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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

This month we face the important task of considering a budget that addresses our day-to-day needs, allows work on improvement projects, and maintains a prudent safety net for unexpected financial needs or shortfalls in income over which we have limited control.

As a neighborhood association, our financial situation is unique. Very few communities have a source of funds nearly as abundant as the income from the Inman Park Festival. In fact, most neighborhood organizations are funded entirely by the dues of their members. This makes us fortunate but can lead to a false sense of security when that last weekend in April happens to turn out sunny and warm.

That said, we are in great shape. The Board carefully considered all existing expenditures, all requests, and contingent needs for funds (such as legal expenses) and put together a proposed budget, which is set out on Page 8 and 9, along with explanations for some of the decisions that were made. Please take your time in considering the numbers and come to the September IPNA meeting for questions and discussion.

Now for something completely unrelated --- We have taken the first steps toward a new and improved website this month.

Go to www.inmanpark.org to see the new IPNA President's Blog. I will be updating the blog at least weekly to keep you up-to-date on what's going on in our neighborhood, as well as surrounding communities and the city and county. In addition, we have added a dynamic calendar to the site so you can keep track of upcoming meetings and events in Inman Park and in the City (e.g. NPU and license review board meetings, public hearings regarding the Beltline, etc.).

Finally, we volunteered to use our site as a clearinghouse for information gathered at the recent meetings on homeless issues intown. I hope you'll get in the habit of going to the website at least once a week to stay connected to our community.

Stay tuned for more exciting changes on the site soon.

2009 FESTIVAL MEETING

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

Due to a scheduling conflict at the Trolley Barn, the next 2009 Festival Committee meeting will be held at:

**the Trolley Barn on Wednesday
October 8 at 7:30 pm.**

We typically meet on the second Thursday of each month, with this one exception. Everyone is invited to attend and help us plan the 2009 Festival.

Please call or e-mail me if you would like to help out in any way. My phone number is 404-791-8497 or e-mail me at: danny@smallcarpenters.com.

Looking forward to another great Festival come join us!

2009 HOUSE TOUR

By Jan Keith, House Tour Chair

Looking to get more involved in the neighborhood? Interested in helping select the homes for the 2009 Tour of Homes?

**Here's your chance. The House Tour Committee
will meet on Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.
at 889 Edgewood Ave.**

What makes a house “tour-worthy”?

1. Location, Location, Location—this year we are focusing on the eastern side of the neighborhood and homes in the core part of Festival.
2. Interesting Home—does the house have an interesting history? Does the owner have interesting collections or an interesting garden? Has the home made a remarkable journey? Does it have a history (either good or bad!)? We look at old and new houses and large and small houses, lofts and condos—as long as they are not actively for sale, we consider them all.

We try to get homes that have not previously been on tour or homes that have had significant changes or new owners since the last time they were on tour. With so many new neighbors, many Inman Parkers have not toured the homes that were on tour years ago.

Do you know of houses that we should consider for this year (or future years) or that you would like to see on tour?

Please let me know. What about your home? It's a great firm deadline—and you'll be happy that you did. Talk to neighbors who have previously been on tour. We have a great legacy and it's lots of fun.

Help us make House Tour 2009 the greatest yet! Contact me at:

404-688-7330 or

kingkeith@mindspring.com)

INMAN PARK FURNISHES AN APARTMENT FOR A BHUTANESE REFUGEE FAMILY

By Judy Clements

It started out as a simple project: gathering donated furniture to furnish an apartment for a refugee family. By the time we finished, over 37 Inman Park adults and their children were involved and we had collected enough furniture and supplies to help furnish three or four apartments. In the process, we learned about Bhutanese families, people with no country, who were forced to leave their homes in Bhutan in 1990 because of their ethnic background and will not be allowed to return. Many of them have been in refugee camps in Nepal, but Nepal will not allow them to become Nepali citizens. These families are being scattered around the world as their applications for refugee status are processed by the United Nations. One of the Bhutanese families coming to Atlanta will live in the apartment our Inman Park group furnished.

Several of us – **John Barmeyer**, **Margie Venezia** and I – are on the Board of Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA). Part of RRISA's mission is to provide furnished apartments (and supportive services) for refugee families arriving in Atlanta from Iraq, Sudan, Burma (Myanmar), and Bhutan and other countries as hostilities cause families to flee across borders for safety.

As an experiment, RRISA is holding a "Design for a New Start" competition, sort of a "design on a dime" effort challenging community groups to furnish apartments that are stylish, practical, and culturally appropriate on a budget of no more than \$400, preferably less. Margie and I thought that sounded like fun and signed on, without really considering the effort that would be required. As usual, Inman Park rose to the occasion.

RRISA provided the beds (mattresses and pillows must be new) and we did the rest. Some normal life changes meant extra furniture was available – downsizing, combining abodes, selling houses – and others took the opportunity to clean out closets for sheets, towels, bedspreads, an iron, TV, microwave, pots and pans, dishes and the other things we consider essential for life in the U. S. We divided into five groups: Kitchen/Bathroom, Living Room, Parents' Bedroom, Boys' Bedroom, and Girl's Bedroom. Our family has an 18 year old boy, a 22 year old girl and two boys who are 23 and 24.

One of the larger hurdles was finding a place to store the donations so the teams could decide what to use and what they should "shop" for. (All of the extras were donated to RRISA for other families.)

Cathy and **Bo Bradshaw** offered their warehouse to store furniture. The Inman Park United Methodist Church offered the fellowship hall for smaller items.

Another problem arose when we had to shift from a Burmese family to a Bhutanese family. Once we were organized and ready to start moving furniture, we learned the family from Burma (who originally was slated for our apartment) had a medical problem and could not leave the refugee camp in northern Thailand. RRISA very quickly assigned us the **Subedi** family, from Bhutan, and the project continued with only minor adjustments necessary for appropriate food and furnishings.

The project included stocking food in the pantry and cooking a meal for the family on the night they arrived at Hartsfield. The Food Team, with help from the neighborhood children, kicked into action and researched what Bhutanese eat and what we should cook for them. We decided we were glad our Hindu family is vegetarian after we learned that in Nepal, a main meat ingredient is ground yak. (If there is a special request for a Bhutanese Night, I'm sure **Diane** would be delighted to cook these recipes for the dinner before an IPNA meeting!)

The final result is an apartment that is pretty, colorful, and looks coordinated. At this point, the judges have not seen our apartment but we are sure they will be very impressed. Several of our team members say it looks better than their first apartment.

We purchased food, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene supplies, shower rods, shower curtain liners, pillows, and a tea kettle. Everything else was donated.

Thank you Inman Park!

NOTE: RRISA welcomes contributions of furniture, household items, clothing and cash at any time. Go to www.rrisa.org for more information on how to volunteer, to sponsor a family and to make donations using PayPal. If you have other donations, call Judy Clements, 404-523-9922, to arrange delivery. All items must be clean and in good order.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2008 IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette asked for newcomers to introduce themselves and the following ones did: **Wendy Patton** and **Philip Carr** on Lake Ave.; **Amy Pattishall** and **Aaron Levine** on Battery Place.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oreon Mann** announced this month's book club. The book is *The Summer We Got Saved* by **Pat Cunningham Devoto**. Book Club will be held at his house at 877 Edgewood Ave. on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish.
- There was discussion of a memorial tree and marker for **Dennis Mullen**. Tree Watch and **Richard Westrick** will be coordinating this.
- Oreon Mann** announced a Wine and Tree walk on Saturday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. This is a 2.93-mile tour of the 72 trees in the Inman Park Arboretum. For more information contact Oreon Mann at 404-522-3469 or e-mail to oreonmann@yahoo.com.
- Pat Westrick** announced this month's porch party on Friday, August 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of **Kristine and Bob Sandage**, 992 Washita Ave. Porch parties are always the last Friday of each month and are a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Bring a drink and a dish to share.
- Sara Doyle** spoke again of her candidacy for the Court of Appeals. She encouraged you to get to know her and learn about the local

ances.

6. **Denisse Viale** announced a campaign party for Sara on Sunday, September 21, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Sara's house, 908 Edgewood Ave.
7. **Keisha Lance Bottoms** spoke of her candidacy for Superior Court Judge, Atlanta Circuit. She is running against **Judge Bedford Jackson**. Her focus is a better court for a better community. **Cathy Bradshaw** endorsed her.
8. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced the first 2009 Festival meeting on September 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn. Contact him if you're interested in participating.
9. **Judy Clements** announced she is part of a group of women who are furnishing an apartment for a refugee family from Burma. They are looking for good, durable household goods and furnishings. If you would like to donate, please contact her at 404-523-9922 or judyclements@bellsouth.net The organization is Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA). Judy thanked the Church for storing all the items collected to date and thanked all who contributed.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORT

Sergeant Joe introduced herself and **Officer White**. She thanked residents of Inman Park for looking out for each other and working with the police. From August 1 to present, there have only been two burglaries (on Montag Circle and Bonaventure Ave.). The main problem continues to be theft from autos. The criminals are targeting electronics (GPS and iPods). They look for your cords so please hide all cords. Remove your GPS and wipe the suction cup mark off the window otherwise the thief will assume it is in the car. Do not keep loose change out. The good news is, **Ronald Comfort**, notorious for car break-ins and burglary, was recently apprehended. If you call 911 from your cell phone, please give your geographic location or a landmark because they cannot determine your location otherwise. If you have any specific areas of concern let Officer White or Sergeant Joe know at djoe@atlanta.gov.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

1. Zone 6 Community Prosecutor **Warren Atkinson** said 13 people were at **Cori Williams'** bond hearing. He was denied bond. The next bond hearing will be in 45 days if he requests it. Mr. Atkinson thanked Richard Shapiro for his support. He also announced the arrest of **Jon Spurling**, who is notorious for breaking into cars. He will serve 18 months and will be banned from entering the neighborhood for 18 ½ years. **Andre Greer** was arrested for credit card fraud but someone paid his \$50,000 bond. He remains on the radar screen. Two months ago a big sting brought in 200 street drug dealers. They are prosecuting 160 but are trying to help the other 40 turn their lives around (they are young and do not have a record). He is focusing on mandatory ten-year convictions with no early release or parole if they have three previous felonies.
2. **Will Sellers** from **Councilman Willis'** office spoke. He is very active in looking at privatization of traffic enforcement. Chicago has done this. Atlanta is missing out on \$5 to \$10 million dollars in uncollected traffic fines. If you have any privatization ideas for non-core City of Atlanta functions, please contact his office at 404-330-6041. He is also talking to **Jill Stuckey**, head of bio fuels in Georgia. He is not in favor of raising taxes to handle budget shortfall.
3. **Lisa Burnette** reported that **Nancy Boxhill**, Fulton County Commissioner, talked during the dinner. You can contact her at 404-612-8226.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan

Bill thanked **Bob Sandage** for all his work on the security patrol memberships. He announced **Sgt. Brent Schierbaum** could not join the meeting. Bill clarified that banishment from the neighborhood had been unenforceable. However, now the patrol cars carry names and photos of people who have been banished so it can be enforced. If you are interested in finding out how the IPP works first-hand, **Sgt. Schierbaum** invites you to ride along with him Saturdays 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Call Bill to schedule this or just flag the patrol car down. Bill addressed some concerns from neighbors that they hadn't seen the cruiser. Bill explained the policing now involves a lot of getting out of the car to check on houses and to talk to neighbors. You might not see the car, but the police are there. **Lou Arcangeli** reported **Anthony Lindsay** is out and about. Lindsay claims to be HIV positive, is asking for money, and is casing potential theft victims. If you see him, please call the police.

CO-TREASURER: Megan and Trevor Wilson

Megan reminded everyone that budget requests are due. If you do not get them to her by Tuesday, August 26 for the Board Meeting they will not be considered. **Lisa Burnette** reminded everyone the budget will be discussed at September's IPNA meeting and approved at the October meeting. More details will be in the *Advocator*. Megan reported on two checks that had been cut: one to Automated Print for \$5,136.48 for the *Advocator* and the printing of the Membership Directory and one check for \$350 for a well pump for Springvale Park.

PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette

Lisa announced that the pastor of the United Methodist Church is working on a plan to form the Newcomers' Committee for Inman Park. If you would like to work on the committee, please contact Lisa. The Holiday Party will be December 6. Lisa thanked the individual who contacted the *AJC* regarding the water leak in the neighborhood. Not only was the leak fixed a week later but the neighborhood received nice publicity as well.

SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa

The new directories are available for pick-up in the trunk on Stephanie's front porch at 156 Waverly Way. (Editor's Note: They are also available in a basket hanging on the brick column on the porch at 167 Elizabeth St.)

ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans

1. The only Inman Park application filed is for Atlantis Ave. The builder has applied for a variance. We will hear a review at the next IPNA meeting. It is not scheduled to be before the City until October. Drew is planning an immediate neighbors meeting next month. Drew followed up on the discussion regarding the number of liquor licenses that can be issued in Little Five Points (L5P). Liquor licenses cannot be issued to more than 25% of businesses. **Jonathan Miller** has called the City to get the figures for L5P. Once we have this information we can use it to control liquor licenses. **Richard Shapiro** thinks the number is currently well below 25%. A discussion ensued about the establishment called "Sweet Potato Pie" in the old post office at 1087 Euclid Ave. and whether or not

it has a business license to sell food. **Cathy Bradshaw** mentioned an earlier application for a restaurant in that space was declined so she thinks they went behind everyone's back. Richard Shapiro said **Warren Atkinson** was in code enforcement so he would be a good person to talk to. Drew commended **Jay Tribby** for his efforts with the license review board and for looking at the L5P business census for us.

2. **Jonathan Miller** reported on NPU. He said city planners are now going to attend the NPU meetings. This is good news because it is hard to ignore our wishes when they are being recorded by the City of Atlanta. Jonathan needs an official copy of the IPNA By-Laws for NPU. The first quarterly meeting of NPU chairs regarding the Beltline was held last Saturday. Inman Park is in sub-area 5 of the Beltline. Our sub-area will be ready to go before the NPU for review this fall. Jonathan anticipates the entire Beltline will be master-planned in a year. It will then go to all NPUs and the City Council for review. Jonathan attended the Old Fourth Ward planning meeting and said they have wonderful plans for a new park. There are a couple of volunteers to replace Jonathan as NPU representative and we will vote on them next month. The NPU meeting is the fourth Thursday of every month at the L5P Community Center and is open to the public.

PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman

1. There will be a community meeting Thursday, August 28, in the sanctuary of the Inman Park United Methodist Church regarding a realistic plan for the homeless. **Debi Starnes** will be in attendance. The meeting will address the present state of the situation and how we can move forward. Bill asked that you refrain from venting or hurling accusations.
2. Last night was the first of two Beltline Transit Scoping meeting. The plan is to roll out transit after the trails. Bill has a survey he can e-mail which will allow the neighborhood to voice their concerns and preferences. The survey is due September 22. This is very important because once something like the light rail is installed it cannot be changed. This impacts all of us. Right now the idea is that Inman Park/Reynoldstown MARTA station will be the gateway on the Eastern side of the city for the Beltline. **Al Caproni** said this survey is part of a federally mandated study to secure future federal funds. Jonathan, Al, and **Lou Arcangeli** all emphasized how the Beltline could really impact parking and the foot and motor traffic in our neighborhood. **Lisa Burnette** reminded everyone that the Beltline seems far off in the future but it's actually around the corner so be involved and fill out the survey.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke

Chuck reported no progress has been made regarding a proposed luxury inn at the Lizzie Chapel. He did hear that the same developer was in negotiation with the owner of a property on Elizabeth St. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** talked to one of the developers of the proposed Lizzie Chapel site and he thinks it will not be pursued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Communications: Jonathan Miller** reported for **Dennis Mobley** regarding the communications committee. They met with an athome.net representative and were impressed with his presentation. They will be meeting with other companies as well. There will be a budget request from this committee.
2. **Traffic Calming: Danny Feig-Sandoval** said the City still has the money allocated for traffic calming. The focus is on Lake Ave. and Euclid Ave. He thanked **Jay Tribby** for getting it back on the front burner.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

No new or old business.

Late Arrivals:

Lisa Burnette welcomed the following people who arrived late and needed to make announcements. They are: **Karlise Yvette Grier** announced her candidacy for Fulton County Superior Court running against incumbent **Judge Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore**. **Mike Wallace** also introduced himself. He is another candidate for the same race.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is September 17 at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. Lisa adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.



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

September Porch Party

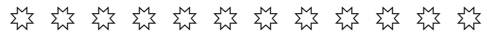
At the home of

Karen & Ken Taber

1094 Alta Avenue

Friday, September 26, 7:30 PM

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE
AND YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE(S)**



Does your porch want to host a porch party?
It's easy and fun!

Call Richard or Pat Westrick 404-523-4801

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



OLD HOUSE FAIR COMING TO DECATUR IN OCTOBER

By Regina Brewer

The City of Decatur, DeKalb History Center, and Decatur Preservation Alliance announce their first annual Old House Fair on Saturday, October 25, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Decatur Conference Plaza, 130 Clairemont Ave. The Old House Fair features exhibitors and speakers who will offer practical advice, materials, and services for the old-house owner.

This day-long celebration includes a large exhibition space with vendors in the home improvement, historic preservation, renovation, interior furnishings, and construction business. There will be a variety of seminars including hands-on demonstrations on restoring historic windows, improving an old house's energy efficiency, developing a maintenance plan for your old house, researching old houses, and tax incentives for certified rehabilitation.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased **for cash or check only** at:
Decatur City Hall, 509 N. McDonough St.;
Smith Ace Hardware, 601 E. College Ave.;
Intown Hardware, 1404 Scott Blvd.;
17 Steps, 235-M Ponce de Leon Pl.;
Kudzu, 2928 E. Ponce de Leon Ave.;
Mission Motif, 1963 Hosea Williams Dr., and
Intown Ace Hardware at 854 N. Highland Ave.

For more information, please visit www.decaturoldhousefair.com or you can e-mail to regina.brewer@decaturga.com.

BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN, IRAN!

By Diane Floyd

Our last stop on our culinary trip around the world* was Turkey and it was all the way back in March! It is time to “hit the road again!” Our next stop is Iran, which was traditionally known as Persia. The menu in September will be:

Ash-e reshteh (Persian Noodle Soup-vegetarian soup with lots of different types of beans)

Khoresheh-fesenjan (Braised Chicken w/Pomegranate and Walnut Sauce. I’ll leave some of the sauce for the vegetarians to eat with rice!)

Chelow (Saffron Steamed Basmati Rice)

Salad-e Shirazi (Tomatoes, cucumbers and onions in a lime-olive oil dressing)

Baqlava (Baklava Iranian style-not what you expect from the familiar name.)

Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on September 17 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”!

*For those of you who are relatively new to the neighborhood, we have been eating our way around the world for many years.

ADDITIONAL INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR JULY 2008

By Kris Dwyer

This month’s report has fewer items than usual, which we’ll take as good news. There were several crimes committed in July which were not reported in time to be included in last month’s report. We have to cut off the data to make the *Advocator* deadline, so it is possible we’ll have more August incidents to report next month.

Our “theft from auto” incidents are down. Let’s hope the message of “Get the goods OUT OF YOUR CAR!” is getting out there. Or, maybe the criminals are hearing about our fabulous Inman Park Security Patrol!

Please be aware of the robbery incidents below. The 8/16 incident included in the July additions happened to one of our Candler Park neighbors. Around noon, the victim was actually followed, then robbed at gunpoint a couple of blocks later. It’s easy to say this with 20/20 hindsight, but let’s learn a lesson here. If you think a potential thug is following you, don’t wait and see what happens. If you can, call 911 right away and try to walk or run to a more populated spot. Let’s stay safe out there!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
7/13	2:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	Druid Circle	Smashed car window. Stolen: GPS.
7/16	Overnight	Theft from Auto	900 Block DeKalb Ave.	Smashed car window. Stolen: in-dash stereo.
7/16	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Block Hale St.	Car entered. No information on whether the car was locked or was damaged. Stolen: Sunglasses, children’s clothes.
7/16	Unknown	Larceny	Spruce St.	Three air conditioning units stolen.
7/16	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Burglary	900 Block Dekalb Ave	Copper piping and wire stolen from property.
7/19	4:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	Euclid Ave. & Washita Ave.	Smashed car window. Stolen: iPod, credit card, debit card, purse, and cell phone stolen. Witness saw suspect – black male, 6’2”, 189 pounds, carrying a gray bag.
7/19	1:00 p.m.	Robbery	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Victim robbed at gunpoint, three masked thugs fled on foot after taking victim’s purse.
8/16	Noon	Robbery	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Thug followed victim, pointed his gun and demanded her bag. This incident was actually just across Moreland in Candler Park. It’s included here because it is a more threatening crime than others, plus we’re really all one big community.

INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR AUGUST 2008

By Greg Scott

Below is a summary of August's criminal activity in our neighborhood. If you are thinking of moving to Inman Park and are reading this report, don't despair... we are an active and pro-active neighborhood and a wonderful place to live. We take our safety seriously and work in partnership with neighbors and the police to keep our neighborhood safe. If you already live here, be aware, and use this information to change your behavior so we can all be safe.

Car break-ins continue to be our biggest issue, but we are seeing some improvement and there is also an effort afoot to be a little more proactive in catching the snatch and grab thieves.

We did have a few back door burglaries which involved one common denominator – flat screen and plasma TV's. These are the hot item right now for the criminal set as they are relatively easier to carry than a tube TV and command big bucks down at the drug markets and fencing establishments. If you have a big plasma TV, please have it engraved with your info and try to put it in a location (like on the underside of the bottom) that is not obvious from areas where prying eyes may go.

Again, report any suspicious activity or persons to 911, and make sure you've joined the Security Patrol! (and yes, I did use the word "jorts" in this report.)

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
8/3	7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	200 Block North Highland Ave.	License plate stolen from car while victim was in Inman Park.
8/5	2:45 p.m.	Larceny	Euclid Ave. @ Colquitt Ave.	Suspect approached victim and asked for a cigarette. When victim put her purse on the ground to get the cigarette the suspect snatched it and jumped in a waiting 2-door dark colored sedan.
8/6	Overnight	Theft	800 Block Inman Village Parkway	Flat screen TV taken from fitness center.
8/7	Overnight	Theft from Auto	600 Block Colquitt Ave.	Rear window smashed. Stolen: bag and clothing.
8/7	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Waddell St.	Laptop stolen from vehicle. No signs of forced entry.
8/13	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Front passenger window smashed. Stolen: \$10, retainer, and cosmetics.
8/13	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Block Montag Circle	Stolen from vehicle: In-dash stereo, iPod, CDs, and sunglasses. No signs of forced entry.
8/13	7:00 p.m.- 4:00 a.m.	Theft	Delta Pl.	Unlocked bicycle stolen from front porch.
8/14	Overnight	Burglary	100 Block Montag Circle	Entry made through an unlocked sliding glass door while victim slept. Stolen: golf clubs, laptop, iPod and victim's vehicle
8/15	Overnight	Theft from 2 Autos	100 Block Elizabeth St.	Rear passenger side windows on two cars smashed. Nothing taken from either car.
8/16	2:30 a.m.	Burglary	700 Block Inman Mews Dr.	Suspects kicked in rear second story door. Stolen: iPod, laptop, gym bag, and plasma TV. Six young suspects were seen running from the property.
8/16	Overnight	Theft	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Bike stolen from victim's front porch.
8/18	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: in-dash stereo and CDs.
8/19	11:00 a.m.	Robbery	1100 Block Alta Ave.	Victim came home and found suspect in her apartment. Suspect pushed her out of the way and fled on foot with stereo amp under his arm. Suspect is a 5'9" bald black male wearing a dirty red t-shirt, white shoes and jorts.
8/20	8:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear driver's side window smashed. Stolen: GPS.
8/20	7:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Burglary	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Back door kicked in. Stolen: flat screen TV.
8/23	4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	100 Block Hurt St.	Side window smashed. Stolen: purse.

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".

“ON RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS, ETC.”

By Bill Hagan

Aging. My even-older-than-I-am mother has been losing things regularly, e.g., I spent last Saturday having new keys to her house made. Then, earlier today, a (much younger) friend told me I looked “harried and weathered.” I was not a-mused. But, I am getting older. I lose keys myself, look for my glasses everywhere, and, it seems, also forget about public promises I have made as I did in this space last month: “As soon as I send this draft article to **Betty Ridderhoff** for flyspecking and publication, I’m sending another “bonus” check of \$140 to the Security Patrol to buy four patrol hours for an extra officer to “go fishing” in Inman Park.” *Oops.* Check’s in the mail ... really!

The title of this piece—On Random Acts of Kindness, etc.—flowing from the longer, “Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty,” is not a mantra for me. I tend to associate it with the kind of people who have “I Believe in Unicorns” bumper stickers on their Subarus. [Hold the hate e-mails; I’m kidding!] Seriously, I am always impressed when I see such kindnesses and try to do them myself. But, regrettably, my own intentions outstrip my works, so I am not likely to be know as St. William anytime soon.

Yet, some Inman Parkers seem able to do that “walk the talk” thing, and make us all the better for it. I was reminded of that when I managed in the space of only a few minutes a few days ago to be negative and grumpy with **Kathi** (who is, as everyone knows, never those). My ire was prompted by two neighborhood delicts we encountered as we strolled on the sidewalk by our home just after work one evening this week. First, I saw that the folks at 890 Euclid had (again) put up yard sales signs all over the neighborhood and (again) failed to remove them after the event. At almost the same moment, I just missed stepping in fresh dog droppings in our tree plot. Numerous expletives deleted.

As if scripted, **Pat Arrington**, a neighbor a few doors away in the Inman Walk homes, walked up with “**Gizmo**,” **Pat & Rudy’s** beloved hair-covered intestine ... erm ... I mean dog. **Pat** pulled out a plastic bag from a sack of many and picked up this canine crap. Turns out **Pat** does this all the time, i.e., doesn’t only pick up **Gizmo’s** contributions, but carries many extra bags to retrieve the fecal matter left by dogs whose owners are too lazy or vain to do that themselves. **Pat** told us that this is just her way to make the neighborhood better and is how she shows appreciation for Inman Park.

What **Pat** did and does is, of course, more important than “merely” a good deed, and is why I mention it in a public-safety column. Such acts are all about our individual and collective parts in the fix of the “broken window” theory of crime prevention and community policing. The short version is that one broken window leads to more broken windows and other decay, and, eventually, to a crime-infested place. People who put up yard-sale signs and don’t remove them, leave their garbage carts out for days after pick-up, and any number of the others in the could-care-less-about-commonweal crowd may make Kumbaya noises to themselves, but—as they are pains, not panes—they are anything but part of the solution in public safety. **Pat Arrington**, on the other hand, is a glowing glazier. Thank you, **Pat**.

“**Proof’s in the Pudding**” on the Security Patrol. I mentioned in my last column that the Security Patrol had made more arrests in the past few weeks than in the previous year and more. Just to show what these officers have done in our service under the energetic leadership of **Sergeant Brent Schierbaum**, here is an extract of Security Patrol “Calls Answered / Initiated” for the month of August 2008 only:

- Directed [Vacation] Patrols: 282
- Park & Walks / Drops Ins: 166
- Suspicious Persons: 48
- Association Member Contacts: 37
- Suspicious Vehicles: 9
- Alarms: 9
- Roadway / Sidewalk Obstructions: 8
- Noise Complaints: 3
- Road Blocks (with Zone 6): 3
- Parking Complaints: 3
- Dispute / Disturbance: 3
- Criminal Trespass: 2
- Theft: 3
- Accident / Traffic Control: 2
- Info for Officer: 2
- Suicide Call: 1
- Reckless Driving: 1
- 911 Hang Up Call: 1
- Urban Camping: 1
- Officer Assistance Call: 1
- Arrests: 7
 - Drunk & Disorderly: 3
 - Urban Camping: 2
 - Wanted on Warrant: 1
 - False Information to Police: 1
- Traffic Citations: 3
- Field Interview Forms: 19

That kind of intensive police work is why I was especially gratified to see the other day that **Cyndy Laurie** had posted a “testimonial” for the Security Patrol on the Inman Park Yahoo discussion board [http:// groups.yahoo.com/group/inmanparkga/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/inmanparkga/) messages:

“I want to say thank you to our new Inman Park Security Patrol for the wonderful job they are doing taking care of us all in this great neighborhood. This evening coming home from work, I saw the Inman Park Security Patrol talking to a man on the street. I was told later that the man had been walking up and down my street supposedly looking for work. It seems our Security Patrol noticed his actions and decided to check him out. He had an outstanding warrant from Douglas County so he was immediately arrested and taken to the Fulton County Jail. From there he will be transferred to Douglas County to answer the outstanding warrant charges. The Security Patrol officers were efficient, professional and the entire action took less than five minutes. I was so impressed and grateful that these officers were in our neighborhood.

I hope everyone will try to find the money in their budget to join our neighborhood Security Patrol. The action of these officers today helped prevent one or more of us from possibly losing a treasure off of our porches or damage to a car window or loss of some tools from an outdoor shed. I know I feel safer knowing that our Security Patrol is on guard. Please help keep us all safe by joining the Security Patrol so that we can increase the hours of this wonderful service”.

Well said, **Cyndy**, and thank you for your random kindness. No one tells **Pat** pick up all dog droppings, and no one asked **Cyndy** to say those words for the Security Patrol. But, both of those caring citizens—and others such as **Bo Bradshaw**, who picks up litter every morning while he walks his dog—are making a public-safety difference in Inman Park. Now for the rest of you: how about pulling out a plastic bag ... or your checkbook, as I am, **Betty**, I promise!

GOOD MOVES MOVES!

By Ben Dobmeyer

When I moved to Inman Park six years ago with my parents and brother, I had never danced. Thanks to **Annette Lewis** and **Carolyn McLaughlin** of Good Moves, I now am starting my sixth year with the company—having graduated from the beginning classes to the Consort.

This summer I spent three weeks at the José Limón Dance Workshop in Brockport, New York, with my fellow Consort dancers, **Hillary Andrews** and **Cole Lavelle**. **Lisa Cole**, a Good Moves alum, who is now studying dance at the Boston Conservatory, was also with us.

I want to thank everyone in Inman Park who came to the Good Moves Soirée in May and donated to the fund that helped defray the tuition for the workshop. This was my fifth summer attending the workshop, and I'm always sad when the three weeks end. The first couple of days were hard, and I went to bed pretty sore. The classes on technique, repertory and solo performance were excellent. The thing I like most about the workshop were the teachers—all professional performers with the José Limón Company.

The Consort is now rehearsing for our program at 7 Stages on November 22 and 23. This year the show, "Food Chain Reaction" will feature a set of dances inspired by **Jimmy Buffet**. They are a lot of fun. We are also bringing back one of my favorite pieces, "Of Apes and Angels", choreographed by **Jonathan Reidel**, a former dancer with the José Limón Company and now Director of his own company, Reidel DanceTheater.

Please mark your calendars for November 22 and 23. If you have never at-attended one of our performances, I'm sure you will enjoy it.

If you have any questions about Good Moves, want to sign up one of your kids for a class, or want to buy a ticket for our performance, please visit our website at www.goodmoves.com or call Ms.Carolyn or Miss Annette at 404-518-1646.

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

SEPTEMBER 24

The Zoo Keeper's Wife by **Diane Ackerman**
Hosted by
Charlotte Steeh 1303 Iverson
in Candler Park

OCTOBER 22

People of the Book by **Geraldine Brooks**
Hosted by **Cathy Jamison**
805-B Edgewood Ave.

NOVEMBER

No Book -----Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER 3

Holiday Party and Book Exchange
Bring a book wrapped in holiday paper plus bring your covered dish.
Hosted by **Sarah Combs** 1561 Crossway Dr. (Brookhaven)

2009

January 28

Atlas Shrugged By **Ayn Rand**

February 25

Them By **Nathan McCall**

For Information: 404-688-7330

Condolences

We wish to express our condolences to the family and friends of

Mrs. **Loreana Elrod**,

November 20, 1914 - August 31, 2008

Mrs. Elrod was 93 at the time of her death. She had lived at 211 DeGress for over 50 years, where she raised 7 children, 2 grand children, and 3 great grand children.

She was especially known for working barefoot in her yard from sun up to sun down, tending her heirloom garden. She moved in 2000 to live with family members.

She last visited **Bill Sanders** about 3 weeks ago. She was too weak to get out of the car, so he went out and sat in the car with her and talked. In-home hospice care had been brought in on Friday, August 29.

She died peacefully in her sleep, with her family at her side.

NPU-N UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2008

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

We have the pleasure of having some of the firemen from Station 12, located at 1288 DeKalb Avenue (approximately three blocks east of Moreland Avenue), at most NPU-N meetings. As we had little business to get through at the August meeting, we were able to talk a bit more than usual. One thing they said hit me as particularly important.

In an emergency, the fire department is usually the first responder and what they need is clear information.

First, they need to see a house number, so please make sure the numbers on your house, mailbox, and/or security sign (un-solicited security patrol plug) are correct and visible.

Then, as most calls to which the fire department responds are health emergencies and not fires, they need information about health conditions and medications. They suggested a list describing key information be placed in an obvious place.

From my own experience, I would like to put a plug in for making sure that little sign on the front door indicating how many and what type of animals live in the residence is kept up to date. Just some practical ideas to consider. And thanks again for allowing me to represent you.

ORDINANCE NO. (ZRB NO.)	DESCRIPTION	COMM.	STATUS (as of Sep. 1, 2008)
06-O-2697 (Z-06-144) 07-O-0078	Affordable Housing ordinance.	ZN	Held in Committee.
07-O-0611 (Z-07-52) 07-O-0621 (Z-07-54) 07-O-1087	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) 07-O-1087	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-1521 07-O-1522	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 Dept. (probably moot because fee tacked onto a recently-enacted ordinance – see 08-O-0744).
07-O-1521 07-O-1522	Outdoor dining areas regulations.	UT	Held in committee.
07-O-1521 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-2418	Establish procedures for the permitting and regulations of Valet Parking Services.	TR	Adopted by C.C. on 21 July; <i>approved</i> .
08-O-0196 (Z-08-010) 08-O-0201	Regulations re: appearance of public decks.	ZN	<i>Adopted by C.C. on 21 July; approved by operation of law.</i>
08-O-0201	Spacing requirements and parking regulations for liquor licenses.	ZN	Adopted by C.C. on 21 July.
08-O-0744	Set water rates and add \$4.50 fee for convenience payments.	UT	Adopted by C.C. on 19 June; <i>approved by Mayor on 24 June.</i>
08-O-0870	2009 Budget.	FE	Adopted by C.C. on 26 June; <i>approved</i>
08-O-0873	Establish fees for use of City parks.	CD	Adopted by C.C. on 19 Jun; <i>approved by Mayor on 24 June.</i>
08-O-0876	Increase fees for maps and planning documents.	CD	Adopted by C.C. on 19 Jun; <i>approved by Mayor on 24 June.</i>
08-O-0877	Increase/add fees for use of City parks and recreation centers	CD	Substitute held in committee (public hearing held; 2d hearing on 12 June; 3d hearing on 1 July). [?]
08-O-1540	<i>Amend budget to re-open and maintain Atlanta Fire Station No. 7.</i>	FE	<i>Adopted by C.C. on 18 August vetoed by Mayor on 26 August.</i>

08-O-1690	Name new park being near City Hall East, the "Historic Fourth Ward Park".	CD	Vote planned for 2 September.
08-O-1563	Call special election concerning \$40,000 homestead exemption for those older than 65 or whose income is less than that.	FE	Vote planned for 2 September.
0-80-1564	Call special elections to raise homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$30,000 over three years for school board taxes.	FE	Vote planned for 2 September.
0-80-1565	Call special elections to raise homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$30,000 over three years for Atlanta City taxes.	FE	Vote planned for 2 September.
08-R-1695	Resolution to authorize an audit of the Arborist Division of Bureau of Buildings.	CD	Vote planned for 2 September.
08-O-1571	Adopt the 2009-2013 City of Atlanta Capital Improvements Program.	CD	To be introduced 2 September.
08-O-1572	Adopt Old Fourth Ward Redevelopment Plan Update into the 2008 ASAP.	CD	To be introduced 2 September.

* City Council Committee code: CC=Committee on Council; CD=Community Development/Human Resources; FE=Finance/Executive; PS=Public Safety & Legal; TR=Transportation; UT=Utilities; ZN=Zoning; italics indicates newly-listed or revised since last month

THE 2008 MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK TOUR OF HOMES

By Karen King

The 2008 Morningside Lenox Park Tour of Homes will be held on October 11-12.

Saturday, October 11, tour hours are 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 12, tour hours are 12 noon - 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 the weekend of the tour. Go to www.mlpa.org for more information on tickets, the tour, and detailed information on the homes.

Shuttle bus service will be provided for tour-goers. Shuttles depart from and return to the parking lot at Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 N. Morningside Dr., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

A new event is being held in conjunction with the 2008 Tour of Homes. **It's the Monumental Ball.** The ball takes its name from the original monuments that mark the entrances to the Morn-ingside neighborhood. The ball is Friday, October 10. Hours are 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Monumental Ball is being held at Magnolia Hall in Piedmont Park, 400 Park Dr., Atlanta, GA 30306. There will be a buffet, cash bar, and dancing to **music by KINGSIZED**. Tickets are \$45. Proceeds from the Monumental Ball **benefit restoration and maintenance on the monumental markers in the Morningside and Lenox Park neighborhood.** Proceeds from the cash bar **benefit Piedmont Park Conservancy.** Parking at Piedmont Park is limited. Shuttle bus service will be provided for attendees.

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	APPLICATIONS DUE	
	DATE	Type II	Type III/IV
	Oct. 8	Sept. 22	Sept. 15
Oct. 22	Oct. 6	Sept. 29	
Nov. 12	Oct. 27	Oct. 20	

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

- **Little 5 Points Community Center** – *approved with conditions*- Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-280) for a special exception for expansion of non-conforming use structure; and an Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-246) to allow the construction of an exterior elevator and new entryway.
- **347 Sinclair Ave.** – *approved with conditions*- Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-282) to allow the revisions to plans.
- **507 N. Highland Ave.** – *withdraw at the applicants request* - Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-08-110) for a variance to allow a reduction of the rear yard setback from 44 ft. (required) to 10 ft. (proposed); and (HD-08-111) to allow the construction of site improvements, addition and other renovations.
- **122 Hurt St.** – *approved with conditions* - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-262) to allow replacement of windows

Applications Scheduled for This Month:

- None

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

- 333 Atlantis Ave.
- 337 Atlantis Ave.

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

FREEDOM PARK WORK DAY

By Carol Gregory

If you jog, walk, or bike the PATH that traverses Freedom Park, you know what a wonderful asset the park is to our neighborhoods. You may have also noticed the light fixtures in the park are deteriorating, and rust is eroding the poles at the base. The Freedom Park Improvement Committee (PIC), working under the Freedom Park Conservancy, has helped the city maintain the park over the years by removing unsightly graffiti and kudzu. On October 4, the PIC is partnering with Hands on Atlanta and Park Pride to rejuvenate the light poles. With a cadre of volunteers we plan to wire brush the rust, paint the base area with Rustoleum, and paint the poles to a 5-foot level.

Please consider joining us on October 4 for the project. The day starts at 9:00a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. with a Hands On picnic at Centennial Park for all volunteers. Parking will be on the south side of the Carter Center, and work will begin between North Highland Ave. and the ice canopy along the PATH. All materials and water will be provided. Volunteers can sign up on the Hands on Atlanta website or walk up on October 4 ready to work.

Join the fun! Help keep Freedom Park attractive.

For more information contact **Carol Gregory**, 404-523-9067.

CALLING ALL MARY LIN ALUMNI

By Boyd Baker

On Saturday, September 27, 2008, Mary Lin Elementary in Candler Park from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon will host an Alumni/Grandparent Open House. This is a wonderful opportunity for alumni to re-visit their early days of glory, share memories, and update the school on what you're up to. The latest Thin Client technology installation will show how the classrooms have changed.

Grandparents are also invited to come see where their precious little angels spend their workweeks. Light refreshments will be served. Mary Lin is located at 586 Candler Park Dr., and the event is hosted by the Mary Lin Education Foundation.

Questions? Contact: foundation@marylinelementary.com.

AUTUMN ARBORETUM TOUR

By Amy Higgins

Ever wonder what type of tree would be perfect for your yard? Like learning new things? Enjoy free food and drink?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then join Tree Watch and Trees Atlanta for wine, hors-d'oeuvre, and a narrated, twilight stroll through Inman Park's own neighborhood arboretum.

Meet at **Nancy and Bob Morrison's** home – **136 Elizabeth St.** - on **Saturday, October 4 @ 6:00 p.m.** We'll enjoy a few minutes of conversation and refreshment and then leave for a 1¼ -hour walking tour of the arboretum. The narrator of our tour will be **Chris Hughes** of Select Trees. Chris has a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Georgia. He works with landscape architects and project developers to educate them on the investment and reward of sustainable urban trees.

For more information contact **Amy Higgins** at:

puggirl@speakeasy.net or 404-659-7642.

ZOOMA WOMEN'S RACE SERIES

By Stephanie Libby

ZOOMA Atlanta Half Marathon & 5K is a unique fitness event for women designed to inspire them to lead healthy and active lifestyles. ZOOMA Atlanta will take place on November 16, 2008, with runners starting and finishing the race at Atlantic Station. Upon crossing the finish line, runners will enter an extravagant Post-Race Expo with mini spa treatments, food, shopping, entertainment and more - all tailored for women to celebrate their accomplishments with family and friends.

The ZOOMA 2008 National Charity Partner is CARE, the Atlanta-based humanitarian organization that places a special focus on working with marginalized women and girls to bring lasting change to their communities. ZOOMA runners will continue the mission to inspire women around the country to get fit and to celebrate their own fitness achievements and the power of women around the world. At least \$3 of every entry fee goes directly to CARE.

If you would like more information about ZOOMA Atlanta, please check out our website: www.zoomarun.com. Don't hesitate to contact me (404-979-9182). I look forward to hearing from you and working with you as we begin to plan for ZOOMA Atlanta!

INMAN PARK COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL RELEASES FIRST MISSION STATEMENT

By Amy Lee

A New Mission Statement Accompanies a New Director, a New Building and a New School Year

In the first step in a rebranding initiative, Inman Park Cooperative Preschool (IPCP) has issued its first official mission statement. This mission statement is another item in a long list of IPCP's exciting changes including the renovation of the building, addition of an annex for the one- and two-year-olds as well as the hiring of the new Director, **Catherine Freeman**.

After a long and productive exercise in which board members and chair people compiled common themes and ideas about what IPCP means to each of them, the following mission statement was crafted and agreed upon:

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool provides a loving, fun and safe environment that supports our children's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. We offer a curriculum of educational excellence that nurtures each child's unique gifts and talents. We are committed to environmentalism, creativity and diversity through an atmosphere of respect, collaboration and cooperation.

The Board of Directors decided to develop this mission statement in order to help guide the current IPCP community as well as the future generations of IPCP children and their parents.

"IPCP's mission has not changed, but organizations periodically should remind themselves what it is that they are about," said IPCP Personnel Committee Chair, **Dana Lee**. "The exercise to review our statement and core values was especially important as we welcome a new Director, a remodeled school and so many new faces."

IPCP will be launching other aspects to the renovation of the preschool including a new logo and brand standards due out early in 2009 as well as a new, fully re-branded website.

"INMAN PARK" (It's a BOOK)

By Sharon Jones

It's almost here! I wanted to let everyone who contributed to Inman Park get a heads up on its release. The publisher reports the books are shipping now and will be in all the local stores the week of September 15th. You can also order them from Amazon.com. There is a book signing event scheduled at the Edgewood Barnes & Noble on October 16th. Christine and I are exploring some options for a local signing here in the 'hood. (If anyone would like to host a signing party, we'll supply the wine and cheese!)

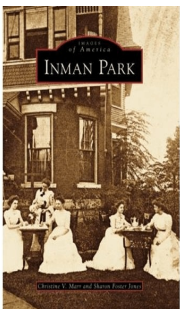
We appreciate all of your contributions to the pictorial history of this remarkable neighborhood. On that note, the back cover of the book states, "This collection of photographs and ephemera has risen largely from the attics and trunks of Inman Park residents, a scrapbook of historical and personal gems." Thanks again for sharing Inman Park with us -- and now the world -- and we hope you'll be pleased with the results.

Thanks again.

Message from Arcadia Publishing:

The information in this book was compiled by two authors, **Christine V. Marr** (resident of Scottsdale, Arizona) and **Sharon Foster Jones** (resident of Inman Park). Their book is a collection of photographs, letters, notes, and memories of many people from the neighborhood. The collection is from the attics and trunks of Inman Park residents, and is now a scrapbook of historical and personal gems. Many of the images in the book come from 19th-Century publications, most of which have not been seen since their original publication.

(Editor's Note: The publisher, Arcadia Publishing, is the leading publisher of local and regional history in the United States. Their mission is to make history accessible and meaningful through the publication of books known as "Images of America". These books depict the heritage of America's people and places. "Inman Park" is now one of the books in this great series of American History.)



CORRECTIONS FOR THE NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

By Betty Ridderhoff
(Corrections are underlined.)

XX HOA (Insert all)	BUCHANAN, Amy Alan Lindsay 835 Inman Village Parkway	(H) 404-421- 2494 (Email) aclindsay@mail.com
GX (NEW)	DEVLIN, James Angela Shackford 236 Elizabeth St., Unit 2	
*	EVANS, Donna & Scott 163 Battery Place Login 1	(H) 404-584-7071 (D-Cell) 404-512-3386 (D-Email) dlrobinson-evans@aol.com (S-Cell) 646-246-4519 (S-Email) scottevans717Aol.com
**	GLAD, Diana	
B**	GRISHMAN, Naomi (Shown in directory as 'Grisham')	
**	KREUTZER, Tina M.	
XX HOA	LINDSAY, Alan <u>Amy Buchanan</u> 835 Inman Village Parkway	
GX (NEW)	SCHACKFORD, Angela James Devlin 236 Elizabeth St., Unit 2	
** HOA	SCOTT, Lauren and John Thomas	

UNDER STREET LISTING

STREET NAME	ADDRESS	CORRECTION
DeGress Ave	203	Name should be Grace and Joel Barr
Dixie Ave	836	Name should be <u>Dawn</u> & Josh Caldwell
Edgewood Ave	784	Name should be <u>Jodi</u>
Edgewood Ave	933	Code should be: G**
Elizabeth St.	236	Add '#1' for Unit 1
Euclid Ave.	1048	Code should be: *
Inman Village Parkway	835	Add name of Amy Buchanan
North Highland Ave.	349	Code should be: **
Seminole Ave.	524	Code should be: **
Sinclair Ave.	347	Code should be: G**
Hale St.	237	Code should be “ * HOA ”

EVERY DAY IS RACKET DAY

By Bob Eberwein

In my part of Inman Park we rarely have a reasonably quiet day. Not even Sunday is safe. Yard services work properties all around me, taking turns, apparently, to make sure every day is destroyed; and they use the loudest stuff imaginable. I suspect they do test studies before purchasing a maintenance machine to assure themselves it is loud enough.

Lawnmowers that should be restricted to highway rights of way, and gas-powered blowers, weed eaters, edgers, and hedge trimmers. The gas things really scream. I won't point any fingers. Sometimes I simply retreat inside my home or the Barn to save my ears. Is my block just "different"?

At the Barn we use an electric mower and battery-operated weed eater. We have a small blower that I never use (because I hate it, and it's so puny anyway). We generally sweep up this and that as necessary, usually millions of cigarette butts. And the lawn always gets raked. We've never blown the lawn. Clients sometimes ask, "Where's your blower?" and I like telling them, "We don't have one." It puts them in a state of shock, which is fun for me. Then I get the broom out.

Some people would call me foolish, wasting my time with ancient implements. I call myself sane.

The nuttiest thing is seeing workers blowing the streets while passing cars are redistributing the stuff at the same time. Hello! Some communities, especially in California, have outlawed blowers. Leave it to California to be so weird (and sensible).

Am I alone? Does anybody else find all this annoying? Should I move to a mountain hideaway? Do I hear a resounding "yes"? Getting old means getting to complain a lot, so that's what this article is about; and I am certainly not counting on getting any satisfaction. Now, on the other side of the noise subject.

IS THE TROLLY BARN TOO NOISY?

Some people raise eyebrows that the Trolley Barn is merry-making in the middle of a residential area, so here's a little history.

Back in the 70s and early 80s, Inman Park had the option of "going for it" in restoring the Trolley Barn. It meant making the Barn in-come-producing if it was going to work.

The neighborhood did a trade-off with the City. YOU let us operate a special events facility in a normally unsatisfactory location, and WE save ourselves a great building. That meant we had to accept a modicum of neighborhood disruption, including noise and extensive parking intrusion (we were released of the requirement for "adequate parking"). Inman Parkers thought that saving the Barn was worth the nuisance.

When you're buying a home, you have to scout out potential neighborhood sources of disruption to your home life. You buy around the Barn only if you can live with the Barn. We're grandfathered in. I don't know anybody who bought near the Barn and then moved away because they couldn't deal with it. But maybe somebody has.

We don't make apologies for the disruption, but we do try to see to it that disruption is kept to a minimum. For instance, we assassinate guests who park in front of people's driveways. Really! Our decibel restriction is 90 inside the building itself. We annoy a lot of bands (all deaf) that don't believe in sound restrictions, but we always tell them, "You shouldn't have taken on the gig then, because we scream our restrictions at potential users before they sign on." And I am always running around slamming doors shut while the security officer rolls his eyes at me.

This bit of info is for newcomers wondering why the Barn "anomaly" persists. And, because so many newcomers aren't aware of this, you should know that the City owns the Barn, not the neighborhood. We just run it well.

This message (the Barn part) has been approved by the Barn Director, **Linda Dunham**.

SOMETHING NEW: INTERESTING E-MAIL MESSAGES FOR NEIGHBORS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS:

WHAT A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD

By Margie Venezia

Over the last few weeks, the ladies of Inman Park joined together to prepare an apartment for a refugee family (See Page 3 in this issue). Organized in teams, they decorated and stocked the apartment in preparation for the arrival of the family. The last thing to do was to stock the kitchen with food as each lady selected food items to donate from a list provided by **Judy Clements**. Meeting the extended family was great. They were all so excited. Inman Park can add another great accomplishment to our list of many.

I was thinking of all the things we have done since I moved here. I am sure there are more but this is the quick list I came up with:

- The road fight that seemed to go on for years, but we won.
- The Inman Park Pre-School.
- The renovation and management of the Trolley Barn.
- Becoming a Historic Neighborhood.
- Tree huggers and the many trees that have been planted.
- Theatre Night and the financial support we give to our local theaters.
- Festival. I am sure ours is the biggest all volunteer run festival in the South.

In reply to Margie's e-mail, **Cathy Bradshaw** added:

I want to add a few more bragging points to that list...

- One of our first activities in the 'hood way back in the early 70s was to re-zone the neighborhood from commercial and industrial back to residential, no small feat since we were slated to be paved over by a toll road, then an "express" way.
- Creation of Freedom Park including green space and bike/jog paths.

- The restoration of Springvale Park including the re-installation of Crystal Lake.
- Obtained a grant to have a landscape plan done based on the original Olmstead plan. The plants were planted by the neighborhood.
- Established two play areas for the children in Springvale Park.
- Established the playground in honor of Christine Sibley.
- Starting the B.O.N.D. Community Federal Credit Union, one of the first neighborhood-based (rather than business-based) credit unions in the country.
- Becoming a Historic Neighborhood was a long three- part process; first, Federal recognition; 2nd, State recognition; and finally, City of Atlanta Historic Zoning.
- Publishing a cookbook.
- A Fourth of July picnic every year since 1972 .
- Published a neighborhood newsletter since 1972. Originally it was named '*Hot Rats*' and was changed to '*The Advocate*'.

In another reply, **Betty Ridderhoff** added:

- The Olympic Torch ran through part of the neighborhood.
- ING race runs through Inman Park every year.
- Commercials and movies have been filmed in Inman Park.
- Purchase of our own Security Patrol Car in 2007.
- Women's Potluck Group.
- Yahoo Group.
- Holiday Party.
- 'The Minuets', a group of Inman Park ladies who sneak away once a year for a quiet (?) weekend of rest and relaxation.
- Great neighborhood parties once a month.
- Established the Pool.

And now, we can add the publication of "Inman Park" (the book) compiled by **Christine V. Marr** (resident of Scottsdale, Arizona) and our very own **Sharon Jones**.

WOW, WHAT A NEIGHBORHOOD!

If you have something to contribute to this list, please send an e-mail to: theadvocator@bellsouth.net

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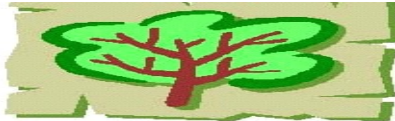
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2008, TO APRIL 24, 2009 ☼ ☼ ☼

233 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Sept. 17	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Sept. 22	Mon.	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN	
Sept. 24	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club	
Sept. 26	Fri.	Porch Party	1094 Alta Ave. 404-523-4801
Sept. 30	Tues.	ROSH HASHANNAH	
Oct. 01	Wed. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Oct. 09	Thurs.	YOM KIPPUR	

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TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
09/09/08	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details.	404-523-4801
10/14/08	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details.	404-523-4801
October ???	Fall Tree Planting - Depending on rainfall.	404-523-4801

AGENDA
SEPTEMBER IPNA MEETING

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police Officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. Historic Preservation
 - 1. 333 Atlantis Ave.
 - 2. 337 Atlantis Ave.
 - B. Public Safety
 - C. Treasurer
 - 1. Expenditure Report
 - 2. Presentation of Proposed 08-09 Budget and Discussion
 - D. President
 - E. Secretary
 - F. Planning
 - G. Zoning
 - 1. Liquor License – general process
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment

BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2008-2009

By Megan Wilson

Thank to all of you for your budget requests. The Board has taken all of the requests into consideration. A Board meeting was held to discuss the financial state of Inman Park, last year's revenues and expenses, last year's budget, and this year's budget.

Below you will see the Board's 2008-2009 Proposed Budget. I've provided details below about the large budget items and the items that have significantly changed from 2007-2008. You will have an opportunity to voice your opinion on this budget at the September 17 IPNA meeting. We will vote to approve a final budget at the October IPNA meeting. Thanks again for your help during this process!

Website:

- Propose \$7,500 of expense for 2008-2009. This is a \$6,300 increase from 2007-2008. We want to hire a vendor to completely revamp the website and add password-protected and interactive capabilities, such as the ability to complete and submit membership forms online, pay dues, and the like. We truly believe that improving the Inman Park website will provide valuable information to the neighborhood 24/7.

General Reserve Fund:

- A significant legal reserve of \$70,000 is proposed to be maintained for 2008-2009 due to the pending developments in our neighborhood (Gunby St. and Lizzy Chapel). This is a \$30,000 decrease from 2007-2008.

Security Patrol

- Propose \$73,000 of revenue for 2008-2009. This is a \$7,000 decrease from 2007-2008, which we consider reasonable as SP had approximately \$62,000 of income during 2007-2008. IPNA had to provide approximately \$23,000 to SP during 2007-2008 in order for income from dues to match expenses. During 2008-2009, we expect IPNA to have to provide approximately \$30,000. We believe this is a conservative estimate as the SP membership has significantly increased, and revenue from dues has increased due to large businesses and apartment complexes joining. We continue to believe it is important for IPNA to contribute to the Patrol, which provides services to the neighborhood as a whole, not merely to security patrol members.
- Propose \$89,130 of expense for 08-09. This is a \$29,130 increase from 07-08. We believe this is reasonable due to the increase in membership and the great **success Security Patrol has provided for our neighborhood!**

Patrol Car Expenses

- Propose \$14,500 of expense for 2008-2009. This is a \$9,500 increase from 07-08. Patrol car expenses for 07-08 were greater than budgeted due to maintenance, gas prices, and insurance. We think \$14,500 will account for these variances from the 2007-2008 budget.

Graffiti Removal

- Propose \$5,000 of expense for 08-09. This is a \$5,000 decrease from 2007-2008. This will provide 2 graffiti cleanups per year (one being scheduled before Festival). As only \$3,800 was spent during 2007-2008, due to water restrictions, we consider this reasonable.

Springvale Park

- Propose \$12,500 of expense for 2008-2009. This is a \$7,500 increase from 2007-2008. During 2007-2008, regular maintenance was not performed in the park. This \$12,500 will provide regular monthly maintenance (i.e. tree/branch removal, cutting weeds, removal of invasive plants (e.g. Kudzu), trash removal, trail clearing, erosion control, etc.), and further improvements if the City follows through with its stated intent to reimburse our regular maintenance expenses.

Traffic Calming Execution

- Propose \$24,655 of expense for 2008-2009. This is a \$13,345 decrease from 2007-2008 as \$13,345 was spent from the budgeted expense of \$38,000 for 2007-2008. We are budgeting to spend the remainder during 08-09 as the City is actively considering our plans.

L5P Mini Precinct Fund

- Propose \$2,500 donation for 2008-2009. This is a \$5,000 decrease from 2007-2008. While we continue to support the precinct, a more modest donation was part of balancing our entire budget and assuring we meet our own expenses before contributing funds to third parties.

Freedom Park Conservancy

- Propose \$2,500 donation for 2008-2009. This is a \$5,000 decrease from 2007-2008. During 2007-2008 nothing was spent due to water restrictions. Therefore, the Conservancy still has our \$7,500 donation from 2007-2008 to spend. We will provide an additional \$2,500 because we don't think the water restrictions will continue; therefore, they can execute the

planned projects this year. In addition, they hope to do some work on a strip of park land at the intersection of North Avenue and Moreland which currently is just hard-packed red dirt.

IPUMC Donation

- Propose \$5,000 donation for 2008-2009. This is a \$5,000 increase from 2007-2008. The Church has asked for a contribution to conduct a historic survey, which is necessary for it to submit grant requests to obtain grants to fund necessary restoration projects on the church building. Being one of our oldest historic structures in the neighborhood, we felt we should help support their efforts to restore and maintain the building.

IPNA BUDGET - 11/1/2008-10/31/2009						
	BUDGET		ACTUALS		BUDGET	
	Proposed Income	Proposed Expense	CY Income* as of 8/24/08	CY Expense* as of 8/24/08	CY Income*	CY Expense*
President						
Advocator	\$ 10,000	\$ (18,000)	\$ 7,923	\$ (19,855)	\$ 14,000	\$ (18,000)
Website		\$ (7,500)		\$ (1,170)		\$ (1,200)
General Reserve Fund		\$ (70,000)		\$ (6,255)		\$ (100,000)
Public Safety						
Security Patrol	\$ 73,000	\$ (89,130)	\$ 62,473	\$	\$ 80,000	\$ (60,000)
Patrol Car Expenses		\$ (14,500)				\$ (5,000)
Graffiti Removal		\$ (5,000)				\$ (10,000)
Planning						
General		\$ (500)				\$ (500)
Beautification						
Springvale Park		\$		\$ (2,000)	\$ 5,000	\$ (5,000)
Landscaping & New Signs		\$		\$		\$ (23,000)
Urban Nirvana Playground		\$ (500)				\$ (4,300)
Traffic & Sidewalks						
General Traffic Expense		\$ --		\$ (22)		\$ (350)
Sidewalks		\$ (20,000)		\$		\$ (20,000)
Traffic Calming Execution		\$ (24,655)		\$ (13,345)		\$ (38,000)
Bass Fields Plan		\$ (500)				\$ (5,000)
Zoning						
General		\$ (500)				\$ (500)
Zoning Data Base		\$ --				\$ (3,000)
Secretary						
Membership	\$ 3,000	\$ --	\$ 2,917		\$ 2,500	\$ --
Directory		\$ (2,200)				\$ (1,500)
Butterfly Flags & Banners	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,000)	\$ 682		\$ 500	\$ (1,000)
Social (4th of July, Holiday Party)		\$ (13,500)		\$		\$
Porch Parties		\$ (100)		\$ (38)		\$ (100)
Trademark		\$ (100)				\$ (500)
Cheers/Newcomers/Outreach		\$ (1,000)				\$ (1,500)
Joel Awards		\$ (100)				\$ (200)
Education		\$ (6,000)				\$ (6,000)
Historic Preservation						
General		\$ (1,000)				\$ (500)
Design Standards		\$ (500)		\$ (107)		\$ (3,000)
Treasurer						
Interest Income	\$ 6,500		\$ 6,575		\$	
General Operations				\$ (340)		\$ (700)
Accounting & Tax Preparation		\$ (500)		\$ (585)		\$ (500)
Meeting Expense		\$ (1,500)		\$ (500)		\$ (3,800)
Directors/Officers Insurance		\$ (1,600)		\$ (1,577)		\$ (1,600)
Property Tax		\$ --				\$ (11,000)
Festival	\$ 80,000		\$ 83,600		\$ 80,000	
Donations						
LSP Mini Precinct Fund		\$ (2,500)		\$ (7,500)		\$ (2,500)

Seminole Ave. Fence Line		\$ (500)				\$ --
Tree Watch		\$ (15,000)				\$
Freedom Park Conservancy		\$ (2,500)				\$ (7,500)
IPUMC Donation		\$ (5,000)				\$ --
Community Prosecutor		\$ (350)				
TOTAL	\$ 173,500	\$ (341,235)	\$ 164,169	\$ (193,751)	\$ 184,500	\$ (369,250)
Balance		\$ (167,735)		\$		\$ (184,750)
IPNA Balance (as of 8/25/08- includes savings & CDs)		\$ 274,495				
Ending Balance (as of 10/31/09)		\$ 106,760				

* CY = Current Year (2007-2008). Note that CY Actuals are as of 8/24/08; therefore, 2 months are left before the year-end. Please consider these months in planning the budget for next year.