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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

It is April, and April means one thing for us ... FESTIVAL! So, I'll keep it brief and ask you to turn your attention to the report of that guy down there. Here's to the Best Festival Ever and endless thanks in advance to **Danny** and his Festival committee for their HOURS of tireless planning work. The VERY least the rest of us can do is to sign up for a mere 2-hour volunteer shift over the weekend. This massive event just doesn't run itself – it needs almost 500 volunteers. They need each and every one of us to be those volunteers. Later, you can enjoy the festivities for the rest of the weekend, guilt-free, knowing you did your part. Enough lecturing – you know what to do – www.inmanparkfestival.org.

A few other random notes from the month:

1. Hope you enjoyed the In Marathon, which was held on March 29, either by running it, or cheering along the sidelines. Thanks again to **Chuck Clarke** and **Kristine Sandage** for their efforts to make our main cheering station so festive.
2. Spring cleaning in Inman Park is really Festival cleaning, isn't it? Take heed of the dates for recycling and yard trimming pick-up, and call the City about discarding large items on time. Worst case scenario, for Festival weekend, hide your trash out back to keep up our spiffy appearance. And, if you can take time out from your own frantic preparations or are lucky enough to live a carefree life in an apartment or condo, come out April 18 to help clean up our piece of the Beltline from North Highland Ave. to Dekalb Ave. See the article on Page 8 for more details.
3. Another bit of Spring Cleaning – don't forget it's membership renewal time for both IPNA and Security Patrol. April 30 is the deadline for IPNA membership, to make it into this year's directory and to vote at the May IPNA meeting. **NEW THIS YEAR:** If you would like to make an additional financial contribution to our neighborhood over your extraordinarily affordable dues amount, please consider writing an extra check to the Friends of Inman Park – funds raised this spring will be put toward a neighborhood project to benefit us all. Depending on how much is raised, FOIP will put out a call for projects and pick the most appropriate. **ALSO:** The Security Patrol is in the middle of its exciting fundraiser. Have you seen their thermometer? Let's push that red mercury mark up to the limit and assure patrols on our streets round the clock!
4. Hope you continue to check in with the blog regularly at <http://blog.inmanpark.org> (or just go to the main IPNA website and click through it). Comments are now fully functioning, so leave yours to add to the online conversations about those things that affect us day to day. If you're a Facebook user, join the Inman Park Facebook group and the intown Atlanta neighborhoods group (revamped from the GDOT/Amtrak High Speed Rail fight group) to stay connected in more ways.
5. **See You at Festival!!!!**

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

By Pat Westrick, for the Nominating Committee

There will be four positions open on the IPNA Board, with terms beginning after the May IPNA meeting. The Vice Presidents for Zoning, Public Safety, and Historic Preservation are rotating off after their 2-year terms, and the couple who are presently filling our Treasurer position will not be able to serve a second term due to increasing responsibilities at work.

We have some good candidates for Public Safety and Historic Preservation, and a couple of possibilities for Zoning and Treasurer, but we'd love to hear from you if you are interested in serving the neighborhood by filling any one of these positions on the Board.

Both **Lisa Burnette** and I will be available to answer questions about what is involved in terms of skills and time.

Please contact one of us as follows:

Lisa: lisaburnette@bellsouth.net OR

Pat: patwestrick@realtor.com or

call me at 404-523-4801

Your neighborhood needs you!

FESTIVAL 2009 IS HERE!

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

After months of planning starting back in September, Festival is finally less than 2 weeks away. So, have all of you signed up to VOLUNTEER?? We still have openings available so please go right now to inmanparkfestival.org or inmanpark.org and sign up for those last slots. If you have any questions about volunteering, contact **Judy Clements**, our volunteer coordinator, at: judyclements@bellsouth.net.

Pat Westrick and **Jan Keith** have put together a fabulous home tour, but the true success of the tour is dependent on the sale of tour tickets. If you have not picked up tour tickets to sell, contact **Yvonne Merkel** at ymerkel@bellsouth.net. Tour tickets are \$12 for IPNA members, others \$15 in advance and \$20 during Festival. There are some great prize packages for the top three ticket sellers so get your tickets and sell, sell, sell.

Remember, we are inviting thousands of folks to visit our neighborhood during Festival, so please do your part to clean up. Please do not put trash piles on the street next week as chances are the City will not get them picked up. If you see any public areas that really need cleaning, let me know and we will arrange a crew to clean it.

Once again, I would like to thank the amazing group of volunteer neighbors who have worked so hard on the Festival Committee for so many months to put all this together. It is going to be a great weekend because of all your efforts. I thank you for making my job so much easier by doing what you do so well. **HAPPY FESTIVAL!**

If you have any questions regarding Festival, call me at 404-791-8497 or e-mail me at danny@smallcarpenters.com.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2009, IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette asked for newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Leigh Mallis** of Inman Park Village.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Oreon Mann** announced this month's Book Club will be held at the home of **Sarah Kirk** at 61 Waddell St., March 25, at 7:00 p.m. The book is *March* by **Geraldine Brooks**.

Oreon also displayed the plaque which the Inman Park Arboretum received from the City Council in a ceremony on March 2. If you would like a map of the Arboretum, please go to treesatlanta.org. **Lisa Burnette** gave thanks to Oreon and all the people of the Inman Park Tree Watch Committee and Trees Atlanta for their hard work.

2. **Pat Westrick** announced this month's porch party will be on Friday, March 27, at the home of **Sally and Ellery McClintock**, 331 North Highland Ave. Porch parties are always the last Friday of each month and are a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Bring a drink and a dish to share. If you are interested in hosting a porch party, please contact Pat.
3. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced the Inman Park Festival Home Tour tickets are available for purchase. Tickets are \$12 for IPNA members, others are \$15 in advance and \$20 on Festival weekend. They are available for purchase at **Jan and Windell Keith's** house at 889 Edgewood Ave., **Pat and Richard Westrick's** house at 177 Elizabeth St., and **Yvonne Merkel's** house at 345 North Highland Ave.
4. **Judy Clements** asked for more Festival volunteers. Please volunteer on-line at inmanpark.org. We still need 400 volunteers; we're only halfway there. Please sign yourself up and recruit some friends. The next Festival meeting is April 16. **Lisa Burnette** reiterated the need to spread the word about volunteering.
5. **Pat Westrick** also reminded everyone that IPNA needs candidates for Treasurer and VP of Zoning to replace the Board members who are stepping down or whose terms are expiring. Please call Pat or Lisa if you are interested or know of any good candidates.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Sgt. Brent Schierbaum reported on some good arrests recently made by the Security Patrol. **Thomas R. Webb** was caught in the act of breaking into a car. He has a lengthy history of car break-ins. He is now in jail and we are

hopeful that the DA will give him a prison sentence.

Officer Gurley recognized a car that had been used in a previous burglary. The suspect fled, but be on the lookout for **James Ware** (he is on parole for robbery, burglary, and entering autos). Sgt. Schierbaum passed out his photo and asked for people to call 911 if you see him.

Also, be on the lookout for a green SUV which was used in a robbery on Delta Place. The SUV has a red and white drive-out tag. Please remember, if you see a serious crime, call 911 and then follow-up with a call to the patrol car. The Inman Park Patrol works twelve hours a day so you may be calling when no one is on duty.

Sgt. Schierbaum showed everyone the field interview forms the officers fill out after every interaction they have while on duty. This is part of the crime prevention program. The officers will stop and talk to people who look suspicious or out of place. This does have an impact on crime because it stops it before it happens. He also thanked everyone who is contributing to the Inman Park Security Patrol.

Angela Carrington asked if there was any follow-up on the robbery on Sinclair Ave. on Sunday night. Sgt. Schierbaum said two of the three offenders were caught. He gave tips on how to report suspicious people: remember the type of clothing; is there more than one shirt; do they have on socks or shoes; any tattoos or piercings. Try to record anything you see. He introduced **Lt. Spillane**, Evening Watch Commander. She was filling in for **Major Propes** who was attending the graduation of six new police cadets. She reported on three arrests for drug dealing (the police used undercover officers) in Little Five Points (L5P). It was mostly marijuana. They also did a permit detail in L5P and cited several businesses for business license violations.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

There were no elected officials present at this time.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans

No report.

NPU-N representative **Megan Holder** could not attend tonight but asked that everyone review the current *Advocator* for information. The next NPU-N meeting is Thursday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m at the L5P Community Center (all meetings are posted on the Google Calendar).

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan

Bill Hagan emphasized the patrol car used to operate only eight hours a day; but since the December holidays, we have kept it at twelve hours a day. This increase in shift hours has had a big impact on the safety of the neighborhood. However, this also means we really need more members of the Security Patrol and more money. He introduced **Bob Sandage** who is heading up fundraising for the Security Patrol. Bob is focusing on three main areas: residential (working with street captains); businesses (**Greg Scott** is the liaison), and a fundraising drive. He is also working on ID cards and yard signs. Bob is working on an organizational chart for Security Patrol which will be posted on the website and allow people to see who their contact should be for particular issues and questions. Bill Hagan reiterated that the Security Patrol is not just about catching criminals; it's about crime prevention. If we are an unfriendly place for criminals then the word on the street will be to stay away. Bob Sandage still needs street captains for Virgil St. and lower Austin Ave. Please contact him if you're interested or know someone who might be interested.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke

Lisa Burnette announced we need to vote to add an item to the agenda. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to add 257 Elizabeth St. to the agenda. **Stephen Currie** and **Theresa Burk** presented a pro-posal for a Type III and Variance request. The immediate neighbors supported the application. They want to replace a decrepit deck with a bathroom, new deck and screened porch (Type III). They also want to build a carport in back of the property (variance is on rear and side setback). The changes would not be visible from the street and the carport is in synch with other carports along the alley behind Austin Ave. A motion was made to approve the proposal for a Type III and variance. The motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER: Megan Wilson

Megan Wilson asked for a vote to approve the budgeted request for \$20,000 in sidewalk replacement/repairs. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Megan asked for approval to pay for approximately \$3,000 in supplies and postage for GDOT/Amtrak opposition letter-writing campaign. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to allocate funds from the legal reserve budget. A second motion was made, seconded, and approved to pay these funds out of the legal reserve.

Additional monthly expenses included:

LSP Community Center	\$50
Bi-weekly S.P.	\$5,869.65
Christmas Party Mixers	\$108.43
S.P. Registration	\$100.57
D.C. Landscapes	\$940
Automated Print Dec. 2008	\$1,641
Automated Print Jan. 2009	\$1,641
Jacobs Engineering (Traffic Calming)	\$1,432.16
Oakview Landscapes	\$1,000
Graffiti Removal	\$110.94
Joel Award Frames	\$48.54
Fast Signs	\$432
Bi-weekly S.P.	\$4,865

SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa

Stephanie McCaa announced she has Inman Park flags and banners for sale. A notice was published in the *Advocator*, on the Yahoo Group, and the website. Orders are due March 22. Please contact her directly to place your order. **Lisa Burnette** reminded everyone that IPNA membership renewal is due. You must be an IPNA member to buy Butterfly Ball tickets and those ticket requests start March 21. Fill out a membership form and give it to **Stephanie McCaa** at 156 Waverly Way or **Betty Ridderhoff** at 167 Elizabeth St. Soon you will be able to join or renew your membership online so stay tuned.

PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette

Lisa Burnette announced she has opened up the blog on inmanpark.org to comments. To make a comment you must register the first time. Please be polite and respectful when making your comments. Lisa also said she took the Beltline tour last week and recommended it to everyone.

PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman

Bill Goodman reported the news that the State Bill #277 passed with a provision for a 1% raise in taxes for transportation. However, the plans for a tunnel to go under the neighborhood were cut from the bill.

Derek Scott, a member of the Beltline Corridor Environmental Study Group, passed out a flyer listing park and trail projects that are underway. For more information go to:

www.itsmarta.com/newsroom/beltline. MARTA and the Beltline are working together on an environmental study. There will be a citywide conversation on transit and trails on April 2 at All Saints Episcopal Church on West Peachtree, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Please come to share your opinions.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Nan Orrock, State Senator, reported on the hot topic of the bill that just passed where Georgia Power will be charging tax-payers for the cost of constructing a nuclear power plant. She is very disappointed in this vote. In addition, a vote is before the House over stem cell research. Please e-mail the Speaker of the House and Lt. Governor to voice your concerns and opinions. The bill is being driven by right-to-life supporters and would be very limiting.

Another bill in the Capitol is whether or not there will be an item on the ballot in November's election to vote a penny sales tax for public safety (this would include Fire Dept., Police Dept., and EMT). If the bill passes and the voters approve it, it should bring our public safety officers up to previous levels. She is also working on securing some of the federal unemployment insurance money. If the state modernizes its system it would be eligible for an allocation of federal unemployment funds. This would mean federal dollars coming into the state's economy.

Jay Tribby, Chief of Staff from City Councilman **Kwanza Hall**'s office, congratulated Inman Park on the Arboretum honor. If anyone would like pictures of the ceremony, please send a request by e-mail to their office (khall@atlantaga.gov). This honor is the first of many being initiated by Kwanza to honor community groups.

He announced a big Beltline cleanup which will be on Saturday, April 18. They are trying to get 1,000 people to participate. **Lisa Burnette** encouraged everyone to please come out and help. If you are interested in participating, send Jay an e-mail at jtribby@atlantaga.gov.

The number one priority in the budget is public safety. Kwanza believes the entire budget needs to be looked at through the filter of public safety (i.e. code enforcement and the closing of recreation centers are all part of overall public safety). If you would like to help him review the budget, please give him a call. Jay also said he is following up on traffic calming and a jurisdictional issue about Freedom Park that were brought up at last month's

IPNA meeting. **Nick Franz** asked if they are looking at a significantly under-funded pension fund. Jay said yes and they are trying to benchmark other cities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Calming - Danny Feig-Sandoval said petitions are being passed out on Lake Ave. for the upcoming construction. We need 75% of the residents to sign in order to go forward. He is trying to address parking issues which have arisen because of regulations that do not allow parking within 30 feet of an intersection.

For more information about the traffic calming plan, go to inmanpark.org. If you need a petition, please e-mail Danny at:

danny@smallcarpenters.com.

The deadline for the petitions is April 15.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Burnette reminded everyone of the ING Marathon on March 29. The Inman Park cheering station is at the corner of Hurt St. and Euclid Ave. at Poplar Circle. Come join your neighbors and cheer the runners on.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting will be April 15 at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

2009 HOUSE TOUR OVERVIEW

By Pat Westrick

Here's an overview of which homes are on tour, from this year's Inman Park House Tour Ticket. Remember, you can purchase Tour Tickets at the "member rate" of \$12 until Friday, April 24. You can get tickets at Jan & Windell Keith's house (889 Edgewood, 404-688-7330), Pat and Richard Westrick's house (177 Elizabeth St., 404-523-4801), or from Yvonne Merkel, 404-285-8283. They'll also be available at the April IPNA meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., at the Inman Park United Methodist Church. Talk it up, sell tickets to your friends and co-workers, and take some time to go on the tour yourselves. You've earned it! (...and if you find yourself with some spare volunteer time, house sitting is lots of fun & incredibly rewarding!)

Welcome to the 2009 Inman Park Tour of Homes! You're in for a treat this year, as our tour includes one of the oldest homes in Inman Park and one of the newest. Nine of the homes have never been on tour before, and we are featuring many houses in the old Copenhill section of Inman Park, our own "Upper East Side!"

So first, a little history: Part of the east side of Inman Park, originally developed by the Copenhill Land Company, is a remnant of a garden suburb begun in 1888. It was sited north and west of Lake Ave. and Sinclair Ave., and extended into Poncey Highlands. Most of those homes were destroyed in the 1960s to make way for two expressways, I-485 and the Stone Mountain Freeway, and the property is now occupied by the Carter Center, Freedom Park, and Freedom Parkway. We feel fortunate, in-deed, to have so many fine examples of the

homes which were once so prevalent in Copenhill.

Clustered on the east side of Inman Park are styles which include Victorians, American Four-Squares, Queen Anne Cottages, and Craftsman Bungalows, newer and older, large and small. We're providing a sampling of them all, including some in the more centrally located areas of the neighborhood.

Here's a preview:

1. Among the cottages, the one on Hale St. is just the right setting for the owner's cherished family antiques, passed down through the decades. Another cottage across the street was changed significantly by a close encounter with an errant car in the 1970s, leading to a permanent installation of a yard sculpture and a new wraparound porch. Another example, on Sinclair Ave., celebrates its 100th birthday this year and is a comfortable home for a busy couple (with talented relatives!).
2. There are two that are easily identifiable as Craftsman Bungalows. One on Sinclair Ave. with a whimsical dormer, which narrowly escaped the demo-man's clutches, and the other, around the corner on Colquitt Ave., exhibits the classic exposed rafter tails and box-beam ceilings we think of as characteristic of this style. A 1930 example, built of brick, sits on land that was originally part of the park-like grounds of the Woodruff Mansion at 908 Edgewood Ave. It's one of 16 homes built there during that period on what Inman Parkers call "The Mesa."
3. Other than the Inman Park United Methodist Church -- which is always a joy to see -- the only true Victorian on tour this year is on North Highland Ave. It has been painstakingly renovated with integrity and authenticity and is home to three active boys and their energetic parents. Another home -- across the street from the Woodruff Mansion mentioned above -- is a lovely renovation of an old American Four-Square with a self-described "man cave" in the basement, complete with pool table, home theater, and wet bar. Can't

miss that one! Also a “must see” is the stately house built by the son of **Asa Candler** on a prominent Elizabeth St. corner. It’s been renovated into a warm and comfortable family home reflecting the interests and personalities of its owners.

4. The two newer homes on tour this year are especially interesting. One, though only 8 years old, has been redone inside and out into a stylish, attractive and welcome addition to the neighborhood. The other has risen, phoenix-like, from the ashes of a devastating fire in the fall of 2007. The new home fits in beautifully on the street and is light, open and airy.
5. And finally, what looks like a modest farm house on a hill is one of our oldest homes. Built in 1886, it pre-dates pretty much all of Inman Park. The calm and serene interior makes one feel instantly at home, and you can look forward to seeing the eleven foot ceilings, inviting guest space, and even an outdoor shower!

Enjoy your visit, and come back to see what we’ll have to offer next year!

**STICK CLOSE TO HOME FOR EARTH DAY! MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!
EARTH DAY BELTLINE COMMUNITY CLEANUP
INMAN PARK AND THE OLD FOURTH WARD
HIGHLAND AVE. TO DEKALB AVE.**

MEET UP TO CLEAN UP: STUDIOPLEX at the CORNER OF AUBURN AVE. AND IRWIN ST.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009
8:00 A.M. COFFEE AND VOLUNTEER CHECK IN
12 NOON LUNCH FOR VOLUNTEERS
WWW.KEEPATLANTABEAUTIFUL.ORG**

Dear District 2 neighbor:

The City of Atlanta will celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 18. Won’t you join me that morning to clean kudzu and trash along the segment of the Atlanta Beltline that connects the Old Fourth Ward and Inman Park?

This is a great opportunity to celebrate Earth Day across our two neighborhoods. By participating, you’ll be among the first wave of Atlantans to experience the Beltline up close and personal. You’ll help create a cleaner, safer neighborhood. You might even make a new friend or two!

We’ll all catch up over coffee at 8:00 a.m., then head out to the tracks. If you can, please register online in advance at www.KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Let’s stick close to home on Earth Day and make a contribution to a sustainable Atlanta right in our own backyard!

Kwanza Hall

Atlanta City Council District 2
khall@atlantaga.gov
404-330-6038

THE INMAN PARK SPRING FESTIVAL INVITES YOU TO KICK OFF FESTIVAL WEEKEND AT THE

CATERPILLAR COSTUME BALL

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Held at the “Outdoor Classroom” of the
Inman Park Cooperative Preschool**

760 Edgewood Ave.

Hayride by friend Bo Bradshaw

Face Painting - - - Other Fun Activities! Prizes!

Hot Dogs, Veggie Dogs, Popcorn, & Cupcakes!

Be sure to wear your favorite costume!

Tickets available at the gate-

\$2.00 per person (grownups and kids alike!)

For more information contact:

Laura Lancaster Archer

archer@mindspring.com

or

Alex Coffman

acoff@comcast.net

For volunteer opportunities:

<http://www.inmanpark.org/festival/volunteer/default.aspx>

LAST CALL FOR CHEAP TIX!!!

By Jan Keith

Last chance to save really big. Festival is only *HOURS* away... Come to the April 15 neighborhood meeting and buy Tour of Homes tickets for \$12 **ONLY IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF IPNA IN GOOD STANDING**. If you are not a member in good standing, renew your membership at the meeting. Remember: tour tickets to the general public are \$15 in advance and \$20 during Festival.

Oh, you're still struggling with your taxes on April 15? Not a problem! You can purchase your cheap tix at 889 Edgewood Ave. (the **Keith's**) and at 177 Elizabeth St. (the **Westrick's**)—only until Friday, April 24. Use those cheap tickets on Friday, April 24 from noon to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m. *See you on tour!*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FESTIVAL STILL AVAILABLE

By Judy Clements

Festival jobs are filling fast. Beer sales are all filled. **Adam Stillman** and **Chris Kaylor** have all of their house sitters. But many jobs remain. It's not too late to volunteer to:

- Pop popcorn for Caterpillar Ball
- Decorate the tent for Butterfly Ball
- Hang American flags from telephone poles before Festival starts
- Greet people at the Dance Festival
- House sit at the other houses on Tour
- Sell House Tour tickets and t-shirts
- Give directions and answer questions
- Help with the parade
- Help with Recycling and Trash

And many other fun activities. Please go to www.inmanpark.org and click on *Volunteer* to find the right job(s) for you! It's much more fun if you are involved. Volunteer now to be on the train. It's moving fast and you want to be on board!

Judy Clements

Festival Volunteer Coordinator
judyclements@bellsouth.net
404-523-9922

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

By Jan Keith

While you are on house tour, be sure to thank the home owners for opening their homes. Thank the house sitters for sitting a shift. Thank the trash crew for emptying and recycling trash. Thank the beer-pourers for pouring more than they drink. Thank the street vendors for choosing Inman Park to sell their wares. Thank the musicians for performing for us. Thank the flag putter-uppers. Thank the parade participants. In short, thank everyone who pitches in to help make this the best Festival in the world.

And, if you're feeling guilty that you've not helped enough, show up under the tent on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and help clean up.

And, how about a huge thanks to **Danny Feig-Sandoval**, Festival Chair, and his wonderful wife **Lori** and son **Cory**. You make us proud!

Thank You Adaptation Florist

We like to support neighborhood businesses who support IPNA. Thank you to our neighborhood florist Adaptation Floral Design at 316 North Highland Ave. for providing a discount to the homes on tour.

BRING UP THE LIGHTS

By David Hudson

Once again the lights will be coming up on Theater Al Fresco. As a special treat this year, an auction will be held for three prize packages, which include theater tickets, wine, weekend trips and more. You'll have the chance to bid on these packages, billed as "Low Rent," "Middle of the Road" and "Glitz & Glamour". So be sure to get your reservations in and bring your checkbook or lots of extra cash so you can carry one of these prizes home with you.

Our thanks to all of you who have supported our neighborhood theaters by giving so generously again this year. As we go to print, we are delighted to have sponsors returning at the following levels:

PRODUCERS: Bass Lofts/Winter Properties once again leading this group which includes: **Margie and George Veneziale** in conjunction with Federated Department Stores, **Andre and Bobbi DeWinter, Lee and Marshall Boutwell** and the Trolley Barn.

DIRECTORS: **Pat and Richard Westrick/ Remax and Sally Dorn** with Otis-Ferguson Realty. By the time you read this there will, of course, be additions to those listed above so you'll have to come the night of the show to give them your thanks. We thank all who have made such significant contributions in support of this wonderful event. We are so grateful to each of them for enhancing the quality of our lives through their financial gifts to our theaters.

Thank you also to our many STAR and ANGEL level sponsors without whom this event would not be the financial success it has become. We thank all in the neighborhood who make this event successful by helping to raise much needed funds for our local theaters and who also make it so much fun to attend.

Now get your checks to **Marie** if you haven't done so already. Table assignments aren't made until we have your check in hand. If you have questions about reservations, please call Marie 404-880-9065. Plan your menu and arrange to arrive at the tent at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 25.

A great help to the committee would be if **no one arrives before 7:30 p.m.** to set up their tables. It is difficult to clean the tent area, move and set up tables while attendees are trying to arrange their place settings at the same time. So please plan to arrive no earlier than 7:30 p.m.

Remember, the FIRE MARSHALL has mandated, and has included in our permit: **NO CANDLES OF ANY KIND, SIZE, or COLOR WILL BE PERMITTED UNDER THE TENT.** So please do not bring any candles or the police will be in a position to shut us down and that would certainly put a damper on the fun.

Again our thanks to all for making this such an incredible neighborhood event, great theater, great food, great company, and we don't even have to leave the 'hood. Our thanks to all of the volunteers who sweep, blow, haul, and wipe in preparation for this event and to all who clean up after we're through. And, of course, our thanks to all of you who come and laugh and cry and eat and cheer both at Theater Al Fresco and throughout the year at our local theater performances. We wish to thank everyone in the neighborhood.

House lights down, Curtain up!



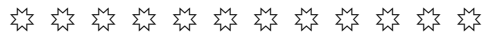
Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!

No Porch Party in April

(Inman Park's hosting a Festival instead!)

PORCH PARTIES RESUME IN MAY...

Watch for information in the May Advocate!



Does your porch want to host a porch party?

It's easy and fun!

Call Richard or Pat Westrick 404-523-4801

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



PRECISION ATTACHÉ TEAM

By John Floyd

JOIN THE INMAN PARK PRECISION ATTACHÉ TEAM

Each year at Festival a number of interested friends and neighbors have marched in the Festival Parade as the **Inman Park Precision Attaché Corps**. As the years move on and the joints get creaky, our ranks have thinned. Thus this is our first ever attempt to actually recruit for this elite unit. While other parade units rehearse continuously, this group disdains excessive preparation in favor of originality.

Does this appeal to you? Men, do you own a suit or at least a coat and tie? Ladies, do you have some business attire? Have you always dreamed of placing a sell order in the middle of Festival? If so please join us at the corner of Spruce St. and Edgewood Ave. a bit before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. Just dress for the part, bring a brief case and an umbrella. PDA is optional.

Seriously this is fun and resume building! Hope to see you there!

“PENULTIMATE POINTS ON PUBLIC SAFETY”

By Bill Hagan

Ordinarily, only pedants use big words such as “penultimate.” But, I’ll risk the stick, stones, and broken bones as that word is apt here. This is my next-to-last *Advo-cator* column. Thankfully, we have term limits in IPNA so, even if not sacked sooner, I can retire to my porch next month without daily worries about officer payroll and the myriad other public-safety issues ... including how much longer the **Roger Jordan Garage** can get the patrol-car’s catalytic converter to pass the annual emissions test! Actually, I am a slow learner, as I previously did this job in ’99 – ’00, *but how different it is now*.

There are numerous reasons for that, but as a gift to you in this month when festival calls us all to spruce up our homes and gardens, this penultimate piece is pithy. **Kathi** is calling me from this keyboard to come get my hands dirty. I like that when it means staining my fingernails with Guzzi juice in the GarageMahalo, but she has garden dirt in mind as we try to make red clay grow flowers of all hues.

Look at the image that accompanies this column. By now, you have probably seen the real thing. No, I don’t mean that quaint Victorian lock-up in Delta Place, but its near-life-sized image on plastic board, used as a gauge of how much we care about continuing the Security Patrol as we have come to know it over the past year ... and want it to be in years to come, i.e., an effective force against crime. **Greg Scott** has been putting the “thermo” around in various spots in Inman Park, as a reminder that **Bob Sandage’s** fundraising campaign for the Security Patrol is in full swing.

It is now all up to you. Do you want **Sgt. Brent Schierbaum** and his motivated officers to continue their vigorous neighborhood patrols? [See right end column for de- tails for March.] Actually, to avoid a long list of what we all lose if we do not pitch in with new or renewed memberships, consider this e-mail I got a few days ago from a resident:

“A letter of thanks to your team for the excellent "watching over" my home while I was away for the month of February.

My next door neighbor ... remarked that she had seen your patrol on my porch and checking out my property at least 4 times while I was gone! So to me, bumping up to "The Gold Level" has been worth every penny!

I truly believe that our Security Force has made a definite impact on the decrease of crime within Inman Park.”

Actually, patrol officers physically checked on that home at least twice every day, i.e., over 60 times that month!

So, let’s pop the top on the lock-up thermometer and make that Security Patrol even better. Send your check, payable to the “Inman Park Neighborhood Association,” to IPNA, 167 Elizabeth Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307.

Penultimately yours,
Bill

MARCH 1 - MARCH 29, 2009**ACTIVITY REPORT***By Sgt. Brent Schierbaum*

Directed Patrols	306
Drop Ins / Park & Walks	131
Suspicious Persons	41
Alarm Calls	15
Suspicious Vehicles	15
Flag Downs/Information Request	10
Illegal Parking	7
Street/Sidewalk Obstruction	5
Theft Call	4
Noise Complaint	4
Disturbance Call	3
Assisting Zone 6	3
Intoxicated Person	2
Armed Robbery	2
Traffic Violation	2
Vehicle Accident	2
Found Property	2
Delinquent Juveniles	2
Vehicle Break-In In Progress	2
Illegal Drug Use	1
Animal Call	1
Person Beating Woman	1
Person Hit by Car	1
Open Door/Window	1
Burglary	1
Damage to Property	1
Abandoned Automobile	1
Public Indecency	1
Prowler Call	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Courtesy Ride	1
Parking Citation	1
Association Member Contact	31
Field Interviews	15
Vehicle Impounds	2
Arrests: 2 - Disorderly Under the Influence 1 - Possession of Marijuana 1 - Public Urination / Possession of Marijuana 1 - Wanted on Warrant (Gwinnett County) Forgery	5

INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR MARCH 2009

By Kris Dwyer and Greg Scott

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

From Kris Dwyer:

This month's report is definitely short! While part of the reason is the timing of this month's *Advocator* deadline, I'm giving major credit to the INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL!!! You've seen our patrol officers cruising around the 'hood in our slick patrol car --- when you see them again, flag them down and say "Thanks!". Even better, sign up for a "ride-along" with our patrol. You'll be amazed at what you learn about our neighborhood and the work of keeping our neighborhood safe. Most of all, JOIN or RENEW your membership in the Security Patrol. The "Gold" level of sponsorship, \$300 a year, works out to less than \$1 a day ---- a real bargain!

Now that our weather is turning to spring and Festival is approaching, let's be extra careful. Criminals prefer good weather, too. **DON'T KEEP ANYTHING IN YOUR CAR** --- cell phones, spare change, laptops, iPods, and GPS units, or any other electronic items. They are all hot items for stealing. Also, don't keep gym bags, briefcases, etc., in your car, even if they are empty ---- it looks too promising to a thug. Wherever you are, be aware of your surroundings and stay safe.

From Greg Scott:

There are still WAY too many crimes on here that could have been prevented with a little common sense. At the risk of repeating myself and Kris Dwyer, don't leave anything in your car. Period. Car break-ins are down quite a bit from last year at this time, something I am positive of as I accidentally started to transcribe a report from last year to this report and caught my error after about five "smashed window" entries, but one break-in is one too many. The IPP car's presence has a lot to do with this, but again, please tell your visitors not to leave anything in their cars.

Also, it is renewal time for your Security Patrol membership – have you signed up yet? Have your neighbors signed up yet? We are really trying to make sure we can maintain the extended patrols during the City's current budget fiasco, so please do your part and join. The benefits are great and anyone who has used the vacation patrol, been escorted from street to door or had the car respond to an incident knows that it is well worth the money. Need more info – go to www.inmanpark.org and click on the Public Safety link, or e-mail me at wedfoto390@yahoo.com. Thanks to those who follow through to make Inman Park safer!

INMAN PARK MARCH 2009 CRIME REPORT				
DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
2/24	8:30 p.m.	Assault	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim struck from behind with unknown object. Investigation showed that victim knew suspects and this was not a random attack.
2/24	9:30 a.m.	Assault	Moreland Ave. @ Euclid Ave.	Suspect waved handgun at victim after road rage incident.
2/24	9:00 p.m.	Robbery	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Suspect was caught rummaging through valet key box in parking lot. When confronted, he pulled out a black revolver and demanded change. He then took valet's backpack with ID, \$40 cash, books and headphones.
2/25	5:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	300 Block Elizabeth St.	Inman Park Security Patrol officer saw suspect enter vehicle. Stolen: change. Arrest was made.
2/26	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Delta Place	Car window smashed. Nothing was stolen.
2/27	Overnight	Theft from auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Vehicle may have been unlocked. Laptop recovered while conducting nearby search.
3/1	11:30 p.m.	Assault	500 Block Seminole Ave.	Male and female attacked by female victim's boyfriend. Suspect arrested at scene.
3/3	Overnight	Auto Theft	900 Block Euclid Ave.	Stolen vehicle: 1990 Gold Honda.
3/3	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto (2x)	400 Block Moreland Ave.	Windows smashed on two vehicles parked next to each other. Stolen: two laptops.
3/4	7:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Austin Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: purse.
3/4	12:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Victim witnessed suspect enter and exit her vehicle through smashed rear window. Suspect and accomplice were located in L5P with victim's property (GPS recovered) and arrested.
3/7	4:00 a.m.– 7:30 a.m.	Auto Theft	1100 Block Austin Ave.	Driver side window smashed on 1991 Chevy. Steering column damaged.
3/7	2:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	500 Block Seminole Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: iPod.
3/9 – 3/10	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Window smashed. Stolen: radio faceplate.
3/14	12:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	200 Block	Witness saw suspect standing next to car in parking deck,

			North Highland Ave.	and a dark car parked outside of security gate. Convertible top of car had been cut. Stolen: two car seats.
3/15	7:20 p.m.	Robbery	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Drug buyer ripped off by drug dealer – dealer snatched \$60 and then showed buyer pistol in waistband. One arrest made.
3/16	12:15 p.m.	Burglary	Delta Place	Victim found suspect in her apartment after having made entry through bedroom window. Suspect fled to a waiting green SUV. Nothing taken.
3/17	9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	100 Block Krog St.	Vehicle entered. Stolen: diaper bag, cash and cards taken. ID card was found later on Freedom Park path.

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.”

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE AND CLIMB ATLANTA

Why climb a mountain? Because you can!
 Submitted by Holly Mull



The world’s highest peaks are miles away and scaled by a daring few. A bigger challenge awaits you right here in Atlanta on Saturday, April 18! Join hundreds of participants for Climb Atlanta and climb to the top of the One-Ninety-One Peachtree Tower in Downtown Atlanta. This vertical competition pushes your legs and lungs to their fullest potential up 50 floors. Funds raised from Climb Atlanta help the American Lung Association fight for clean air and healthy lungs.

Climb Atlanta is a unique challenge. Climbers make their way up 1,150 stairs to the top of one of the tallest buildings in Atlanta. This year’s featured competitors include former Atlanta Braves outfielder **Brian Jordan** and former Atlanta Falconn, **Derek Rackley**. They will compete for ultimate bragging rights on their way to the top. Who can climb? Individuals, teams and virtual climbers can participate. Climb Atlanta even has a special category for firefighters to test their endurance by climbing in full gear.

Join the American Lung Association on April 18 to compete for a record time, to climb for a loved one, or to complete a personal goal of conquering all 50 floors! Pre-registration is required; \$25 plus a commitment to raise \$100. Event day check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. Climb Atlanta is professionally chip timed and is limited to the first 1,000 participants ages 16 and over.

Register to climb as follows:

**Online: www.climbatlanta.org or Call: Maria Bennett
 ALA Development Manager at 770-544-0532.**

Climb Atlanta is sponsored by Cousins Properties, Comcast, Sports South, Emory Healthcare, 790 The Zone, Star 94, Crunch, Big Peach Running Company, Monster Energy Drink, Publix Super Markets, Atlanta Allergy & Asthma Clinic, Fuze Beverage and Radio One.

Now in its second century, the American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives, improve lung health and prevent lung disease. With your generous support, the American Lung Association is “Fighting for Air” through research, education and advocacy.

FRIENDS OF FESTIVAL

By Carrington Moore

As we are getting near to the start of Festival, it is a great pleasure to announce the sponsors who have contributed to and greatly support our Festival. The next time you visit their place of business, please say "Thank you" for their support.

- The Albert**
- BOND Community FCU**
- Grinnell Lofts**
- Highland Bakery**
- Icebox**
- Inman Alley Association**
(parking)
- Inman Perk Coffee (coffee)**
- Intown Animal Hospital**
- Mariposa Lofts**
- Parks Edge**
- Ria's Bluebird Café**
- Small Carpenters at Large**
- SNAP Fitness**
- Son's Place Restaurant**
- The Stove Works (parking)**

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
	May 13	April 27	April 20
	May 27	May 11	May 4
	June 10	May 21	May 18

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

- none

Applications Scheduled for This Month:

- **257 Elizabeth St.** – Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-09-053) for a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 12’ (required) to 2” (proposed), to reduce the side yard from 2’6” (required) to 1’ (proposed) for a carport; and (HD-09-054) to allow a rear addition, carport, front retaining wall and rear fence.

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

- 158 Elizabeth 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

GOOD MOVES NEWS

By Carolyn McLaughlin

As you are, Good Moves is getting ready for Festival. For the 9th year we will have the pleasure of hosting the Inman Park Dance Festival as part of the Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes. These free admission performances on the Saturday and Sunday of Festival at 4:00 p.m. in The Trolley Barn, present a selection of Atlanta's best dance organizations. This year Atlanta Dance Theater, Ballethnic, Full Radius Dance, and Zoetic Dance Ensemble will join the Consort. Good Moves is truly thankful for this great partnership.

If your dance card is already full for Festival, please put the Saturday Soirée on your calendar for Saturday, May 2, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. There will be fun, food, friendraising, and fundraising. The dancers of Good Moves will dance on the lawn at **Betty Ridderhoff's**, 167 Elizabeth St. There will be wine, snacks, and several door prizes. Our goal is to raise \$8,000 to offset the costs of scholarships provided to Ed Source and to help send several Consort dancers away for summer study. Our other goal is to say thank you to the neighborhood that we call home.

Ed Source will offer two full weeks of Dance Camp this year. There is a ½ day program for ages 6-8 and a full day program for ages 8+. All dancers will take classes in Yoga, Ballet, and Modern. Beginners are welcome and experience is not necessary. The cost for a week of the ½ day program is \$95 and the full day program is \$195. Full details with registration and scholarship forms are available on line.

As always, we are available to you online at www.goodmoves.org, e-mail at goodmoves@mindspring.com, or by phone at 404-518-1646.

NPU – N REPORT

By Representative

Megan Holder – Chandler

It was a light month for the NPU. (*Phew!*) Much of our time was spent learning and discussing the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). While Inman Park will not be directly impacted, our neighbors in Reynoldstown will certainly benefit. The program will assist in the acquisition and redevelopment of foreclosed properties that might otherwise be-come sources of abandonment and blight within their communities.

For more information on the City's NSP program visit the following website: http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/planning/foreclosures_101408.aspx

Congratulations are in order for the City's Parks and Recreation Department. On March 20 it was announced the department had received accreditation status through the National Parks and Recreation Association's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

This national recognition by the National Recreation and Parks Association is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs agency. It sets the department apart from thousands of other agencies and systems throughout the nation. In spite of budget cuts, our nationally recognized Parks and Recreation Department will still be providing its summer programs.

For more information on the summer programs, visit the following website:
www.atlantaga.gov/Government/Parks.aspx.

PROMETHEAN BOARDS

By Marie Godiers

My name is **Marie Godiers** and I'm a 7th grader at Inman Middle School. Over the years I've seen how technology has advanced and changed. Middle school is where I've seen most of those advancements. Ever since 6th grade my peers and I have been introduced to what is known as the Promethean Board. This is my absolute favorite invention because of the variety of things that it allows you to do.

At Mary Lin we started with chalk boards, and soon moved up to white boards, and now at Inman we have Promethean Boards. Unlike white or black boards, Promethean Boards allow teachers to show online sites and display anything that is on their computer or laptop! With these boards you can say goodbye to old, heavy overhead projectors and projector sheets, and hello to easy to work, new software! I have one of these boards in almost all of my classes. They allow learning to be more graphic and interesting.

With Promethean Boards, students can also interact by using a specific touch pen that allows us to come up to the board and click, drag, and/or interact with anything that can be seen on a regular computer. Promethean Boards are just like computer screens, just enlarged and interactive. I think this wonderful device makes it easier on the teachers as well. They don't have to make or find projector sheets anymore. They can simply surf the web or use a document right on their computer!

Teachers also don't have to drag out the projector into the middle of the classroom. The Promethean Board's projector is mounted to the ceiling and is never in the way. The board itself rests on the wall and the image is always in focus and easy on the eyes. It is worth every penny and the greatest investment Inman has ever made (in my opinion).

Hopefully, all kids will get a chance to use this technology in the classroom. It really makes a difference. You can learn more by talking to students or visiting the Inman Middle School website at:
www.inmantechologyfoundation.org or the Mary Lin Elementary website at: www.marylinfoundation.org

**CITY IN THE ARBORETUM
TREES ATLANTA'S FIRST ANNUAL ARBORETUM CONFERENCE
SPONSORED BY UPS**

Atlanta has long been known as The City in the Forest. Soon it may also be known as The City in the Arboretum.

An arboretum is a "tree museum" – a collection of trees and other mostly woody plants that are cultivated for educational and scientific purposes. Famous arboreta include the Arnold Arboretum in Boston and the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, England.

Now Trees Atlanta has begun work on what will become the longest arboretum in the world: The Atlanta Beltline Arboretum. This ambitious and exciting project builds on Trees Atlanta's success in helping seven neighborhoods establish their own arboreta, including the Inman Park Arboretum, which focuses on flowering trees.

Trees Atlanta, UPS, and the Inman Park Arboretum Committee invite you to learn more about arboreta and the marvelous trees in them at **City in the Arboretum: Trees Atlanta's First Annual Arboretum Conference**.

The list of all-star presenters will include **Steve Sanchez** of HGOR, Inc.; UGA plant biologist **Wendy Zomlefer**; **Shannon Kettering** of ECOS Environmental Design; Atlanta History Center's **John Manion**; **Rob Brawner** of BeltLine Partnership; **Kevin Bourke** of BeltLine Inc.; **Chris Hastings** of Arbormedics; **Scott Smith**, vice president of Westview Community Organization; and interpretive specialist **Faye Goolrick**.

Sign up for a day of learning about tree museums. Whether you wish to become an active participant in assisting with the Inman Park Arboretum, or just want to learn more about common and unusual trees, this will be an educational and exciting day.

Register at TreesAtlanta.org or mail your registration and payment (\$25 members, \$35 non-members) to *Trees Atlanta Conference, 225 Chester Ave, Atlanta GA, 30316*. Include your name, address, phone and e-mail, and pick three breakout sessions (one from each of the following):

- 11:30 (a) OR (b)
- 1:00 (c) OR (d)
- 1:40 (e) OR (f)

Please make your reservations early as space will fill up fast.

**Schedule for
City in the Arboretum Conference
May 2, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
at the
Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center
225 Chester Avenue, Atlanta**

- 8:30 Breakfast and Introductions
- 9:10 Trees Atlanta Neighborhood Arboreta (staff)
- 10:00 Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum (ABLA) Plan (staff)
- 10:30 Trees for Thought: Thinking Outside the Box (Sanchez)
- 11:25 Break
- 11:30 Breakout Sessions
 - a. *Herbarium Specimen Workshop (Zomlefer)*
 - b. *Reynoldstown and Cabbagetown Tree Walk (Sanchez and staff)*
- 12:15 Lunch and Trees Atlanta Site Tour (staff)
- 1:00 Breakout Sessions
 - c. *Growing Your Neighborhood Arboretum: From Tornados to Fundraisers (Kettering)*
 - d. *Getting Connected to the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum Natural Neighborhoods (Brawner, Smith, and Bourke)*
- 1:40 Breakout Sessions
 - e. *The ABLA Potential – Community in Gardens (Manion and Hastings)*
 - f. *Education and Outreach – Your Arboretum Message (Goolrick)*
- 2:20 Break
- 2:30 An Arboretum is More Than Planting Trees
(Zomlefer)
- 3:20 Finale

AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION OFFERS A PASSPORT FOR PALATES

Submitted by Alyssa Jones

The Eleventh Annual Flavors of Atlanta Fundraiser Will Feature Top Atlanta Chefs

All aboard! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 22, 2009, as the American Liver Foundation; Georgia Chapter hosts its 11th annual Flavors of Atlanta event at Foundry at Puritan Mill. This year's theme will allow diners to travel a gastronomic globe as 23 of Atlanta's most celebrated chefs prepare a four-course culinary feast featuring their signature cuisine, each cooking as a private chef for a table of 10. In addition to the memorable dining experience, those in attendance can enjoy a cocktail reception and a culinary auction.

All proceeds will benefit the Georgia Chapter of the American Liver Foundation, and sponsorships for tables of 10 and VIP tickets are available. Tickets are still available for \$250 a person. For tickets, please contact the Georgia Chapter of The American Liver Foundation at 404-633-9169 or visit the website at:

www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/georgia. Flavors of Atlanta is the signature fundraising event for American Liver Foundation chapters across the country.

About The American Liver Foundation

The American Liver Foundation is the leading national voluntary health organization dedicated to promoting liver wellness as well as preventing, treating, and defeating liver disease including hepatitis through research, education, and advocacy. Hepatitis C is an epidemic affecting more than four million Americans. Currently, less than one million are even aware that they have the disease. Funds are needed to raise awareness and continue to search for a cure for Hepatitis C and other liver diseases as well as the promotion of organ donation. The Flavors of Atlanta is the top fund raising event for this worthy cause.

The Flavors of Atlanta 2009 Chefs are:

1. 4th & Swift - **Jay Swift**
2. AJA - **William Sigley**
3. Aria - **Gerry Klaskala**
4. Atlanta Fish Market - **Robert Holley**
5. Cabernet - **Richard Holley**
6. Canoe - **Carvel Grant Gould**
7. Dogwood - **Shane Touhy**
8. Eclipse di Luna - **Ofer Ayal**
9. Haven - **Stephen Herman**
10. Joël - **Cyrille Holota**
11. Kyma - **Pano I. Karatassos**
12. One Midtown Kitchen - **Tom Harvey**
13. Park 75 - **Robert Gerstenecker**
14. Pura Vida - **Hector Santiago**
15. Rathbun's - **Kirk Parks**
16. Repast - **Joe Truex & Mihoko Obunai**
17. Serpas - **Scott Serpas**
18. Spice Market and Market - **Ian Winslade**
19. STATS - **Nick Oltarsh**
20. Taverna Fiorentina - **Andrea Montobbio**
21. U Restaurants - **Riccardo Ullio**
22. Woodfire Grill - **Kevin Gillespie**
23. BLT Steak - **Jean-Luc Mongodin**

LOCAL DECATUR BUSINESS NOW OFFERING ENERGY AUDITS

By Kelly Cheek

Considering that 45% of Decatur and 61% of Atlanta homes were built before 1960, it's not surprising that local homeowners are often faced with drafty windows and doors and leaky ducts, often resulting in high energy bills.

Renewal Design-Build is now offering Home Performance with Energy Star, a comprehensive home assessment that reveals where and why a home is not energy efficient. With diagnostic equipment, Renewal can pinpoint a home's problems and provide the homeowner with solutions. Home improvement services include: energy efficient renovations, HVAC systems, duct systems, crawl space encapsulation, insulation and air sealing, replacement window and doors, and combustion safety. Improvements to the home result in improved energy efficiency and air quality, and lower utility bills.

"Twenty percent of the energy produced in the United States is consumed by homes," says Renewal CEO Peter Michelson. "By evaluating and making improvements to our homes, we as homeowners are protecting the environment by conserving energy, and we are saving money by cutting costs on our utility bills. It's a win-win all around."

Homeowners will not only save on utility bills, but they can also get cash in their pockets through rebates and tax credits. Georgia Power is now offering its customers Home Performance rebates, and there is a multitude of federal tax credits available to those homeowners making green improvements to their homes in 2009 and 2010.

For more information on Home Performance with Energy Star, visit our website at: georgiapower.com/energystar.

Please see our full page ad on the facing page.

HOMING IN

By Marnie, Bill & Chad McMurry

Harry Norman Realtors

Do you have replacement value insurance on your home? If you don't know or the answer is no, you need to do some homework. We just went through a reevaluation process regarding insurance on our home.

Essentially there are two kinds of home insurance, Market Value and Replacement Value. You need to know which of these you have insuring your home. If you have Market Value, it should reflect your current value. If you bought your home 10 years ago for \$300,000 and it is now worth \$500,000, be sure your insurance reflects the current value. If you have a catastrophic loss and it is insured for the original purchase price amount and the market value is now \$500,000, it is quite possible you will get only 60 cents on the dollar for repairs.

Since we live in this wonderful Historic Neighborhood, you should talk with your insurer about Replacement Value coverage. In the event of damage to your home, when you rebuild or repair, you not only have to meet the Historic Guidelines but you will also want to match, if possible, the original character and quality of your present home. That can be hugely more expensive.

The question becomes can you replace the materials, character and craftsmanship of your home for the settlement amount? This is particularly critical the more historic character and detail outside and inside your home.

Our home is worth probably \$600,000-\$700,000 in this market. As a part of our recent reevaluation process, to update our current replacement value insurance, the insurance company sent out an appraiser who executed a "replacement value appraisal". He paid close attention to detail inside and out as well as craftsmanship. Our replacement appraisal value came in at \$980,000. YIKES. That is a long way from the market value.

We have updated our "replacement value" insurance. Now, in the event of a catastrophic loss, we are assured we can rebuild to include the unique character and craftsmanship including details that will likely be required by Historic Zoning guidelines.

It is important that you, as an historic home owner, understand the subtleties of your home insurance. We recommend that you talk with your insurer in order to be fully informed. Don't just assume you are "covered". Because your home insurance is automatically paid from your escrow account it can easily become a case of "out of sight, out of mind".

Go the extra step. Talk to your insurance agent annually. Talk to them about "market value" vs. "replacement value" insurance. Be an informed homeowner!

For your all real estate needs and advice: call us at 404-523-8324 or e-mail to: MBRealEstate@MarnieandBill.com.

FESTIVALS FROM THE PAST

HERE COMES THE BAND FOR THE 35TH TIME

By Angela Carrington

During the first few years of the Inman Park Festival Parade, my favority group led the way! Who were these people in this wacky marching band? They wore painted overalls, Hawaii shirts, crazy hats, and yellow socks? Why they were the Seed and Feed Marching Abominable, their logo told me. Years passed before I made the connections and joined the band. As a former clarinet player in high school, I had always secretly lusted to be a majorette..

So, with baton in hand, and tutu clad, I became an “abomorette” which is band slang for majorette. Later, I put my baton away, opted to join the Despicable dancers and became band “Queen Despicable:.

Now, thirty five years later (twenty for me) the Seed and Feed will, as always, blast down the street for our parade. Thirty five years! Our costume closet is out of control,

ur band membership has increased. We’ve performed for every event known to man!

So, give us a cheer for 35 years of despicable behavior. Our reward is your smile!

Wanna join us? Wanna hire us? Contact us at www.seedandfeed.org.

SURVIVAL KIT

(Copied from the April 1975 issue of the Inman Park Advocate)

“If you’ve enjoyed your visit to our neighborhood this weekend, you may be thinking of moving here. There are some important items you should begin to acquire and bring with you. Let us warn you in advance.

First of all, buy some smelling salts. Your first patient will be the mover. Driving up to your smart home in the suburbs, he will think he is beginning a normal day. But when you guide him to your “new” home in its “unreclaimed” condition, he may just faint dead away. The poor man will be pleased about only one thing...not having to worry about bringing dirt into the house. Your real wish will be that he take some of the dirt that is inside–back out. The second time the smelling salts will be needed will occur when the parents or in-laws come to visit. Be prepared for almost anything short of wailing and gnashing of teeth. After all, they didn’t raise their child to live in such squalor.

Secondly, there is that pine straw that you rake up constantly in suburbia. Bring it with you to Inman Park. Place it carefully over the hard red clay in your yard. Perhaps you could even add a little low fence around it to keep anyone from walking over it. No one except you knows that you haven’t rototilled the yard, fertilized, and planted a new lawn.

For inside the house, you’ll need to bring any large pictures you may have. Placed carefully in specific areas they can cover cracks in the plaster or holes in the wall. Grouped low on a wall, pictures can sometimes draw attention away from bulging ceilings not yet repaired. Cultivate plants, especially those with wide spacious leaves, and bring these with you. Not only do they serve a purpose by helping to fill up big rooms, but they, like pictures, can be placed in front of plaster cracks. Somerimes plants can be placed in such a way that they cover a hole in the floor while at the same time hiding a place on the wall that needs eventual patching.

Last but not least bring all pots and pans and deep trays that you don’t regularly use for cooking. You may quite possibly be blessed with a typical Inman Park roof–sieve style, that is. Until a new roof can be acquired, these extra containers can be placed in appropriate places in the attic to catch drips before they ever get through your ceilings. The containers never need emptying as the sunshine following the rain causes the attic to get quite warm, and the rain water in the containers evaporates. The pots and pans are then empty and ready for the next rainfall.

So, if you think you may be joining our neighborhood anytime soon, keep this list handy and start growing those plants now.”
(Thanks to the person who wrote this.)

2009 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

The Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish

2009

APRIL

**NO BOOK!
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MAY 21

Thirteenth Tale by **Diane Setterfield**

Hosted by

Oreon Mann

877 Edgewood Ave.

JUNE 24

The Double Bind by **Chris Benjamin**

Hosted by
Linda Dunham
12 1st Ave. in Kirkwood

JULY 22

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

AUGUST 26

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

SEPTEMBER 23

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

OCTOBER 28

Frankenstein
by **Mary Shelley**

For Information: 404-688-7330

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM APRIL 10, 2009, TO APRIL 24, 2009 ☞ ☞ ☞

14 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Apr. 15	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Apr. 22	Wed.	EARTH DAY	
Apr. 24	Fri.	<i>FESTIVAL IS HERE!</i>	Home Tour (Noon to 4:00 p.m.)
Apr. 25	Sat.		Home Tour (Noon to 6:00 p.m.)
Apr. 26	Sun.		Home Tour (Noon to 6:00 p.m.)
May 01	Fri. 10:00 p.m.	<i>ADVOCATOR DEADLINE</i>	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
May 05	Tues.	CINCO DE MAYO	
May 10	Sun.	MOTHER'S DAY	

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TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
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APRIL - NO MEETINGS.

VOLUNTEER FOR FESTIVAL

MARCH 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. Planning**
 - B. Zoning:**
 - 1. Liquor License - 300 North Highland Ave. Taqueria (formerly The Grape).**
 - 2. NPU-N Report**
 - C. Public Safety**
 - D. Historic Preservation**
 - E. Treasurer**
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures.**
 - F. Secretary**
 - G. President**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business:**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**