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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

Happy 2010 to everyone!

I am sitting here on New Year's Day (warm at home after watching my crazy neighbors jump in the pool this morning), looking back over 2009, while also looking ahead to things to come in 2010. First, looking back I want to extend thanks to all of those who contributed their time, energy, thoughts, money, and voices to the many things that touched our community in 2009.

To the IPNA Board, I want to extend my utmost gratitude for the countless hours and e-mails they have endured, always in a congenial and cooperative way. **Bill Goodman** and **Stephanie McCaa** plugged on through with me for a second year on the Board, and I have grown to rely so much on their counsel and good humor. Bill took the reins of the Planning position, reviving its purpose with a comprehensive survey of the neighborhood, and active involvement in matters from the BeltLine development to protecting us from high-speed rail, highways, and tunnels. Stephanie could not be more organized in keeping records of our monthly meetings, putting together the directory with **Betty Ridderhoff** (always, hats off to Betty too), and meshing our membership records with the soon-to-be-unveiled new website.

The new Board members in 2009 jumped in with both feet and with skill and wisdom. **Bob Sandage** filled big shoes in his Public Safety role without missing a beat. He and his committee put together fun and successful new fundraising events for the Security Patrol including the Dine Out and the Santa's 5K Safety Run – events I hope will become permanent fixtures in the neighborhood. He maintained the excellent leadership and staff of the Security Patrol, and as a result kept our crime numbers far below those in the areas surrounding us.

Cameron Childress continued the work of organizing our financial records with amazing professionalism and enthusiastic ideas. Under his guidance, IPNA will enjoy a new level of corporate record-keeping and fiduciary responsibility.

Adam Stillman has been a continual source of excellent counsel not just with regular UDC matters, but with other unique questions that test the intent and purpose of our historic zoning regulations. Finally, **Amy Higgins** has brought intelligent and rationale consideration to zoning issues, always with calm assurance.

I also want to thank all the hard-working committee chairs and their committee members. In 2009, we saw the most successful Festival yet, improvements to traffic and sidewalk problems, plans for refurbishing our parks and playgrounds, as well as behind-the-scenes activities that keep our neighborhood safe, beautiful, clean, and fun. I can't name them all here, but take time to look at the list of chairs on the back of the *Advocator* and thank them when you see them. I am so pleased, too, that this list includes names we have seen around IP for many years, as well as fresh faces jumping in to volunteer. I can't say it enough – this level of volunteerism is the heart and the soul of this neighborhood. As a country and a world, there was a lot of reason to be glad to see 2009 behind us. But as a neighborhood, we have a lot of good memories from this year.

As I look forward to 2010, I'm excited to anticipate our new website, the beginning of work on new By-laws and a review of the historic zoning regulations, the groundbreaking of the BeltLine in IP, more traffic-calming measures, more new trees, a new community garden, the coming together of our intown communities to protect what we love, and more opportunities to come together and enjoy what we have.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR SECURITY PATROL AND IPNA MEMBERSHIPS

We are starting on the new Membership Directory. Please use the application in this issue and renew your membership now. Remember to renew your Security Patrol Membership and tell your neighbors to renew theirs. We would like to have the patrol on a 24/7 watch, but need better participation so we hire more officers to do so. The more hours of patrol, the less crime we will have.

HELP INMAN PARK SPONSOR A LIBRARY

By Lisa Burnette

Can you help Inman Park sponsor a children's library in Africa? Thanks to a great suggestion from **Cathy Bradshaw** and **Judy Clements**, Inman Park is going to sponsor a library through the African Library Project -- this group partners with volunteers in African communities to create small libraries for African schools and villages.

We will need to collect 1000 gently used or new, appropriate children's books and \$500 to arrange shipping. We will need volunteers to sort and pack the books. The Inman Park United Methodist Church has offered to store the books as we collect them. More information is available at: www.africanlibraryproject.org/. Including a list of appropriate books.

Start collecting and dropping books off at the church and stay tuned for details on the blog (<http://blog.inmanpark.org>) or via my e-mail blast. Contact me with questions at president@inmanpark.org.

THE NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

FEBRUARY 9, 2010

AT 7:30 P.M.

AT

THE TROLLEY BARN

TREE HUGGERS BALL RAIN DANCE III (IN MODERATION)

Join the Inman Park Tree Watch Committee

and friends from Trees Atlanta for the

TENTH (yes, 10th!) Annual Tree Huggers Ball

Saturday, February 6, 2010

7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

The Trolley Barn – 963 Edgewood Ave.

***** FEATURING *****

Zydeco and Dance band SQUIRELLHEADS

Dinner From 7:30 p.m. 'til the food runs out – come hungry!

Wine!

Beer!

Raffle!

Free admission * Cash Donations for Beverages * Dinner \$10

The Tree Watch Committee plants new trees,
maintains existing public tree canopy,
and educates neighbors about the value of trees
through the Inman Park Arboretum.

All contributions are used to maintain our trees!

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2009, IPNA MEETING

By *Stephanie McCaa, Secretary*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette thanked **Adam Stillman** for filling in for her at last month's meeting. There were no newcomers.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Westrick announced that **Barbara Leach** is forming a restaurant subcommittee for Festival. If you would like to join, please contact Barbara.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

The newly promoted **Lieutenant Schierbaum** announced he is now back in Zone 6. He also reported that we are doing very well in controlling residential burglaries; however, there has been a dramatic increase in car break-ins. The IPP officers are stopping people and checking bags to look for stolen items. If you see someone who looks suspicious, please call 911.

Pedestrian robberies are up dramatically. These robberies are not in Inman Park but in the Virginia-Highlands bar district, Edgewood, Zesto's part of L5P, East Atlanta, and the Seaboard Avenue side of the MARTA station. The criminals are targeting people in unlit alleys or near ATMs. Please park in well-lit areas. They are targeting the Wachovia ATM in the Edgewood Shopping Center from midnight to 1:00 a.m. Please get your money during daylight hours and be aware of your surroundings. There are young kids, 15- to 16-year-olds, robbing people on DeKalb Ave., in the parking lot behind Kroger on Moreland Ave., and on Seaboard Ave. They are driving a red SUV (maybe a Ford Explorer) and are armed.

Lt. Schierbaum also reported some good news. The suspect who was reported on in a previous meeting (wearing a camouflage jacket) was caught because of Crimestoppers. His name is **Anthony Biggs**, and he was sentenced to 20 years and has to serve a minimum of 10.

Lt. Schierbaum also reported that the IPP website is back up. He thanked all the neighbors who organized the 5K to benefit the IPP. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** asked if Lt. Schierbaum knew anything about staffing at the DeKalb Ave. Fire Station. He did not know but **Lisa Burnette** said she would follow up on this issue with **Jay Tribby** from **Kwanza Hall's** office.

Lt. Schierbaum announced that **Officer Chaffey** is Officer of the Month because of his great efforts 2 ½ months ago when he caught some young men who had been robbing people at ATMs. Officer Chaffey received a \$50 American Express Gift Card.

There were discussions about staffing issues at the 911 centers and the frustration of being put on hold. It is better to call 911 from a land line than a cell phone because your address pops up on the operator's screen with a land line; the address of the nearest cell tower is what the operator sees when you call from a cell phone.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

There were no elected officials present at this time. **Jay Tribby** was expected to arrive later during the meeting.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

President: Lisa Burnette

Lisa gave an update on the cell tower issue. Because we have an attorney, there are certain details she cannot share because of attorney-client privilege. We are scheduled to appear before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) on January 7. Once we get through that hearing we can share more details. She reported that attorney fees have far exceeded the original approved amount (which was \$5,000). We now will need to approve an additional \$20,000 to get us through the appeals process. If, after the appeals process, we need more money, we will address IPNA then. This money all comes from the IPNA legal reserve fund, which was established for this type of purpose. We may not need to spend all \$20,000, but the IPNA By-laws require a two-month process to approve non-budgeted items. We have spent \$13,000 so far. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** asked why we are seeing this through. Lisa Burnette said the Board feels we have a good case and have invested much time and money in the fight. If we do not get what we want during the January 7 hearing, then we would file a lawsuit. At present, we are not in court; this is an administrative process. If we do win the appeal, then T-Mobile would have to sue the City. **Regina Brewer** clarified that T-Mobile can put their 176-foot tower on Best Buy at the Edgewood Shopping Center. The L5P tower is just an overflow tower. The neighborhood position is that the City has ignored state law, and we need to hold the City accountable. **Jonathan Miller** said we should go forward, especially with regard to the new administration coming in. **Bill Sanders** agreed but said the lawyers need to be good custodians of our money. Regina Brewer said Lisa Burnette has been very diligent with regard to how the money is being spent. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to spend an additional \$20,000 in attorney's fees to get through the appeals process.

Lisa Burnette said we need to approve the appointment of **Megan Holder** as our NPU-N representative, **David Laube** as the alternate, and **Jonathan Miller** as second alternate. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept their appointments.

Lisa also thanked **Greg Scott**, **Bob Sandage**, and the whole team who organized the Santa 5K Run.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Jay Tribby, chief of staff for **Kwanza Hall**, arrived. He apologized for being late. He had been at the Poncey-Highlands neighborhood meeting as they were voting on their master plan. The plan was voted on and approved. The Edgewood neighborhood met with city officials regarding traffic planning issues, and some changes will roll out in 2010. Jay reminded everyone to call Kwanza's office if there is something they can do for you.

PLANNING: Bill Goodman

Bill Goodman said there is a Northeast Beltline 101 meeting on January 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Morris and Raper offices in Inman Park Village. This meeting will be very topical for our neighborhood. The Beltline has started removing train tracks from Whole Foods down to IP Village. **Jonathan Miller** said the Beltline goal is to have a walking path from the Krog/Lake intersection to Piedmont Park open by March.

ZONING: VP Amy Higgins

Amy reported there is no update on the zoning issue on North Highland Ave., but she believes they are working on a parking scheme. She hopes to have more information by February.

NPU-N Report:

Jonathan Miller from NPU-N said they will be electing their officers this month. Also, all the principals at Public Schools in NPU-N will give a briefing on their schools at this month's meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend the NPU-N meetings. Finally, the ING Marathon will take place March 21, so get ready to become involved in the neighborhood challenge to have the best cheering station.

PUBLIC SAFETY: VP Bob Sandage

Bob reported that, because we have been keeping excellent records on public safety issues, we can really see trends from '08 over '09. Crime was up 300% in other neighborhoods and only up 3% in Inman Park. We are really being successful in keeping our neighborhood safe. He also congratulated **John Hines** on all his excellent statistics. The Santa Safety 5K finances are almost done, but Bob estimates that we brought in \$1,000 for IPP.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: VP Adam Stillman

Adam reported that there are no applications this month. He is seeing an increase in people doing work without going through the proper channels and processes. Please call or e-mail him if you see this happening or if you need help with the process as well.

TREASURER: VP Cameron Childress

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to support paying the non-budgeted rent to the church for the IPNA meetings in the amount of \$2,700 for last year and \$2,700 for this budget year.

Motions were made, seconded, and passed to approve the following budgeted expenses over \$1,000:

Public Safety Expense: (officer pay, IPP car fuel, IPP car insurance, Santa's Safety 5K Run)	\$19,706.35
Social Committee (holiday party)	\$9,052.32
Treasurer Expense (IPNA business insurance, IPNA babysitter)	\$1,754.00
Website Expense (site hosting)	\$840.00
Planning Expense (Traffic Calming)	\$250.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$31,602.67

Lisa Burnette thanked **Ray Harbour** for organizing a great Inman Park Holiday party.

SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Calming: Danny Feig-Sandoval reported that landscaping on the traffic island will start next week. Also, paving work will take place at Hale St. and Waddell St. at North Highland Ave. If you have any questions about traffic calming, please e-mail him.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is January 20 at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By Adam Stillman, Vice-President for Historic Preservation

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

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

- **839 Lake Ave.** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow rear addition and other renovations – approved with conditions.
- **158 Elizabeth St.** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow installation of new roof – deferred to February 24.
- **500 Englewood Ave. (Boulevard Crossing Park)** - Review and Comment (RC-09-216) for temporary site work of ball fields – Letter of Support.

Applications Scheduled for AUDC:

January 13:

- **Freedom Park (intersection of Hurt Ave. and Euclid Ave.)** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow site work (community garden).
- **240 N. Highland Ave.** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow a new business sign.
- **182 Degress Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness for a variance to allow metal or non-asphalt shingles when asphalt shingles would otherwise be required and an Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow revisions to plans

Applications Scheduled for IPNA:

- **182 Degress Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificate asphalt shingles when asphalt shingles would otherwise be required and an Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow revisions to plans

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES	APPLICATION DEADLINE	HEARING DATE
	January 5	January 27
	January 19	February 10
	February 2	February 24

AUDC CONTACT INFORMATION			
Website:	www.atlanta.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

THE ATLANTA PRESERVATION CENTER NEEDS INMAN PARK DOCENTS!

By Sharon Foster Jones

During the months of March through November, the Atlanta Preservation Center (APC) offers weekly walking tours of Atlanta's most historic places, including In-man Park. The tours are a fundraiser for this incredible non-profit organization and foster awareness of Atlanta's history and preservation efforts. To facilitate the tours, the APC depends on volunteer guides, or docents, to conduct the tours. This year for the first time in many years, the Inman Park tour is a little low on guides and could use a couple more.

I have led APC tours of Inman Park for about 8 years and can attest that it's a pleasure being associated with the APC. This is a fun, healthy, and rewarding volunteer activity. The APC will quickly teach you the Atlanta history and Inman Park history needed to be a docent. From then on, you will lead approximately one tour per month on a Sunday afternoon from about 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Most tour groups consist of less than five people, so no outstanding public speaking skills are required!

If you are interested, please contact **Rebecca Roberts** at the APC at: rebecca@preserveatlanta.com or call her at 404-688-3353. Please feel free to contact me, too, (your Inman Park neighbor at AtlantaJones@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

2010

JANUARY 27

The Space Between Us By **Thrity Umrigar**

Hosted by **Oreon Mann**

877 Edgewood Ave.

FEBRUARY 24

The Help By **Kathryn Stockett**

Hosted by **Naomi Grishman**

462 North Highland Ave. Unit #1.

MARCH 24

Bound South By **Susan Rebecca White**

(Inman Park Author who will be at the Book Club)

Hosted by **Jan Keith**

889 Edgewood Ave.

APRIL

**NO BOOK CLUB
VOLUNTEER FOR
FESTIVAL**

MAY 26

There's No Me Without You By **Melissa Fay Greene**

Hosted by **Tara Burdeslaw**

235 Pearl St. (Cabbagetown)

JUNE 23

Loving Frank By **Nancy Horan**

Hosted by **Marnie McMurry**

466 North Highland Ave. Unit 1

For Information: 404-688-7330

A GREAT LOSS TO INMAN PARK

Mildred Maddalena

October 19, 1901 - December 17, 2009

Dear friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I pass along the news of **Pat Westrick's** mother's death this evening. She died peacefully in her sleep as was her wish. She lived a full and long life to 108 years old. We should all be so fortunate. I will send out further information when arrangements have been made. Please keep **Pat, Richard,** and their family in your prayers.

Peace,
Melissa

In 1982, **Mildred Maddalena** was presented with the following Joel Award which so aptly describes this wonderful woman:

IF THE SPIRIT OF A JOEL AWARD IS THE UNSELFISH GIVING ON ONESELF, THEN TRULY YOU EMBODY THE VERY REASON FOR THIS CEREMONY. YOU SET AN EXAMPLE FOR US ALL IN THE WAY THAT YOU SHARE YOUR LOVE, YOUR HUMOR, AND YOUR WISDOM. BECAUSE OF YOU, PARENTS THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE ABLE TO PAINT AND SCRAPE, MAKE POLICY AND PROGRESS, AND WORK TO PAY RISING MORTGAGES.

YOU HAVE ENRICHED THE LIVES OF THE SMALLEST AMONG US, FILLING A VOID FOR FAMILIES WHOSE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS LIVE TOO FAR AWAY TO SHARE IN THE RESTORATION OF INMAN PARK OR THE ASPIRATIONS OF ITS RESIDENTS. YOU RE-CHARGE US WHEN WE ARE WEARY, YOU INSPIRE US WHEN WE ARE DISCOURAGED, YOU ENLIGHTEN US WHEN WE ARE SHORTSIGHTED.

SOME USED TO THINK YOU WERE SOMEBODY'S GRANDMOTHER. HOW SILLY...YOU'RE EVERYONE'S GRANDMA. YOUR SPECIAL GIFT TO THE CHILDREN OF INMAN PARK WILL LIVE FOREVER.

FOR YOUR LOVE AND DEVOTION, WE THANK YOU

GRANDMA MILDRED MADDALENA

Festival, 1982

Following is the obituary notice published for Mildred:

Mildred (Petruzzi) Maddalena was born to immigrant parents in Cleveland, OH, in 1901, the fifth of eight children. She spent her childhood racing streetcars with her older brothers and caring for her younger siblings in a house filled with love, laughter and wonderful Italian food. She left formal schooling at the age of 15 to help support the family. She married Vincent P. Maddalena in 1925, had three children and lived in Cleveland until 1949 when the family moved to St. Petersburg, FL. She reentered the work force after 35 years when her husband died in 1960. To her, it was worth working 3 jobs to see her daughter graduate from college. She had a remarkable work ethic and the ability to make a dollar stretch to cover necessities, gifts and the occasional indulgence. After her daughter was grown, she spent several years in Burlingame, CA and began oil painting when she was nearly 70. Her hands were never idle: she sewed extensively, was known for her woven pine needle baskets, read avidly and fed any stray animal who found its way to her door. She loved to cook, teaching techniques she had learned from her mother to her children and grandchildren. In 1975, she moved to Atlanta to live near her daughter,

son-in-law and 3 grandchildren in Inman Park. To help with expenses, she began babysitting for neighbors' children and was called "Grandma Maddalena" by all who knew her. For her service to the neighborhood, she was given a Joel Award by the Inman Park Neighborhood Association, and served as the Grand Marshall of the parade during the Inman Park Festival in the 1990s. She traveled extensively including trips to Hawaii, the midwest and Europe. A key to her longevity was staying active; she still walked to aerobics classes at the age of 92, had an elective hip replacement at 97, and danced in celebration of the 21st Century at the age of 99. Born before the Wright Brothers flew, she adjusted to the changing world she lived in without ever losing her sense of humor, her hatred of waste, or her love of a good glass of wine. She lit candles to protect her family when they traveled and one of her proudest moments was meeting Mother Theresa. She was beloved by all, and died peacefully at home in her sleep. She is survived by her three children: Frank (Barbara) St. Petersburg, FL, Michael (Becky) Redwood Shores, CA, and Patricia Westrick (Richard) Atlanta, 10ren, 17 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and many friends.

In loving memory, the following e-mails were sent in response to the notice we received of Mildred's death from Melissa:

Please let me know what I can do. Put me on the list for preparing food for the service or the family at home. Ms. Maddalena was one of the sweetest women I have known. I love my memories of her, especially of her teaching aerobics in her eighties. She approached aging as a milestone to be celebrated and did not let it keep her from traveling, walking each day, connecting with young people of all ages and being an important part of our neighborhood. She babysat for many of our children and was an inspiration. She finally slowed down after age 104. What a lady! My thoughts are with Pat, Richard and all the family.

Cathy Bradshaw

We are also available for whatever is needed - she was a wonderful, sweet spirit (and those genetics carry on in her offspring!!!).

Debi Starnes and Jim Emshoff

I am saddened I never got the chance to meet this wonderful woman. I have heard about her through Wayne and Joanie, most recently Wayne singing to her. Please put us down for food or whatever is needed. Thinking of you, **Richard and Pat Baldwin**.

I can remember riding Mildred in our 190SL in the Festival Parade, with signs attached that read Inman Park's Grandmother. She had a great time waving, smiling and talking to the many people lining the streets.

You can put us down for cooking.

Joanie and Wayne Mitchell

Melissa,

Thank you for sending the notice out. I am so sorry to hear the news, but it didn't surprise me. When Richard told me Mildred had fallen down, I was really prepared to hear of her passing away. If there is anything I am able to do to help them, please let me know. I have a recipe for some Greek pasta which can be eaten hot or cold. I would be happy to prepare that for them.

I want to do a very special page in the January Advocate about Mildred. I thought of including the nice memories that are starting to appear in the e-mails. Do you have some suggestions which I might include? She was such a special person and everyone loved her dearly.

Joining you with a heavy heart,

Betty Ridderhoff

FROM WITHIN MY HEART

By Betty Ridderhoff

On December 5, 1990, about 200 or more neighbors came to meet my husband and I, the newcomers in the **Joel Hurt** mansion. One lady stood out in the group as she was bustling around helping everyone she could. Yes, this was **Mildred**. She was 89 years old, acting like 50. I marveled to see the energy she had all evening.

We tried to attend all the neighborhood events, and participate in as many as possible. Mildred was always there and we continued to be amazed at her great energy and alert mind. At one event we spent the evening talking and she mentioned it was difficult for her to go shopping as she no longer lived across the street from the A & P market. I offered to give her a ride when I went shopping, and we made arrangements to do so.

What a wonderful experience this be-came for me over the years. Mildred shared stories of her childhood, marriage, working, raising her children, and traveling. We went to the Grand Opening of Publix the day it opened (she was 100 at the time). She was a great influence on my life. My heart saddened the day she told me she wouldn't go shopping anymore as she was too old to do it, walked too slow, and felt she was in the way of others. She didn't realize people were inspired to see someone her age doing so well.

I will always remember Mildred and the many things she taught me about life. My heart feels like I lost a second mother, but God called His angel home to rest.

To know her was to love her. We shall carry our memories of her in our hearts forever.

INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR DECEMBER 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.

By the time you read this, the holiday season will have come and gone, and for the most part, we made it through without any major incidents. Car break-ins, however, continue to be a big problem – there are far too many listed here. We cannot stress to you enough the importance of not leaving anything in your car. As I pointed out last month, the thieves do not know there are no valuables in your back pack or gym bag, they just see the potential to strike gold. It was brought to my attention by one of our IPP officers that the criminals will take a chance on there being loot in the bag, knowing that even if there isn't the bag can be used to haul a lot from other peoples' cars and homes.

Have a safe 2010 – remember that for most of you Security Patrol membership renewals will be due in the spring!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
11/9 - 12/6	1 Month Time Frame	Burglary	Delta Place	Victim's landlord put a lockbox on door to allow entry to prospective tenants while victim was out of the country. Stolen: Guitars, amp, and camera lens.
11/20	12:00 a.m.	Auto Theft	1100 Block Colquitt Ave.	Vehicle stolen after victim left keys in ignition.
11/22	12:00 a.m.	Auto Theft Recovery	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Stolen car located on side of road with heavy damage.
11/22	8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: racket, balls, and bag.
11/22	7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto (2x)	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed on two vehicles. Stolen: bookbag and laptop.
11/23	12:20 p.m.	Burglary	700 Block Edgewood Ave.	Witness saw suspect looking in neighbor's windows. 911 and IPP called, suspect fled scene but was apprehended by IPP officer with property stolen from the residence.
11/23	7:45 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.	Theft from Auto	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Passenger-side window smashed. Stolen: bag.
11/24	7:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	500 Block Moreland Ave.	Front driver-side window smashed. Stolen: purse.
11/27	3:50 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: two backpacks. Security cameras caught two suspects in a black 4-door vehicle committing the crime.
11/28	12:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: backpack, clothing, and medication.
11/29	7:30 a.m.	Burglary	900 Block Austin Ave.	Front door glass on business smashed and attempt was made to steal TV.
11/30	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Passenger-side window smashed. Stolen: laptop, bag, and books.
12/2	7:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Front passenger-side window smashed. Stolen: laptop and bookbag.
12/3	2:15 a.m.	Burglary	100 Block Montag Circle	Suspects pried open door to apartment complex's club room. Stolen: TV from wall.
12/3	7:00 p.m. - 11:50 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Rear driver-side window smashed. Stolen: laptop and bag.
12/4 - 12/5	Overnight	Auto Theft	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Vehicle stolen from street.
12/4	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Theft	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Locked bike stolen.
12/5	6:45 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Colquitt Ave.	Witness saw suspect break into victim's vehicle and flee. Victim confirmed items had been stolen.

12/5 - 12/6	Overnight	Theft from Auto	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Front driver-side window smashed. Stolen: GPS, wallet, checkbook, ID badge, and shoes.
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(Crime Report: Continued from Page 10.)				
12/7	12:25 p.m.	Burglary	900 Block Albion Ave.	Front door kicked in. Stolen: TV. Witness saw suspect flee in a bright green SUV.
12/7	12:25 p.m.	Burglary	900 Block Albion Ave.	Front door kicked in. Stolen: TV. Witness saw suspect flee in a bright green SUV.
12/7	8:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Burglary	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Front door of apartment kicked in. Stolen: 2 TV's, laptop, jewelry, digital camera, DVD player, and GPS.
12/7	10:45 p.m.	Burglary	Spruce St.	Suspects kicked in back door of residence, chased off by victims. Nothing taken.
12/10 - 12/11	Overnight	Auto Theft	200 Block Degress Ave.	Vehicle stolen from street.
12/11	7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: bag and clothing.
12/14	8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop.
12/16	8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Edgewood Ave.	Digital camera and cash taken from vehicle. No forced entry – victim suspects employee.
12/16	4:30 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.	Theft from Auto	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Front passenger-side window smashed. Stolen: bag, laptop, headphones.
12/16	8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: bag and clothing.
12/17	7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear passenger vent window smashed. Stolen: travel bag.
12/18	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Burglary	100 Block Montag Circle	Apartment door kicked in. Stolen: TV, Wii, PS3, laptop.
12/21 - 12/22	Overnight	Theft from Auto	100 Block Waverly Way	In-dash stereo taken from unsecured vehicle.
12/21	12:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.	Burglary	800 Block Inman Village Parkway	Rear magnetized door to clubhouse pried open. Stolen: plasma TV.
12/23	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop, checkbook, passport, clothing.
12/25	4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: bag.
12/26	7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	300 Block North Highland Ave.	Front passenger-side window smashed. Stolen: messenger bag and wallet.

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JANUARY PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

*By Bob Sandage
VP of Public Safety*

Well, we made it through the holidays and I would like to give you an update on crime in the neighborhood during that period. The main types of crimes we see in Inman Park are vehicle larcenies, residential burglaries, and pedestrian robberies.

The table below shows a comparison from the Sunday before Thanksgiving to December 31 for 2008 and 2009:

	Sunday before Thanksgiving to 12/31/2008	Sunday before Thanksgiving to 12/31/2009
Vehicle Larcenies	26	35
Residential Burglaries	2	4
Pedestrian Robberies	6	1

There is a prime suspect in the Vehicle Larcenies that APD and Inman Park Security Patrol are searching for at this time. The Security Patrol staff believes that an arrest would reverse this increase in Vehicle Larcenies.

The Security Patrol Officer of the Month for November was awarded to Officer **John Chafee** at the November IPNA meeting. Officer Chafee was instrumental in the arrest of individuals who stole a purse at a Little 5 Points restaurant, and then used the credit cards to purchase MARTA cards. A chase ensued and Officer Chafee was able to apprehend one of the suspects.

In closing (short article this month!), thanks to all of our volunteers, sponsors, and participants who were crazy enough to brave 37 degrees and rain for the inaugural Santa's Safety 5K run on Sunday, December 13th. We had just under 200 entrants and had a net income of about \$800 for the Security Patrol. Lets make it even bigger and better for 2010!

Sponsors – Shaun's, The Porter, Savi Market, Atlanta In-Town, Phidippides, Intown Business Center, Snap Fitness, Icebox, and Operation Boot Camp

Volunteers – Greg Scott, Sandra Scott, Lisa Harris, Shannon Harris, Christy Annis, Wes Turner, Sarah Turner, Jami Fogle, Richard Westrick, Dirk Baxter, Joye Ross, Krystal Hudson, Eileen Nebhut, Cameron Childress, Katherine Leon, Cam McCaa, David Ratajczak, Allison Ratajczak, James Lawrence, Leigh Hays, and Bob Sandage.

INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL DECEMBER 2009 ACTIVITY REPORT <i>By Lt. Brent Schierbaum</i>					
Directed Patrols	515	Burglary Report	2	Vehicle Struck Building	1
Drop Ins / Park and Walks	233	Reckless Driver	2	Mentally Ill Person	1
Suspicious Persons	24	Open Door/Window	2	Parking Complaint	1
Residential Alarm	16	Car Accident	1	Disorderly Children	1
Disturbance	7	Intoxicated Person	1	Business Robbery	1
Suspicious Vehicle	5	911 Hang Up Call	1	Field Interviews:	5
Information For Police	5	Fireworks	1	Association Member Contacts	10
Theft Report	4	Criminal Damage to Property	1	ARRESTS	2
Street / Sidewalk Obstruction	3	Car Jacking	1	Disorderly Under the Influence	
Noise Complaint	3	Deceased Person	1	Defacing Property	
Burglary In Progress	2	Officer Needs Assistance	1	A happy and safe 2010 to everyone.	

Condolences to:

The family and friends of

Jeff Miller, our neighbor.

Jeff died unexpectedly on Monday, December 14, 2009.

Jeff and his wife, **Donna Lynes Miller**, owned the house at the corner of Euclid Ave. and Washita Ave., which they have been lovingly restoring for the last decade plus. We will miss Jeff and his extraordinary character.

Condolences to:

Betty Ridderhoff, her brother and his wife, **Robert** and **Laura Mohl**, their families and friends on the loss of their sister, **Lucille Copenhaver**

Lucille died peacefully in her sleep on December 30, 2009, after a long illness.

Also, on the loss of a very dear friend, **Betty Walls**, who passed away on December 31, 2009.

THANK YOU

By Betty Ridderhoff

As the new year begins, it is time to say 'Thanks' to our great proofreaders for the excellent job they have been doing on the *Advocator*. When you see **Diane Floyd**, **Lisa Harris**, **Joyce Sayle**, or **Randy Baily** let them know how much you appreciate the fabulous job they are doing.

Also, thanks to Randy for proofreading the current Membership Directory.

Thanks to **John Floyd** for organizing and leading the wonderful carolers during the holiday season. What a warm, happy feeling their carols bring to us at the start of the holidays as they brave the cold weather to bring some joy to all of us. Thanks to all the carolers for their participation.

Next, on a personal note, thanks to all the wonderful neighbors who organized a group to decorate the outside of my house for the holidays. The decorations were beautiful and deeply appreciated. To just say 'Thank you' does not seem like enough for the time you spent helping a neighbor.

Thanks to **Regina Brewer** for all the help she gave me when I needed to get a permit and to **Diane Floyd**, **Karen Heim**, **Linda Dunham**, and **Bob Eberwein** for all they do for me

I am grateful to all my Inman Park neighbors who have made the eighteen years I have lived here the happiest ones I have had.

My new year wish for all of you great people is for all the happiness and prosperity you deserve. Together, all of you make Inman Park a real paradise on earth.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM JANUARY 15, 2010, TO APRIL 24, 2010

99 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Jan. 18	Mon.	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (Observed)		
Jan. 20	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting		1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Jan. 27	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club	7	877 Edgewood Ave. 404-688-7330
Feb. 01	Mon. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE		e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Feb. 02	Tues.	GROUND HOG DAY		
Feb. 06	Sat. 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	TREE HUGGERS BALL	3	Trolley Barn
Feb. 12	Fri.	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY		
Feb. 14	Sun.	VALENTINE'S DAY		
	Sun.	CHINESE NEW YEAR		
Feb. 15	Mon.	PRESIDENT'S DAY (Observed)		

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JANUARY 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. Secretary
 - B. President
 1. Approval for dates for ing Marathon/Half-Marathon.
 - C. Planning
 - D. Zoning:
 1. Wrecking Bar/Kreigschreiber House - proposed new business. Discussion only.
 2. NPU Report
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Historic Preservation
 1. 836 Dixie Ave.
 2. 182 DeGress Ave.
 - G. Treasurer:
 1. Report of Regular Expenditures.
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment