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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Anda Olsen

Wow! My last report. I hope all of you all feel that I have kept my promise of two years ago when I agreed to be on the slate of directors nominated for the Board and that I have been energetic, organized and optimistic! I feel the neighborhood has accomplished so much to improve our quality of life because of the efforts of so many over the time I had the privilege to serve as President of the IPNA Board.

Accomplishments I am proud of run from the seemingly small – that we start our meetings earlier and that we now have such a demand for our free babysitting, – to business-like matters such as organizing the budget reporting by category so it is more easily discussed, – to the truly consequential things such as our robust security patrol.

All of this was accomplished through **volunteer** efforts.

In the first draft of this report I started listing those to whom I owed thanks for their energy and contributions over the last two years. There was literally no stopping place when I started naming names. So,.... my “thank yous” are going to be by category. To:

- Everyone in the Membership Directory. Thank you for going on record to support your neighborhood association.
- Everyone who has joined security patrol, attended a court hearing, sent a contribution to the L5P mini-precinct or called 911. Thank you for making our neighborhood a better place.
- Everyone who attends the pre-meeting suppers and the monthly IPNA meetings. Thank you for mingling and giving those hours of your time to listen and raise your voices. Thanks to our elected officials and police officers for their faithful attendance and responsiveness to our concerns.
- Everyone who serves on a committee. Thank you for your passion. We can see the results in our trees, our sidewalks, our parks and playgrounds, our public places free from graffiti and our (traffic-calmed) streets patrolled by our own security car, our public outreach.
- Everyone who hosts or attends an event: Porch Party, 4th of July, the Holiday Party, Women’s Potluck, Book Club, the TOTALLY MARVELOUS dedicated people that make Festival happen and those that open their homes for the Tour. Thanks to the Inman Park Pool Association for the Polar Bear Club!
- Everyone who has joined the IPNA web mail-out distribution list or visited our website, everyone who has joined the Inman Park Yahoo group or the Women’s Potluck chat. **YOU** who are reading this issue of *The Advocator*. Thank you for caring what goes on, listening and speaking out. AND **thank you** to those who make it possible for us to easily communicate: the editors, web masters, keepers of distribution lists, distributors of newsletters. Communications make us strong.
- Each of our merchants and business owners who understand that they are an integral part of this neighborhood and directly impact us all. Sadly, there are a few in this category who don’t yet deserve a “thank you”, but my hope is that they will see the error of their ways. (I am optimistic!)

© And for those who served with me on the IPNA Board over these last two terms: Planning, Zoning, Historic Preservation, Public Safety, Treasurer, Secretary, and NPU-N rep. **YOU** are the most fantastic people. These folks are the ones who have made all our accomplishments possible. I would propose and they would make it so. Please thank them when you see them.

So, to my Boards, past and present, THANK YOU. I have gained so much from knowing you and working with you. AND I had so much fun cooking dinner on Board nights! My last “thank you” is to the incoming IPNA Board. It is nice to know that things are in good hands.

I hope you feel I have served you well. I have to say I am incredibly touched – and still teary!—from receiving a Joel Award. I am not sure I deserve to be in the august company of that list of winners. Because truthfully, I think I have received so much more from all of you and this neighborhood than I could ever give back.

THANK YOU for giving me these last two years.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

By Betty Ridderhoff

Thanks to everyone for the great response to the call for IPNA and Security Patrol membership renewals. We are in the process of proofing the directory and will send it to the printers shortly. Hopefully, it will be ready for distribution at the June IPNA meeting

Be sure to get a new directory as it will be easier to use. This is not just a ‘new’ issue of the directory, but is the first edition of a combined directory of IPNA and Security Patrol memberships. The directory was too large to continue doing it the way we have been, so it was necessary to go to a different size with a spiral binding. Thanks to **Anda Olsen** for approving the new design of the directory.

All applications coming in now will be for the next directory year of 2009-2010. You may renew your membership any time during the year. Many have asked if they could pay their IPNA membership for several years. The answer is ‘yes’ you can. Once published, copies of the new issue may be picked up from the IPNA mailbox on my fence (167 Elizabeth St.), or at the IPNA meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS INMAN PARK ON ANOTHER GREAT FESTIVAL!

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

Congratulations to everyone in Inman Park for hosting another incredibly successful Festival. I am always amazed at all the things this neighborhood accomplishes and Festival is at the top of the list. Thanks especially to this year's Festival Committee. This group of folks worked so hard for 7-8 months to prepare for Festival. Then they dedicated their time during Festival to produce what appears to me to be Atlanta's premier festival. While there is not space in the *Advocator* to thank every volunteer, I would like to take this opportunity to individually thank our committee members. Hopefully, everyone will appreciate all that goes into producing this event. It may inspire many of you to get involved in the planning process early next year.

Our marketing committee, chaired by **Terry Sagedy**, consisted of **Keith Burnette**, on advertising, **Chris McEntee** on public relations, **Lisa Burnette**, on our hotline and the person who pulled together the extensive amount of documents required for our permit, and our final marketing group, our web gurus, **Doug McLaughlin**, **Steve Stern**, **James McManus**, and **Fred Peters**, they did a great job getting the word out and produced many pieces of information to give the public such a positive image of our Festival.

In the sales department, **Yvonne Merkel** and **Ivey Claire Eldridge** put together some fabulous clothing and paraphernalia, and coordinated their sales along with the sale of our home tour tickets. **Kassi Buchtinec** and **Susanna Capelouto**, pulled in some generous large sponsors, helping to defer some of our costs raising money for the neighborhood. **Nan Rigby**, with the assistance of **Amy Varner**, chaired our Friends of Festival committee, our smaller, but still very important, sponsor group. Our beer czar, **Tom Baldwin**, worked non-stop over the weekend, coordinating all the beer sales and over 400 volunteers to keep the brew flowing.

Thanks to **Marnie** and **Bill McMurry** for their efforts in attracting and coordinating all our excellent food vendors, not to mention their tireless work picking up trash and other efforts during the weekend. As for our arts and crafts and street market vendors, thank you **Christel Sundin** and **Rob Craig** for responding to the more than 1,000 applications and coordinating the 450 booths including artists, vendors and community groups. This is nothing short of running a small business!

Butterfly Ball was another huge success, thanks to the efforts of **Karen Mebius** with **Laura Salazar's** assistance. A great time was had by all! **Laura Archer** created another fun filled Caterpillar Ball for all the kids and everyone had a blast.

The Children's Area was relocated due to the City's drought rules in the city parks, but **Diane Floyd** came through again to coordinate a space for the kids to hang out and play. The Dance Festival at the Trolley Barn could not have happened without the efforts of **Carolyn McLaughlin**. And, what more can anyone say about our entertainment guide, **Steve Ellison**, who once again rounded up a dazzling array of musical entertainment spanning three stages and including many of Atlanta's finest acts. **Holly Mull** put together what is no doubt in anyone's mind, Atlanta's, if not Georgia's, greatest and funkiest parade. This year we raised about \$22,000 for our local theater groups thanks to the coordinating efforts of **Cathy Bradshaw** with the help of her committee consisting of **David Hudson**, **Margie Venziale**, **Marie Wooldridge**, **Terry Sagedy**, and **Judy Clements**. While the home tour this year had a few less homes on it, the accolades were overflowing for a high quality tour which could easily be viewed in a shorter period of time. This gave tour goers more time to participate in Festival. Thanks **Pat Westrick** and **Jan Keith** for making home tour happen again. Of course, the success of our Festival is guaranteed only if we have enough volunteers who are coordinated in some fashion. We knew we could count on the organizing skills of **Judy Clements** to pull this one off (even while helping with Theater Night and having her house on tour!).

Our effort at making our Festival more "green" this year was coordinated by **Karen Taber** who brought in young volunteers from Grady, Inman, and Mary Lynn schools to help out with our recycling efforts. It continues to amaze me how much trash is generated at this event and, somehow, it all gets picked up and hauled away. This is a huge undertaking each year. **Jane Bradshaw** led thus highly commendable charge in coordinating this gigantic task.

It takes some major financing all year as well as during the weekend and our treasurer, **Barbara Leach**, did a great job again in keeping our books in order. We had some last minute hiccups this year with our ATM company, but **Sandy Hoke** came through in a pinch to assure they showed up (with money included)! Our tour bus coordinator, **Randy Bailey**, could also be found picking up trash and setting up staging and lighting.

Our final cleanup efforts were coordinated by **Chuck Reece**, radios and communications by **George Gary** (amongst the many other on-call duties over the weekend), our power poles were coordinated and installed by **Bob Bodimer**, our signage this year was coordinated by **Drew Evans**, and, of course, we couldn't have gotten around so efficiently and hauled garbage without our golf carts organized by **Dan Fossit** and **Richard Westrick** (also our fire-ant patrol chief as well as one of our "go to" guys for anything). **Betty Ridderhoff** led us in selecting Joel Awards. Our official photographer, **James McManus**, can always be counted on to put together a spectacular collection of Festival photos.

You can't have a Festival without toilets, tables, chairs, and tents. We can thank **Melissa Miller** for pulling all these parts together. We were all kept safer by our police and traffic / crowd control efforts which were coordinated by **Kristine Sandage** along with **Dennis Mullen** and **Dan Wade**. Once again, no major public safety issues to report, thanks to their work. A special thanks to **Lori** and **Cory Feig-Sandoval** for their support and all their time and hard work.

Of course, I could go on and on as Festival could not be so successful without the efforts of more than 1,000 volunteers who do whatever it takes to get the job done. All of you are an inspiration and cannot be thanked enough. If I missed anyone, I apologize and will try to mention your names in future articles. Just let me know who else I need to recognize if I left anyone out.

And, last but not least, while the rain gods had to work overtime on Saturday and therefore were late waking up on Sunday, we all should be grateful for their efforts in keeping the rain to a minimum over the weekend when all odds seemed against us.

I enjoyed working with all of you and look forward to next year!!

*(Editor's Note: Our thanks to **Danny** for his great leadership and hard work in pulling all this together and leading everyone to a great victory.)*

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16th, 2008, IPNA MEETING

By Ellen McManus, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Anda Olsen welcomed everyone. She advised newcomers to get a copy of the *Advocator* to follow the Agenda. Several newcomers introduced themselves including **Liz and Mike Irvin** at 83 Waddell St., and **Megan and Trevor Wilson** at 789 Lake Avenue. Architect **Tim Hagan** introduced himself. Anda asked how many reached out to touch someone in the neighborhood. The response was acceptable.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Judy Clements**, on behalf of **Danny Feig-Sandoval**, announced that Festival is coming and everything is in order and going well. Judy has four pages of volunteer slots that need to be filled. She is going to pass them around the room. There are 90 openings left out of 634.
2. **Oreon Mann** announced there is no book club in April because of Festival, but the May bookclub will be held on May 28th at Sarah Kirk's house at 61 Waddell Street. The book is *Thirteen Moons* by **Thomas Frazier**.
3. **Lewis Pittman** introduced himself and announced that he is running for reelection for Clerk of Fulton Superior Court. He thanked Inman Park for supporting him the last time by giving him 58% of the vote. The Democratic primary is July 14th.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Investigator Peek was present. He said there have been four recent arrests for breaking into autos. One recent arrestee said he can always find something in cars in Inman Park (residents, take note of this!!). Don't ever leave your AC/DC charger plugged in because at night they can't tell if there's anything attached to it. He introduced **Lt. Dorsey**, who brought pamphlets about auto safety and home security. Anda asked if we should leave things in cars, leave windows open, or leave doors unlocked. He said no; but unfortunately these things happen every day in Inman Park. He reiterated: Don't leave anything in your car that can be seen. Anda said Investigator Peek also runs our security patrol. He received a round of applause. There has been one pedestrian robbery at Dugan's. Be aware of your surroundings, especially at night.

Anda announced that we are working with some groups in Virginia Highlands and Poncey Highlands to report crimes and suspicious persons. She advised everyone to watch the Yahoo group for information – all of the quick communication is really making an impact.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

1. **Jay Tribby**, chief of staff for City Councilperson **Kwanza Hall**, was present. He can be reached by phone at 404-330-6038 or by e-mail at:
khal@atlantaga.gov.
 - a. Kwanza wants to thank **Bill Hagan**, **Anda Olsen**, the IPNA Board, and everyone on the Public Safety patrol for giving expanded service to Cabbagetown, Old Fourth Ward, and nearby areas in the past few weeks since the tornado. Bill announced that we collected \$3,000 from this neighborhood to expand patrols. There is still a lot of repair work going on; if anyone has any connections with organizations that can help, e-mail Bill.
 - b. City's budget woes – The Mayor is asking for dramatic budget cuts for next year. May is the month when City officials will be briefed by different departments on what money is needed – follow the City Council online or on Channel 26 and send your input to representatives.
 - c. Kwanza is sponsoring Theatre Night again this year, and is looking forward to seeing everyone there.
 - d. The City is getting a lot of reports about clubs that get around liquor licenses by charging a large cover and then offering "free drinks". Let them know if you see anything like this going on.
 - e. Kwanza's office is looking at Highland Avenue parking and pedestrian issues. This is a very busy hot spot, so he will keep us posted.
 - f. Lots of water leaks are being reported. If you have any water/ sewer issues such as billing or leaks please let Kwanza's office know and they will help move things forward. **Bill Hagan** thanked Jay for helping to get the pressure washer filled so we could remove graffiti before Festival.
2. **Will Sellers**, from Councilman **Lamar Willis'** office, was present. He announced that *Swing into Spring* was held last week and helped 65 kids.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Anda Olsen

Anda spoke at the beginning of the meeting.

ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans

1. 299 Moreland Ave (Former paint store across from Chevron) – Liquor License application has been withdrawn from the License Review Board. However, they did get a parking exemption.
2. NPU-N Update by **Jonathan Miller**, NPU-N Representative for IPNA:
Upcoming
 - a. Church on Euclid on the other side of Moreland – slated for some unknown type of redevelopment. He'll keep us posted.
 - b. Beltline – Two months ago the Georgia Supreme Court invalidated part of the TAD funding mechanism. At the end of the legislative session the Georgia House and Senate passed a Constitutional Amendment to allow school board funds to be used for TADs.
 - c. NPU-N meeting will be next Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Little Five Points Community Center.
 - d. Last month there was a question about the property behind Gatsby at 826 Dixie Ave. Jonathan went back to his 2004-2005 file and found the Certificate of Appropriateness which does not expire. If you want more details, please ask Jonathan.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke

Anda Olsen asked if anyone knows the status of the cell phone tower that T-Mobile wanted to construct on the Bass Fields property. **Jay Tribby** reported that in December, Kwanza's office was asked to look into the issue. Jay said they are working on closing the loop. Anda commented that T-Mobile acknowledged a cell tower was not appropriate for an historic neighborhood and wanted to mitigate it by putting a history of LSP in all local public libraries.

1. 507 N. Highland – **Allison and Torsten Bensch** have lived in the house for 4 years and want to do some renovations. The current zoning is RG-2, but they want to keep it as a single-family home. They want to change the house to aesthetically enhance the out-side and to match historic guidelines. Allison said that they are located two houses away from Freedom Park and experience a lot of street traffic daily along North Highland Ave. As they have safety concerns for their home, they want to add a 2-car garage to the back of it with access off of the alley. She said they do have a driveway and every morning it is a challenge to get out safely. There was an immediate neighbors meeting on Sunday. Chuck said there were no attendees, but one neighbor called later and expressed full support. Architect **Tim Hagan** explained the project. A small existing addition on the back will be removed, and a new addition added. Work will be done to the front to make it look more like a single-family home. Windows have been removed and the entry modified; they want to change them back. They want to add a window and reconfigure the entry, putting back tapered columns and a railing that comply with safety regulations. They want an attached garage for safety reasons, but it will have the appearance of a carriage house. They are asking for two variances. The first is a rear-yard setback. Other houses on the block are two story and fairly compact, so they don't extend back as far. Their plan will be within city guidelines, but will violate the compatibility rule. The second is a variance for open space. RG-2 zoning requires a total open space ratio of 73% of the gross lot, and with this design it will be 69% open. They applied to BZA today and are scheduled for a meeting on June 20th. There was some discussion about the variance for the open space. Someone asked if UDC had said anything about the visibility of the garage doors. Tim said no, the doors have been designed to be attractive and typical Craftsman style doors. They will only be visible from the alley. A motion was made to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness and both variances. It was seconded and passed unanimously
2. 670 Dekalb Ave (Gunby St) – **Hakim Hilliard** was here from Brisbane II. There is an Application to abandon the public right-of-way (Gunby St) through property. The right-of-way needs to be cleaned up, and the City has denied access. Brisbane wants to purchase or trade for the land. This is an administrative process; it comes to us for recommendation, but there is no public process beyond us. **Jonathan Miller** clarified that this process has been in the works for three years. The owner wants to move forward with the abandonment. Jonathan asked if this piece of property is still part of negotiations to trade property for beltline access. Mr. Hilliard said not to his knowledge. **Anda Olsen** said there have been lots of meetings in Kwanza Hall's office trying to work through this issue. The neighborhood's position is that we don't want anything to impinge on our historic zoning. We would like to maintain a pedestrian connection between Dekalb Ave. and Edgewood Ave. Mr. Hilliard said he will take that request back to the developers. **Cathy Bradshaw** said a pedestrian walkway is very important, and that we would want a commitment from the developer to stop trying to pull this parcel out of historic zoning. Much discussion ensued. Anda clarified that removing property from historic zoning will never go through this neighborhood quietly. **Rick Bizot** pointed out another concern: the removal of Gunby St. would take the blockface out of compliance with Subarea 3. Abandonment will create a blockface that is longer than the 600 feet allowed in Subarea 3. Jonathan said he needs to take the sense of IPNA to NPU-N. Anda summarized IPNA's position:
 - a. We want to preserve historic zoning.
 - b. We want the City to grant access for cleanup.
 - c. We are concerned that Subarea 3 blockface requirements were not considered in the abandonment request.
 - d. We want a pedestrian right-of-way at this location, with possible connectivity between Dekalb and Edgewood.
3. 1037 Euclid Ave – this is the last house approaching Horizon Theatre. Interior renovations are underway; and the owner wants to do the exterior also. Six neighbors attended the immediate neighbors' meeting and all are in support. Currently the house has no front porch. The proposal is to add a front porch and redo the 12 x 12 kitchen addition on the back to enlarge it. It would be a 2-story addition, and would expand the master bedroom on the 2nd floor. All siding will be replaced with hardiplank. The stucco soffit would be left in place. A full 8 foot deep front porch with 4 columns would be added. The current windows are mismatched and some are covered. They will replace all windows with one over one and put windows back in their original places. They are asking for one exception: the rear deck is not legal because it does not extend behind the kitchen. There was a motion to support immediate neighbors. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan

Bill announced that we've been interacting a lot with surrounding neighborhood public safety efforts. On graffiti, **Cynthia Knapp** has done so much for this effort. She has arranged for a contractor to do a sweep through the neighborhood prior to Festival, but we need to approve the budgeted money to pay them. There was a motion to approve \$1,000 for initial payment and \$1,200 for a follow-up payment. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bill also announced that **Bob Sandage** is doing wonderful things on fundraising. Be sure to use the application form in the Current *Advocator* for joining. Bill talked about the tracking capability we now have in the patrol car and showed maps from a recent patrol.

Anda Olsen expressed how deeply grateful the Board is for the generosity of neighbors in donating funds to increase patrols in tornado-impacted areas.

PLANNING: V.P. Patrick Bradshaw

This November, all residents will have the opportunity to vote to distribute school revenue for TADs. Call everyone you know to encourage them to vote for this.

Patrick attended the Connect Atlanta plan wrap-up session. Connect Atlanta is Atlanta's first comprehensive transportation plan. Neighborhood concerns include integrating previous traffic efforts like our traffic control plan, maintenance issues, and sidewalk funding. Patrick said maybe it's time to have another look at how the City funds (or doesn't fund) sidewalk repair. Also in attendance at the Connect Atlanta meeting was **Anne Fauver**, who encouraged everyone to e-mail **Mayor Shirley Franklin** and ask her to reconsider her pro-

posed 25% budget cuts for planning and Connect Atlanta. We do need a transportation plan. Her e-mail address is: Sfranklin@atlantaga.gov.

TREASURER: Leslie Ward

Leslie was not at the meeting. See above for Public Safety funding.

SECRETARY: Ellen McManus

April 30th is the deadline for turning in membership applications for 2008-2009. Note: only the new membership application in this month's *Advocator* is valid; older applications can no longer be used. Ellen has banners and flags for sale if you want to spruce up for Festival.

Anda Olsen said she talked to **Betty Ridderhoff**, who said we are changing to a new format for the Membership Directory. It will be a different size with a spiral binding on the side. It will cost a little more. There will be a checkbox by each name to indicate Security Patrol membership. Betty will incorporate blank spaces so that names can be written in throughout the year. Anda wanted to commend Betty for her hard work on the Membership Directory.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Nominating Committee will have a full slate of officers to propose next month. There are still a few slots open. Let **Rick Bizot** know if you want to volunteer.
2. The Database Technology Committee is up and running, thanks to **Doug McLaughlin** and **Jonathan Miller**.
3. We need a chairman for the IPNA Holiday party.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

1. **Jana Boyles** announced that she is opening a grocery store called Mercantile in Candler Park in June. They will be located at Clifton and Dekalb Ave. where the car wash used to be, and will have prepared foods to take out every day.
2. Mulching day for Treewatch is this Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
3. Irwin St. Market is having a children's day from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. this Saturday

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

PRESIDENT NOMINEE

By Lisa Burnette

I am honored to have been asked to run for President of the IPNA Board for the next term. My husband **Keith** and I bought our first house here in 1995, moving from Decatur where we rented while I was at Emory. We fell in love with the charm and unique features of that 90-year old bungalow on Waverly, but had no clue about what a great community came with the house until we showed up at a Festival meeting the next year and joined the committee.

Since then, our daughter Audrey joined our family and we wouldn't dream of raising her anywhere else. Inman Park has become our extended family and we have made the very best friends here. I continually marvel at the small town feel we have, all in the view of the skyscrapers of downtown Atlanta.

Our daughter is a third-grader at Mary Lin elementary now, and we have since moved to more roomy quarters on Waddell Street. I am a lawyer, of counsel to a small firm downtown, but lucky enough to have flexible hours that allow me to be mom in the afternoons, and to give time to our neighborhood.

I have served on the Festival Committee for 11 years in different capacities, most recently as co-chair in 2006-2007, and hotline coordinator this year. I look forward to working with another group of neighbors, tackling the challenges and creating the solutions that arise in months other than April.

CO-TREASURER NOMINEES

By Megan Wilson

We have lived at 789 Lake Avenue for the past year and a half, and we love everything about the neighborhood! We have both worked at accounting firms for the past 2 years. I am working with Ernst & Young, and my husband, Trevor, is at KPMG. We both continue to learn a great deal from our careers, and we feel the need to get involved in our community.

As we all know, our neighborhood is constantly growing, and we are excited about the opportunity to help support and serve our neighborhood. We are looking forward to bringing other new neighbors and ideas into IPNA. If given the opportunity, we will continue to manage IPNA's finances including the budget, expenditures, and taxes. We hope that you will elect us as your Co-Treasurers.

SECRETARY NOMINEE

By Stephanie McCaa

My name is Stephanie McCaa and I have lived at 156 Waverly Way for the past 11 years with my husband, **Cam McCaa**. We have two daughters: **Schuyler** (6) and **Ainsley** (5).

Both Cam and I have been involved with neighborhood volunteer opportunities over the years including being on the House Tour twice, working with the House Tour Committee, Beer Captaincy, and Springvale Park clean-up. We have really enjoyed being part of an extraordinary volunteer brigade and wonderful neighborhood.

After 14 years in the public relations department at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company and three years as Room Parent at Montessori In Town, I'd like the opportunity to use my communications experience and give back to the neighborhood I love so dearly.

As Secretary, I will do my best to continue the excellent work of my predecessors in sharing all neighborhood issues and news in a clear, precise and factual manner.

V.P. PLANNING NOMINEE

By Bill Goodman

So it seems after a bit of minor arm-twisting from **Pat Westrick** (that woman can give one hell of an Indian burn... are we supposed to call them that anymore? Are they Native American burns now?) I am going to seek office as the new VP of Planning.

In all seriousness, and with great respect to Pat's grip strength, the direction of Inman Park as it grows has been of enormous interest to me since **Karen** (my wife) and I moved here four years ago, just after my son was born. We all know that Inman Park is great, and now that many developers seem to agree, it's certainly a challenge to keep everything that's great about Inman Park intact, while allowing it to evolve in ways we (maybe) never imagined, all without taking advantage of our community. Whether or not we all agree on the specifics, I know everyone reading this is passionate about what happens to our neighborhood and I hope that everyone with a concern about our direction will hunt me down for a chat and a beer.

I can't make any promises about my effectiveness, but my wife will tell you if it's two things I love it's a cold beer and the sound of my own voice.

2008 INMAN PARK PARADE FLOAT COMPETITION

By Holly Mull

The Inman Park Parade Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 float competition. They are:

1st Place: Best Durn Western

2nd Place: Escape of the Garden Gnomes

3rd Place: Tribe

There were 17 entries in this year's float competition. Our panel of judges included: **Victoria Gunn, Susan Bridges, Phil Tardiff,** and **Andy Rhodes.**

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

By Diane Floyd

Summer travel plans dictate a simpler approach to my dinner plans. Dinner in May will have something to appeal to everyone:

Salad Bar (with my usual large number of choices)

Garlic Bread

Brownie Sundaes

Iced Tea and Lemonade

Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on May 21st 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!"

OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN THE PARK AND THE "BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS"

By Diane Floyd

Attention all pet lovers! Have you ever wondered about how nice it would be to bring Fluffy or Fido to a worship service? Well, wonder no longer.

On Sunday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m. Inman Park United Methodist Church will have a "**Blessing of the Animals**" service as part of our always popular **Outdoor Worship in the Park**. This service is a great opportunity to witness God's and people's love, care, and concern for all creation.

It is also a way to recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures. So come and join us for this special service. And remember to bring Fluffy or Fido!

Join us for a **Picnic in the Park** immediately following the service. We will grill the hot dogs left from Festival.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE THRU MAY 31ST

By Yvonne Merkel

Forgot to get your 2008 Festival t-shirt during Festival? Well, you're in luck. Festival t-shirts, posters, cups and koozies are available for purchase through the end of May. HIP Historic Inman Park merchandise (shirts, bumper stickers) are also available for purchase through the end of the month.

Just e-mail **Ivey Claire Eldridge** (clockclock@aol.com) with your choice, size, and color request and she'll confirm availability and schedule a pickup time.

Festival shirts: Available in white and blue: \$20 for adults or \$15 for youth sizes.

HIP shirts are \$23: Available in various colors in both men's and ladies' styles.

Payment: Check (made payable to: Inman Park Festival) or use Paypal.

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
	June 11 th	May 26 th	May 19 th
	June 25 th	June 9 th	June 2 nd
	July 9 th	June 23 rd	June 16 th

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

- **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 – *approved with conditions***- Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-040) to allow the construction of a two-family dwelling with a detached garage.
- **1037 Euclid Ave – *approved with conditions***- Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-108) to allow site improvements, rear addition and other major renovations.
- **331 N. Highland Ave – *approved with conditions***- Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-109) to allow the replacement of windows and siding.
- **415 N. Highland Ave – *approved with conditions***- Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-120) to allow the replacement of windows.

Applications Scheduled for This Month:

- None.

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

- 347 Sinclair 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

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

May Porch Party

At the home of

Karen Goeckel & Bill Goodman

1104 Colquitt Avenue

Friday, May 30th, 7:30 P.M.

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

JOEL AWARDS

It was difficult for the Joel Committee to select certain nominees for the Joel Awards this year as there were so many well deserving neighbors to choose from. Following are the awards of the finalists for this year:



(The above logo appeared at the head of each certificate.)

She is always bright and merry,
Being fair and square with her decision.
While serving a term as Secretary,
She led a group on By-Laws revision,
Slowly, she moved right up the ranks,
To become an IPNA President.
Always remembering to say thanks
To each and every resident.

Great things she planned
Just for the 'hood.
She looked and scanned,
Selecting only the good.

And when things went wrong
She showed coolness pays.
She showed us to be strong
With her smooth ways.

We now bid adieu to this great chief,
With a "velvet hammer" in her hand.
She taught us to work with the belief
That united together we do stand.

For the many things you've done,
Like setting our wheels in motion,
You worked hard and won,
Our sincere thanks to

ANDA OLSEN

April 25th, 2008

She came to neighborhood meetings
Before they even had moved;
She gave us all hearty greetings
Then worked to see things improved.

She saw that our fine neighborhood,
Though strong and quite united,
Was lacking a new tool that would
Help keep us well provided

With up-to-date tidbits about
'What', 'where', 'how' and 'who.'
She stuck her neck out
And asked, "Do you Yahoo?"

Hundreds of us signed up, of course;
Now we chat unabated.
(And so that things don't get too coarse
She keeps us moderated.)

But wait, there's more to tell, you know
(as if that wasn't enough)
She's helping run the April show --
Security and Traffic stuff.

She also minds their two-boy crew
While Bob takes care of his home-brew

Please won't you join us in giving
As much praise as you can manage
To our most excellent neighbor,

KRISTINE (THE NEECHYKAT) SANDAGE

April 25th, 2008

While he lives just outside the neighborhood,
He continues to do us lots of good.
Whenever there is music in the air,
You can sure count on this guy being there.
For many years he has always come through,
To bring us great music and dancers too.
Festival would not be nearly as fun,
If not for the efforts of

STEVE ELLISON

April 25th, 2008

She listened and heard,
Then answered the call.
Now she heads the Committee
Called "Off the Wall".

An artist by trade, the
Business she knows.
If it isn't art,
"Off the Wall" it goes.

She leads her group
To a victorious end,
Stop doing graffiti
Is the message they send.

The 'hood looks good,
And now as we wrap,
We wish to say thanks to

CYNTHIA KNAPP

April 25th, 2008

You won't be surprised we honor this guy
With all he does year after year.
He's lots of fun, a good friend to all,
And is always a cheerful volunteer

Many can't live without the Inman Park Pool,
We think he himself dug the hole.
Adding umbrellas and chairs and parties to the joint
Rest assured, he always keeps it full.

Even in winter we enjoy the pool,
He plans the Polar Bear Jump each New Year.
Under the watchful one eye of Sparky the dog,
The brave (and foolish) jump in while we cheer.

During spring Festival, his home is wide open
For our officers in blue to relax.
Have we had to beg him and his family for this generosity?
Nope. Year after year he's chipped in without even being asked.

After all that, you'd think he'd be tired
But he always gives us much more.
Charity golf for good causes, at church, and at home.
If you need anything, just knock on his door.

JOHN DWYER

April 25th, 2008

This friendly neighborhood fixture
Has always been a go-to guy,
In the past three years he really stepped it up,
So this Joel is well-deserved, and here's why.

For two years he was a Festival hero,
The man who made the beer pour.
As Beer Captain he presided over our busiest years,
Staying calm, organized, and much more.

When told on Saturday night that the beer was all gone,
Do you think he shrugged his shoulders and walked away?
No way! He sent his minions far and wide
To assure thirsty patrons could partake on Sunday.

A challenging job he handled with grace,
And retired after preparing his successor.
He could have sat back and rested then
But no, he jumped back in for more.

Weeks later he stood before IPNA
Rather than taking a well-earned vacation.
He was raising his hand and taking his oath
To serve as chair of Historic Preservation.

Since that time, he's been distributing flyers,
Meeting with neighbors both happy and distressed.
He's negotiated through sticky situations
Each time our history's been put to the test.

All the while, he remains a great neighbor and friend,
A business owner, husband, and dad.
We'll sure see more of him through the years
And there's plenty to do, so we're glad ...

To present this Joel Award to

CHUCK CLARKE

April 25th, 2008

“OFF THE WALL” AND BACK ON THE STREETS

By Cynthia Knapp

Oh yes, it is May, Festival is behind us and although we did a widespread professional cleanup recently, those graffiti thugs will once again step up their operations! For that reason, the “Off the Wall” gang is going to stay vigilant and remain in high gear. We need to recruit more volunteers to help our block captains keep things clean. Please take a moment to review the e-mail address of **the zone captain in the area of your home or business** and add it to your PDA or address book. Contact them to report new tags in public areas and offer your support to go out with them occasionally to do some dirty-work. There are t-shirts and caps as rewards to volunteers!

Please be advised that although OTW is trying to stay ahead of the graffiti, we are targeting only the public sites for clean-up. Individual personal and commercial property owners are responsible for their own boundaries, as we are not permitted on private property. In some extreme and special cases, the zone captains and volunteers will be able to assist those who are having difficulty dealing with their property, but we cannot be an “on-call-cleanup-service” for those who are otherwise capable. The zone captains will be in charge of assembling volunteers in each of their zones, so please offer some time when they periodically arrange for clean-up group efforts. If you have a severe graffiti problem, I can provide you with the contact information for the pros that we have used. They are efficient, courteous and their pricing is very fair.

We wish to thank our neighbors the **Eifrid Family** of Intown Hardware on North Highland Avenue for their donations and discounts on paint and graffiti removal products. **The Icebox**, on Edgewood has provided the t-shirts and caps that you’ll likely see on our volunteers around the neighborhood. **Betty Ridderhoff’s** donation of a power washer is hopefully going to be put to use as soon as the water ban is lifted. We thank **Steve Stern** for helping us with the OTW listserv. **Lowe’s** at Edgewood extended a generous discount for a number of the supplies that we purchased from them.

Off the Wall’s primary goal is to keep our neighborhood beautiful, which benefits every homeowner. We hope you will support our efforts through your own volunteerism and word of mouth to your neighbors!

BUTTERFLY BALL

By Karin Mebius

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped to put the Butterfly Ball together. A lot of people lent a hand delivering the invitations (printed by **Intown Business Center**). We had a great group for set up and several people stayed on for the clean up at midnight. Thank you so much, guys!

Special thanks go to **Karen Heim**. Karen has chaired Butterfly Ball several times before, and she was a source of information, had great tips, and helped with the invitations and the set up as well. And she also came up with the cool balloons idea!

Other special thanks go to **Laura Salazar**. Laura handled the ticket sales and distribution, and that was no small task. I am very grateful to **Doug McLaughlin**, who set up the web page so that guests could buy their tickets on-line. **Barbara Leach** kept track of the finances and **Betty Ridderhoff** provided me with all your addresses.

I would like to thank our sponsors **The Flower Bar, Adaptation, Steve Ray** (decorations) and **Kevin Rathbun** (table linens). The tables looked beautiful.

We had a super time with the band **Kingsized** and the **Marching Abominables**, who showed up as a surprise. Thank you **Mike Geier** and **Angela Carrington** and your respective band members for making the night so much fun! **Rob Frazer** and **Russell Wash** were the bar and food people and were great to work with.

All in all we had a wonderful night. Thank you, neighbors, for showing up en masse and for showing how real partying is done.

And last, but not least, a heartfelt thank you to **Danny Feig-Sandoval** for his leadership during Festival. He was so easy to work with and always right there when needed. I love having had the opportunity to contribute something to this fantastic Festival, and am already looking forward to next year!

TO THE 2008 JOEL AWARD COMMITTEE

*By Cynthia Knapp
“Off the Wall”*

I would like to express my appreciation for honoring me with this respected award. I was totally surprised when the announcement was made at the Butterfly Ball on Friday.

However, I want to acknowledge that there are at least 20 individuals, the Off the Wall Zone Captains, who are responsible for the day-to-day diligence in keeping the graffiti problem minimized. It is this team that has made “Off the Wall” successful and they have committed their time and energy just as willingly as I have. In your recognition of me, I would like to salute them.

ARBORIST TO SPEAK AT TROLLEY BARN

By Jim Abbot

Master Arborist **Chris Hastings** will deliver the second “almost annual” Trolley Barn Tree Talk on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. The Tree Talk series is organized by Inman Park Tree Watch.

Hastings’ presentation will be on what he calls “hands-on arboriculture,” with a special focus on trees in a time of drought. His presentation will include a question-and-answer session, so members of the audience can ask specific questions about their own trees and shrubs.

Hastings is the fourth generation of a family that has been practicing horticulture in the Southeast since 1889. He earned a master’s degree in ornamental horticulture at Cornell University and is certified by the International Society of Arboriculture. He owns and operates ArborMedics, Inc., which offers its clients pruning, fertilizing, insect/disease control, cabling, hazard analysis, tree prescriptions, and lightning protection.

This event is free and open to the public. Please join Inman Park Tree Watch at the Trolley Barn for an evening of “tree talk.”

THANK YOU!

By Jan Keith, House Tour Chair

Great tour! Thanks to all the wonderful homes who were on tour and to the Inman Park United Methodist Church. And thanks to all of the house-sitters. We couldn’t do it without you! Even with the “liquid sunshine,” tour goers had a great time.

THANKS FOR THE AWARD

By Kristine Sandage

On Friday night at the Butterfly Ball, the Joel Awards were announced. The Joel Award recognizes individuals who have made significant and continuing contributions to the neighborhood.

The Award is named in honor of Inman Park’s developer, **Joel Hurt**.

The winners this year were:

Chuck Clarke
John Dwyer
Steve Ellison
Cynthia Knapp
Anda Olsen
Kristine Sandage

As a Joel winner myself, I hope I don’t sound like I’m trying to pat myself on the back. Mainly I wanted to congratulate the other winners. I am in a select group of amazing people and feel incredibly honored to be included with them.

Additionally, I wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know how much this means to me. I really enjoy helping out where I can and doing the Yahoo Group and Public Safety for Festival, but what is really the best part of it all is the support and recognition from the neighborhood. It is really the best place to live, and not because of all the beautiful houses. The community and people are what make Inman Park what it is.

As a little side note, the Joel Award identified me as “Kristine (The Neechy-kat) Sandage” which was very touching to me for reasons that I will explain. As you may have noticed, neechykat is my email address that I selected because we had a cat named Neechy. About a month ago, Neechy passed away at the age of 17 years old. I will always cherish my Joel Award for what it represents, and as a memorial to our Neechy cat that is missed very much.

Thanks to everyone who contributes to our neighborhood to make it just a little bit better!

“ON PERPS, POLIDENT, & OTHER PAINS”

By Bill Hagan

Ever the sensitive New Millennium Guy, I pouted here last month over criticism of my ~~often~~ wordy columns. Decided a few bullets would do, submitted those, and sat back to wait for calls begging me to return to fusillades, if not bombardments, of words. I now appreciate the agony of that TV Maytag repairman. *Silence*. OK, I did get one e-mail from a person I did not recognize telling me how much she enjoyed the torrents more than trickles. That’s more like it, I thought. I then checked the e-mail address’s ISP. Yup, **Kathi** using an alias to cheer me up. Thanks, anyway, sweetie.

Well, let’s see how long I—and you—can last. If you can’t stand fluff and other meanderings, feel free to skip the next few paragraphs, but I urge—indeed, almost beg—you not to overlook the information about the Dekalb shootings last August. Oh ... have you joined or renewed membership in our—YOUR— Security Patrol?

Fluff Plus

Kudos for cops and others in the “busting business.” As long as I have started with a thank-you theme, I’ll continue by thanking our Security Patrol development leader, **Bob Sandage**, and the many of you who have listened to his message and invested in our collective security by joining or renewing your membership in the Inman Park Security Patrol. Actually, “collective” is a word that makes a Cold War guy like me kind of nervous, but it’s the right word here. We are a band of brothers ... and sisters ... [a lead-in that calls for **Peter, Paul, and Mary** incongruously sharing the stage with the U.S. Army Chorus!]. It’s our neighborhood. Even in the best of fiscal times, our tax dollars get a baseline of police services. We are also lucky to have a supportive and responsive precinct commander—**Major Propes**—and staff at Zone 6. Moreover, the addition of a Community prosecutor—**Warren Atkinson**—has made a noticeable difference in how our cases are handled. **Mayor Shirley Franklin’s** recently announced budget cuts imperil this progress, however, as **Mr. Atkinson** is “on loan” from the Solicitor’s Office to the Fulton County DA’s Office.

As for police, we must face the reality that there will never be enough tax-paid police officers to keep our neighborhood as safe as we would like. It's that simple. With the Security Patrol Crown Vic, we now have a very visible presence on the streets that deters criminals. It is more effective with every new and renewing member. Just the facts, Ma'am, assuming you want Danno to book 'em. [That gives you some idea about the last time I watched TV!]

It was a great crop of **Joel** recipients this year, but I found it especially rewarding to see two folks who have made incredible, visible, and lasting differences in public safety receive such well-deserved public recognition: **Anda Olsen** and **Cynthia Knapp**.

Anda's relentless push for quality-of-life improvements and her official and personal support of the Security Patrol are the (as in *the*) primary factors behind our robust public-safety operation. True, she cajoled me into running it, and I have drafted or trapped others into helping, but her enthusiasm and determination have kept folks like me keep on keeping on when we would just as soon have quit. No one I know wants to let Anda down ... so we don't.

And, **Cynthia Knapp**. *Wow!* She has made more of a visual difference in this neighborhood than anyone since the Joel Award's namesake, **Mr. Hurt**. As did **Anda**, who is a master of seeing problems, then fixing same by making the rest of us want to be part of the solution instead of just whining, Cynthia saw a need in the kudzu-like growth of graffiti; developed a plan to eradicate it and sustain that; and found and inspired helpers (her block captains). She then made it all—once thought impossible—happen. Heck, if she worked the North Korea desk at State, Pyongyang would soon be a tourist destination!

How sweet (and loud) the sound. I managed to annoy several folks by my yahoo post concerning loud music at Rathbun's, on a Sunday afternoon, apparently part of an anniversary celebration by that restaurant. I have been told that Rathbun's is a good neighbor, etc., almost to the point I thought I'd tipped a sacred cow. Come to think of it, at the price of beef there, maybe it is from holy cows! Seriously, loud music at several venues in and around the neighborhood seemed to arouse passions in both the "get over it; it's urban living" and the "tranquility" schools. As I posted on the board, despite having played drums for years in rock (and anything else that paid money) bands, I never really felt part of the Woodstock Generation, i.e., I was (regrettably, I might add) a noncombatant in the sexual revolution; never smoked pot, much less inhaled; and, with the exception of some upper-range loss from my time as an Army tanker, still have my hearing left. That said, I'll try to be more sympathetic to those of you in the neighborhood who will get misty-eyed at the nursing home when the muzak plays CCR. ☺

But, even the no-hearing-left crowd wants to complain about excessive noise sometime. With respect, in particular to The Grape and, in general, to all, **Major Propes** said, in answer to my request about varying police responses to such complaints: "I told the supervisors it's time to stop with warnings and to take some proactive enforcement action. I can guess that what happens is different Officers have responded to the calls. Everyone usually will give a warning on a first time noise violation. That's a pretty standard response from an Officer particularly with a neighborhood restaurant or bar. Hopefully we'll see some improvement."

As a certified Old Flatulent, I also do not find any loud music—whether Mozart or rock—pleasant, and simply will never understand why folks standing next to a band find it necessary to "share" that with others outside the venue. In my opinion, such is rude, selfish, and uncivil. But, even I recognize that we do not live in the bucolic countryside and thus cannot reasonably expect 24/7 serenity in the city. And, even those who enjoy decibels by the dozen understand that some rules are necessary and that by enforcing them, we resolve some quality-of-life issues and make this a better neighborhood for all.

If you call 911, however, be prepared. **Bill Goodman** and **Bill Sanders** provided some great help by publicizing the rules on the yahoo board. **Bill Goodman** posted the entire list of applicable and detailed rules, and you should look at those while you are counting ten and before dialing 911: <http://www.nonoise.org/lawlib/cities/atlanta.htm>.

Bill Sanders noted that objective evidence, such as obtained by a decimeter, while helpful, is unnecessary. A complaint would likely be legally valid under those noise rules only if the music can be heard outside the establishment after 10:00 p.m. That seems fair enough, as no inside is likely to complain! If noise is excessive even outside of those hours, however, it is possible that it might reach other prohibitions, e.g., public nuisance, etc. Moreover, for businesses that need liquor and other licenses, resort to the city's License Review Board that oversees such may help make that process more than a rubber stamp at renewal time.

Unfluff: An Update on Dekalb Avenue Shootings & Other Public-Safety Items

Unfortunately, it is one to complain—as I do—about that kind of loud noise and quite another to encounter the horrific reality of another kind: gunfire. Here's an update on the process of trying those two almost-killers whose gun-blazing rampage last August brought tragedy and, luckily for all, but with no thanks to the thugs, only physical and mental trauma, not death. But, what trauma. What mayhem.

There was a recent bond hearing for these accused near-killers. Note: please spare me lectures on the presumption of innocence; I got it. The presumption of innocence bears on legal guilt. As of now, there is evidence of record, amounting, at least, to probable cause, i.e., more likely than not, to the law-enforcement and judicial system that they did as alleged. That is not what it takes to convict, but I'm not the judge or jury, and that's not my job. As a citizen who respects the law and due process, I'll presume them legally innocent for now. But neither do I have any obligation to ignore the obvious evidence of what happened ... including their admissions that they did it. Moreover, even with due regard for the presumption of innocence and respect for process, how can one not abhor the fact of the crime and its impact on us all?

As you may recall from my September 2007 column here and elsewhere, this is the initial official incident report:

Victims stated they were sitting in condo when shots were fired into the residence. Fearing for their lives the victims jumped out of a second story window to the pavement below. One victim landed on her face knocking 13 teeth out and two others sprained an ankle. The suspects were seen running toward the Marta Station and were taken into custody after a brief foot chase. Marta Officers recovered the weapons and property from the Station Platform. The suspects were taken to the Zone 6 precinct where they stated that they fired into the home, entered, and removed the victims wallets. INV. Scandrick and Panter responded to the scene.

Taken/recovered:

2 wallets and contents

Arrestee: Lanorris Moore, B/M, 19YOA, Unknown Address

Arrestee: Tremain Lovelace, B/M, 17YOA, Unknown Address

I added this in my September piece:

Imagine sitting in your dining room with friends, celebrating your new home bought only three weeks ago. Well, welcome to Inman Park. Your toasts and good cheer come to a literally shattering halt as bullets blow out your windows. Terrified, you and company jump off the second-floor balcony, with one guest—a young woman whose wedding was set the following weekend—breaking her jaw and knocking out numerous teeth. This barbarous and brutal attack on our neighbors happened just down the street from where you sit, reading this article.

A victim of the crime sent me this about the bond hearing held just before Festival:

*"More stressful than we imagined this morning, though I suspect that we were simply reluctant to accept the stakes, out of a sense of shared justice. Saw multiple shooters and stabbers achieve bond before our case, which built the stress. But our perps did not get bond. I spoke about their willingness to shoot 30 rounds at us with total disregard for life or anything else, and for unknown, meager gain. In point of fact, they walked away with two pocket books. The idea that two such people would be released is unconscionable and irresponsible. If they would do that, what else do we need to know about their propensity for craven violence and potential for further damage to our community. **Lauren, the woman who lost her front teeth was so distraught that during her tearful statement, she removed her denture retainer and held it up to the judge-** [emphasis added]. I hate that she had to do that. **** I was spitting nails when I got up to speak after one of the defense attorney's had the audacity and/or stupidity to suggest that the six of us were "partying", when we heard shots in the neighborhood, and were so distraught and frantic that five jumped over the balcony and one hid in the bathroom. Incredible! **** The judge was supportive. We hope that the judge's decision hastens a plea and that all involved can be done with this chapter and get on with our lives. **** On a bright note, two relatives present to support Mr. Moore (the better functioning of the two boys), embraced Lauren after the hearing and were beside themselves with remorse for their nephew's actions. I appreciated that for Lauren, and for the rest of us. It was a small, but valued gesture that temporarily restored a sense of balance in an, otherwise, upside down experience. *****

This victim went to say that "the others continue with some PTSD symptoms, such as not sleeping, fearfulness, and corrosive anger. Injuries are healing, but [the young bride] is still in the long, painful process of having permanent dentures set to replace her front teeth Forensics are in on the bullets and there is a match to the guns. Oddly, both of the perps don't deny being there, but blame the other We appreciate your support and that of the Inman Park community."

Quite frankly, these facts make me angry. "Corrosive anger" is about right and, I am sad to say, even unChristian anger, is what I feel. But, the responsible response is to channel such emotion into lawful process. Victim and community input is part of that. I assure you that systemic and family handwringers and others will try to minimize the harm of this horrific event, and if we don't stand with the victims, they stand alone. We cannot let them down and need to be ready to support them at any significant trial proceeding. I will keep you posted of those. Remember, if you think you don't have time for this, one young woman will always have to take the time to use Polident the rest of her life because of these two thugs.

On the brighter side of the law-enforcement picture, **Warren Atkinson**, our Zone 6 Community Prosecutor—if we can keep him after the budget cuts—reported developments on cases of interest to us:

- **Scott Patrick Thomas** was convicted of breaking into a car on 5 March 2008. The judge sentenced him to a term of 5 years, to serve 6 months in custody, 1 year inpatient treatment at a drug-treatment center, and to be banished from Zone 6.
- **Montavius Merritt** and **Jamarri Williams**, who had been arrested and charged with numerous crimes (from Little Five Points area) including battery, armed robbery (2 counts), aggravated assault (3 counts), theft by receiving stolen property, possession of firearm during commission of felony, and obstructing law enforcement officer, were found guilty. Mr. Atkinson will notify us of the sentencing which will probably be sometime in May.
- Then there is **Robert Williams**. He's the thief who stole the lawnmower in broad daylight from a Lake Avenue home. An observant neighbor called 911. While waiting for APD, the neighbor flagged down our Inman Park Security Patrol car. The 911 call had not yet been sent to Beat 604 APD officers. Our off-duty APD **Officer McKeckron** launches, and, in minutes, finds, questions, and arrests perp **Williams** three blocks away. **Williams** is arrogant, and tells officers that Inman Park "deserves to be ripped off." A fascinating philosophy, that.
- Finally, I continue to hear of car break-ins and other "petty" crime in Inman Park. When I ask if the victim called 911 to report it, I often hear, "No. That's too much trouble." Yes. It is often a PITA. But, **unreported, it never happened**. Really. It works like this: No report; no "pin" on the map; no stat; no need to put police resources where they aren't needed; more car break-ins ... or worse. It's circular. So, call 911 when you see crime, are the victim of crime, or suspect crime. Simple as that. Coupled with the maddening car and home break-ins come occasional helps.

Again, thank you to you all for your support of the public-safety function and the Security Patrol. If you are still a doubter, come sit on our porch and sit a spell. Better yet, let's walk up to a condo—now sold—around the block on Dekalb.

Oh ... have you joined or renewed membership in our—YOUR—Security Patrol?

INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR APRIL 2008

By Greg Scott

Below is a summary of April'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 proactive neighborhood and a wonderful place to live. We take our safety seriously and work in partnership with neighbors and the police to keep our neighborhood safe. If you already live here, be aware and use this information to change your behavior so we can all be safe.

Unfortunately, there were three armed pedestrian robberies during this reporting period. In two of them, the suspect vehicle (red or maroon Ford Taurus) and MO is very similar, so there's a good chance these are the same hoodlums. Please be aware of your surroundings, try not to walk alone at night, and report any suspicious activity to 911.

Thieves are still having a field day relieving us of our GPSs, Ipods, lap tops, satellite radios, and most disturbing, handguns that are left in vehicles. Once again, **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE IN THE PASSENGER SECTION OF YOUR CAR!!!!** This includes loose change – these bad guys will break a window for anything. Times are tough.

Burglary is way down, thanks in part to some recent apprehensions by the APD and the vigilance and hard work of our IPP officers. However, with the warmer weather coming, please be cautious about leaving windows and doors open. Thieves are just looking for an opportunity to strike. Let's not give them the chance.

On a more positive note, our Inman Park Patrol busted a would-be lawn mower thief, thanks to an alert neighbor. The lawn mower was returned to its rightful owner and the fine gentleman who tried to abscond with it is now a guest of the county. More proof that the Inman Park Patrol is a sound investment in the safety of our community. Have you joined or renewed yet?

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
3/23	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	200 Block North Highland	Victim stated that his Adidas bag and ipod were taken out of his vehicle. No indication of how entry was made.
3/23-26	3 day time frame	Auto Theft	100 Block Battery Place	Victim believes a neighbor attempted to steal his car. Police noticed the damage to steering column several days before it was reported.
3/24	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Block Montag Circle	Windows smashed on 4 cars. AC adapter, cell phone charger, and cell phone taken.
3/24	Overnight	Theft from Auto	300 Block North Highland	Window smashed and ipod and DVDs taken.
3/24	3:30 p.m.	Burglary	1100 Block Colquitt Ave.	Victim returned home to find their Mac laptop missing. Back door was left open and the 5 other individuals in the house saw nothing.
3/27	Overnight	Auto Theft	900 Block Euclid Ave.	Car stolen while parked in the street.
3/30	9:30 p.m.	Robbery	700 Block Lake Ave.	Victim was accosted on Lake by a black male, 5'11", 170 lbs wearing a brown and white shirt and blue jeans, and pointing a gray handgun. Victim was ordered to the ground, money was demanded, but victim had no cash. He handed over his wallet, only to have the suspect rudely throw it back at him. Suspect then left in a huff.
4/1	12 Hour time frame	Theft from Auto	100 Block Waddell St.	While commuting, victim noticed his lap top missing. Car door may have been left open overnight.
4/2	7:30 p.m.	Assault	Spruce St.	Suspect threw a cup of soda on victim while arguing over TV channel. No indication of type of soda or channel.
4/2	8:30 p.m.- 1:00 a.m.	Burglary	100 Block Waddell St.	Victim returned home to find window open and ipod, DVD, watch, jewelry, back pack, and the contents of one beer missing.
4/2 - 4/7	5 day time frame	Burglary	Delta Pl.	Officers responding to an open window call found side window smashed. Unknown if items were taken.
4/5	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Block Montag Circle	Vehicle entered, Lap top and loose change taken. No signs of forced entry.
4/8	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block North Highland	\$4 in change taken from possibly unsecured vehicle.
4/9	8:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	100 Block Edgewood Ave.	Vent window of vehicles smashed but nothing taken. Witness described suspect as a black male, 6' with a red shirt, jacket with yellow stripes, and a beanie.
4/11	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Burglary	Waddell St.	Victim came home to find jewelry missing after leaving a front window open.
4/13	8:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Washita Ave.	Side window smashed and ipod, book bag, and computer remote control taken.
4/19-4/26	1 week time period	Theft from Auto	100 Block Montag Circle	Door lock on driver's side of vehicle was removed. In-dash stereo and cell phone charger taken.
4/20-4/26	6 day time period	Auto Theft	100 Block Montag Circle	Drivers' side door lock and ignition switch were removed from vehicle.
4/21	1:20 a.m.	Theft from Auto	500 Block Seminole Ave.	Witness saw suspect entering auto through open rear window. Clothing items taken.
4/21	12:30 p.m.	Theft	800 Block Lake Ave.	Witness saw suspect taking lawn mower from neighbor's house. Witness called 911, then flagged down passing IPP car. IPP officer located suspect and recovered the lawn mower. Suspect in custody. <i>WAY TO GO IPP!!!!</i>
4/21	2:40 a.m.	Theft from Auto	Brickworks Circle	Witness saw two black male teens breaking into a vehicle. Suspects ran after witness yelled at them. Satellite radio, mount, and power cord taken.
4/21	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Block Montag Circle	Windows smashed on three vehicles, ipod, checkbook, gate card, key, and \$5 cash taken.
4/21-4/22	18 hour time period	Auto Theft	100 Block Montag Circle	Car stolen while parked in parking deck
4/22	9:30 p.m.	Robbery	100 Block Washita	Suspects pulled up in a maroon Ford Taurus, pulled a black automatic handgun and demanded victims' purses, threatening to kill them. Two purses, wristwatch and vehicle keys stolen. Suspects are a black male, 6', 170 lbs and a black male driver.
4/23	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Block Montag Circle	9mm glock pistol taken from vehicle. No indication of how entry was made.

To receive more in-depth crime reports for the whole of Zone 6, subscribe to the Inman Park Yahoo! group or www.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 www.inmanpark.org mailing list, go to www.inmanpark.org and click on "subscribe". Fill out the form then click on "subscribe".

MONTESSORI IN TOWN EXPANDS TO GRANT PARK

By Kristine Sandage

Montessori In Town, with its current location in Poncey-Highland, is proud to announce it will open a satellite class in Grant Park for Fall, 2008.

Montessori In Town, a fully recognized A.M.I. school, is in its third year of operation. The new location at 750 Glenwood Avenue, in the Glen Castle complex, will serve children from 3 to 6 years of age. We are currently enrolling children 2½ to 3½ years of age, and accepting older transferring students with Montessori experience.

The new location, nestled in a campus-like setting, provides all that is needed for the fully implemented Montessori program: ample classroom space, adjacent outdoor classroom space, and a secured playground area. Informational sessions for interested parents are forming. Please call 404-784-1038 for information or refer to our school web site: www.montessoriintown.com for updates on our expansion as well as information on our programs.

Currently we are taking enrollments for our nature-based, Montessori-styled summer program, Camp Ladybug, at our Poncey-Highland location at 1085 Ponce de Leon Avenue. Please call or download a registration form from our web site for the camp as spots are filling up quickly.

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

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

MARY LIN RE-REGISTRATION

By Brian D. Mitchell, Principal

Mary Lin will be re-registering students for the 2008-2009 school year. This process is necessary in order to update all student records and accurately plan for the upcoming school year. It is critically important to ensure the appropriate number of teachers needed for the next school year. All returning students **MUST** be re-registered. Please read the following carefully, begin collecting the necessary documents, and bring all information on one of the designated days listed below:

Re-registration dates are listed according to rising grade levels:

May 12th – May 16th:
 Grades 2nd & 3rd: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 May 19th – May 23rd:
 Grades 4th & 5th: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

You may register siblings at the same time. If you miss the week of your child's registration, you may register your child during the summer months from June 16th – August 8th.

Bring the following required documents for re-registration:

1. The parent's or guardian's name and address must be the same on all documentation presented.
2. Notarized affidavit for each child.
3. Deed/mortgage statement or a lease. Address must be on statement/deed or lease.
4. Original Georgia Power bill (must be within 30 days of enrollment date).
5. Voided check with address or a Current Driver's License with address.
6. Signed Compulsory attendance letter.

Having all these items in hand will expedite the process and enable us to schedule your child for the 2008-2009 school year. You must bring original documentation. We will make copies of the materials you provide.

Your child will **NOT** be registered and placed in a class until this process is complete. Once all documentation has been provided your child will be placed on a class list. Class lists will be posted July 28th on the front doors of the school.

If you are not planning to return to Mary Lin, please notify **Mrs. Huff** in the Lin Front Office, so we do not schedule your child. (twhuff@atlanta.k12.ga.us or 404-371-7158).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

NPU-N UPDATE – MAY 2008

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

This month we need to vote on NPU-N's By-Laws. Didn't we just do that?! It may feel like it, but that was last year at this time. No changes were proposed by NPU-N's board, so this vote is our annual re-affirmation. This is necessary, according to the By-Laws, so that our representative board structure is annually reevaluated. You get two chances to vote. You can vote at the May IPNA meeting. If you are not able to attend, there will be another opportunity, most likely on a Saturday morning in June.

Some old business: The proposed legislation (08-O-0302) to add a step to the process for becoming a landmark or historic district has died, apparently because the City's Law department thought it was too difficult to enforce. A similar piece of legislation that was making its way through the state legislature also died. Yeah! Also, recently approved legislation (07-O-0673) on the subject of "Owner and Tenant Responsibility for Cleanliness of Property" was approved on February 13th, 2008. If after the budget cuts there is anyone left at the City to enforce this ordinance, it may affect each of us who own property.

Thanks again for letting me represent you.

ORDINANCE NO. (ZRB NO.)	DESCRIPTION	COMM. *	STATUS (AS OF APR. 28, 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-2697 (Z-06-144)	Affordable Housing ordinance	ZN	Held in Committee
07-O-0078	Allow License Review Board to not meet in December	PS	Revised by C.C. in Jan 2007; held in committee; sent back to NPUs
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-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 Department
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	?
07-O-2418	Establish procedures for the permitting and regulations of Valet Parking Services	TR	Held in Committee (public hearing-1/30/08; work sessions held)
08-O-0196 (Z-08-010)	Regulations re: appearance of public decks	ZN	<i>Pending before ZRB</i>
08-O-0302	Require residents to vote to pursue historic district status	ZN	<i>Filed by C.C. on 3 Mar 2008</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

2008 FRIENDS OF FESTIVAL

*By Nan Rigby
 Chair, Friends of Festival Committee*

We would like to thank the following Friends of Festival local business sponsors for their support of Festival 2008, some of whom are new to the program and some of whom are long-time contributors. When you frequent these local businesses, please let them know that we appreciate their generosity:

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www.bondcu.com

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 Suite 220
 Atlanta, GA 30305
www.inmanparkinfo.com

The Flying Biscuit
 1655 McClendon Avenue, NE
 Atlanta, GA 30307
www.flyingbiscuit.com

The Grape
 Inman Park
 300 N. Highland Avenue
 Atlanta, GA 30307
www.yourgrape.com

Grinnell
 200 N. Highland Avenue
 Atlanta, GA 30307
www.grinnellatl.com

Inman Alley Development
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 Atlanta, Ga 30307
www.inmanalley.com

Inman Park Physicians of Atlanta Medical
 Center
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 Suite E
 Atlanta, GA 30307
www.atlantamedcenter.com

Inman Perk Coffee
 240 N. Highland Avenue
 Suite H
 Atlanta, GA 30307
www.inmanperk.com

Intown Business Center
 245 N. Highland Avenue
 Suite 230
 Atlanta, GA 30307
www.intownbusinesscenter.com

Mariposa Loft Apartments
 100 Montag Circle, NE
 Atlanta, GA 30307
www.mariposaloftapts.com

M.A.R.T.A.
 2424 Piedmont Road
 Atlanta, GA 30324-3311
www.itsmarta.com

New Image Dentistry at Inman Park
 245 N. Highland Avenue, Suite 260
 Atlanta, GA 30307
www.inmanparkdentistry.com

Shaun's
 1029 Edgewood Avenue, NE
 Atlanta, GA 30307
www.shaunsrestaurant.com

CALENDAR ITEM

The 5th Annual Kirkwood Spring Fling & Tour of Homes
Bessie Branham Park
Saturday May 17th 10:00 am – 6:00 pm (festival)
Saturday May 17th 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm (tour)
Sunday May 18th 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm (tour only)

Contact Holly Mull & Associates
404-577-4212
mullholl@bellsouth.net

Want the diversity of a big festival with the warmth and ease of a neighborhood party? Then join us for the 5th Annual Kirkwood Spring Fling and Tour of Homes. Browse the open-air artist market in the shade of giant trees. Enjoy the sounds of bands and choirs on the big stage. Bring the kids for the tot trot and children's area. Grab lunch, a snack, or a beverage from one of the food vendors.

Interested in architecture? Kirkwood has a diverse collection of building styles from classic Victorian cottages to Craftsman bungalows to modern lofts (and everything in between)! All of these styles will be on show for the Tour of Homes.

Admission to the festival is free. Tickets for the Tour can be purchased at Kirkwood merchants before the festival for \$12 and on the day of the Festival at the park for \$15. All proceeds go to benefit the Kirkwood Neighbor's Organization, a local 501C3 non-profit group dedicated to community improvement.

NPU CHAIRS AND OTHER CONCERNED

By Kevin M. Sullivan

By now, a representative from Grady EMS has been out to your local NPU meeting and some of your local neighborhood and community meetings to speak with you about the catastrophic changes that threaten the 911-ambulance services you have come to expect. If we have not visited your NPU, I apologize for the oversight; please let me know immediately so we can arrange to do so.

As recent AJC and television news stories have highlighted, the EMS funding issue is not yet resolved. Though there are only 69 days before 911 ambulance services are cut dramatically, our elected officials have yet to act.

No one ever plans to have a medical emergency or to be involved in an accident, but we all know these unforeseen events do happen. When they do happen, we expect there will be trained and experienced EMT's and paramedics to treat and transport us to the hospital. This decision will dismantle the emergency response system which makes that possible, leaving us vulnerable and without support in our time of need. It will raise 911 ambulance response times in Atlanta from the current 8-minute standard to well beyond 30 minutes for life threatening emergencies. It will leave the City of Atlanta without any ambulances on stand-by more than 88% of the time. The effects of the Fulton County decision to eliminate 911-ambulance funding will be profound.

Please continue to be in contact with your Fulton County Commissioners and with your elected officials at the City of Atlanta to insist this issue be resolved immediately. Please also let the editors at AJC know this issue is important to you and how you appreciate their coverage. [website: http://www.ajc.com/opinion/content/opinion/letters/sendletter.html](http://www.ajc.com/opinion/content/opinion/letters/sendletter.html)

The April 22nd issue of AJC: <http://www.ajc.com/opinion/content/opinion/stories/2008/04/21/fultoned0421.html>

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Kevin M. Sullivan

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PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD FOURTH WARD

Press Release from the office of Kwanza Hall, City Councilmember

City planning officials presented preliminary recommendations for the redevelopment of Atlanta's Old Fourth Ward on Thursday, May 15th, during a community meeting at Walden Middle School, located at 320 Irwin Street N.W.

The preliminary recommendations presented at this meeting will become the basis for a new master plan being drafted by the City, community residents, business owners and other stakeholders. Previous meetings have been attended consistently by 150-250 community members, an unprecedented number in recent master planning efforts by the City.

"This planning effort has sparked the imagination of many Atlantans," said District 2 Councilmember **Kwanza Hall**, who represents the neighborhood. "Some have long ties to the Old Fourth Ward. Others are new to the neighborhood. There is something special about the area that we all want to preserve. And there are dreams, still unrealized, that we are uniquely positioned to make real for the first time in its history."

The final two community meetings for the Old Fourth Ward Master Plan will take place in June and July. After receiving neighborhood approval, the Atlanta City Council will review the plan late this summer. Adoption into the City's Comprehensive Development Plan is slated for September.

The Old Fourth Ward is bordered by Piedmont Avenue to the west, Ponce de Leon Avenue to the north, the proposed Beltline to the east, and DeKalb Avenue to the south.

City officials estimate that the population of Atlanta's Old Fourth Ward will increase dramatically from 8,000 today to nearly 30,000 by 2035. The plan will create a vision for the neighborhood for the next 25 to 50 years.

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GET READY TO SIGN UP ON-LINE.

THANK YOU DEAR NEIGHBORS

FROM YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Thanks to all of you who have joined as members of the Inman Park Security Patrol.

Because of your efforts, we have been able to increase the number of hours the

INMAN PARK PATROL (IPP) CAR

can be seen driving through the neighborhood.

KEEP WATCHING FOR MORE INCENTIVES

TO HELP DRIVE DOWN THE CRIME

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

HOPEFULLY, YOU CAN VISIBLY SEE THE

RESULTS OF WHAT IS BEING

ACCOMPLISHED AND HOW YOUR

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE BEING USED.

ANOTHER WAY YOU CAN FIGHT CRIME:

DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS ITEMS IN YOUR CAR

THEY ARE A CRIME WAITING TO HAPPEN.

THANKS ALSO TO ALL OF YOU WHO

DONATED TO HELP PROVIDE SOME SECURITY

PATROL IN THE AREAS WHERE A GREAT

DEAL OF DAMAGE WAS SUFFERED

FROM THE MARCH TORNADO.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, AND WE'LL DO THE SAME!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM April 28TH, 2008, TO APRIL 24th, 2008 ☼☼☼

341 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
May 17	Sat.	ARMED FORCES DAY	
May 21	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
May 26	Mon.	MEMORIAL DAY	
May 28	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club	61 Waddell 404-688-7330
May 30	Fri. 7:30 p.m.	Porch Party	1104 Colquitt Ave. 404-523-4801
June 01	Sun. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net

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TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
05/13/08	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details	404-523-4801
06/03/08	Presentation by Chris Hastings at Trolley Barn	404-525-4801

MAY AGENDA

- I. Welcome and 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
 1. Election of new Board Members
 - B. Planning
 - C. Zoning:
 1. Vote to reaffirm NPU-N By-Laws. (No changes are proposed.)
 2. NPU-N Update
 - D. Historic Preservation
 - E. Public Safety
 1. Security Patrol Initiatives
 - F. Treasurer
 1. Recurring Budget Expense
 2. Budgeted expenditures over \$1,000
 3. Mid-year budget report
 - G. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment