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PRESIDENT'S REPORT- LETTER TO COM. JOHN OXENDINE

By Lisa Burnette

(Editor's note: On August 28 the AJC published an article titled "Oxendine Revisits East Atlanta Highway Project" (www.ajc.com/news/oxendine-revisits-east-atlanta-126528.html). In that article candidate for governor John Oxendine is said to support new transportation initiatives that are similar to the Stone Mountain Freeway project that Inman Park fought, and beat, in the 1990's. In response to that article, the following letter was written.)

September 1, 2009

Commissioner John Oxendine
Via electronic mail:
campaignmanager@johnoxendine.com

Dear Commissioner Oxendine:

I am writing on behalf of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association in intown Atlanta to express our shock and outrage at your recent proposal to revisit the building of a highway through Atlanta's neighborhoods.

Inman Park was Atlanta's first planned community and one of this nation's first garden suburbs. Developed in the late 1880s, Inman Park was conceived and occupied by turn-of-the century leaders, including such household names as Candler, Hurt, and Woodruff. Inman Park has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1973, and has been designated as one of Atlanta's protected historic districts since 2002.

Inman Park neighbors and leaders were instrumental in defeating the Stone Mountain Freeway/I-485 plan decades ago. I know many neighbors have forwarded to your office historical accounts of the defeat of this highway, and I hope you have taken the time to read them.

Even then, when many thought these neighborhoods were in ruin, it was ultimately determined that they were worth saving. Now, many of these neighborhoods are designated as protected historic districts, and all of them thriving communities and home to thousands of families.

Just like any other small town in Georgia, each of the communities you would consider tearing apart is a close-knit group of neighbors – they are raising children, volunteering, running small businesses, supporting schools and churches and the arts, among other things. There is not one such community in this state that would benefit economically from having a highway run through it, and ours is no exception.

Because this project was defeated decades ago, our neighborhoods have become the heart and soul of Atlanta. The rejuvenation of the neighborhoods led to the city's revitalization, which ultimately brings jobs, money, amenities and opportunities to the entire state.

Your proposal is disappointing in so many ways. Only one of them is the fact that your ideas for solving the state's transportation woes involve building more roads to support yet more cars. Ironically, your transit ideas would destroy parts of the intown neighborhoods, which in fact have

become part of a transit solution in and of themselves. The development and support of these city neighborhoods have made it safe, affordable, and feasible for more citizens to locate in the city, closer to their jobs. It allows more citizens to rely on mass transit and alternate means of transportation to relieve congestion on the existing highways. And the neighborhoods have helped push forward the innovative Atlanta Beltline project which is breaking ground all over the metropolitan area, and will ultimately bring much-needed light rail to get even more cars off the roads.

I leave you with this final thought: These Atlanta neighborhoods, including Inman Park, most soundly defeated this highway proposal decades ago, at a time when they had little organization and little resources. Today, we are highly organized and closely networked. We have neighbors and friends in many high places, and we have a lot of money, set aside specifically to protect ourselves against these kinds of proposals.

The Inman Park Neighborhood Association demands that you immediately retract your statements that you would consider building a Stone Mountain Freeway through intown Atlanta.

Sincerely,
Lisa Boardman Burnette
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FESTIVAL 2010

By Nick Franz, 2010 Festival Chair

Festival 2010 is scheduled for April 23-25, 2010. Mark your calendars NOW and decide how you will volunteer THIS YEAR!
The next Festival 2010 planning meeting will be on:

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn. The Festival planning meetings will all be held at the Trolley Barn at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month as follows:

November 10, 2009

December 8, 2009

January 12, 2010

February 9, 2010

March 9, 2010

April 13, 2010

Festival is our chance to raise money for our great neighborhood. Net proceeds are used for security patrol, trees, beautification, and other projects which better our community. It takes some 800 volunteers ranging from house sitters to beer vendors to maintaining the cleanliness of our streets--- whatever the job, we need all neighbors to help.

Please volunteer to help for Festival 2010. Stay tuned for monthly *Advocator* updates... and please reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Our goal is to make Festival 2010 a very successful endeavor for our neighborhood.

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AYDC) 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!

***** The AUDC has simplified application deadlines, with Type II and Type III/IV applications now due on the same date. Please note the changes below.**

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	APPLICATIONS DUE
	October 14	September 22
	October 28	October 6
	November 9	October 13

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

- **240 North Highland Ave., Suite B** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-09-138) to allow new signage – approved.
- **842 Virgil St.** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow additions and alterations to an existing structure at 842 Virgil St. – deferred to September 9 AUDC hearing.
- **769 Dixie Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-09-145) to allow a new rear addition and deck – approved with conditions.

Applications Scheduled for This Month:

- **1035 Austin Ave.** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness with Variance to allow an addition to an existing structure at 1035 Austin Ave. (heard at August IPNA meeting.).
- **842 Virgil St.** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow additions and alterations to an existing structure at 842 Virgil St. (heard at August IPNA meeting).
- **300 North Highland Ave. (Pure Taqueria)** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow new doors and other alterations and renovations.

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

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2009, IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette asked for newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Allison** and **David Ratajczak** from Albion Ave., **Jana Kovac** from Lake Ave., **Scar-lett Lyda** from Euclid Ave., and **Ridge Bryce** (a student who is doing a survey of the neighborhood).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oreon Mann** announced the Book Club selection this month will be *Alice in Wonderland*. Book Club will meet at **Jan Keith's** house, 889 Edgewood Ave., on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- Pat Westrick** announced this month's porch party will be August 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of **Bob and Kristine Sandage**, 992 Washita. **Sgt. Schierbaum** will be there to demonstrate the Security Patrol's home security assessment service. The assessment service is available to Security Patrol members.
- Nick Franz** announced the next Festival meeting will be held Sept. 8th at 7:30 p.m. at The Trolley Barn. He welcomes all volunteers!
- Megan Holder** said she is finalizing the application for a Park Pride grant for an Inman Park community garden. We will find out in September if we have secured the grant. If we do secure it, the garden could be up and running by October. Please fill out the on-line petition for this grant.
- Thom Abelew** spoke on behalf of **Cynthia Knapp** and the Off the Wall Graffiti clean-up crew. They are looking for new volunteers to join the crew. You will manage a zone for graffiti and can clean up this zone on your own schedule. This commitment is only for a few hours a month. If you are interested please contact Cynthia at knappart@mindspring.com
- Ellie Morris** reported they conducted a speed assessment on Sinclair Ave. and the street does qualify for speed bumps. She will keep us posted.
- Hannah** reported 7 Stages Theatre on Euclid Ave. is celebrating their 30th anniversary with a production of *HAIR*. They are offering discounted tickets for Inman Park residents.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Sgt. Brent Schierbaum, head of the Inman Park Security Patrol, reported on the recent success of the Courtwatch Program. Thanks to the pressure of the community and **Sharla Jackson's** efforts, the two defendants in the 2007 home invasion on DeKalb Ave. were sentenced to 30 years. He thanked everyone for their patience and also commended the officers who apprehended the suspects.

Sgt. Schierbaum also reported that **Mark Burg0ess** was back in court again. Thanks to the efforts of neighbors communicating on the Yahoo Board, we obtained a warrant for his arrest for violation of conditions of his bond. He thanked all who testified today and **Officer Welch**.

He also recounted the neighborhood and IPP efforts to apprehend a suspect in Inman Park who was caught with stolen credit cards. The suspect was already on probation for a weapons offence. A special thanks to **Sandy Hoke** and **Nancy Morrison**.

Sgt. Schierbaum also gave details on two burglaries in Inman Park – in both instances the subjects were caught. There have been lots of car break-ins on the north end of North Highland Ave. and Alta Ave. Please keep an eye out on your street; you know who should and shouldn't be here. **Lisa Burnette** remarked that we have no control over the criminals, but we've got a phenomenal system in place with the IPP.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Jay Tribby, chief of staff for **Kwanza Hall**, thanked all who participated in the Inman Park Dine-Out to benefit the Security Patrol. Over \$6,000 was raised. Please continue to contact Kwanza's office if you have a solid waste or watershed problem. Just e-mail them at khall@atlantaga.gov. This fall, for all community cleanups, Kwanza is going to be launching a sustainable green program. If you are doing a big clean-up project, contact him. Kwanza's office is very distressed that the \$30-40 million Federal dollars which were reserved for under-served communities in the City has not been spent or has been wasted. Kwanza has proposed moving this money to a revolving

loan fund before it gets taken back by the Federal government. We need to help Old Fourth Ward to get their money to improve that area. The following candidates for City Council introduced themselves:

- 1. Aaron Watson
2. Michael Julian Bond.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

HISTORIC PRESERVATION – V.P. Adam Stillman

- 1. 842 Virgil Street - Dennis Hill outlined his plans for renovation. This is a distressed property. He will replace the front porch, replace the non-historic addition and add dormers. He is not asking for any variances. This will come up on August 26 before the UDC. Chuck Clarke made a motion for us to wait until we receive the UDC report before we vote on this matter. The motion was seconded and carried.
2. 769 Dixie Ave. – Lisa Burnette asked for a motion to add this item to the agenda. The motion was made, seconded, and carried. Craig Tindall said he will apply for a Type III Application for work on the back of his house. He has already received immediate neighbors' support. Pat Westrick made a motion to support the immediate neighbors' support of his application. The motion was seconded and carried.
3. 1035 Austin Ave. – Adam Stillman is the architect so he recused himself. Former V.P. of Historic Preservation, Chuck Clarke then presented the application. Fran Levine and Brent Runnells are asking for a Type III Certificate and a variance to add a garage facing the park. The garage will be mostly hidden from view because of the design. The immediate neighbors have already voted their support of both items. They are slated for review by the UDC in September. Motions were made, seconded, and carried to accept the Type III application and the variance. Adam also reported the UDC has made some changes to their administrative processes. Please check their website for more information. Adam will also post this information on the Inman Park website as soon as possible.

TREASURER – Cameron Childress

Cameron reported the first bill for legal fees for the cell phone tower site is \$1507.50. The allocation of this money was approved at the meeting last month and comes from the legal reserve. Motions were made, approved and passed for the legal bill as well as the following expenses:

Table with 2 columns: Expense Item and Amount. Items include The Advocate (\$56.13), Security Patrol (\$18,224), IP butterfly banner and flags (\$2,100), Beautification (\$2,000), and Planning expense (traffic calming) (\$302).

Cameron reminded everyone all budget requests are due today! Nothing will be considered that comes in after next Wed-nesday at the Board Meeting.

Secretary – Stephanie McCaa

Nothing to report.

President – Lisa Burnette

Lisa reported we are taking action against the proposed cell tower. However, the matter is now an issue of attorney/client privilege so we cannot report anything in a public forum. The developers who own 670 Dekalb Ave. (also known as the Gunby Street development) have come back to IPNA for some more discussions. The Board is putting together a committee of neighbors who have dealt with this issue in the past to address these new talks.

PLANNING – V.P. Bill Goodman

Bill reported on the Inman Park survey. It is available on-line, but he also has paper copies of the survey if you prefer. He said the response has been pretty good. However, the biggest percentage of respondents are people who have been living in Inman Park five years or less. We really want to make sure we get a complete picture of the whole neighborhood demographic so please complete the survey. He also said to contact him if you have questions or concerns about any of the elements of the survey. Right now there is no concrete plan as to what will happen once the survey results are back. However, he feels, this information will help us to decide a direction. Survey deadline is OCTOBER 31.

ZONING – V.P. Amy Higgins

- 1. Pure Taqueria – the owner, Thomas Stevens, is applying for a liquor license for his new restaurant (in the former location of The Grape). The immediate neighbors gave their unanimous approval. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the liquor license application. The restaurant will open mid-October if they secure their license.
2. Luna Nueva – the owner, Babu Uddin, is applying for a liquor license. There are big concerns from immediate neighbors. The restaurant has already had three citations for selling alcohol without a license, and there are errors and omissions in the liquor license application. The immediate neighbors decided not to support the application as it is currently written for submission. Other concerns include noise and live music. The owners said they will only have acoustic music from now on. The owners also said the back door will only be used as a fire exit. Karen Goeckel also voiced her concern about garbage accumulation during the day. The owners said they share a dumpster because of cost issues but will ensure garbage will be moved to the dumpster on a regular basis. A motion was made to support the immediate neighbors support of the application if it is amended with the addition and changes the neighbors have requested. The motion was seconded and carried.
3. Savi Urban Market at 287 Elizabeth – the owners, Paul Nair, Roy Williams, and Lee Ann Smith, wanted to introduce themselves because they are applying for a liquor license next month. The plan is to sell everything from milk to wine to toothpaste. One owner described it as a mix between Dean & DeLuca, Eatsis, and Whole Foods. They will not sell cigarettes, lottery tickets or single cans of beer. All food will be organic and natural. They are interested in the possibility of being open 24/7. There will be some cooking on site, but most food will be brought in. The neighborhood will vote on the liquor license application next month.

NPU-N Report

Megan Holder reported they will be voting on the sustainable building ordinance (sustainableatlanta.org). They are trying to make the ordinances “greener” and hope this will attract businesses to Atlanta. Right now this ordinance is just for commercial buildings.

PUBLIC SAFETY – V.P. Bob Sandage

Bob congratulated everyone who participated in the Dine-Out. In order to keep this momentum going, the Public Safety committee has created a special event committee. Some future event ideas include a 5k run in November 2009 or early 2010 maybe followed by a Taste of Inman Park experience; a retail version of a dine-out; a walking tour or additional home tour; and a “Safety Dance” in January or February 2010. Bob also reported they are really examining the data about crime and the patrol for realtime tracking of the IPP impact. He reminded everyone to tell their friends and visitors about removing all items from their cars when they visit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Calming: Danny Feig-Sandoval said the City has had a \$350,000 quality-of-life bond fund since 2004. This money goes to things like traffic calming. It is just frustrating how long it has taken to get this project in motion. Work is supposed to begin in September, but we are still working on signatures on North Highland Ave. There may still be some money to do the sidewalks on Lake Ave. as well. There will also be some money in the budget for landscaping. Unfortunately, due to the budget, we have had to give up our granite curbing. The granite curbing would cost \$75,000. So concrete curbs will be installed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is September 16 at 7:30 p.m.. The budget will be published in next month’s *Advocator*. There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

COURTWATCH WORKING

Submitted by Richard Shapiro

HOME INVASION CASE:

(The following information was sent to **Richard Shapiro** by **Sharla Jackson**, Community Prosecutor, Zone 5.)

Tremaine Lovelace, 19, and **Lanorris Moore**, 21, were convicted on Monday, August 17, 2009 for a 2007 home invasion. The men were charged with Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Battery, Burglary, Criminal Damage to Property, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime. Fulton County Superior Court Judge **Kimberly Esmond Adams** sentenced the men to 30 years with 20 years to serve in prison and the balance on probation. The facts are as follows:

On August 25, 2007, several couples were celebrating at a house warming party in Inman Park when the party was suddenly interrupted by gunfire. One bullet entered the home and caused the party participants to scatter for safety inside the home. The defendants then stormed into the home firing additional shots.

The victims had to leap to safety from the second floor balcony. Several of the victims sustained serious injuries including cuts, bruises, and broken bones. One victim suffered a broken jaw and lost most of her front teeth from the impact of her jump. The defendants fled the scene on foot and were spotted at a nearby Marta Station. Tremaine Lovelace was apprehended there. Lanorris Moore was captured shortly thereafter following a brief chase. Authorities recovered guns, wallets belonging to two of the victims, and a bag containing several more rounds of ammunition in a trashcan at the Marta station. Nearly forty shell casings were recovered from the scene of the home invasion.

The court hearing was well attended by members of the Inman Park Community. The victims were encouraged by their support and presence in the court.

An excellent police investigation by **Officers Gurley, Scandrlick, Murphy, and Ruben** made a successful prosecution in this case possible.

WILLIAMS MURDER TRIAL:

As of now, the Williams murder trial is set for Sept 14. More specifics will be published when they become available.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES
By Bob Sandage, V.P. of Public Safety

Sitting here in my hotel room in Korea, I am trying to think of a cute title for this article as my predecessor **Bill Hagan** undoubtedly would have. Oh well, have to settle for a generic title this month.

It may seem somewhat selfish, but here is how I personally categorize crimes in Inman Park as it relates to my IPNA position:

1. If the crime did happen or were to have happened at 3:00 a.m., is it one in which I would be getting called by **Sgt. Schierbaum**? These are the worst kind of crimes that I pray never happen on my or anyone else's watch as V.P. of Public Safety – aggravated assaults, murder, rape, etc.
2. Crimes that Sgt. Schierbaum will call me right away during daytime hours, but let it wait until normal waking hours if it happens during the night. These are serious crimes by all means – robberies, home break-ins, and assaults (all without guns or injuries).
3. Petty crimes such as theft and auto break-ins that I get an update from Sgt. Schierbaum about once per week. These are crimes that are (a) largely preventable with the right preemptive measures by the victim, and (b) are largely unsolvable without some trace evidence being left.

Two things can be said for the last month, (a) there haven't been any 3:00 a.m. call type crimes, which is good, but (b) serious and especially petty crimes are still at unacceptable levels. There is not much doubt that the Inman Park Security Patrol and increased neighbor awareness have lessened all three categories of crime, but we still have a lot of work to do in these areas, especially in the area of property thefts from vehicles – the majority of which are preventable.

If we could afford several patrol cars 24/7 in Inman Park, would it reduce crime? Quite likely yes. Would it eliminate crime? Almost surely not. We need to strike a balance, i.e. make a positive impact on crime while not going completely broke, and try to continue to empower and encourage our surrounding neighbors to become more secure. There have been several comments on the Yahoo group that we need to have change at the City level and/or programs to discourage people from entering a life of crime. No single idea is going to solve our problem, so we must be patient in combining all of our good ideas and monitoring our progress. To the latter point, we have begun a Data / Statistics Committee within Public Safety, for which John Hines will be spearheading efforts to both provide data for monitoring the progress of our program and providing feedback to the City of Atlanta.

We also want to have fun with our new efforts in Public Safety. The Dine Out from late July is a perfect example, and we look to continue the efforts with formation of our Events Committee within Public Safety. The committee is actively planning a 5K run for either November or January/February, and hopes to combine the race with other fun events on that day such as bands, a "Taste of Inman Park" for restaurants to show off their fare, and heavy promotion of retail businesses in Inman Park for that day.

As always, please let me know if you have suggestions, comments, or complaints, and stay safe!

INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2009

By Kris Dwyer

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 in this great place, be aware and use this information to change your behavior so we can all be safe.

"Theft from Auto" means that an otherwise wonderful Inman Parker or visitor left valuable or valuable-looking merchandise in his or her car. Along comes a criminal... and... smash goes the car window... and GONE goes that valuable merchandise. You name it --- GPS, iPods, laptops, cell phones, cash, digital cameras, luggage, clothes, even a DIAMOND ring were all stolen from us this month. This type of crime is so preventable! *STOP leaving stuff in your car!*

You'll notice we had some robberies as well. The 8/11 robbery was two women eating dinner al fresco at one of our neighborhood restaurants! We need to be extra careful --- be aware of your surroundings and of people around you. If "something doesn't feel right", pay attention to your intuition and stay safe, even if you feel a little silly.

By far, the easiest way to get involved is to JOIN the INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL! Go to: www.inmanpark.org, click on "Public Safety" for more info and to join or renew. The "Gold" level of sponsorship, \$300 a year, works out to less than \$6 a week --- a real bargain!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
7/24	Unknown	Burglary	700 Block Dixie Ave.	Stolen: Ladder and 2 bikes stolen from shed.
7/26	Overnight	Auto Theft	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Stolen: 2000 Red Dodge Caravan.
7/26	Noon - 6:00 p.m.	Larceny	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Stolen: Wallet stolen while dining at restaurant.
7/27	7:45 p.m.	Auto Theft <i>Recovery</i>	400 Block Seminole Ave.	2000 Red Dodge Caravan recovered.
7/27	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Alta Ave.	Stolen: GPS, iPod, and digital camera.
7/27	10:30 p.m.	Robbery	1000 Block Colquitt Ave.	Two men were robbed. Thieves forced victims to take their shorts off. Stolen: Cell phone, MP3, and credit card.
7/28	10:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1200 Block Euclid Ave.	Stolen: GPS.
7/28	Afternoon	Theft from Auto	400 Block Moreland Ave.	Stolen: Briefcase.
7/28	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Smashed window, nothing taken.

7/28	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block N. Highland Ave.	Nothing taken.
7/28	7:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Alta Ave.	Stolen: iPod and digital camera.
7/29	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Moreland Ave.	Stolen: Laptop and leather bag.
7/29	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Stolen: Backpack, 2 laptops, iPod, hard drive, digital camera and bag.
7/29	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block N. Highland Ave.	Stolen: Disc jockey equipment.
7/30	Overnight	Auto Theft	900 Block Waverly Way	Stolen: Red Pontiac.
7/31	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	Atlantis Ave.	Stolen: Cell phone and GPS.
8/1	11:00 a.m.	Larceny	700 Block Edgewood Ave..	Stolen: Bike stolen from yard sale.
8/2	Noon	Theft from Auto	Inman Mews Drive	Stolen: Wallet, diamond ring, cash, credit card .
8/3	Overnight	Theft from Auto	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Stolen: Stereo faceplate and CDs.
8/3	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block N. Highland Ave.	Stolen: Bag, laptop, GPS, I-Phone, iPod. Two suspects arrested.
8/3	4:00 p.m. - Midnight	Theft from Auto	Copenhill Ave.	Stolen: GPS, MP3, and watch.
8/5	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block N. Highland Ave.	Stolen: Clothing..
8/6	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Stolen: Laptop.
8/7	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Delta Place	Stolen: Cell phone and \$400 change.
8/7	Overnight	Theft from Auto	700 Block Dixie Ave.	Nothing stolen
8/8	4:00 p.m. - Midnight	Auto Theft	1100 Block Colquitt Ave.	Stolen: Silver Toyota.
8/9	Midnight - 4:00 a.m.	Pedestrian Robbery	1100 Block Colquit Ave.t	Man and woman were robbed. Stolen: Wallet and purse. Thieves were 3 black men in a white Volvo.
8/10	4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Sinclair Ave.	Stolen: 2 laptops, books, papers, and phone.
8/11	Overnight	Larceny	1100 Block Colquitt Ave.	Stolen: Bike stolen
8/11	10:00 p.m.	Robbery	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	3 black males approached two women sitting outside eating. They asked for cigarettes, then grabbed their purses.
8/13	11:00 p.m. - 12 Midnight	Theft from Auto	Bernina Ave.	Stolen: Wallet.
8/13	Overnight	Theft from Auto	700 Block Dixie Ave.	Stolen: Bag of clothes.
8/14	Noon - 7:00 p.m.	Auto Theft	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Stolen: Rough Rider scooter.
8/14	10:00 p.m.	Burglary	Battery Place	Victim found suspect in his garage walking around his vehicle. Suspect dropped the keys and fled. Suspect had stolen pistol from the house.
8/14	Unknown	Burglary	1100 Block Euclid Ave..	Stolen: Furniture, handgun, clothes, plasma TV, DVDs, and passport.
8/15	Noon - 3:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Stolen: Two laptops, digital camera, GPS, and HDD.

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.

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INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL AUGUST 2009 ACTIVITY REPORT

By Sgt. Brent Schierbaum

Directed Patrols	392	Parking Complaint	3	Abandoned Auto	1
Drop Ins / Park and Walks	257	Automobile Accident	2	Illegal Drug Use	1
Suspicious Persons ⁰	30	Criminal Trespass	2	Gun Shots Fired	1
Alarm Calls	14	Criminal Trespass	2	Field Interviews	14
Street / Sidewalk Obstruction	9	Burglary	2	Association Member Contacts	24
Suspicious Vehicles	6	Prowler	2	Vehicle Impounds	1
Information for Police	6	Open Window / Door	2	Arrests	5
Disturbance / Fight	5	Wanted Person	2	1	Wanted on Warrant (Charge: Assault - Issued by Fulton County)
Noise Complaint	5	Disorderly Children	2	1	Use of Park After
Theft: 3	3	Child Locked In Vehicle	1	1	Driving While License Suspended
Traffic Violation	3	Intoxicated Person	1	1	Wanted on Warrant (Charge: Pimping - Issued by Gwinnett County)
Officer Needs Assistance	3	Person Struck by Car	1	1	Financial Transaction Card Theft / Fraud (17 Felony Counts)

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

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

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814 Virgil Ave.

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JANUARY 27, 2010

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877 Edgewood Ave.

For Information: 404-688-7330

INMAN PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN AT FREEDOM PARK

By Megan Holder and Nick Franz
Committee Co-Chairs

There has been a lot of activity related to the development of a community garden in Inman Park over the last several weeks. We submitted an initial application to Park Pride in connection with their "Win a Community Garden" campaign. Park Pride will ultimately award five community gardens to the lucky winners. Such awards consist of assistance with site development and planning, supplies to construct planting areas, labor to help with all start-up activities, and seeds for planting. All told, the sum of the "award" is valued at \$4,000. The most attractive piece of the award, however, is an initial 5 year lease on a site with renewal options available at no cost to a neighborhood. We selected a site on Hurt Street near the Euclid intersection (almost directly in between the Marta parking lot and Euclid) that has lots of sunlight, is flat and has easy access. We also have two "back up" plots in the event Park Pride or the City of Atlanta voice any issues with our preferred site.

We understand there were 19 initial applicants and we were informed a couple of weeks ago the Inman Park Community Garden at Freedom Park was one of 11 finalists vying for one of the five awards. We submitted our final application to Park Pride and are now waiting to see if we will be awarded one of the slots. Park Pride's decision is expected in September. If this decision does not go our way we will go back to the drawing board and sort out other options.

So, be on the lookout for further news...and please let us know if you have any interest in helping out on the Committee or if you are interested in a plot. If we are selected by Park Pride there will be a lot of work to do in the next few months!

Thanks to all our Committee members for their hard work in connection with the Park Pride application process and their energy and ideas.

BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2009-2010

By Cameron Childress

This year was a very successful Festival year. We made \$95,000 more than projected, and based on the number of budget requests, this fact was not lost on anyone in the neighborhood. In late August the IPNA Board held a lengthy meeting to carefully consider each and every request, followed by another week of deliberation via e-mail. The following page contains the product of those discussions, the proposed 2009-2010 IPNA Budget.

The following proposed budget includes significant increases in both spending and income. I've outlined the more significant line items in the summary below. You will have an opportunity to voice your opinion on this budget at the September IPNA meeting. We will vote to approve a final budget at the October IPNA meeting. Thanks again for your help during this process!

Advocator

Propose a spending increase of \$6,000 from \$18,000 (08-09) to \$24,000 (09-10). This increase supports additional distribution of the *Advocator* to neighbors in the newer Inman Park Village area. This proposed cost is based on the average monthly cost of printing the *Advocator* during the current (08-09) fiscal year.

Website

Propose a spending decrease of \$5,500 from \$7,500 (08-09) to \$2,000 (09-10). A website vendor has been selected and this cost reflects the annual cost of running the website, plus a small margin for incidental costs.

Public Safety

Propose an increase income of \$52,000 from \$73,000 (08-09) to \$125,000 (09-10). Also propose increase in expenses of \$60,000 from \$103,630 (08-09) to \$163,800 (09-10). This funds Security Patrol to a level which will allow an average of 10 hours/day coverage.

Although Security Patrol is largely self sustaining, these numbers do effectively include an IPNA contribution to Security Patrol of roughly \$40,000 (09-10) compared to \$30,000 (08-09) in the last budget. \$10,000 of this amount is designated to procure a replacement vehicle for the aging and occasionally broken down IPP car.

Springvale Park

Propose to keeping the general upkeep of Springvale Park the same at \$12,500 (08-09 & 09-10). This year, we also propose funding a Visioning Plan at the cost of \$15,000 (09-10). The Visioning Plan, which would cover both the developed North side and the undeveloped South side of the park, would be conducted in cooperation with Park Pride and represents the first step in a multi-year effort to revitalize this key piece of public land in Inman Park.

Traffic Calming Execution

Propose an increase of \$2,805 from \$24,655 (08-09) to \$27,460 (09-10) to complete initial landscaping of new traffic islands and bulb-outs. Once this initial landscaping is complete, it is our expectation that this expense would fall under general landscaping budget in 2010-2011 budget.

Archive Development

Propose additional \$1,000 to fund an effort to organize and develop the IPNA Archives in the Trolley Barn. After this archival effort is adequately staffed and planned, part of the archives project may include acquiring several historic 40s era "Sanborn maps" of Inman Park, which are currently stored on microfiche in Atlanta city archives.

Historic 4th Ward Conservancy

Propose a \$1,000 contribution to the Historic 4th Ward Conservancy.

Little 5 Points Community Center

Propose a \$1,000 contribution to the L5P Community Center to help fund ongoing infrastructure, accessibility, and sustainable design issues.

Tree Watch

Propose continued contribution of \$15,000 (08-09 & 09-10). This is unchanged from last year.

Community Garden

Propose funding startup costs of \$6,500 (09-10). This cost is intended to cover initial signage, construction, and utility (water) hookup. This is not intended to fund ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the garden.

Education

Propose \$3,000 contribution to Inman Middle School and the Public Library on Ponce (\$1,500 each). In response to a specific request from Mary Lin Elementary, we propose a \$2,800 contribution to Mary Lin to fund purchase of one "Promethean Board", an interactive whiteboard for use in a 5th grade classroom. We have received no budget requests from Grady High School, and the 08-09 budget for Grady remains unspent since it has gone unclaimed.

Interest Income

Due to overall economic conditions and related lower Interest rates, interest income is projected to be down by at least \$3,500 from \$6,500 (08-09) to \$3,000 (09-10).

Reserves

The reserves consist of two parts, a Restricted General Reserve in case of a bad Festival year and a Legal Reserve which is kept in case of potential legal expenses or entanglement. We propose that the General Restricted Reserve remain unchanged at \$50,000 (08-09 & 09-10), and that the Legal Reserve be increased by \$30,000 from \$20,000 (08-09) to \$50,000 (09-10). This brings the total combined Restricted General Reserve and Legal Reserves to \$100,000 (09-10).

In the 08-09 budget, the Board reduced the Legal Reserve from \$50,000 (07-08) to \$30,000 (08-09) because there did not appear to be any issues going on that related to our zoning, historic regulations or the likewise, but this year there are some issues potentially on the horizon and it may be prudent to go back to prior 07-08 levels so we are prepared.

Note: The Restricted General Reserve can be found at the bottom of the proposed budget, the Legal Reserve is located in the President's section.

SAVE THE DATE:

Inman Park Neighborhood Association Holiday Party
Saturday, December 5, 2009 • 8:00 p.m. to midnight
Entertainment by The Junior League

The Holiday Party is invitation-only for IPNA members (in good standing) and their guests.
Questions? Want to Help? Call **Ray Harbour** 404 547 7111

FALL IN THE 4TH Intown Neighborhood Celebrates First BeltLine Park with Festival

Submitted by Holly Mull

The first annual "Fall in the 4th Festival" presented by Aaron's will take place in the Old Fourth Ward neighborhood on **Saturday, September 26, from noon until 7:00 p.m.** The festival includes live entertainment, an artists' market (including 40 local artists), improv comedy sketches, food and beverage from neighborhood restaurants, and children's activities. Admission is \$5 for adults and children under 12 are free.

The inaugural event will take place in the upper and lower parking lots of the Southern Dairies complex, located at the corner of Glen Iris Drive and North Avenue. In 2010, Fall in the 4th will be held on the grounds of the Historic Fourth Ward Park (H4WP), which is in its first phase of construction. The new park will transform a 35-acre site between North Avenue and Ralph McGill Blvd. from mostly surface parking lots into abundant green space, including a terraced lawn, amphitheater, picnic pavilion, and boardwalk around the pond. Proceeds from Fall in the 4th will benefit the Historic Old Fourth Ward Park Conservancy, whose mission is to develop,

enhance, and maintain the Historic Fourth Ward Park for the benefit of the citizens of Atlanta and its many visitors. It is the first new Atlanta BeltLine park. The first phase of construction, consisting of a storm water detention pond which will become the central amenity of the larger park, broke ground on October 15, 2008. Physical construction will begin this summer.

Fall in the 4th presented by Aaron's is sponsored by Majic 107.5, 99X, *Atlanta Intown*, Continental Wingate, Karlsson's Gold, *The Sunday Paper*, 4th & Swift, 660, Alta Old Fourth Ward Apartments, *Atlanta's Finest Dining*, Atlanta Medical Center, Georgia Power, Mindzai Creative, P'cheen, Perennial Properties, Whynatte, Broadview, Edgewood Corner Tavern, Massage Envy, Mclain & Merritt, SunTrust Mortgage and West Architecture.

For further information, visit www.fallinthe4th.com or call 404-577-4212.

COME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC IN SPRINGVALE PARK SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

By Karen Goeckel

Park Pride is a non-profit organization founded in 1989 dedicated to improving Atlanta's park system by working with a coalition of park advocates to persuade elected officials to make a tangible commitment to our parks and playgrounds. This year, for Park Pride's 20th anniversary, they are organizing the 20/20 Neighborhood picnics featuring, you guessed it, 20 picnics in 20 different neighborhood parks.

As one of the 20 parks invited to participate, Inman's Park Springvale Park will host a picnic on Saturday, September 26, beginning at 11:00 a.m. This event is an important opportunity to come out in large numbers to demonstrate our community's commitment to and love for our parks and playgrounds.

Additionally, this event is an informal kickoff of a long-term, sustainable plan for upgrades and improvements to our neighborhood playgrounds, in addition to a Visioning Project for Springvale Park.

The picnic is from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and all neighbors of all ages are welcome. Come out and join us! There will be music by neighborhood musicians, food, games with prizes for the kids, and a cakewalk featuring delicious neighborhood-made baked goods and more.

Bring a picnic lunch, and Park Pride will supply water and sodas. There will also be food and sweets available for a small donation. Bring your kids, bring your friends, bring your friends' kids – this is not an event just for the neighborhood, but for anyone who wants to join us in helping Park Pride celebrate their twentieth anniversary and show the City we are here fighting for our parks and playgrounds.

Balloon animals will start around 11:00 a.m., and games for the kids (with fabulous prizes) will follow at noon. And, you do not want to miss the cakewalk, which will begin at 12:30 p.m. and last until we have given the last cake away. A neighborhood jam session will close out the event, so bring your instrument or your singing voice.

If you have any questions or would like to help at this event, please contact: tracy.steen@gmail.com or karen.goeckel@comcast.net.

While not required for participation but to help ensure adequate supplies are on hand, please try to RSVP by Wednesday, September 23: <http://neighborhoodpicnic.kintera.org/springvalepark>.

LITTLE 5 POINTS ('L5P') HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL & PARADE – OCT 16 & 17

9th Annual Event Hosted by the Little 5 Points Business Association

Submitted by Holly Mull

Award-Winning Festival Features Atlanta's Best Halloween Street Parade

What is Halloween in Atlanta without the annual Little 5 Points Halloween Festival & Parade? This annual event is fast becoming Atlanta's favorite Halloween tradition and returns this year with old festival favorites and new highlights. The festival opens 5pm until 10pm, Friday, October 16, featuring live music, street entertainment, outdoor beverage vendors and Little 5 Points restaurant and retail promotions. On Saturday, October 17, the festival opens at 12 noon until 10pm with live music and street entertainers in Findley Plaza, a children's area featuring pumpkin decorating, a Halloween costume contest, outdoor beverage vendors, and the festival highlight - - the not-to-be-missed Halloween street parade, starting at

4pm. The festival is free and open to the public and is located in and around Findley Plaza at the intersection of Moreland and Euclid Avenues. For more information call 404-577-4212 or visit www.L5Phalloween.com.

Festival sponsors are Budweiser Select, Project 96.1, Atlanta Intown, Creative Loafing, Piedmont Review, Monster Energy Drink, Neighborhood Commercial Redevelopment, Sprint, Front Page News, Jagermeister, Little 5 Corner Tavern, Tijuana Garage, BOND Credit Union, Coyote Trading Company, El Myr, Euclid Avenue Yacht Club, Highland Bakery, Holy Mother Tattoo, Intown Business Center, Java Lords, Johnny's Pizza, Little 5 Points Pizza, Little Five Points Liquor, North Highland Steel Lofts, Stefan's, and The Albert.

GOOD MOVES NEWS

By Carolyn McLaughlin

It has been a great beginning to the 2009/2010 Season for Good Moves.

The Consort started our 14 week rehearsal period before the fall repertory concert which is the week before Thanksgiving at 7 Stages. This year's concert is entitled "Until We Dance Again". The show will feature four graduating seniors including **Ben Dobbmeyer**. It will also have a premier of a work by Consort alumna, **Sarah Konner**, entitled "How I Know I'm Here". There will also be reconstruction of "Once A Daughter," by Director **Annette Lewis**. I will have the pleasure of dancing this with my daughter, **Margot**. I am certain this year's performance will be exceptional and I urge you to put November 21 and 22 on your calendar.

Ed Source, our non-profit dance school, began classes on August 18 and is still accepting students. Ed Source has classes for ages 3+ in Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet, Modern, Athletic Movement for Boys and Tween & Teen Movement for youth and Stretch, Ballet and Boogie and Morning Movement for Adults. Benefits of this program are a great location (just down the street), reasonable tuition, small class sizes and professional instruction.

A big thank you to everyone who came to dinner before the IPNA Meeting on August 19! The dancers raised \$350 to help pay for their summer study in 2010. I hope you will join us on October 21 for our second dinner. Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. and the suggested donation remains \$10 for adults and \$4 for children.

As always, we are available to you via the web at www.goodmoves.org, email goodmoves@mindspring.com and by phone 404-518-1646.

THE SURVEY ROLLS ON...

By Bill Goodman

We are one month into the neighborhood survey and I wanted to thank everyone who has taken the time to complete it and to leave comments. The comments have been especially helpful!

We've had a great participation rate with the majority of those who have completed the survey living here less than 5 years. The more residents who complete the survey, the better our sampling of the neighborhood, so if you haven't had a chance to log on, please take a moment to do so: <http://www.inmanpark.org/survey>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or want a paper copy of the survey, please feel free to contact me at: bill-goodman@comcast.net

BSIP (BUSY, SUCCESSFUL INMAN PARKER) SEEKING RFP (REAL FINANCIAL PEACE)....

By Kris Dwyer

You may have heard about **Financial Peace University** being offered in our neighborhood and thought it was not the program for you. I'm here to say it's a really great, comprehensive, financial-planning-oriented, and quite a sophisticated program that goes way beyond my expectations (which I have to say were largely formed by seeing occasional **Dave Ramsey** billboards!). This program is a very effective (and *very private*) way to either rescue yourself financially or fine-tune your financial stability.

Before you pass on this opportunity, here are some questions I encourage you to ask yourself:

1. Am I completely satisfied with how I deal with money and my assumptions and habits in my financial life?
2. Could my spouse and I communicate better around money and make more enthusiastic joint financial decisions? (We all know the answer is "yes"!)
3. What in the world am I really teaching my children about money?
4. Am I satisfied that all the time/energy/effort that goes into my making money is equal to all the time/energy/effort that goes into my spending and managing money?
5. Why in the heck is money such a hard topic to handle?

Financial Peace University is a 13-week life-changing process that not only teaches you about money, but gives you a very easy framework to keep the success going. You will benefit whether you are living paycheck-to-paycheck or you are trying to figure out how to retire.

We start on Monday night, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Inman Park United Methodist Church at 1015 Edgewood Ave. The cost is a discounted \$93 if you register through our Church (call the Church at 404-522-9322 or call **Kris Dwyer** at 678-488-6501) or \$129 if you register online at www.daveramsey.com. Come and join us!

IMAGINE YOURSELF DEBT FREE!

A video-driven class by best-selling author and radio host Dave Ramsey teaching people to manage their money, beat debt and build wealth.

This program is for YOU if...

- **Your credit cards are your emergency fund.**
- **Your dog responds to the name "Ebay."**
- **You'd have to sell your house to put your kids through college.**
- Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds are friends you haven't met yet.

Information Meeting: Monday, Sept. 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Class begins Monday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Registration and info call **Kris Dwyer** at 678-488-6501

Or go to www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home

Inman Park United Methodist Church
1015 Edgewood Avenue Atlanta

404-522-9322

INMAN PARK RESTAURANT WEEK!

Submitted by Holly Mull

Dine and Shop in Inman Park September 21-27, 2009

Inman Park's celebrated chefs are cooking up an event that is sure to whet the tastebuds: INMAN PARK RESTAURANT WEEK SEPTEMBER 21-27. Atlantans are invited to dig into a three-course meal at one of 12 award-winning restaurants and pubs. For seven days only, the following restaurants will offer a three-course meal at a great price:

Pure Taqueria, Sauced, and The Albert for \$15;

Fritti, Parish Foods & Goods, Park's Edge, Rathbun's, Shaun's, Sotto Sotto, Wisteria, and Zaya Mediterranean Cuisine for \$25; and Kevin Rathbun Steak for \$35. The prices exclude alcohol, tax and gratuity. No tickets are needed, but reservations are suggested.

Since the revitalization of Inman Park began nearly forty years ago, this historic neighborhood has become home to some of the best recognized and award-winning restaurants in the City including Rathbun's, Shaun's, Sotto Sotto, and Wisteria. Inman Park continues to attract top eateries with Park's Edge opening its doors just a year ago and two new restaurants opening this fall— Pure Taqueria on North Highland Ave. and Sauced located on Edgewood Ave.. Inman Park retail businesses also participating include At The Collective, Halls of Fine Wines, and Intown Business Center.

Inman Park Restaurant Week is sponsored by the Inman Park Restaurant Association. View the menus online and make reservations now at the restaurant of your choice at www.inmanparkrestaurantweek.com.

TREES ATLANTA 10TH ANNUAL TREE SALE

By Bethany Clark

The 10th Annual Tree Sale on the 10th of October! Triple tens.

The sale, located this year at Trees Atlanta's headquarters (225 Chester Avenue, 30316, in Reynoldstown), will feature over 1,000 native and unusual trees and plants. Inman Park neighbors will love the aesthetic and energy-saving benefits their new trees will provide year after year. In celebration of the sale's 10th anniversary, Trees Atlanta will offer more species and varieties of trees, shrubs, and forest-safe vines than we ever have before.

Special trees to look for include swamp chestnut oak, walnut, yellow-berried American holly, contorted weeping redbud, weeping bald cypress, dwarf bald cypress, and paw paw, to name a few. Non-invasive, unusual, and exotic tree and plant varieties include camellia, dawn redwood, ginkgo (including 15-gallon 'Princeton Sentry'), and a variety of columnar parrotia. Trees Atlanta donors of \$500 or more are invited to attend a preview shopping night the evening before the Tree Sale. EVERYONE is invited to the new Trees Atlanta headquarters on October 10 for the best tree sale of the decade!

Event Date: October 10th, 2009

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: New location!
Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center
225 Chester Ave.
Atlanta, 30316

Contact: Greg Levine

Phone: 404-681-4903

Website: <http://treesatlanta.org/>

Cost: Free entrance, just pay for your trees.

Program Assistant

Trees Atlanta
225 Chester Ave
Atlanta, GA 30316

404-681-4898

Bethany@treesatlanta.org

Trees Atlanta is a nationally recognized citizens group that protects and improves Atlanta's urban forest by planting, conserving and educating. For more information about Trees Atlanta or the 10th Annual Trees Atlanta Tree Sale, visit www.treesatlanta.org or call 404-522-4097.



Mary Lin Elementary is a vital part of our neighborhood. Anyone will tell you that a quality school system is a major draw for any neighborhood. Once considered an average school, Mary Lin is now recognized as one of the best elementary schools in the state, having received the Silver Award for Highest Performance on the Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) in 2008 by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement and the Georgia Department of Education. An excellent school helps create a popular neighborhood, which leads to better businesses in our community and increased home values for everyone.

The Mary Lin Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, helps provide our school with instructional, physical and technological opportunities for the enrichment of all students. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!** Your donations – even if you don't have a child at Mary Lin – helps build a stronger school that gets better every year. **OUR GOAL FOR THIS YEAR'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS \$20,000.** Any amount you donate will make a difference.

With this money we will provide:

- Promethean ActivBoard technology in the classrooms
These interactive whiteboards bring the traditional blackboard of yesteryear to life!
- Teacher training in current best educational practices

So why isn't this provided by the Atlanta Public School System (APS)? APS does aim for all schools to have the best, but that can be challenging due to budget constraints and time demands. We realize education shouldn't wait when resources are available--improvements are most effective when implemented early. Shouldn't our goal as a community be to have all future Mary Lin students attend a high-quality, progressive local school with great resources?

Please visit www.marylinfooundation.org to support this campaign online or fill out and return the form below~

CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION--all contributions are tax deductible

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

[] \$25 [] \$50 [] \$100 [] \$200 [] Other _____

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: Does your employer match donations? YES / NO

If yes, please enclose a signed Matching Donation Form from your employer.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

[] Check Enclosed. Please make check payable to the *Mary Lin Education Foundation*.

[] Bill my Credit Card. Card Type: [] Visa [] Mastercard [] American Express [] Discover

Account Number: _____ CVV Code: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Please mail completed form and payment to:

Mary Lin Education Foundation
586 Candler Park Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

For more information, please visit www.marylinfooundation.org or send an email to foundation@marylinelementary.com

Fall Fest 2009 HAPPY CENTENNIAL CANDLER PARK!

By Diane Floyd

Inside Candler Park at the corner of McClendon Avenue and Candler Park Drive
Saturday, Oct. 10,
11 AM - 8 PM
Sunday, Oct. 11,
noon - 8 PM

Highlights include:

- “The Great Atlanta Mayoral Candidates’ Proclamation Throwdown,”
 - Artists Market with more than 100 booths,
- Candler Park Tour of Homes (Sunday, noon-6 PM) featuring eight homes,
 - FallFest 5K (Sat. At 9 AM)
 - Lots of great music
 - Free Kid’s Fun

More information at: www.CandlerParkFallFest.org

ATLANTA HISTORY BIKE TOUR

By Mary White

Looking for a great idea for your next out of town visitors? Suggest an Atlanta Historic Bike Tour. The ride is done at a good pace for most people even if you haven’t ridden for a while. This is a great way to take in the sights and sounds of our wonderful area which is much more interesting done on a bike. We covered 15 miles and it took about 3 hours. Our tour started at StudioPlex and included some interesting and historic hot spots in our area which include the historic and lovely Inman Park Neighborhood, then the experience of riding a bike through the Krog tunnel, cruising the streets of colorful CabbageTown, and stopping in Grant Park, the Oakland Cemetery, the Carter Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Center, Sweet Auburn, the Ellis Hotel, The Prado, and Piedmont Park etc. With each area some history and interesting tidbits are given from our knowledgeable guide.

This was an excellent general overview of our area and can help someone not familiar with the area to get orientated. My house-guest really enjoyed it. I learned a few things along the way as well. **Robin, Mike, Blake, and Pam** were fantastic. They have nice bikes and helmets for your guests to use or you can take your own bike as I did. We wound the day down with almost the entire group at Parish’s downstairs market sitting at the big community table. This was a great ending to a great day.

Atlanta Historic Bike Tours –404 524-1921

website: biketoursatl.com

StudioPlex – Auburn Ave.

LET'S ALL HAVE A BALL!

By Susan Schlittler

The Morningside/Lenox Park Association presents its fall gala, the 2009 Monumental Ball, Friday, October 16, 7:00-11:00 p.m., at beautiful Magnolia Hall in Piedmont Park. Tickets are \$45 until September 15, and \$50 after that date. For more information, visit www.monumentalball.org. Or phone 404-874-6357 ext. 424.

The Monumental Ball raises money to restore and repair the historic Ivey and Crook monuments that grace Morningside and Lenox Park. Proceeds from the cash bar benefit Piedmont Park Conservancy.

Guests will enjoy a delectable buffet prepared by Affairs to Remember. And they’ll dance to the music of the popular band KINGSIZED. Black tie is optional. Costumes are encouraged.

Ivey and Crook was a well-known Atlanta architectural firm from 1923-1967. The firm created the classical brick pillars topped by urns that mark major streets in the Morningside/Lenox Park neighborhood.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

220 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Sept. 15	Tues.	FILL OUT PLANNING SURVEY TODAY		
Sept. 16	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting		1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Sept. 17	Thurs.			
Sept. 18	Fri.			
Sept. 19	Sat.	Rosh Hashanah		
Sept. 20	Sun.			
Sept. 21	Mon. 9/21 through Sun. 9/27	Inman Park Restaurant Week Begins	19	The Albert, Fritti, Kevin Rath bun Steak, Parish, Park's Edge, Pure Taqueria, Rathbun's, Sauced, Shaun's, Sotto Sotto, Wisteria, Zaya
Sept. 22	Tues.	Autumn Begins		
Sept. 23	Wed. →	R.S.V.P Deadline for neighborhood picnic.	15	
	7 p.m.	Book Club	11	337 Drexel Ave., Decatur 404-688-7330
Sept. 24	Thurs. 6:30 p.m.	Inman Park Small Business Networking Club		914 A Austin Ave. 678-469-8521
Sept. 25	Fri. 7:30 p.m.	Porch Party	17	877 Edgewood Ave. 404-523-4801
Sept. 26	Sat. Noon-7 p.m.	"Fall in the 4 th " Festival	14	Corner of Glen Iris & North Avenue
	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Park Pride Neighborhood Picnic	15	Springvale Park
Sept. 27	Sun.			
Sept. 28	Mon. 7 p.m.	Financial Peace University (Info Meeting)	18	Inman Park United Methodist Church
		Yom Kippur		
Sept. 29	Tues.			
Sept. 30	Wed.			
Oct. 01	Thurs. 10 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE		e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Oct. 02	Fri.			
Oct. 03	Sat.			
Oct. 04	Sun.			
Oct. 05	Mon. 7 p.m.	Financial Peace University Class	18	Inman Park United Methodist Church
Oct. 06	Tues.			
Oct. 07	Wed.			
Oct. 08	Thurs. 7:30 p.m.	Tree Watch Committee Meeting		177 Elizabeth St. 404-523-4801
	7 p.m.	Inman Park Business Association		The Albert 918 Austin Ave. 404-259-9147
Oct. 09	Fri.			
Oct. 10	Sat. 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Trees Atlanta 10 th Annual Tree Sale	21	Trees Atlanta 225 Chester Ave.
	11 a.m.-8 p.m.	Candler Park Fall Fest	21	McClendon Ave. and Candler Park Dr.
Oct. 11	Sun. Noon-8 p.m.	Candler Park Fall Fest	21	McClendon Ave. and Candler Park Dr.
Oct. 12	Mon.			
Oct. 13	Tues. 7:30 p.m.	2010 Festival Planning Meeting	1	Trolley Barn 404-578-7028
Oct. 14	Wed.			
Oct. 15	Thurs.			
Oct. 16	Fri. 5 p.m.-11 p.m.	Monumental Ball	23	Magnolia Hall - Piedmont Park
Oct. 16	Fri. 5 p.m.-10 p.m.	LSP Halloween Festival	16	Findley Plaza in Little 5 Points
Oct. 17	Sat. Noon-10 p.m.	LSP Halloween Festival, Parade at 4:00 p.m	16	Findley Plaza in Little 5 Points

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SEPTEMBER AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers**
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting**
- III. Announcements**
- IV. Police Officers' Reports**
- V. Elected Officials' Reports**
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