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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*By Lisa Burnette*

Last week a Georgia State graduate student interviewed me for her community planning project. She asked many pointed questions about Inman Park that caused me to sit back and think. How is the development around us affecting our neighborhood? How are we perceived as a neighborhood?

She asked what attracted me to Inman Park when I bought my first house here. I had to be honest. I really had no idea what Inman Park was like, but I loved the qualities of our old house – the heart pine floors, the claw foot tub, and the stained glass windows. Once we moved in, we started to realize what kind of community we had stumbled into. Along with those windows and floors, we gained the spirit of volunteerism, the pride of historic preservation, the optimism of smart growth and development, not to mention the lifelong friendships and social networks. You can add a beautiful window to any house. It is those intangible things that keep us here.

She also asked how I see us growing and developing over the next ten years. I expect to see the same grand Victorians and craftsman Four Squares look as they did 100 years ago, next to renovated mid-century houses, new homes with historic features, and diverse locally-owned businesses.

I hope we'll have more connectivity to other neighborhoods and our City as the Beltline develops, and we can ride our bikes from here to Piedmont Park and beyond. I hope we'll see less traffic as more people use expanded mass transit and new rail. I know we'll enjoy even more trees and greenspace.

I expect to see us still rolling up our sleeves for Festival and tree plantings, fighting City Hall and working with City Hall, making casseroles when babies are born or relatives pass away, and so much more volunteering. Most of all, I hope and expect to see most of your faces still here, maybe buying a place for the first time and leaving your apartment, maybe moving to a bigger house to make room for a growing family, or maybe downsizing to a loft after the kids go off to college.

Early next year our Planning Committee will be distributing a survey with similar questions. They will be seeking your input regarding what you love about this neighborhood, what we can put more work into, and what you would like to see Inman Park look like in ten years. Sit back and put some thought into it. I hope, like me, you'll see a future here that includes yourself.

For now, have a safe and happy holiday season and best wishes in the new year for you, your family and our whole community.

## 2009 FESTIVAL MEETING

*By Danny Feig-Sandoval*

We have a new Festival Hotline number, and it is up and running (thanks to **Lisa Burnette** for your efforts on this). The Hotline number is: 770-635-3711. The Festival website is: [www.inmanparkfestival.org](http://www.inmanparkfestival.org).

After the first of the year, look for the volunteer sign-up site to be up and running as well as the Inman Park Neighborhood site at [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org).

You will be able to sign up for specific volunteer tasks easily online. I encourage everyone to start thinking about how you want to help out this year and be ready to sign up right away so you don't miss out on those prime volunteer slots!

If you have any questions regarding volunteering for Festival, please contact our volunteer chair, **Judy Clements**, at: [judyclements@bellsouth.net](mailto:judyclements@bellsouth.net).

The next Festival 2009 committee meeting will be held at the Trolley Barn on Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in working on the festival planning process or just want to see how we get so much done with a small group of committed volunteers, please join us.

If you cannot make the meeting but would like to get involved, please contact me at [danny@smallcarpenters.com](mailto:danny@smallcarpenters.com) or call me at 404-791-8497.

## TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT

*By Danny Feig-Sandoval*

We have received preliminary estimates for the construction costs for our proposed traffic calming projects, and they have come in under our original projected costs. We discussed this at the traffic calming committee meeting in November. It was decided that, if we have extra money, we would focus our efforts on several Highland Ave. intersections (North Highland Ave. at Colquitt Ave. and especially North Highland Ave. at Washita Ave.) as well as traffic calming at the intersection of Edgewood Ave. and Euclid Ave.

We have been given the go ahead by the City to move forward with our current projects and then see how much money we have left to do the additional projects. This means we hope to complete the construction drawings some time in December and submit those to the City for review and final estimating.

Once approved by the City, we will begin a petition process to obtain signatures from affected property owners within a certain radius of each project location. We will need volunteers to help with this process, so please let me know if you can help out with getting petitions signed. After we have our petitions completed, we should be able to get our projects slated for construction, hopefully by spring of 2009.

On another traffic calming concern, the City has indicated to us that they will help us improve the visibility of our neighborhood crosswalks.

We need a couple of volunteers to map out all our existing crosswalks and to make notes as to how they need to be improved. Once we have our map and list of locations, we will submit this to the City to get the crosswalks on the maintenance schedule.

Please let me know if you can help with any of the above tasks noted tasks by contacting me at 404-91-8497 or e-mail at: [danny@smallcarpenters.com](mailto:danny@smallcarpenters.com).

**THE POOL WILL BE OPEN !  
for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**POLAR BEAR CLUB and ICE MAN TRIATHLON  
at the Inman Park Pool on**

**Thursday, January 1, 2009**

**New Year's Day**

**10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**Rain or shine, warm or cold, hangovers welcome**

**No charge**

Join us (over 40 did, last year. All ages! ) or just come and join the party and watch, as nearly 50 people did last year. Irish coffee, coffee, hot chocolate for everyone. Possibly other drinks and treats from your spontaneous generosity. If you have champagne and other party leftovers from the night before--bring 'em, but this is not a requirement. Bring a bathing suit, a towel, your camera, and a friend or two.

Bring a bicycle if you want to join our triathlon. It takes 5 minutes, but earns you bragging rights for the whole year. *No trophies, No training, No sweat!*

The gate will be open by 10:30 a.m. at the Inman Park Pool Edgewood Ave. and Delta Place

EVENTS:

Triathlon @ 10:55 a.m.      Big Jump @ 11:05 a.m.

(or maybe the other way around)

Back home, *REFRESHED*, in time for other New Year activities

Heavy, long sleeved, all cotton, commemorative t-shirts will be sold at a *Very* low price. Everything else is free!

QUESTIONS? Want to help organize? (We need help, but we hear that a lot!)

Call: George Gary 404-584-5381 Or: John Dwyer 404-523-4239

# MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2008, IPNA MEETING

By *Stephanie McCaa, Secretary*

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

**Lisa Burnette** asked for newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Amy and Steve Bransford** from 215 Hurt St.; and **Ed Barry**, a long-time resident but new to the meeting. Lisa thanked **Cameron Childress**, who was unable to attend the meeting, for distributing *Advocators* to the Inman Park Village area. She hopes more residents from that area will attend future IPNA meetings.

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Carolyn McLaughlin**, Associate Director of Good Moves, announced the repertory concert "Food Chain Reaction" this weekend at 7 Stages. Shows are Saturday, November 22 at 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m.
2. Carolyn also requested support from individual neighbors for the completion of the historic structure report for Inman Park United Methodist Church (see *A Gift from the Heart* on Page 19 in the November *Advocator* for more details). Please make checks payable to the Inman Park United Methodist Church with "historic structure report" on the memo line and send them to her by December 24. For more information contact Carolyn at: 404-688-7900 or [csmlaughlin@mindspring.com](mailto:csmlaughlin@mindspring.com).
3. **Jonathan Miller**, Mary Lin Elementary School PTA Treasurer, thanked IPNA for the 2007 and 2008 fiscal donations.
4. **Karen Goeckel** is a part of a group who volunteers every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Gateway Center. They entertain the kids at the center, mainly the four to seven year olds. This effort is an off-shoot of the Inman Park/L5P Committee which was formed to address the homeless issue.  
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen at: 404-522-9113 or [karen.goeckel@comcast.net](mailto:karen.goeckel@comcast.net). Also, the Center desperately needs feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel size shampoos, etc. You can drop these items off at her house at 1104 Colquitt. **Lisa Burnette** thanked the committee for their hands-on commitment of working on the homeless issue.
5. **Oreon Mann** announced this year's Christmas Book Club exchange will take place on December 3 in Brookhaven. There will be a car-pool available. Please bring a wrapped book and hors d'oeuvres. Contact **Jan Keith** or Oreon for more details.
6. **Pat Westrick** announced the porch parties will resume in February.

## POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

**Officer White**, evening watch beat officer for Zone 6, reported three burglary arrests since the last IPNA meeting. Be aware, these criminals are entering through doggie doors or back doors. They are focused on taking jewelry, watches, and money. Please put your jewelry in places they would not think to look first (i.e. not in a jewelry box in your bedroom).

**Sgt. Schierbaum** offered some tips for this holiday season (when a lot of burglaries take place):

- a. activate your security system,
- b. fill out vacation patrol forms,
- c. leave lights on, and
- d. record serial numbers of valuable items.

The vast majority of residential burglaries take place in the daytime through window or door entries on the side or back of the house. Please look out for your neighbors and watch for suspicious behavior. On Dec. 11, the City of Atlanta will begin to furlough the police. This means at any given time 10% of the police force will not be working. The IP Security Patrol will be coordinating their patrols around the schedule of the APD officers.

Sgt. Schierbaum reported on a bust of a fencing operation on Ponce de Leon last month. Officer **Chad Gurley** has four laptops which they cannot trace back to the owners. Two of the laptops have distinctive stickers on them. If you think one of these is your laptop, please contact him at: [cgurley@atlanta.ga.gov](mailto:cgurley@atlanta.ga.gov).

Again, this is a good example of why writing down your serial numbers is so important!

## ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

**William Sellers**, from **Councilman Willis'** office (telephone 404-330-6041), thanked **Sgt. Schierbaum** for all his hard work. He reported since capital markets are frozen, so are airport and city projects. The City is looking to the federal government for assistance. **Mayor Franklin** was on CNN delivering a letter to the US Treasury department for a bail-out because of the 10% cut on all city employee salaries. Councilman Willis would love to hear from his constituents on how the City can cut its budget. He does not want to raise taxes, so please call him with any other options you have.

## IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

**PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette**

Lisa reported **Nick Franz** was unable to make the meeting tonight for his presentation on taxes. You can go to [inmanpark.org](http://inmanpark.org) and click on the blog to find the information he prepared or contact him directly.

The decision was made not to increase the IPNA membership dues (again see the blog for more information). Based on feedback through meetings and the Yahoo Group, it was decided to allow individuals to donate what they would like through Friends of Inman Park rather than through dues. There will be certain projects earmarked for fundraising.

Lisa hopes you are enjoying the blog. She writes it once a week. If you would like to “guest blog,” please contact her.

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

Nothing to report.

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

**John and Diane Floyd**, 116 Elizabeth Street, want to add a deck to their house. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to support the immediate neighbors’ support of a special exception by BZA to build the deck.

The liquor license application for 753 Edgewood was not yet filed. **Ria Pell** hopes it will be filed and ready for discussion by next month’s meeting.

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

**Bill Hagan** reinforced **Sgt. Schierbaum**’s message that the furlough of police officers will have a direct impact on us. We are vulnerable at this time. The Security Patrol Committee is addressing this situation. Bill asked that you stop, talk to, and thank the officers on patrol when you see them. They are a very professional organization that sets standards for a security operation anywhere.

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

**Lisa Burnette** reported we have been reviewing our By-Laws, and they sometimes are inconsistent with the UDC rules. The Board will be reviewing the By-Laws with intent to create a consistent process for issues such as immediate neighbors’ meetings. At present, people seeking a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness do not have to come and present their plans to us. If we do not receive timely notice, we sometimes have to do a notice to the immediate neighbor meetings in creative ways.

A motion was made to add 430 Sinclair Avenue to the evening’s Agenda (this is allowed in the By-laws). A motion was made, seconded, and approved. **Chuck Clarke** presented a request to support the immediate neighbors regarding a variance and Certificate of Appropriateness to leave the existing structure. **Brian McCloskey**, the owner of 430 Sinclair, applied for a permit to do some interior renovation. The permit was approved, but the UDC added a demand that he remove an existing stone wall and arbor because it does not have the required set-back. Brian purchased the house in 2007, but the wall was built by previous owners in 1999. The owner who built the wall violated the zoning requirements, but the current owner is three-times removed. This wall was also built before the historical guidelines were put in place. There was considerable discussion about how to support Brian’s request to not have to take down the wall without creating precedence for allowing zoning violations. The approval finally was made because the structure pre-dates the building permit; and, because Brian is so removed from the person who built the wall, it should be considered grandfathered. A motion was made to support the immediate neighbors and their support of the application for a variance and Type III Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion was seconded and carried. The Board will consider writing a letter or some other method of voicing the neighborhood’s concern with the UDC’s decision to look back at prior, existing violations.

