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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

At press time, I am just coming off of Inman Park Festival weekend -- what an amazing one it was! We had a great array of houses on tour, crazy parade, tons of food and beer, spectacular variety of wares for sale, diverse music and entertainment, but most of all, fun and friendly neighbors working together to make it all happen. Who else could pull this off with an ALL VOLUNTEER staff except Inman Park??

It happens again and again every year, but it never ceases to amaze and humble me to watch all of you pull together each year. My gratitude goes out to **Danny Feig-Sandoval**, the Festival committee, the volunteers, and the families who opened their houses up for tour.

The Monday after Festival is always a mixed bag of good feelings about our great success and fun, and sad feelings about it all being over. No need to get the blues though, because we have so much to look forward to in the coming months.

We have a new swim team for the kids at the Inman Park pool, we're launching our new and improved website this month, sidewalk repair and replacements are occurring around the community, our first traffic-calming measures should be underway soon, and the planning committee is conducting a neighborhood-wide survey to aid in planning as we move forward and grow.

Finally, we vote this month to elect the new Board for the 2009/2010 year. I look forward to serving a second year as IPNA President and to working with some new faces. We've got some great candidates for the Board, who graciously stepped up to give us their time: **Adam Stillman, Amy Higgins, Cameron Childress, and Bob Sandage.** (See articles on Page 7.)

Join me in thanking **Chuck Clarke, Drew Evans, Bill Hagan, and Megan and Trevor Wilson** for their service, time, and commitment to the Board this past year. They will all be missed.

As always, keep in touch through the blog at <http://blog.inmanpark.org>. Please e-mail or call me anytime with your input, questions, and thoughts.

NOW HEAR THIS.....

By Betty Ridderhoff

This is the last call for you to submit your IPNA and/or Security Membership applications and checks. If you have not renewed your memberships, please do so immediately as the new Membership Directory is being prepared to go to the printer as soon as the new Board of Directors is elected. If you haven't renewed, do it now, don't delay. You will find a new application inserted in this issue of the *Advocator*.

Carry your own load.....Renew your membership today, and then ask your neighbor if they renewed theirs. Not sure if you are current? Find out, e-mail bridderhoff@bellsouth.net

CONGRATULATIONS INMAN PARK ON A JOB WELL DONE!!

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

Congratulations, Inman Park on another, our 38th, incredible Festival and Tour of Homes! When it comes to getting things done, we could not have picked a better place to live! I am so amazed how every year we all come together, 800+ volunteers, to put on what has become, in my humble opinion, Atlanta's best all round festival. I will use Debi Starnes' quote once again: "It don't happen by magic, baby" when I refer to the many great people who do so much work to make this event so successful. It all starts in September each year as our planning committee of approximately 45 dedicated neighbors first meets to discuss some of the numerous organizational details. Everyone on this committee has volunteered their time to take on some very time consuming and challenging tasks without ever complaining, even working the whole weekend of Festival to assure that everything goes smoothly and that our visitors enjoy themselves. It makes the job of Festival Chair so much easier to know that each of these tasks is in such good hands. Bear with me while I walk you through 8 months of planning and who does what. Each task is so integral to the Festival's success so no role is any more important than the next, but I will do my best to give equal time here.

Our marketing chair, **Terry Sagedy**, worked so effectively with our marketing / sales committee including **Kassi Buchtinec** and **Susanna Capelouto**, our sponsorship coordinators who brought our sponsors to the table and worked out all the agreements that add nicely to our fundraising efforts, **Keith Burnette** our advertising chair, **Chris McEntee** on public relations, **Lisa Burnette** on the telephone hotline, and **Doug McLaughlin** and **Steve Stern** on managing the overall Festival and volunteer sign up websites. Their job as a committee is to make sure all the artwork, sponsors, media pieces, website information, and anything else related to communicating what the Festival is about, come together over this eight month planning period.

Terry also worked hand in hand with **Yvonne Merkel** and **Ivey Claire Eldridge** who did a masterful job of producing and managing all our merchandise including t-shirts, caps, house tour tickets, etc. **Tom Baldwin**, our beer czar, once again took on the Herculean effort of handling all our beverage sales and coordinating the beer captains along with overseeing 250 volunteers- no small undertaking, not to mention what a gigantic revenue source this is for the neighborhood. Speaking of volunteers, thank you **Judy Clements** for once again taking on the task of coordinating our volunteers—Festival does not work at all without our volunteers!

When you get hungry at Festival, the food just doesn't show up magically. **Marnie** and **Bill McMurry**, for so many years, have brought so many excellent food vendors to us and worked extremely hard all weekend with these guys to assure us that the food will be available. When you walk through the entire Festival area and notice the 450+ artist, vendor, and non-profit booths, you would be amazed at how much time **Christel Sundin** and her trusty sidekick, **Rob Craig**, put in to making all this happen. They receive over 1,000 applications for these slots and the process of judging the artists' work as well as which vendors will be accepted is a huge undertaking as well as managing all this over the Festival weekend.

For those of you who took your kids to the Caterpillar Ball, you have **Laura Lancaster Archer** to thank for pulling her crew of volunteers together to make that such a fun event for all the little ones, our future Festival volunteers, in the neighborhood. During the weekend of Festival, **Diane Floyd** made sure the children had plenty to do by bringing all the elements together for the Children's Area along with its return to Springvale Park. For all you adults who were lucky enough to get your tickets early to the Butterfly Ball, what a great time was had by all, thanks to the coordinating efforts of **Karin Mebius** and **Laura Salazar**.

Over at the Trolley barn on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, **Carolyn McLaughlin** made sure all the dance troupes were lined up for our very successful, highly acclaimed Dance Festival. And, if that were not enough on the entertainment front, **Steve Ellison** somehow managed to pull together over 30 musical acts on 3 stages for what has got to be the best Festival musical line up in the City. And how about that parade- what a show **Holly Mull** rounds up and organizes every year- by far the best, wackiest, and most fun parade out there.

The original driving force for our Festival, our tour of homes, continues to be a Festival highlight displaying some of our unique, old, and beautiful houses and buildings, all due to the coordinating efforts of **Pat Westrick** and **Jan Keith**. The shuttle busses for the tour were coordinated by **Randy Bailey**, who year after year serves as one of everyone's go to guys for things like putting together the main stage and whatever may come up that needs getting done.

Our theater night is an event so greatly appreciated by our neighborhood theaters, made possible by **Cathy Bradshaw** with the help of her committee including **Marie Wooldridge**, **Terry Sagedy**, **David Hudson**, and **Judy Clements**- all so inspired especially by the memories of **Ann Schnur** and **Margie Venziale**.

Our finances are managed by **David Hudson**, who works all weekend to keep the cash flowing with the help of his top secret crew including **Steve** and **Marge Hayes**, **Barbara Leach**, **Joyce Sayle**, **Lainey Papageorge**, **Marnie McMurry**, and **Aimee** and **Nick Franze**. **Sandy Hoke** ran our ATM's so our visitors could have more cash on hand. One of our unsung heroes, who no longer lives in Inman Park but still loves to stay involved with Festival and the neighborhood, is **Bob Bodimer**, who quietly goes about getting all our electrical needs met with our electrician, **Steve Coffee**. We can thank **Melissa Miller** and her reliable assistant, **Tom Abelew**, for our tents, toilets, tables, and chairs all of which provide us with relief in many ways!

One of our bigger expenses during the weekend is our security detail and emergency service providers, all so diligently coordinated by **Kristine Sandage**. As you all know, when you pass through the Festival, we generate an enormous amount of trash each year. It seems to be one of the biggest challenges we face each year and for the past two years, **Jane Bradshaw** has willingly managed this effort without complaint, always with a smile on her face even when up to her ears in trash. Our radios are handled by **George Gary** so we may communicate more effectively with each other, golf carts by **Dan Fossitt** and **Richard Westrick**, and all our signage is coordinated by **Drew Evans**. Our free water, as required by our City permit, is provided by **Oreon Mann**. Our official photographer is **James McManus** with assistance from **James Lawrence**. All you newcomers to the neighborhood can be inspired by our final cleanup coordinators, **Josh** and **Ellie Morris**, who had never even been to a Festival before and jumped right in to help out, doing an excellent job coordinating the effort to clean up the neighborhood before 10:00 p.m. Sunday night, having our pizzas waiting for us when we were done. There are so many other unsung heroes who quietly just get the job done, whatever it is, like **Richard Westrick** managing our fire ants- no small task I might add, **Bo Bradshaw** organizing all the Festival related items at our storage warehouse, **Bill McMurry** running ice to all the food vendors all weekend. And to **Nick Franz**, thank you for taking on this job next year. I am confident you will do a great job.

I could go on and on as there are so many people to thank and I apologize if I have missed anyone (please let me know and I will mention in future articles), but I thought it would be helpful for all of you to get an inside glimpse of the elements that come together to make this such a great weekend. Lastly, but not least, thanks to my wife, **Lori**, and son, **Cory**, for all their support over the past two years as they have put up with me through all the challenging moments trying to work with City hall through the permit process and my time spent at meetings.

I love this neighborhood and am so grateful for all the good we do- nice work, Inman Park!!!!

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2009 IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette asked for newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Lee Mallis** from Inman Park Village; **Karen Ambro** from Alta Ave., and **Amir Farokhi**, candidate for at-large seat on the Atlanta City Council.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced that **Yvonne Merkel** has tickets for the House Tour and is seated at the back of the room. There

is also a contest to see who can sell the most House Tour tickets with great prize packages for the top three sellers. So please sell, sell, sell and volunteer! They still need house sitters and trash clean-up volunteers. Go to inmanpark.org to volunteer.

2. **John Floyd** invited anyone to join the Inman Park Precision Attaché Case Team for the Parade. If you are interested, meet at the corner of Spruce and Edgewood at 2:00 p.m. on April 25 and join in!
3. **Angela Carrington** reminded everyone of the 35th anniversary of the Seed and Feed Marching Abominables, who will be performing in the parade.

POLICE OFFICERS REPORT

Major Propes, Zone 6 Atlanta Police Officer, reported twelve new officers were now on foot beats in Little Five Points and Inman Park. She also shared news of the success of the recent city-wide sweep where they were able to arrest people who were wanted for a long time. They locked up 200 people. They are planning a regional sweep soon. Courtwatch was present when **Andre Greer** was arraigned in **Judge Wendy Shoob**'s court. The judge told Mr. Greer he would not be getting out today, tomorrow, or any day soon. The judge really paid attention to the Courtwatch participants. Someone asked about the possibility of Mr. Greer getting banned. Major Propes replied that he'd actually been banned two arrests ago. **John Floyd** asked if jail crowding was the reason that he had been repeatedly released. Major Propes replied that yes, the philosophy is that they would rather save the room for violent offenders instead of those committing property crimes. **Carlos Shepherd**, the man responsible for the robbery of the dry cleaners in L5P and many other dry cleaners, has been arrested. There are cases pending against him in DeKalb and Fulton Counties. Major Propes also reported on the recent BOLO for **Frederick Stranahan**. He has been extradited to Florida.

Sgt. Schierbaum, Chief of the Inman Park Patrol (IPP), reported they will be adjusting the IPP's schedule so there will be almost continuous coverage during Festival. The IPP will also be keeping an eye out on the House Tour homes as well. He told everyone on Alta Ave. to watch out for bicycle thieves. They have been breaking into sheds and basements. There was a robbery on Waddell of a flat screen television. Sgt. Schierbaum reminded everyone to draw your shades if your television can be seen from the street. **Cynthia Knapp** said a neighbor had been the victim of two attempted burglaries where the perpetrators tried to kick in the door. Sgt. Schierbaum reminded everyone that most residential burglaries occur in the daytime. One MO is to knock on the door, if no one answers, they try to break in. Sgt. Schierbaum announced a new officer has joined the IPP: **Officer Bryant**. He will be on the patrol Tuesday evenings. He is already the neighborhood beat officer so he knows the neighborhood. Sgt. Schierbaum announced he will be introducing an IPP officer each month at the IPNA meeting to provide a more personal look at the patrol. He introduced **Officer John Chaffee**. This is the officer who caught a thief breaking into a car at Elizabeth and North Highland which resulted in an arrest.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORT

Jay Tribby, from **Kwanza Hall**'s office, asked people to join in the Beltline clean-up this Saturday, April 18. If there is anything on your mind which could be addressed by the City before Festival, please let Jay know by calling him at 404-406-5296.

Pat Westrick asked about the hole on Sinclair Ave. Jay said the City should be moving on this. Jay also talked about the City electronics recycling at Turner Field this weekend. **Lisa Burnette** said she will post information about the recycling on her blog. This is part of the City's Earth Day commitment.

Bill Goodman asked how involved Kwanza was with the recent MARTA issues. Jay said there are a lot of people at the table now who are going to take some action about MARTA. Jay ended by saying that this May-June Kwanza is doing some neighborhood budget work. Please let him know what your hot buttons are with regard to the budget. They want your input so please weigh in by e-mailing or calling!

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

TREASURER: Megan & Trevor Wilson

Megan Wilson announced the neighborhood is doing a great job in the fundraising efforts for Security Patrol. She said the checks have been pouring in. She reported on expenditures for the month as:
Automated Print (Feb. & Mar.

Invoices)	\$4,374.00
Intown Business Center	\$16.70
DC Landscapes	\$510.00
Bi-monthly S.P.	\$5,847.50
Lisa Burnette (GDOT/High-speed rail ex-penses)	\$3,221.11
Bi-monthly S.P.	\$6,291.40
Oakview Landscapes	\$1,000.00
L5P Mini Precinct donation	\$7,500.00
DC Landscapes	\$940.00
Jacobs Engineering (traffic calming)	\$1,206.57
Cynthia Knapp (OTW expense)	\$144.86

A motion was made to approve every item over \$1000 (items under \$1,000 are reported but do not need approval). These motions were seconded and approved.

PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman

Lisa Burnette reminded everyone of the Beltline clean-up this weekend. **Bill Goodman** reported the Board of Education is starting to renegotiate their TAD funds for Beltline. This is a good time to show the support we feel for Beltline.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan

Bill was out of town so **Bob Sandage** reported. He thanked **Greg Scott** for bringing the thermometer chart that shows the Security Patrol fundraising drive. He said that since November 1, he has collected \$55,000 in residential fees (much in the last couple of weeks). He has also secured \$35,000-40,000 from managed properties. This is three or four times the amount that we've ever collected. Our goal

is \$200,000 which will give us extensive patrol car coverage night and day. **Greg Scott** is working on recruiting businesses. Bob suggests asking the businesses you frequent if they are involved in the security patrol. Greg Scott reported they doubled the participation in businesses from 4% to 8%. Bob also announced his plans to volunteer for the Board position as V.P. of Public Safety. He is excited about the possibility of running for this office. If elected, he wants to emphasize the benefits of information technology to help improve neighborhood communications.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke

Nothing to report.

SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa

Stephanie reminded everyone that membership for IPNA and Security Patrol is due. Please fill out the form on-line or use the form in *The Advocate*. Drop the completed forms at her house or at **Betty Ridderhoff's** house.

She also reported that Inman Park flags are available for purchase. Please call or e-mail her to pick-up your order (404-803-7282 or spmccaa@yahoo.com). They had a problem with production of the Inman Park banners but will be sending out an update via the Yahoo Group as to when those will be available for pick up.

PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette

Lisa reported she signed a contract with a new website designer. The company specializes in condo and neighborhood associations. She is very excited because the website will have lots of capabilities including Paypal; the ability to purchase logoed items year-round; password-protected areas just for members; and features such as an on-line neighborhood directory. There is a lot of content that needs to be written. If you're involved in a committee, you might get e-mail from Lisa asking for your feedback. Lisa asked for feedback from all IPNA members. If you have ideas for content, please contact her. She thanked everyone who'd been working on this project.

No one from Pur Tacqueria (formerly The Grape) was present to present their liquor license application, so no action was taken.

ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans

Nothing to report.

NPU – Megan Holder said it's been a light month. Next month they will be voting on the NPU By-laws. Also, items on the agenda at NPU will include ordinances on the tethering and chaining of dogs. **Jonathan Miller** added that NPU has heard nothing from Pur Tacqueria.

Lisa Burnette reminded everyone that at the next IPNA meeting, we will vote on three things: NPU By-laws; IPNA new board members; and FOIP (Friends of Inman Park) board members. Lisa said we are still looking for a new V.P. of Zoning for IPNA and to please contact her if you are interested or know of a good candidate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Off the Wall Anti-Graffiti: Cynthia Knapp asked for permission to hire professionals to clean the graffiti before Festival. They cannot do this themselves because of water restrictions. **Jay Tribby** has been working on permits to allow IPNA to use personal pressure washers but Cynthia wants the ability to hire an outside company if necessary. A motion was made to give Cynthia authority to use more than \$1,000 of her budget to hire a pressure-washing company. The motion was seconded and approved. Cynthia noted that all contracts will be forwarded to **Lisa Burnette** to sign.

Traffic Calming: Danny Feig-Sandoval reported he is still working on getting petitions signed on Lake Ave. to agree to the traffic calming plan. The challenge is that City code states you cannot park within 30 feet of an intersection. The traffic calming plan would then eliminate some of the parking on the street. Danny said they have revised some of the drawings for the plan. He is also in the process of getting drawings for traffic calming on North Highland Ave. (from Cleburne Ave. to Washita Ave. and Carmel St.). He hopes we have enough money for all we want to do. He reminded everyone that traffic calming also impacts sidewalks. There are three different types of sidewalk material on Lake Ave. alone so we have to work with the City on how to do this. Danny also announced there are new sidewalks going in on Sinclair Ave., Austin Ave., and Euclid Ave. **Jonathan Miller** said the recent storm downed lots of trees on Alta Ave., which impacted the sidewalks. He asked if there was money to fix them. Danny said he didn't know but would look into it.

Danny also mentioned the Clean Streets Gang from Samaritan House would be out cleaning the lot near the Wrecking Bar (corner of Austin Ave. and Moreland Ave.). **Jonathan Miller** announced there is a Mary Lin fundraising opportunity this weekend at the Sweetwater 420 Festival in Candler Park. He also said there will be another Mary Lin PTA fundraiser on Monday, May 4, at Sabrosa.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting will be on May 20 at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m..

WE HAVE A SLATE OF CANDIDATES!

By Pat Westrick

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present a great slate of candidates for the 2009-2010 IPNA Board. They are:

Lisa Burnette for President
Bill Goodman for Vice President for Planning
Amy Higgins for Vice President for Zoning
Adam Stillman for Vice President for Historic Preservation
Bob Sandage for Vice President for Public Safety
Cameron Childress for Treasurer
Stephanie McCaa for Secretary

You'll find some information about each of them in this issue of the *Advocator*. The election of officers is this month at IPNA's annual meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

CANDIDATE FOR V.P. of HISTORIC PRESERVATION

By Adam Stillman

I moved from Texas to Atlanta in 2001 with a determination to buy an older home to renovate and came this close (you can't see it, but my index finger and thumb are almost touching which, incidentally, makes it very hard to type) to buying a two bedroom bungalow on Waddell, but ultimately ended up near Emory village.

Flash forward six years, a master's degree, an architect's license, and a budding small business, and I was out of projects at that little Decatur bungalow and ready for a new adventure. Having volunteered several times at the IPNA Festival, I knew Inman Park was the place for me. Now as many of you know, things did not go quite as planned with the renovation of that 1923 "flop house" I bought on Sinclair (and if you don't, come to the May 29 porch party at my place and I'll fill you in) but I'm settled in now and love being a part of this great community.

Having worked on four new homes and four major renovations in the neighborhood, I have a good understanding and appreciation for our Historic Regulations. If elected as V.P. of Historic Preservation, I would like to work with the neighborhood and Urban Design Commission to update the regulations so they work even better to meet the goal of balancing preservation and progress. I look forward to working with all our neighbors as we continue to make this place we call home even better.

TREASURER NOMINEE

By Cameron Childress

I'm a native of Atlanta who's lived in Inman Park for almost two years now. I first moved into the neighborhood as a renter at Mariposa Loft Apartments and liked it enough to buy at the Grinnell Lofts and stay. I've enjoyed meeting a lot of my neighbors (some of the nicest and friendliest neighbors I've ever had by the way) and look forward to meeting more.

Since moving here I've gotten involved in the Inman Park Security Patrol, done a ride along in the IPP car, attended a few IPNA meetings, done a Beltline cleanup, and fired off a few e-mails to the Yahoo e-mail group, among other things. It looks like that's brought me high enough on **Lisa Burnette's** radar to ask me to be the next Treasurer, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve the community in that role.

I own a small software consulting business, Sumo Consulting, and I hope to bring IPNA the business sense (and nonsense) that running a small business teaches you. But before anyone gets any bright ideas - the only people allowed to ask me to help them with their computer problems are my parents (unless beer is involved).

V. P. Of ZONING

By Amy Higgins

I've lived in or around Inman Park for all 14 of my years in Atlanta - starting out in a small apartment on Moreland Ave. and currently living in the Inman Mews Townhomes. My husband, **Mike Simpson**, and I were married at the Trolley Barn nine years ago so the neighborhood has a lot of sentimental value for us. We are excited to be raising our two boys, **Gabe** (5) and **Nolan** (4), here. When I'm not busy with the boys, I work part-time as an architect. Over the past few years I've collaborated with a wonderful group of neighbors in the Tree Watch Committee to help establish Inman Park's Arboretum. I am happy to have the opportunity to be a candidate as V.P. of Zoning and hope you will vote for me.

THANK YOU to the 2009 'FRIENDS OF FESTIVAL'!

By Carrington Moore

The 2009 Inman Park Festival has come and gone, with more memories added to the community and all of its patrons. From the Market to the Parade to the Music Tent and beyond, the streets were lined with thousands of eager participants in what is arguably Atlanta's best outdoor festival.

Every year we reach out to local businesses to help us get the Inman Park Festival up and running. Even in difficult economic times, a number of businesses realized the

value of the Festival, what it means to the community and what it means in their own hearts and minds. We are proud to call these establishments our Friends. We hap-

pily welcome back Friends who have donated in the past, and are thrilled to see new businesses embrace the Festival spirit!
Please visit the below Friends of Festival

businesses and thank them for their contribution!

Intown Animal Hospital
1402 N. Highland Ave NE
www.intownanimalhospital.com

BOND Community FCU
433 Moreland Ave NE
www.bondcu.com

Grinnell
200 N. Highland Ave
www.grinnellatl.com

The Albert
918 Austin Ave NE
www.thealbertatlanta.com

Ria's Bluebird Café
421 Memorial Dr.
www.riasbluebird.com

Highland Bakery
655 Highland Ave, #10
www.highlandbakery.com

Steady Hand Painting
880 Confederate Ave #215
www.paintingatlanta.com

Mariposa Lofts @ Inman Park
100 Montag Circle
www.mariposaloftapt.com

SNAP Fitness
245 N. Highland Ave,
Suite 250
www.snapfitness.com

Small Carpenters at Large
884 Lake Ave NE
www.smallcarpentersatlarge.com

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700 Lake Ave NE
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100 Hurt St NE
www.sonsplacerecstaurant.com

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www.theajc.com

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www.parksedgeatl.com

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www.studioplexlofts.com

Inman Perk Coffee
240 N. Highland Ave
www.inmanperk.com

MARY LIN PENNY HARVEST

Submitted by Judy Clements

Imagine this: a room full of squirming, fairly attentive kids listening to presentations by non-profit founders and directors of development so they (the kids!) could decide who would get grants. One after another, they listened to 15-minute presentations and asked questions. The kids were students at Mary Lin Elementary School, ranging in age from 5 to 11 years old. For the second afternoon in a row, they listened as people told them about their work with refugees, homeless families, wounded wildlife, students without mothers, children with cancer, and more. A few parents were present, but only to introduce the speakers and help the children stay focused.

Last November, 5th grader **Gabriel Kupersmith** dropped off a flier at my door soliciting donations to something called "the Penny Harvest". I was intrigued. When Gabriel and his mom, **Paula**, came by to collect my donation, I asked if they were considering a refugee organization. Paula explained that the students were in charge of selecting organizations they wanted to consider for grants. I left a package of information about RRISA (Refugee Resettlement & Immigration Services of Atlanta) for Gabriel at the Kupersmith's on North Highland. Then last week, I was surprised to find RRISA had been selected for an interview and I could attend. What an experience! What was at stake was a pot of \$4,100 in pennies and a tremendous learning experience for an entire school.

At 2:30 p.m. presentations began. Up first were **Leanne Rubenstein**, RRISA Development Director, and **Kazim Sayedzada**, originally from Afghanistan, RRISA case manager. Leanne asked what the children did that morning before coming to school, to show the differences between their lives and the lives of children in refugee camps. ("We get the point!" one little girl piped up after other children described eating breakfast, brushing their teeth, putting on clean clothes.) Kazim spoke to them in Farsi and asked if they could pass a test in his classroom. "I'd fail!" said another little girl, grasping why RRISA's after school program is so important for immigrant children who do not speak English or not very well -- yet. Others asked what RRISA would do with the money if they were selected for a grant, and if RRISA was interested in a long term relationship with Mary Lin. (These are kids under the age of 12, remember.)

Ahimsa House was next. They find foster homes for pets when families must relocate due to spousal abuse and homelessness. (Will you take a snake? A tadpole? A spider? were pressing questions.) Then Atlanta Wildlife Action Resource Effort (A.W.A.R.E.) founder **Michael Ellis** stole the show with one of their "education ambassador animals", a dwarf opossum. Then came the founder of Students Without Mothers, a new organization that gives scholarships and support to high school seniors who have lost their mothers and are headed to college. Next up was Project Open Hand which feeds the ill, elderly, poor, and homeless. Additional organizations considered for Mary Lin Penny Harvest grants in 2009 are West Atlanta Watershed Alliance or WAWA, Atlanta Humane Society, Lifeline Animal Project, Starlight Starbright, Atlanta Children's Shelter, Horse Rescue Relief and Retirement Fund, Noah's Ark, Cure, and Camp Kudzu.

Each Mary Lin class identifies a community issue they want to change and elects a class Penny Harvest leader as their voice. These issues make up the Wheel of Caring, on display in Mary Lin's lobby. The Wheel guides the student leaders' grant-making decisions. These leaders convene their Round Table and start with percentages. How much of their Wheel is about homelessness, hunger, pets, wildlife, disease? Once they've made these very general allocations they review what they learned from the interviews and deliberations. I did not attend the deliberations, but I can imagine it is a raucous, lively debate!

Penny Harvest started at Mary Lin last year, when Gabriel's mom brought the New York City public school child philanthropy program to Atlanta. To participate, a school must collect \$1,000. Schools that exceed their goal can contribute to a scholarship fund to help less-affluent schools meet their goal. Last year, Mary Lin's Penny Harvesters donated \$2,000 of the \$5,000 they collected to this scholarship fund. They awarded grants to eight organizations from their remaining pot of \$3,000 in pennies.

The winners were announced on April 30. The amounts awarded to each organization will be revealed at the awards ceremony. The 2009 winners are:

RRISA (refugee resettlement)Atlanta Children's Shelter (homeless children's pre-k)
 Project Open Hand (feeding the hungry)
 Cure (childhood cancer)
 Camp Kudzu (childhood diabetes)
 Noah's Ark (orphaned children and animals)
 A.W.A.R.E. (wildlife conservation)
 Lifeline Animal Project (pet fostering/adoption, spaying/neutering)
 Atlanta Humane Society (pet adoption, spaying/neutering)
 West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA) (water conservation)
 Common Cents (Penny Harvest scholarships to other schools who do not make it to their first \$1,000 roundtable qualification)
 Go to www.commoncents.org to learn more about the program as conceived in New York City.

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

May Porch Party

at the home of
Adam Stillman

350 Sinclair Avenue

Friday, May 29, 7:30 PM

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FRIENDS OF INMAN PARK (FOIP) BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES
Submitted by Nick Franz on behalf of FOIP

FOIP was established to maintain and improve public lands and rights of way within or around Inman Park, including green spaces, roads, sidewalks, street lighting, signs, bicycle paths, landscaping and other such features for public use as defined in the FOIP By-laws.

The FOIP By-laws further state that FOIP Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members, at least two of whom shall be current members of the Board of Directors of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association, Inc. ("IPNA"). One of the IPNA members shall be elected directly by the IPNA Board of Directors from among its membership and the President of IPNA shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Corporation's board. The remaining five "at large" members of the Corporation's board shall be nominated by the Board of Directors of IPNA and shall be elected by the membership of IPNA in the manner and at the time prescribed for election of members of the IPNA board of directors but no less frequently than annually.

In accordance with the FOIP By-laws the IPNA Board of Directors is nominating the following five individuals to serve as "at large" members on the FOIP Board of Directors for a term of one year beginning on June 1, 2009:

- Nick Franz**
- Bill Hagan**
- Steve Hays**
- Tom Holder**
- Melissa Miller**

If anyone has an interest in serving on this Board in the future, please contact **Lisa Burnette** directly.

INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR APRIL 2009

By Greg Scott

Below is a summary of April'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.

The Inman Park Festival came and went without any major incidents, thanks mostly to the presence of our Security Patrol. When you consider the amount of people that were in the vicinity during the weekend it is impressive that not more mayhem occurred. Kudos to **Sgt. Schierbaum** and the crew. They really did a great job of covering us while we were enjoying Festival.

This month's report is disturbing not because of the crimes, but by the number of crimes that occurred simply because doors were left unsecured! With the nice weather, and other diversions, it is difficult to remain focused on security. But leaving a house door ajar, a car door unlocked with valuables inside, or easy to steal items (such as bikes and garden tools) out in the open is an invitation to criminals. Remember, the majority of thieves we have in this neighborhood are opportunists. If they are given the opportunity, they will steal. Let's be smart and stop making it easy for them!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
3/5-3/12	5 Day Period	Burglary	100 Block Edgewood Ave.	Jewelry missing from home – no sign of forced entry. Several cleaning companies have keys.
3/21-22	Overnight	Auto Theft	Edgewood Ave. @ Waddell St.	Victim left car at location because of a flat tire and returned to find vehicle missing.
3/25	2:00 p.m.	Burglary	200 Block Elizabeth St.	Victim was in shower when she heard a noise. Suspect was sticking his head in the apartment and claimed to be looking for the scooter shop. Four days later, several jewelry items were found to be missing. Door was possibly unlocked.
3/27-28	Overnight	Theft from Auto	700 Block Lake Ave.	Possibly unsecured vehicle entered. Stoleln: iPod, transmitter, sunglasses, camera, phone charger, mag lite, multi-tool, and \$10 change.
3/28 -3/31	4 day time period	Theft	900 Block Washita Ave.	Lawnmower stolen from backyard.
4/5-4/11	6 day period	Burglary	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Rear window of apartment smashed. Stolen: DVD player and Playstation.
4/5-6	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Block Montag Circle	Vehicle entered. Stolen: \$15 change, iPod and radar detector..
4/6	9:30 a.m.	Theft	100 Block Krog St.	Laptop and wallet taken from office. Door was unsecured.
4/6	5:00 p.m.	Attempted Burglary	00 Block Waddell St.	Witness saw suspects taking off in a black pick-up truck after trying to kick in door at vacant loft.
4/7	4:30 a.m.	Burglary	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Front glass door of business smashed. Stoleln: 3 flat screen TV's.
4/7	Overnight	Theft	200 Block Elizabeth St.	Bike stolen from front porch.
4/7-8	2:00 p.m.– 1:00 a.m.	Burglary	1100 Block Alta Ave.	Front door of apartment kicked in. Stolen: \$30 cash.
4/8	9:30 a.m.	Theft	100 Block Krog St.	Laptop and wallet stolen from counter in office.
4/8-9	7:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.m.	Burglary	00 Block Waddell St.	Front door of residence kicked in. Stolen: 2 TV's and computer bag.
4/10-11	Overnight	Burglary	100 Block Krog St.	Front glass door of business smashed. Stolen: plasma TV and two bottles of champagne.
4/10-11	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Convertible top cut and umbrella, jacket, and Gov. I.D. stolen.
4/11-12	Overnight	Theft from Auto	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop.
4/12	Overnight	Theft	300 Block North Highland Ave.	Scooter stolen
4/12	8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Unsecured vehicle entered. Stolen: 9mm Handgun, CD's, tools and toolbag.
4/13	1:00 a.m.	Burglary	1000 Block Alta Ave.	Basement door forced open. Stolen: bike..

4/14-15	Overnight	Auto Theft	100 Block Montag Circle	Vehicle stolen.
4/15	11:00 p.m.	Auto Theft	100 Block Waddell St.	Victim honked at skateboarders, who cursed and spit at him. Victim went to retrieve golf clubs from trunk to tee off on skateboarders, who then took the opportunity to jump in the vehicle and take off. Vehicle recovered after hitting another vehicle.
4/16	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Block Montag Circle	Stolen: iPod, golf clubs and dog food stolen from possibly unsecured vehicle.
4/16-17	Overnight	Theft	800 Block Euclid Ave.	Leafblower stolen from back porch.
4/17	3:00 a.m.	Burglary	800 Block Edgewood Ave.	Unsecured back door of residence was entered. Stolen: TV.
4/17	4:00 a.m.	Burglary	100 Block Waverly Way	Attempted entry through back door. Alarm scared off intruder. Nothing taken
4/19	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Theft	100 Block Krog St.	Dirtbike stolen from bed of pickup in parking lot.
4/19	3:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Theft from Auto	100 Block Battery Place	Passenger side window smashed. Stolen: iPod.
4/22	5:15 a.m.	Burglary	100 Block Krog St.	Officers responding to an alarm at office found a suspect inside who fled. Nothing taken.

- To receive more in-depth crime reports for the whole of Zone 6, subscribe to the Inman Park Yahoo! Group or the inmanpark.org mailing list:
- To subscribe to the Yahoo! Group, go to www.yahoo.com, click on "Groups" and type "inmanparkga" in the "search groups box. After you click on the group URL just click on "join this group" and follow the instructions.
 - To subscribe to the inmanpark.org mailing list, go to www.inmanpark.org and click on "Subscribe". Fill out the form and click on "subscribe."

INMAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY PATROL					
April 2009 Activity Report					
By Sgt. Schierbaum					
Directed Patrol	220	Intoxicated Person	3	Structure Fire	1
Drop Ins / Park and Walk	198	Illegal Drug Sales/Use	2	Vehicle Fire	1
Suspicious Person	45	Criminal Trespass	2	Reckless Driver	1
Alarm	30	Found Property	2	Lost Child (Child Found!)	1
Parking Violation	12	Burglary	2	Association Member Contact:	32
Theft	10	Vandalism	1	Field Interview Form	9
Suspicious Vehicle	10	Shots Fired	1		
Disturbance	9	Vehicle Accident	1	Arrests 1 - Disorderly Conduct 2 - Soliciting Contributions in Roadway)	3
Loud Music	6	Lost Dog (Dog Found!)	1		
Roadway / Sidewalk Obstruction	5	Robbery	1		
Information for Police	5	Animal Complaint	1	Parking Citation	8
Person Injured	3	VIN Verification	1	Traffic Citation	1



The Inman Park Security Patrol
wishes to thank the following
businesses for their support:

The Albert • Dad's Garage •
Highland Cigar Co. • Jac. a boutique •
Justice Center of Atlanta • The Porter • Shaun's •
The Stoveworks • The Trolley Barn •
and our newest member

At the Collective

280 Elizabeth St.

Don't see your favorite business listed? Tell them to contact
Greg Scott at 404.597.8065
to find out how they can help make Inman Park safer!

“DAYS OF WHINE AND ROSES”

By *Bill Hagan*

Late last month, in anticipation of the transition to the new board and the replacement of several members, IPNA President **Lisa Burnette** asked the Board to give her a list of “Accomplishments, Pending Tasks, and Projects & Challenges for the Coming Year.”

That was a useful exercise, and, it seems to me, that a recap of the year is worth sharing in this, my last (sound the herald trumpets!) public-safety column for the *Advocator*. So, here are some of the roses that I reported:

Accomplishments:

1. “New & Improved” Security Patrol. Transitioned from a mere additional police presence to a highly motivated, energetic, and effective force that exemplifies real “community policing;” increased patrol hours that respond to crime reports and data. Kudos and credit almost entirely to **Sgt. Brent Schierbaum**.
2. Robust development program. Product of study, planning, and execution, PS fundraising is structured and successful, with membership levels, targeted constituencies (residential, multi-family, and businesses), and street-captain program for neighbor-to-neighbor fundraising contact. Kudos and credit almost entirely to **Bob Sandage**, with great support from **Betty Ridderhoff**, **Dennis Mobley**, and **Greg Scott**.
3. Anti-Graffiti measures. Another success based on effective street-captain approach. May never go away in this urban environment, but much reduced. Kudos and credit almost entirely to **Cynthia Knapp** and her “Off The Wall” street-captain team.
4. Expanded Public Safety Committee membership. Made concerted effort to recruit new residents and young people to help with the expanded PSC activities.

I listed no pending tasks, but did have quite a few “Projects & Challenges for the Coming Year,” i.e., code for **Bob Sandage's** Projects & Challenges! Actually, Bob no doubt has his own agenda, but here are some ideas for him to take or leave or a little of both. The short version of that long list includes:

- (1) Electronic payment for SP membership, which I view as crucial to success of any sustainable SP-membership program;
- (2) Pressing for a replacement of the recent loss of a Community Prosecutor dedicated exclusively to representing Zone 6;
- (3) Retaining quality professional leadership for the SP;
- (4) Increased, improved, more formal inter-community public-safety relationships, possibly within the NPU framework;
- (5) Replacement and additional vehicles, as the Crown Vic, will likely operate well enough for a few more years, but we need to look to a replacement for it, as well as considering other transportation means, including some “green” vehicles, e.g., electric golf or similar carts, bicycles, etc.

And here are some more roses, almost amounting to a florist shop. This is a list of the many who have helped the Public Safety Committee to get its work done over the past two years. **Kathi** and I—and, though **Kathi** protests at her inclusion, anyone who knows her and knows of my faults, knows better! – wanted to thank these great volunteers with more than a pat on the back or a mere listing here. So, we ordered personalized coffee mugs for them with our Security Patrol logo and their names on the mug. [See illustration for sample]

Community Prosecutor
Warren Atkinson



I mention this here because, after having been chief counsel to the Army's inspector general, I know how seeing such things causes taxpayers to call 1-800-drop-a-dime to report fraud, waste, and abuse! No, seriously, we did not want anyone to think that their Security Patrol membership money went to buying attaboy/attagirl thank-you gifts.

Kathi and I (and all readers and residents, too) are grateful for the assistance of these friends for making the public-safety function successful:

Sgt. Brent Schierbaum, Off. Tonya Alejandro, Off. Ari Bleifeld, Off. James Bryant, Off. David Canup, Off. John Chafee, Off. Chad Gurley, Inv. Lisa C. Roey, Off. Frank Ruben, Off. Ronald Sluss, Off. Thomas J. Soukup, Off. Brian Walters, Inv. Jarod Watkins, Off. Neil Welch, Inv. Carlo Peek, Off. Jay Hines, Off. Yaniv Adir, Bob Sandage, Cameron Childress, John Hines, Joyce Sayle, Bill McMurry, Dennis Mobley, Betty Ridderhoff, Bob Morrison, Jamie Fogle, Kristi Remick, Greg Scott, Kris Dwyer, Cynthia Knapp, Lisa Burnette, Richard Westrick, Frank Neely, John Barmeyer, Anda Olsen, Sharla Jackson, Warren Atkinson, Liz Lapidus, Maj. Elizabeth Propes, Lt. Trudy Boyce, Chief Lou Arcangeli, Cyndy Laurie, Kathleen Busko, Barbara Leach, Michael Reeves, Karen Goeckel, Frank Neely, Burt Buctinec, Kassi Buctinec, Susan Danner, Oreon Mann, Pat Westrick, Karin Mebius, Thom Abelew, Thom Gonyeau, Rick Angel, Pat Smith, Wayne Smith, Zach Leonard, Eleanor Matthews, Keith Woolley, IPBA Pres. Jon Effron, Brett Lauter, Cathy Bradshaw, Kwanza Hall, Jay Tribby, and – our mechanical saviors! – Bill, Don, & Neil from Roger Jordan Garage.

If we overlooked anyone reading this, please let me know.

Regrettably, after that bouquet of roses, I find myself closing out my last column with thorns.


I find it personally painful to note how many of our Inman Park friends and neighbors don't belong to the Security Patrol. As I reviewed the latest (and admittedly not-quite-up-to-date) directory, I see so many names of people I know who don't belong, and that includes, even more painfully for me, some among the roses above. That hurts. How can anyone look at the opening paragraph of this column or at Sgt. Schierbaum's roll-up of just this month's activities and not feel honor-bound to help support that with membership? On the dollar side, I am not unmindful of economic reality for many families, and, as for those "too busy to join," I understand work pressures. Indeed, after two years doing this job, I'll be happy to have only one job again! But, please consider how you are letting others pull your weight when you aren't a member. That isn't right ... and you know it. The Security Patrol is making a difference; you need to help Bob Sandage, Sgt. Schierbaum, and the public-safety team do even better. This is my personal, heartfelt plea that you do the right thing: join; renew, donate additional financial support.

No, I can't stop there even though the citation for the Joel Award I received at Festival [and thank all for that recognition; I treasure it] did mention my ... uhm ... wordiness. ☺ So, I won't leave you with a whine.

Kathi and I thank you for being our friends, neighbors, and supporters. Inman Park is a great place to live because of you. Heck, if our grandbabies lived nearby, Inman Park would be near-perfect. Come down and sit on the porch or kick Moto Guzzi tires in the GarageMahalo at 785 Edgewood.

Come join us for
WORSHIP IN THE PARK
and bring your pet with you for a
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Sunday, May 17, 2009
11 a.m. Casual
(And stay for a picnic afterwards)
Off Hurt St. between Poplar Cir. and the MARTA Station
 **Inman Park United Methodist Church 404-522-9322**

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

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**
Hosted by
Marnie McMurry 466 North Highland Ave.

AUGUST 26

Alice's Adventure in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass by **Lewis Carol**
Hosted by
Jan Keith 889 Edgewood Ave.

SEPTEMBER 23

The Optimist's Daughter by **Eudora Welty**
Hosted by
Cathy & Jim McKinney 337 Drexel Ave., Decatur

OCTOBER 28

Frankenstein
by **Mary Shelley**

For Information: 404-688-7330
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 (athistoric.preservation@inmanpark.org) so that neighborhood meeting(s) can be set up. Thanks!

UPCOMING AUDC DEAD- LINES	HEARING	APPLICATIONS DUE	
	DATE	Type II	Type III/IV
	June 10	May 21	May 18
	June 24	June 8	June 1
July 8	June 22	June 15	

Recent AUDC Actions on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness (CoA's):

- **351 Sinclair Ave.** – *approved with conditions* - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-09-067) to allow replacement sliding and repair front steps.
- **169 Hale Street** - *approved with conditions* - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-09-071) to allow the replacement of windows and exterior alterations.
- **257 Elizabeth Street** – *deferred (HD-09-053)/approved with conditions(HD-09-054)* - 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 Scheduled for This Month:

- **845 Virgil.** – Application for Type II Certificates of Appropriateness to allow for renovation and an addition

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

- none

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

JOEL AWARD

Who is this guy? I think we know.
 For two years now, he has run the show
 For Public Safety, first on his mind
 So perps beware, he won't be kind.

Ambitious things he's done so far?
 The Security Patrol (IPSP) now has a car.
 With neighborhood leaders and Zone 6 cops
 This IP board member, he is THE tops!

In heat or in cold, he's leather-clad
 Riding his Guzzi, this proud granddad.
 With written ramblings of wordy-length
 He keenly assesses our neighborhood strength.

The things he loves they come from Italy

Perhaps that is where he met Kathi?
His military service, his knowledge of law
He'll speak it plain, no hem and no haw!

So who is this? For whom do we cheer?
And raise a glass of Italian beer?
He is a live one, there's no mistaking
The one and only – our

BILL HAGAN!

APRIL 24, 2009

JOEL AWARD

He was bumping in the 'burbs,
And not liking it one bit.
So when Number Two was born,
He knew it was time to get

The family moved into town.
But how to pick a 'hood?
Crash a porch party to tell,
That Inman Park is good.

The beer man was welcomed,
Especially his home brew.
But ale's not his only passion,
He runs marathons too.

Now crime was on the rise,
"Help!" called Mr. Hagan.
Public Safety needs more money,
Fundraising became his occupation.

Document and record every address,
Money for 24/7 patrols,
Street captains for better communication,
Are only some of his lofty goals.

Is it possible to do more,
Without losing his sanity?
Will he take a position on the board ...
And be our next Safety VP?

But let's not delay anymore,
His generosity has no shortage,
You know who I'm talking about, it's ...

BOB (THE BEER MAN) SANDAGE!

APRIL 24, 2009

JOEL AWARD

An Inman Park stalwart named Danny
Does Festival work that's uncanny
He's shed blood and sweat
And sacrificed, yet...
Has managed to not lose his fanny.

He's built stages and driven trash trucks,
Herded volunteers and muckety-mucks.
Now it might have occurred,
But no one has heard
Him proclaim, "Hey, this really sucks!"

Our Festival chair is a master
At more than just bricks, wood and plaster
Besides being in charge
Of Small Carpenters at Large,
He's kept us from total disaster.

So, though permits, fire marshals, et. al.
Have sometimes driven him up the wall,
We honor our leader,
A proven succeeder-
His name?....

DANNY FEIG-SANDOVAL!

APRIL 24, 2009

JOEL AWARD

For a messy position you volunteered in a flash
To cart, carry, pick up, squash down, heave and haul
Huge loads and huge loads of our Festival trash,
Bags toxic, bags drippy, bags large and bags small.

You did your job with such eagerness and zing,
Not even the craziest times caused you to crack!
But you didn't stop at just being Trash King.
You moved on to Zoning and never looked back.

You represented fairly those who sought changes
Immediate neighbors had their say so as well.
So now from Trash to Zoning your experience ranges
Sometimes just as messy, but all handled so swell!

For helping with crucial decisions
as this neighborhood moved forward
Because of his dedication,
we honor with this Award...

DREW EVANS!

APRIL 24, 2009

JOEL AWARD

One must search far and wide
To find someone not on her side.
A character even Hollywood could not create,
You will find her at every 'hood party till late.

Many friends she certainly can make
And all those cakes that she can bake!
Although she may drive poor Jim crazy,
You'll never call this lady lazy.

She is the sentry guard of Spruce Street,
So all you crooks best find another beat.
The Advocate shows – there's never a doubt
Even with hers the biggest delivery route.

You'll find her gardening at the church
Or no doubt, also if you search,
She's the one out there who's dancing till dawn
Or at "Sunday in the Park" on the Oakland lawn.

The lady shows up in the strangest attire;
Don't criticize the look, or your yard's set on fire.
A mother, grandmother and mother-in-law
To two special ladies and a hen-pecked paw.

Leading the Abominables at festivals and parades,
She's the life of the party- got that down in spades!
She marches to a tune that all can enjoy
This lady is truly the realest McCoy!

A fixture IPNA can't live without
All join me together and give a great shout:
WE ALL LOVE YOU JOSIE! You surely had guessed
So Party On Girl! You're really the BEST!

JOSIE STARNES!

APRIL 24, 2009

JOEL AWARD

She's captained each party we give in the 'Hood
Then tutored some others to do just as good.
Fourth of July picnic? A Butterfly Ball?
Not a problem for her, no problem at all.

A party for Betty? Fun games for the kids?
Advice on just what that last caterer did?
She reaches and teaches the way things should go,
Generously giving advice to the slow!

Picnics in Summer and dances in Season
If we give good parties, she is the reason.
At Potluck and Porch Party she pitches in
Welcomes all comers with a laugh and a grin.

She sparkles and shimmers and spreads joy around
She's the smiling face of our small town down town.
Without her we'd be a much gloomier crowd.
She's getting this Joel so she'll know that we're Proud.

When there is a need for a hand she gives one.
When there is a need for a party she plans one.
When there is a need for a friend she is one.

Ever smiling, ever laughing, her dark eyes shine.
We love you so,

KAREN HEIM!

APRIL 24, 2009

In Memory of **MARGIE VENEZIALE** March 27, 1943 - April 11, 2009

The headline on the obituary published in the AJC referred to **Margie Veneziale** as a "clothing buyer," which she most certainly was for many years. However, Margie was so much more to her family, friends, and Inman Park neighbors. She was an avid volunteer, hostess, traveler, friend, and a Neighbor, in the truest sense of that word.

Margie was born in Medford, New Jersey. After a not completely successful attempt at secretarial school, Margie discovered her passion, retailing. She began her long retail career at John Wanamaker's in Philadelphia.

In 1973 she met her husband, **George**, and they married and moved to Inman Park in 1974. Margie continued her career as a sportswear and handbag buyer for Davison's, Rich's and finally Rich's/Macy's Department stores. As part of that job, Margie got to do quite a bit of overseas travel, taking buying trips to Hong Kong, Paris, London and Italy. When her career was finally brought to an end in 2008 by her battle with cancer, Margie was the manager of women's clothing for 14 Rich's/Macy's stores in the Southeast. Margie put her shopping experience to good use, dressing impeccably but not expensively because "she knew how to find next year's styles at yesterday's prices," a skill that she shared with her many friends.

Margie's volunteerism spanned quite a wide range. She was selected as Rich's Volunteer of the Year for her work with the children of Our House, a homeless day care center in Decatur. She also served on the Board of RRISA, Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta, spurring the women of Inman Park to victory in the "Design for a New Start" competition for decorating an apartment on a \$300 budget for a refugee family from Bhutan.

Margie's love of theater led her to found Theater Night, the Saturday night event on Festival weekend that raises money for local theaters. She also served on the Board of the Theatrical Outfit from 1990-95.

Margie was deeply committed to Inman Park. Over the many years she lived here, she chaired Arts & Crafts, the Antique Market, House Tour and Butterfly Ball as well as Theater Night. She served on the Board of the Trolley Barn for 18 years and was instrumental in obtaining grant funds to restore Springvale Park. The 2009 Festival was certainly not the same without Margie.

In addition to her husband, George, Margie is survived by her mother, **Margaret Penberthy** of Medford, NJ, two brothers, **Edward** and **Kirk Penberthy**, two stepsons, **George** and **Greg Veneziale**, and 5 grandchildren. Her family requests that memorial donations be made to RISSA, 4151 Memorial Drive, 205D, Decatur, GA 30032 www.rrisa.org) or Inman Park United Methodist Church.

THE BELT LINE

Submitted by Michael Gross

Whether you live in Atlanta or not, it doesn't matter, all that DOES matter is that you understand The Belt Line. What is The Belt Line?

