides the benefit of cell phone access to the new Inman Park Patrol car officer. This phone number can be used by Gold Level members in non-emergency situations such as escort from car to house, but can also be useful in reducing response time to alarms from monitored systems. Currently, if residents have an alarm system in their home that is being monitored by a security monitoring company, the monitoring company must call one or more numbers to reach the resident to determine if the alarm signal is valid. Often, by the time the monitoring company has notified the Atlanta Police Department, the criminals are long gone. With the Inman Park Patrol car just blocks from most residences, a call from the monitoring company direct to the cell phone of the patrol officer will greatly reduce response time.

I personally have Ackerman Security and am very impressed with their response times. On the occasions where I have set off the alarm accidentally (quite a few with kids!), I almost always get a call within 10 seconds. This is the kind of service that is needed to catch criminals in the act. To "qualify" as a monitoring company recognized by the Inman Park Security Plan, the following criteria will need to be met:

1. Average response time of less than 20 seconds from alarm to phone call. We will use both published information from the monitoring company, and possibly perform occasional spot-checks.
2. Affordable rates and the ability to use some existing systems.
3. The ability for the security company to call the Inman Park Patrol officer cell phone.

Currently, Ackerman is qualified as a monitoring company recognized by the IP Security Plan (and is the only company thus far). Their rates are competitive at \$18.95 per month for monitoring, which is about \$12 less per month on average than most monitoring companies. There is no charge for taking over monitoring of an existing system (unless the system is old or not compatible). We are currently negotiating with Ackerman to provide group discounts and will provide updates as they become available.

I would like to encourage everyone to do the following:

1. If you are not a Gold Level member of the Inman Park Security Plan, please sign up now with the application form in the *Advocator*. (Please use the new form as of the March 2008 issue, or the one in this issue. Older applications will not be accepted.)
2. If you do not have an alarm system that is monitored, strongly, strongly consider getting one now. Further, use the qualified company discussed herein. Other companies may be able to meet the qualifications, but we will get better service by going in as a group and you will have less legwork to do on your own.
3. If you already have a monitoring service that is not qualified, consider switching. On average, you will recoup the investment from switching in 6 months; and you will get better service.
4. If you have a qualified monitor service and you are a Gold Level member, strongly consider giving the Inman Park Patrol cell phone as the first contact number. Even if it is a false alarm, it would be best to have a uniformed officer come by to make sure everything is OK.
5. If you are interested in a new service with or switching service to Ackerman please respond to: security.patrol@inmanpark.org by April 30th. The more prospective customers, the more justification we will be able to provide for group discounts.

"BULLETS FLY INSTEAD OF WORDS THIS MONTH"

By Bill Hagan

I've been getting flak for "verbose" public-safety columns. My initial reaction was ... duh ... don't read 'em. My second reaction was gratitude. I'll just take a break on this one.

Bullets. I'll just do some bullets.

- Join or renew in the Security Patrol.
- Thanks to those generous Inman Park ers who contributed to extra hours (or sold lemonade ... thank you, **Audrey Burnette** and **Frankie Clarke!**) for patrolling in the tornado-damaged areas of Old Fourth Ward and Cabbagetown.
- Join or renew in the Security Patrol.
- The new GPS is working great. Pretty interesting data. I put a sample on the yahoo board. Take a look.
- Join or renew in the Security Patrol.
- We're taking a pause in our push on the development campaign for the Security Patrol while we all enjoy (and volunteer!) for Festival.
- Join or renew in the Security Patrol.
- Electronic payment options will soon permit credit-card and other "painless" payment.
- Join or renew in the Security Patrol.

INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR MARCH 2008

By Kris Dwyer

Below is a summary of recent 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. While we don't fault other great neighborhoods who decide not to publish crime information, our thought is that readily available information is the most effective way to have a safe neighborhood. If you already live here, be aware and use this information to change your behavior so we can all be safe.

The vast majority of our crime this month is still STUFF STOLEN FROM CARS! If you have a GPS, laptop, cell phone, I-Pod, bag, briefcase or camera in your car right now, it's at risk of disappearing. Perhaps even worse, you'll have a bill of several hundred dollars to repair the smashed window. However, the most serious result of leaving stuff in your car is that you help our neighborhood remain a good place for criminals to shop.

Look at the list below ----- At least 19 of these incidents WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED if the victim had not left the stolen items in the car. While there's no excuse for the criminal to break into our cars, let's make it so easy!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
2/23	7-11 pm	Stolen Vehicles	1100 Alta	Two scooters stolen overnight.
02/23	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	1100 Alta	Window smashed. Stolen: In dash JVC stereo.
02/27	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	1100 Alta	Window smashed. Stolen: 50-75 CDs.
02/27	2:00 a.m.- 5:00 a.m.	Larceny Vehicle	1000 Austin	Window smashed. Stolen: DJ mixer, travel case, Promixer, coins.
02/28	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	1100 DeKalb	Window smashed. Stolen: Cat, GPS.
03.01	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	400 Sinclair	Window smashed. Stolen: I-Pod, in-dash stereo.
03/01	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	400 Sinclair	Window smashed. Stolen: In-dash stereo
03/03	8:00 a.m.	Burglary	Inman Village	Thief entered home, stole bag, coat, purse, clothes. The front door was unlocked. The victim (who was home) screamed and the thief left with the items.
03/06	8:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Larceny Vehicle	1000 Euclid	Window smashed. Stolen: Back bag and passport stolen
03/08	1:00 p.m.	Larceny Vehicle	400 Seminole	Witness saw criminal cut the car top, unlock door, remove cigarettes, \$1.50 in change and soft drink. Suspect arrested.

03/09	12 Noon-7:00 p.m.	Larceny Vehicle	200 North Highland	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS and checkbook.
03/09	Unknown	Larceny Vehicle	200 North Highland	Attempted car break-in, damage to door.
03/09	8:00 a.m.	Auto Theft	Waddell	Vehicle stolen, was left running in the driveway.
03/10	Overnight	Auto Theft	100 Waverly Way	Unlocked car.
03/10	Daytime	Larceny Vehicle	700 Lake	Unlocked car.
03/10	3:00 a.m. Mon – Noon Tues	Larceny Vehicle	100 Elizabeth	Car battery stolen.
03/11	3:30 p.m.	Larceny Vehicle	200 Harralson	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS. Victim saw black male in a white car break the window.
03/13	9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Larceny Vehicle	200 Hurt	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS.
03/14	Unknown	Larceny Vehicle	700 Dixie	Window smashed. Stolen: In-dash stereo, camera, sunglasses, I-Pod.
03/14	3:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Larceny Vehicle	800 Edgewood	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS and \$3 in change.
03/14	1100 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.	Larceny Vehicle	Sinclair and Colquitt	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS, a laptop was overlooked.
03/15	3:00 a.m.	Burglary	400 Seminole	Suspect cut wire on two A/C units, copper wire stolen, John Ford arrested.
03/15	Overnight	Auto Theft	800 Euclid	No other information.
03/16	3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Larceny Vehicle	Euclid & Washita	Window smashed. Stolen: Laptop, GPS, digital camera.
03/17	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	Elizabeth St.	Window smashed. Stolen: Book bag.
03/17	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	600 Seminole	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS.
03/17	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Larceny Vehicle	800 Inman Village	Window smashed. Stolen: duffle bag, suit, I-Pod.
03/18	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	700 Edge-wood	Window smashed. Stolen: \$1 in change, CDs, I-Pod.
03/18	3:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m.	Larceny Vehicle	900 Waverly	Window smashed. Stolen: Laptop, Blackberry.
03/22	9:00 p.m.	Larceny Vehicle	800 Inman Village	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS, sunglasses.
03/22	Overnight	Larceny Vehicle	1000 Austin	Window smashed. Stolen: Camera.

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

-To subscribe to the Yahoo! Group, go to www.yahoo.com, click on “Groups” and type “inmanparkga” in the “search groups box. After you click on the group URL just click on “join this group” and follow the instructions.

-To subscribe to the inmanpark.org mailing list, go to www.inmanpark.org and click on “Subscribe”. Fill out the form and click on “subscribe.”

DO YOU HAVE ELECTRONICS TO RECYCLE?

By Millie Astin

Certain e-waste items are being collected by **Millie Astin** to raise money for a girl's school in Guatemala. If you have the following items to dispose of, contact Millie to drop off your e-waste right here in Inman Park (404-589-9012):

Items Accepted:

1. Cell Phones
2. Ink Jet Printer Cartridges
3. DVD Movies & Video Games
4. Portable DVD Players
5. Laptop Computers
6. MP3 Players
7. X-Boxes, Sony Playstations, Wii
8. Digital Cameras & Digital Video Cameras (DVRs)
9. Digital Picture Frames
10. Portable Navigation & GPS Devices (Garmin, Magellan, Tom- Tom, etc.)

***Items Not Accepted:**

- 1.* CD disks
- 2.* Desktop Computers
- 3.* Chargers, accessories, & manuals even for accepted items
- 4.* Landline phones
- 5.* Wireless landline phones
- 6.* LaserJet Toner Cartridges
- 7.* Fax Machine Cartridges
- 8.* Printers

*If you have items not accepted by our recycling program, you can take your items to Grady High School on the 1st Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. OR to the City of Atlanta's E-Waste Recycling Program at 2175 James Jackson Parkway. Phone number is 404.794.2422

ELECTRONICS AND CARDBOARD RECYCLING EVERY THIRD SATURDAY - Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Press Release

Grady High School, Keep Atlanta Beautiful, and Midtown Neighbors' Association join together to bring electronics and cardboard recycling to the neighborhood.

On the third Saturday of every month, you can recycle your e-waste in the neighborhood, in the parking lot at Grady High School on 8th Street. Bring your compact fluorescent light bulbs, alkaline batteries, and your old electronic equipment (see below) to be recycled between the hours of 8:00 a.m.. and 4:00 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Look for the big Georgia E-Waste recycle truck.

ACCEPTED E-WASTE:

Audio/Visual Equipment	Microwaves	Speakers
Cell Phones w/ or w/o battery	Misc Computer Peripherals	Steel and Alloy Rims
Coaxial Cables	Monitors	Steel Scrap
Computer Components	MP3 Players	Stereo Equipment
Computer Mouse/Mice	Pagers	Telephone Equipment & Systems
Computers	Palm	Toner Cartridges
Copiers	Pilots	TVs
Digital Cameras	Power Cables	Vacuum Cleaners
DVD Players	Power Supplies	VCRs
Fax Machines	Printers	Video Game Systems
Ferrous & Non-Ferrous Metals	Projectors	Walkman's
Household Batteries	Scanners	Wire
Keyboards	Server Cabinets	Wireless Devices

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Car Batteries
Furniture

Household Appliances
Lamps

Light Fixtures
Smoke Detectors

And, you can recycle cardboard EVERY DAY.

The cardboard recycling bin is furnished by Pratt Recycling and is also located in the parking lot on 8th St.

2008 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

The Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish

April

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

May 28th

Thirteen Moons by **Thomas Frazier**

Hosted by **Sarah Kirk**

61 Waddell St.

June 25th

A Thousand Splendid Suns by **Khaled Hosseini**

Hosted by **Jan Keith**

889 Edgewood Ave.

July 23rd

Animal, Vegetable, Mineral by **Barbara Kingsolver**

Hosted by **Ruth Caproni**

1065 Washita Ave.

August 27th

The Summer We Got Saved by **Pat Cunningham Devoto**

Hosted by **Oreon Mann**

877 Edgewood Ave.

For Information: 404-688-7330

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

By Diane Floyd

An early *Advocator* deadline, a trip out of town, tax season, a lost cookbook, and a “looming” Festival have forced me to take a culinary “pass.”

Instead of finding a next country in Eurasia, I’ve decided to just make tacos! Therefore, dinner in April will be a perennial favorite:

***Tacos with all the trimmings
Mexican Ice Cream Sundaes
Cinnamon Iced Tea***

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

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Please take notice that only the current membership application as published in this issue of the *Advocator* will be accepted. None of the previous applications will be valid now or in the future. The new application will also be posted on the inmanpark.org website. If you need a current application, you may e-mail Betty Ridderhoff at:

bridderhoff@bellsouth.net

and she will e-mail you the proper application.

Since there have been so many changes in the last couple of months, the Public Safety Committee would like to bring you up-to-date as to the membership you have paid for. The Security Patrol fees we received under the previous fee structure will establish you as a Bronze level member and you will be entitled to the benefits of that level. If you wish to receive the additional benefits of the Silver or Gold level of membership, you may pay the difference in the cost of that level and your previous payment of \$149:

Upgrade to Silver: \$250 less \$149 = \$101 due

Upgrade to Gold: \$300 less \$149 = \$151 due.

If you have any questions about the status of your membership, please contact Betty and she will look it up for you.

We wish to thank everyone who has signed up as a Security Patrol Member. It will make a difference.

Friends and Neighbors,

This is for anyone with small children, looking for something to do this summer. My son went to Camp Ladybug last year and really enjoyed it! Please see the information below for more details. Also, I have a *.pdf of the registration file and can e-mail it to anyone who is interested.

Kristine Sandage

992 Washita Ave.

(necchkat@yahoo.com)

CAMP LADYBUG

At Montessori In Town
1085 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Montessori In Town
montintown@mindspring.com
(An AMI recognized school)

SUMMER TIME FUN MONTESSORI STYLE

1 st Session	June 9 th – June 13 th
2 nd Session	June 16 th – June 20 th
3 rd Session	July 7 th – July 11 th
4 th Session	July 14 th – July 18 th
Hours:	9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. M-F
Ages	3-6 years old

Camp Ladybug is a hands-on, nature based summer camp for pre-school aged children. Each session includes: music, movement, cooperative games, art, gardening, outdoor exploration, water play, and bring-your-own brown bag lunch.

THEMES:

June: Gardening & Outdoors
July: Art & Nature Crafts
Cost: \$150.00 per session

Registration: Contact Montessori In Town
Phone: 404-784-1038
E-mail: montintown@mindspring.com
Registration deadline: May 16th, 2008

CINS MEETING

Press Release

Please join the Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) for its annual School Showcase on Wednesday, April 16th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at Grady High School. This will be an evening when the intown education community will recognize the special achievements and successes of each school in the Grady cluster for the 2007 - 2008 academic year.

This is the 24th year CINS has awarded grant funds to teachers serving the Grady cluster; and each of the teachers who received grant awards this year will be recognized, with several of them making presentations of their grant projects. Afterward, we invite you to join us, the Atlanta Public Schools representatives, your neighbors, friends, and other intown education supporters for light refreshments. This will be a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas for the coming academic year.

Grady High School, our host for this event, is located at:

929 Charles Allen Drive, N.E

Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Phone number is 404-802-3001.

CINS is a not-for-profit organization working to empower public schools in the Grady cluster. For more information on CINS and its mission, please visit our website at: <http://www.cinsatlanta.org>.

MEW, WE ARE WAITING FOR YEW!

By Dawn Aura

Hello, we are the kitties in the cat room at our vet's, Dearborn Animal Clinic. We have been taken in by their rescue group, Animal Action Rescue. Some of us are happy, some of us have "cat attitudes", and some of us are shy.

Living here at our clinic in Avondale are young cuddly kittens, beautiful adults, and some special needs kitties, in a rainbow of colors and fur.

We would love for you to be on our kitty team of volunteers to play with us, love us, feed us, put our beautiful pictures online, bring us bags of food or litter, or help us find loving temporary and permanent homes.

There are so many positions to play on our team -- even one hour a week is a great way to get the joy of love that we give.

If you want to help doggies, our pet lover friend **Dawn Aura** can connect you to that noisy wagging tailed bunch, too.

For more information contact Dawn Aura at 404-378-6815 or e-mail her at: dawnaquamarine@yahoo.com

The website for the group is: animalactionrescue.org.

Hope to meet you soon -- we could use some petting! There's nothing more cuddly than a soft ball of fur!!

WARNING: MAGAZINE SALESMAN

By Betty Ridderhoff

Recently, a young man dressed in a shirt and tie has been knocking on doors representing himself as a magazine salesman. He said his name was **Joseph Clark** and states he is selling magazines as a part of a job training program through a company called TNT Sales. The program is designed to teach him self-discipline, responsibility, self-esteem, work-ethics, personal growth, positive mental attitudes, and setting goals for the future.

He knocked on the door of a Reynoldstown neighbor and presented some papers that appeared wrinkled and old. Not wanting to be bothered as he was busy at the time, and being skeptical about this salesman, the neighbor asked to make copies of his documents and his Fulton County Solicitor's Permit which he was carrying. At first, the salesman said no, but because the neighbor was persistent the salesman allowed him to make copies of the documents. When asked for his cell phone number, the salesman gave it to him.

Then, the neighbor did some research. The telephone number for TNT Sales had been disconnected. The neighbor called Joseph and was surprised he had actually given the right cell number. The neighbor asked him about the disconnected number and was told he worked for Fidelity Readers Service and the paper he was carrying was old. The neighbor found the number for Fidelity Readers Service and called them. They did not have a Joseph Clark listed in their system.

His Solicitor's Permit lists the business as D & T Connection so the neighbor found their number and called. They advised that Mr. Clark had been terminated from their company and should not be selling anything using their permit. They suggested everyone in the neighborhood should know his papers were not valid and they should not buy anything from him.

After this episode, several neighbors have encountered Joseph Clark. In one case, he even went into the back yard and caused chaos at a birthday party that was being held. He has a tendency to become loud, screaming and shouting at people, very rude, and highly agitated.

A police report is being filed, so if you meet up with him, please call 911. The greatest fear is that he may become violent.

Be aware, your safety is at stake!

IT'S TIME FOR MARY LIN'S ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Thursday, April 17th
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's 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 registrations 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)

Can't make the Round-Up?

We still have two tour dates for parents to visit the school:

Thursday, April 3rd – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 1st – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Additionally, registration packets are now available in Lin's Front Office.

If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact **T'wana Huff** in the Mary Lin Front Office at:
twhuff@atlanta.k12.ga.us Or call: 404-371-7158

HELP NEEDED FOR OAKLAND CEMETERY

Submitted by Judy Clements

Did everyone see the special on Oakland Cemetery on March 27th? I missed it too but hope to see it later. I understand it was great. Oakland suffered mightily from the March 15th tornado and needs your donations, both physical and financial. They will need work parties, once the 86 downed trees are removed and it is safe to enter the grounds once again. The following is from the Oakland web site at:

www.oaklandcemetery.com:

Over the last several days, we have assessed the situation and are waiting on the go ahead from state and federal agencies to begin cleanup. Removing mature trees as large and as damaged as these is a dangerous process and until it is completed, we will be closed to visitors. After much deliberation, we have suspended our tour and visitor services program for the time being. We anticipate being open to the public, resuming the tour program and re-opening the visitor's center within a matter of weeks. Please check our Web site often for updates.

Volunteers have been very generous in their offers of time. We will be using volunteers during the cleanup but it may be several weeks before we are able to coordinate the projects for which you are greatly needed. To register, please contact our office at 404-688-2107.

Until then, the best way to help Oakland at this time is through financial support. We appeal to all of you to donate to Historic Oakland Foundation at a level at which you are comfortable. Your gift of any amount will allow Oakland to get back to normal as soon as possible. We need you now more than ever.

Donations may be sent to:
Historic Oakland Foundation
248 Oakland Avenue, S.E.
Atlanta, GA 30312

SWEEP! DAY HELPS SENIORS STAY IN THEIR HOMES

By Steven Hargrove

Senior Citizen Services announces its annual SWEEP! Day to benefit their HOMES Program (Home Owner Maintenance and Enhancement for Seniors). The event will take place on Saturday, May 3rd, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SWEEP! is a focused, high-impact event celebrating Older Americans Month. On the morning of May 3rd, a volunteer team will “sweep” through each sponsored home and perform improvements inside and out. Improvements will include painting (inside and out), yard maintenance, gutter cleaning, and minor carpentry. SWEEP! will target ten homes in this event and will host an after-party for volunteers, homeowners, their guests, and donors.

“This event will be great fun and will provide volunteers the opportunity to give back to our community and the many seniors that have done so much to make this a great city. We encourage individuals, businesses, or organizations that want to volunteer to participate in this invaluable service opportunity to benefit Atlanta’s senior citizens,” states **Jim Coleman**, board member and HOMES volunteer for SCS.

The HOMES Program provides minor home repairs, enhancements, and yard work to senior homeowners (age 60 and older) living in metro Atlanta. The HOMES program completes more than 1000 projects at more than 100 homes each year and is in collaboration with The Fulton County Board of Commissioners/Fulton County Human Services Grants program, The Fannie Mae Foundation, The Atlanta Community Tool Bank, Community Housing Resource Center, Wesley Community Centers, and other Atlanta organizations.

Senior Citizen Services is a 42-year-old organization whose mission is to enable Atlanta seniors to enjoy a high quality of life, maintaining their independence and dignity. With the help of volunteers, homeowners receive the assistance they need to keep their homes livable and maintain their independence.

Our mission: To enable seniors to enjoy a high quality of life, maintaining their independence and dignity.

For more information or to volunteer, please visit www.scsatl.org or call 404-351-3889.

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CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Submitted by Jonathan Miller,

IPNA's Representative to NPU-N

Keep Atlanta Beautiful's Greener Atlanta Initiative, in partnership with the City of Atlanta and Atlanta's Beltline, is preparing for their 2008 Earth Day celebration to include cleanups, e-waste recycling, tire roundups, educational events and entertainment. There will be two full days of activities, April 19th at the Zoo and April 26th at Glenwood Park with E-Waste Recycling at Turner Field. Neighborhood cleanups and tire roundups will go on the entire month of April!

To register your neighborhood clean-up, or to volunteer to help in a neighborhood cleanup or tire roundup please go to the website www.keeptlantabeautiful.org. At the website, you may also volunteer for one of the committees working to put on the events. Register your neighborhood now for a cleanup. Atlanta Community Tool Bank distributed cleanup supplies on April 4th.

Read about all the activities taking place during the two Earth Day Events and mark your calendars! We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please call:

Peggy Denby, Executive Director

Keep Atlanta Beautiful

Phone: 404-249-5853

Or www.keeptlantabeautiful.org

HISTORIC HOME PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Submitted by Rick Bizot

Since many of us own historic homes, I thought I'd share an e-mail from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. (And please pass along to any Cabbagetown residents you know).

Assistance Available for Historic Property Owners

A workshop for historic property owners is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Grant Park Zoo Auditorium. The "How to Repair Your Historic Home Preservation Workshop" is targeted toward historic property owners impacted by the March tornadoes, but is open to all historic property owners. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn about rehabilitation techniques. Nationally known preservationist **John Leeke**, a specialist who helps owners, tradespeople, contractors and architects understand and maintain their older and historic buildings will be on hand to provide preservation assistance, as well as other technical experts.

The workshop is sponsored by Friends of Rhodes Hall, The National Trust, The Georgia Trust, the Historic Preservation Division, The Atlanta Urban Design Commission, and by the Atlanta Preservation Center.

For more information, visit the website at www.georgiatrust.org and click on Tornado Assistance Workshop at the top center of the home page under "What's New". Please R.S.V.P. Call 404-885-7807 or visit: preservationissues@georgiatrust.org

REGISTER TO VOTE AT FESTIVAL

By Eileen Rhea Brown

Are you registered to vote at your current address?

Are you an 18- year-old who needs to register? Or someone who will turn 18 before Nov. 4th, 2008?

Have you just never gotten around to registering?

Come to the Festival official Voter Registration booth in the Community Corner section of the Street Market.

If you live in Georgia, you can fill out a form and we'll turn it in to the Elections Office.

STORYBOOK ADVENTURE CAMP 2008: 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 9th and running until August 1st.

All sessions last from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and include award-winning children's literature themed activities featuring a new story every day, as well as 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 \$65 per child, and the cost per session runs from \$128 - \$320 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 days 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.

KICKS OFF ITS SECOND SEASON ON HGTV

By Sara Adams

One of HGTV's newest weekly series, "My Big Amazing Renovation," is coming to Atlanta, Georgia and surrounding areas to film BIG, AMAZING, renovations! Each half-hour episode features some of the most incredible renovations throughout the country and the inspiring homeowners who roll up their sleeves and transform their current home into their dream home!

We are currently looking for homeowners who are:

- * Just starting a major renovation.
- * Are doubling the size of their house.
- * Are transforming the original space including the kitchen.
- * Have several unique design projects planned for the renovation.
- * Have a set budget and time frame for the completion of the renovation.
- * Are passionate about their renovation, and eager to share their experience with others.

The series will premiere this fall and is produced for HGTV by High Noon Entertainment located in Denver, CO. You can learn more about High Noon Entertainment by visiting our website at: www.highnoonentertainment.com.

Homeowners who would like to be considered for the program should contact **Sara Adams** at 303-712-3125 or e-mail at SAdams@highnoonentertainment.com

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(See related article above..)

GET LIT! with rock ‘n’ roll and poetry, on Sunday, April 20th at Grady!

By Julie Bookman

Get out your flower-power and hippie duds and wear comfy shoes so you can rock out on Sunday, April 20th, to the sounds of Swami Gone Bananas.

Swami Gone Bananas, a rock ‘n’ roll band featuring **Tommy Dean**, also of the legendary Atlanta dance band the *League of Decency*, will take center stage along with eight award-winning poets for the first annual “Lit on the Bricks” event, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 20th. Hosted by the Grady High School Foundation, the fun takes place on the school’s arts plaza. The event is open to the public.

Lit on the Bricks promises rock, rhyme and even rocky road, as in ice cream – plus popular food selections from The Varsity restaurant, which will roll in its portable kitchen for the event. Come to dance, come to eat, come to be inspired by major poets who live in this region, including Emory University’s **Natasha Trethewey**, winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

The music gets going at 4:00 p.m., followed by eight prominent poets who will read works featured in the recent anthology, “Under the Rock Umbrella: Contemporary American Poets from 1951 to 1977.” Edited by **William Walsh**, this exciting 450-page volume is a collection by poets born during the rock heyday; the collection showcases their poems most influenced by rock music.

In addition to Ms. Trethewey, who won the Pulitzer for her poetry collection “Native Guard,” the participating poets are: **Anthony Grooms; Beth Gylys; Megan Sexton; Chad Davidson; Ralph Tejada Wilson; Gregory Fraser**; and anthology

editor William Walsh. This is a rare chance to experience so many literary luminaries appearing on one small stage. Following their readings, the band will crank back up and the poets will sign copies of “Under the Rock Umbrella.” Books will be for sale throughout the event.

Admission at the entrance is \$10 for adults, free for all students (18 and under). Everyone is encouraged to get in the spirit by wearing their tie-dye shirt, or squeezing into those old patchwork bell-bottoms or that granny dress. Adults who dress up with some ‘60s or ‘70s style will get \$2 off the on-site admission (or \$8 instead of \$10).

These exciting poets will read some of their works included in the poetry “Under the Rock Umbrella” at the Lit on the Bricks event on Sunday, April 20th:

- **Chad Davidson** is the author of *The Last Predicta* and *Consolation Miracle*.
- **Gregory Fraser** is the author of *Strange Pietà* and *Answering the Ruins*, and a recipient of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.
- **Anthony Grooms** is a poet and two-time winner of the Lillian Smith Prize for Fiction and the author of *Bombingham* and *Trouble No More*.
- **Beth Gylys**, author of three books, is the winner of the Ohio State University Press Journal Prize, the Quentin R. Howard Award, and the Gerald Cable poetry First Book Award for *Bodies that Hum*.
- **Megan Sexton**, executive editor of the literary journal *Five Points*, is the winner of the Redbone Press Award and the Agnes Scott College Writer’s Award, as well as the editor

of *High Five: An Anthology of Short Stories from Ten Tears of Five Points*.

- **Natasha Trethewey**, associate professor at Emory University, is the author of three books, including the 2007 Pulitzer Prize-winning collection of poetry, *Native Guard*.
- **William Walsh** received the 2006 Georgia Author of the Year Award for *Under the Rock Umbrella: Contemporary American Poets from 1951-1977*.
- **Ralph Tejada Wilson** received the 2002 Georgia Author of the Year for Poetry for *A Black Bridge*.

What: Lit on the Bricks:

Featuring eight top poets from “Under the Rock Umbrella,” and the live rock band Swami Gone Bananas

When: 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on

Sunday, April 20th

Where: Grady High brick courtyard.

Admission: \$10 adults (\$2 off if you wear ‘60s or ‘70s attire); free to students (18 and under)

Website: www.gradyhsfoundation.org

About Grady H.S. Foundation

The Grady High School Foundation (GHSF) serves to catalyze and fund innovation at Grady High School and sustain its success. The foundation concentrates on projects and endeavors that help ensure educational excellence for all students; an energized and effective faculty and staff; and a safe and inviting physical facility. One of the foundation’s chief fundraisers is the October Jazz on the Bricks concert, started in 2005.

APRIL AGENDA

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- III. Announcements**
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 - 1. Liquor License - 299 Moreland Ave.**
 - 2. NPU-N Update**
 - C. Historic Preservation**
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 - 2. 670 Dekalb Ave (Gunby)**
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 - 4. 840 Euclid Ave.**
 - 5. 846 Euclid Ave.**
 - 6. 1037 Euclid Ave.**
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