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

Trevor reported on expenditures:

1. \$2,000 to Mary Lin PTA (a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve this expenditure over \$1,000 for the 2007 budget).
2. \$1,000 for Oakview Landscaping.
3. \$58.78 to **Cynthia Knapp** for paint.
4. \$957.84 to Carther & Burgess for traffic calming.
5. \$21.81 to **Millie Astin** for beautification.
6. \$980 to DC Landscapes.
7. \$550 to Samaritan House.
8. \$200 Atlanta Preservation Center.
9. \$1,000 to Mary Lin PTA (2008 budget).
10. \$24.08 to Intown Business Center.
11. Bi-weekly payments to Security Patrol:
  - a. 10/23: \$3,833.92
  - b. 11/06: \$4,337.36

**SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa**

Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Danny Feig-Sandoval** reported on all the following:

1. **Beautification:** Danny reported in for **Millie Astin**. Millie is working with the Clean Streets team. If you know of some public sites that need cleaning, please contact her. Also, she needs someone to meet with the Clean Streets' project manager once a month and to show the team the sites they need to work on. If you are interested, please contact her at: [mcastin@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcastin@bellsouth.net).
2. **Festival:** The budget is going to be tight this year because of the economy. We'll need to be creative in sponsorships. We are looking at smaller sponsorships from small businesses and individuals who are looking for the great exposure Festival can bring. Please contact **Danny** if you have ideas. Also, all are welcome to attend the next Festival meeting December 10 at 7:30 p.m. at The Trolley Barn.
3. **Traffic Calming:** The committee made a presentation earlier this evening before the IPNA meeting. Additional areas the committee wants to address are North Highland Avenue from Cleburne Ave. to Elizabeth St. and the intersection of Edgewood Ave. and Euclid Ave. We have \$350,000 from the City to spend next year and we need to spend it or we will lose it. If you'd like to be involved in this project, please contact Danny at: [danny@smallcarpenters.com](mailto:danny@smallcarpenters.com).

#### NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

#### AN APOLOGY:

**Ricardo Ullio**, owner of Sotto Sotto and Fritti, apologized for the trash in the neighborhood caused by his Halloween party. He also apologized for the noise disturbance caused by people leaving the party. He assured everyone this will never happen again.

#### OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is December 17 at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. Lisa adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

### 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

#### 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**

**JULY 22**

*The Bonesetter's Daughter* by **Amy Tan**

**AUGUST 26**

*Alice's Adventure in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass* by **Lewis Carol**

**SEPTEMBER 23**

*The Optimist's Daughter* by **Eudora Welty**

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

## **GOOD MOVES MOVES!**

*By Carolyn McLaughlin*

Thanks to all of you who came to the "Food Chain Reaction". The weekend at 7 Stages was great; and I was so very proud of all of the dancers including our neighborhood gang, **Ben Dobmeyer, Jon Baldwin, Carolyn Capelouto, Grace Dwyer, Jack Dwyer and Margot McLaughlin.**

You have another opportunity to see the dancers of Good Moves on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Inman Park United Methodist Church. The dancers will help the Church celebrate the holiday of Christmas by dancing in "Christmas Stitches". The performance is free and will be followed by wassail and desserts in the Community Room.

Ed Source, Good Moves' non-profit dance school, is accepting registration for new students for the Winter/Spring Semester. Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 6, and will run through May 3, 2009. We offer classes in Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet and Athletic Movement for Boys. Classes are \$160 for the semester for one-hour classes and we do not charge any registration or performance fees.

As always, I am available to you via phone, 404-518-1646, e-mail at [goodmoves@mind-spring.com](mailto:goodmoves@mind-spring.com), or on our website at [www.goodmoves.org](http://www.goodmoves.org). There is a complete schedule of classes and performances and video of Good Moves' work on line. We are also working on an on-line store so that you can support us with your online shopping, give while you give, how about that!

### **IT'S A BOY!**

**Benjamin Dubik Schwarz Born: November 18, 2008**

**to proud parents: Kerith & Todd Schwartz**

**Alexandria, Virginia**

### **IT'S A GIRL!**

**Evangeline Odell Rhodes Born: November 21, 2008**

**to proud parents Jennifer & Tom Rhodes**

**Baltimore, Maryland**

**IT'S busting buttons off Grandpa's shirt and Grandma is all SMILES!!!  
Proud as a couple of peacocks are Grandma Kathi and Grandpa Bill Hagan**

## “THIS IS AS GOOD AS IT GETS?”

By Bill Hagan, V. P. Public Safety

Many of you know **Baxter Black**, the cowboy-poet. He is a regular contributor to National Communist ... erm ... I mean Public Radio, and his homespun material and delivery charm most folks. A line in one of that contemporary Wise Man's videos, in particular, got my attention the other day: “It's times like these,” he said, rocking on his porch at sunset, “that I remember to stop once a day and remind myself that this is as good as it gets.”

Now, Mr. Black was referring to how fortunate we are to be in America, coupled with the counsel that we must frequently remind ourselves of that blessing. I tend to think that is right, but it is hard just now to believe that it is so in Atlanta and, especially for us, in our own back-forty, Inman Park. I refer, of course, in particular, to **Mayor Shirley Franklin's** latest announcement that the City will take several drastic steps to cope with an expected budget shortfall of \$50 million to \$60 million. These measures, following lay-offs and other actions earlier this year, include a hiring freeze and cutting police and other employee hours—meaning pay—by 10 percent each week, all presumably until we hear the bugle of the “federal rescue” cavalry. Right.

Whoa ... before I get into that and its impact on us, let me give you the “Paul Harvey” on a matter I raised last month. I mentioned in my November column a loud party on Spruce Street. I criticized in some detail—but did not name—the host, an Inman Park restaurateur and resident. Well, I have to say that **Ricardo Ullio** showed more courage and contrition than many (including yours truly) might have shown under the circumstances. Not only did **Ricardo** call to apologize personally after he saw my comments, he took time from his hectic duties at **Sotto Sotto** to appear at the November IPNA meeting a few days later. **Ricardo** publicly restated there what he had told me, i.e., that he regretted what happened. He said he would ensure that he would make any future events more neighbor-friendly. He concluded by offering to host dinner at **Sotto Sotto** for any neighbors who had to pick up litter from the party. In another time, such an appearance would be called “manly.” I've always been fond of the 19th century, so I'll label it as exactly that. Thanks, **Ricardo**. Now, do you think you might get a Moto Guzzi to keep your Ducati company? Seriously, the sort of courage and community spirit **Ricardo** showed deserves a bit of pay-back. **Kathi** and I need to see how that *Petto di Anatra* on the menu is. You should consider a visit, too. Check out **Ricardo's** website, and it'll be hard to stay away: <http://www.sottosottorestaurant.com/> Now, let's get back to the less-happy matter of the cut in police coverage by converting that into public-safety reality. Without regard to magic that APD might come up with to help, a 10% cut in officers' hours means 10% less coverage. That tends to be regressive for neighborhoods such as ours. As occasionally frightening (think robberies and worse) and painful to our wallets and souls (think home and car break-ins) such attacks are, we Inman Parkers are spared the worst of the City and Zone 6's crime. There are many reasons for that, but one of the primary factors in our recent success is **Sgt. Brent Schierbaum's** assertive leadership of our very active Security Patrol [See details for November on Page 8]. In fact, the “pin maps” tend to show that we may have driven some criminals and crime into nearby neighborhoods. I regret that crime goes on anywhere, but, crime is like politics, i.e., we might find it warming to think globally, but we had darn better act locally. In our case, that means that we are likely to be shorted critical police services by more than 10% for many months.

So, what to do to meet this reduced police coverage? Here's what we on the Public Safety Committee have done. First, based on **Sgt. Schierbaum's** analysis of Inman Park crime statistics over the past three years and on his recommendation, we have gone to 12-hours per day—vice 8-hours—of Security Patrol operation from about Thanksgiving until probably mid-February. **Sgt. Schierbaum's** review noted that daytime home burglaries have tended to spike during that period, for some likely obvious, holiday-related, reasons. And, of interest, no doubt, to those in the affected areas, the clear preponderance of those break-ins occurred in the “western” third of Inman Park, i.e., in an area roughly bounded by Krog St., Dekalb Ave., North Highland Ave., and Elizabeth St.

These additional patrol hours help in several ways aside from the obvious, intended effect of mitigating the loss of APD coverage in our beat, 604. We assist our Security Patrol officers, who have been quite loyal to us, in a difficult time for them. While a pay cut is never good news, Christmas is especially painful. And, as we now have the patrol car on our streets 12 hours a day, the word gets out in the criminal milieu that Inman Park is a no-go zone. Ah, yes, there is a catch. Our budget is based on a 8/7/365 basis, i.e., 8 hours a day, not 12. A 50% increase makes even the math-challenged (like me) scratch their heads. As I have said here before, hope is not a method, but the Public-Safety Committee is working hard to make ends meet so we don't have to park the Crown Vic in April! You will get more information from us soon, but please be ready to step forward to make the Security Patrol continue its important work by joining, renewing, or helping with a “second collection” offering when the usher comes to your pew with that basket!

**Bob Sandage**, our hard-working chief usher and head of fundraising, mused aloud sadly at our last committee meeting about how so many people say they will help him, but when the call went out, no one answers. Well, as **Bob** knows but regrets, part of that just comes with the territory, I suppose, but all of you who have volunteered in any activity know how hard it is to get people to commit, much less follow up. With that in mind, it is especially gratifying to have a young person raise her hand and then hit the ground running with energy and ideas. When **Kristi Remick** said she was interested in serving, I welcomed her offer, but, as **Bob** had lamented, wondered if she'd show. Sometimes it's great to be wrong. In fact, **Kristi** had better be careful, as I am in the hunt for a successor come next May! Seriously, thank you, **Kristi**, and welcome aboard.

Spurred to action now by fear, guilt, or simple altruism (they all work for me!) into supporting your Security Patrol? Soon, you'll be able to do this with your credit card via PayPal, but for now, send your check, payable to the “Inman Park Neighborhood Association,” to IPNA, 167 Elizabeth Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307.

All of the foregoing gloom-&-doom aside, true as it is, **Baxter Black** is right—or, at least, if we pull together in this, he will be—as “this is as good as it gets.” Actually, in Inman Park, we say that a bit differently, à la **Manuel Tavern's** motto: “Anybody Don't Like This Life Is Crazy.” *It's great to be sane.*

# INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 2008

*By Greg Scott & Kris Dwyer*

***From the desk of Greg Scott:***

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

The good news is this is easily the shortest crime report I've done in two years. Once again, however, we can't remind you enough to not leave your valuables in your car. This is particularly important with the upcoming holiday season. Please use common sense, be aware of your surroundings and pass on to your visiting friends and relatives the good safety habits you have picked up. Nothing ruins a wonderful holiday trip to Inman Park than a smashed car window and missing lap top.

Also, the holidays are a great time for reflection – please take the time to reflect on whether or not you are current on your Security Patrol membership or if you have even bothered to join. Santa has told me personally that he will not visit your house unless Sgt. Schierbaum gives him the OK.

***From the desk of Kris Dwyer:***

Still, the majority of our crimes are thefts from auto. Electronics like iPods, GPS units, and laptops are as good as gone if you leave them in your car.

At *Advocator* deadline time, we are still missing one week of incidents. They will be included in next month's report.

Let's all be extra aware as we approach the holiday season. Packages in your car, rushed schedules, and extra distractions can become an opportunity for criminals.

Stay safe where ever you go.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
10/27	During the Day	Auto Theft	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	1986 Plymouth Voyager stolen.
10/27	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Auto Theft	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Motor scooter stolen.
10/27	4:30 p.m.	Robbery	Moreland Ave.	Robber wearing a large bubble coat faked having a gun, yelled for customers to lay down. An employee grabbed the object and the robber fled.
10/27	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: laptop and digital camera.
10/29	10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m..	Theft from Auto	300 Block Sinclair Ave.	Passenger window smashed. Stolen: purse.
10/30	Daytime	Theft from Auto	600 Block Seminole Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: iPod, GPS, and hard drive.
10/30	5:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	Sinclair Ave. @ Seminole Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop and book-bag.
10/30	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Village Parkway	Window smashed. Stolen: iPod and GPS.
10/31	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS.
11/3	7:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: cell phone and charger.
11/3	8:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: CD player, iPod, and GPS.
11/3	Evening	Theft from Auto	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS.
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11/4	10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Theft from Auto	900 Block Euclid Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Nothing taken.
11/4	Overnight	Burglary	800 Block Virgil St.	Apartment entered through unsecured window. Stolen: plasma TV, desktop computer and monitor.
11/5	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	Dekalb Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS.
11/6	10:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Theft from Auto	900 Block Bernina Ave.	Driver's side window smashed. Stolen: in-dash stereo.
11/9	11:30 a.m.– 7:00 p.m.	Burglary	800 Block Lake Ave.	Back door kicked in. Stolen: laptop, plasma TV, cash and checks.
11/10	11:00 p.m. –	Theft from Auto	100 Block	Passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop and



	12:45 a.m.		Hurt St.	briefcase.
11/14	4:00 p.m.	Robbery	1000 Block Dekalb Ave.	Thugs pushed victim to the ground and took his iPod. MARTA police located them and took them into custody.
11/22	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Waddell St.	Driver side window smashed . Stolen: MP3 player and some make up.
11/22	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Waddell St.	Driver side window smashed. Stolen: laptop, back pack, and binder..
11/24	Unknown	Larceny	700 Block Lake Ave.	Cooler stolen from front porch.
11/25	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	600 Block North Highland Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: laptop.

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<i>By Sgt. Schierbaum</i>					
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The real holiday feeling, that warm friendly glow,  
Comes from greeting the people, we're so happy we know.  
Happy holidays to all our wonderful Inman Park neighbors  
from Your Advocator Staff

## INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 2008

By Greg Scott & Kris Dwyer

### ***From the desk of Greg Scott:***

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

The good news is this is easily the shortest crime report I've done in two years. Once again, however, we can't remind you enough to not leave your valuables in your car. This is particularly important with the upcoming holiday season. Please use common sense, be aware of your surroundings and pass on the good safety habits you have picked up to your visiting friends and relatives. Nothing ruins a wonderful holiday trip to Inman Park than a smashed car window and missing laptop.

Also, the holidays are a great time for reflection – please take the time to reflect on whether or not you are current on your Security Patrol membership or if you have even bothered to join. Santa has told me personally that he will not visit your house unless **Sgt. Schierbaum** gives him the OK.

### ***From the desk of Kris Dwyer:***

Still, the majority of our crimes are thefts from auto. Electronics like I-Pods, GPS units, and laptops are as good as gone if you leave them in your car.

We're all much more concerned about the robberies we've had. We likely still think of robberies as something that happens at night in dark alleys. Not so. We've had robberies in the late afternoon and at other times during the day or early evening as well.

At *Advocator* deadline time, we are still missing one week of incidents. They will be included in next month's report.

Let's all be extra aware as we approach the holiday season. Packages in your car, rushed schedules, and extra distractions can become an opportunity for criminals.

Stay safe where ever you go.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
39747	During the Day	Auto Theft	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	1986 Plymouth Voyager stolen.
39747	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Auto Theft	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Motor scooter stolen.
39747	4:30 p.m.	Robbery	Moreland Ave.	Robber wearing a large bubble coat faked having a gun, yelled for customers to lay down. An employee grabbed the object and the robber fled.
39747	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: laptop and digital camera.
39749	10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Theft from Auto	300 Block Sinclair Ave.	Passenger window smashed. Stolen: purse.
39750	Daytime	Theft from Auto	600 Block Seminole Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: iPod, GPS, and hard drive.
10/30	5:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	Sinclair Ave. @ Seminole Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop and bookbag.
39750	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Village Parkway	Window smashed. Stolen: iPod and GPS.
39751	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: GPS.
39754	7:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1300 Block Euclid Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: cell phone and charger.
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(Crime Report: Continued from Page 8.)

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## **CHECK IT OFF YOUR LIST**

*By Carolyn McLaughlin*

Thank you so very much to all of you who have already given your gift to the Inman Park United Methodist Church for the proposed Historic Structure Report Project. At the time of this publication, we have collected \$2,200 from neighbors and members of the congregation.

For those of you who have yet to send your gift, thank you for putting the project on your list and please feel free to write your check and mail it to the Church as soon as possible. It feels so great to check something off your list. Your satisfaction will only grow with time because your check, big or small, will be part of the beginning of bigger restoration work at the Church.

If you missed the article last month, here are the highlights:

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 effective use of restoration and preservation funds and resources.

We have contacted Morrison Design who bid the project at a cost of \$15,000. The project will include a comprehensive report on the original structure of the Church, a cursory report on all three additional structures focusing on roof intersections and conditions, and a report on ADA compliance with recommendation for the placement of an elevator. IPNA has already approved the contribution of \$5,000 for the project. The congregation of Inman Park United Methodist will be asked to contribute \$5,000 to the project, and we are asking individual neighbors to complete the triad with the final \$5,000. Our goal is to have all the money in place before starting the project. It would be glorious symbolism to have it by Christmas Eve, December 24, 2008.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 404-688-7900 or [csmlaughlin@mindspring.com](mailto:csmlaughlin@mindspring.com). I will even come and collect your gift. Or, if you already have the stamp on the envelope, you can send it to the Church at:

Inman Park United Methodist Church  
Historic Structure Report Project  
1015 Edgewood Ave.  
Atlanta GA 30307.

Please make your check payable to Inman Park United Methodist Church and indicate in the "For" line that the check is for the HSR Project.

## **PHASE 5 OF THE IPNA SIDEWALK SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

*By Millie Astin*

Does your sidewalk need repair? The IPNA Sidewalk Committee is gearing up for Phase 5 of our Sidewalk Subsidy Program. We have been working with Inman Park homeowners since 2004 to repair and replace treacherous sidewalks. So far, over 88 homeowner sidewalks and five large public sidewalks have been replaced.

What exactly is the Sidewalk Committee offering? The subsidy will pay for 50% of individual sidewalk repair up to \$2,000. For example, if your sidewalk repair costs \$3,000, the subsidy would pay \$1,500. For a sidewalk costing \$3,880, it would pay \$1,940. For a sidewalk costing \$4,000 or more, it would pay a maximum of \$2,000. If you are on a corner lot and are replacing both sidewalks, the subsidy will pay up to \$4,000. Additionally, to encourage multiple expanses of sidewalks being completed, contiguous homeowners can receive larger subsidies. Two contiguous neighbors will receive a 55% subsidy up to \$2,200. Three or more contiguous neighbors will receive a 60% subsidy up to \$2,400. For more details of the program, please go to <http://www.inmanpark.org/doc/advocator/200808-Advocator.pdf>

If you want to participate, simply e-mail me at [mcastin@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcastin@bellsouth.net) with your name, preferred phone number, address of your sidewalk (and your home address if it is different), indicating your desire to participate in the program. In a few weeks, I will send you an estimate from our contractor so that you can decide whether you want to be on the waiting list. (For those without e-mail, you can leave me a message at 404-589-9012.)

**Note:** We hope to begin Phase 5 of the program as soon as possible. However, we have encountered a problem with the City in how they want the sidewalks to be done. Up until now, we have laid the hexagonal pavers and brick on several inches of a sand/crushed rock

base. This is both historically accurate and earth-friendly toward our beloved trees.

A change of the guard has resulted in a new requirement to lay the pavers or brick on top of several inches of concrete. This will not only endanger our trees (as if they don't have enough problems to deal with!); it will more than double the cost. So... we are currently trying to negotiate this requirement. No sidewalks will be completed until this matter is resolved. In the meanwhile, we are collecting a list of those interested in getting their sidewalks repaired during Phase 5.

## INTRODUCING THE CLEAN STREET TEAM

*By Millie Astin*

Perhaps you have seen them around Inman Park: a group of four to six men and women wearing blue shirts and orange safety vests cleaning our storm drains, weeding our community gardens, and picking up trash in our streets. They are clients of Samaritan House, a local organization whose mission is to help homeless persons get off the streets and regain self-sufficiency. Designed for Samaritan House clients who have made significant strides in the program, the Clean Street Team is a transitional employment training program which provides litter removal, grounds maintenance, and general janitorial services to public and private entities. (Some of these include City of Atlanta, City of Decatur, ING Marathon, and MARTA). As part of the Clean Street Team, each member receives job skills training, a weekly stipend, transitional housing, case management, and job search assistance.

The IPNA Beautification Committee saw this as a win-win opportunity. So, beginning in August, we contracted for a team to assist in our neighborhood cleanup and beautification efforts. Currently, they work four hours a month in Inman Park and have been doing a great job. Up until now, I've had plenty of jobs for them, **but I need an ongoing list of projects around the neighborhood for them to work on.**

Please e-mail me a note about potential projects at [mcastin@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcastin@bellsouth.net). Keep in mind they do not have machines or heavy equipment (e.g. lawn mowers, etc.) but do have simple tools such as shovels, rakes, and plastic bags. Also, they cannot enter private property (such as some of the abandoned lots around the neighborhood) to clean them up, but they can probably clean up the sidewalk area of such lots.

Up until now, I have been supervising the team. This consists of meeting them on their assigned work day once a month, giving them their tasks, showing them where the project is, and checking in on them a couple of times to answer questions and make sure the work is being done. Unfortunately for this project (but happily for me), I am beginning a full-time job soon and will no longer be able to work with the team directly. **If you have a morning once a month (4 hours maximum), please consider being the neighborhood liason for the team.** I will continue to collect and assign the projects, as well as provide supplies such as yard waste bags.

In summary, here's how you can maximize all the benefits of having The Clean Street Team in our neighborhood:

- Send me suggestions for potential clean-up projects around the neighborhood.
- Greet the Team when you spot them and give them a warm Inman Park welcome.
- Volunteer to be a supervisor for the team once a month for four hours.

## GRANT PARK CANDLELIGHT TOUR

*Submitted by Bill Sanders*

It's that time again! The 28th Annual Grant Park Candlelight Tour of Homes will feature nine beautiful homes on the evenings of Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. As always, there will be an Artists' Market on Saturday and Sunday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with unique, handmade creations by local artisans.

A yearly Children's Celebration "Let It Snow" will be presented on Saturday only from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with holiday crafts, treats and photos with Santa. Bring your kids and cameras as Santa will be at the Celebration both nights of the tour! No tickets required.

Tickets will be available on tour dates at the tour starting point: St. Paul United Methodist Church, 501 Grant St., Atlanta, GA 30312, or you may purchase advance tickets online for \$12 at: [www.candlelighttourofhomes.com](http://www.candlelighttourofhomes.com).

### INMAN PARK FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

**WILL BE HELD ON:**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009**

**AT THE TROLLEY BARN**

**AT 7:30 P.M.**

## ***JOIN US AT CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS EVE***

*By Diane Floyd*

The stores have closed, the packages are all bought and (mostly) wrapped, everything's assembled (well, almost!), Christmas dinner is tucked away in the fridge, and all the family members have arrived. Christmas is coming tomorrow. Take the time to celebrate by joining your neighbors at the Inman Park United Methodist Church for a **Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m. on December 24**. This is a casual service, come as you are!

Then finish the year with worship. We've planned a **Lessons and Carols Service** for December 28 to celebrate the birth of Jesus with carols, anthems and stories, great for children! Again, we're casual; you don't have to get yourself and the kids all dressed up (although it is a great opportunity to wear those special Christmas outfits you couldn't resist!). Just come as you are!

## ***CHRISTMAS CAROLING***

*By John Floyd*

After weeks of shopping and partying, **STOP** and take the time to share the holiday spirit by joining the annual **Inman Park Christmas Caroling** group. Please join us on **Monday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m. at 116 Elizabeth St.** Music, fellowship and refreshments—what could be more fun?!?! We've got the music, you bring the flashlight!

*(Editor's Note: Thank you, John, for organizing the carolers and bringing the spirit of Christmas to this wonderful neighborhood. Also, thanks to the carolers for volunteering. You all do a great job!)*

## ***AT CHRISTMAS GIVE THE GIFT OF "PRIDE FOR PARENTS" AT CHRISTMAS***

*By Diane Floyd*

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 most needed items can be found at: [www.tfstore.org/prideforparentswishlist](http://www.tfstore.org/prideforparentswishlist). Gifts should NOT be wrapped.

All donations should be brought to the Church OR to arrange a pick-up contact: **Mike Mongeon** at: [mike\\_mongeon@yahoo.com](mailto:mike_mongeon@yahoo.com) or **Patches Mongeon** at: [patchesbrock@msn.com](mailto:patchesbrock@msn.com)

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 in which payment for that work will be in the form of 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 will 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 non-profit, 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 they have seasonal campaigns for residents in and around the Grant Park, Summerhill, Ormewood Park, and South Atlanta communities. They provide much needed clothing, school supplies, and miscellaneous household items so that their inner-city residents, especially children, can affordably obtain the tools necessary for becoming employable, good students, and productive citizens.*

# 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 the neighborhood meeting(s) can be set up. Thanks!

UPCOMING AUDC DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	APPLICATIONS DUE	
		Type II	Type III/IV
	Jan. 14	tbd	tbd
Jan. 28	tbd	tbd	
Feb. 11	tbd	tbd	

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

- **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
- **90 Elizabeth St. – approved with conditions-** 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 Scheduled for This Month :**

None

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

- **768 Lake Ave**
- **Lizzy Chapel**

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

## NPU-N UPDATE – DECEMBER 2008

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

I did some complaining about the really old proposed ordinances on my list last month. After consulting with my better half, I have decided to get rid of some of the old stuff and try to focus more on the proposals that have a real chance of moving forward. So, some old stuff you have been following diligently (the height of retaining walls! Oooh!) has fallen off the list. I have highlighted three proposed ordinances below for additional discussion. So get out your thinking caps. (And yes, this will be on the test!)

Two proposed ordinances merely require notification of the affected NPUs and councilperson when such things as police or fire stations are to be closed (08-O-1792) or when a street is to be closed for repairs or a festival (08-O-2030). These seem like no brainers; I have always thought that all anybody wants (usually) is to know in advance what is happening. So why do these proposals get held in committee while others sail on through?

A third highlighted ordinance concerning a new zoning classification, Planned Development-Conservation (PDC), will be heard at the NPU-N meeting in December (Thursday December 18 due to the Christmas Holiday). Why do we need another zoning classification? (Thank you for asking; go to the head of the class.) The idea is to allow for sites that have sensitive habitats to squeeze the development into one part of a property at a higher density than would ordinarily be allowed in order to protect the area of concern. Sounds good, right?

The back story is that the City is required by a state watershed agency to have such an ordinance and so something was thrown together by the Water Department (as opposed to the Planning Department). A version we saw in November is being revised, and I hope to have more to say at the December IPNA meeting.

Finally, I was re-elected as NPU-N's Chair for 2009. (Hold your applause; I ran unopposed.) I look forward to the new year with the hope that the constituent organizations can work more closely together to address common problems. The seven neighborhoods and three business organizations in the NPU-N share a number of "opportunities" for improvement, including safety, traffic calming, compatible development, and the BeltLine. Yet each has its own perspective on things and its own way of doing things, which makes NPU-N a happening and interesting place. But you already knew that. (A's for everyone!) And thanks for letting me represent you.

ORDINANCE NO. (ZRB NO.)	DESCRIPTION	COMM. *	STATUS (AS OF DEC. 1, 2008)
07-O-1521	Outdoor dining areas regulations.	UT	Held in committee ( <i>work sessions held; to NPUs in Dec. or Jan.</i> ).
08-O-0824	Impose a Day-Time Curfew on minors, ages 6 to 16 years.	PS	Held in committee.
08-O-0831	Require two-thirds of City Council to approve an Ordinance to increase taxes.	FE	Held in committee.
08-O-0833 and 08-O-0834	Require two-thirds of the City Council to approve an Ordinance to increase fees, etc.	FE	Held in committee.
08-O-1215	Initiate Volume-Based Billing Collection Program for Solid Waste Services.	UT	Held in committee.
08-O-1230	Create a new category of Alcoholic Beverage License for Community Theatres and exempt them from distance requirements.	PS	Held in committee.
08-O-1563	Call a special election concerning \$40,000 homestead exemption for those older than 65 or whose income is less than \$40,000.	FE	Adopted by C.C. ( <i>Sep. 2</i> ).
08-O-1564	Call special elections to raise homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$30,000 over three years for school board taxes.	FE	Adopted by C.C. ( <i>Sep. 2</i> ).
08-O-1565	Call special elections to raise homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$30,000 over three years for Atlanta City taxes.	FE	Adopted by C.C. ( <i>Sep. 2</i> ).
08-O-1571	Adopt the 2009-2013 City of Atlanta Capital Improvements Program.	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. (Nov. 3); Approved by Mayor (Nov. 6).</i>
08-O-1676	Revise procedures for approval of liquor licenses.	PS	<i>Adopted by C.C. (Nov. 3); Approved by Mayor (Nov. 6).</i>
08-O-1792	<b>Notify affected NPUs when police or fire facility is to be decommissioned or closed.</b>	CD	Held in committee.
08-O-2021	Approve FY 2009 budget.	FE	<i>Adopted by C.C. (Dec. 1).</i>
08-O-2030	<b>Notify affected NPUs when streets are to be closed for festivals or repairs.</b>	CD	Held in committee.
08-O-2136	Graffiti abatement.	PS	<i>Adopted by C.C. (Nov. 17).</i>
08-O-2146	Purchase property to expand Lake Claire Park.	FE	<i>Adopted by C.C. (Nov. 3); Approved by Mayor (Nov. 6).</i>
08-R-2153	Authorize City Auditor to hire outside firm to audit Dep't of Watershed Management	FE	<i>Adopted by C.C. (Nov. 3); Approved by operation of law.</i>
08-O-2059	Amend housing code related to junked vehicles, weeds, rubbish, litter etc.	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. (Nov. 17).</i>
08-O-2071 (Z-08-78)	<b>Creating new PDC zoning district, entitled "Planned Development-Conservation"</b>	ZN	<i>Pending before ZRB-awaiting feedback from NPUs.</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 indicates newly-listed or revised since last month*



## “TIS THE SEASON... TO SING SOME PRAISES

By Lori Feig-Sandoval

Some months ago *Advocator* Editor **Betty Ridderhoff** ran a list of select noteworthy deeds our neighborhood has accomplished over the years, things that make the experience of living in Inman Park uniquely gratifying. Such undertakings make many of us glad to have found this place. Some projects mentioned were: the setting up of the apartment for an immigrant family; the all-volunteer-run annual Spring Festival and Tour of Homes; holiday parties; founding of the Inman Park Cooperative Pre-school; and, much later, the founding of Freedom Park and the bike path; and many other examples of community endeavor.

Initially, when the list first appeared, I had in mind to write about two other amazing all-volunteer community projects from the 1990's, which I imagine some newer residents don't know about. I will still mention those, but at the moment I am moved to first express my gratitude to one person who exemplifies devotion not only to her community but also to her church and congregation. With almost single-handed Herculean effort each month for eight years, **Diane Floyd** prepared sumptuous meals for the multitudes. Each third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., just before the Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) meetings in the Inman Park United Methodist Church (IPUMC) basement, those of us in the know could sample, for a truly bargain basement price, a fabulous fare of exotic origin. No burgers and hot dogs here—unless that's what your kids wanted; then she even had them handy to offer those with a more timid palate. She did it to raise money for the Church.

Diane labored out of love and presented meals that tasted like love-- topped with sugar and spice, and sometimes chilies or chocolate. Other folks in the congregation helped to serve and clean up, but it was Diane who made the menu, the market trips, the meals, and the preliminary phone calls to check individual neighbors' diet needs—all of which made for an atmosphere of adventurous but affordable dining, right in the Church basement. And, she played the perfect Hostess from “Mom” to Maitre d', all in one, as she went from table to table to see how we were enjoying ourselves.

When I read she would no longer be preparing those phenomenal meals each month, I felt such disappointment. I knew how much our family would miss the ritual and the rich feast. I was sorry we hadn't known in time to applaud her at the last meal she had served. (I am thrilled, though, that she said she intends to write a cookbook now, in all her “spare time.”) Then I read how much of her time it took and how relatively little money all that effort brought to her church.

That prompted me to not only want to thank her in the *Advocator*, but also to urge Inman Park neighbors to think about an additional donation this year. In the spirit of generosity and community that inspired Diane, maybe many of us can return that by giving whatever we can afford to the Inman Park United Methodist Church-- a sort of belated hostess gift for all those years of hospitality.

I noticed in the November *Advocator* on Page 19 **Carolyn McLaughlin** wrote a piece (“Gift for the Heart”) which identifies a specific fund at IPUMC called the Historic Structure Report Project, which you may note on the “For” line of your check as “HSR”. But you might want to write on that line simply: for Diane's devotion. (See Carolyn's update article “Check It Off Your List” on Page 11 in this issue of the *Advocator*.)

The other two neighborhood projects I enjoy remembering are: the Inman Park Recycling Project, which won a Joel Award in 1991, and the Inman Park / Habitat for Humanity group that existed for two years, in 1993 and 1994. The Recycling Project was an all volunteer group that set out about 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays in a fleet of resident-owned pick-up trucks to collect curbside piled newspapers, aluminum, or glass, and haul it all to a nearby Recycling Center, years before the City offered this service. It was fun to ride on the back of the pick-ups wearing work gloves and old jeans while jumping off here and there gathering the goods. We then heard the satisfying crash of glass as bottles broke in the big blue barrels we had borrowed or bought (I can't recall). That lasted at least 52 weekends, in rain or shine (but not in sleet or snow).

The two-year Inman Park Habitat for Humanity project was unique in its undertaking and amazing in scope. What was unusual was we renovated an existing house for a Habitat family, whereas Habitat usually only builds new homes, as it is less work and money to do so. But we had the idea the Old Fourth Ward was sort of a “sister neighborhood” in need of a little help. So, we raised the requisite \$20,000 from Inman Park (individual and IPNA donations). Then we solicited, and largely comprised, the 20 or more volunteers for each of the twenty or so consecutive Saturdays (and then some, as sometimes the weather caused delays) to gather and refurbish a run-down house in what was then a neglected part of town. We did this *Twice!*

What feats those two years produced: klutzes like me climbed on a roof to pull shingles off; numerous more coordinated folks measured, painted or installed things like floorboards, siding, or windows, and plenty of local chefs or neighborly good cooks delivered fabulous meals to the work crews. We had a blast. Best of all, we Inman Park residents met the nicest neighbors, including the Habitat Families, in the Old Fourth Ward and we got to know each other from this ‘hood as well. Inman Park packs plenty of enthusiasm for tasks that need attention.

Though we are now “officially” in a recession, I hope this finds you readying for the holidays with a spirit of gratitude and good will. We have so much here, so many fine folks, and such variety. Inman Park reminds me of the cans of “mixed nuts” one can buy. Or maybe I am thinking of that “Bridge Mix” of candies. There I am, back to food. (Diane, get going on writing that cookbook....)

Anyway, this is my wish for all my neighbors: feel blessed, laugh often, and enjoy your energetic, generous, passionate, diverse, and wacky neighborhood.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

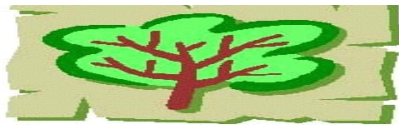
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133 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Dec. 17	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Dec. 22	Mon	HANUKKAH	
Dec. 24	Wed.	CHRISTMAS EVE	
Dec. 25	Thurs.	CHRISTMAS DAY	
Dec. 26	Fri.	KWANZAA	
Dec. 31	Wed.	NEW YEAR'S EVE	
2009	Thurs.	NEW YEAR'S DAY	
Jan. 01	Thurs. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: <a href="mailto:theadvocator@bellsouth.net">theadvocator@bellsouth.net</a>
Jan. 08	Thurs. 7:30 p.m.	Festival Committee Meeting	Trolley Barn

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## TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
39790	Monthly Meeting at 177 Elizabeth St. - 7:30 p.m.	404-523-4801
39850	NINTH ANNUAL TREE HUGGERS BALL!	Stay Tuned

## DECEMBER 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. Secretary**
  - B. President**
  - C. Planning**
  - D. Zoning:**
    - 1. Liquor License for 753 Edgewood Ave. (POTENTIAL– *no application as of Advocator press deadline.*)
    - 2. Liquor License for 1150 Euclid Ave. (Luna Nueva) (POTENTIAL– *no application as of Advocator press deadline.*)
    - 3. NPU Report
  - E. Historic Preservation**
    - 1. 768 Lake Ave.
    - 2. Lizzie Chapel (former church on Edgewood Ave.)
  - F. Public Safety**
  - G. Treasurer**
    - 1. Budgeted monthly expense for the Advocator - \$1,200
    - 2. Budgeted \$4,153 for Progressive Insurance
    - 3. Budgeted \$1,604 for Professional Liability
- Insurance**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business:**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**