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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

By now you may have heard that not only was this year's Festival incredibly safe, fun, and well-attended, but it was quite a financial success as well.

Once again, I thank the entire Festival committee and all of the volunteers who helped bring about this boom of income for our neighborhood. Without question, Festival is IPNA's primary source of income. If you were involved with last year's discussion about dues, you will recall that our quaint IPNA dues merely cover the cost of producing the neighborhood directory.

The funds we produce from Festival allow us to maintain and preserve our parks and green spaces, subsidize the replacement of broken sidewalks, help fund our private security patrol, contribute to our neighboring schools, libraries, theaters, police mini-precinct, and other worthwhile causes.

Thanks to our hard work, and the good fortune of back-to-back days of sunshine, we have the enviable "problem" of deciding how to be good stewards of these funds.

As you will see in Cameron Childress' budget article in the next column, it is once again time to submit IPNA budget requests, and for the neighborhood to provide input on how much is needed and how to spend or save our funds.

This is a task we should face with careful consideration and a sound sense of responsibility. Rather than meting out small amounts to many different small tasks, should we look at funding some larger projects that we usually do not have adequate money for in any one budget cycle? If so, which ones? More traffic calming, capital investment in the security patrol (i.e. a new car, bicycles for added bike patrols), much-needed improvements to Springvale Park? Should we consider using money to seed a foundation of sorts, to plan ahead for bigger projects in the future?

Moreover, consider whether we should be frugal, and save more money now so it is there when we need it. Knock on wood, throw some salt over your shoulder, or spit on the ground as you read this, but we have been most fortunate not to have a Festival weekend for many years in which we experienced cold and rain on both days of the event. With the end of the drought, this may become more likely. A single bad weather year would leave us without the ability to fund the day-to-day things to which we have become accustomed.

As I said above, these are wonderful problems to have. Let's put our level heads together and create a budget this year that will have substance and take best advantage of our bounty.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A POOL PARTY

Please come to the Inman Park Pool and join your neighbors on
Friday, August 7, at 6:00 p.m.
for the

'Back to school Neighborhood Porch/Pool Party'.

Please bring some food and drinks to share and join your neighbors for an evening swim.
We'll provide some adult and kids beverages. We hope to see you at the pool.

Please remember, NO GLASS is allowed on the pool deck.
The Inman Park Pool Board.

For any questions call Susanna at 404-681-4482

COMMITTEE BUDGET REQUESTS DEADLINE

By Cameron Childress, Treasurer

IPNA's fiscal year is from November 1 to October 31 and it is a requirement for all budgets to be published twice before being voted upon. So, that means we need to start now. You must be a resident member in good standing (membership dues paid!) to vote on the budget.

Committee Chairs

This will serve as the official notice to all our committee chairs and coordinators. Your budget requests should be submitted to the Board by the July IPNA meeting for discussion at the July 22 Board meeting. Requests should be in writing and as detailed as possible

to provide the rationale for requested funds.

Of course, not everything a committee asks for will necessarily be granted, but the more detailed a committee is in its request, the more the Board and the general membership will be able to judge the correct allocations of funds when it comes time to vote on our budget.

IPNA Members

As concerned members of IPNA, please make sure you let the Committee chairs know what you would like done over the coming fiscal year. The names and contact information for the Chairs and Coordinators are on the back page of the *Advocator*. The membership should also be thinking of probable ad hoc or project type committees which might be formed over the next year. Would any funding be needed for those?

Non-Members

Individuals may also submit written requests to ask for a budget line to be established for funding certain projects. To be considered, such requests should show their immediate and direct benefit to the neighborhood.

Budget requests are preferred to be in electronic form and sent to me as the Treasurer of IPNA at cameronc@gmail.com. Alternately, if you do not have access to a computer or to e-mail, please hand deliver the budget request during the July 15 IPNA meeting.

FRIENDS OF INMAN PARK

By Tom Holder

The Friends of Inman Park (FOIP) is the charitable arm of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA). Its purpose is to raise money:

- (a) to maintain and improve public lands and rights of way within or around Inman Park, including all green spaces, roads, sidewalks, street lighting, signs, bicycle paths, landscaping, and other such features for public use;
- (b) to publicize information regarding the history of Inman Park;
- (c) to design and implement educational materials and training to fulfill the goals of educating the public and preserving Inman Park's public spaces;
- (d) to organize community involvement in civic projects through education, funding, and by forming partnerships with other charitable or public entities;
- (e) to fund specific projects for the improvement of public lands and right of ways within or around Inman Park, and/or educational initiatives related to this purpose.

Currently, the FOIP Board consists of **Lisa Burnette** (ex-officio), **Stephanie Mc-Caa** (IPNA Board Representative), **Steve Hays**, **Nick Franz**, **Melissa Miller**, and

Tom Holder. The FOIP Board is pleased to announce that it has money available to give out some small grants to various projects and entities in Inman Park beginning in September. We would like anyone who is interested in getting some of the money to write a proposal by September 1. We plan on meeting on September 14 and would like to make decisions at that time.

Please send any grant proposals to me, Tom Holder, at tom@longandholder.com. Additionally, we are always interested in more contributions. They can be sent to the IPNA address but should be made out to FOIP. All contributions to FOIP are tax deductible.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2009 IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette welcomed everyone. There were no newcomers present.

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 **Linda Dunham**'s house at 12 1st St. in Kirkwood, on June 24 at 7:00 p.m. The book is *Double Bind* by **Chris Benjamin**.
2. **Pat Westrick** announced this month's porch party will be hosted by Inman Mews on Friday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. 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. **Jan Keith** reminded everyone about the walking tours of the City offered by the Atlanta Preservation Center. The tour of Inman Park is offered at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. There are also occasional twilight tours. All tours begin in front of the King-Keith House on Edgewood Ave., and they last 90 minutes. This is a great way to learn more about the neighborhood.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Both **Sgt. Schierbaum** and **Major Propes** were unable to attend so **Lt. Spillane** reported for them. There have been some significant

arrests recently including **Amadeus Howe** who was caught burglarizing a house at Euclid Ave. and Euclid Terrace. He gave up a lot of information on co-conspirators. **David Cook**, wanted for auto theft, was also caught. **Alan Jerome Goddard** was also apprehended on a shoplifting charge. This is his 63rd arrest (past offences include robbery, burglary, and rape). He is a great candidate for Courtwatch. Lt. Spillane reminded everyone to remove all valuables from your car when you park it. An officer from the APD spent some time inspecting Inman Park homes for safety issues and had the following advice for enhanced safety:

1. remove any ladders leaning against your house,
2. use blinds or shades to hide your electronics,
3. lock your doors when working from home,
4. remove trash cans from underneath windows,
5. secure all second floor windows,
6. remember a person can fit through a pet door designed for a big dog, and
7. secure lawn and garden equipment and bikes.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

There were no elected officials in attendance.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa

The Inman Park banners will be in stock next week. They are \$19 each. Please contact **Stephanie** to purchase or pick up a banner. She apologized for the delay in having the banners available but thanked Icebox for working with her on ensuring the best quality for the banners.

PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette

Lisa reminded everyone of the Atlanta City budget public hearings tomorrow and next Thursday. Details will also be on her blog. This is your opportunity to be part of the budget process. The City's website also features the proposed budget. **Kwanza Hall** is anxious and willing to hear anything from us as well. He is undecided about the property tax increase so give him a call and e-mail him. This is an election year so many of the candidates for mayor and city council will want to come to the IPNA meeting to talk about their platforms. We want them to come but want to ensure they do not take up a lot of time that we have reserved for neighborhood business. Lisa suggested they come before the meetings for Q&A. **Judy Clements** suggested we invite several candidates for the same evening so we can compare issues. She also suggested we may be able to send them our questions in advance so we can get some important issues addressed. Lisa said that if anyone was interested in helping to coordinate the candidates' appearances please contact her. **Kasim Reed**, candidate for mayor, will be coming next month. Lisa also announced this year's July 4th party at Springvale Park, 4:00 p.m. to dark, is being coordinated by **Carrington Moore**. She needs help with clean-up and set-up. Please contact her or Lisa directly if you can offer assistance. Lisa also commended Carrington for her help with Friends of Festival.

PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman

Nothing to report.

ZONING: V.P. Amy Higgins

Nothing to report.

NPU-N Report - Megan Holder said there is a petition being circulated regarding the CSX facility. This will be on the agenda for the next NPU meeting. If you have complaints or comments about CSX, please e-mail her so she can pass on your comments. **Jonathan Miller** said it's been a quiet month, but they anticipate more news next month. They will be voting on approving the NPU By-laws next week if anyone is interested. Jonathan also said that Pur Taqueria, the restaurant interested in occupying the space previously known as The Grape, had presented their plan; but NPU could not vote because Pur Taqueria had not put in their liquor license application. They are working with them to go through the approval process correctly.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bob Sandage

Lisa Burnette reported for **Bob Sandage**. There has been an increase in crime with regard to residential burglaries so the Security Patrol has made adjustments in their scheduling. This has resulted in apprehensions of three criminals! One was a suspect in residential burglaries. A big thank-you to **Sgt. Schierbaum** and his crew!

Bob Sandage is going to hold a town hall meeting 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on June 22 at The Trolley Barn regarding his public safety plan and the structure of the Security Patrol organization. He will be taking questions from residents and businesses. He still needs some volunteers for the Public Safety Committee, so please contact him if you are interested. Lisa gave an update on Courtwatch. **Mark Burgess**, one of our habitual offenders in Inman Park, has been arrested. His court case is next week, and we need some neighbors in the Court. Check on the Yahoo group for date and time. **Kevin Rathbun** held a fundraiser for Security Patrol. They raised \$1,500! Thank you **Cliff** and **Kevin**! The Public Safety Committee is working with other businesses to support the patrol in this way. Lisa promised the new website will be up and running soon. It will have an accounting function that will allow us to really track Security Patrol contributions. Right now we believe we have 33% neighborhood participation but will have hard data soon.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V. P. Adam Stillman

Lisa Burnette gave an update on the cell tower at Bass Fields. She said there is really nothing we can do about it. The best thing she can try is to find a way for them to compensate us for the fact that it will be now on our skyline. The City signed the lease and has given away the rights to the field. The City attorneys realize they have no position to fight it. The tower will take up the space of two parking spaces in the parking lot so it will not impact how the citizens will use the park. **Kwanza Hall** has been on our side fighting for us and working with T-Mobile for alternate sites, but there are no other options now. The T-Mobile attorney is meeting with Lisa Burnette to discuss the design of the pole. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** asked how this all happened: why didn't it go through NPU? **Jonathan Miller** said the proposal went through the Financial and Executive Committees at the City, not the Zoning Committee, so it would never have been

presented to NPU. Lisa Burnette has copies of the lease, amendment, and site plan if you want to take a look. **Pat Westrick** asked what the zoning restrictions are on cell towers. **Adam Stillman** said they are allowed almost everywhere. **Cathy Bradshaw** said this is a good issue to bring before the mayoral candidates since the City is selling our parks for a pittance. Jonathan Miller said T-Mobile will be paying \$1,500/month to the City parks for this lease for the first year or two and then will be paying even more. Lisa Burnette said a summary of all that has happened regarding the tower will be on her blog.

Adam Stillman presented a Type III Application for 940 Austin. This is a renovation to a contributing structure that will be featured on the television show “Curb Appeal” on HDTV. A motion to add this item to the agenda was made, seconded, and approved. Adam introduced **John Giddings** and his producer, **Jaymee**, from HDTV who discussed the renovation. They will be filming in August so please come by anytime during filming. A motion to approve the immediate neighbors’ support of the application was made, seconded, and approved.

There is no update on the potential demolition of 536 Moreland Ave.

TREASURER: Cameron Childress

There were no unusual expenditures. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for an expenditure of \$1,187.45 to Roger Jordan’s Garage for repairs to the Security Patrol car.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Festival: Danny Feig-Sandoval received a standing ovation after presenting a check for \$175,000 to the neighborhood. The earnings were not only due to the great weather and beer sales but also to money-saving tactics on the front-end. Danny thanked everyone for all their help including the 45 people on the Festival Committee and the 850 volunteers. **Lisa Burnette** said IPNA will start asking for budget re-requests next month. She asked everyone to think about being fiscally responsible. Lisa said kudos to Danny and the whole team.

Traffic Calming: Danny Feig-Sandoval reported they have had some stumbling blocks on Lake Ave. with regard to the problem of losing parking spots. He is still trying to get all the petitions signed. He said to watch out for the paving work at the intersection of Lake Ave., Austin Ave., and Elizabeth St.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Westrick said she has 25-30 people interested in being on the Community Garden Committee. They do not have a firm date on the first meeting. Friends of Inman Park (FOIP) have voted to support the concept. Pat said if the project goes forward they will work through FOIP.

Danny Feig-Sandoval asked about a vacant lot on Euclid Ave. that appears to be charging for illegal parking.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By Adam Stillman, Vice-President for Historic Preservation

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

UPCOMING AUDC DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	APPLICATIONS DUE	
		TYPE II	TYPE II/IV
	July 22	July 3	June 29
	August 12	July 27	July 20
	August 26	August 10	August 3

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

- **182 Degress Avenue – approved with conditions** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-09-104) to allow renovations, additions, and accessory structure

Applications Scheduled for This Month :

- **940 Austin Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-09-119) to allow additions and alterations to an existing structure at 940 Austin Avenue
- **820 Lake Avenue** – Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow addition and alterations to an existing structure at 820 Lake Avenue

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 55 Trinity Ave., Suite 3400 Atlanta, Georgia 30335-0331		
Phone:	404-330-6200	Fax:	404-658-6734

ATLANTA PRESERVATION CENTER'S GUIDED WALKING TOURS

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts

The Atlanta Preservation Center offers guided walking tours of several historic Atlanta neighborhoods (including Inman Park) from March through November, and of the Fox Theatre year-round. The APC is also offering a Summer 2009 line-up of New and Twilight Tours, as listed below.

All tours are a fun, fact-filled and inexpensive way to learn more about Atlanta's history. Please see the Walking Tours link on www.preserveatlanta.com for details. We hope you'll join us soon!

**** New Tours ****

RAILS TO THE FUTURE TOUR

From a stake in the ground to a street underground, how the railroads and commerce transformed a plot of ground in North Georgia. Explore the unseen underground Atlanta and the City's earliest commercial district.

Saturday, July 25, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 22, 1:00 p.m.

Meet in front of the Visitors' Center at Underground, at the corner of Upper Alabama and Pryor streets.

MIDTOWN/SoNo COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Tour Atlanta's first commercial district built north of downtown. See how Atlanta's Midtown architecture has developed from the Queen Anne period styles to Art Deco to New Formalism, and learn about the businessmen, architects, and prominent families who created midtown.

Hear about celebrities, such as **Margaret Mitchell** and **Julia Roberts**, and of Midtown oddities, such as Ethiopian Emperor **Haile Selassie's** throne and Japanese Zero war planes.

Saturday, July 18, 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.

Meet on the steps of the Georgian Terrace Hotel, 659 Peachtree St., NE

** Twilight Tours ** HISTORIC MIDTOWN TWILIGHT TOUR

Thursday, August 6, 6:30 p.m.

Meet on the sidewalk in front of Ivy Hall (Edward Peters House) on Piedmont Ave. between North Ave. and Ponce de Leon Ave.

FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED'S DRUID HILLS TWILIGHT TOUR

August tour TBD

Meet in the parking lot of St. John's Lutheran Church, 1410 Ponce de Leon Ave., at the corner of Oakdale Road.

MARGARET MITCHELL'S ANSLEY PARK TWILIGHT TOUR

Saturday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.

Meet in front of First Church of Christ, Scientist. 1235 Peachtree St., NE (corner of Peachtree and 15th streets)

INMAN PARK TWILIGHT TOUR

Thursday, July 16, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 20, 6:30 p.m.

Meet in front of the King Keith Bed and Breakfast, at 889 Edgewood Ave.

WRFG 7/18 BIRTHDAY BLOCK PARTY!

Submitted by Denese Jester

Save the Date

July 18, 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.

In celebration of 36 years of continuous broadcasting, WRFG 89.3 FM is hosting a fun-filled Birthday Block Party on Saturday, July 18, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Little Five Points Community Center at 1083 Austin Ave.

Just like the diversity of WRFG's programming, the Birthday Block Party will offer something for everyone. The stage will feature music performances, dance, and spoken word artists; and the grounds will be filled with jugglers, face-painters, children's activities, and vendors of all kinds.

The Seed & Feed Marching Abominable, famous as "Atlanta's wildest community band", will start off the festivities with its unique blend of high-energy music and fancifully costumed musicians. The band will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Findley Plaza on the corner of Moreland Ave. and Euclid Ave. and weave its way down Euclid Ave. to the Little Five Points Community Center. If you've never seen the Marching Abominable – or if you've seen them many times – you won't want to miss the excitement!

The Birthday Block Party is a free, fun event for people of all ages, so come join the party and wish WRFG a happy 36th birthday!

WRFG has been a trusted, progressive, noncommercial media outlet for the diversity of people, ideas, and cultural expressions that exist throughout metropolitan Atlanta since 1973. WRFG is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and provides a voice for those who traditionally have been denied access to the broadcast media.

For more information about the Birthday Block Party and to find out how you can become a sponsor or vendor, contact **Joan Baptist** at 404-523-3471.

NPU-N REPORT

By Megan Holder-Chandler

Things are relatively quiet at NPU-N right now. This past month NPU-N's By-laws were passed by the various neighborhood organizations and associations.

Next month we will be hearing a petition from south of the CSX Facility regarding issues with noise and lighting. Please let me know if any of you have similar complaints (or praises) so that I can best represent the neighborhood during the discussion.

GOOD MOVES NEWS

By Carolyn McLaughlin

Good Moves had a great June! We had a week of Dance Camp with Ballet, Modern, and Yoga. We also had good news from two of our public funding sources. We will be receiving general operating support from the Fulton County Commissioners under the guidance of the Fulton County Arts Council and will receive project support from the Georgia Council for the Arts for our Fall Repertory Concert at 7 Stages the weekend before Thanksgiving. We are so very thankful for this support and the privilege of being stewards of your tax dollars.

We have completed our Fall Class Schedule for Ed Source. We will continue to offer Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet, Modern and Athletic Movement for Boys for ages 3+. We will also add Tween & Teen Movement for ages 10+ and Stretch, Ballet, and Boogie and Morning Movement for Adults. Please take a moment to check out the schedule and description of classes on our website.

For the month of July we are offering a special. If you register for the first semester of classes with Ed Source and pay for at least ½ of the semester up front by July 30, you will receive a \$25 credit toward the remaining tuition for the semester or the next semester's tuition.

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

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

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**
Hosted by **Sarah Combs**
1561 Crossway Drive, Brookhaven

NOVEMBER

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 2

HOLIDAY PARTY
Hosted by **Patty McGuigan-Robinson**
814 Virgil Ave.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

For Information: 404-688-7330

IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE! THANK GOODNESS FOR VACATION PATROL!

By Jill Travis

We were out of town for Memorial Day weekend and had recently upgraded our security patrol membership from bronze to silver so we could have vacation patrol coverage. We have lived in the neighborhood a long time and didn't really know if this service was necessary, but it seemed like the thing to do. When we got the call at 1:15 a.m. on Memorial Day, we were SO thankful for the vacation patrol service. They interrupted the burglary in progress at our home and thwarted a much larger loss. These burglars must have been watching our house. Before they struck, they unscrewed all of the light bulbs outside of the house that were on motion sensors and timers. It appears that the burglars also monitored our alarm system and struck at a point when the alarm was turned off (it was on most of the time we were away). Once inside the home, they unplugged a light that was on a timer. We suspect the lookout saw the vacation patrol officer approach the house –so the burglars made a quick exit out a door in the back of the house. They stole one laptop computer and change from a jar, but this story could have been a lot worse if the burglary had not been interrupted by the officer who was walking around the house.

The officer called our cell phone contact and when we didn't answer, he called the landline where we were staying. The officer was making an extra effort to let us know what had happened, and then he helped to secure the house. A neighbor helped guard the house until we returned, and the security patrol continued to check on him to be sure the burglars didn't return.

We would urge you to join or upgrade your security patrol membership to silver so you can have the vacation patrol coverage and be sure many of your neighbors know to be on the lookout while you are away. The security patrol saved us from much greater loss and we are grateful for their help.

Alan and Jill Travis

(Afterword: Since the burglary of the Travis home on Sinclair, there was an arrest of an individual who is a suspect in burglaries on Sinclair and Seminole. He was implicated by peers, although there has not been enough supporting evidence to charge him and keep him locked up. However, because of the great collaboration of the APD, Inman Park Security Patrol, and residents, we hope he now understands the neighborhood is on the lookout for him.

*Bob Sandage
VP of Public Safety)*

INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL JUNE 2009 ACTIVITY REPORT

By Sgt. Brent Schierbaum

Directed Patrols	454	Officer Needs Assistance Call	1
Drop Ins / Park and Walks	270	Traffic Violation	1
Suspicious Persons	39	Welfare Check	1
Suspicious Vehicles	11	Fire	1
Alarm Calls	23	Robbery	1
Disturbance	6	Property Recovered	1
Theft	6	Fireworks	1
Parking Complaint	5	Traffic Control	1
Information for Police	4	Field Interviews	4
Abandoned Auto	3	Association Member Contacts	32
Open Window / Door	2	Vehicle Impounds	1
Street / Sidewalk Obstruction	2	ARRESTS	
Person Injured	2	Possession of Marijuana	1
Illegal Drug Use	2	Pedestrian In Roadway	1
Burglary	1	Disorderly Conduct	1
Noise Complaint	1	Possession of Marijuana / session of Knife with Pos-	1
Prowler	1		
Criminal Trespass	1	Possession of Marijuana	1
Person Hit by Vehicle	1	Obstruction / False Representa tion to Po- lice	1
Criminal Damage to Property	1		

INTO THE FIRE

(my new VP position and the weather!)
By Bob Sandage, VP for Public Safety

At the time of writing my last month's *Advocator* article, it was not yet apparent that our neighborhood had just been a victim of possibly related burglaries. Many residents were gone for the Memorial Day weekend and did not realize they had been burglarized until returning. One of these burglaries took place at a home that was on Vacation Patrol coverage by our Security Patrol – please see the success story by **Jill Travis** on Page10.

Also about that same time, a string of business burglaries was in process. Although no arrests have been made, I am confident our vigilant neighborhood and top-notch Security Patrol have deterred some of this crime. In the case of one of the business burglary sites, the owner stumbled upon the early morning burglary. In what was likely a related burglary at another Inman Park business on the same day, vigilant employees later noticed (and followed) a suspicious customer who was only ordering water and taking many pictures. Possibly for a follow-up burglary attempt. The bartender contacted me and subsequently the APD and our Security Patrol. While Security Patrol was reviewing video footage, the person came back and was questioned. His story did not add up, and although there was no crime for him to be charged with, he now knows that Inman Park is looking out for him and there is a record of his contact.

Our perpetual nuisance, **Mark Burgess**, picked the wrong person to have an altercation with [resident's name omitted] and increased Courtwatch presence will hopefully keep him out of our neighborhood for good, or at least for a long time.

All of the above are perfect examples of the Inman Park residents, APD, and Security Patrol all working together on all cylinders. If any one of these components had not been working in-sync, we would not have been successful. We all would love to have these crimes not happen in the first place, but this is an ultimate goal for our current work-in-progress. In the interim, we have to adapt to trends with an ever-increasing presence from all of the above-mentioned components until criminals know their chance of failure in Inman Park is not worth the risk.

Add to this a string of early morning car burglaries, and thus the title of this article. My first full month as VP has been quite eventful. I can't thank **Bill Hagan** and **Sgt. Brent Schierbaum** enough for the structure that they have put in place to ease my transition. As for the car burglaries, *PLEASE, PLEASE* keep any valuables out of sight within your car, and let any visitors know to do so.

On June 22, we had a Public Safety Townhall meeting. Although fairly light in attendance, it was very rich in volunteers! We are now much closer to having the volunteer staff to handle our goals. The presentation was posted to the Yahoo Group site, and I will distribute a chart of the Public Safety organization at the beginning of July along with descriptions of the positions. We also look to have the ability in the near future to have a one-click means of sending critical info to many different electronic communication tools. One of the biggest priorities will be implementation of electronic payment means for Security Patrol fees.

Lastly, an update on our Security Patrol membership status. Surprisingly, we are still in a situation where a minority of residents are footing the bill for the majority. Now having a position to manage Street Captains, we will evaluate and put renewed focus on areas with lower participation, and the same goes for Businesses and Managed Properties. Our contributions (including IPNA) for the budget year starting in November 2008 are approximately \$135,000 currently. This is a HUGE increase over previous years, and I want to thank everyone involved. At this level, we can afford about 10 hours per day of Security Patrol in our marked car. Let's keep the momentum going in the positive direction so that we can lessen the hours per day that criminals see our neighborhood as a target!

INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR JUNE, 2009

By Kris Dwyer

Below is a summary of recent 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.

At *Advocator* deadline, we only have incidents reports through mid-June. You'll see the rest of June next month. Scanning down through these incidents, you'll notice Jeeps were in high criminal demand, particularly Jeep Cherokees, possibly to be used to haul loot for burglaries elsewhere. Four Jeeps were stolen, mostly from the more commercial or higher-density parts of our neighborhood. If you're a Jeep owner, you can make your vehicle less desirable by using an anti-theft device. Also, depending on where you park, you may be able to get your neighbor's cooperation to help you park in a way that would slow the would-be criminals' progress, like parking a bit tightly between neighbors' cars on the street or being the first car in if you have a driveway-like parking situation.

You'll also notice that the higher-density parts of our neighborhood seem to be hit hard. In general, higher density of people also means higher density of cars, flat-screen TVs, etc. While the larger "inventory" in a smaller area may be helpful to criminals, we can't necessarily conclude a cause-and-effect relationship. Still, let's all rally to be extra eyes and ears for our neighbors in L.E. (Lower Elizabeth). If we walk or run around Inman Park, we could add these areas to our regular route. As we drive home from work, let's take a spin through these areas and call 911 if anything or anyone looks suspicious. "It takes a village" to be a real neighborhood!

Last, but not least, **JOIN THE SECURITY PATROL!!!**

There is no doubt that our Security Patrol has made a huge difference and YOU have benefitted from that difference.

Join today at www.inmanpark.org. Click on "Public Safety" and follow the instructions. Write the check! Your car, your laptop, your iPod, your ferns, your bike, your house, and maybe your family will thank you!!!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
5/28	3-day-period	Attempted Auto Theft	Village Parkway	2001 Jeep Cherokee, door and ignition damaged.
5/30	Unknown	Auto Theft	200 Block North Highland Ave.	1999 Jeep Cherokee, stolen from parking lot.
6/1	Unknown	Burglary	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Apartment door kicked in. Stolen: TV, camera, ring, sunglasses and comforter.
6/1	Overnight	Commercial Burglary	1000 Block Edgewood Ave.	Wine/liquor stolen, no sign of forced entry.
6/1	n/a	Stolen scooter recovered	200 Block Elizabeth St.	Scooter being repaired had marked-out VIN, had been stolen earlier.
6/1	Overnight	Auto Theft	100 Block Elizabeth St.	1997 Plymouth Voyager stolen.
6/2	3 AM	Commercial Burglary	Bernina Ave.	Storage lock broken, nothing taken.
6/3	Overnight	Attempted Auto Theft	200 Block Elizabeth St.	2000 Dodge, steering column damaged.
6/3	Overnight	Auto Theft	Brickworks	2004 Jeep stolen.
6/3	Overnight	Auto Theft	Brickworks	1997 Jeep Cherokee stolen.
6/5	3:00 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	300 Block Sinclair Ave.	Magnetic sign stolen from company vehicle.
6/6	Unknown	Commercial Burglary	1000 Block Edgewood Ave.	Alcohol stolen from restaurant.
6/6	8:00 p.m.-10:40 p.m.	Burglary	Edgewood Ave. & Hurt St.	Alcohol stolen from restaurant.
6/9	2:00 p.m.	Burglary	Inman Village	Stolen: iPod, TV. Property manager confronted the suspects who dropped the TV and fled.
6/9	6:00 p.m.-0:00 p.m.	Auto Theft	1100 Block Alta Ave.	2004 Chrysler stolen.
6/9	6:00 a.m.	Commercial Burglary	1000 Block Edgewood Ave.	Restaurant alarm sounded, no sign of forced entry, unknown if items were stolen.
6/10	Overnight	Burglary	Battery Place	Front door kicked in, nothing taken.
6/10	7:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Car window smashed. Stolen: laptop, WiFi cards, gift bag, and purse.
6/13	Mid-day	Stolen vehicle recovered	600 Block Seminole Ave.	Stolen 1994 Lexus recovered.

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".

TREES ATLANTA TREEKEEPERS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

By Bethany Clark

Starting Date: August 8, 2009
Ending Date: September 26, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Location: Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center
225 Chester Ave.
Atlanta GA, 30316
Contact: Bethany Clark
Phone: 404-681-4898
Website:
<http://treesatlanta.org/TreeKeepers.aspx>
Cost: \$65

This Trees Atlanta event is the first in a series of seven (7) workshops designed to increase volunteer knowledge and skills through specialized training and education about Atlanta's urban forest. There will be indoor & outdoor activities, presentations, hands-on demonstrations, and assignments to be completed by the participants.

Sessions are taught by Trees Atlanta staff and community tree professionals and are three hours long. Participants receive a training manual with supplemental reading and resources, and upon graduation, receive an official TreeKeepers hat, a native tree, and a signed certificate when they have finished 24 hours of volunteer service to tree projects. Register now to enroll in this fantastic educational opportunity!

Program dates are seven consecutive Saturdays: August 8, 15, 22, 29, September 12, 19, and 26. Participants need only register once.

Trees Atlanta is a nationally recognized citizens group that protects and improves Atlanta's urban forest by planting, conserving, and educating.



Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!

July Porch Party

at the home of

Joyce Sayle
74 Waddell Street

Friday, July 31, 7:30 P.M.

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE
AND YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE(S)**



**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!



HSR REPORT UPDATE

By Carolyn McLaughlin

Monday, June 29, I had the pleasure of meeting with the folks at Morris Design to kick-off the production of the Historic Structure Report of Inman Park United Methodist Church. We spent several hours talking about the history of the structure and the known concerns. Thank you to **Diane Floyd** and **Randy Bailey** for their time and keen memories.

Then there was a tour of several areas of the Church and its buildings. Here are some interesting things I learned:

1. There are a series of tunnels dug under the seating area of the Sanctuary.
2. The building once known as the "1020 Building", now known as the "1017 Building", was once part of Fort Gordon and was moved to Inman Park and connected to the Church in the 1920's.
3. Termites do not like heart pine and therefore there is basically no termite damage in a building that is now 111 years old.

Again, I thank all of you who gave your dollars to support this project. It will take about 6 months to complete the report, and I look forward to bringing you updates and interesting facts as our experts go over every inch of our neighborhood church.

AJC REPORTER NEEDS YOUR HELP

By Christopher Oquendo

I am a photographer for the Atlanta Journal Constitution. I do the photography for both the online and print sections of the AJC Home Finder.

We are running a new online section called "Private Quarters Splurge". I am looking for homes and families to photograph for this section. If you have any clients and/or homes that you would like to have showcased in this section, please contact me as soon as possible at: 404-840-5863 or www.ophotography.com.

You can contact me directly, or you can provide contact information and I will call you.

This will not cost you anything, and it will provide free exposure about your services if you have a business.

We do have some minimum requirements for the stories:

1. Homes must not be for sale.
2. They should be valued over \$300,000.
3. Ideally there will be some unique aspect about the home.

If you would like to see samples of this new section please visit the following link:
<http://www.ajchomefinder.com/> then click on LifeStyle and Private Quarters.

SEN. ORROCK JOINS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON TO URGE ACTION ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

Submitted by Midge Sweet

This week (June 18) our own state Sen. **Nan Orrock** (D-Atlanta) joined a delegation of state leaders on Capitol Hill to deliver a letter to the White House and Congress urging comprehensive health care reform within the year. The letter, which was signed by over 700 state legislators from 48 states, including Sen. Orrock and 12 other Georgia legislators, called for the federal re-form bill to include the choice of a public health insurance option, strong affordability protections, and shared responsibility for health care costs.

The debate around public plan choice has been one of the most hotly contested issues in pending House and Senate legislation. Everyone should be free to choose from the widest range of health care options available. Many are happy with the care that they currently receive, and they should be able to keep it, said Sen. Orrock. But for those who can not afford their premiums, are uninsured, or have been denied urgently needed care because of a preexisting condition, they should have the choice of a public health insurance option that assures quality, affordable health care from a doctor of their choice.

The legislative delegation delivered the letter to the White House at an afternoon meeting with Health and Human Services Secretary **Kathleen Sebelius** and **Nancy-Ann DeParle**, the head of the White House Office on Health Reform. Earlier the delegation met with Speaker **Nancy Pelosi's** health policy staff and delivered the letter to Congress at a Capitol Hill press conference hosted by Iowa Senator **Tom Harkin**, third-ranking Democrat on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. At the meetings, Sen. Orrock shared the lessons of efforts to extend quality, affordable care in Georgia and was consulted on crafting a national solution that works for Georgia and other states.

The active solicitation of input from state legislators marks a very promising development in the push to bring affordable health care to all Americans, according to Senator Orrock. "As the **Obama** Administration and Congress move forward to fashion a uniquely American solution to the health care crisis, I am encouraged that they are consulting with state legislators to address the concerns and needs of our states. We have experience grappling with these issues and lessons to share. We need to move forward together to craft a system that assures quality, affordable health care while lowering costs and preserving choice." Sen. Orrock added that legislators pledged to HHS Secretary Sebelius to continue sharing input from their states on health policy and to help broaden the conversation among constituents about their priorities for health care reform as the federal bill moves through Congress.

Sen. Nan Orrock represents the 36th Senate District which includes portions of Fulton County. She may be reached by phone at 404-524-7593 or via e-mail at nan.orrock@senate.ga.gov.

HARVESTING RAINWATER

Submitted by Steve Williams

The 2009 ARCSA (American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association) National Conference will be held September 13-16 at the Holiday Inn, Decatur, GA. This is a rare opportunity for Atlanta to learn about the benefits of this renewable resource and see how many of our water issues can be solved with rainwater.

On September 13 from Noon - 4:00 p.m. there will be a Public Open House and Self-Tours of RWH Installation Site. Open House includes exhibit area, as well as presentations from the University of Georgia, RainTube, Blue Scope Water, Rain Harvest Systems, BRAE, Rainigator, and Rainwater Management Solutions

For more information go to: <http://www.ARCSA.org>

CABBAGETOWN ART THURSDAYS

Submitted by Susan McCracken

The Cabbagetown Artist Tribe recently hosted the first-ever Cabbagetown Art Thursday, on July 9. Cabbagetown Art Thursdays is a neighborhood event where residents' exhibit their artwork every second Thursday of the month at the Cabbagetown Community Center. Milltown Arms sponsored the first event providing some drinks and appetizers.

This artistic outlet gives the myriad of neighborhood artists a chance to display their work and creates a fun event for the entire community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Please stop by the Community Center, 177 Estoria St., on any second Thursday of a month and marvel at all of the great artistic work happening right in our neighborhood. Spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors.

DECATUR'S RENEWAL DESIGN-BUILD WINS REMODELING AWARD

Press Release from Kelly Cheek

Continuing to set new standards of professionalism, remodeling companies from across the nation were honored at the fifteenth annual Chrysalis Awards for Remodeling Excellence on June 5th during the Southern Building Show in Atlanta. The awards program recognizes the nation's best work in residential remodeling.

Judged by editors and writers of Better Homes & Gardens, Woman's Day, Southern Living and Houseplans.com, the winners were selected from over 500 entries. These entries were judged on overall design, the creative use of space and materials, and the degree to which the project enhanced the original structure.

Decatur-based Renewal Design-Build took home the award for Best Kitchen Remodel in the \$75,000-\$100,000 category. Having won many awards in the past, including NARI's Contractor of the Year awards and Earthcraft Renovator of the Year, this is the first Chrysalis award for the company.

The winning kitchen was originally small, outdated and did not suit the homeowner's lifestyle and taste. Renewal expanded the kitchen to the porch, which provided ample space for an island and built-in dining table. The new kitchen is now modern and much larger but still maintains the home's cozy cottage style.

For information, call 404-378-6962 or visit www.RenewalDesignBuild.com.

L5P COMMUNITY CENTER LOOKS AHEAD TO A NEW ERA!

Submitted by Randy Pimsler

The Little Five Points Community Center Inc. (aka L5PCC or L5PCC Inc.) has added value to our neighborhoods for twenty-six years. In 1982, the Atlanta Public School Board decided to close the Moreland Elementary School on the corner of Euclid Ave. and Austin Ave. in a consolidation effort. Who knows exactly where the spark flew that heated up the concept of transforming a large, old building with three floors of classrooms, a cafeteria at one end and an auditorium at the other into a collection of non-profits, arts, and like-minded groups.

We do know that our previous Executive Director, the late **Joe Shifalo**, took charge of that spark which led to a \$1/year lease from the School Board to a newly formed non-profit, the Little Five Points Community Center, Inc.

It became the mission of this non-profit to provide affordable rental spaces to a select group of organizations. At the beginning of the initial venture, L5PCC served as an incubator to organizations that later found other or permanent spaces. Among those are the Georgia Solar Coalition (now Southface Institute), Seven Stages, and Metro Fair Housing Services. For the last ten years, L5PCC has maintained a stable group of resident tenants with limited space available.

In 2008, L5PCC needed a new leader

it was time for Joe Shifalo to retire, having given 20 years to the Center and the residents housed there. L5PCC was able to attract an outstanding Executive Director **Imani Evans**. She has been a social change agent for more than 20 years, working with non-profit agencies in Atlanta, New Jersey, and New York. Her areas of organizational expertise are creative program development, staff training, and coalition building. Prior to her December 1, 2008, beginning with L5PCC, Imani founded Women Healing Women Inc., a non-profit for female survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Imani is an author, speaker and performance poet. Her commitment to community, collaboration, and programming will sustain L5PCC for many years to come.

In 2006, the Board of Directors, with leadership assistance from **Randy Pimsler** and Pimsler-Hoss Architects, Inc. put together a strategic plan for the building. The plan addressed structural, energy-efficient, and accessibility issues. What worked for schoolchildren

in the early part of the last century does not work as well today. However, the building is an historic treasure and has to conform to certain guidelines. Large single-pane windows, which allow natural light for artist studios, also pose challenges for energy loss and safety. Drainage systems built in 1929 pose infrastructure challenges.

An individual who is unable to negotiate steps can access only a small portion of the building and could not volunteer, serve or participate with organizations on an inaccessible floor.

The Board made a decision to launch a Capital Campaign with two phases. The first phase set a goal of \$500,000. Pledges from the Board totaled approximately \$50,000. A block grant of \$120,000 from the City of Atlanta was awarded to L5PCC for in funding specifically for the purpose of installing an elevator.

Construction on the elevator should begin by the end of this summer. The sidewalks and driveway, with access cuts, surrounding L5PCC have been upgraded and are now walkable and safe to traverse. Drainage needs have been addressed. Although the CDBG grant gives L5PCC a great start on accessibility, it is not enough to cover the costs. Ongoing efforts are needed to continue to fund the Campaign.

For more events, visit our website at www.l5pcc.org for events, updates and blog articles. Our goal is to build community and to introduce you to the talents of our twelve resident organizations.

A BIG THANK YOU

By Betty Ridderhoff

It is a real pleasure for me to say “Thank you” to everyone who submitted articles in a timely manner.

As you know, this was a very, very short month to prepare this issue, and here it is, thanks to everyone who participated.

Also, thanks to the wonderful people who do the proofreading. They really took the ‘bull by the horns’ and got the job done a little ahead of schedule. That isn’t easy when you only have three days to do it in.

If you happen to meet up with the *Advocator* staff, **Diane Floyd**, **Joyce Sayle**, and **Randy Bailey**, be sure to tell them thanks for the wonderful work they do.

They see to it that every issue gets to the printer on time. There aren’t enough words to describe the fantastic job they all do every month.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY WILL SOON BE HERE

The final copy of the new Membership Directory for 2009-2010 went to the printer along with this issue of the *Advocator*.

There is a possibility they may be done early enough to be distributed at the July 15 IPNA meeting. If not available then, they will definitely be available at the August meeting.

You will be able to pick up copies at:

1. IPNA meetings.
2. In a trunk on the front porch at:
156 Waverly Way, or
3. In a basket hanging on the right brick column at the top of the stairs at:
167 Elizabeth St.

Now, it is time to start submitting your applications for IPNA and/or Security Membership for the next directory for 2010-2011. Tell neighbors to join also.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM July 15, 2009, TO APRIL 23, 2009			281 DAYS
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
July 15	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
July 22	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club	466 North Highland Ave. 404-688-7330
July 26	Sun.	PARENTS DAY	
July 31	Fri. 7:30 p.m.	Porch Party	74 Waddell St. 404-523-4801
Aug. 01	Sat. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net

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TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
07/14/09	Monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. at 177 Elizabeth St.	404-523-4801

JULY AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers**
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting**
- III. Announcements**
- IV. Police Officers' Reports**
- V. Elected Officials' Reports**
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports**
 - A. Treasurer:**
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures
 - B. Secretary**
 - C. President**
 - D. Planning**
 - E. Zoning:**
 - 1. Potential: Liquor license for Pur Tacqueria (License app. not submitted as of *Advocator* deadline.)
 - 2. NPU-N Report
 - fF. Public Safety**
 - G. Historic Preservation:**
 - 1. Update on proposed cell tower construction at Bass Fields
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business:**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**