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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

I am writing this on the morning after a lovely Halloween evening in Inman Park (and thus on the last day of the *Advocator* deadline – *oops! Sorry Betty!*).

What a fun evening it was! I don't think I've ever seen so many trick-or-treaters on our streets, or more houses decked ALL out for our enjoyment. A new neighbor posted an inquiry on the Yahoo group last week, asking how much candy they should get and how many kids they could expect. Responses came from people on streets all across the neighborhood letting them know they were going to need a LOT of candy, and to expect to run out no matter how much they bought.

I know I promised some history lessons, so here is one from my short history in this neighborhood. When I moved here in 1995, we bought a bag of candy for Halloween and patiently waited by the door. We were disappointed not to have ONE caller.

I don't think I am exaggerating to say I could count the number of children in the neighborhood at that time on my fingers. Now, our streets are teeming with kids. I am glad to see families from other nearby neighborhoods who bring their little ones over here because they feel Inman Park is a safe place for them to walk the streets at night. It was not very long ago in our history when Inman Park was still seen as a little on the edgy side. We truly are the "Small Town Down Town" as we call ourselves. How do I know this? Last night I ran into a friend in the crowds on Elizabeth St. She was worried as she had lost her son in the crowds and excitement. As the word spread from neighbor to neighbor that he was lost, the hunt was on. All parents and kids were on the lookout. Before I had a chance to get to the end of Elizabeth St., or even call IPP, he had been found.

The consensus was everything was OK – he was going to be found and there was no way any of the many parents out there, whether they knew him or not, were going to walk by a little boy all alone without stopping and making sure he got back to his family. We all look out for each other, like members of a small town, but in the shadow of the skyscrapers of downtown Atlanta. This is why I do not want to raise my own daughter anywhere else.

Thanks to all for a fun and safe Halloween, and here's to sharing more neighborly love at the Harvest Party this afternoon, at the Inman Park Holiday Party on December 5, with the annual kids canned food drive, at the inaugural Santa's Safety Run on December 13, and throughout the coming holiday season.

HOUSE TOUR 2010

By Pat Westrick

HOUSE TOUR COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR HOUSES - AND GARDENS!

In our planning for House Tour 2010, **Jan Keith** and I have a two-fold goal this year. We would like to showcase the west side of the neighborhood - Waddell St., Spruce St., Dixie Ave., Druid Circle, Krog St., Lake Ave., Ashland Ave., Virgil St., and Hale St. However, we would also like to have a few great gardens to show to our visitors, in keeping with the spirit of the first year of Inman Park's very own Community Garden. We are asking for your help in finding not only houses our Festival guests would love to see, but also those gardens, so often hidden from view, that are really special in our neighborhood.

Feedback has told us that our tour guests like a mix of house styles and personal styles as well as a manageable number of homes to see. We think the addition of a few lovely gardens will make our Tour even better. And, although we are featuring the homes on the west side of Inman Park, others that are centrally located in the Festival area are certainly eligible, too. We don't know yet exactly how we'll incorporate the gardens into the tour since this is our first year to do so (although not the first year gardens have been on tour in Inman Park), but we do want to keep the Tour compact and easy for guests to navigate.

Don't know if your house or garden is a good candidate? Call or e-mail us:

Jan Keith: at 404-688-7330 or kingkeith@mindspring.com; or **Pat Westrick:** at 404-523-4801 or patwestrick@realtor.com.

One of us will be happy to talk to you about what's involved and take a look at your house and/or garden if you'd like.

Don't be shy! It's a great way to get that *l-o-o-o-o-n-g* list of projects done!

NOTICE:

**NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 12, 2010
 NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

IPNA Would Like to Thank All Our 2009

"PORCH PARTY-CIPANTS"

for the Use of Their Wonderful Porches!

Melissa Miller & Thom Abelew **Joyce Sayle**
Sally & Ellery McClintock **Kristine & Bob Sandage**
Adam Stillman **Oreon Mann**
Inman Mews Condominiums **Grinnell Lofts**

Watch for the Announcement of the
Next Porch Party in the
February, 2010, *Advocator!*

WANT TO SEE YOUR NAME IN
THIS SPACE NEXT YEAR?
Volunteer to Hold a Porch Party
It's Easy & Fun!

Just Call Richard or Pat Westrick
404-523-4801

SANTA'S SAFETY RUN

By Bob Sandage, V.P. Public Safety

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 13. We are having the first Santa's Safety Run 5K here in Inman Park! All proceeds (after paying for shirts, awards, and other race-related incidentals) will be used to directly fund the Inman Park Security Patrol. Please check out the following websites for more information (Active.com is the one you will likely want to register with online):

www.running4fitness.com/event10.htm or
active.com/page/Event_Details.htm?event_id=1802744&assetId=6D8699A3-F132-4A1D-986A-5A2548B109F3

The race starts where the PATH intersects Euclid Ave. in the heart of Inman Park (closest street address is 991 Waverly Way, 30307). On-street parking will be limited, so please plan to walk to the starting point. All post-expense proceeds from this event fund the Inman Park Security Patrol. Walkers, strollers, and dogs on a leash are welcome, but please line up behind the runners for safety. There will also be a short tot trot in the Poplar Circle field at 11:15 a.m. The best part: e race is at 10:30 a.m., so no need to wake up early, and just in time for a great lunch in Inman Park! Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age group, (100% Cotton short sleeved T-Shirt with Inman Park theme.)

Our Public Safety Events Committee is busy working to line up sponsors and restaurant / retail participants for after-the-race specials. So, dust off your jogging or walking shoes, register, and come on out for a great event and fun-filled day!

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2009 IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette welcomed the group. She asked newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Stan** and **Sandy Froslan** from Mariposa Lofts.

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 October 28 at the home of **Sarah Combs**, 1561 Crossway Dr., Brookhaven. The book is *Frankenstein* by **Mary Shelley**. Please bring a covered dish to share.
2. **Richard Westrick** announced the Porch Party this month will be October 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grinnell Lofts. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share and your drinks. Costumes are optional.
3. **Carolyn McLaughlin**, Associate Director of Good Moves Dance Company, announced their annual repertory concert at 7 Stages

Theatre on November 21 and 22. There will be lots of neighbors dancing so please come.

- 4. **Nick Franz** said the next Inman Park Festival meeting will be November 10 at 7:30 p.m. at The Trolley Barn. There will not be a meeting in December. He also announced all the Festival committee chair positions have been filled. This is good news.
- 5. **Oreon Mann** shared that there will be a birthday party for **Betty Ridderhoff** and **Oreon Mann**, on November 1 at 7:30 p.m. at 167 Elizabeth Street. Everyone is invited to attend.
- 6. A representative from the new restaurant Pure Taqueria said they will be opening Friday, October 30. The restaurant is planning some neighborhood parties to support the Inman Park Security Patrol. More information will be forthcoming via the Yahoo Group. Also, it was announced that Studioplex is having an Art Walk on October 23.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Sgt. Frank Schimmel reported in for **Major Propes** and **Sgt. Schierbaum** who were both unavailable because of work conflicts. He shared that the IPP is on 12-hour shifts. He reminded everyone to call 911 *BEFORE* calling the Inman Park Patrol because the IPP may not be on duty when you call.

There have been some recent robberies around the MARTA station area. Police have been working overtime on operation Hot Spot, which is targeting areas that have seen upticks in robberies. Sgt. Schimmel said to be on the lookout for a man wearing a jacket that is covered in ghost skulls (it almost looks like a camouflage pattern from a distance). He is wanted for home break-ins. He frequents the L5P area. If you see him, call 911 right away.

Fellini's on Ponce de Leon Ave. was robbed. The suspect's description is similar to the man who robbed Starbucks on Moreland Ave. The good news is that the police caught a man who had been breaking into cars, stealing GPS's, and had also stolen a bike.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Lisa Burnette reported **Jay Tribby**, chief of staff for **Kwanza Hall**, could not attend. However, if you have any concerns, please let Lisa know and she will send them on to him. **Cesar Mitchell** introduced himself. He is currently serving as Post One at Large on the City Council and is running for City Council president.

IPNA OFFICIALS' REPORTS

V.P. ZONING – Amy Higgins

Amy had nothing to report other than a new building is being planned/built for Studioplex. This is not in Inman Park, but it is in the Beltline overlay district. It does conform to the overall master plan for Studioplex (corner of Auburn and Airline Aves.).

V.P. PUBLIC SAFETY – Bob Sandage

Bob addressed the issues of security patrol welcome packets, ID cards, and yard signs. The committee is working on these items and will be able to give an update soon. As far as crime stats are concerned, there is nothing really glaring: month-to-month seems to be very consistent. The most recent incidents involved door-to-door scams. **Lisa Burnette** asked what we should do if we see these people. Bob said don't call 911 but do not give them any money – they are in violation because they do not have a permit.

Bob also reminded everyone of the Inman Park Santa Safety Run on Sunday, December 13, at 10:30 a.m. The route goes through most of the streets in the neighborhood. He was happy to announce they have secured a top-notch race director. Applications for the race will be available on the Yahoo group and in *The Advocate*. They are looking for someone to design the t-shirt. This is not just a race as walkers, strollers, and dogs are welcome.

V.P. HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Adam Stillman

Adam reported there are no applications this month. He also had nothing to report on the T-Mobile cell tower in L5. Then he mentioned T-Mobile is proposing to build another cell tower on the Best Buy building on Moreland Ave. This will not replace the one in L5P. **Lisa Burnette** re-orted the State is looking at the situation to see if this tower will have any visual impact on our historic district.

He reminded everyone that IPNA is looking at reviewing our historic zoning regulations, and he plans to create a committee to do this. If you are interested in being on the committee, please e-mail Adam at: historic.preservation@inmanpark.org. He would love some architects, long-time and new residents, and real estate agents on the committee.

Jonathan Miller displayed the new poster of the historic neighborhoods in At-anta. He thanked IPNA for the donation that made these posters possible. They are for sale for \$10. The Inman Park story was written by **Sharon Jones**.

NPU: Megan Holder is in Hong Kong so **Jonathan Miller** gave the NPU report. There is not much to discuss other than, as of November 1, there will be a private com-any in charge of ticketing and booting cars. If you have three or more outstanding tickets, they can boot you. There are also new sign ordinances for commercial and industrial signs.

TREASURER – Cameron Childress

Cameron announced one housekeep\ing issue: he is moving the IPNA mailbox to the Intown Business Center because it is much more convenient. The mail will be forwarded, and the new address will be posted on the Yahoo group and published in *The Advocate*.

He then reviewed the monthly expenses:

Advocator	\$1,917.00
Public Safety	\$11,745.64
Springvale Park (4 months of invoices)	\$4,000.00
Beautification (2 months of invoices)	\$2,176.07
Treasurer (mailbox fee)	\$218.53
Web Site	\$315.00

IPUMC \$5,000.00
Education. \$3,000.00

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve all budget items over \$1,000.

Cameron said he could prepare a monthly expenditure report for any committee chair who is responsible for a budget. If you are interested in receiving such a report by e-mail, please let him know.

A question was raised about what happens to budget money not spent. Cameron said it goes back into the general fund and is no longer earmarked for a specific item.

Lisa Burnette announced that we will now be paying rent for using the church space for the IPNA meetings. We had paid rent before but in the past 2-3 years we did not receive an invoice or any request. We've been working with the church to get this resolved. We now have an agreement: \$75/hour, which is the same as the L5P Community Center. **Jonathan Miller** asked about the money we gave to the church in the last budget, and Lisa explained it was a donation towards a fund to write a grant proposal. Jonathan Miller then asked where the rent money for the church was going to come out of the budget since it was not in the original budget. Cameron Childress said we will take a special vote next month once we find out what money we have left over from the previous budget.

There was some discussion about the \$15,000 in the budget for Springvale Park. This money is earmarked for a Park Pride visioning plan to determine what is needed to be done on a long-term basis to improve and manage the park. This visioning plan includes looking at past plans that are in the archives as well as creating a new plan.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 2009-2010 budget.

SECRETARY – Stephanie McCaa

Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT – Lisa Burnette

Nothing to report.

V.P. PLANNING – Bill Goodman

Bill thanked the neighbors who have participated in the survey. The vast majority expressing their opinions are new to the neighborhood. The deadline is October 31. The next Beltline environmental impact meeting will be on November 12. Bill will attend the meeting and will provide us with a report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Calming – Danny Feig-Sandoval reported the traffic calming plan is finally being implemented on Lake Ave. There is still a lot of striping and signage to be done. Please be careful when you are driving in that area as it is not well-marked right now. If you have any questions, please contact him directly. He also reported they have enough signatures for work on North Highland Ave. to begin.

Lisa Burnette thanked Danny for all his hard work. Danny said he was disappointed in the whole process including the fact that it has taken 5 years to accomplish and the City does not bid out the work. He believes we may still have \$50,000 and, hopefully, it can be used to fix the sidewalks on Lake Ave. **Bob Sandage** commented on the fact that there is no signage warning people about the work. Danny said there have already been some car and bus accidents. **Cesar Mitchell** said the people who have been in accidents should file a claim with the City about their damages.

NEW BUSINESS

Nick Franz reported on the progress of the Community Garden. He said all 30 plots have been reserved and paid for and there is a waiting list for the next 12 plots. There will be a fundraiser on November 1 for the garden. There will be additional building on November 7. Hands-On Atlanta is helping but we need our neighbors too! **Lisa Burnette** clarified the status of the garden. It is a private cooperative supported by IPNA but not a part of IPNA. It should be viewed the same way as the Inman Park Pool. A question was raised as to what type of approval was needed by UDC and NPU. Nick Franz said the City had to approve the piece of land (it was part of a Park Pride project), and they had to get approval for a water meter from the City. A Type II application was approved on the fence as well. **Regina Brewer** said that next Wednesday, October 28, there will be a UDC review and comment session regarding this garden and the fencing.

Several neighbors on Hurt Street addressed the group with their concerns regarding the garden. **Doug Baxter** said the project will destroy his view of the park. He wanted to know why the immediate neighbors were not contacted regarding this project since it impacts them the most. **Lisa Burnette** clarified that the Community Garden is separate from IPNA and therefore the IPNA By-laws regarding immediate neighbor meetings do not apply. **Robert Pollet** expressed his concerns about the fence. There is a fence ordinance that stops people from putting up ugly fences but because this is City property the ordinance does not apply. However, he asked, why would you not try to make the fence attractive? He asked that the garden be moved to another space. Several other neighbors expressed similar concerns about the impact on their quality of life and wanted to know why they were not contacted directly about this garden. **Regina Brewer** said information had been disseminated through the Yahoo Group and *The Advocate*. **Alfredia Scott** commended the group on their effort to make a garden but said this will increase their existing problems with traffic and parking. **Lisa Burnette** thanked everyone for their comments.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting will be on November 18 at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**WRFG'S 17TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION INMAN PARK TROLLEY BARN
SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 2009 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

By Sandra Heartfield

The Radio Ramblers, with WRFG's "Good Morning Blues" airshifter **Michael Ellis** and other favorite musicians, will continue the tradition of fantastic entertainment at **WRFG's 17th Annual Silent Auction**. Come to the **Trolley Barn on Sunday, December 6, from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** and support Atlanta's only community radio station WRFG (89.3FM), located at LFP Community Center. The \$15 ticket covers admission, music, and all food and beverages. Enjoy food delicacies, including Cajun, Caribbean, Cuban, barbeque, and vegetarian, options provided by local restaurants and chefs while you are holiday shopping. This great event takes place on the first Sunday in December, the day after Inman Park's Holiday Party, so plan to continue to celebrate the holiday season and get a jump start on your holiday shopping. This is a fun way to find those special gifts at a special price.

The first WRFG Silent Auction held at the Trolley Barn seventeen years ago was the kick-off fundraising event to raise money to increase its broadcast power to 100,000 watts. Thirty-six years ago WRFG started broadcasting at 10 watts, right here in Inman Park. Now the station reaches an audience throughout a 75-mile radius of the city with progressive information and music programming not found elsewhere in Georgia. Many of our Inman Park neighbors helped make this possible. Thank you, and thank you for your continuing support!

The WRFG Silent Auction is a great party and a fun way to shop for the holidays, featuring some unique yet inexpensive items including original art contributed by local and international artists. The more than over 100 restaurant, retail store, and service gift certificates are especially popular and tables overflowing with \$5 and \$10 items are ideal for stocking stuffers and special gifts. With the economy the way it is, the Silent Auction is a great way to bargain shop, support WRFG, and enjoy a fabulous party at the same time. Many people come just to enjoy the great music, food, and a fun afternoon with friends.

Located in the L5P Community Center at 1083 Austin Ave., WRFG 89.3 has been an eclectic and vibrant in-town neighbor for 36 years. From its beginning, WRFG has broadcast music genres such as bluegrass, blues, and jazz that were in danger of losing a radio voice, and introduced to the Atlanta audience reggae, African, Caribbean, Spanish, and other world music. WRFG consistently presents an alternative analysis of public affairs, both local and national, including the regular broadcast of Democracy Now. It has preserved vital oral histories such as its Living Atlanta project.

Each year many of WRFG's neighbors in Inman Park contribute talents, services, and other great auction items. Donate those wonderful week/weekend getaways, art, and vintage pieces now! All contributions go to support your local community radio station.

Support *YOUR* Community Radio Station - WRFG 89.3 FM. Join us for an afternoon of live music with the best party in town.

For more information or to donate auction items call your neighbor **Sandra Heartfield**, 404-513-1341, or WRFG at 404-523-3471 (M-F 10-6). Tax-deductible contribution forms are available.

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

NOVEMBER

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 2

HOLIDAY PARTY

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!

2010

JANUARY 27, 2010

The Space Between Us by **Thrity Umrigar**
Hosted by **Oreon Mann**
877 Edgewood Ave.

For Information: 404-688-7330

TURKEY MONTH PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

*By Bob Sandage
Inman Park VP of Public Safety*

As I sit here typing my procrastinated article for this month (*sorry Betty!*), I at least am glad to share an Inman Park Security Patrol success story with you.

On the night of 11/1, an Inman Park resident living near the corner of Edgewood Ave. and Delta Place saw a young male exit the apartment building and spray paint on the door of the Inman Park Pool. The resident called our IPP Security Patrol. Officer **Ari Bleifeld** responded, and when he didn't see the suspect, he parked the car and returned on foot. He saw paint smeared on the shirt of a male exiting an apartment unit and detained him. This suspect was then taken to the apartment where he had just exited and a second suspect was found there and was also arrested.

As I write this, I am aware some of you may have considered these gentlemen's expression to be art. You need to do it on your own medium or someone else's with permission. Without permission, it is destruction of property and illegal.

Starting at the IPNA meeting this month, Public Safety will be honoring one Inman Park Security Patrol Officer as "Officer of the Month" and will publish an article in the following month's *Advocator*.

Each month there are many examples such as the one above in which Inman Park residents have teamed up with Security Patrol and APD to deter crime in the neighborhood. It really makes one wonder how crime would be affected with a 24/7 Patrol. Any big sponsors out there? In all seriousness, the support we have right now from all of our residents, businesses, and managed properties is making a difference and is much appreciated. We all must keep pushing to get higher participation and inch closer to a 24/7 patrol.

Along those lines, events have become a big focus of Public Safety – enough so that we now have an Events Committee. **Greg Scott, Christy Annis, Lisa Harris, Allison Ratajczak, Jami Fogle, and Wes Turner** make up the committee. Their volunteer spirit is appreciated!

The first big event being undertaken is the Santa's Safety 5K Run which will be held on Sunday, December 13, at 10:30 a.m. (See the related article above.)

Pure Tacqueria burst onto the restaurant scene in late October with two back-to-back fundraising events for Security Patrol in their first week of operation. In the process, they raised approximately \$1,200 for the patrol! This is amazing, and just the kind of business we want in the neighborhood. A big "Thank You" to **Thomas Stevens** and all of his crew at Pure Tacqueria!

One last note about work in progress: The Public Safety Committee is working on the modification of the Security Patrol ID cards. We hope to expand the benefits of the card by encouraging more participation from the business establishments.. IPNA is also working on an improved website where you will be able to check the status of your membership online.

Have a safe November!

INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL October 2009 Activity Report <i>By Sgt. Brent Schierbaum</i>					
Directed Patrols	288	Open Window/Door	2	Field Interviews	8
Drop Ins/Park and Walks	159	Armed Robbery	2	Association Member Contacts	27
Suspicious Persons	37	Damage to Property	1	Vehicle Impounds	1
Noise Complaint	11	911 Hang Up	1	Parking Citation	1
Alarm Calls	10	Street/Sidewalk Obstruction	1	Arrests	
Information for Police	9	Illegal Drugs	1	1	Wanted on Warrantss: (2 Warrants / Probation Violation - DeKalb County and Conyers)
Disturbance	7	Car Break-In In Progress	1	1	Use of Park After Hours
Suspicious Vehicle	7	Car Accident	1	1	Soliciting Without Permit
Parking Complaint	5	Person Injured	1	1	Pedestrian In Roadway
Theft	3	Animal Complaint	1	Special Deployment of Officers	
Burglary	2	Person Armed	1	1	L5P Halloween Parade
Reckless Driver	2	Disorderly Juveniles	1	1	Halloween Weekend

INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2009

By Greg Scott

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.

We are finally starting to see shorter crime reports – however, several commercial robberies and burglaries in the L5P Business District are not included in the following breakdown. The valet at Front Page News, the parking lot attendant at the Vortex, the Little Five Points Pharmacy, and Starbucks (twice) were victims of armed robberies, and Oxford Cleaners and the Pharmacy were victims of smashed window burglaries. If you are in the business district and you see someone or something that looks suspicious, call 911.

In the surveillance video of one of the Starbucks robberies, a woman is standing behind the robber, looking up at the menu, totally oblivious to the fact that there was a robbery being committed literally right in front of her. Please be vigilant and aware of your surroundings at all times.

We did see a few pedestrian robberies last month, but they all have one common characteristic – all of the victims were out walking after dark by themselves. If you have to walk after dark, try to stay on lighted, busy streets and avoid dark areas such as parks and cut-throughs. Also, try to find someone to walk with you. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured in these attacks, but please try to avoid putting yourself in a situation where you may become a victim.

Also, be sure to report any activity you see in any vacant buildings or lots. The break-in at the old Lizzie Chapel could have had a much worse result – anyone who remembers the 2007 Sinclair fire knows that vagrants in a vacant building on a cold night can be a catastrophe.

Thanks to all of those who continue to support the Security Patrol – *it is* making a difference!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
9/18-9/23	5 day time period	Burglary	800 Block Euclid Ave.	Rear basement window smashed and trash left behind.
9/19	11:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	Burglary	400 Block N. Highland Ave.	Victim suspects roommate took their laptop and sold it.
9/23	Overnight	Auto theft	Druid Cir.	Vehicle stolen from street.
9/24	4:45 a.m.	Burglary	900 Block Dekalb Ave.	Victims confronted 2 b/m suspects in the shared common area of their apartments, tried to hold suspects at gunpoint, but they took off with a Wii, bike, toolbox and liquor.
9/28	10:45 p.m.	Robbery	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim was jumped from behind by 2 b/m suspects while walking through the park. Stolen: wallet.
10/1 – 10/2	Overnight	Auto Theft	800 Block Inman Village Pkwy.	Vehicle stolen from secured parking deck. Broken glass found at scene.
10/2	4:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Dekalb Ave.	Passenger side window smashed. Stolen: XM Radio and GA 400 Cruise card.
10/11	9:15 p.m.	Robbery	900 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim was walking through the park when 2 b/m suspects beat him. Stolen: cell phone, iPod, bankcard, and ID.
10/11-10/12	One day time period	Theft from Auto	300 Block N. Highland Ave.	GPS and iPod charger taken from unsecured vehicle.
10/12	Overnight	Theft from Auto	500 Block N. Highland Ave.	Passenger side window damaged and iPod, GPS cord taken.
10/17	4:30 a.m.	Assault	100 Block Montag Circle	Victim was sprayed in the face with pepper spray by acquaintance.
10/17	2:00 a.m.-5:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	500 Block N. Highland Ave.	Passenger side window damaged. Stolen: iPods and GPS.
10/18	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Passenger side window smashed. Stolen: 2 briefcases and office supplies.
10/21	6:20 p.m.-7:45 p.m.	Theft from Auto	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Passenger side window smashed. Stolen: purse, contents of purse, and cell phone.
10/23	9:30 p.m.	Robbery	1000 Block Austin Ave.	2 b/m suspects approached victim on street with a utility knife and demanded money. Stolen: cell phone.
10/23	9:45 p.m.	Robbery	1000 Block Washita Ave.	2 b/m suspects approached victim on street with a utility knife and demanded money. Nothing taken..
10/24	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Washita Ave.	Rear passenger side window smashed. Stolen: laptop, hard drive, and clothing.
10/27	2:30 p.m.	Auto Theft	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Victim left his work truck running and suspect drove off in it.
10/27	3:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	900 Block Austin Ave.	Car window smashed with hammer. Stolen: satellite radio, and make up bag stolen.
10/27	6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Colquitt Ave.	Rear passenger windows smashed on 2 cars. Stolen: 2 laptops

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."

ACT GLOBALLY WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!

By Patches Brock

A group of members and friends of Inman Park United Methodist Church are planning to go to Feira Nova, Brazil, in March, 2010, to build a simple, decent, and affordable home for a family in need. The Habitat for Humanity project is part of a larger effort to provide 100 homes for single female headed families in this small, rural, agricultural town near Recife, in Northeast Brazil. The mothers work at a manioc flour factory, where they receive pennies per kilo for grating the manioc by hand. An added challenge is they also rent their current, unsanitary and sometimes unsafe homes from the flour factory, so their take-home pay is very small.

This is not a hand out, but a hand up. A Feira Nova family will purchase the home using a zero percent mortgage. Due to the sweat equity that the family will contribute to their home, as well as the heap labor provided by the Inman Park group, their mortgage will be lower than their current rent. Besides affordability, the simple block homes will be dramatically healthier for the mothers and their children.

If you are interested in joining this trip, please contact **Mike Mongeon** (mike_mongeon@yahoo.com). You can also support the trip by enjoying a delicious Brazilian dinner before the November 18 IPNA meeting.

ENJOY THE TASTES OF BRAZIL

Wednesday, November 18

6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Inman Park UMC members will be serving a Brazilian Feast before the IPNA meeting. The purpose is to raise funds for our spring mission trip. There will be a variety of regular and vegetarian dishes from which to choose.

We look forward to serving you!

Adults \$10 Children \$4

INMAN DINERS CHAMPAGNE AND DESSERT / PREHOLIDAY PARTY

Dear Inman Diners,

It's hard to believe another year has gone by. I hope you had fun at your dinners, and that you have made some new friends in the process.

All Inman Diners are cordially invited to attend the yearly Champagne and Dessert Party at the **Mebius** home on Saturday night, December 5, 2009.

The festivities start at 7:00 p.m. All you have to do is bring a dessert for 4 to 6 people, and something to drink if you would like to. The plan is to walk *en masse* to the neighborhood Holiday Party to join our other neighbors later that night.

We are looking forward to seeing you on December 5 to share your stories about your 2009 Inman Diners experiences.

Karin Mebius
karinmebius@gmail.com

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By Adam Stillman, VP 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 meetings can be set up. Thanks!

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

- **287 Elizabeth St.** – Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-09-196) to allow installation of new signage – Approved with Conditions.
- **220 Degress Ave.** - Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-09-178) to allow renovations, new dormer, new rear gable and single car garage – Approved with Conditions.

Applications Scheduled for This Month:

- **158 Elizabeth St.** – Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow installation of new roof.
- **839 Lake Ave.** – Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow rear addition and other renovations.

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

- None.

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	APPLICATIONS DUE
	December 9	November 17
	November 12	November 3

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

H1N1 INFORMATION

Submitted by Richard Westrick

The following information is from the Influenza division of the Center of Disease Control and Prevention.. Please pass this on to family and friends, especially people with children! H1N1 flu is about to be upon us and we need to be on top of information regarding it. Here is a comparison to the normal cold symptoms. The only way to stop the spread of the epidemic is to spread the awareness. Know the Difference between a Cold and H1N1 Flu Symptoms:

SYMPTOM	COLD	H1N1
Aches	Slight body aches and pains can be part of a cold	Severe aches and pains are common with the H1N1 flu.
Chest Discomfort	Chest discomfort is mild to moderate with a cold.	Chest discomfort is often severe with the H1N1 flu.
Chills	Chills are uncommon with a cold.	60% of people who have the H1N1 flu experience chills.
Coughing	A hacking, productive (mucus-producing) cough is often present with a cold.	A non-productive (non-mucus producing) cough is usually present with the H1N1 flu (sometimes referred to as dry cough).
Fever	Rare with a cold	Fever is usually present with the flu in up to 80% of all flu cases. A temperature of 100°F or higher for 3 to 4 days is associated with the H1N1 flu.
Headache	A headache is fairly uncommon with a cold.	A headache is very common with the H1N1 flu, present in 80% of flu cases.
Sneezing	Sneezing is commonly present with a cold.	Sneezing is not common with the H1N1 flu.
Sore Throat	Sore throat is commonly present with a cold.	Sore throat is not commonly present with the H1N1 flu.
Stuffy Nose	Stuffy nose is commonly present with a cold and typically resolves spontaneously within a week.	Stuffy nose is not commonly present with the H1N1 flu.
Sudden Symptoms	Cold symptoms tend to develop over a few days.	The H1N1 flu has a rapid onset within 3-6 hours. The flu hits hard and includes sudden symptoms like high fever, aches and pains.
Tiredness	Tiredness is fairly mild with a cold.	Tiredness is moderate to severe with the H1N1 flu.

GOOD MOVES NEWS

By Carolyn Stine McLaughlin

IT IS SHOW TIME! Everyone at Good Moves invites you to “Until We Dance Again,” Saturday, November 21m and Sunday, November 22, at 7 Stages. There are three shows during the weekend, two on Saturday, a children’s matinee at 10:00 a.m. and a full tepertory performance at 8:00 p.m. and one full repertory performance on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for regular admission and \$10 for children, seniors, and working artists. Tickets are available on line at www.goodmoves.org, by phone: 404-518-1646, or at the door.

For this production there will be six Inman Parkers performing including **Ben Dobbmeyer, Margot McLaughlin, Grace Dwyer, Jack Dwyer** and **Jon Baldwin**. The final dancer is genetically linked to one of the five previously mentioned and writes lots of articles for the *Advocator*, I will let you figure out who she is. The children’s matinee will include two repertory works “Handel, Not Vivaldi” a ballet based dance and “Fractured,” an unusual look at traditional nursery rhymes. Audience members will also be asked to join in the dancing. This show runs about an hour and is great for younger patrons.

In addition to the two pieces mentioned above, the full repertory performances include repertory works, premiers and guest company brooks and company dance. The Consort will again perform “Of Apes and Angels” by **Jonathan Riedel** and “Fish Out of Water” by **Michelle Mola**. Both of these works show off the technical accomplishment of the Consort in modern vocabulary. Director **Annette Lewis** has restaged “Once a Daughter,” a dance narrative about a mother preparing her daughter for her wedding day.

Another full circle will be complete with the Consort performing “How I Know I Am” by Consort alum **Sarah Konnor**. The show also has bookend premiers, “Until...” and “... We Dance Again.” According to the choreographer these two works are meant to “represent at least a few of the developmental stages of the Good Moves Consort Experience.”

See you at the show!!

Condolences....

To the family and friends of **Sara Morris**

Long time Alta Ave. resident **Sarah Morris** died at age 33 on October 30th after a long battle with cervical cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Craig**, and their four year old daughter, **Isabel**.

Although Sarah has lived in her home state of Washington for the last few years, she has stayed in touch with a number of Alta Ave. residents. Her infectious good spirits and positive outlook was loved by all. She gave great massages, was Trash Queen for Festival, and was as described by her sister, Anna, “a passionate, powerful, pint-sized, perfectly proportionate package.” She will be missed by all who knew and loved her..

PLANT TREES! P LANT TREES! PLANT TREES!

By Richard Westrick

TreeLovers, it's that time of year again – *Fall!* And Fall means it's time to plant trees! Please join the Tree Watch Committee on Saturday, November 21, to help plant a few new trees and to replace some that didn't make it through the drought.

We will meet on my front porch (177 Elizabeth) at 9:00 a.m. (rain or shine), get energized with doughnuts and coffee, and spread out and plant. We may not be partnering with Trees Atlanta on this workday, so we need all the help we can get from our neighbors. Hopefully, we can be finished by noon.

Call me at 404-625-4315 if you have any questions, and I'll see you on the 21st!

TREE FUN FOR KIDS

Submitted by Richard Westrick

Map your Home Forest! Look at all the trees around your home and down your street – for these trees, this is their Home Forest! Choose a favorite tree and draw a map of your Home Forest from that tree's point of view, starting with what is most important to trees:

1. Draw your tree.
 2. Draw circles to show other trees on your block or yard. Are they close or far away from each other? Are some bigger?
 3. Is there any water? Trees like water.
 4. Add nests or any other animal homes.
 5. Add any bushes and other plants.
 6. Now add the roads and driveways and sidewalks. These are places where trees can't grow their roots, but trees do help by shading them with their branches.
 7. Now add the buildings. Are there any places that are so shady that it's hard for trees to grow?
 8. If you were a tree, would you like living in this Home Forest? Is there anything that would make it better?
- (Thanks to *TreesAtlanta* for this article.)

REPORTS FROM MARY LIN

By Anne & Charlie Henn

MARY LIN PARENT MIXER

The Mary Lin Education Foundation is pleased to announce that the parent mixer held on Saturday, October 3, at the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta, raised more than \$1,500. A special thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped prepare, set up, and clean up for the event. Music was provided by Webster, who rocked the house and kept the dance floor hopping.

Many thanks to the following donors who provided the delicious assortment of food: Wicked Que, Publix, Doc Chey's - Emory, Raging Burrito, Corner Tavern, The Mercantile, MoJo's Pizza, Luna Nueva, and Alon's Bakery. The yummy desserts were provided by **Peggy Edwards, Jackie Cottrell, Dempsey Werthman, and Cherie King**. Adult beverages were provided by Two Friends Imports, 5 Seasons Brewery, and Sweetwater. Lighting was provided by **Lester Dragstedt**. Invitations were designed by **Liz Sullivan** and **Lisa Lester**. Posters were designed by Lisa Lester.

CANDLER PARK FALL FESTIVAL

The Mary Lin Education Foundation was pleased to organize and sponsor the Children's Area at the Candler Park Fall Fest on October 10 and 11. Thanks to our co-sponsors – Great Clips (Edgewood), Sit Means Sit, and Home Depot Kids Workshop – we were able to provide six different FREE crafts for the children. With expert guidance from **Regina Brandt**, we were able to come up with the fantastic craft projects. The children were also able to jump or slide all day for only \$5. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped during the event. Special thanks to the Inman Park Middle School students, Grady High School students, and the Clifton Men's Shelter for providing extra volunteers. The children had a great time with the free craft area, jumping, and sliding. The event raised more than \$2,900 for the Foundation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2009, TO APRIL 23, 2009				159 DAYS
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Nov. 18	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting		1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Nov. 21	Sat. 9:00 a.m.	Plant Trees	15	177 Elizabeth St. 404-625-4315
	Sat. 10:00 a.m.	Children's Matinee (Good Moves)	13	7 Stages
	Sat. 8:00 p.m.	Full Repertory Program	13	7 Stages
Nov. 22	Sun. 3:00 p.m.	Full Repertory Program	13	7 Stages
Nov. 26	Thurs.	THANKSGIVING DAY		
Nov. 27	Fri. Sundown	EID AL-ADHA		
Dec. 01	Tues. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE		e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
		ELECTION RUN-OFF DAY		BE SURE TO VOTE!
Dec. 02	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club Holiday Party	7	814 Virgil Ave. 404-688-7530
Dec. 05	Sat. 7:00 p.m.	Inman Diners Champagne Party	10	860 Euclid Ave. karinmebius@gmail.com
	Sat. 8:00 p.m.	IPNA Holiday Party		See your invitation for the location.
Dec. 06	Sun. 4:00 p.m. To 7:00 p.m.	WRFG Silent Auction	11	Trolley Barn 404-513-3141
Dec. 07	Mon.	PEARL HARBOR DAY		
Dec. 11	Fri. Sundown	Hanukkah		
Dec. 13	Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Santa's Safety 5K Run	3	Where the Path intersects with Euclid Ave.

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IT IS TIME TO START RENEWING YOUR IPNA AND SECURITY PATROL MEMBERSHIP

NOVEMBER AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers**
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting**
- III. Announcements**
- IV. Police Officers' Reports**
- V. Elected Officials' Reports**
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports:**
 - A. Planning**
 - B. Zoning:**
 - 1. Parking for proposed new restaurant on North Highland Ave. in the former Casbah space - **DISCUSSION ONLY.**
 - 2. NPU Report:
 - a. Atlanta Greenspace Plan - Discussion and comment.
 - C. Public Safety**
 - D. Historic Preservation:**
 - 1. 158 Elizabeth St.
 - 2. 839 Lake Ave.
 - E. Treasurer:**
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures.
 - F. Secretary**
 - G. President:**
 - 1. Approval of dates for Festival 2010.
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**