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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

This month, a few words on Parliamentary Procedure. *Don't stop reading!* I know that sounds incredibly boring. Fortunately, we almost never resort to full-on Robert's Rules at IPNA meetings. Most of our motions are mundane and uncontested: approving the minutes, supporting the appointment of a chairperson, or adjourning the meeting. However, every so often we have an important decision to make, about which our membership does not all agree.

We had a large number of new faces at last month's meeting when this occurred, and I thought it might be helpful to pass on a few notes about how IPNA handles motions and votes.

Who can vote? Only IPNA resident members in good standing can vote on IPNA issues. However, any decision that goes on to the NPU (such as zoning, liquor licenses, or the like) for their consideration and vote, any resident, property owner, or business owner can vote. There is no absentee voting allowed at any time.

How do we vote? Our By-laws leave this to the discretion of the Board, so we can do voice vote, show of hands, or written vote depending on what is appropriate under the circumstances. Where votes may be close, the Board may require some proof of eligibility to vote.

Finally, how does a matter come to a vote? Our By-laws provide that generally we have "normal conversation". Someone can move with a second (but no vote) to invoke Robert's Rules of Order. I have never seen this become necessary, but we do try to follow those rules to some degree to maintain order and procedure in our discussions and voting procedures. ANYONE (except me as the presiding officer) can make a motion to support or oppose a proposition, with or without conditions. Some of you may feel intimidated in doing so. DON'T! It is your right. In fact, I encourage new people to "practice" at our next meeting. Raise your hand and move to approve the minutes this month! A motion on a bigger decision can be made at any time during the conversation, but generally we try to allow discussion first so the group can come to some consensus on what the appropriate motion should be.

Once a motion is made, someone else must second that motion (try it sometime – it's fun!). Once seconded, we often continue discussion for a brief period and then proceed to vote. At the last meeting, after discussion, I asked to call the question. What that meant is, "Are we done discussing and ready to vote?"

Finally, once a motion has been made and seconded, Robert's Rules do allow the motion to be amended – if the person who originally made the motion agrees to the amendment or modification, he/she can say so. Or, another motion can be made to amend/modify the original motion and after a second, the group can vote to allow the amendmen.

That's your lesson for now. I'm always proud that even when we disagree, we can have orderly and productive conversations and voting.

MEET AND GREET KWANZA HALL BEFORE THE IPNA MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18 at 7:00 P.M.

Our city councilperson **Kwanza Hall** will meet with IP neighbors for the 30 minutes preceding the IPNA meeting. Starting at 7:00 p.m. at the IP United Methodist Church. Kwanza will talk about the City's current financial status; upcoming FY 10 budget deliberations; Zone 6 public safety issues and more, and will be available to answer any questions you have.

2009 FESTIVAL MEETING

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

Okay folks, two and a half months and counting until the 2009 Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes. I am excited to announce that all is on track for another great Festival, our 38th! The only way Festival can succeed is if everyone signs up to volunteer. We are considered the largest all-volunteer festival in Georgia and perhaps the southeast. It takes over 800 people to make this festival run smoothly.

Please sign up now on our website at inmanpark.org or at inmanparkfestival.org. Contact our volunteer coordinator, **Judy Clements**, at judyclements@bellsouth.net or call her at 404-523-9922 if you have any questions about volunteering. Don't sit back and lose out on those prize volunteer slots as they will go fast. Sign up today.

We also are offering small businesses a great opportunity to sponsor Festival as Friends of Festival. This is a great opportunity for great exposure to the community at some very affordable rates so please check it out. For more information, please contact **Carrington Moore** at: friendsoffestival@gmail.com.

I have included in this month's *Advocator* the Festival '09 Planning Committee list so you can see how many great neighbors volunteer so much of their time for eight months of the year to make Festival such a great event. If you would like to get involved in any of these committees or have any feedback for them, please do not hesitate to contact committee chairs. Take a moment to thank them as well for their efforts as they are so deserving of your praise. If you would like to help out with Festival planning or need more information, contact me at danny@smallcarpenters.com or 404-791-8497.

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2009 IPNA MEETING

By *Stephanie McCaa*, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette announced there will be a vote tonight regarding approval of an application for a liquor license. Under the IPNA By-laws, to qualify to vote you must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Have your primary residence in Inman Park,
2. own property in Inman Park, or
3. own a business in Inman Park.

Lisa then asked for newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Shannon** and **Lisa Harris** from Grinnell Lofts; and **Keith Woolley** from Inman Mews.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

A motion to accept the Minutes from last month's meeting was made. **Oreon Mann** asked for a correction: the Tree Huggers Ball will be February 7 NOT February 9. A motion to accept the Minutes with the correction was made, seconded, and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** invited everyone to be part of Friends of Festival, the Festival's smaller-scale sponsorship option (sponsorship range: \$250 - \$650). Because of the economy, sponsorships will be down this year. We need the Festival money to keep the neighborhood running. This is a great opportunity to support the neighborhood and provide excellent exposure for your business. If you are interested in sponsorships or volunteering to help at the Festival, please go to inmanparkfestival.org.
2. **Oreon Mann** announced this month's Book Club. The book is *The Book Thief* by **Markus Zusak**. The Book Club will be hosted by **Patty McGuigan Robinson**, 814 Virgil Ave., on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish.
3. **John and Diane Floyd** will be hosting a porch party January 30 at 7:30 p.m. at 116 Elizabeth Street. Everyone is invited and please bring food to share.
4. **Brett Lauter** announced a clean-up of Inman Park United Methodist Church, March 28. More news to follow in *The Advocate* and Yahoo Group. He reminded everyone that the Church is a focal point for the neighborhood, not just members of the Church.
5. **Nancy Morrison** reminded everyone of the Tree Huggers Ball, Rain Dance II, Saturday, February 7 at the Trolley Barn (7:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.). Come celebrate our trees!.
6. **Jonathan Miller** announced the ING Marathon will return again March 29 and will follow the same course as last year. There will be a competition for cheer sections again. **Lisa Burnette** is looking for volunteers to head up the Inman Park cheer section. She said Candler Park won last year so we need to try to win this year. She will send an e-mail out to the Yahoo Group about this.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Sgt. Brent Schierbaum, APD police officer for Zone 5 and Chief of the Inman Park Security Patrol, is really encouraged by the interest the neighborhood has in public safety. He reported on two burglaries on Seminole Ave. and Lake Ave. He also reported that this past Saturday **Officer Welch** arrested three juveniles on Seminole Ave. who have burglary records. Hopefully, this will stop the recent rash of burglaries in Inman Park. There was a round of applause for the proactive policing done by Officer Welch.

Sgt. Schierbaum also reported a spate of car break-ins, especially in the area behind Pacific Kitchen. People are using The Path to case these cars. Please be vigilant. There has also been an increase in requests from businesses who are members of the Security Patrol to have the Inman Park Patrol walk their employees to their cars after closing. Because of the recent incident at The Standard, this service is top-of-mind. Attention business owners: please consider joining the Security Patrol to provide this public safety service to your employees.

The IP Security Patrol has been increased to twelve hours a day because the police furloughs have cut back on APD patrols. If you have any concerns about the Inman Park Patrol, he would like to have your feedback. Please contact Sgt. Schierbaum directly at: inmanparkpublicsafety@yahoo.com.

The patrol car has been in the shop for a few days but the Patrol officers are using their personal vehicles so coverage has not been affected.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

There were no reports.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

TREASURER: Megan and Trevor Wilson

The Treasurer was absent.

SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa

Stephanie is getting the final quote on Inman Park flags or banners. She will be sending out a notice on the Yahoo Group with ordering information next week. She also has for sale the beautiful handmade Inman Park note cards produced by a local artist. They are \$15 for five cards. One dollar of every card sold benefits IPNA. Please contact her if you would like to purchase some of these cards.

PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette

The IPNA Board meeting will be January 28 and for the first time will include all the committee heads. She thinks this is a great idea for cross-collaboration and brainstorming. We'd like to make this an annual event. If you are a committee head and cannot attend, please have a member of your committee attend in your place. The meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn.

PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman

Bill is on vacation but **Lisa Burnette** is reporting for him. Although it's not in the By-laws, Lisa would like to ask for a vote to approve adding new items to the Agenda. Both additions are regarding 753 Edgewood Ave. (the restaurant "Sauced"). The first item is

their application for a Beltline Special Administrative Permit. This permit is now required if a business lies in the Beltline overlay district and is in addition to the regular business permit. NPU is allowed to provide comments to the City Planning Commission regarding the application. We will pass our comments on to NPU. Our comments mainly concern landscaping and the plan for delivery trucks loading/unloading. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept adding the Application for a Beltline Special Administrative Permit to the Agenda. There were no comments or discussion and Lisa stated the comments prepared by Bill Goodman would be forwarded to NPU for their consideration or adoption.

ZONING – Drew Evans

1. The second motion was made, seconded, and carried to add the liquor license application for 753 Edgewood Ave. (Sauced). **Drew** explained that **Ria Pell** and **Stephen Gannon** came before IPNA in October 2008 as part of their UDC application for a Certificate of Appropriateness which the neighborhood granted. This current agenda item is a vote of approval or denial on their liquor license. This vote will then go to the NPU and then the February Liquor License Review Board (LRB). The property in question is zoned Residential Light Commercial (RLC) which means that it is to serve as a buffer between commercial and residential zones. Within the RLC guidelines restaurants are allowed; restaurants are allowed within the vicinity of schools; but they are required to serve one meal per day; cannot have live entertainment; may seat up to 40 people and have some parking restrictions. “Sauced” meets all these requirements. One of the other issues discussed last time was outdoor dining. This is only allowed by special permit and Ria has not applied for that permit. Drew also explained that the LRB very rarely accepts conditions on a liquor license and there are no conditions on this liquor license application. This means that approval of the liquor license would allow Sauced to be open until 2:30 a.m. although they have advised the neighborhood that they plan to close at 1:00 a.m.

Lisa Burnette opened the floor for discussion but asked for respectful and clear communication. There was an immediate neighbors’ meeting this week and the neighbors voted to support the application 15-7. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** asked how liquor licenses can be transferred. Drew answered that it’s somewhat vague but would have to be transferred to someone who is already a partner and it is only valid for 120 days. Ria Pell presented her drawings and plans. She and her partner, Stephen Gannon, currently own Ria’s Bluebird Café on Memorial Drive.

The restaurant will be 1,800 square-feet with a 900 square-foot patio. It will have 24 parking places. She is in talks with the Inman Park Cooperative Preschool about additional parking for her employees. She’s adding a roof over the patio to help with noise and vinyl flaps to keep in noise. The majority of seating is indoors (48 seats). She hopes to convert the patio into outdoor seating later. She had been approved by the UDC for outdoor improvements. The proposed hours are Tuesday-Saturday 5:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.; Sunday 12:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.; closed Monday. This is a total of 60 hours/per week. Ria said she’s been listening to neighborhood feedback, trying to address safety, noise, and hours concerns. She will be joining the Safety Patrol.

The floor was opened to questions. **Judy Clements** passed around a flyer with hours of operation of other restaurants in the neighborhood. She noted that none are open past 12:00 a.m. Ria noted that The Albert is open until 2:30 a.m. **Karen Goeckel** asked the location of the dumpster. They are sharing the existing dumpster with the nursery. She plans for morning pick-ups. **Brett Lauter** said he does not approve of the liquor license because of his fear of the increase of traffic on Edgewood Ave. combined with late hours and alcohol. **Krista Baldwin** is concerned about traffic on Waddell St. especially with lots of animals and children living on the street. She asked why they could not close at 11:00 p.m. like Rathbuns. Ria responded she feels her restaurant will not have a great impact on already bad pre-existing traffic situations. She said she has already sacrificed a potential \$100,000 in revenue by cutting back from 2:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. A neighbor said that 1:00 a.m. is going to be a nightmare because there is no real noise buffer between her house and the restaurant. Also, she is worried that late-night parking at the preschool will keep her daughter up because her house abuts the parking lot.

Bill Sanders asked how many people are allowed in the Certificate of Occupancy. Ria doesn’t know yet because she has not applied for it yet. **Lou Arcangeli** asked if an IPNA approval of a license with the request they close by 1:00 a.m. would be legally binding. **Drew Evans** said no. Ria said that parking will be all self-parking. There was the question as to whether or not it could, in the future, become a bar. Drew said no because it’s zoned RLC which prohibits bars.

Sarah Kirk said she supports the application because she thinks the building is an eyesore. She also believes today’s dining environment requires a later closing. She is also bothered that we are not following the immediate neighbors’ ruling of approval which we usually do. Danny Feig-Sandoval also spoke in favor of the application. He said the owner of the space lives in the neighborhood. If we have a problem, we can take care of it. Wouldn’t we rather have the space occupied by someone we know than risk what could come? A question about the menu price point was raised. Ria said it’s comparable to Shaun’s (starters \$6-\$9, mains \$16-\$22, dessert \$6). **Adriana Junco** asked if there is a rule as to how far in advance you must announce and hold an immediate neighbors meeting. Lisa Burnette answered that applicants are not required to come to IPNA, but when they do, we hold an immediate neighbors meeting, if we have sufficient time.

Oreon Mann made a motion to support the immediate neighbors’ decision to support the liquor license as it is being presented to LRB. A vote was taken with the results of 54 in favor and 26 against. For the record Lisa Burnette and **Jonathan Miller** abstained from voting.

2. **Lisa Burnette** asked for people to represent the next Agenda item: 768 Lake Ave. No one was at the meeting to make a presentation.

a. NPU-N - **Jonathan Miller**, Chairman of NPU:

Jonathan said the upcoming NPU-N agenda will be busy with the City Arborist; a member of the Citizen Review Board; and a member of the FCC, discussions regarding the move to digital. The transfer of ownership of 913 Bernina Ave. from Pacific Kitchen to Park’s Edge might be on the agenda, as well.

b. Other issues include Sauced, housing ordinances, fees for use of recreation centers, special events, and festivals and the ING Marathon.

c. **Megan Holder** is our new representative to NPU. This is the only Board that is recognized by the City. The Board meets the 4th Thursday of every month at the Little Five Points Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke

Russell Meyer presented his plans for a duplex at 479 North Highland Ave. (a-cross the street from Wisteria). The previous building had burned down and it is now currently a vacant lot. He is applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness. There was an immediate neighbors meeting. One person showed up and he supported it. A motion to approve the application was made, seconded, and carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan

Bill Hagan introduced **Bob Sandage**, chair of the Security Patrol and Fundraising Committee. Bob said current participation in the Security Patrol is as follows: residential 33%; managed multi-unit residential 30%, and businesses 4%. The goal is to get to at least 50% in each segment. He also announced every street will now have a street captain for Security Patrol. He is still looking for volunteers to head up Ashland Ave., Virgil St., Hale St., and other streets in that area of Inman Park. If you are interested in becoming a street captain, please contact him at: bobsandage@yahoo.com.

Bill Hagan reported the patrol car will be out on the street again tomorrow. He thanked Roger Jordan's Garage for the deep discount they gave to us when they fixed the car. He asked that everyone patronize their business because they are great friends of the neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Calming - Danny Feig-Sandoval said the City should start work on the plan by March. He also reported he will be meeting tomorrow with the City to discuss their new rules about sidewalk construction. Hopefully, this will be resolved so we

will be able to lay our new sidewalks without damaging our trees. He also thanked **John Dwyer** for creating a map of all the crosswalks in the neighborhood. The City will hopefully be restriping them all and adding signage.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Burnette explained that Friends of Inman Park (FOIP) is a 501-C corporation which means that any money you contribute to it is tax deductible whereas money donated to IPNA is not tax deductible. She and **Bill Hagan** are on the Board of FOIP. She then announced **Melissa Miller** has been nominated to the Board. A motion to accept Melissa's nomination was made, seconded, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is February 18 at 7:30 p.m.

There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

THEATER AL FRESCO - A HIT!

By David Hudson

Theater Al Fresco returns for its 19th year, once again presenting great theater under the Festival tent. Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25, and come prepared to enjoy remarkable vignettes from our local theater companies. In addition to Dad's Garage Theatre Company, Horizon Theatre Company, and 7 Stages, Synchronicity Performance Group will be joining us again this year. If you are new to the neighborhood this is a great way to become familiar with our local theaters and the great work they do throughout the year right in our own backyard. Here's how it all works. (For those of you who have been around awhile just skip to the part where we ask for sponsorship money.)

Dinner under the Festival tent begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday April 25. You bring dinner, drink, and festive table décor (please remember *NO CANDLES* are permitted under the tent) and a group of six to fill your table and whatever else suits your dining fancy. We provide the tables, chairs, and fabulous theater for your viewing pleasure. Around 8:30 p.m. each of our neighborhood theaters will take the stage and present a bit of their repertoire for you to enjoy, and the evening generally wraps up around 10:30 p.m. All this in the company of neighbors and friends. It doesn't get much better, really.

Reservations for sponsorship will be accepted until March 20 at which time any remaining tables will become available.

Sponsorship is easy, provides priority table assignments and, of course, this greatly benefits our neighborhood theaters, who add so much to the quality of life in our neighborhood, and it is tax deductible. Sponsorship is available on four levels; please choose the one that works best for you.

PRODUCING SPONSORS: Sponsors of \$1,000 or more. These sponsors will have their names or business names prominently displayed on a banner behind the stage and in the program. They will receive one table for six, in front of the stage as a part of their sponsorship benefits.

PATRON SPONSORS: Sponsors of \$500 to \$1,000. They will have their names listed in the program and on a banner and receive one table for six close to the stage.

ANGEL SPONSORS: at the \$200 to \$500 level. They will have their names listed in the program and receive priority seating. Please note this level of sponsorship does not include the cost of a table. Tables seating six may be reserved for an additional \$100 at the time of your sponsorship commitment.

STAR SPONSORS: of \$100 to \$200 will have their names listed in the program and receive priority seating. This level also does not include the cost of the table. A table seating six may be reserved for an additional cost of \$100 at the time of your sponsorship commitment.

This is a critical time in the lives of many theaters as funding continues to disappear from both public and private sources. We are very concerned about the financial health of our local theatres so we ask you to be particularly generous this year. Their fiscal challenges have increased, and they need our donations more than ever. It would be a shame to lose any of our theatres, but we fear that is a possibility. We hope that you will consider increasing the amount of money you contribute to this very worthwhile cause and allow us to make a larger contribution to our neighborhood theaters.

Tables not reserved by sponsors as of

March 20 will be available for a cost of \$100 per table. Reservations and sponsorship commitments may be made by telephone (404-880-9065) or by e-mail (mjwooldridge@comcast.com) to **Marie Wooldridge**, who manages this part of our production. As always she will keep up with the reservations, the money, and the number of remaining tables without ever once losing her cool. Please remember actual table assignments are not made until she *RECEIVES YOUR CHECK*. So the sooner you send in your money, the better your seats will be.

Checks should be made out to "Friends of Inman Park." All donations are tax deductible.

This event sells out every year. We urge you to decide on your level of sponsorship, contact Marie and send in your check (made out to Friends of Inman Park) as quickly as possible.

Once again we thank you for your continuing support of both this event and of the theaters we are so lucky to have within walking distance of our very own "hood". Come join us for an evening of laughter, great food, lovely tables, and fabulous theater all in the company of neighbors and friends.

We welcome **Jane Kourkoulis** as a new member of our committee. Feel free to call with any questions you might have or if you would like to volunteer your time to help set up or clean up after the event.

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STILL SEEKING COPIES OF OLD JOEL AWARDS!

By Pat Westrick

A couple of years ago I issued a call for copies of old Joel Awards, Inman Park’s very own community service awards, named after the neighborhood’s founder, **Joel Hurt**. It’s very important to keep a record of who has been recognized in the past, but just as significant to know what their contributions were!

The response was wonderful, and we now have copies of most of the awards from the mid-to-late 1980s, the 1990s and the 2000s, but (not surprisingly) are lacking copies of many of those which were given during the 1970s and early 1980s. Most of the folks who still live in Inman Park have given me copies of their awards; the ones we lack are generally those which were given to neighbors who have moved or passed away.

Following is a list of the recipients whose awards are missing. If anyone still has contact with them or their friends or relatives, please pass along our request.

The award can be copied without taking it out of the frame – we just want the wording; it doesn’t have to be presentation quality. They can be dropped off at my house at 177 Elizabeth or give me a call and I’ll arrange for pickup.

And for those of you still in the neighborhood (names in the list are in bold italics) take that Joel off the wall, put it on a copier, and get it to me soon!

1974 <i>Holly Mull</i> Robert Griggs	1977 <i>Alicia Dyer</i> <i>Bill & Diane Jordan</i> Charlie HelmsJon & Kerry Austin Michael Hoover Sandy Grant Connie Jesse	1982 <i>Chris Kaylor</i> Judy Hotchkiss Paul Glickstein Ruth Wall <i>Susan Thompson</i>
1975 Bonnie & Jeff Dees <i>Glen & Susan Bridges</i> Furman & Rosalyn Smith Louise & Tom Rivers Pam & Rod Eaton Robert Aiken	1978 <i>Bill & Marnie McMurry</i> Doug & Sue Miller Kathi & Doug Sanders John & Mimi Soper Tom & Martha Smith Susie Strobel Jack & Laura Winchester	1986 Sheldon Flaxman
1976 Celestine Sibley Edith Coogler Elizabeth Lyon Gale Mull Inez Dulaney Jim Whitnel Joe Webb Mary Singletom Marydith Chase Paul Dominey	1979 Bill & Elizabeth Owens	1987 Brooks Keith & Ann King <i>Trolley Barn</i>
	1980 Bob Bodimer Fran Hawkins Jon & Verdery Engle Susie Chase	1993 Don Bender
		2001 <i>Ed & Sue Tierney</i> <i>Sandy Hoke</i> Tim Price
		2002 <i>Regina Brewer & Joe Castellano</i>

(Editor’s Note: If you don’t have a copy machine, please stop by my house (167 Elizabeth St.) and use my copy machine, then you can drop off the copy at Pat’s (next door) and take the original home with you. No charge for this, paper included.)

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By Chuck Clarke, Vice-President for Historic Preservation

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

UPCOMING AUDC DEADLINES	HEARING	APPLICATIONS DUE	
	DATE	Type II	Type III/IV
	Mar. 11	tbd	tbd
	Mar. 25	tbd	tbd
	Apr. 8	tbd	tbd

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

- **465 N. Highland Ave. – approved with conditions** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-417) to allow the repair and rebuilding of an existing storefront and other alterations.

Applications Scheduled for This Month :

- **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):

- **158 Elizabeth Ave.**
- **536 Moreland Ave.**

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

“DIVERGENT THINKING”

By Bill Hagan

A former boss once said to me, “You know, Bill, you are a divergent thinker.” At the time, I thought that was a compliment, but now realize he probably didn’t mean I was creative, but odd; he likely saw me as a sort of middle-aged guy with a grade-schooler’s ADHD. He may have been right; he may still be right.

In the course of a given month, I think of any number of things I should write about. Then, as the *Advocator’s* deadline approaches, I forget those nuggets, or can’t find my notes, or carelessly delete my electronic versions from what must be the largest e-mail inbox in this hemisphere. Does anyone else here have 4500+ (mostly read) e-mails, and this after a purge when Earthlink threatened legal action? My panic increases as the month implodes and **Betty Ridderhoff’s** messages go from the “friendly reminder” sort to the rather effective approach of “Bill, are you alive; want to stay that way?”

Fortunately (or, possibly, from your perspective, unfortunately), I’ve done a “good” job of keeping track of what I wanted to include here. So, with the able assistance of my table mate, a (horizontal) finger of Knob Creek with an ice cube ... in a whiskey glass, of course; don’t you hate it when restaurants pour bourbon or scotch in stemware? *Really*. Oh, yes, public safety; the perils of being a divergent thinker ... or ADHD sufferer. The good news is that my list is so long, I’ll have to make mere sallies into these subjects, each of which warrants a longer campaign.

Violent crime. It doesn’t matter what statistics you accept or reject, or whether you believe there is more crime or not, the reality is that it is a dangerous world out there, and Inman Park has a share of that reality. We are all outraged by **John Henderson’s** murder at the Standard in Grant Park and the daylight shotgun robbery of My Dry Cleaners in L5P. The furor over such crimes is understandable, and, I can only hope, more lasting than many such public reactions, which flame up like a wooden Clementine box in a fireplace, but fade as quickly. **Kyle Keyser’s** grassroots group **ATAC[C]** Atlantans Together Against Crime [and Cutbacks; this last “C” was dropped recently], <http://atlantanstogether.org/>, may have the legs to last longer, and I certainly hope so. If its website is correct, more than 5,500 Atlantans at least clicked their mouses, but whether that is a flash-in-the-panic or results in systemic change is anyone’s bet.

Gun safety. The understandable concern about this recent violent crime in Atlanta has also caused a number of folks who never considered owning a gun to buy one or more. I am armed, and am happy that many of my neighbors are. That said, it is irresponsible to own a firearm without knowing how to use it. And, by “using it,” I do not mean knowing how to fire that weapon only. Making a gun go “Bang!” is the easy part. Without appropriate training on, e.g., how to store a weapon safely and the legal limits on the use of such a weapon to defend persons and property, a gun owner is as dangerous to self and neighbors as an armed criminal. Actually, if things go awry as a result of misuse, an armed homeowner may become an armed criminal. There are many ways to learn how to be a safe gun owner. Let me know if you want more information about that. It’s a lot cheaper than bail and a lifetime memory of having killed a child instead of a deserving perp.

AMTRAK. In the most recent version of the Great Train Robbery, we and our Old Fourth Ward neighbors, among others, are about to have a tracked version of the Berlin Wall put in where the neighborhood-friendly Beltway was to have been alone. I challenge anyone to point out an attractive piece of RR right-of-way for high-speed rail in an urban area anywhere on this planet. But this is about much more than aesthetics. If not derailed, this will be a setback for Inman Park and downtown living as bad as what might have happened if Inman Parkers had not stopped the bulldozers starting the four-lane slab in the ‘80’s. Crime? You ain’t seen nothing yet. See more in

President **Lisa Burnette**'s blog at: <http://blog.inmanpark.org/>.

The Paper Caper. It may seem a bit ludicrous to combine somber discussion of violent crime and AMTRAK steel walls with something as seemingly petty as newspaper thefts, but the last has had some residents up in (figurative!) arms recently. And, understandably so. While I avoid reading the Atlanta-Journal Communist, **Kathi** insists on subscribing. In fact, if this perp weren't a wholesale thief, stealing from many for resale to afford his crack habit, I'd give him ours free! To assist some irate victims, however, some who had lost six weeks of papers (a not inconsiderable sum for press poppycock!) the Security Patrol decided to help with a "stakeout." Unfortunately, the perp must have had a late night before that morning's sting operation, and we missed him. This time. We prosecutors have a Latin saying for this: *Is mos insisto in suis vegrandis somes secui iterum*, or, roughly "He will step on his piccolo again."

Kudos from Kwanza. As long as I'm blog-quoting, the same one, <http://blog.inmanpark.org/>, had some kind lines from City Councilman **Kwanza Hall** about Inman Park and our public-safety efforts. "Public safety is one of the main topics of discussion everywhere I go. Last night over tea, I had an impromptu conversation with a few IPNA residents. My main takeaway: Inman Park Neighborhood Association has done such a good job of organizing around this very important issue. We should look to them for best practices that can be used all over District 2 and even the city as a whole." Now, we all know we have a way to go, and praise such as that impresses our moms more than it should us. Still, you share that best practice compliment if you belong to the Security Patrol because that is what sets us apart. If you aren't a member, operators are standing by, well, at least our fundraising giant, **Bob Sandage**, is.

Security Patrol Operations in January. **Sgt. Brent Schierbaum** and his officers continue the vigorous patrols we have come to expect and other neighborhoods do envy. See details for January on Page 11. As we have announced at IPNA meetings and in this space, you are welcome to participate in the Security Patrol "ride-along" program. No plastic badge or gun, but I guarantee that even long-time residents will get an eye-opening view of the neighborhood we all thought we knew in and out. Moreover, residents can give a perspective of life here that the windshield and even shoe soles cannot provide. It's a classic win-win program. Send an e-mail to **Sgt. Schierbaum** at inmanparkpublicsafety@yahoo.com if you want to ride-along.

If the Security Patrol's Crown Vic Could Talk. It probably feels as I do; volunteer work doesn't pay well at my age! No, seriously, it is like me: old, tired, but plugging away. But I do have to go see **Dr. Amy Varner** now and then. [Oh, **Dr. Varner**, I swear I'll make that appointment for that ... erm ... procedure ... I keep putting off. Cross my heart and ... no, that doesn't come out right. I'll do it.] Anyway, the car has to see **Bill, Don, and Neil** at **Jordan's Garage** more often than its 2009 counterparts. It has over 100,000 "police miles," which are something like the automotive equivalent of dog years. The **Jordan Garage** folks work magic under the car's hood – and, I should add, on our bill; take your car to this local wrenching gem as do many of your neighbors, including **Kathi** and me. But, there will be expenses and they add up. It is not only officer hours your Security Patrol membership dues buy, but maintenance, repairs, tires, etc. after expensive etc.

Miscellany. As a follow-on to the costs of maintaining our battle fleet – OK, one is not much of a fleet, but we may get to that some day – **Bob Morrison**, a new member of our Public Safety committee (along with **Bill McMurry** and **Rick Angel**), successfully completed a grueling "initiation ceremony" and hazing by reregistering the car. This is not the relatively easy exercise it is on-line or even mail-in for your minivan. Bob has been sworn to some secrecy, but ask him about this when you next see him. And thank him as I do. The best way to do that, by the way, is to keep us from having to park that car after Bob sweated bullets to get the tag straight. Send your check, payable to the "Inman Park Neighborhood Association," to IPNA, 167 Elizabeth Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307.

In conclusion, my divergent thinking is leading me to do the right thing for a change ... stop.

SPECIAL PROJECTS THAT NEED HELP

By Millie Astin

If you know of any spots in the neighborhood that need to be cleaned up or need special attention prior to Festival, please let me know about them. (Millie Astin at 404-293-9012)

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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
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*Alice's Adventure in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass*
by **Lewis Carol****SEPTEMBER 23***The Optimist's Daughter*
by **Eudora Welty****OCTOBER 28***Frankenstein*
by **Mary Shelley****For Information: 404-688-7330****INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR JANUARY, 2009***By Kris Dwyer*

Below is a summary of January'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 safety seriously and work in partnership with neighbors and police to keep our neighborhood safe. Already live here, be aware and use this information to change your behavior so we can all be safe.

You'll first notice this is a short report, which we'll take as good news. If you're on the Yahoo e-mail list, you know crime and stopping crime is a hot topic right now. Though we can't prove a 100% absolute cause and effect, it seems obvious that our Inman Park Security Patrol is making a difference. Still, our patrol can't cover the entire neighborhood all the time, so we have to be vigilant as well. Call 911 if you see anything or anyone who looks to be suspicious—there's a good chance our own patrol is on duty and can answer that call very quickly.

Now for the commercial --- If you are not a member of the Security Patrol --- WHY NOT? Even in this tough economy, it's money well-spent. For more information on how you can help, visit www.inmanpark.org. If you are already a member, please spread the word to your neighbors and local businesses.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
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 that 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 Ave.	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. Stolen: 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 victim's 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: victim's 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. \$60 taken.
12/21	Overnight	Auto Theft	100 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.
12/28	Unknown	Auto Theft	1000 Block Austin Ave.	2001 Ford XPL stolen.
12/29	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Burglary	Atlantis Ave.	Burglar broke latch on bedroom window. Stolen: flat-screen TV, earrings, iPod.
12/31	Overnight	Auto Theft	1000 Block Alta Ave.	1995 Honda Accord stolen, door lock found on the street.

12/31	Unknown	Larceny from Auto	800 Block Ashland Ave.	Door lock removed. Stolen: in-dash stereo.
1/6	11:00 p.m.	Robbery	1200 Block Euclid Ave.	2 female victims robbed at gunpoint. Stolen: purses.
1/7	Daytime	Burglary	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Front door pried open, nothing stolen.
1/9	11:00 p.m.	Robbery	1100 Block DeKalb Ave.	Victim was driving when suspects jumped in front of his car. Stolen: \$100. Victim did not initially report he was robbed..
1/10	4:00 a.m.	Larceny from Auto	400 Block Sinclair Ave.	3 cars broken into, perps ran from the scene and were not caught. Stolen: iPod
1/12	Overnight	Larceny from Auto	300 Block North Highland Ave.	Attempted car break-in, officer responded to 911 call, likely preventing break-in.
1/13	Overnight	Larceny from Auto	700 Block Ashland Ave.	Jeep door stolen.
1/13	Overnight	Larceny from Auto	800 Block Virgil Ave.	Jeep door stolen.
1/14	Unknown	Burglary	300 Block Sinclair Ave.	Rear window pried open. Stolen: TV, iPod, speakers, and house key.
1/20	Daytime	Burglary	700 Block Lake Ave.	Officer responded to an open rear door. Stolen: flat-screen TV, laptop, camera, iPod/speakers.

Now that you have read this month's crime report, please do your part to help prevent crime by becoming a member of the **INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL**. You will receive a free reflective sign for your yard when you join. See Pages 29 and 30 in this *Advocator* for an application.

GOOD MOVES MOVES

By Carolyn McLaughlin

The second month of the year is here with lots of good news.

We are pleased to announce Good Moves will receive a \$2,000 grant from the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs for our work in the 2008/2009 season. This money will help cover the cost of the scholarships and workshops we provide to the citizens of Atlanta.

The Consort will appear with Brooks & Company Dance in CRUX at The Balzar Theater on February 20, 21, and 22. Ticket information is available at www.brooksandcompanydance.org. Good Moves was very flattered to receive this invitation to perform as guests to a pro-fessional company.

Ed Source is looking for new students. We are offering Four Free for February. Any student new to Good Moves can try four weeks of classes for free. Ed Source offers classes for ages 3+ in Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet, and Athletic Movement for Boys. The coupon for the free classes is on our website as well as class information and schedules.

As always, I am available to you via our website: www.goodmoves.org, by email goodmoves@mindspring.com or by phone 404-518-1646.



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

February Porch Party

At the home of

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TRAFFIC CALMING

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

As of this writing, our final drawings for our first wave of traffic calming projects have been submitted to the City. The focus of this set of plans is for traffic calming on Lake Ave. from Elizabeth St. to Krog St. We have also submitted drawings for crosswalk improvements at North Highland Ave. and Carmel St., Austin Ave. at the bike trail, and Euclid Ave. at the bike trail. These drawings can be viewed in the "files" on the Inman Park Yahoo group.

We are also working with our engineers, Jacobs Engineering, on preliminary drawings for improvements at the intersection of Euclid Ave. and Edgewood Ave. as well as for crosswalk and intersection improvements at North Highland Ave. and Washita Ave., North Highland Ave. and Colquitt Ave., and North Highland Ave. at Seminole Ave. While we are getting preliminary drawings for these intersections prepared for submission to the City, our funds are limited so there is no guarantee we will be able to get these projects completed with the funding we have available from the City's Quality of Life Bond Fund.

Once the City has received bids for our first set of projects, we will see how much of the \$350,000 we have left and then prioritize these secondary projects to see which ones get developed.

If you have any questions regarding these projects or would like to help out, contact me at 404-791-8497 or by e-mail at: danny@smallcarpenters.com.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NPU-N REPRESENTATIVE

By Megan Holder - Chandler

Hello IPNA! In my first write up for the *Advocator*, I would like to take a quick moment to introduce myself.

I moved into the neighborhood in 2005, and **Judy Clements** kindly shoved me into life in Inman Park. My husband, **Dan Chandler**, and I have since purchased a home on Euclid Ave. where we live with our furry kids, Sonny and Stella. By day I am a landscape architect with HOK, and by night I am usually busy stirring up trouble or traveling. I am looking forward to representing Inman Park on the NPU-N Board and helping **Jonathan Miller** make sure we are looking out for the best interest of the neighborhood.

One of the roles of the NPU-N Board is to prepare you for the next level of approvals at the BZA, UDC, or LRB. In order for us to do this, it is critically important for the required paperwork to be completed and presented when you appear before NPU-N. The information is available to you on the IPNA website.

You can go to the following website which will take you to information regarding the NPU-N By Laws, General Information, as well as the forms for a liquor license, zoning, variance, or other special use permits. The forms are located in the documents section at: <http://inmanpark.org/about.html>

I will also have these forms at neighborhood meetings, or you can pick them up from my house. (877 Euclid... Please e-mail or call to let me know you will be dropping by.) Failure to have proper documentation may result in deferral of your proposal.

In coming months, I will be giving more comprehensive updates regarding our NPU. However, I wanted to make this month's emphasis on what the NPU needs from you to help you along in the approval process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call (Cell: 832-563-5662) or e-mail me at:

megan.holder@hok.com

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LOOKING FOR A FUN TIME?

By Jan Keith

If you've been looking to get more involved in the neighborhood, here's your chance. We need a lot of house sitters during Festival. It's easy and you get a volunteer house tour T-shirt to boot! Shifts are for two hours. You serve as an Inman Park Ambassador by welcoming people into our tour homes and helping out the home tour owners. Sounds easy? It is.

And, it's easy to sign up: just go to www.inmanpark.org, click on Festival, go to House Tour volunteers and choose your location. Very easy. And if you volunteer for the Saturday 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. shift, you'll also receive a free Tour of Homes ticket (\$20 value)!

Now that's what I call fun.

CHEAP TIX

By Jan Keith

Tour of Homes tickets will be available to members of the neighborhood for \$12 at the IPNA meetings on March 18 and April 15, as well as at 889 Edgewood Ave. and 177 Elizabeth St. until Thursday, April 23. Don't delay! Get your tickets NOW. Advance tickets are \$15 for non-members and \$20 during Festival. Tickets are available at a number of venues, but remind your friends they can use PayPal and purchase online tickets right off the IPNA website at: www.inmanpark.org

And speaking of friends, the easiest time to see the homes is Friday, April 24, during the short tour from noon to 4:00 p.m. Not only can you drive right up to the houses without the Festival crowds and blocked streets, but you have a more leisurely tour with time to visit the homeowners and other neighbors also out touring. Saturday and Sunday tour hours are noon to 6:00 p.m. See you on tour! And remember to encourage your non-Inman Park friends to use MARTA.

GEORGIA DOT AND AMTRAK

By Lisa Burnette

By now I hope you have already heard the Georgia Department of Transportation and Amtrak intervened to halt the abandonment of the Northeast Beltline Rail Corridor which runs through Piedmont Park, midtown, Inman Park, Old Fourth Ward and elsewhere. They are seeking to preserve the right to run high-speed, heavy passenger trains on this track which would bisect Atlanta's premier park, and most directly relevant to us, would cross Irwin Street at Studioplex, follow along Krog Street directly behind Rathbun's and the Stove Works, cross Dekalb and then connect in some manner with the existing rail on Dekalb.

City and Beltline officials, and your IPNA Board, believe these actions will destroy efforts to develop the Beltline. In addition, the effect of noise, pollution, and the industrial nature of heavy rail would be devastating for our historic neighborhood and those around us which are starting to develop and grow. Amtrak worked with Beltline developers years ago on alternative and more appropriate routes that would enable it to expand its rail connectivity in the city, if it ever acquires the funds or plans to do so.

This publication went to press on the first of the month. If you have internet access, please check frequently with the IPNA blog at <http://blog.inmanpark.org> for up-to-date information. This is the easiest and most timely way for the Board to disseminate information and action plans. We will need as much active participation from IP neighbors and friends as possible to assure our interests and our neighborhood are protected.

SO CLOSE

By Carolyn McLaughlin

First, a big thank you to all of you who have given your dollars to support the Historic Structure Report Project at Inman Park United Methodist Church. In basically eight weeks just over \$9,000 was raised from the congregation and neighbors of the church.

At the time of writing this article we need just \$735 to reach the \$15,000 goal to commission and complete the report. This valuable document will be the beginning of planned, careful restoration and preservation of the heart of our neighborhood, the Inman Park United Methodist Church.

You can be the one whose donation puts us at our goal, the beginning.

If you have any questions about the project please do not hesitate to call me, 404-663-1155. I will even come and collect your donation. Or, you may mail it to

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

Please put HSR in the "for" line of your check.

Condolences:

It is with great sadness that we offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Norman Pease**, father of Carson Pease who lived in Inman Park for many years. Mr. Pease passed away early in the morning on January 28, 2009.

Our deepest sympathy
to Carson and Sandy
Evans on their loss.

For those of you who know Carson, she can be reached at 404-797-5371.

MARY LIN ELEMENTARY RECOGNIZED BY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

By Jennifer Hubert

Mary Lin Elementary School has been named a silver award winner by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. Lin is one of only 34 elementary schools in the state to achieve this status, which was awarded for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mary Lin was deemed a "high-performing school" by meeting the following criteria:

- Achieving or exceeding AYP status (Adequate Yearly Progress) for two consecutive years
- Having at least 25% of students exceed expectations on the CRCT (Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests)
- Having at least 75% of students meet or exceed expectations on the CRCT

Mary Lin Elementary School is located in Candler Park and currently serves over 500 students in Kindergarten through 5th grades in the Candler Park, Inman Park, Lake Claire, Poncey Highlands, and Druid Hills communities. School tours are typically offered the first Thursday of the month.

Further information about the school can be found at <http://marylinelementary.com> or by calling the school directly at 404-802-8850.

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Press Release from Pilates

Remember when Pilates was the 'next big thing'? Well, at About Movement Pilates Studio in Decatur we are leaping ahead of the curve by offering the Gyrotonic Expansion System®. It is guaranteed to be the new workout everyone is talking about, and after just a few sessions, you'll see why. Gyrotonic is an amazingly efficient system for working your entire body, especially those hard to tackle muscle groups, and a great complement to Pilates.

For those of you who work at a desk for eight hours a day and go to a massage therapist every week to "ask for help", Gyrotonic may be the gift you have been waiting for. The Gyrotonic Expansion System has already caught on with dancers, martial artists, physical rehab patients and many celebrities including fitness enthusiast Madonna, who is now using Gyrotonic to help maintain her long, lean physique. Gyrotonic is helping dancers enhance their turns, golfers and tennis players improve their swings, rehab patients recover more quickly and ordinary men and women reshape their bodies.

The circular, spiraling and undulating movements that characterize Gyrotonic help to increase the functional capacity of the spine, resulting in improved balance and coordination. "As a Feldenkrais practitioner, I immediately fell in love with Gyrotonic because it focuses on integrating the movement of your entire body" says About Movement owner Melissa Wirsig.

For more information about Gyrotonic, visit the About Movement Studio website at www.aboutmovement.com or call 404-373-9672.

FORMER 1930'S INMAN PARK RESIDENT DIES

By Lori Feig-Sandoval

Mrs. Frances Waters passed away on January 11, 2009, at the age of 90. Two days later, on January 13, her husband, Wendall, passed away from cancer.

Some of you may recall several *Advocator* articles that a former Inman Park resident wrote, maybe six or eight years ago, about her days as a young girl on Alta Avenue in the 1930's. Or, you may remember the one I wrote about first meeting her when she was in her late 70's, strolling one spring day with some of her family down memory lane, a stone's throw from my house. The lady was Frances Macnamara Waters.

I remember with fondness that day, because it marked the start of a letter-writing relationship of several years. I can picture those letters, which Frances often wrote on small note pad sheets with a flowery border at the bottom, or on other odd scraps that she cobbled together for her stationery, like my grandmother used to do. Like me, Frances sometimes took a break of a day or two in the middle of a letter, and then she would update me on the reasons for the temporary diversion. She was clearly devoted to her church, to her husband, Wendall, and to her grown children's families, so it amazed me she wrote to me at all. One day when I have time, I'll look through my file of years and years worth of friends' letters, and hers will be among them.

The day we met Frances's family, they were on their way back home to Florida. They had come to Atlanta for the weekend to attend a class reunion of Girl's High, which she apparently did many times. Girls High was a beautiful brick building erected in Grant Park in 1921; it later became The Roosevelt High School.

Today it is a condominium that has won numerous design awards: The Roosevelt Historic Homes, in Grant Park. I think the next time I am feeling adventurous, I might try walking there once in her honor; I recall Frances telling me that when she and her girlfriends wanted to take in a pretty day after school, they would skip the trolley and walk home. When I seemed surprised at what must have been a 45-minute walk, she wasn't fazed. She just delighted in telling of the sites they would see on their way.

That day Frances was in Inman Park, just on the way home, they'd parked near the corner of Haralson Ave. and Alta Ave., and were walking up the bumpy sidewalk, pausing and pointing now and then, and looking closely at each house. Danny and I (and toddler Cory), thinking they looked lost, got up from the porch and walked across the street to see if we could help. It turned out she was looking for the house where her family had once lived, which turned out to be Mary Anne Brown's former duplex. Originally a single-family home, 1135 Alta Ave., and it had been Frances's family's home in a bygone era; in her day, the dairy deliveries came at dawn by horse and buggy, and the produce man came in similar fashion later in the day. She said she spent many hours playing on that fine, wide porch, perched on the hill. We invited Frances and her family in for some sweet tea, and we exchanged addresses.

I was taken by Frances's gentle nature, her strong sense of place, and her deep appreciation for home, family, and community. Her letters, like my own, featured only a little homespun philosophizing on modern life, and were mostly details of daily living. But for one as interested in people and relationships as she was, the everyday was important. Frances was a good letter writer in the old fashioned sense: she answered within several weeks, and always answered any questions from my last letter before delving into her news; we fell into a leisurely writing rhythm that lasted close to a decade. I usually wrote her every few months and sent her the most recent *Advocators*. She read every bit of each issue, commenting often on this or that, clearly relishing our neighborhood's activities and strong activism, as well as always saying something sweet about our family life, or whatever had been our latest news at the time.

I feel privileged to have been a recipient of her affection. The fact she took the time from her obviously active life, to write to me, someone she hardly knew, and to do so in a slow cursive hand with genuine care, shows a rare kind of affection in these fast-paced electronic times. Frances touched me; her curiosity about, and sincere interest in, people of all stripes will stay with me for many years.

When Frances's daughter called us to tell us of her death, I promised her I'd send notice to the *Advocator*. The website for the obituary that ran in her hometown is www.whiddenmcleanfuneralhome.com. Her husband Wendall's obituary is there also; he was a musician, former teacher, retired chemist, and gentleman to the end. Their daughter said he always waited for his wife to go first, even though a year ago doctors diagnosed his cancer and said he would die within a few months. When he lived into 2009, and then died just days after Frances, his daughter said it was of a broken heart, but now they are at peace.

I am sorry to say it was my life that got too busy about two or three years ago to write my handful of epistolary friends. After a few months of forgetting to write, I just fell out of the habit. But, this past December, I had sent Frances a holiday letter and family photo. Dorothy told me she had read my letter to her mother. Frances was in and out of consciousness just at the end of her long life, though, so when she got the letter, I don't know if she was fully lucid. I do know, though, how much she illuminated my life, just by taking time to write.

CARTER LIBRARY ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

By Tony Clark

Celebrate Lincoln's 200th Birthday.
Hear Authors; See New Exhibits.

February is full of activities at the Carter Presidential Library. Just look at what's happening this month.

Feb. 16 at 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
Meet Abraham Lincoln

The Carter Library commemorates Presidents Day with Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by Homer S. Sewell III).

Meet Lincoln, pose for pictures, and hear "Lincoln" recite the Gettysburg Address. Performance included with paid museum admission.

February 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Aaron Glantz, author of "The War Comes Home: Washington's Battle Against America's Veterans"

"This exposes the treatment meted out to American veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. It is a breathtaking rebuke to

government hypocrisy and an overdue contribution to gaining critical public awareness of this official neglect. Glantz, who covered the American occupation of Iraq, offers a thorough account of the plight U.S. vets face back home." *Publishers Weekly*. This author reading and book signing is free and open to the public in the museum theater.

Feb. 17 at 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Letters to Lincoln

Living history performance of actual letters from ordinary American citizens written to our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, by Cathy Kaemmerlen

From the eyes of Helen Nicolay, daughter of John George Nicolay, Abraham Lincoln's personal assistant, we view life at the Lincoln White House, as her father so fondly remembered it. With letters that are humorous, revealing, shocking, historical and hysterical, this show is a fascinating look at the all-wise, much-revered, troubled Civil War president--a truly self-made man. Performance is included with paid museum admission.

February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

David Cox, author of "Dirty Secrets, Dirty War". **Robert Cox** was the editor of the English-language *Buenos Aires Herald*, the only Argentinean paper that consistently covered the kidnappings and murders by government security forces during the "dirty war" against leftists and other opponents. The crimes of Argentina's late-1970s military dictatorship emerge through the eyes of a courageous journalist in this stirring homage, written by his son." *Publishers Weekly*. Reading and Book Signing are free and open to the public

For more information:

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www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov.

APC PRESENTS THE SIXTH ANNUAL PHOENIX FLIES: MARCH 7-22, 2009
Get an insider view of over 40 historic venues with free tours, lectures & storytelling

Submitted by Marge Hays

The Atlanta Preservation Center (APC) presents The Sixth Annual Phoenix Flies: A Citywide Celebration of Living Landmarks on March 7-22, 2009. With over 40 Preservation Partners, this award-winning celebration gives a fun and informative insider's experience through more than 100 events including guided walking and bike tours, lectures and storytelling, open houses, and much more. All events are free.

The event Website, www.phoenixflies.org, provides a full description of each event including location, date and time, as well as a link to the event sponsor's Website.

A few of the 2009 Phoenix Flies free highlights are:

- * Tours of the gothic-inspired historic buildings of Oglethorpe University which date from 1915 and a visit to the Oglethorpe University Museum.
- * Presentations on two of Atlanta's most notable modern buildings, Marcel Breuer's Atlanta
- * Tours of the Herndon Home, built for Alonzo Herndon, who was born into slavery but went on to found the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, the largest African-American owned stock holder insurance company in the country. In honor of National Women's History Month, these tours will focus on the achievements of Adrienne Herndon, Alonzo Herndon's first wife.
- * Guided walking tours of South View Cemetery, final resting place of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. and a veritable "Who's Who" of African-Americans in Atlanta, and of Oak-land Cemetery's majestic 19th and 20th century mausoleums.
- * Tours and talks at Buckhead's Sardis United Church, the third oldest Methodist congregation in Georgia and the oldest in Atlanta, and Sardis Cemetery, final resting place of many

well-known Atlanta families.

- * A "sneak peek" of Piedmont Park's 1926 Bathhouse which is undergoing restoration. Park staffers will share the history of the building and plans for its future.
- * Walks and talks through two linear parks along Ponce de Leon Ave. in Druid Hills, both designed by Frederick Law Olmsted.
- * A tour of The Temple, home of Atlanta's oldest Jewish congregation and designed in 1930 by Atlanta architect Philip Trammel Shutze.
- * A tour of "Ivy Hall," the recently restored Edward Peters house designed in 1883 and now the home of Savannah College of Art and Design's cultural arts and writing center.
- * Tours and storytelling at the Wren's Nest, home of Joel Chandler Harris, creator of the Uncle Remus stories.
- * In downtown Atlanta, explore forgotten spaces beneath the network of viaducts that span the junction of railroads, enjoy a multi-sensory children's "Urban Experience," and take an insider's tour of the 1924 Rich's Department Store, the US Court of Appeals building, and the 1933 U.S. Post Office.
- * The 2009 Phoenix Flies festival is presented in honor of Karen Huebner, former executive director of the Atlanta Urban Design Commission. In her 20-year tenure with the City, Ms. Huebner helped craft Atlanta's preservation ordinance and was directly responsible for the preservation of more than 7,200 historic buildings, neighborhoods, and sites within the City. Ms. Huebner enjoys a national reputation of excellence and her performance with Atlanta's government placed the City in a position of leadership in the area of preservation. Through her ability to foster cooperation among preservationists, developers, property owners, and the City, Ms. Huebner ensured that all would make contributions to a richer environment for Atlanta.

The 2009 Preservation Partners are: All Saints Episcopal Church, Atlanta Cyclorama & Civil War Museum, Atlanta Preservation Center, Battle of Atlanta in East Atlanta, Buckhead Heritage Society, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, Central Presbyterian Church, Chastain Arts Center, Crawford Long Hospital, DOCO-MOMO, The Fox Theatre, Georgia Battlefields Association, Georgia State Capitol, GSU's Heritage Preservation Program, Grant Park Conservancy, The Herndon Home, Historic Oakland Foundation, King Plow/Actors Express, Margaret Mitchell House & Museum, Meadow Nook/the Robert Alston House, Oglethorpe University, Olmsted Linear Parks Association, Piedmont Park Conservancy, Rhodes Hall and the Georgia Trust, Sardis United Methodist Church, the Savannah College of Art and Design, the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, South-View Cemetery Association, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, The Temple, Trees Atlanta, US General Services Administration, and the Wren's Nest House Museum.

The Atlanta Preservation Center is a nonprofit membership organization that serves as the agency for coordination, knowledge, research and advocacy for preservation in the City. Founded in 1980, the Center has worked to preserve thousands of endangered residential and commercial structures, neighborhoods, and landscapes. The Center's walking tours of historic neighborhoods and sites, school programs, workshops and The Phoenix Flies educate thousands of students, residents, and visitors about the value of protecting and reusing Atlanta's landmark buildings.

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2009 ING GEORGIA MARATHON NEIGHBORHOOD CHALLENGE

GUIDELINES

Overview

The ING Neighborhood Challenge encourages spectator participation to cheer on race participants at designated Cheering Zones along the race course. During the race, these Cheering Zones will be judged on the criteria listed below, and the top 3 Cheering Zones will be awarded grants of \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,250 to support neighborhood fitness initiatives.

Eligibility

As in the 2008 ING Georgia Marathon Neighborhood Challenge, there will be **up to 10 designated Cheering Zones in the Atlanta and Decatur neighborhoods along the course**. All neighborhood, civic, business, and other associations located along the course are invited to sign up to organize a Cheering Zone.

The first 10 groups that apply and comply with the Neighborhood Challenge Guidelines listed below will participate in the 2009 Neighborhood Challenge. The following neighborhoods participated in the 2008 Neighborhood Challenge:

Mile	Sponsoring Organization	Location	2008 Award
0.5	Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Assoc	Marietta St @ Broad St	
4	NPU-M/Fourth Ward Neighbors Assoc	Randolph @ Edgewood	
5	NPU-N/Inman Park Neighborhood Assoc	Euclid @ Hurt	
6.5	Poncey-Highland Neighborhood Assoc	Freedom Pkwy @ N Highland	3 rd Place
8	Candler Park Neighborhood Assoc	Candler Park Dr @ McLendon	1 st Place
12.5	City of Decatur	Fellini's Pizza on Commerce	2 nd Place
16	Druid Hills Civic Assoc	N Decatur @ Downman	
21.5	Atkins Park and Virginia-Highland Neighborhood Associations	Virginia @ Park Dr	

Examples of other organizations along the course who may want to participate include:

- Central Atlanta Neighbors (in NPU-M)
- Marietta Street Artery Association (in NPU-E and NPU-M)
- Midtown Neighbors' Association (in NPU-E)

Signing up for a Cheering Zone

Any eligible neighborhood or NPU that is interested in participating in a Cheering Zone must complete the attached Sign-up Form and **fax it to US Road Sports & Entertainment of Georgia LLC at (404) 892-8384 or 404-365-9491 no later than February 15, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. EST**. A Sign-Up requirement is to designate how the award grant will be spent, if won. Keep in mind that multiple organizations in an area may sign up for the same location. If this happens, we will notify the affected organizations so that they can get together and organize their Cheering Zone. Note that ING and US Road Sports & Entertainment of Georgia LLC do not participate with the neighborhoods in planning, supplying, or staffing Cheering Zones.

Organizing and Participating in a Cheering Zone:

All Cheering Zone teams must adhere to the requirements of the applicable event permit from the City of Atlanta, City of Decatur, or DeKalb County, including the following rules:

- For each Cheering Zone, the organization must nominate the location of the Cheering Zone during Sign-Up.
- Cheering Zone participants must remain on the sidewalk or other public property or obtain the property owner's permission if the Cheering Zone location is on private property.
- Cheering Zone participants must not drive any signs or stakes into the ground or hang items from trees on public property or on private property without the owner's permission.
- Cheering Zone participants must not sell any food or beverage at the Cheering Zones or any other areas of the marathon route without obtaining the applicable Health Department Permit and/or permission from US Road Sports & Entertainment of Georgia LLC.
- Cheering Zone participants must adhere to the noise ordinance of the applicable jurisdiction (in the City of Atlanta, go to www.nonoise.org/lawlib/cities/atlan-ta.htm for details of the ordinance).
- Cheering Zone participants understand they are participating at their own risk.

Judging

Cheering Zones will be judged by vote of participants in the race and by the ING Georgia Marathon Pace Team leaders. Each Cheering Zone will be judged on the following criteria:

1. **"Orangeness":** Orange is one of ING's corporate colors and the color theme for the ING Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon.
2. **Open, Opportunity and Optimism:** These are the three main attributes of the Atlanta brand.
3. **Enthusiasm:** Cheering Zone participants should be excited and happy to be there.
4. **Volume:** The more, the merrier! A big crowd at your Cheering Zone makes a big impact for the runners.
5. **Innovation/Creativity:** Show what makes your neighborhood or organization unique and memorable.

The goal of the Cheering Zones is to have fun, showcase your neighborhood, and encourage all race participants to reach the finish line. **It is important for Cheering Zone participants to stay and cheer for all race participants, from the fastest to the slowest.**

Grant Awards

There are three grant awards which must be applied to neighborhood fitness initiatives:

- 1st place: \$5,000
- 2nd place: \$2,500
- 3rd place: \$1,250

The three winning Neighborhood Cheering Zones will be announced on www.INGGeorgiaMarathon.com by end of the day on April 3, 2009.

MY NIGHT IN POLICE CUSTODY

By Cameron Childress (cameronc@gmail.com)

In all of the questionable adventures of my youth, I never had the occasion to see the inside of a police car. Finally though, in January I found myself in police custody - sort of... But maybe I should start at the beginning...

Having lived in the neighborhood for a little over a year, I've just recently started to come to IPNA meetings. I've overheard people at the meetings and around town declaring that "something should be done" about this or that incident or crime. I've seen people posting in the Yahoo group, wishing "someone should do something". "Well", I thought, "I'm someone, I wonder what I can do?".

Like many others in the neighborhood, I'd heard **Bill Hagen** make the offer several times in e-mail and at IPNA meetings, "Anyone can do a ride-along with the IPP (Inman Park Patrol), just get in touch with me". I'd been considering it for months, but travel and other commitments kept getting in the way. Finally, just after the new year I let Bill know I was ready. He put me in touch with **Sgt Schierbaum**, who worked with me to schedule a convenient time for me to do the ride-along. Within a week it was scheduled.

I was to meet **Officer Alejandro** and the patrol car in front of my building, the Grinnell Loft building, just after work. My two hour ride-along began right on schedule, and it turned out to be a very educational experience about what the IPP does on an average shift.

I got a quick orientation at the start of the trip. I saw the book that is kept in the patrol car, full of mug shots of frequent offenders, some procedures, a list of homes to do walk-arounds on (part of the vacation patrol offered to IPP members), printouts of e-mails that the IPP has received from residents, and some other stuff I've since forgotten. Also in the car was a notebook where officers log shift notes to share with each other. As Officer Alejandro flipped through the notebook I saw that on one page in giant letters the words ARRESTED! I wondered to myself what the story was behind the arrest, but I was only 3 minutes in and had plenty of time to ask questions, so I sat back and listened instead.

Next up in the orientation was instructions on what to do in case of trouble. I was asked, "Do you have a cell phone?". I did have a cell phone on me, and in case of a tussle, I was to use it - not get out of the car to help. Officer Alejandro, a spitfire from the Bronx, assured me that she could handle herself. Later in the trip I would ask her how many times she'd had occasion to get into physical confrontations in her career as a police officer. Her answer "At least 30 times, and only once was with someone smaller than me". Okay, I thought to myself, I'll just stay in the car.

Off we went - we patrolled areas of IP that I didn't even know about. We drove through Little Five Points, behind townhomes, and into nooks and crannies. As it got dark, she shined flashlights in cars and along roadside areas frequented by "random folks". I got to see some of the hidden places that people tend to hide out and loiter. We even got out (it was okay, there was no tussle happening) and did a walk around the pond in the park to make sure no-one was "setting up shop" and doing a little urban camping. We did extra rounds near spots where car break ins had been increasing in frequency lately, but we didn't see any broken windows or catch anyone in the act.

I learned a bit of jargon as "the crack", a term she used to describe the empty and sometimes overgrown spaces between our neighborhood and the next. While writing up reports, she usually tried to be in a visible location or in a spot like "the crack" over near Freedom Parkway and the railroad tracks behind the Highland Steel Apartments.

During our ride, she spoke to several people who were walking around the neighborhood, usually starting out just by engaging them in conversation. Just by talking to someone who may look out of place, she was able to produce body language and verbal responses from them that helped her figure out whether or not she should get out of the car and speak to them in more detail. Twice she did, later writing up reports detailing the conversation and information about the individuals.

Officer Alejandro constantly noticed details and people before I did. I can't count the number of times she pointed out a person walking along the side of the road or in an alley before I'd spotted them. I guess being a police officer trains you to see details that other people don't see. Details that residents may not notice. Details a non-police security patrol might not notice.

During one of our stops, another marked APD (Atlanta Police Department) car stopped by as well, interested in the same person we'd stopped. The IPP car was in the middle of the road and some cars were trying to get by. One of the officers from the APD car walked over to move the IPP car out of the way, chatting with me a bit as she moved the car. Suddenly she stopped and said "Wait, you aren't with the police are you?". That's when it occurred to me that no-one we'd stopped so far knew I wasn't a police officer - not even other police. I thought to myself - is seeing two people in the patrol car more impressive to potential criminals? I don't know, but it might be.

Finally, as we wrapped up the stop, the APD officer came back over to the IPP car one last time, asking me this time "Are you with the neighborhood?". She pointed to the two houses we'd stopped next to. Their interiors were bathed with light and flickering with the images from giant screened flat panel televisions. "See those TVs inside that house? Well, so do criminals. Can you please get the word out to your neighbors that they shouldn't leave their blinds open like that?" I assured her that we are working hard to help keep everyone informed.

As we continued to patrol around the neighborhood I took note of how many houses really do have valuable electronics clearly visible to passing cars. There were a lot. If you are reading this article - consider yourself informed. Close your blinds, move your TV into a less conspicuous spot or room. Do what you need to do, but don't advertise your valuables.

We answered a few other calls during the trip, including a domestic dispute that came in over her radio from police dispatch. Since all the patrol officers in the IPP are off duty Atlanta Police, they have police radios and can take any call that comes across the radio. In this case, Officer Alejandro responded to the call, telling dispatch to cancel the other officer who'd initially taken the call. We were right around the corner and got there in minutes.

I stayed in the car while she went inside to investigate. She came back out about ten minutes later, telling me that she asked one of the two people involved to leave the property. We drove off, but came back by minutes later to make sure the other car had left - it had.

Several times we drove behind some of the townhomes and condos in the neighborhood. Twice stopping because a garage door was left open. She said to me "These doors are never left open, so I'll stop and check it out anytime they are". During one of the stops she hopped out for a second and knocked on the door inside the garage to make sure everything was okay. As we drove away I looked back to see the garage door closing.

As it got close to the end of my two hour ride she asked if I wanted her to drop me back off at my building, but the ride had been so interesting I told her I was fine with staying along longer. All told, I was in the car four hours.

Towards the end of the ride a call came in over the police radio about a mugging in a neighborhood across the MARTA tracks from Inman Park. Another unit was already responding but we headed over to the area anyway, parking the IPP car on the Inman Park side of the MARTA station to see if the suspects would flee into Inman Park or into the bus terminal. We didn't see anyone fitting the description, but kept our lookout for 15 minutes or so before heading off for more patrolling.

Finally, it was time for me to head home. Dinner was ready and I was getting text messages wondering when I was going to come eat. My stomach was in agreement, so my ride was over. Officer Alejandro dropped me back off at my place, I thanked her for the ride-along and we went our separate ways.

My experience with the Inman Park Patrol was enlightening and one of the most unique and interesting experiences I've had recently. I would encourage, even challenge, everyone in the neighborhood to consider doing a ride along at some point during 2009 so you can see the day to day manifestation of IPSP's (Inman Park Security Patrol) fund raising and organizational efforts. It helps you understand what exactly it is that the IPP and IPSP do, it helps the officers get to know the neighbors they are protecting, and it might just let would-be criminals see that we are serious about "doing something".

Massive kudos go out to Bill Hagen, Sgt Schierbaum, and everyone else on the team who's gotten Inman Park to where it is today! If you'd like to do a ride-along with the IPP, contact IPSP at: inmanparkpublicsafety@yahoo.com and let them know. If you are not sure of your paid status with the IPP or IPNA, or if you'd like to make a payment to support the program contact **Betty Ridderhoff** at bridderhoff@bellsouth.net.

Applications are published in the *Advocator* every month or are available online at inmanpark.org.

If you want to join the Security Patrol, send your application and membership fee to: IPNA, 167 Elizabeth St., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30307.

CREATION CAREFILM/DISCUSSION GATHERINGS AT DRUID HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

By Jon Houghton

Tuesday, February 24
at 7:00 p.m.
1026 Ponce DeLeon Ave.,
Atlanta, 30306

Druid Hills Presbyterian Church holds a movie screening with discussion to explore the relationship between religion, environmental change and human possibility.

These gatherings occur on the fourth Tuesday of every month, starting at 7:00 p.m.

February's feature includes three or four brief episodes from the RENEWAL documentary, showing concerned citizens learn about and address climate and health concerns in cost-saving fashion.

Druid Hills Presbyterian Church is located directly across from the Majestic Diner.

If interested in free childcare please contact:

Jon Houghton at:
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WHY CAN'T HOMES LAST A LIFETIME?

By Bryan Jones of Jones Pierce, Inc.

Transform Your House to Work Now, Work Later

In established neighborhoods with historically significant homes like Inman Park, renovations are typically more viable than in most in-town neighborhoods. Owners in Inman Park want to stay, and the location and lifestyle keep values high.

It is that appreciation of the neighborhood's character that prompts these homeowners to go through an in-tense review of their homes' proposed changes on the exterior to make sure they are appropriate in the context of the area. But just as important—but less commonly practiced—is making sure the changes on the inside are made for the sake of creating a home that you never need to leave. If you are going to go through the expense and energy to do a high-quality renovation, in an area you love, then why not put in additional effort to determine if the design will be appropriate for every phase of your life.

Creating a lifetime home means to transform your house to work now, and work later. There is no reason one house can't be a starter home, a family home, a place for empty nesters, and later, retirees. Many people—especially those already living in desirable locations—are questioning the tendency to sell, trade up and keep moving as life needs change. Why not renovate in such a way that your current home supports each phase of an evolving life?

Tips on creating a lifetime home:

1. Start with a master plan. Don't allow future needs to force you to tear up completed work. If you have a future phase in mind during a current renovation go ahead and do the initial planning.
2. Construct in phases. If your master plan requires phasing you should anticipate where to partition off the re-novation if you will be living in the home during later phases. Typically it is best to work top to bottom in the house then to outside spaces or accessory structures. If you need to move out during the current renovation phase, do all the construction required in finished space for the future in the current phase. You should anticipate where plumbing rough-ins and line sets for future mechanical systems need to be installed through finished space in the current phase of construction.
3. Think about rooms that can change names over time to avoid over building. As the renovation is planned think long term about how spaces in the house could change as kids arrive on the scene, grow up, move out ... and move back in. A kid's play room could evolve to a teenager's second den. A home office could become an art studio.
4. Space is expensive so use it twice. Build less space that serves multiple purposes for today's needs, without being a burden later when those needs no longer exist.
5. Make your home smart. Home automation technology adds significant convenience, safety, control, energy efficiency—and value—to your house. For example, this technology can let you shut down parts of the home not needed when grands aren't visiting. Or it can monitor your home system status when leaving for an extended period of time.
6. Install an elevator shaft. Over the last 10 years the cost of residential elevators has become more affordable. Residential elevators can travel fifty feet in height, make five stops and have doors on three sides of the cab making them more flexible to fit into existing homes. Elevators can be phased by installing the shaft at the time of a renovation. The space can be used as closets—with temporary floors to be removed later—until the need for an elevator arises.
7. Plan for accessibility. If you are putting in new doors, install 2'-10" doors to allow for wheelchair access. You will be ready for this possibility without giving your home a commercial look.
8. Anticipate all future needs in the bathroom. Plan for enough floor space to accommodate wheelchair access to toilets and showers. Install wood blocking today to allow for grab bars in the future in the shower and around toilets. For additions, depress floor framing in bathrooms to allow for thick set tile beds sloped to create roll-in showers. Design showers with a bench and a second, hand shower valve. The hand-held shower valve works well for cleaning today's larger showers. The bench works well for shaving now, and later, if you become injured, provides a sit-down situation.
9. Install high-performance insulation. Install foam insulation for all new exterior walls of a renovation. Think about installing it in the attic space of an entire house. Foam can be installed directly on the underside of the roof sheathing eliminating the need for attic venting. Not only do foam insulated spaces require 30 to 35 percent less mechanical equipment capacity, a closed attic allows for semi conditioned storage in attic space and the ability to close the entry point in the attic to rodents.

Those who live in Inman Park understand that neighborhoods full of people in varying life stages are more interesting and viable. Creating a space that accommodates all phases of life ... deciding never to move again ... adding to the value of your neighborhood. There are lots of great reasons to make your renovation truly meaningful. With careful planning and long-term thinking, you can transform your home into a lifetime home.

**Our next Festival Committee meeting will be at the Trolley Barn on Thursday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

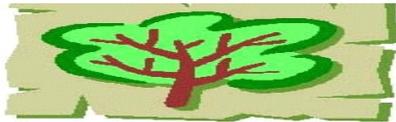
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2008, TO APRIL 24, 2009 

68 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Feb. 14	Sat.	VALENTINE'S DAY	
Feb. 16	Mon.	PRESIDENT'S DAY	
Feb. 18	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Feb. 25	Wed.	ASH WEDNESDAY	
Feb. 27	Fri. 7:30 p.m.	Porch Party	211 Hurt St. 404-523+4801
Mar. 01	Sun. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Mar. 08	Sun.	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	

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TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
03/10/09	Monthly meeting:7:30 p.m., 177 Elizabeth St. Call Richard Westrick	404-523-4801
04/14/09	Monthly meeting:7:30 p.m., 177 Elizabeth St. Call Richard Westrick	404-523-4801

FEBRUARY 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. Public Safety**
 - B. Historic Preservation**
 - 1. 158 Elizabeth St.**
 - 2. 536 Moreland Ave.**
 - C. Treasurer**
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures.**
 - D. Secretary**
 - E. President**
 - F. Planning**
 - 1. Update on Amtrak/GDOT action regarding the Beltline corridor.**
 - G. Zoning:**
 - 1. Liquor License for Pure Tacqueria (former Grape space.)**
 - 2. Liquor License for Park's Edge (former Pacific Kitchen location).**
 - 3. Liquor License for 462 North Highland Ave. (Former Casbah location).**
 - 4. NPU-N Report**
 - a. Approval of David Laube as an alternate NPU-N representative and Jonathan Miller as 2nd alternate.**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business:**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**