The Belt Line is a massive undertaking that will change the face of the city for the next 25 years. Nearly five years into the project all of the lands for the project have been assembled.

Everybody knows what Central Park is to NYC and what the Golden Gate Bridge is to San Francisco. Well the Belt Line project in Atlanta is similar to those landmarks.

Imagine a park that circles the city. Walking trails, bike trails, parks, and gardens that connect small 'city-centers' and multi-use complexes. Now imagine a transportation system linking all of it together!

It is a powerful project and one that may just stop the sprawl and bring residents back inside the city.

YARD SALE

Saturday, May 16

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

at Little 5 Points Community Center

Submitted by Jason Sadler

Give back to the community, and have fun doing it! All proceeds benefit the L5P Police Mini-Precinct, which is a partnership with the city government and the community. Without the support of local citizens, operation of this mini-precinct would be difficult to maintain. Your purchase and donation of items will directly impact the surrounding neighborhoods. The event will be held in the parking lot of the L5P Community Center (Corner of Austin Avenue and Euclid Avenue in L5P)

Donations are welcome and appreciated. For more information please call 404-377-6528 or e-mail citychurchyardsale@gmail.com. This event is being sponsored by City Church Eastside, www.citychurcheastside.org.

An open letter to my fellow Inman Park neighbors:

When did people, who have such an affinity for dogs, forget their responsibility?

As a property owner in Inman Park, with three dogs of my own, while traversing the area on a daily basis with my pets, I am appalled that so many dog owners have such an aversion to picking up after their wards.

In particular, the yet-to-be-completed town homes of Inman Park Village, where neighboring apartment building tenants allow their dogs to run free, violate the leash law, and use the open space as their pet's personal toilet.

It is understandable that the property developer, Brunning & Stang, wants to keep the un-gated, as-yet-to-be-developed-lots, open for prospective buyers to view the area. However, the stench and public health ramifications of an area completely covered with animal feces is detrimental to the well being and safety of all area residents, their children, pets, and prospective new buyers – especially with the upcoming summer heat and stench of fecal matter in the air.

Unfortunately, a "litter law" is not enough of a deterrent when it pertains to dog owners picking up after their dogs. It is unrealistic to defer the accountability of dog owners to the Inman Park Patrol to enforce as these officers have more important crimes to attend to.

We need to protect our beloved Inman Park from such blatant disregard and irresponsibility.

Inman Park was once almost lost to degradation and misappropriation. I sincerely hope my neighbors, as an influential part of the integrity of our community, have not lost that vision.

Inman Park is an area of great transition and promise. Let us not sacrifice our local community to big city complacency.

Regards,
Corey Cordell

JOIN US AT THE COLLECTIVE

Submitted by Diane Floyd

You are invited to experience Atlanta's newest shopping bazaar, At The Collective, nestled proudly in the heart of Inman Park at 280 Elizabeth Street, Suite B-103. Home to 25 of Atlanta's most unique and talented designers, At the Collective has something for everyone: eco-friendly skin care items, original art, embellished vintage tees, pre-cious baby duds, jewelry, frames, handbags, teapots, homemade spreads, mirrors, plates and trays, wall art, planters, teas, rings, note-books, sweet treats, pens, baskets, African crafts, lamps, tapestries, stationary and spe-cimen plants. For a complete listing of At The Collective vendors, visit:

www.atthecollective.com.

Open Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Mondays.

GIVE YOUR FAMILY THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

By Joan Roberts

Nacel Open Door Cultural Exchange Program

Invite a student from China to share your home for 10 short days. It will cost you little, but what you will receive is priceless. Having the opportunity to host a child from another culture is an education that cannot be equaled short of traveling to that country.

The students, ages 13-15, have already studied English for several years. They will be here to experience a cultural and language immersion, which means these programs cannot happen without your help.

On weekdays, the students will attend English classes each morning and visit Atlanta attractions, such as World of Coca-Cola, Georgia Aquarium, and CNN, in the afternoon. Families will only be responsible for the students in the evenings and on weekends.

Nacel will arrange a host family orientation, welcome and farewell parties with opportunities to meet other students and host families.

Program Size: 40 students and 4 chaperones from China (male and female).

Dates: Arriving Thursday July 16 and Departing Sunday July 26.

School Location: Imagine Wesley International Academy (Mandarin Charter School), 1049 Custer Ave SE, South Grant Park.

Carpooling can be arranged with participating families.

Students must have their own bed and room or share a room with same gender children.

Families, couples without children, single parents, and individuals are welcome to participate.

Students are looking for "real-world" host families not perfection!

If you are interested in finding out more about this exciting and enriching experience, contact Joan Roberts, Atlanta Program Leader. Cell: 404-520-0511; email: NacelOpenDoorATL@gmail.com; web: www.nacelopendoor.org.

Since 1957, Nacel Open Door has been dedicated to promoting international understanding and language education with the belief that it is essential for young people to develop a deeper awareness of their role as citizens of the world through direct experience in other cultures and languages. Serving 52 countries, more than 5,000 American students and families are involved in Nacel Open Door exchanges each year. The friendships that result from living as a member of a host family encourage continued communication and understanding of other people.

NPU – N REPORT

By Megan Holder – Chandler

At this month's IPNA meeting, the neighborhood will vote to approve NPU-N's By-laws. In an effort to conserve resources, we will not be printing the By-laws in the *Advocator*. However, you can find them in the following locations to review before our vote:

Go to the following link:

<http://www.inmanpark.org/about.html>. Once there, look under the "Documents" heading and select "Proposed NPU-N By-laws".

1. Go to the Inman Park Blog.: <http://blog.inmanpark.org>.
2. Review one of the hard copies that will be at this month's meeting.

Two months ago, the NPU board voted against the proposed Supportive Housing ordinance in its current form. Debi Starnes attended the NPU April meeting to discuss and listen to our concerns. The board decided that we would hold a revote in ten days of an amended version. At the time the *Advocator* went to press, the revote had not been held.

The City continues to look for ways to make up the budget deficit. The NPU's are being asked to vote on an increase and/or creation of fees for the following services.

1. Hazardous Materials Fee for responses which require services and resources from the Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department as a result of a negligent act of commercial contractors or privately owned companies.
2. User Fee to non-city residents responsible for the Deployment of Fire and Rescue resources caused by a motor vehicle crash or fire which creates a hazardous condition to the community and/or when Emergency Medical Services are required.
3. Response fee for providing private emergency medical service (ems) companies assistance loading, unloading, or moving patients on non-emergency alarms.
4. Fee for outdoor events that make parking meters inaccessible for more than one day.
5. Adding fees for new zoning categories and sidewalk café permits.
6. Minimum Collection Fee for Solid Waste (also a subsection for the use of specialized equipment)
7. Establishing procedures for the immobilization of vehicles in the public right of way.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM MAY 15, 2009, TO APRIL 23, 2009 ☞☞☞

342 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
May 16	Sat.	ARMED FORCES DAY	
May 20	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
May 25	Mon.	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED	
June 01	Mon. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net

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TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
06/09/09	Monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. at 177 Elizabeth St.	404-523-4801

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. President
 - B. Planning
 - C. Zoning:
 - 1. NPU-N Report
 - a. Vote on NPU-N By-Laws
 - D. Public Safety
 - E. Historic Preservation:
 - 1. 845 Virgil
 - F. Treasurer:
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures
 - 2. Mid-year budget report
 - G. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business:
 - A. Election of IPNA Board Members
 - B. Election of Friends of Inman Park Board Members
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment

