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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

Happy 2009 everyone! I've never been one for New Year's resolutions, choosing instead to try to make changes when the need arises (or to remain firmly in denial). Instead, at the beginning of the new year, I like to reflect on all I am grateful for from the past year. With that in my mind, I want to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who have worked for our neighborhood in 2008.

First, I want to thank the IPNA Board members, with whom I have been so lucky to serve. I thank **Chuck Clarke** and **Drew Evans**, who end up on the front line of some of our thornier issues and always address them with patience and wisdom, while looking out for the interests of our neighbors in historic preservation and zoning. Chuck is also an invaluable sounding board and counsel, and Drew brings intelligent insight to the table every time. **Bill Hagan** has my endless gratitude for his hard work with the Public Safety Committee and the Security Patrol. Beyond his tough exterior, he is also a calm and rational presence in bringing people together when they are afraid or angry about safety issues. I don't know how we will replace Chuck, Drew, and Bill this year.

I thank the newest members of the Board, **Stephanie McCaa**, **Bill Goodman**, and **Megan** and **Trevor Wilson**. Stephanie is amazingly organized and has those meeting minutes cranked out in less than 24 hours. She also lends thoughtful input to every issue we address. Bill Goodman hit the ground running and quickly formed a committee and started tackling ambitious planning goals. He not only finds time to be at our two meetings each month but is also behind the scenes getting himself to important Beltline, MARTA, and other city meetings. Trevor & Megan have done a stellar job organizing our accounting and have brought clarity to our detailed finances. I'm looking forward to another year of working with them all.

Unfortunately, I don't have enough room to list each committee chair, but I thank each of them and their committee members for their time, energy, and skills. Turn over the *Advocator* and read the list of names because they deserve recognition. I will call out one of them, **Danny Feig-Sandoval**, because he wears so many hats without even being asked. Doing the job of Festival Chair alone deserves our gratitude, but Danny also took on the task of traffic-calming, one of our more challenging problems, devoting hours of time at City Hall and with neighbors and architects trying to figure out ways to improve our streets.

I also can't give enough thanks to the Public Safety Committee, who have met a lot of challenges lately. My thanks also goes out to Sergeant **Brent Schierbaum** for his leadership with the Security Patrol and his smiling presence on our streets.

There is also **Betty Ridderhoff**, who has more than earned the right to take a break and just spoil her grandchildren but instead spends the entire month putting together this publication, offers wisdom and experience on any issue that we face, and opens her home to just about anyone who needs space for anything. There are the neighbors who represent Inman Park and our whole community elsewhere in the city, such as **Jonathan Miller** with NPU and **Regina Brewer** with UDC (not to mention their involvement with our public elementary school's PTA).

Then there are the neighbors whose names don't get listed in the *Advocator* but who chip in wherever they are needed --people like **Oreon Mann**, **Lou Arcangeli**, **Judy Clements**, **Cathy Bradshaw**, and **Al Caproni**, just to name a few.

And I'm going to call out a couple of you who really walked the walk and didn't just talk the talk. When **Karen Goeckel** raised concerns about homeless persons in the area, she jumped right in to work with the Street People Committee, volunteer at Gateway, and really make a difference. When **Kristi Remick** was worried about crime, she promptly joined the Public Safety Committee and began the hard work of trying to make real changes to assure our safety.

The risk with thanking people directly like this is that, without question, I have left off so many names. So, know that I am thankful to ALL of you for your efforts and dedication to making Inman Park the place we love so dearly. I look forward to working with all of you in 2009 and enjoying our unique community here in Inman Park.

2009 FESTIVAL MEETING

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

Three and a half months and counting till Festival 2009. It's time to start signing up to volunteer for Festival so go to inmanparkfestival.org or inmanpark.org and follow the directions to our volunteer sign-up website. If, for some reason, this does not work or you have questions / concerns about volunteering for Festival, contact our Volunteer Chair, Judy Clements, at judyclements@bellsouth.net.

Due to the slumping economy, it is possible that some of our sponsors may be scaling back on their interest in Festival sponsorships. With that in mind, we are excited to announce a ramped-up effort to appeal to everyone to consider becoming a "Friend of Festival" this year. **Carrington Moore**, friendsoffestival@gmail.com, is the new chair of this committee and has created a revised plan to attract individuals and businesses to sign up as sponsors at different levels. She will be posting e-mails to the neighborhood presenting the plan, so please take a look and consider supporting Festival on a level that works for you or your business.

Our next Festival 2009 meeting will be Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn. Please contact me at danny@smallcarpenters.com or 404-791-8497 if you would like to help out or have any feedback / thoughts regarding Festival.

JOEL AWARDS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

By Betty Ridderhoff

Put on your thinking caps and nominate someone you feel deserves to earn a coveted Joel Award.

The Joel Award Committee would appreciate hearing from you. **Lisa Burn-ette** has graciously offered to be the contact person for any nominations. Her e-mail address is: president@inmanpark.org or call her at 404-659-9415

Don't wait, send your nomination in today. There are many who deserve to earn the award, and the selection process must begin now.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2008 IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette asked for newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Richard Wadlington** and **Jorge Pacheco**, new owners of Pacific Kitchen restaurant (soon to be Park's Edge Restaurant).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Ephron, owner of Jac, announced the Inman Park business association, which had been meeting sporadically, would now be meeting every second Thursday of the month, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at The Albert. He hopes this will ensure greater consistency and more opportunities for networking. You are welcome to attend, whether or not you own a business in Inman Park. The first meeting is January 8, 2009.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa

Stephanie will be sending an e-mail out on the Yahoo Group in January to see if anyone wants to order Inman Park flags or banners. We have none in stock now, but she anticipates having them by the end of January 2009.

PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette

Lisa asked everyone to read her weekly blog on inmanpark.org to get up-to-date news.

PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman

The Beltline organization is still holding its Beltline 101 seminars. The next one is January 20 at 6:00 p.m. in room 30315 at Zoo Atlanta. This briefing really gives you a great primer on what is going on. Bill has a copy of the briefing and will be posting it on inmanpark.org.

Bill also gave an update on **Millie Astin's** Beautification Committee's sidewalk project. Right now Phase 5 is about to begin. Please let Millie know if you are interested in replacing your sidewalks in 2009. IPNA will pay 50% of the cost of your sidewalks up to \$2,000 (in other words, if your sidewalk costs \$4,000, you are reimbursed \$2,000). **Karen Goeckel** asked what we can do about dangerous sidewalks in front of houses where the owners are absentee landlords. It was suggested to find the tax records and contact the owners directly. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** also reported the new official in charge of sidewalks in the City is changing the regulations regarding how we pour sidewalks. They are requiring a concrete base that has the potential to kill the trees. He is trying to get a meeting with that official. **Bill Goodman** said no sidewalks will be repaired until we have that issue resolved with the City. However, please let Millie know if you are interested in replacement so she can start planning.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Major Propes, Zone 6 Commander, reported the City furloughs, which start December 25, will result in a 10% reduction in the workforce. She added officers have already begun leaving the force, and she anticipates this trend will continue. In addition, there is a hiring freeze. Crime is up on this beat by 6%, this zone by 11% and the City by 4%. Approximately 29% of the Inman Park crime is larceny from auto. In fact, 92% of crime in this beat is property crimes (larceny, shoplifting, car break-ins). This is somewhat reassuring because it's property not personal crimes. She referenced the robbery and sexual assault that took place earlier this month. The police caught one offender within 24 hours and believe they have identified the two other attackers (two juveniles). The APD is seeing people coming from West End up 1-20 and targeting East Atlanta, Ormewood, and Inman Park. Some of these perpetrators have been caught through CrimeStoppers and by personal surveillance tapes.

Major Propes mentioned **Roderick McBride**, who specializes in car break-ins. **Warren Atkinson**, the Community Prosecutor, is working with the police to keep him out of our neighborhood. She also announced there are some rookie beat officers now working in L5P.

Ro Wagner of Inman Mews thanked Major Propes for sending out the most recent BOLO. She also reported residents in Inman Mews are still having problems with emergency services because their address is not accurate in the system. Major Propes said she will follow up on this.

Phil Sims asked for advice on how we can help the policing efforts. Major Propes said surveillance videos are great, but you can also just keep your eyes open. Phil then asked how can we find out what the people look like who have been banned from Zone 6. **Sgt. Schierbaum** said he will explore ways to get the information to the residents. Phil Sims then asked for specific figures regarding drug crimes, arrests, and convictions. Major Propes said narcotics arrests are down since the Neal Street incident. They are trying to bring this back up. Year to date, there have been 5,000 narcotics arrests which is 9% down over last year. **Karen Goeckel** asked for confirmation that a L5P business man had been arrested for narcotics. Major Propes thinks the police looked at a business but doesn't think any arrest

has been made.

Warren Atkinson reported on the Court Watch program where citizens are invited into the courtroom to get a first-hand understanding of how the legal process works. The next Court Watch session will be in late January or early February (the date will be listed on Inman Park's Google Calendar and communicated to the Yahoo Group). He also commented about having a neighborhood presence in the courtroom which can have an impact on sentencing and other issues. He recounted how the bond for **Cory Williams** was revoked after the community rallied and filed a petition to have it done. Warren Atkinson believes the strong community presence in the courtroom during this petition impacted the fact that Cory Williams' bond was revoked.

He reported on another program where the City is producing stickers you place on items like flat-screen televisions. The sticker is very difficult to remove so, if stolen, an item can be traced back to the original owners. At the very least, it can help charge people with receiving stolen property. Mr. Atkinson said he plans on coming to the IPNA meetings more regularly in 2009 to give us updates.

He said **District Attorney Paul L. Howard, Jr.** is focusing on repeat offenders. The City has focused on this before but the sentences have been too short, Atkinson believes. **Lou Arcangeli** asked if he has been able to secure a sentence if an offender is caught in an area from which he has been banned. Mr. Atkinson says that is one of his priorities, however, the problem right now is that it's getting harder to send non-violent offenders back to jail because of the overcrowding.

Sgt. Brent Schierbaum, an officer in APD's Zone 5 and Chief of Security for the Inman Park Patrol, reported they are on the hunt for **Anthony Davis**. Please be on the lookout for him. He specializes in residential burglaries from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. He also recruits juveniles to help him. He is looking for TVs that are easily visible from the street. Please close your curtains and write down the serial numbers! Without serial numbers it's sometimes hard to get a search warrant. Sgt. Schierbaum is encouraged that burglaries are down and thanked IPNA for funding more officers in December. Please use the Inman Park Security Patrol Vacation Form. He concluded by saying that the IPP officers love policing here. They appreciate your flagging down the car, thanking them, and talking to them. **Lisa Burnette** added everyone in Inman Park is discouraged to hear about the furloughs, but all the officers have our support.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Jay Tribby, chief of staff for **Kwanza Hall**, (phone number is 404-330-6038 and e-mail is khall@atlantaga.gov) thanked all Inman Park residents who helped with last month's Beltline Clean-up. The goal is to complete clean-up in the southern section of the Beltline in 2009. Jay also thanked **Jonathan Miller** for his contribution.

Their office is working very hard to help set up a meeting with the City official in charge of sidewalk repairs and **Danny Feig-Sandoval**.

He confirmed a spring date for implementation of the traffic calming is in the City's 2009 budget plan.

Jay also reminded everyone of their role as a resident to keep the neighborhood safe. In reading police reports, he notices so many of these crimes can be prevented by being careful to do things like keep doors locked; set your lights on light timers; and take laptops and other items out of your car.

Kwanza Hall has been appointed to the Public Safety Committee for next year. They need your bright ideas so please e-mail their office. He also shared the news that **Karen Heubner**, head of the Urban Design Commission, was terminated by the Department of Planning. People are trying to find ways to get her a new role in historic preservation in the City. The new City hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. However, Hall's office is still maintaining regular hours. Jay is optimistic about 2009 and believes with the good leadership of the new CFO, the City can fix previous problems.

ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans

Ria Pell, of 753 Edgewood Ave., told the Board prior to the meeting that she would delay her liquor license application until February or March because she's still working with the Urban Design Commission. It was decided an immediate neighbors meeting would be held in the third or fourth week of January so the IPNA and NPU-N would have time to review the application prior to it being heard by the LRB.

Drew reported a physician (psychiatrist) has contacted him about using his house on Lake Ave. as his office. He will be looking for a special use permit.

Someone else has contacted him about a special events site on Edgewood Ave. on the block prior to Krog St.

NPU: Jonathan Miller announced that in 2009 the new Inman Park representative to NPU will be **Megan Holder**. He also reported the Olmsted Linear Park Board is looking for a member and the Old Fourth Ward Park Conservancy is also looking for a member. If you're interested in either organization, please contact him.

News from the last NPU meeting includes the approval of **Diane** and **John Floyd's** special exception. Jonathan will represent them at BZA.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke

Chuck asked **Regina Brewer** to clarify the issue about the variance for a neighbor's wall that was voted on at the November meeting. Regina explained the City is responsible for ensuring all buildings are within code and work is properly permitted. Obviously this wall had not been permitted when it was built and was not within code. When someone applies for a permit, the City checks to make sure everything on that site is within code. The City was just doing their job. Regina pointed out this was not a violation of just the historic guidelines; it violated zoning in general. Regina explained there were two main reasons why they voted to allow this variance:

- (1) To tear down the wall would have been a hardship to the owners and
- (2) because of the topography of their land, the front yard is their only yard. She warned we need to be careful about these types of issues in the future because we have to make it fair for all. We cannot pick and choose who we allow to violate codes and guidelines. It's also your personal responsibility. If you see people violating a code or building without a permit, contact the Urban Design Commission immediately. **Karen Goeckel** asked about zoning enforcement in L5P. Regina suggested going to the City website where you can look up permits by street names. If the business does not have a permit, go to **Jay Tribby** in **Kwanza Hall's** office. Regina asked the group if there was any interest in her conducting a seminar/information session on everything you might want to know about Inman Park's historic designation and the procedures. The meeting attendees were enthusiastic about this idea. **Chuck Clarke** reiterated we cannot apply rules to one applicant and not to another. **Brian McCloskey** and his wife, the owners of the house in question, thanked all the people who helped them to resolve the issue.

Chuck Clarke moved the Lizzie Chapel (former church on Edgewood Ave.) agenda item to January's meeting pending more information.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan

Bill Hagan asked **Phil Sims** to copy the Yahoo Group on a well-written e-mail he sent to **Mary Norwood**. He then recognized the outstanding work of the members of the Public Safety Committee: **Bob Sandage, Betty Ridderhoff, Dennis Mobley, Cynthia Knapp, Bob Morrison, Gregg Scott, and Kristi Remick**. Bill reinforced the idea if you're concerned about safety, the best solution is to join the neighborhood effort rather than working on your own. There is strength in numbers. One of the ways to help is to join the Public Safety Committee. Please contact him if you're interested in joining. Another way to help would be to address safety concerns by joining the IPNA Security Patrol. We have increased the patrol car's hours from 8 to 12 hours a day, but we'd like to increase it more. To do that, we need money. **Bob Sandage** is starting a Public Safety Campaign because right now only one-third (1/3) of the neighbors participate in Security Patrol. Neighborhood Watch may also be a key to safety in the future. **Cynthia Knapp** has done a wonderful job with her block captains for graffiti removal so we'll be following her model. Also, with Board approval, we're going to give our Security Patrol officers a bonus by doubling one week's pay to thank them and help them with the furlough situation. **Lisa Burnette** thanked the Public Safety Committee for their great work.

TREASURER: Megan and Trevor Wilson

Megan and Trevor Wilson were unable to attend so **Lisa Burnette** reported the following expenses:

\$616 – Carter & Burgess (IPNA Traffic Calming).
\$612 – Fast Signs.
\$573 – Security Patrol (gas, tires, etc.).
\$782 – Ray Harbour, Inman Park Holiday Party.
\$100 – Babysitter for the November and December IPNA meetings.

\$310 – Trolley Barn (IPNA Holiday Party rental).
\$14.82 – In Town Business Center.

Motions were made, seconded, and approved for the following expenses (required in the By-laws for expenses over \$1,000):

\$1,868 – The *Advocator*.
\$4,153 – Progressive Insurance for the Inman Park Patrol Car.
\$1,604 – Love, Douglas & Pope, Inc., for Professional Liability Insurance coverage for Board Members).
\$1,174 – Ray Harbour for miscellaneous Holiday Party expenses.
\$1,200 – Expense for the band at Holiday Party.
\$2,000 – Oakview Landscaping (Springvale Park landscape company bill for October and November).
\$6,500 – Highland Bakery (caterer for the IPNA Christmas party).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Festival Committee - Danny Feig-Sandoval announced we have an additional \$8,000 in our budget because Bank of America gave us a refund from a credit card overcharge. He also has all Festival Committee slots filled. Start thinking about volunteering! Please call **Judy Clements** for more information.

Traffic Calming Committee – Danny Feig-Sandoval reported the final drawings for Lake Ave.; Edgewood Ave. at Euclid Ave.; and North Highland Ave. at Washita Ave., Cleburne Ave. and Colquitt Ave. are ready to go to the City. **John Dwyer** is drawing a map of the neighborhood showing where we need new crosswalks. He will submit this to the City as they have a separate budget for crosswalks and we might be able to get some improvements.

Tree Watch Committee – Marge Hays reported that 40 trees were planted in the neighborhood on November 22, 2008. She also announced the Treehuggers' Ball will take place February 9, 2009. More details to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Burnette reported the City is cutting back on recycling and yard waste pick-up. The service will now be every *other* week. All details will be on inmanpark.org.

OLD BUSINESS

Lisa Burnette thanked **Ray Harbour** and the other volunteers who organized the holiday party.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is January 21, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

“HASTE MAKES WASTE, ETC.”

By Bill Hagan

Many of you know from my frequent whining, and some unlucky few from direct observation, that I am a slob. During my career in the Army, I appeared to be a Felix; in my retirement, I've reverted to my inner-Oscar. That is especially true when **Kathi** is out of town, as she is again, squeezing grandbabies in Virginia. She caught on that the clean house on her returns has been a fraud, evidenced when she found the occasional beer bottle under the bed I missed in my frantic housecleaning. Believing that haste makes waste, I try to time my efforts while watching www.flytecomm.com/, so I know exactly where she was along the way. This time, however, she has left me the “Honey-Do” list from heck, topped with “recaulk tub in master bath.” Of course, since that was at the top of the list, I have put it off (along with lethargy, I've cultivated procrastination as an art form!) and done the easy things first. Yet – and, yes, finally – my point is that, as Renaissance **John Heywood** put it so quaintly, it's an “ill wind that bloweth no man good.” So, while you might not be able to tell from that windy introduction, this will be one of my shorter columns because Delta flight # 1969 is over Roanoke. *Yikes!*

First, this is an anniversary of sorts. Yes, for the better memories out there, last month was the actual first-year anniversary of our Inman Park Security Patrol Crown Vic's entry into our service, but I forgot. It's a Mars-Venus thing about anniversaries. But, what a change that car has made. If you look at our GPS tracking system, you will see that it has been everywhere – every street and often – since it started its rounds in early December 2007. If you are young, like our Inman Mews and other 30-somethings, you might see that car and its APD officer in it when you come home from a party or, for the ambitious, the office late at night. At my age, I often see it when I look out the window when I get up to go down the hall in the middle of the night. Whatever your reason, though, it is comforting to know that our Security Patrol officers are out there eight (and, as of late, twelve) hours day, seven days a week, traveling more than 12,000 miles a year on our streets. The Security Patrol cannot stop all crime, of course, but the presence of our Patrol and car has been and – with your support – will continue to be a major deterrent against crime in Inman Park.

In that regard (and you knew this was coming), that support will be the subject of **Bob Sandage's** upcoming fundraising campaign. Watch for this and be a part of the solution. Yet I still get, in response to my question about Security Patrol membership, the tired and, in my opinion, absurd refrain, "That's what I pay taxes for." Such folks must believe in the tooth fairy, too. Even before the recent 10% cut in officers' hours, i.e., 10% less coverage, APD was stretched. Now, without our Security Patrol, we would be seriously at risk of criminals who prey on people and property. What I find particularly disturbing is that only about one-third of Inman Park residents are Security Patrol members. John Heywood had something to say about that, i.e., "Many hands make light work." I, being more Medieval than Renaissance, would simply say that it is shameful of those who do not share the burden.

Our Security Patrol officers are not caricatures of donut-chomping cops waiting for crime to happen. They are true community police officers, proactive and friendly to taxpayers, but intolerant of those who are here to commit crime. For proof, see Security Patrol "Chief," **Sgt. Schierbaum's** report for December at the bottom of this page. In that regard, we have been generous in our support of requests for "vacation patrols." Regrettably, the pace of work has caused me to direct Sgt. Schierbaum to place any such patrols for non-Security Patrol members as a low priority. Members will continue to get that service, which includes a Security Patrol officer checking on members' homes while away every shift with a "on the porch and turn the door knob" level of check.

As I announced in my last column and again at the December IPNA meeting, we have gone to 12-hours per day—vice 8-hours—of Security Patrol operation at least through January as a result of Sgt. Schierbaum's analysis of the past three years in crime trends. That review noted that daytime home burglaries have tended to spike during that period. As a matter of fact, virtually all crime in Inman Park is directed against property, but we are all mindful of the recent spate of armed robberies, with three black males together being the most frequently identified perps. Stay alert, and call 9-1-1 anytime you see suspicious activity; let APD sort out the facts.

Well, Delta 1969 is in final approach and I'll need last rites if I don't put this down and pick up things quickly. John Heywood had something to say about everything, including one of my favorites: "More things belong to marriage than four bare legs in a bed." One of those is a clean house.

Gotta go.

INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL DECEMBER 2008 - ACTIVITY					
<i>By Sgt. Brent Schierbaum</i>					
Directed Patrols	285	Delinquent Juveniles	1	Criminal Trespass	1
Drop Ins / Park and Walks	172	Parking Complaint	1	Criminal Damage to Property	1
Suspicious Persons	48	Sidewalk / Street Obstruction	1	Arrests: 4 1 - Wanted on Warrant (Failure to Appear / Simple Assault) 1 - Wanted on Warrant (Felony Theft by Taking) 1 - Disorderly Under the Influence 1 - Possession of Marijuana and Wanted on Warrant (Failure to Appear / Traffic Offense)	
Alarm Call	14	Hit and Run	1		
Information	8	Disturbance / Fight	1		
Robbery	7	Wanted Person	1		
Open Door / Window:	5	Vehicle Accident	1		
Theft	5	Gun Shots Fired	1	Field Interview Forms	14
Officer Assistance Call	3	Burglary	1	Parking Ticket	1
Mentally Ill Person:	2	Person Injured	1	Association Member Contact	28

INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2008

By Greg Scott

Below is a summary of November and December'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.

The information below is a e bit jumbled as it includes a one week report from November. However, you can see that the holidays were a bit challenging in the neighborhood.

The mid-November and December rash of street robberies and the more recent increase in violent crimes city-wide serve as a reminder to all that we indeed live in an urban area. With the increase in density, the current economic climate, and the recent cutbacks in staffing by the City in the Public Safety work force we all need to be vigilant and do everything we can as citizens to help out the APD and each

other.

We have increased the Security Patrol hours from 8 hours a day to 12 hours a day to help make up for the decrease in actual City police coverage. We feel this is the best short term solution to what is really a long term problem. We would like to see more hours of patrolling as well as some alternative methods of keeping watch over our streets, people, and homes.

However, more patrol hours will mean more money. If you are a resident or business and have not joined the Security Patrol yet, please visit: www.inmnapark.org for more information on how you can help. If you are already a member, please spread the word to your neighbors and the local businesses that you patronize.

Be safe, and be careful out there!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
11/15	Overnight	Theft from Vehicle	900 Block Waverly Way	Rear passenger's window smashed. Stolen: GPS.
11/16	2:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Theft from Vehicle	800 Block Ashland Ave.	Rear driver's side vent window smashed. Stolen: Blackberry.
11/17	1:00 p.m.	Robbery	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim was sitting at an outside table at restaurant when suspect grabbed victim's purse and threatened to shoot her if she called the police.
11/19	2:30 p.m.	Robbery	Euclid Ave. @ Hurt St.	Victim was walking from the Marta Station when suspects approached from behind and removed a cellphone and wallet from his pockets. Victim was told suspects had a gun but never saw one.
11/20	3:00 p.m.	Robbery	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim was working as a waitress when suspect reached in her apron and stole her cash and receipts. Suspect ran away after a brief struggle.
11/20	12:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.	Robbery	100 Block Montag Circle	Victim remembers taking his dog out after returning from a bar. About 5:30 he was awakened by his girlfriend. His wallet was missing and he had visible injuries to his face and head, but had no memory of what happened..
11/21	7:00 a.m.	Robbery	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim was opening coffee shop when suspect produced a black handgun and took money from the register as well as victim's personal property.
11/26-11/27	Overnight	Vehicle Theft	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Motorcycle stolen from parking lot.
11/30	7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Theft from Vehicle	100 Block Elizabeth St.	Front passenger window smashed. Stolen: cell phone.
12/2-12/3	Overnight	Theft from Vehicle	1000 Block Alta Ave.	Vehicle entered. Vehicle was possibly unsecured. Stolen: credit cards, cash, backpack, and tent.
12/3	5:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Front passenger window smashed. Stolen: iPod.
12/3	5:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: iPod and briefcase.
12/4	8:00 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and backpack and books taken.
12/4	8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Lap top stolen from unlocked vehicle.
12/5 – 12/6	8:00 p.m.– 1:30 a.m.	Theft from Vehicle	200 Block Elizabeth St.	Rear driver's window smashed. Stolen: sleeping bag, lap top bag, books and hard drive.
12/6-12/7	Overnight	Auto Theft	900 Block Albion Ave.	Vehicle stolen after being parked in the street. Glass was found where vehicle had been.
12/6	7:00 p.m.	Robbery	Lake Ave. @ Elizabeth St.	Victim was walking through the park when he was approached by suspect who pulled a black revolver out and instructed victim to get on the ground. Cash was taken from the victim. Victim did not want to file a report.
DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
12/10	2:00 a.m.– 5:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear driver's window smashed. Stolen: pilot's license, laptop, SIDA badges, chainsaw, and flight manual. Victim had locked keys in the car and was going home to get spare set when theft occurred. Keys were still in ignition.
12/10 -	Overnight	Theft from	1000 Block	Driver's side window and windshield were smashed.

12/11		Auto	Colquitt Ave.	Stolen: CD's.
12/11	1:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	200 Block Elizabeth St.	Rear driver's window smashed. Stolen: lap top and bag stolen. While officer was filling out the report a citizen called the victim as he/she had recovered the property in front of their house.
12/11	8:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Theft from Auto	100 Block Waverly Way	Passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop.
12/12	20 hour time frame	Theft from Auto	900 Block Euclid Ave.	Front passenger window smashed. Stolen: GPS and MP3 player.
12/13	5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Theft from Auto	Druid Circle	Driver's window smashed and vehicle rummaged through. Nothing taken.
12/13	5:40 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	Edgewood Ave. @ Delta Place	Window smashed. Stolen: purse and cell phone.
12/13 – 12/14	12:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	800 Block Dixie Ave.	Passenger window smashed and car rummaged through. Nothing taken.
12/14	6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Attempted Burglary	1100 Block Euclid Ave/	Door knob damaged on apartment. Resident thinks the attempted break-in was thwarted by her dog.
12/16	6:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	200 Block Hurt St.	Passenger window smashed and car rummaged through. Nothing taken.
12/16	7:45 a.m.	Burglary	1000 Block Edgewood	Laptop stolen from second floor classroom of school.
12/16	7:30 p.m.	Robbery	Edgewood Ave. @ Hurt St.	Victim was walking through the park when 4 suspects assaulted him and took his cell phone.
12/17	11:45 p.m.	Robbery	100 Block Hurt St.	Victim was first approached by suspect with a semi-automatic pistol. A second suspect hit victim in the head with a pistol and took victims wallet. Suspects left in a white vehicle.
12/18	1:45 a.m.	Robbery	1000 Block Colquitt Ave.	Victim was approached by suspect on street and shown a silver semi-automatic pistol. Suspect threatened to shoot if not given money. Suspect fled in a white Ford Taurus with two other suspects.
12/19	1:25 a.m.	Robbery	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim was in rear parking lot when 2 suspects pulled up in a black vehicle, displayed a pistol. Stolen: ID, cell phone and \$430 cash.
12/19	8:45 p.m.	Robbery	Poplar Circle @ Euclid Ave/	Victim was walking from MARTA when approached by 2 suspects, who asked for change. One produced a silver handgun and demanded victim's belongings. Stolen: \$60.
12/21	Overnight	Auto Theft	00 Block Waverly Way	Vehicle stolen from street.
12/22 – 12/26	Four day period	Theft	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Bike stolen from assigned space.
12/26	5:30 a.m.	Auto Theft	Waddell St.	Vehicle stolen from street.
12/26	8:30 a.m.	Theft	1000 Block Colquitt Ave/	Victim reported seeing suspect with two boxes of cigarettes taken from her porch.
12/27 - 12/28	One day period	Auto Theft	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Vehicle stolen from street.
12/28	Overnight	Auto Theft	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Vehicle stolen from street.
12/29	6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Burglary	300 Block Ashland Ave.	Latch broken on window, house entered. Stolen: flat screen TV, diamond earrings. and iPod taken.
12/30- 12/31	Overnight	Auto Theft	1100 Block Alta Ave.	Vehicle stolen from street. Door lock found where car had been parked.
12/31 -1/1	Overnight	Theft from Auto	800 Block Ashland Ave.	Vehicle's lock removed. Stolen: in-dash stereo.

