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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*By Lisa Burnette*

After a lot of e-mails and discussion at last month's IPNA meeting about an increase in our dues, we reached one consensus: Everyone loves the neighborhood and is willing to contribute more to it. Many were in favor of some type of dues increase and nearly all of those against it proposed an alternative, a voluntary means to contribute more than just dues to IPNA. Based on all the input, the IPNA Board developed a hybrid proposal of sorts.

We do not propose to increase the dues for IPNA at this time. While many felt our low dues can be a nuisance, we feel the new website (hopefully to be underway by the time of membership sign-up next spring) will allow online dues payments, easing that particular concern.

Increasing dues, even to \$25, would not greatly affect our budget. As long as our Festival continues to be successful, we can continue funding many worthwhile projects. Keep in mind, should we have an unprecedented large decrease in Festival income for any reason, a dues increase in the future could become necessary.

On the other hand, we do not have enough income in any given budget year to fully fund the larger improvements in the neighborhood, such as large-scale traffic calming measures, sidewalk replacements, or major improvements to our parks, just to name a few.

The Board proposes to allow committee chairs, or any others who would like to tackle such projects in a given year, to determine an estimated cost of the project. Then they can raise the capital through both IPNA and the individual neighbors who can make voluntary contributions through Friends of Inman Park, the 501(c)(3) organization created specifically for such neighborhood efforts. Such "capital campaigns" can be launched to coincide with the annual membership drive in May. The membership application will include a "check the box" option, thus allowing neighbors to contribute additional amounts to FOIP, earmarked to fund particular projects, or to contribute to the general funds of IPNA, if so desired.

The Board hopes this new process will allow neighbors who are willing and able to contribute more to our neighborhood to do so. It will enable committees to raise funds for larger projects in Inman Park and will allow us to keep our regular dues at the extraordinary and inclusive low level. I think this plan encompasses the past and future of Inman Park which is reflected in our butterfly symbol.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed valuable input into this decision, and to the Board for its thoughtful consideration.

## 2009 FESTIVAL MEETING

*By Danny Feig-Sandoval*

The Festival 2009 Committee has begun planning another great Festival and we need your help. As we all know, budgets for all of us, as well as all the businesses we have counted on in the past for support, will be tight. This gives us an opportunity to be creative in trying some new things this year as we tighten our belts in the planning process.

Our Friends of Festival committee will be reaching out to all the small businesses in the neighborhood to make early commitments for smaller sponsorships for Festival with a variety of benefit packages available for different sponsorship levels. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Carrington Moore** at: carringtonmoore@gmail.com

**Our next full Festival planning meeting: Wednesday, December 10**

**at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn.**

**Please join us with your ideas and energy.**

Please contact me if you have any interest in participating in the planning process or have any questions regarding Festival. Please call me at 404-791-8497, or e-mail me at: [danny@smallcarpenters.com](mailto:danny@smallcarpenters.com).

## TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE- SPECIAL MEETING

*By Danny Feig-Sandoval*

Over the past year we have been discussing the traffic calming projects which were designed by our engineers, Jacobs Engineering. We just received the preliminary estimates for the construction of these projects. The costs have come in a bit less than we had originally projected. This is good news as it means we may have an opportunity to work on a few other projects around the neighborhood.

The challenging part of this is we are trying to get the already designed projects into construction sometime early next year. Starting

over on the design end with added projects may delay this process. In an attempt to expedite the process on other focus areas and give the neighborhood an opportunity to discuss what we might do with the extra money, the Traffic Calming Committee will hold a special meeting before the IPNA meeting on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. The focus of this meeting will be to review the final conceptual drawings of our current projects and their cost estimates as well as to discuss other potential focus areas and how we can move forward.

I certainly understand we all have our own traffic calming pet projects we would like to have addressed, and it would be great to address them all, but we have a limited amount of money so we will make some suggestions as to which projects may have the most impact for the neighborhood that might work with our budget. I plan to post the new drawings on the Inman Park Yahoo Group website and hopefully the IP Blog so you can see them before the meeting. If you have any interest in these projects, please try to attend this important meeting.

If you cannot make the meeting or would like to discuss these projects beforehand, contact me at 404-791-8497 or at [danny@smallcarpenters.com](mailto:danny@smallcarpenters.com).

## **INMAN PARK: A "WALK-ABLE"...ERR..."TRIP-ABLE" NEIGHBORHOOD**

*By Brett E. Lauter*

Our neighborhood could be a great walk-able neighborhood, but unfortunately it's only walk-able in limited sections. Then you come to a sidewalk full of gaps, cracks, broken bricks, upended pavers, etc. It's really frustrating to try to run, push a baby stroller and/or walk your dog and not be able to fully relax and enjoy yourself due to the need for constant vigilance to ensure you don't trip and sprain an ankle.

**Millie Astin**, our IPNA Sidewalk Chairperson, has done a great job of managing our sidewalk improvement program with the City. This program gives neighbors the opportunity to pay a small portion of the expense of fixing their sidewalks as the City shares in the expense. However, too many of our neighbors have not taken advantage of this great program and instead subject the rest of us to this "un-neighborliness" and possible injury.

When you move into Inman Park, you become responsible for the upkeep of your sidewalk just as you keep your house and lawn in good condition. I see too many homes that are nicely renovated and/or have beautifully maintained yards, yet the sidewalks are beastly. Curb appeal means all the way to the curb - not just to the inner edge of the sidewalk.

If you haven't yet, please take advantage of our sidewalk program and become a good, thoughtful, neighbor. Not to mention the fact that you will decrease the likelihood of being sued by a pedestrian who breaks their leg on your broken sidewalk.

Thanks to all of you neighbors who have repaired your sidewalks. This allows the rest of us to enjoy our walks and runs through our neighborhood!

If you would like more information about the IPNA sidewalk improvement program, please contact Millie Astin at 404-589-9012 or e-mail her at: [mcastin@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcastin@bellsouth.net).

## **PLANT TREES! PLANT TREES! PLANT TREES!**

*By Richard Westrick*

We've lost a few of our young trees to the lack of rain in the last couple of years, and, unfortunately our mature trees are continuing to die of age and age-related diseases. We had to skip planting last year because of the drought but this year things are looking marginally better, so it's time to *PLANT! PLANT! PLANT!*

The IPNA Tree Watch Committee (in partnership with Trees Atlanta) will plant around 50 trees in the neighborhood on Saturday, November 22. Please gather on the front porch of 177 Elizabeth St. at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts. We'll split into teams and get to work.

Please join us for a good cause and a fun time on the 22nd!

Questions? Call **Richard Westrick**, 404-523-4801

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR HOLIDAY PARTY**

*By Ray Harbour*

December 6, 2008, is the date for the IPNA Holiday Party. Mark your calendar and save this date. Entertainment will be provided by *The Jr. League*.

This year the holiday party will be an invitation-only event for IPNA members and their guests. If you want to attend, join the IPNA! Your invitation will serve as your admittance ticket. It will include the time and location for the party. Please bring your invitation with you.

To volunteer to help with the event, call **Ray Harbour** at 404-547-7111 or e-mail at [ray@rayharbour.net](mailto:ray@rayharbour.net).

## **ATTENTION! PROPERTY TAX 101 REDUX**

*By Lisa Burnette*

Due to the length of our October IPNA meeting, we were not able to get to **Nick Franz's** presentation on our real property taxes. His Power Point is online at the October 18 blog (<http://blog.inmanpark.org>) for you to read and download.

Nick has graciously agreed to return to the November 19 IPNA meeting to answer any questions. We will move the topic to the top of the agenda so we don't miss out. Thanks, Nick.

If you are concerned about your property tax bill, don't miss this!

# MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2008 IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

**Lisa Burnette** asked for newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Laura Salm** at Brickworks; **Cameron Childress**, currently at Mariposa Lofts but under contract at Grinnell; **Kristine Harwell**, owner of the new chocolate shop at North Highland Ave. and Elizabeth St. (grand opening is Thursday, October 16, all are welcome); **Anna Dodd** on Waddell; and **Ria Pell**, owner of new potential restaurant to be located in former 11:11 Teahouse space.

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Delma** with the March of Dimes Foundation announced the Signature Chefs Auction event to be held Thursday, October 30, at The Trolley Barn. Tickets are \$50. For more information visit their website at: [marchofdimes.com/Georgia](http://marchofdimes.com/Georgia).
2. **Oreon Mann** announced this month's book club. The book is *People of the Book* by **Geraldine Brooks**, hosted by **Cathy Jamison** at 805-B Edgewood Ave., Wednesday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish.
3. This month's Porch Party will be on Saturday, November 1, at the home of **Betty Ridderhoff**, 167 Elizabeth St. Porch parties are a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Bring a drink and a dish to share.
4. **Bill Munro**, manager of the Ponce de Leon public library, distributed a fact sheet on the \$275 million Bond Referendum for capital improvements to the Atlanta-Fulton County Library System. These improvements include building eight new libraries, renovating 23 existing libraries, and expanding two additional libraries. The goal is to have libraries available for everyone and anyone. For more information go to [afplweb.com](http://afplweb.com).

## POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

**Sgt. Brent Schierbaum**, head of Inman Park Security Patrol, and **Lt. Trudy Boyce**, representing Zone 6 of APD, were in attendance. **Bill Hagan** reminded everyone to look at the Standard Operating Procedures for the Inman Park Security Patrol in this month's *Advocator*. This is a living document, and in it you can see the goals and accomplishments of the Security Patrol. **Sgt. Schierbaum** highlighted two crime trends: three pedestrian robberies and multiple home burglaries (Inman Mews and Brickworks). The Security Patrol is working with Zone 6 officers on these trends including conducting stake-outs. They have suspects in the pedestrian robberies. These robberies involved a stolen car and thieves wearing ski masks. They are targeting people leaving bars so be careful.

**Sgt. Schierbaum** also thanked **Lou Arcangeli** for taking the picture of **Anthony Lindsey**. The Security Patrol used that picture to look for him. He was arrested breaking into a car so he's back in jail again. **Lt. Boyce** pointed out that once he was arrested the crime at Montag Circle and Inman Village Parkway sharply declined. This is a great example of community policing. If you saw the patrol car at **Roger Jordan's** garage, it was because the car was broken down. However, the Security Patrol continued their work with officers using their own cars.

**Sgt. Schierbaum** again invited people to ride with him while he's on patrol. Two people are scheduled already. Just call him if you want to schedule a ride. **Lisa Burnette** mentioned that she's going to do a ride-along and include her experience in the blog at [inmanpark.org](http://inmanpark.org).

Several neighbors warned of a scam where college-age students come to your door inquiring about your security system, offering a free upgrade. If they contact you, call the police or security patrol. Remember, most daylight burglaries start with a knock on the door. **Sgt. Schierbaum** also emphasized the importance of photographing and writing down all the serial numbers on your electronic items. If they are stolen and you don't have the serial numbers, there is no way for them to be returned to you if found. **Lou Arcangeli** said he has a photo of his business card in his digital camera in case it gets lost or stolen. Also to program your home address into your GPS which would help the police to return it to you.

**Lt. Boyce** shared the new program addressing alternatives to panhandling. It's called "Give Change that Makes Sense". Last week **Debi Starnes**, **Lt. Boyce**, and Gateway workers went to L5P and managed to get two people off the street and into the Gateway Center. They also talked to **Copper John** about a program for him. **Lt. Boyce** shared some information about Operation Green Lantern in Zone 6. APD units including Red Dog, vice, narcotics, and auto theft are all targeting drug houses that are also used for fencing merchandise. **Bill Hagan** shared the news that **Lt. Boyce** will retire soon to begin a second career as a novelist and wished her well.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

**Jay Tribby**, chief of staff for **Kwanza Hall**, (phone number is 404-330-6038 and e-mail is [khall@atlantaga.gov](mailto:khall@atlantaga.gov)) reported on today's groundbreaking for the 30+ acre Old Fourth Ward Park. He said it was a great ceremony, with VIP's to validate the event. The investment the City has put in the Old Fourth Ward has a big, positive impact on public safety issues for Poncey-Highlands, Downtown, and Inman Park. He announced a massive clean-up for the northeast corridor of The Beltline on November 8, 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Sign up at [keepatlantabeautiful.org](http://keepatlantabeautiful.org). Masquerade will host lunch afterwards. Kwanza is working with **Commissioner of Public Works Joe Basista** and **Danny Feig-Sandoval** about pavers. The City wants to change size and shape of pavers. They are working to fight this. **Major Deborah Williams** with APD will be here next month to talk about liquor license questions.

## IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

### ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans

1. Drew had nothing to report.
2. **Jonathan Miller** reported that **Adam Stillman's** two variances were approved at NPU. He had nothing more to report.

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

Chuck Clarke introduced **Ria Pell** who is applying for a UDC Certificate of Appropriateness for a renovation at 753 Edgewood Ave. (formerly the 11:11 Teahouse space). An immediate neighbor's meeting was held last night. Since Ria was out of town and her business partner did not bring the drawings, Chuck asked for a no-vote. He asked IPNA for a vote of support for the application with a stipulation of immediate neighbors' approval. Discussion ensued about the protocol of immediate neighbors' meetings because some neighbors were not informed. Chuck said he sends flyers to neighbors within a 300-foot radius of the property. Again, neighbors were upset because they had not received the flyers and felt they were within that radius. **Sandy Hoke** suggested posting it on the Yahoo Group in addition to flyers. **Judy Clements** said that historically we've been generous with the 300-foot rule to ensure anyone who may be impacted can be part of the meeting.

Another question was raised as to the requirement for people applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness to attend the IPNA meeting. **Lisa Burnette** said that attendance is not required. Chuck Clarke, in fact, approached Ria Pell because it's better for the neighborhood to hear about these changes firsthand. Attendance would be required if someone were asking for a zoning variance.

Ria Pell shared the plans for the building. This will be presented to the UDC. They are not changing the footprint of the building as they want to repair and preserve the current look. They want to hide the infrastructure (mechanics, vents) inside the building so they are not visible from the outside; and put a roof over the courtyard to limit sound. She wants to work within historic guidelines and minimize the impact on the neighborhood. The zoning is for residential/limited commercial so restaurants are allowed. They have parking on-site and will rent parking from the Inman Park Preschool. Much discussion ensued about requirements for liquor licenses and permits. Ria assured all that she was on top of all the issues. **Oreon Mann** made a motion to support the UDC Certificate of Appropriateness contingent on the immediate neighbor support. Motion was seconded and approved.

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

Nothing to report.

**CO-TREASURERS: Megan and Trevor Wilson**

**1. Megan** provided the regular expenditure report:

- A. \$9,029 for two weeks of bi-weekly security patrol..
- B. \$50 for babysitters during IPNA.
- C. \$67 for Arboguard (part of Beautification budget).
- D. \$15 for Intown Business Center.
- E. \$550 for Samaritan House Clean Street Team.
- F. \$980 for DC Landscapes.

**2.** She asked for approval for \$1,180 for Security Patrol ID cards. Motion was made, seconded, and approved.

**3. Annie Nixon** with Keep Atlanta Beautiful talked about sponsorship of the clearing of litter and kudzu for the Beltline. She asked for \$1,000. Motion was made to take this money from the remainder of the 2008 beautification budget. Motion was seconded and approved.

**4. Megan** requested all checks and invoices for IPNA be submitted before 10/31 so the 2007/2008 budget can be closed out.

**5. Megan** asked for approval of the 2008/ 2009 budget. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

**6. Lisa Burnette** opened the discussion about increasing IPNA membership dues. Currently dues are \$5, set in the 1970s. Five dollars in today's economy would be approximately \$28. Last year membership dues contributed \$3,000 to the budget. If we raised the dues to \$25, we would get an additional \$12,000 in our budget. Why would we want to increase dues?

- A. in case of bad weather at Festival which would result in lower revenue;
- B. to work on bigger projects we don't have money for in a single fiscal year; and
- C. to encourage membership; many people don't want to bother making out a \$5 check

How would this money be allocated? Lisa said the first step would be to amend the By-Laws to increase dues and then we could have the discussion about how to budget it. **Pat Westrick** suggested keeping the dues the same but having an option to send another tax-deductible donation to Friends of Inman Park (FOIP), the neighborhood's charity organization. **Sandy Hoke** said to remember money at FOIP does not necessarily support the same things as the IPNA budget does. **George Gary** suggested some of the money above and beyond \$5 could go to the Security Patrol. **Melissa Miller** wanted to keep it inclusive with \$5 but have the option to give more if you want. Lisa Burnette said we'll have further discussion and will plan to vote in early 2009. Please continue to send her comments about this issue.

**PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette**

Nothing to report.

**SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa**

Nothing to report.

**PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman**

Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Nick Franz's** overview of the property taxes was moved to next month. Lisa Burnette will put his overview on the website. Nick will be available at next month's meeting to handle Q&A. Lisa apologized for having to change his presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The next IPNA meeting will be November 19 at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made to adjourn. Lisa adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

## PENNY HARVEST

By Lindsay Wyczalkowski, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Mary Lin

As a teacher, I am always looking for inspiration. Sometimes (well, most of the time) I try to imagine that I am working for a greater purpose than myself. Planting a seed in a child's mind that might germinate and grow into a really wonderful idea — that's what gets me up in the morning.

In my teaching, I utilize gardening not only to allow my students to experiment with life science, but as a metaphor, which illustrates that if you care for, believe in, and put constant attention and effort toward an idea, that idea may one day become the ideal of altruism, compassion, and love — all of which take time, hard work, and patience.

Maybe this is why I got so involved in the Penny Harvest last year at Lin. The Penny Harvest is a program where students learn about community issues, collect pennies, and form a round table of students to turn pennies into grants. Those students decide which local organizations the money goes to in order to help combat those issues. Students learn what we, as adults, sometimes overlook - that every day they make decisions which define who they are in their community.

What I didn't expect was that the work we did with Penny Harvest last year would come back to Mary Lin full circle. It all began with a parent of one of the students in my class, **Annis Barry**. After volunteering with my class's various gardening projects and Mary Lin's Habitat clean-up, she began to ask around at local organizations for donations of native plants and trees on my behalf. Fortunately, last year's Penny Harvest Student Leaders had granted Trees Atlanta \$400 to help preserve, maintain, and renew Atlanta's tree canopy. As I found myself listening to this wonderfully passionate tree man, **Robby Astrove**, offer us ten trees this year, I imagined them blossoming, fruiting, and living in our neighborhood long after all of us are gone. Thanks to Trees Atlanta and our Penny Harvesters, every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will now be able to plant two trees for the whole community to enjoy! I found my inspiration and it came from others who wanted to grow and plant ideas (and trees), just like me. The end result is that this idealistic, overzealous 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher will be planting, mulching, and watering trees along with new seeds of possibility for children.

*(The Penny Harvest is the largest curriculum-based child philanthropy project in the U.S, now in its second year at Mary Lin Elementary School. Students collect pennies to learn how to grant funds to areas of their community they want to improve. Last year, Mary Lin's young philanthropists made grants to help Atlanta with homelessness, hunger, trees, water, and wildlife conservation, and breast cancer, just to name a few. Please support these amazing children as they enter into their second exciting Penny Harvest. To learn more visit [www.commoncents.org](http://www.commoncents.org) or contact us at [www.pennyharvest@marylin.elementary.com](mailto:www.pennyharvest@marylin.elementary.com))*

## "ON CIVILITY, INCIVILITY, AND PUBLIC SAFETY"

By Bill Hagan

I write this on Election Day, waiting for **Betty Ridderhoff's** e-mail or call— "**Bill**, WHERE is your article?!" I can almost hear her tapping her foot impatiently. ☺ And, *Happy Birthday, Betty*; what a great thing it was to share in that celebration at the porch party at your home. OK, I know; back to work. Yes, Ma'am.

What a magnificent thing an election is, especially a presidential election, when you see—indeed, almost feel—the voting process in action. I was inspired, too, by the advanced-voting system. I voted at Welcome All Park, and the efficiency was impressive, but the air of civility was almost palpable. It doesn't matter at all for whom you vote ... our way sure beats tanks in the streets! What a great country.

I wasn't smart enough, however, to bring a book along to the polls, and I was at first annoyed at myself over that oversight. But, those two hours in line were a gift that allowed me to watch and think and reflect. Among the subjects that always come to my mind is public safety in Inman Park.

Public safety isn't all about crime, cops, and robbers, though the celebrated incidents get most of our attention, as well they should. Instead, as most of you have heard me say, *ad nauseum*, at the heart of community-policing doctrine is the classic example of how something as small as a broken window will, if ignored, cause far more dangerous conditions. At the other, more violent end of the spectrum, recent robberies on North Highland Avenue and adjacent streets have all of us understandably nervous. The APD and our own Security Patrol are aggressively working leads, but until they make arrests, be aware that there are dangerous perps who prey on late-night restaurant goers. So, as the inimitable **Sergeant Esterhaus** always said (at least in the old "**Hill Street Blues**" TV show) ... "Let's Be Careful Out There."

In the meantime, we all know that little things matter, too, and matter lots. I was reminded of that when I read my favorite sailor's post on the neighborhood board. <[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/inmanpark\\_ga/message/4213](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/inmanpark_ga/message/4213)> **Admiral William O. "Dusty" Miller** told of his and **Jane's** pleasure at seeing so many children trick-or-treating on Elizabeth Street on Halloween. It was great and true to read his line: "Inman Park has become once again a family neighborhood. We have been here, now, for 30 years, and things just continue to get better and better." The **Millers** are part of the reason that things are better in Inman Park, of course, and it's good to know they are now seeing the improvements that come from their efforts and those of others here over the years.

Kathi and I, living as we do near Inman Mews and Inman Walk, are less surprised at the increased number of young children in the neighborhood, as something is evidently in the water up there! It is a fine thing, though, when families can walk our streets at night and not fear for their safety. Adding to the sense of security—and to the fun—was **Sgt. Brent Schierbaum** and his sidekick-for-the-night, **Lou Arcangeli**, who had a great time handing out candy from the Inman Park Patrol car. Such pleasant events always remind me of Lorenzetti's Renaissance work, *The Allegory of Good Government*. Ah, but you also know that there was an unhappy corollary, that of the effects of "bad government," and it had its representation here that same Halloween night.

After all the costumed-children and their parents who walked Elizabeth Street were in bed (many possibly wide awake with sugar highs or aching tummies), another sort of reveler descended on Inman Park. A certain Inman Park restaurateur and resident (whom I shall not name in this month's column, anyway) *was a bad neighbor*, at least on this night when he made it impossible for anyone nearby to sleep with a thoughtlessly loud and raucous party at his home on Spruce Street. Whatever his intentions, the reality was a sleepless fiasco for neighbors. The last "guest" noisily left about 5:00 a.m. the next day, with the hours between midnight and that time frequently punctuated by loud music, firecrackers, intoxicated and noisy guests roaming the streets looking for their cars; some visitors loudly cursed residents for calling the police and "ruining" their party by calling 911. In my opinion, we were all too patient, and should have called much sooner.

I have been told that this resident had an off-duty APD officer "working" the event. Well, if so, shame on that officer; I'll follow up with APD on that. This was an orgy for the self-centered, and should have been self-controlled or shut down sooner. The next morning, Spruce Street was littered from DeKalb Avenue to its tee at Dixie Avenue, and Edgewood Avenue and Dixie Avenue, too, were covered

with the leavings of these rowdy and rude partygoers, who dropped or threw down cups, bottles, and all sorts of trash. Neighbors were out picking up litter, but I am unaware of our restaurant-owning resident bussing anything except the tables set up in his own yard.

Now, I am sure that this resident is a fine fellow, as after all, he rides an Italian motorcycle, albeit not a Moto Guzzi! But, he and others who have parties or other large public events need to be more considerate of others. It would also be “nice” if he showed community spirit in other constructive ways by, e.g., joining the Security Patrol as a resident and business owner.

So, if you are reading this, my neighbor and Italian-moto-loving friend, you can send your check for your home membership, payable to the “Inman Park Neighborhood Association,” to IPNA, 167 Elizabeth Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307; to include your (great) restaurants, go to the IPNA website at: <<http://www.inmanpark.org/>> then follow the public safety links. We look forward to your being part of the home team.

A number of folks have called or e-mailed me about the Security Patrol Standard Operating Procedures “SOP” that appeared last month. Many thanks to those who looked it over and gave me the feedback. No one had any criticisms or suggestions, so I view that document as the governing rules for Security Patrol operations until we run into issues that justify a relook. **Sgt. Schierbaum** and his officers are understandably proud of their accomplishments in the “new & improved” Security Patrol. As you may see elsewhere in this month’s *Advocator* [see Page 8], the car doesn’t just patrol, it carries perps downtown. In fact, Security Patrol officers made their first felony arrest last month, a milestone worth marking. Crime is serious business, and we are serious about stopping it.

Finally, remember to wave at the Security Patrol (and APD, too) officers when you see them on our streets. By saying hello and supporting their work, you are making what **Dusty** and **Jane** said be as true for the next 30 years: “... and things just continue to get better and better.” (*Editor’s Note: Bill, I opened my e-mail and was ready to blast you, but your article was there. Thanks.*)

## INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL ACTIVITY OCTOBER 2008

*Provided by Sgt. Brent Schierbaum, APD  
Director, Inman Park Patrol*

DESCRIPTION	NO.
Directed Patrols	283
Park & Walks / Drop Ins	158
Suspicious Person	37
Alarm Calls	16
Suspicious Vehicle	11
Pedestrian Robberies	4
Traffic Violation	4
Noise Complaint	4
Roadway/Sidewalk Obstruction	4
Information for Officer	4
Theft	3
Fight/Disturbance	3
Fight/Disturbance	3
Animal Call	2
Injured Person	2
Public Indecency	2
Parking Violation	2
Intoxicated Person	1
911 Hang-Up Call	1
Vehicle Accident	1
Open Door	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Gun Shots Fired	1

Abandoned Vehicle	1
<b>ARRESTS:</b> 1 - Drug Possession (Felony) 1 - Public Alcohol Consumption 1 - Theft 1 - Pedestrian in Roadway 1 - Wanted on Warrant 1 - Urinating in Public	6
<b>TRAFFIC CITATION:</b> 1 - Failure to Stop at Stop Sign 1 - Improper Parking	2
<b>FIELD INTERVIEWS</b>	12
<b>ASSOCIATION MEMBER CONTACTS</b>	20

## 2008 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

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

### 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

*Book Thief* By **Markus Zusak**  
Hosted by **Patty McGuigan-Robinson**  
814 Virgil Ave.

#### FEBRUARY 25

*Them* By **Nathan McCall**  
Hosted by **Eleanor Matthews**  
100 Waverly Way

#### MARCH 25

*March* by **Geraldine Brooks**  
Hosted by **Sarah Kirk**  
61 Waddell

#### APRIL

**NO BOOK! VOLUNTEER FOR FESTIVAL**

#### MAY 21

*Thirteenth Tale* by **Diane Setterfield**

#### JUNE 24

*The Double Bind* by **Chris Benjamin**

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

**WRFG'S 16TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION INMAN PARK TROLLEY BARN  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2007 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

*By Sandra Heartfield*

Live music by **Scott and Janna** with *Standard Deviation* playing the best of jazz/blues – and other favorite musicians – will provide great entertainment while the supporters of Atlanta's only community radio station WRFG (89.3FM) enjoy food delicacies including Cajun, Caribbean, Cuban, Barbeque, and Vegetarian while holiday shopping at the Inman Park Trolley Barn on Sunday, December 7, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The \$15 ticket covers admission, music, and all food and beverages provided by local restaurants and chefs – a great party to celebrate the Holiday Season!

The first WRFG Silent Auction held at the Trolley Barn 16 years ago was the kick-off fundraising event to raise money to increase its broadcast power to 100,000 watts. Thirty-five years ago WRFG started broadcasting at 10 watts *right here in In-man Park!* Now the station reaches an audience throughout a 75-mile radius of the City offering progressive information and music programming not found elsewhere in Georgia – and rarely in the states! Many of our Inman Park neighbors helped make this possible! Thank you!

The WRFG Silent Auction is a great party and fun way to shop for the holidays. It features unique, yet inexpensive, items including original art contributed by local and international artists. Over 100 restaurants, retail stores, and service gift certificates are especially popular. The tables overflowing with \$5 and \$10 items ideal for stocking stuffers and special gifts are great. With the economy as it is, the Silent Auction is a great way to bargain shop, support WRFG, and enjoy a fabulous party at the same time! Many people come just to enjoy the great music, food and fun afternoon with friends!

Located in the Little Five Points Community Center at 1083 Austin Ave., WRFG 89.3 has been an eclectic and vibrant intown neighbor for 35 years.

From its beginning WRFG broadcast music genres such as bluegrass, blues, and jazz that were in danger of losing a radio voice and it introduced Reggae, African, Caribbean, Spanish, and other World Music to the Atlanta audience. WRFG consistently presents an alternative analysis of public affairs, both local and national, including a regular broadcast of *Democracy Now*. It has preserved vital oral histories such as its Living Atlanta project.

Each year many of WRFG's neighbors in Inman Park contribute talents, services, and other auction items. Look through those gifts that never quite made it out of the closet – donate services, art, vintage pieces you have tired of. WRFG especially needs contributions of weekend/week getaways to replace several lost from loyal contributors who moved away. All contributions go to support your local community radio station. Tax deductible contribution forms are available.

Call **Sandra Heartfield** at 404-523- 8633 or cell phone 404-513-1341 or call WRFG at 404-523-3471 (M-F 10-6).

Support *YOUR* Community Radio Station WRFG 89.3FM. Join Us for an Afternoon of Fabulous Live Music and The Best Party in Town.

Sunday December 7, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Inman Park Trolley Barn.

Bidding Ends Exactly at 7:00 p.m.

**INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR OCTOBER 2008**

*By Greg Scott*

Below is a summary of October'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.

We have seen a big drop in the amount of car break-ins and burglaries. A disturbing trend, however, is the increase in armed robberies city wide. Luckily, no one was injured in the six reported in Inman Park, but it serves as a reminder that with the current state of the economy, criminals are taking a lot more chances. Always be aware of your surroundings, and if you are out late at night, consider taking a taxi or calling for a ride even if it's just a short walk. The criminals are targeting people leaving bars late at night.

Also on the rise throughout the City are the number of flat panel TV's taken during burglaries – typically snatch and grab type crimes. Law enforcement seems to think that the change over from analog to digital signal taking place in February has caused these items to increase in value on the street. If you have a large plasma TV, try to avoid having it in an area visible from the outside of your house, and look into the possibility of locking it down.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
9/12-9/28	2 week time frame	Theft	1100 Block Alta Ave.	Wedding band and engagement ring taken from medicine cabinet in house for sale. Realtors have been bringing in potential buyers.
9/27	5:00 p.m.	Theft	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Wedding band missing from victim's bedroom. Cleaning service suspected.
9/27-9/29	2 day time frame	Theft from Auto	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Driver's side door handle pried off. Stolen: iPod.
10/3	12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Theft	300 Block Sinclair Ave.	Copper downspout taken from house.
10/3	10:45 p.m.	Robbery	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Male and Female victims were crossing the street when a brown Suburban blocked their path. Passenger (b/m 18-25, dark colored ball cap) leaned out of the window, produced a silver handgun, and demanded their property. Stolen: Wallet, purse, and two cell phones. Suspects fled down Alta Ave.
10/5	11:45 a.m.	Theft from Auto	800 Block Inman Village Pkwy	Victim saw suspect entering victim's vehicle. Police apprehended suspect. Stolen and recovered: iPod, GPS, sun-

				glasses, and credit cards. No sign of forced entry. Victim may have left car unlocked.
10/8	10:30 p.m.	Robbery	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Victims were walking on North Highland Ave. when approached by suspect with silver revolver. Victims were forced to a vehicle in a parking lot where three other suspects searched them and took their property (wallets and cell phones). Suspects fled in silver Chevy SUV, possible tag GA # 666SB
10/8	10:30 p.m.	Robbery	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Victims were approached by suspects in Silver Chevy SUV, partial tag #666. Suspect pointed a silver revolver at victims while other suspects patted them down. Stolen: Cell phone, wallet and keys. Suspects fled in vehicle
10/8	10:40 p.m.	Robbery	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Suspects drove past victims in a Silver SUV, stopped and one suspect pointed a silver revolver at victims while other suspects took victim's wallet.
10/10	8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	Washita Ave. @ Euclid Ave.	Passenger window smashed. Stolen: iPods and in-dash stereo.
10/11	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Passenger window smashed, iPod and iPod charger stolen.
10/11	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear vent window smashed. Stolen: iPod, GPS.
10/13	11:30 a.m.	Auto Theft	900 Block Dekalb Ave.	Vehicle stolen after being left with keys in the ignition.
10/13	11:45 p.m.	Robbery	200 Block Elizabeth St.	Victims were approached by suspect with a gun while exiting their vehicle. Cash, purse and military ID taken. Suspect walked up street and fled in a dark colored vehicle.
10/18	4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Auto Theft	1000 Block Alta Ave.	Vehicle stolen after being parked on street.
10/18	1:45 a.m.	Robbery	300 Block Sinclair Ave.	2 victims were walking home when approached by suspect (b/m, 5'10", 225 lbs) who gestured that he had a weapon in his pocket. Suspect took victim's wallet and cell phone and told victims to turn around and walk away. Immediately before the incident a light blue Cadillac -type car was seen in the vicinity occupied by 2 black males.
10/19	12:00 a.m.	Assault	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Police responded to a call and found 40 people fighting in the street. Two victims had been hit with beer bottles and were taken to Grady. Two suspects were apprehended.
10/20	2:30 p.m.	Theft	1100 Block Colquitt Ave.	Suspect was seen taking a cooler off of front porch after ringing doorbell.
10/20-10/21	1 day time frame	Auto Theft	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Car taken from parking lot.
10/21	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Block Elizabeth St.	Passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop.
10/23	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Auto theft	Carter Center	Car stolen from parking lot.
10/24	3:00 p.m.	Auto Theft	700 Block Inman Mews Dr.	Victim witnessed her car being towed from the location. No record of impound.
10/24	Overnight	Theft	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Victim met suspect in a bar and allowed them to stay overnight. In the morning suspect, victim's computer, wallet, keys, and vehicle were gone.
10/24	10:00 p.m.	Theft	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim states that his girlfriend took \$4,100 cash and car keys from him after an argument.
10/25	8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Burglary	700 Block Lake Ave.	Back door of residence kicked in. Stolen: laptop, MP3 player and 42" plasma TV.

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](http://www.yahoo.com), click on "Groups" and type "inmanparkga" in the "search groups" box. After you click on the group URL just click on "join this group" and follow the instructions.  
-To subscribe to the inmanpark.org mailing list, go to [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org) and click on "Subscribe". Fill out the form and click on "subscribe."

## ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

*By Chuck Clarke, Vice-President for Historic Preservation*

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

UPCOMING AUDC DEADLINES	HEARING	APPLICATIONS DUE	
	DATE	Type II	Type III/IV
	Dec. 10	Nov. 24	Nov. 17
Dec. 24	tbd	tbd	
Jan. 14	tbd	tbd	

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

- **753 Edgewood Ave. – approved with comments-** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-355) to allow a new addition and other renovations.
- **333 Atlantis Ave. – deferred -** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-335) to allow the construction of a new single-family dwelling.
- **337 Atlantis Ave. – deferred -** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-336) to allow the construction of a new single-family dwelling.

**Applications Scheduled for This Month:**

- **90 Elizabeth St. -** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-369) for a variance to allow parking in the front yard; and an Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-370) to allow improvements to parking area, driveway and new fence.

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

- None.

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

**IPNA Would Like to  
Thank All Our 2008  
“PORCH PARTY-ICIPANTS”  
for the Use of Their Wonderful Porches!**

**Melissa Miller & Thom Abelew  
Cathy & Bo Bradshaw  
Patty McGuigan & Michael Robinson Kristine & Bob Sandage  
Karen Goeckel & Bill Goodman  
Karen & Ken Taber  
Kara & Chris Coffee  
Betty Ridderhoff**

**Watch for the Announcement of the  
Next Porch Party in the  
February, 2009, *Advocator!***

**WANT TO SEE YOUR NAME  
IN THIS SPACE NEXT YEAR?**

**Volunteer to Hold a Porch Party -- It's Easy & Fun!  
Just Call Richard or Pat Westrick      404-523-4801**

# ***Celebrate the Holidays in Inman Park***

*Join your neighbors at Inman Park United Methodist Church  
for an entire season of special events.*

## ***“Christmas Stitches”***

***Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.***

*Join your neighbors as we weave a tapestry of quilt stories, lyrical dance, and seasonal music  
to celebrate this special time of year. You won't want to miss this exciting production!*

***Dessert and Wassail*** will be served in the Community Room following the concert.

## ***Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***

***December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M.***

*Bask in the glow of the season close to home.*

## ***Lessons and Carols Service***

***December 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:55 A.M.***

*Celebrate the story of Christmas with words and music.*

## ***Inman Park United Methodist Church***

*1015 Edgewood Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30307  
404-522-9322*

### ***THE END***

*By Diane Floyd*

After cooking meals to be served prior to the monthly neighborhood meetings for 8 years, **I have decided to stop.**

Each meal took about one week out of my month, between shopping, cooking, serving, cleaning up, and recovering, and only earned the church about \$100 per month, not including any cost for my time, my utilities, and my car expenses. It was a labor of love and, unfortunately, my life has gotten too hectic for THAT much love!

For years I have promised a cookbook and I hope to start working on it again next year. I have enjoyed the experience and I hope you have too!

*(Editor's Note: Thanks Diane for all the years of devotion you have given to the Church and the neighborhood. You are loved and appreciated by your neighbors.)*

## INMAN PARK DINERS 2009

By Karen Mebius

In 2007 we started a neighborhood dinner group, called the **Inman Diners**. At that time we started out with 25 members and this year the group has grown to 65 members, who are divided into five separate groups.

It works like this: After people sign up, they are divided into groups of between 10 and 14 people. Each group gets together for dinner five times over the course of the calendar year, once every two months, starting in March. The more people who participate, the more groups we can form. From year to year we will mix up the groups. It's a great way to get to know more neighbors; and because you meet several times in a relatively small group over dinner, you get to know each other pretty well.

I will host a Kick-Off Party in January for all participants to announce the makeup of each group. At that time the group members decide who will host which dinner and other details. At the end of the year there will be a *Dessert and Champagne Party* for all participants.

The regular group dinners are held at the host's home, and he or she gets to pick the menu. Some people like to do a theme, but that is not at all necessary. After checking how many members will be able to make it to a particular dinner, the host (ess) e-mails everybody the list of dishes he or she is planning on having and everybody chooses one to make at home and bring along to the dinner. The recipes can be included as well.

Singles are very welcome to join by the way. Sometimes people team up to host a particular dinner. In general the host will provide the "center piece" (meat/fish/ vegetarian) dish of the menu.

One thing to remember is that this is not a cooking contest, and you don't need to own a formal dining table that sits 14 people. A buffet can be a lot of fun and so would grilling out in the yard. The only aim is to get to know the people in your neighborhood and have a good time!

If you have children, let me know their ages so I can hook you up with other parents in order to share a babysitter for instance.

In conclusion, if you are interested or if you'd like to know more, please contact me. I'd love to hear from you.

**Karen Mebius**

860 Euclid Ave.

Phone: 404-584-0355.

E-mail: [karinmebius@gmail.com](mailto:karinmebius@gmail.com).

### **YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE INMAN DINERS IN 2009.**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren), aged: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send to Karin Mebius, 860 Euclid Avenue,  
or e-mail me at: [karinmebius@gmail.com](mailto:karinmebius@gmail.com)**

### **NPU-N UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2008**

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

Last month's NPU-N meeting did not draw a quorum of the Board, so no business was done. This was the first time in the several years I have been on the Board that this has happened.

Before getting angry, I had to remember that the members of the Board are volunteers. Travel, illness, family, and just plain life happen. We can't make it to all the meetings. All we can do is the best we can. And we do pretty well.

Just look at how the IPNA Board, the Festival Committee, and all the other committees handle Inman Park's business; a minimum of fuss, a modicum of decorum, a whole lot of insight and creativity, and an appreciation for everyone's point of view. Keep it up.

So I take a month off and stuff happens at City Council! Ordinances were approved and proposed ordinances were introduced. You can't take your eyes off them for a moment. And yet other things on the list below are still there after years.

What's that about? Well, you know what they say about making sausage: it's much like making laws except that the result tastes better (or something like that). Take a glance at the new items below to see if anything affects you. And thanks again for allowing me to represent you.

Although I will only be a backup representative for IPNA next year, I anticipate being re-elected as NPU-N's Chair so I will continue to watch out for our interests (and write this scintillating column!).

ORDINANCE NO. (ZRB NO.)	DESCRIPTION	COMM. *	STATUS (AS OF NOV. 2, 2008)
You can view all current proposed legislation at: <a href="http://apps.atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/2008/fcall1103.htm">http://apps.atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/2008/fcall1103.htm</a>			
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. See: <a href="http://aoos.atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/2008/images/proposed/07O0078.pdf">http://aoos.atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/2008/images/proposed/07O0078.pdf</a>	PS	Revised by C.C. in Jan 2007; held in committee; sent back to NPU.
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 Belt-Line Planning Area.	ZN	Pending before ZRB (may have to be rewritten) [?]
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 Dept. (probably moot because fee tacked onto a recently-enacted ordinance – see 08-O-0744).
07-O-1521	Outdoor dining areas regulations. See: <a href="http://atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/2008/images/proposed/07O1521.pdf">Http://atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/2008/images/proposed/07O1521.pdf</a>	UT	Held in committee.
07-O-1522	Revise dog restraint requirements.	PS	Held 7/31/07 at the request of the author for further review.
07-O-1795	Regulate the transportation of hazardous materials through he City.	PS	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-0824	<i>Impose a Day-Time Curfew on minors, ages six to 16 years.</i>	PS	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-0831	<i>Require two-thirds of City Council to approve Ordinance to increase taxes.</i>	FE	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-0833 and	<i>Require two-thirds of City Council to approve Ordinance to increase fees etc.</i>	FE	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-0834	Increase/add fees for use of city parks and recreation centers.	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. on Aug 18; approved by Mayor on Aug. 26.</i>
08-O-0877	<i>Initiate Volume-Based Billing Collection Program for Solid Waste Services.</i>	UT	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-1215	<i>Create new category of Alcoholic Beverage License for Community Theatres and exempt them from distance requirements</i>	PS	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-1230	Amend budget to re-open and maintain Atlanta Fire Station No. 7.	FE	Adopted by C.C. on Aug. 18; vetoed by Mayor on Aug. 26; <i>veto overridden by C.C. on Sept. 2.</i>
08-O-1540	<i>Call special election concerning \$40,000 homestead exemption for those older than 65 or whose income is less than \$40,000.</i>	FE	<i>Adopted by C.C.</i>
08-O-1563	<i>Call special elections to raise homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$30,000 over three years for school board taxes.</i>	FE	<i>Adopted by C.C.</i>
0-80-1564	<i>Call special elections to raise homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$30,000 over three years for Atlanta City taxes.</i>	FE	<i>Adopted by C.C.</i>
0-80-1565	Adopt the 2009-2013 City of Atlanta Capital Improvements Program.	CD	<i>Vote planned for Nov. 3.</i>
08-O-1571	Adopt Old Fourth Ward Redevelopment Plan Update into the 2008 ASAP.	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. on Sept. 15; Approved by Mayor on Sept. 23.</i>
08-O-1572	<i>Revise procedures for approval of liquor licenses.</i>	PS	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-1676	Name new park near City Hall East, the “Historic Fourth Ward Park.	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. on Sept. 2; Approved by Mayor on Sept. 8.</i>
08-R-1695	Resolution to authorize an audit of the Arborist Division of Bureau of Buildings.	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. on Sept. 2; Approved by operation of law.</i>
08-O-1792	<i>Notify affected NPUs when police or fire facility is to be decommissioned or closed.</i>	CD	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-2021	Approve FY 2009 budget.	FE	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-2030	<i>Notify affected NPUs when streets are to be closed for festivals or repairs.</i>	CD	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-2136	<i>Graffiti abatement.</i>	PS	<i>Vote planned for Nov. 3.</i>
08-O-2146	<i>Purchase property to expand Lake Claire Park.</i>	FE	<i>Vote planned for Nov. 3 (consent agenda).</i>
08-R-2153	<i>Authorize City Auditor to hire outside firm to audit Dept. of Watershed Management.</i>	FE	<i>Vote planned for Nov. 3(consent agenda).</i>
08-O-2059	<i>Amend housing code related to junked vehicles, weeds, rubbish, litter etc.</i>	CD	<i>To be introduced Nov. 3.</i>
08-O-2071	<i>Creating new PD zoning district, entitled</i>	ZN	<i>To be introduced Nov. 3.</i>

# a tiny little check for a huge, honking, overwhelming pile of money

The Church is developing a plan to bring in major donations

that will resolve our maintenance and restoration issues

once and for all. For more information on how you can

help see the article titled *Gift for the Heart*.

## THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

*By Betty Ridderhoff*

There aren't enough words in the dictionary to properly say 'Thank You' to everyone for the most wonderful birthday I have ever had. I am certain Oreon would also join me in extending this thanks to everyone who came to help us celebrate our special days.

Giving a party is a simple thing. You prepare food trays and set them out for all to enjoy. What *MAKES* a party are the fantastic people who attend it. The warmth and love all of you showed was tremendous, and greatly appreciated. Many neighbors who were unable to come because of other commitments or were out of town sent greetings via e-mail, cards, or stopped by later.

A very, very, special thank you to all of you who contributed to the donation for the Church in my name. What a wonderful, thoughtful, and useful gift to honor someone with. You have unknowingly and graciously fulfilled the 7 Wonders of my life:

1. My dear parents who suffered all the trials and tribulations of raising me.
2. Being married to Bob for 48 ½ years (not bad for the second time around for both of us).
3. Having in-laws who loved me as well as I loved them.
4. My three wonderful children and the love of my three step-children.
5. Many great friends who shared so much with Bob and me.
6. The day we moved into Inman Park.
7. The most memorable 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party filled with the love and kindness of friends whom I dearly love.

*Yes. It really was a great party, thank you!*

## MONTESSORI IN TOWN OPENS A SECOND CAMPUS

*Submitted by Kristine Sandage*

Montessori In Town, an A.M.I. approved school, announces its expansion to a second campus in Grant Park.

Montessori In Town was founded in 2005 by Maureen Walter, a long time Inman Park resident and Montessori educator. It is our mission to serve the diverse in-town-neighborhoods with quality educational opportunities.

Montessori In Town has two primary classrooms at the Poncey-Highland location:

1085 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.

(in the Education Building of Druid Hills Baptist Church).

The Grant Park campus is housed in historic Glen Castle, 750 Glenwood Ave. S.E., occupying a Civil War era former blacksmiths' shop. The blacksmiths' shop has been completely renovated and offers the ideal indoor and outdoor educational environments as outlined by the Montessori pedagogy.

Both campuses serve children from 2 ½ to 6 years of age. Appointments are currently being made for observations and tours as we begin to accept applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

For upcoming open houses and other events, please see our website at [www.montessoriintown.com](http://www.montessoriintown.com). To make an appointment to observe our classrooms, or for additional information, please call 404-784-1038 or e-mail to: [montintown@mindspring.com](mailto:montintown@mindspring.com).

## **GOOD MOVES MOVES!**

*By Carolyn Stine McLaughlin*

Well, I am back (hope you enjoyed the words or our dancers for the last two months, thank you Ben and Grace) and it is time!

The Consort's fall repertory concert, *Food Chain Reaction*, is at 7 Stages, Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23. There are three shows in the weekend--a Children's Matinee on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and two Full Repertory Performances, Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, seniors and working artists. They are available via our website ([www.goodmoves.org](http://www.goodmoves.org)) by phone 404-518-1646 or at the door.

Please take this opportunity to enjoy great dance and support your neighborhood dance company and neighborhood dancers.

You will see:

**Ben Dobbmeyer** as the Cranky Captain and the Prince,

**Grace Dwyer** as a Cavorting Frog and a Petite Killer Queen, and

**Margot McLaughlin** as a Rat and an Assassin.

If this does not whet your appetite, there is a *Buffett Buffet* with tasty treats for all and a side of Mayo.

If you bring some small folks to the Children's Matinee on Saturday morning, you will enjoy Ballet *de Boynton* and *A Prince, A Cyclist and Queen*. Then, as is our tradition, you and yours will join us on the stage for a visit to the *Zoo* or the *Ocean*. I hope you will join us for the show and see why I write so many *Advocator* articles for you to read.

## **A GIFT FOR THE HEART**

*By Carolyn McLaughlin*

Now that Bob Morrison has helped get your attention (Thank you, Bob!). I will now ask you to add someone or really some place to your gift list for this season. I would like you to give a donation to Inman Park United Methodist Church's Historic Structure Report Project.

You might now ask me, what is a Historic Structure Report and why does the Church need one? A Historic Structure Report is an expertly prepared, extensive and detailed survey and plan for the restoration and preservation of a structure. It is a strategic plan for the effective use of restoration and preservation funds and resources. It is also a document that larger foundations and funding organizations look for to show an entity is prepared and committed to use its funds wisely.

As most of you may know, the heart of our community, though a beauty, is a bit rough around the edges. Many of you have already given donations to smooth out some of those edges to restore windows or buy new sections of roof. The commissioning of this document and its completion will take those gifts, add to them and allow us to build on them. It will put the Church in the position to understand what needs to be done next, and it will be a tool to get the funds to get the work done.

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## ***Give the Gift of "Pride for Parents" at Christmas***

*By Diane Floyd*

*In the words of those annoying computer phone calls all of us have been receiving for the last month, "I'm sorry to disturb you and I know you don't want to hear about \_\_\_\_\_ again, but . . .," it's time to talk about Christmas even though it's not actually Thanksgiving yet! However, if you'll indulge me, this will give you the chance to "hit the sales" and "get one of your holiday obligations out of the way early." (Besides the Advocate deadlines don't work out very well if I wait until next month!)*

Each year Inman Park UMC tries to provide help to people in need for Christmas. Again this year we are working with the "Pride for Parents" program. A list of the items that are most needed is at [ww.tfstore.org/prideforparentswishlist](http://ww.tfstore.org/prideforparentswishlist). Gifts should NOT be wrapped.

All donations should be brought to the Church OR contact Mike or Patches Mongeon ([mike\\_mongeon@yahoo.com](mailto:mike_mongeon@yahoo.com) or [patchesbrock@msn.com](mailto:patchesbrock@msn.com)) to arrange a pick-up. The final deadline is the evening of December 17 (the IPNA meeting). We will make sure that everything is delivered to "Pride for Parents."

Founded in 1983, "Pride For Parents" is simple in concept, yet extremely rewarding to both parents and children in need. Children are blessed with a Christmas gift that is *actually* from their parents while parents are blessed with the pride associated with giving gifts to their children. Meanwhile, the program provides a meaningful way for the more fortunate to donate children's gifts during the Christmas

season.

Instead of giving a gift directly to a needy child, donate new and slightly used toys and clothing, for children of all ages, to The Family Store. They sell them - not give them - to working parents who can afford to pay a small price. For those that are unemployed, they provide work in the community paid in vouchers to be used to purchase Christmas gifts at The Family Store. The purchase proceeds will be used to provide training and jobs for community residents who work in the store.

Giving a gift in this manner, perhaps without a child's direct thank you, may be difficult. But listen to your heart. Both the children and the parents thank you for the toys and joys that were given. The overall benefit is far greater than that of simply giving gifts for free (The Family Store is one of two small businesses operated by FCS Community Economic Development. It is a well-respected 501C3 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization whose mission is to provide affordable merchandise, job training and employment opportunities for Atlanta's inner city needy and working poor. Each year we have seasonal campaigns for residents in and around the Grant Park, Summerhill, Ormewood Park, and South Atlanta communities. We provide much needed clothing, school supplies, and miscellaneous household items so that our inner-city residents, especially children, can affordably obtain the tools necessary for becoming employable, good students, and productive citizens.)

## **PROMINENT AUTHORS AND ACTORS PERFORM TO BENEFIT THE ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DURING ECONOMIC CRISIS**

*Press Release By Naretha Timberlake*

*This annual event was formerly known as Writers In Concert. It is returning with more performers.*

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Joshilyn Jackson  
Gordon Danniels

Melissa Fay Greene  
Pearl Cleage  
Eugene H. Russell IV

Trey Best  
Tom Key  
Deborah Calloway Duke

Keena Redding Hunt  
Rob Cleveland  
Alfred Uhry

Taurean Blacque  
Tamara Madison

### **WHAT:**

"WordFeast: Food for the Body and Soul," an annual evening of words, works, and performances by prominent authors, playwrights, and actors returns with a larger cast of performers to help the Food Bank serve those in need during the current economic downturn. The evening features the talent of author, storyteller, actor, comedian, and event emcee Rob Cleveland; Atlanta playwright and playwriting instructor Valetta Anderson (e.g. *Halleluiah Street Blues*); Oprah's Book Club® author, critically acclaimed novelist, poet and playwright Pearl Cleage (e.g. *What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day*); award winning journalist and novelist Melissa Fay Greene (e.g. *Praying for Sheetrock*; *There Is No Me Without You*); novelist and Southern storyteller Joshilyn Jackson (e.g. *Gods in Alabama*; *The Girl Who Stopped Swimming*); writer, poet, performer and teaching artist Tamara Madison; Atlanta playwright, screenwriter, and member of the Fellowship of Southern Writers Alfred Uhry (e.g. *Driving Miss Daisy*; *The Last Night at Ballyhoo*); the original premiere cast of the play "*Halleluiah Street Blues*" including actors Trey Best, Taurean Blacque, Gordon Danniels, Deborah Calloway Duke and Keena Redding Hunt; actor and Executive Artistic Director of Atlanta's Theatrical Outfit Tom Key; Atlanta-born artist, activist and saxophonist Eugene H. Russell IV; and more. A reception, meet and greet, and book signing, sponsored by Caribou Coffee and Charis Books and More, concludes the evening. All proceeds benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

Founded in 1979, the Atlanta Community Food Bank currently distributes almost two million pounds of food and other donated products each month to more than 800 nonprofit partner agencies in 38 Metro Atlanta and North Georgia counties.

**WHEN:** Monday, Dec. 15, 2008,  
at 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Horizon Theatre  
1083 Austin Ave. NE  
Atlanta, GA 30307  
Free parking available.

**ADMISSION:**  
\$15 or 15 cans of canned goods.

## **IMPROV COMEDY AT VILLAGE THEATRE**

*Press Release*

Come see Atlanta's finest improv comedy performers at the brand new Village Theatre! The venue is new, but the actors you have seen before- our amazing talent has graced the stage at Whole World Theatre, The 10 High, and UCB (in NYC).

Our unique brand of improv has taken elements from New York and Chicago and molded it into our own crazy, fun, and hilarious show. Audience participation is encouraged! If you have never experienced one of our live stage shows, it's the best \$10 you will ever spend. Call us to reserve your seats today at 404-688-8858 or e-mail us at [villagecomedy@gmail.com](mailto:villagecomedy@gmail.com).

We are located in the Old Fourth Ward under Lenny's Bar. Check out [www.villagecomedy.com](http://www.villagecomedy.com) for further details.

Shows are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and all are \$10.

If you're interested in more than just watching, The Village Theatre also offers improv classes on an ongoing basis. And last but not least, the theatre is available for private shows and events. It's the perfect spot for a holiday or birthday party!

# REFUGEE FAMILY WISH LIST

By Stephanie McCaa

As we continue the process of helping refugee families, we are finding more items that are needed. New and gently used items are accepted. Please include shopping receipts for anything purchased new. The receipts help RRISA to receive matching grant funds, which helps their families further. Please deliver items to: 156 Waverly Way or call me (404-584-0161):

## Kitchen:

1. Dishes/glassware/silverware
2. Pots/pans/mixing bowls
3. Cooking utensils/knives

## Furniture:

1. Sofas
2. Kitchen or dining room chairs
3. Mattresses (twin/full) – need to be new or almost new with no stains
4. Coffee tables/end tables
5. Night stands
6. Dressers
7. Lamps/lampshades
8. Televisions
9. Alarm clocks
10. Mirrors/hanging artwork

## Cleaning Supplies (New) –

almost any kind of cleaning supplies are welcome:

1. Brooms
2. Mops/buckets
3. Dish soap
4. Sponges
5. All-purpose cleaner
6. Laundry Detergent
7. Paper towels

## School Supplies:

1. Uniforms
2. Backpacks
3. Notebooks
4. Children's scissors
5. Glue sticks
6. Crayons
7. Pencils
8. Erasers

## Linens:

1. Towels
2. Sheets (twin/full)
3. New blankets
4. New pillows

## Personal Items (new)

1. Umbrellas
2. Bar soap
3. Deodorant
4. Shampoo
5. Lotion

**Clothes** (The rule of thumb is that RRISA does not take clothing you would not use yourself including articles that are stained. It depends on how "stained". Use your judgment for adult and children's clothing.):

1. Adult (Men and women's.)
2. Children (All ages including teenagers.)
3. Infant
4. Maternity
5. ALL UNDERWEAR MUST BE NEW
6. Warm coats for all ages.

## Babies/Kids:

1. Toys in clean, good condition
2. Books ( for both children and adults)
3. Highchairs
4. Bibs
5. Baby Gear (for example bouncy seats)
6. Cribs
7. Crib bedding/baby blanket
8. Car seats (if they meet current safety standards)
9. Disposable diapers (various sizes)
10. Baby wipes
11. Baby shampoo
12. Baby wash
13. Baby washcloths
14. Bottles
15. Clean, preferably new or hardly used stuffed animals

*(Editor's Note: RRISA is organizing a sewing program to help the refugee ladies to be productive and earn a living. They are looking for used sewing machines in working condition and/or any new or slightly used accessories (i.e. thread, pins, needles, etc.). Volunteers are also needed to help train the ladies. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact **Tamara Jones** at 404-523-4902.)*

**IPNA Would Like to Thank All Our 2008  
"PORCH PARTY-ICIPANTS"**

**for the Use of Their Wonderful Porches!**

Melissa Miller & Thom Abelew                      Cathy & Bo Bradshaw  
Patty McGuigan & Michael Robinson      Kristine & Bob Sandage  
Karen Goeckel & Bill Goodman                      Karen & Ken Taber  
Kara & Chris Coffee                                      Betty Ridderhoff

Watch for the Announcement of the

Next Porch Party in the

February, 2009, *Advocator!*

**WANT TO SEE YOUR NAME**

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**INMAN PARK DINERS 2009**

*By Karin Mebius*

In 2007 we started a neighborhood dinner group, called the **Inman Diners**. At that time we started out with 25 members and this year the group has grown to 65 members, who are divided into five separate groups.

It works like this: After people sign up, they are divided into groups of between 10 and 14 people. Each group gets together for dinner five times over the course of the calendar year, once every two months, starting in March. The more people who participate, the more groups we can form. From year to year we will mix up the groups. It's a great way to get to know more neighbors; and because you meet several times in a relatively small group over dinner, you get to know each other pretty well.

I will host a Kick-Off Party in January

for all participants to announce the makeup of each group. At that time the group members decide who will host which dinner and other details. At the end of the year there will be a *Dessert and Champagne Party* for all participants.

The regular group dinners are held at the host's home, and he or she gets to pick the menu. Some people like to do a theme, but that is not at all necessary. After checking how many members will be able to make it to a particular dinner, the host (ess) e-mails everybody the list of dishes he or she is planning on having and everybody chooses one to make at home and bring along to the dinner. The recipes can be included as well.

Singles are very welcome to join by the way. Sometimes people team up to host a particular dinner. In general the host

will provide the "center piece" (meat/fish/vegetarian) dish of the menu.

One thing to remember is that this is not a cooking contest, and you don't need to own a formal dining table that sits 14 people. A buffet can be a lot of fun and so would grilling out in the yard. The only aim is to get to know the people in your neighborhood and have a good time!

If you have children, let me know their ages so I can hook you up with other parents in order to share a babysitter for instance.

In conclusion, if you are interested or if you'd like to know more, please contact me. My e-mail address is: [karinmebius@gmail.com](mailto:karinmebius@gmail.com). We live at 860 Euclid Ave. Our phone number is 404-584-0355. I'd love to hear from you!

**YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE INMAN DINERS IN 2009.**

**(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren), aged: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send to Karin Mebius, 860 Euclid Avenue,  
or e-mail me at: [karinmebius@gmail.com](mailto:karinmebius@gmail.com)**

the several years I have been on the Board that this has happened.

Before getting angry, I had to remember that the members of the Board are volunteers. Travel, illness, family, and just plain life happen. We can't make it to all the meetings. All we can do is the best we can. And we do pretty well.

Just look at how the IPNA Board, the Festival Committee, and all the other committees handle Inman Park's business; a

minimum of fuss, a modicum of decorum, a whole lot of insight and creativity, and an appreciation for everyone's point of view. Keep it up.

So I take a month off and stuff happens at City Council! Ordinances were approved and proposed ordinances were introduced. You can't take your eyes off them for a moment. And yet other things on the list below are still there after years.

What's that about? Well, you know

what they say about making sausage: it's much like making laws except that the result tastes better (or something like that). Take a glance at the new items below to see if anything affects you. And thanks again for allowing me to represent you.

Although I will only be a backup representative for IPNA next year, I anticipate being re-elected as NPU-N's Chair so I will continue to watch out for our interests (and write this scintillating column!).

ORDINANCE NO. (ZRB NO.)	DESCRIPTION	COMM. *	STATUS (AS OF NOV. 2, 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 Belt-Line 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 Dept. (probably moot because fee tacked onto a recently-enacted ordinance – see 08-O-0744).
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	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-0824	<i>Impose a Day-Time Curfew on minors, ages six to 16 years.</i>	PS	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-0831	<i>Require two-thirds of City Council to approve Ordinance to increase taxes.</i>	FE	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-0833 and 08-O-0834	<i>Require two-thirds of City Council to approve Ordinance to increase fees etc.</i>	FE	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-0877	Increase/add fees for use of city parks and recreation centers.	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. on Aug 18; approved by Mayor on Aug. 26.</i>
08-O-1215	<i>Initiate Volume-Based Billing Collection Program for Solid Waste Services.</i>	UT	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-1230	<i>Create new category of Alcoholic Beverage License for Community Theatres and exempt them from distance requirements</i>	PS	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-1540	Amend budget to re-open and maintain Atlanta Fire Station No. 7.	FE	Adopted by C.C. on Aug. 18; vetoed by Mayor on Aug. 26; <i>veto overridden by C.C. on Sept. 2.</i>
08-O-1563	<i>Call special election concerning \$40,000 homestead exemption for those older than 65 or whose income is less than \$40,000.</i>	FE	<i>Adopted by C.C.</i>
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08-O-1571	Adopt the 2009-2013 City of Atlanta Capital Improvements Program.	CD	<i>Vote planned for Nov. 3.</i>
08-O-1572	Adopt Old Fourth Ward Redevelopment Plan Update into the 2008 ASAP.	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. on Sept. 15; Approved by Mayor on Sept. 23.</i>
08-O-1676	<i>Revise procedures for approval of liquor licenses.</i>	PS	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-1690	Name new park near City Hall East, the "Historic Fourth Ward Park.	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. on Sept. 2; Approved by Mayor on Sept. 8.</i>
08-R-1695	Resolution to authorize an audit of the Arborist Division of Bureau of Buildings.	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. on Sept. 2; Approved by operation of law.</i>

08-O-1792	Notify affected NPUs when police or fire facility is to be decommissioned or closed.	CD	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-2021	Approve FY 2009 budget.	FE	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-2030	Notify affected NPUs when streets are to be closed for festivals or repairs.	CD	<i>Held in Committee.</i>
08-O-2136	Graffiti abatement.	PS	<i>Vote planned for Nov. 3.</i>
08-O-2146	Purchase property to expand Lake Claire Park.	FE	<i>Vote planned for Nov. 3 (consent agenda).</i>
08-R-2153	Authorize City Auditor to hire outside firm to audit Dept. of Watershed Management.	FE	<i>Vote planned for Nov. 3(consent agenda).</i>
08-O-2059	Amend housing code related to junked vehicles, weeds, rubbish, litter etc.	CD	<i>To be introduced Nov. 3.</i>
08-O-2071 (Z-08-78)	Creating new PD zoning district, entitled "Planned Development-Conservation.	ZN	<i>To be introduced Nov. 3.</i>

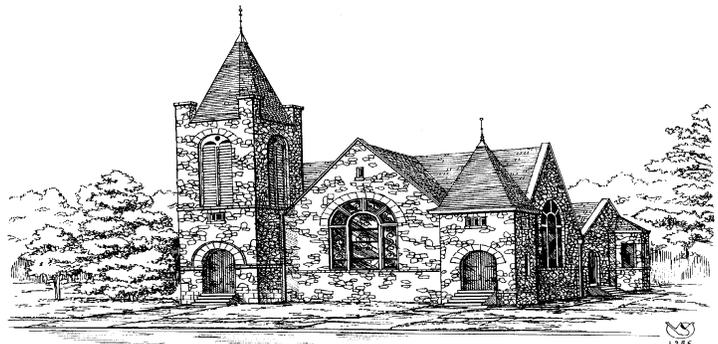
\* City Council Committee code:

CC=Committee on Council  
 CD=Community Development/Human Resources  
 FE=Finance/Executive

PS=Public Safety & Legal  
 TR=Transportation  
 UT=Utilities

ZN=Zoning  
*Italics indicate newly-listed or revised since last month*

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The Church is developing a plan to bring in major donations that will resolve our maintenance and restoration issues once and for all. For more information on how you can help see the article titled *Gift to the Heart*. (See article on Page 19.)

**MONTESSORI IN TOWN  
OPENS  
A SECOND CAMPUS**

*Submitted by Kristine Sandage*

Montessori In Town, an A.M.I. approved school, announces its expansion to a second campus in Grant Park.

Montessori In Town was founded in 2005 by **Maureen Walter**, a long time Inman Park resident and Montessori educator. It is our mission to serve the diverse in-town-neighborhoods with quality educational opportunities.

Montessori In Town has two primary classrooms at the Poncey-Highland location:

1085 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.

(in the Education Building of Druid Hills Baptist Church).

The Grant Park campus is housed in historic Glen Castle, 750 Glenwood Ave. S.E., occupying a Civil War era former blacksmiths' shop. The blacksmiths' shop has been completely renovated and offers the ideal indoor and outdoor educational environments as outlined by the Montessori pedagogy.

Both campuses serve children from 2 ½ to 6 years of age. Appointments are currently being made for observations and tours as we begin to accept applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

For upcoming open houses and other events, please see our website at [www.montessoriintown.com](http://www.montessoriintown.com). To make an appointment to observe our classrooms, or for additional information, please call 404-784-1038 or e-mail to: [montintown@mindspring.com](mailto:montintown@mindspring.com).

**THANKS FOR THE MEMORY**

*By Betty Ridderhoff*

There aren't enough words in the dictionary to properly say 'Thank You' to everyone for the most wonderful birthday I have ever had. I am certain Oreon would also join me in extending this thanks to everyone who came to help us celebrate our special days.

Giving a party is a simple thing. You prepare food trays and set them out for all to enjoy. What *MAKES* a party are the fantastic people who attend it. The warmth and love all of you showed was tremendous, and greatly appreciated. Many neighbors who were unable to come because of other commitments or were out of town sent greetings via e-mail, cards, or stopped by later.

A very, very, special thank you to all of you who contributed to the donation for the Church in my name. What a wonderful, thoughtful, and useful gift to honor someone with. You have unknowingly and graciously fulfilled the 7 Wonders of my life:

1. My dear parents who suffered all the trials and tribulations of raising me.
2. Being married to Bob for 48 ½ years (not bad for the second time around for both of us).
3. Having in-laws who loved me as well as I loved them.
4. My three wonderful children and the love of my three step-children.
5. Many great friends who shared so much with Bob and me.
6. The day we moved into Inman Park.
7. The most memorable 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party filled with the love and kindness of friends whom I dearly love.

*Yes. It really was a great party, thank you!*

## **GOOD MOVES MOVES!**

*By Carolyn Stine McLaughlin*

Well, I am back (hope you enjoyed the words or our dancers for the last two months, thank you Ben and Grace) and it is time!

The Consort's fall repertory concert, *Food Chain Reaction*, is at 7 Stages, Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23. There are three shows in the weekend-- a Children's Matinee on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and two Full Repertory Performances, Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, seniors and working artists. They are available via our website([www.goodmoves.org](http://www.goodmoves.org)) by phone 404-518-1646 or at the door.

Please take this opportunity to enjoy great dance and support your neighborhood dance company and neighborhood dancers.

You will see:

**Ben Dobmeyer**

as the Cranky Captain and the Prince,

**Grace Dwyer**

as a Cavorting Frog and a Petite Killer Queen, and

**Margot McLaughlin**

as a Rat and an Assassin.

If this does not whet your appetite, there is a *Buffett Buffet* with tasty treats for all and a side of Mayo.

If you bring some small folks to the Children's Matinee on Saturday morning, you will enjoy Ballet *de Boynton* and *A Prince, A Cyclist and Queen*. Then, as is our tradition, you and yours will join us on the stage for a visit to the *Zoo* or the *Ocean*.

I hope you will join us for the show and see why I write so many *Advocator* articles for you to read.

## **A GIFT FOR THE HEART**

*By Carolyn McLaughlin*

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Eugene H. Russell IV  
Alfred Uhry

## UNIQUE STEALS & DEALS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Consider a different kind of holiday shopping this year – one that benefits our community and provides you with possible holiday gifts for a fraction of the retail sales price.

**Who:** Inman Park Cooperative Preschool  
(Georgia's oldest cooperative preschool)

**What:** Inman Park Cooperative Preschool invites Atlanta to get a head start on holiday shopping at its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Sale and Live and Silent Auctions; food and drink available onsite; Admission is FREE; Cash, checks or credit cards for all purchases are accepted onsite. Get a sneak peak at the items by visiting [www.ipcp.com](http://www.ipcp.com) and clicking fundraising tab, and then click the view auction catalog icon. Items are being added daily. Some items already include:

- Vento "Hot Rod" 150cc Scooter
- \$500 Publix Gift Certificate
- Family Portrait Package
- Vacation rentals
- Golf outings

**When:** Sunday, November 23, 2008  
from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Inman Park Trolley Barn  
963 Edgewood Avenue

**Why:** With a theme of "Growing Up Green," the school's goal this year is to raise \$50,000. Proceeds will be directed toward efforts to transform the pre-school into a more environmentally-friendly place of learning. With an award-winning Outdoor Classroom, IPCP is able to incorporate nature into the students' daily curriculum, producing life-long earth stewards.

## WHAT:

"WordFeast: Food for the Body and Soul," an annual evening of words, works, and performances by prominent authors, playwrights, and actors returns with a larger cast of performers to help the Food Bank serve those in need during the current economic downturn. The evening features the talent of author, storyteller, actor, comedian, and event emcee **Rob Cleveland**; Atlanta playwright and playwriting instructor **Valetta Anderson** (e.g. *Halleluia Street Blues*); Oprah's Book Club® author, critically acclaimed novelist, poet and playwright **Pearl Cleage** (e.g. *What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day*); award winning journalist and novelist **Melissa Fay Greene** (e.g. *Praying for Sheetrock; There Is No Me Without You*); novelist and Southern storyteller **Joshilyn Jackson** (e.g. *Gods in Alabama; The Girl Who Stopped Swimming*); writer, poet, performer and teaching artist **Tamara Madison**; Atlanta playwright, screenwriter, and member of the Fellowship of Southern Writers **Alfred Uhry** (e.g. *Driving Miss Daisy; The Last Night at Ballyhoo*); the original premiere cast of the play "*Halleluia Street Blues*" including actors **Trey Best**, **Taurean Blacque**, **Gordon Danniels**, **Deborah Calloway Duke** and **Keena Redding Hunt**; actor and Executive Artistic Director of Atlanta's Theatrical Outfit **Tom Key**; Atlanta-born artist, activist and saxophonist **Eugene H. Russell IV**; and more. A reception, meet and greet, and book signing, sponsored by Caribou Coffee and Charis Books and More, concludes the evening. All proceeds benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

Founded in 1979, the Atlanta Community Food Bank currently distributes almost two million pounds of food and other donated products each month to more than 800 nonprofit partner agencies in 38 Metro Atlanta and North Georgia counties.

**WHEN:** Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Horizon Theatre  
1083 Austin Ave. NE  
Atlanta, GA 30307

Free parking available.

**ADMISSION:** \$15 or 15 cans of canned goods

**PROMINENT AUTHORS AND ACTORS  
PERFORM TO BENEFIT THE**

## IMPROV COMEDY AT VILLAGE THEATRE

*Press Release*

Come see Atlanta's finest improv comedy performers at the brand new Village Theatre! The venue is new, but the actors you have seen before- our amazing talent has graced the stage at Whole World Theatre, The 10 High, and UCB (in NYC).

Our unique brand of improv has taken elements from New York and Chicago and molded it into our own crazy, fun, and hilarious show. Audience participation is encouraged! If you have never experienced one of our live stage shows, it's the best \$10 you will ever spend. Call us to reserve your seats today at 404-688-8858 or e-mail us at [villagecomedy@gmail.com](mailto:villagecomedy@gmail.com).

We are located in the Old Fourth Ward under Lenny's Bar. Check out [www.villagecomedy.com](http://www.villagecomedy.com) for further details.

Shows are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and all are \$10.

If you're interested in more than just watching, The Village Theatre also offers improv classes on an ongoing basis. And last but not least, the theatre is available for private shows and events. It's the perfect spot for a holiday or birthday party!

On Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m., Nobel Peace Prize nominee **Father John Dear** reads from his autobiography *A Persistent Peace*. Both readings and book signings are in the Carter Library theater and are open to the public at no charge.

Celebrate Thanksgiving weekend with the return of the Southern Order of Storytellers. Four of the region's best storytellers will present "Turkeys, Pilgrims and Indian Corn: Thanksgiving Stories to Relish" at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 28. The performance is free with the purchase of admission to the Carter Presidential Museum.

While you are there, don't miss seeing "Schoolhouse to White House: The Education of the Presidents." Tracing the education of presidents Herbert Hoover to George W. Bush, this exhibit shows class photos, school essays, report cards and much more. It is an exhibit the whole family will enjoy.

For more information, call 404-865-7109 or visit [www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov](http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov).

## NOVEMBER AT THE CARTER LIBRARY AUTHORS, STORYTELLERS AND THE EDUCATION OF THE PRESIDENTS

*By Tony Clark*

Join us at the Carter Presidential Library for an exciting November with authors, book signings, storytellers and an exhibit on Presidents that the whole family will enjoy.

On Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m., Newsweek editor **Jon Meacham** discusses and signs his new book, *American Lion, Andrew Jackson in the White House*.

# REFUGEE FAMILY WISH LIST

By Stephanie McCaa

As we continue the process of helping refugee families, we are finding more items that are needed. New and gently used items are accepted. Please include shopping receipts for anything purchased new. The receipts help RRISA to receive matching grant funds, which helps their families further. Please deliver items to: 156 Waverly Way or call me (404-584-0161):

## Kitchen:

1. Dishes/glassware/silverware
2. Pots/pans/mixing bowls
3. Cooking utensils/knives

## Furniture:

11. Sofas
12. Kitchen or dining room chairs
13. Mattresses (twin/full) – need to be new or almost new with no stains
14. Coffee tables/end tables
15. Night stands
16. Dressers
17. Lamps/lampshades
18. Televisions
19. Alarm clocks
20. Mirrors/hanging artwork

## Cleaning Supplies (New) –

**almost any kind of cleaning supplies are welcome:**

1. Brooms
2. Mops/buckets
3. Dish soap
4. Sponges
5. All-purpose cleaner
6. Laundry Detergent
7. Paper towels

## School Supplies:

1. Uniforms
2. Backpacks
3. Notebooks
4. Children's scissors
5. Glue sticks
6. Crayons
7. Pencils
8. Erasers

## Linens:

1. Towels
2. Sheets (twin/full)
3. New blankets
4. New pillows

## Personal Items (new)

1. Umbrellas
2. Bar soap
3. Deodorant
4. Shampoo
5. Lotion

**Clothes** (The rule of thumb is that RRISA does not take clothing you would not use yourself including articles that are stained. It depends on how "stained". Use your judgment for adult and children's clothing.):

1. Adult (Men and women's.)
2. Children (All ages including teenagers.)
3. Infant
4. Maternity
5. ALL UNDERWEAR MUST BE NEW
6. Warm coats for all ages.

## Babies/Kids:

1. Toys in clean, good condition
2. Books ( for both children and adults)
3. Highchairs
4. Bibs
5. Baby Gear (for example bouncy seats)
6. Cribs
7. Crib bedding/baby blanket
8. Car seats (if they meet current safety standards)
9. Disposable diapers (various sizes)
10. Baby wipes
11. Baby shampoo
12. Baby wash
13. Baby washcloths
14. Bottles
15. Clean, preferably new or hardly used stuffed animals

*(Editor's Note: RRISA is organizing a sewing program to help the refugee ladies to be productive and earn a living. They are looking for used sewing machines in working condition and/or any new or slightly used accessories (i.e. thread, pins, needles, etc.). Volunteers are also needed to help train the ladies. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact **Tamara Jones** at 404-523+4902.)*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2008, TO APRIL 24, 2009 ☼ ☼ ☼			174 DAYS
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Nov. 19	Wed. 6:00 p.m.	Traffic Calming Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-791-8497
	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Nov. 27	Thurs.	THANKSGIVING	
Dec. 01	Mon. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Dec. 06	Sat.	HOLIDAY PARTY (Pg. 3.)	Bring your invitation with you.
Dec. 07	Sun.	PEARL HARBOR DAY	
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### TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
11/11/08	Monthly meeting: 7:30 P.M. at 177 Elizabeth St.	404-523-4801
11/22/08	Fall Tree Planting and Work Day. Meet at 177 Elizabeth St. at 9:00 a.m. with your work gloves.	404-523-4801 404-523-5298
12/09/08	Monthly meeting: 7:30 P.M. at 177 Elizabeth St.	404-523-4801
02/07/09	NINTH ANNUAL TREE HUGGERS BALL!	Stay Tuned

## NOVEMBER AGENDA

- 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. President
    - 1. Tax 101 Q&A with Nick Frantz
  - B. Planning
  - C. Zoning:
    - 1. Liquor License for 753 Edgewood (ANTI-CIPATED – *application not yet filed as of Advocate press deadline.*)
    - 2. BZA Application - 166 Elizabeth St.
    - 3. NPU Report
  - D. Historic Preservation
    - 1. 90 Elizabeth St. (Lizzie T Apartments.)
  - E. Public Safety
  - F. Treasurer
  - G. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business:
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment