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

-To subscribe to the Yahoo! Group, go to www.yahoo.com, click on "Groups" and type "inmanparkga" in the "search groups box. After you click on the group URL just click on "join this group" and follow the instructions.
-To subscribe to the inmanpark.org mailing list, go to www.inmanpark.org and click on "Subscribe". Fill out the form and click on "subscribe."

INMAN PARK SECURITY – DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES UPDATE

By Bob Sandage

I am writing to let you know of some recent developments in the Inman Park Security Patrol.

The Security Patrol Committee has been quite busy obtaining more volunteer members to lead certain areas, deciding and delegating duties, and assembling the most accurate “picture” of Inman Park in terms of residents, managed properties, and businesses. As to the latter, here is a summary of Security Patrol Participation:

- Residents – 715 homes
33% participation
- Managed Properties – 1300 units
30% participation
(Number of units and participation are estimates,)
- Businesses – 172 businesses
2% participation

We are still working on finalizing the numbers for managed properties, but feel the estimate is fairly accurate. Two aspects that should jump out immediately are:

- (a) 1/3 of our residents are funding security improvements for the other 2/3, and
- (b) business participation is almost non-existent. As **Bill Hagan** mentioned in his article (see Page 7 in this *Advocator*), we are about to embark on a major campaign to increase participation in the Security Patrol and maintain participation year-to-year. Here are more details on how we plan to do that for each of the three areas:

Residential – We are working to finalize a network of Street or Area Captains by 1/15/09. *PLEASE* consider volunteering as a Captain!
Roles of the Captains:

- (a) be willing and motivated to meet as many people in their area as possible,
- (b) explain the Security Patrol features and benefits to those who aren't familiar,
- (c) help establish a sense of community and neighbors watching out for each other,
- (d) keeping the list of houses and residents in their area up to date, and most importantly
- (e) be the focal point for feedback to pass from the residents they represent to the Security Patrol committee and vice versa.

Managed Properties – There are just over 50 managed properties (apartments, condos, townhomes) in Inman Park. Instead of reaching out to 1300+ residents, we are working directly with the management companies. We are giving a volume discount structure based on the number of units. When the managed property signs up for Security Patrol, all residents of that property are entitled to the benefits for the level paid for by their management company and receive individual Security Patrol ID cards. We also will be looking for a resident Captain at these properties to be the same type of focal point as described above for individual residences.

Businesses – We now have a member of our Security Patrol Committee who is leading the charge for increasing business participation in the program. This is a fairly daunting task to significantly raise the percent participation for 172 businesses. We will focus on business associations such as L5P Business Association and Inman Park Business Association first, followed by strategic focus on core concentrated areas such as Inman Park Village. Remaining businesses will be part of the door-to-door campaign. Once again, we could use VOLUNTEERS in this effort. And, by all means, if you are a resident Security Patrol member and have good rapport with certain neighborhood businesses, PLEASE encourage them to ask for a quote by e-mailing security.patrol@inmanpark.org.

Timeline

1/15/09 –

Network of Street / Area Captains as complete as possible.

1/20/09 –

Completed flyer for distribution to re-sidents (the business flyer is already complete).

1/21/09 –

Area/Street Captain meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Inman Park United Methodist Church before the IPNA meeting.

1/30/09 –

Post “organizational chart” of Security Patrol Committee and the Area / Street Captains to the Yahoo Group, Inman Park website, etc. Also “thermometer charts” for progress versus goals/

1/21 – 4/30/09 (and ongoing) –

Campaign push to achieve \$175K annual Security Patrol membership fees through the combination of residential, managed property, and business participation.

There is no doubt the Inman Park Security Patrol has transformed into a bonafide business, and the goal of this business is to bring the highest level of security possible to all within the Inman Park boundaries. But, the Security Patrol is also a business that is managed by volunteers such as Bill Hagan, myself, and (thankfully) now some others. As such, the volunteers involved have many other commitments and this evolution will not happen overnight. Rest assured that it will happen, and thanks to everyone for their patience and participation!

If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions, I can be reached at: bobsandage@yahoo.com or by phone at: 678-523-5214

NPU-N UPDATE – JANUARY 2009

By Jonathan R. Miller, Chair of NPU-N

It has been relatively quiet at City Hall recently, primarily for two reasons. First, City Council is on recess. By ordinance they are off from December 15 until January 2. So not much has happened with respect to new legislation of interest to Inman Park. I have not added any proposed ordinances to the list below and have taken several off that have become law. But watch out for the new year; anything can happen. And don't forget that 2009 is an election year!

Second, City Hall is now closed on Fridays. (I know!) Even hearings of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) which used to be on Friday afternoons have been moved to Thursdays. So plan accordingly when you need to go to City Hall.

As you can see from the by-line, I am not the primary representative for 2009. (No, I did not get cold feet. Ok maybe I did, but that was because of my jump into the pool on New Year's Day!) That honor goes to Megan Holder, who has offered to represent us and whose appointment was announced at last month's IPNA meeting. She has already attended several meetings and was our representative in December. So please give her your support, ideas, and advice. While I will continue to Chair NPU-N, I will only vote as Inman Park's representative if she can not make it to a meeting. But I will still be looking out for the interests of Inman Park. And thanks for letting me represent you at NPU-N for the past several years; it has been an honor.

ORDINANCE NO. (ZRB NO.)	DESCRIPTION	COMM. *	STATUS (AS OF JAN. 1, 2009)
07-O-1521	Outdoor dining areas regulations.	UT	Held in committee (work sessions held; to NPUs in Dec. or Jan.)
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 Ordinance to increase taxes.	FE	Held in committee.
08-O-0833 and 08-O-0834	Require two-thirds of City Council to approve 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 new category of Alcoholic Beverage License for Community Theatres and exempt them from distance requirements.	PS	Held in committee.
08-O-1792	Notify affected NPUs when police or fire facility is to be decommissioned or closed.	CD	Held in committee.
08-O-2030	Notify affected NPUs when streets are to be closed for festivals or repairs.	CD	Held in committee.
08-O-2071 (Z-08-78)	Creating new PD zoning district, entitled "Planned Development-Conservation."	ZN	Pending before ZRB-awaiting feedback from NPUs.
* City Council Committee code:			
CC=Committee on Council	PS=Public Safety & Legal	ZN=Zoning	
CD=Community Development/Human Resources	TR=Transportation	italics indicates newly-listed or revised since last month	
FE=Finance/Executive	UT=Utilities		

GREETINGS GOOD MOVES FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS!

By Carolyn McLaughlin

As the year draws to a close and we mark the middle of the 2008/2009 Season, I thought I would take a moment to bring you some highlights of the first half of the Season and a look to the second half.

Outreach

The Consort had a great visit at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf on Monday, December 8, 2008. They performed "Fish Out of Water" and excerpts from "Of Apes and Angels" and "A Prince, A Cyclist and QUEEN." The performance was a great success and a great beginning to what we hope will be a long-term relationship which will include classes, workshops and performances by the Consort, Consort Apprentices, and the students at the school.

Plans are well underway for the 9th Inman Park Dance Festival. We are so happy to continue our partnership with the Inman Park Neighborhood Association to produce this great event as part of the Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes.

The two free-admission performances will take place Saturday, April 25, 2009, and Sunday, April 26, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. We have confirmed performances by Full Radius Dance (www.fullradiusdance.org) and Zoetic Dance Ensemble (www.zoeticdance.org). They will be joined by our own Consort and Consort Apprentices.

Ed Source

We just completed a very successful Fall/Winter Semester. On January 6, 2009, we welcomed these students back for the Winter/Spring Semester.

We will continue to offer Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet and Athletic movement for Boys, and will serve students aged 3 and above. Remember, Ed Source welcomes new students at any time and we do not charge registration or performance fees. A complete schedule of classes is available on line at: www.goodmoves.org/des.php.

For the new semester, we will begin our Guest Artist Program. Our upper level classes, Ballet II and above, will have guest teachers in contact improvisation and Chinese dance and a week with live accompanists.

Consort

The Consort had a very successful run of "Food Chain Reaction." We had good attendance for the Preview at the Harvest Christian Church in Clarkesville and both of the Full Repertory Performances at 7 Stages in Atlanta. Our audience satisfaction rating was 4.77 out of 5 and we received comments such as: "Very entertaining," "Brilliant," and "One of Atlanta's greatest artistic jewels." We were very proud of our dancers' fine work and were pleased by the performance of our newest young performers, the Consort Apprentices.

Support Good Moves

During this time of year there is lots of gift giving. Here are a few ways you can support Good Moves with your gifts to others or directly to us:

Benevolink: While you are doing your last-minute gift purchases online please take a look at Benevolink. This organization is a shopping portal to many online retailers who will donate a percentage of your purchase to your charity of choice. Here is their link: www.benevolink.com. Also, please add a bookmark for online shopping throughout the year.

Fabulous Pictures: Photographer and Consort Apprentice Dad, **Duane Stork**, took some really fabulous pictures during our time at 7 Stages. He has graciously agreed that any proceeds from the sale of these pictures will be donated to Good Moves. Here is the link to the pictures and his site: <http://www.photorelect.com/scripts/prsm.dll?eventhumbs?event=08B5008T>

Direct Gift: Good Moves is a non-profit 501 c-3. Donations are tax deductible. Please mail your check to Good Moves, P.O. Box 5496, Atlanta GA 31107. We will send you a letter acknowledging your gift in January of 2009.

Annette Lewis, Director, and I hope you had a Happy Holiday and wish you a New Year full of great dance!

2008 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR
The Book Club meets on the 4 th Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish
2009
JANUARY 28
<i>Book Thief</i> By Markus Zusak Hosted by Patty McGuigan-Robinson 814 Virgil Ave.
FEBRUARY 25
<i>Them</i> By Nathan McCall Hosted by Eleanor Matthews 100 Waverly Way
MARCH 25
<i>March</i> by Geraldine Brooks Hosted by Sarah Kirk 61 Waddell
APRIL
NO BOOK! VOLUNTEER FOR FESTIVAL
MAY 21
<i>Thirteenth Tale</i> by Diane Setterfield
JUNE 24
<i>The Double Bind</i> by Chris Benjamin
JULY 22
<i>The Bonesetter's Daughter</i> by Amy Tan
AUGUST 26
<i>Alice's Adventure in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass</i> by Lewis Carol

SEPTEMBER 23
<i>The Optimist's Daughter</i> by Eudora Welty
OCTOBER 28
<i>Frankenstein</i> by Mary Shelley
For Information: 404-688-7330

NEW PROGRAM AT THE INMAN PARK COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Maria Smith

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool (IPCP) is pleased to announce it will now offer "afterschool" childcare from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for both current students as well as non-enrolled children! After-care will provide a combination of daily rest/ quiet time, outdoor activities (weather permitting), art, music, literature, movement, dramatic play, cooking, and of course lots of free play. Aftercare is available daily for 3-5 year olds and M/W/F for 1 and 2 year olds and will feature weekly themes. The costs for this care is only \$7.25/hour and is billed in half-hour increments.

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool is Atlanta's premiere parent-owned preschool and has been providing quality learning to preschoolers since 1981. IPCP has just completed a half-million dollar campus renovation, including a completely renovated Edgewood building dedicated to three-, four- and five-year olds, and the new Annex space designed for one- and two-year olds. IPCP offers a play-based, discovery curriculum designed to take each child on an optimal journey of growth and education.

Come see what the buzz is about!

For more information on the after-care or the preschool program please visit: www.ipcp.org

CREATION CARE FILM SERIES AT DRUID HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

By Eric Dusenbury

On January 26, 2009, Druid Hills Presbyterian will begin a series of monthly movie screenings to explore the relationship between religion, the environment, and human possibility. These gatherings occur the fourth Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m. Brief discussions will follow the films.

January's feature includes two brief episodes from the RENEWAL documentary www.renewalproject.net:

- * *A Crime Against Creation* - Evangelicals bear witness to mountaintop removal and the destruction of Appalachia.
- * *Going Green* - Green Faith helps congregations take the first steps to environmental action.

Druid Hills Presbyterian Church is located at: 1026 Ponce De Leon Ave. directly across from the Majestic Diner.

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2009, for some thought provoking films followed by lively discussion.

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By Chuck Clarke, Vice-President for Historic Preservation

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

UPCOMING AUDC DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	APPLICATIONS DUE	
		Type II	Type III/IV
	Feb. 11	tbd	tbd
	Feb. 25	tbd	tbd
	Mar. 11	tbd	tbd

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

- **333 Atlantis Ave.** - *approved with conditions* - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-335) to allow the construction of a new single-family dwelling.
- **337 Atlantis Ave.** - *approved with conditions* - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-336) to allow the construction of a new single-family dwelling.
- **430 Sinclair Ave.** - *approved* - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-400) for a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 19.5 feet (existing) to 0 feet (proposed) for the construction of a stone wall and arbor; and a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-401) to allow an existing stone wall

Applications Scheduled for This Month :

- **465 N. Highland Ave.** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-417) to allow the repair and rebuilding

- of an existing storefront and other alterations.
- **479 N. Highland Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-418) to allow the construction of a new single-family dwelling at 479 North Highland Ave.

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

- **768 Lake Ave.**
- **1037 Euclid Ave.**
- **169 Hale St.**

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

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 5 times over the course of the calendar year, once every two months, starting in March. The more people participate, the more groups will be formed.

From year to year we will mix up the groups. 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.

By the way, 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.

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

Contact information:

E-mail address is:

karinmebius@gmail.com

Street address: 860 Euclid Ave. Phone number is 404-584-0355

Yes, I want to join the Inman Diners in 2009.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Child(ren), aged: _____

Remarks: _____

**Please send to Karin Mebius,
860 Euclid Avenue,
or email me at karinmebius@gmail.com**

SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention all committee chairs –

We will hold our very first joint

IPNA Board and Committee Chair meeting on

Wednesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn
in order to discuss what each committee is working on
and to work together on joint goals for the year.

We hope this will become an annual tradition,
allowing the various committees to share experiences,
pool resources, communicate across committees,
and let your Board know how we can better serve you.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

POLAR BEAR SIGHTINGS

By George Gary

For the tenth time since the Inman Park Pool was built, hearty souls assembled at the pool deck to start the New Year with a party and a jump into the cold water!!! About ninety people showed up this year on New Year's Day. Roughly, fifty escedwed their aqua:fria:-phobia and jumped in; the rest cheered!

We have already proven that this exercise cures hangovers, the common cold, and old age! It has been said that it also cures depression, tooth decay, hair loss, and OCD, but clinical trials won't be complete until 2013. What is obvious to all observers is that of the Jumpers and the Voyagers, the first group are the ones who are smiling the most.

As always, Irish coffee (coffee by Java Vino), hot chocolate, and other treats were there for all.

And-Tee shirts. Oh, yes... (commercial announcement) we still have some shirts for sale:

Good looking, Long sleeved, Mock turtle, Heavy cotton,

Black with the unique Polar Bear and Ice Man

Triathlon Logo. \$25 each

Thanks to all who came, and, if you weren't there, you must promise us to take at least one cold shower!

Any help or suggestions for next year are welcome, especially for our 7-Minute Triathlon. Please contact:

John Dwyer (jdwyer@kemron.com)

George Gary (ggmd@lycos.com), or

Christel Sundin (csundin@printpack.com)

JANUARY 2009 AT THE CARTER LIBRARY EXHIBITS AND AUTHOR LECTURE

By Tony Clark

Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 22nd for a special evening dealing with caregiving. The Carter Presidential Library will join with the Carter Center Mental Health Program and the Rosalynn Carter Institute to present authors **Nell Casey** (*An Uncertain Inheritance*) and **Anne Landsman** (*The Rowing Lesson*).

Following short readings by both authors there will be a discussion about caregiving. The readings will be in the Carter Center's Cecil B. Day Chapel at 7:00 p.m. It will be open to the public at no charge. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Today, thirty million people look after frail family members in their own homes. This number will increase drastically over the next decade as the baby boomers tiptoe toward old age; as soldiers return home from war wounded, mentally and physically; as a growing number of Americans find themselves caught between the needs of elderly parents and young children; and as medical advances extend lives and health insurance fails to cover them.

Nell Casey's "*An Uncertain Inheritance*" offers both literary solace and guidance to the people who find themselves witness to-and participants in-the fading lives of their intimates.

Anne Landsman "*The Rowing Lesson*" is a novel describing how a family deals with how a family deals with their father as he is dying. The Los Angeles Times writes "scenes in her father's hospital room are rich with family dynamics, and her descriptions of the dying process are unique and gritty".

For more information, call 404-865-7109.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM January 16, 2008, TO APRIL 24, 2009

98 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Jan. 19	Mon.	MARTIN LUTHER DAY	
Jan. 20	Tues.	INAUGURATION DAY	
Jan. 21	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Jan. 25	Sun.	CHINESE NEW YEAR	
Jan. 28	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club	814 Virgil Ave. 404-688-7330
	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	Special Meeting	Trolley Barn
Feb. 01	Sun. 10:00 p.m.	<i>ADVOCATOR</i> DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Feb. 02	Mon.	GROUNDHOG DAY	

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TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
02/07/09	NINTH ANNUAL TREE HUGGERS BALL!	See Page 3.
03/10/09	Monthly meeting: 7:30 p.m. at 177 Elizabeth St.	404-523-4801

JANUARY 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. Treasurer
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures.
 - B. Secretary
 - C. President
 - D. Planning
 - E. Zoning:
 - 1. NPU Report
 - F. Historic Preservation
 - (Items tentative as of *Advocator* press time.)
 - 1. 465 North Highland Ave.
 - 2. 479 North Highland Ave.
 - 3. 768 Lake Ave.
 - 4. 1037 Euclid Ave.
 - 5. 169 Hale St.
 - G. Public Safety
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment